

# **Low-Cost Dynamic Glazing with Custom Colors**



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# **Project Summary**

The start: Low Cost, Proven Durability		<b>Objective:</b> Color & Manufacturing Optimization				
1.	Low cost: Device simplicity, low capex due to the use of standard glass process equipment.	1.	Increased product marketability with neutral color dyes, and			
2.	<b>Durability</b> : Demonstrated highly durable dye- based EC products with liquid electrolytes which cycle > 150k times over 5,000 hours under ASTM E2141 exposure conditions.	2.	Increase manufacturing readiness with solid electrolyte chemistry			
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#### Problem:

#### Buildings account for ~40% of our total energy use

- 35% of our carbon emissions

#### Windows influence up to 50% of building energy use

- Heating
- Cooling
- Lighting

#### **Solution:** Dynamic glass can modulate solar heat > 50%

Dynamic glass tints and untints upon application of an electric charge



> Keeps the heat out during summer

# Energy Efficient Glass Market: Proven climate impact & adoption



#### <u>2B sqft/yr low-e glass sales</u><sup>1</sup>:

- Static, energy efficient low emissivity glass ("Low-E") R&D began in the mid-1970's in response to the 1973 oil embargo
- 50% commercial / 50% residential
- 50% new build / 50% remodel
- Contributed to 40% building energy reduction

## **Existing Dynamic Glass Solutions:** Metal oxide systems

Three companies have commercialized dynamic architectural windows:



- 99% visible light blockage
- Up to 100,000+ cycles with minimal degradation
- Passed ASTM E2141

Challenge: Demonstrating economics suitable for mass adoption

## **Existing Dynamic Glass Solutions:** Dye systems

Two companies have commercialized dynamic mirrors and aircraft windows:



- 99.99% visible light blockage<sup>1</sup>
- 500,000 cycles with minimal degradation<sup>2</sup>
- Robust economics and scalability: 40M products sold annually, 30% EBITDA margins

- Challenge: Demonstrating durability to ASTM E2141 standard
  - 1. \*https://www.mobilityengineeringtech.com/component/content/article/adt/pub/features/articles/27502
  - 2. Data generated by AJJER LLC

### **Glass Dyenamics Solution:** Dye systems that can pass ASTM

Glass Dyenamics collaborated with the DOE to develop UV-durable organic dye-based EC technology (BENEFIT 2018)



- Emphasis placed on low toxicity electrolytic materials and device recyclability
- Multilayer "Transparent Conductor" solutions avoided to keep attractive economics
- Size scalability addressed by modifying electrolytic properties

#### BENEFIT 2018 Results: <u>150k Cycles</u> under ASTM E2141 conditions



### Glass before and after 150,150 cycles, 5005 hours (ASTM E2141)



#### After 150,150 cycles





# **Glass Dyenamics Solution: UV-stable Dyes**

Projections show that BENEFIT 2018 program success can lead to favorable product economics:

- 1. 90% /sqft capex reduction
- 2. 75% /sqft COGS reduction
- 3. Custom colors with NIR bloackage without changing the manufacturing process.



### Current Program w/NREL Color & Manufacturing Optimization

The objective of the current program is to increase commercial viability of the products developed under BENEFIT 2018:

Two objectives:

Increased product marketability with neutral color dyes, and

2. Increase manufacturing readiness, eliminate hydrostatic pressure with solid electrolyte chemistry

Electrolyte Transparent conductor Substrate 1

For each development to demonstrate cyclic durability at 90C for 2,000 to 5,000 times and Submit cells to NREL for ASTM E2141 testing

Transparent conductor

Substrate 2

• Demonstrate devices that color to a more neutral color characterized by c\*<15

 Demonstrate preliminary durability by cycling the devices at 90C between 2000 and 5000 cycles



Large value of c\* represents increasing blue, red, green or a yellow color

# **Objective 1 Results Achieved: Neutral Color**



#### Remaining Task: Final Report



 Demonstrate devices where the electrolyte is solid, rather than a liquid or a viscous liquid

 Demonstrate preliminary durability by cycling the devices at 90C for 2,000 and 5,000 cycles

# **Objective 2 Results Achieved: Solid Electrolyte**



#### Remaining Task: Final Report





Cells have been submitted to NREL for ASTM Testing

## **Progress & Future Work**

#### We have met both the program's major milestones

These devices will be cycled at NREL for 250-1,000 hours of exposure, to measure performance gap if any

#### Remaining program tasks:

**Final Technical Report** 

#### **Technical plans beyond the Project focus**

Preparation for commercial scaleup in the next 12 months

Emerging superior low-cost product in the dynamic glass industry

### Installation



# **Thank You**

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	2022-23			
Planned Budget	\$381,000			
Spent Budget	\$348,014	91%		
Past Work	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Milestone 1: Report on cycling performance of solid electrolyte devices at 90C			•	
Milestone 2: Report on cycling performance of neutral coloring devices at 90C		•		
Current and future work				
Submission of devices to NREL for testing			•	
Final Report			•	