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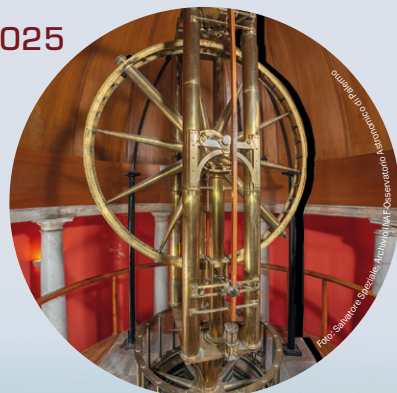
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● **Structure analysis and electric performances evaluation of Cu:Sb₂Se₃ solar cells.**

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Antimony selenide (Sb₂Se₃)-based solar cells are emerging as efficient and sustainable photovoltaic devices, with a theoretical conversion efficiency of 32.2%. In this work, Cu-doped Sb₂Se₃ thin films were deposited on Fluorine-doped Tin Oxide (FTO) substrates using Pulsed Electron Deposition (PED), starting from Sb₂Se₃ targets with 5 at% Cu. Alongside complete solar cells, single layers of each component were deposited on dedicated substrates for individual analysis. Electrical performance was evaluated through current-voltage (IV) and external quantum efficiency (EQE) measurements under dark and illuminated conditions. To investigate defects and recombination dynamics, steady-state and time-resolved photoluminescence spectroscopy was conducted across multiple excitation wavelengths. Key results on device performance and optoelectronic properties will be presented. This work has been developed in the framework of the project Network 4 Energy Sustainable Transition - NEST, code PE0000021, CUP B73C22001280006, Spoke 1, funded under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP), Mission 4, by the European Union - NextGenerationEU.

● **Polarons in Er₂Ru₂O₇: an obstacle to metallic altermagnets.**

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Altermagnets, a novel class of magnetic materials, bridge the gap between conventional antiferromagnets and ferromagnets by hosting spin-split electronic structures without net magnetization. These materials hold promise for spintronic applications due to their unique symmetry-driven properties. In this work, we explore altermagnetism in the oxide semiconductor Er₂Ru₂O₇, which exhibits a rare double altermagnetic ordering arising from the Er and Ru magnetic sublattices. Using density functional theory, we investigate the impact of doping on the magnetic properties. Our findings show that while the Er sublattice demonstrates remarkable robustness against p-doping, the Ru sublattice undergoes significant changes. Notably, excess electrons and hole lead to formation of polarons, which hinder any doping-induced transition towards metallic phases. These results highlight the intrinsic difficulty in achieving metallic altermagnets crucial for spintronic applications due to the formation of polaronic states that localize charge carriers and suppress metallicity.

● **Pressure induced multigap superconductivity in HgS.**

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Mercury chalcogenides are a class of materials that exhibit diverse structural phases under pressure, leading to a range of exotic physical properties, including topological phases and