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Abstract: The past decade has witnessed revolutionary progress in Nanoscale Science and Engineering. At Columbia University this has led to a major initiative in understanding charge transport on a nanometer scale including direct transport of charge through single molecules and a vast array of novel transport phenomena in graphene, a sheet of carbon atoms one atom thick. Through a new Energy Frontier Research Center at Columbia we are beginning to apply understanding of nanoscale transport to the development of thin film organic and hybrid solar cell devices with dramatically improved solar efficiencies through such innovations as transparent conducting graphene electrodes.

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