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## Materials design and fabrication for light sensing, energy efficiency, solar electricity production, and CO<sub>2</sub> capture and reduction

The global community has made major advances in developing and deploying materials – from quantum dots to 2D materials to perovskites and high-entropy alloys – for applications in sustainability. I will overview some of our group's recent contributions, focusing especially on light detection [1], LEDs [2], perovskite solar cells [3] including tandem [4] and triple-junction photovoltaics [5], and CO<sub>2</sub> capture and upgrade [6].

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