

Reverse current conditions of crystalline silicon cells

What is the expected reverse current of a solar cell?

For a typical base doping concentration N_C of 10^{16} cm⁻³ and a plane silicon junction, V_b is expected to be about 60 V (Sze and Gibbons, 1966; Sze and Ng, 2007). Thus, the theoretically expected reverse current of solar cell should be the product of Eqs. (1.27) and (1.28).

How efficient are crystalline silicon solar cells?

World efficiency record for crystalline silicon solar cells is at 25% (Green et al., 2012), and typical industrial cells are already approaching 20% (Song et al., 2012). This impressive advancement was only possible based on a deep understanding of the physics underlying these solar cells.

Does recombination current affect a solar cell?

The bias, at which this transition occurs, strongly depends on the magnitudes of J_{01} and J_{02} . In our example, it is expected to be about 0.2 V. Hence, at the maximum power point (mpp) of a solar cell, which typically is close to 0.5 V, the theoretically expected characteristic should not be influenced by the recombination current anymore.

Can IR thermography map the dark forward current of a solar cell?

Until 1994, there was no experimental technique available that could map the dark forward current of a solar cell with sufficient accuracy. In principle, this current can be mapped by infrared (IR) thermography (Simo and Martinuzzi, 1990).

What is a typical τ_{eff} of a silicon solar cell?

A typical average value for τ_{eff} of a monocrystalline silicon solar cell in today's standard technology implying a full-area Al back contact is about 160 ns, and for a multicrystalline cell it is about 40 ns, leading after Eq. (1.6) to expected values of the base contribution of J_{01} of about 500 and 1000 fA/cm², respectively.

Does band-to-band tunneling play a role in silicon solar cells?

Band-to-band tunneling under reverse bias (internal field emission, Zener effect) should not play any role for silicon solar cells, since it dominates over avalanche multiplication only for a base doping concentration above 5×10^{17} cm⁻³ (Sze and Ng, 2007), which is significantly higher than that used for typical solar cells.

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We experimentally demonstrate that monolithic perovskite/silicon tandem solar cells possess a superior reverse-bias resilience compared with perovskite single-junction solar cells. The majority of the reverse-bias voltage is dropped across the more robust silicon subcell, protecting the perovskite subcell from reverse-bias-induced degradation. These results ...

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Therefore, conventional IR thermography is only able to image breakdown currents under a reverse bias of several Volts, and the obtained spatial resolution is very poor (several mm, see Simo and Martinuzzi, 1990).

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