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## Visiting fellow presentation

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**Research Project-** Organic solar cells are attracting significant interest due to a number of valuable features such as low cost, low-environmental impact, flexibility and large-area manufacturing capability. Although, organic solar cells currently reached power conversion efficiencies up to 13%, these values remain substantially lower than those in silicon or perovskite solar cells. In order to develop new organic photovoltaic materials with improved efficiency, an in-depth understanding of the fundamental mechanisms that define device performance must be reached. A fundamental issue under much debate in the organic photovoltaic literature relates to the role of excitonic and charge-transfer triplet states. In this project we aim to develop a computational approach capable of providing reliable splitting energies and intrinsic lifetimes of the singlet and triplet charge-transfer states in organic photovoltaic materials. We will also investigate the impact of excitonic and charge-transfer triplet states on the geminate and non-geminate recombination processes.

<u>Details of upcoming events you will organize during your stay at the IAS</u> (Provide relevant details including practical information and URL when available). *Seminars :* Impact of static and dynamic disorder on electronic processes in organic materials