

What is the limiting efficiency of a silicon solar cell?

The best real-world silicon solar cell to date, developed by Kaneka Corporation, is able to achieve 26.7% conversion efficiency [7,8]. A loss analysis of this 165 μm -thick, heterojunction IBC cell shows that in absence of any extrinsic loss mechanism the limiting efficiency of such a cell would be 29.1% [7].

Why do we need silicon solar cells for photovoltaics?

Photovoltaics provides a very clean, reliable and limitless means for meeting the ever-increasing global energy demand. Silicon solar cells have been the dominant driving force in photovoltaic technology for the past several decades due to the relative abundance and environmentally friendly nature of silicon.

Can PL predict the fill factor of a solar cell?

Besides these limitations for the open circuit voltage, PL can also make predictions concerning the fill factor of the solar cell. An increased diode factor decreases the fill factor. The diode factor of the absorber alone can be measured by intensity dependent PL. The exponent of the power law is the optical diode factor.

How much mA / cm^2 does a 15 μm -thick PhC solar cell have?

For $H = 15 \mu\text{m}$, the MAPD shows a maximum variation of $0.25 \text{ mA} / \text{cm}^2$ over the 1700-3200 nm lattice constant range. The light-trapping performances of 15-20 μm -thick inverted PhC solar cells are extremely robust with respect to lattice constant variation.

What determines the efficiency of solar cells?

The efficiency of solar cells depends on the photocurrent, on the open circuit voltage and on the fill factor, which in turn depends on the diode factor.

Why is photoluminescence measurement important for solar cells?

During the development of solar cells or in industrial production, it is desirable to know already the quality of the absorber alone. Photoluminescence (PL) measurements of the absorber can provide information about the open circuit voltage and the fill factor, which the absorber is able to produce when made into a solar cell.

Based on the GGDC-B type silicon photocell comprehensive experimental instrument, the basic characteristics of silicon photocells were studied. Through our experiments, it is concluded that...

We review how photoluminescence (PL) measurements on the absorber, without finishing the solar cell, reveal the maximum open circuit voltage and the best diode ...

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