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**The Interface Between Chemical and Oxide Materials in the DSPEC.**<sup>1</sup> THOMAS MEYER, LEILA ALIBABAEI, BENJAMIN SHERMAN, MATTHEW SHERIDAN, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, DENNIS ASHFORD, Eastman Chemical, ALEX LAPIDES, KYLE BRENNAMAN, ANIMESH NAYAK, SUBHANGI ROY, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill — Significant challenges exist for both chemical and oxide materials in the Dye Sensitized Photoelectrosynthesis Cell (DSPEC) for water oxidation or CO<sub>2</sub> reduction. They arise from light absorption, the energetics of electron or hole injection, the accumulation of multiple redox equivalents at catalysts for water oxidation or water/CO<sub>2</sub> reduction in competition with back electron transfer, and sustained, long term performance. These challenges are being met by the use of a variety of chromophores (metal complexes, organic dyes, porphyrins), broad application of nanoparticle mesoscopic oxide films, atomic layer deposition (ALD) to prepare core/shell and stabilizing overlayer structures, and recent advances in the molecular catalysis of water oxidation and CO<sub>2</sub> reduction.

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