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The current energy crisis in the world has made a great attention on the photovoltaic (PV) energy conversion technology. Photovoltaic is a very promising technology to produce the electricity from sunlight. The advantages of this technology include many features such as pollution free, easy maintenance, long lifetime, etc.

Third-generation photovoltaic cells are solar cells that are potentially able to overcome the Shockley-Queisser limit of 31-41% power efficiency for single bandgap solar cells. This includes a range of alternatives to cells made of semiconducting p-n junctions ("first generation") and thin film cells ("second generation").

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Many working in the field of photovoltaics believe that "first generation" silicon wafer-based solar cells sooner or later will be replaced by a "second generation" of lower cost thin-film technology, probably also involving a different semiconductor. Historically, CdS, a-Si, CuInSe 2, CdTe and, more recently, thin-film Si have been regarded as key thin-film candidates.

A new Centre for Third Generation Photovoltaics commenced operation at the University of New South Wales in early 2000 supported by the Australian Research Council (ARC), with a 9-year programme to bring the most promising of these approaches to ...

Third Generation: This generation counts photovoltaic technologies that are based on more recent chemical compounds. In addition, technologies using nanocrystalline "films," quantum dots, ...

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Third-generation photovoltaic cells (PVCs) represented by organic solar cells, dye-sensitized solar cells, quantum dot solar cells and perovskite solar cells have attracted intense attention due to their low cost, light weight, flexibility and large area, enabling wide application in wearable devices, building photovoltaics and other fields.

Photovoltaics have started replacing fossil fuels as major energy generation roadmaps, targeting higher efficiencies and/or lower costs are aggressively pursued to bring PV to cost parity with grid electricity. Third generation PV technologies may overcome the fundamental limitations of photon to electron conversion in single-junction devices and, thus, improve both their efficiency and cost.

Improvement in the efficiency of third-generation photovoltaics can be achieved for commercialization by employing a tandem architecture in order to achieve maximum absorption of the solar spectrum. The tandem configuration or multijunction solar cells is a straightforward way of increasing efficiency by adding layers with different band gaps ...

The concept of third generation photovoltaics is to significantly increase device efficiencies whilst still using thin film processes and abundant non-toxic materials. This can be achieved by circumventing the Shockley-Queisser limit for single band gap devices, using multiple energy threshold approaches. Such an approach can be realised either by incorporating ...

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Third-generation photovoltaics are able to produce high efficiency photon to electricity conversion devices at a cheaper production cost. Solar cells based on pure Si forms were the first-generation devices with an efficiency of ~27%. Due to the high production cost, researchers searched for new processes and materials that led to the second ...

Organic-inorganic third-generation perovskite solar cells (PSC) are a promising alternative to current conventional photovoltaic technologies and a competitive option among other third-generation solar cells such as organic (OPV) and dye-sensitized (DSSC).

We review recent progress towards increasing solar cell efficiencies beyond the Shockley-Queisser efficiency limit. Four main approaches are highlighted: multi-junction cells, intermediate-band cells, hot carrier cells and spectrum conversion.

For third-generation photovoltaics, there are two mechanisms of charge transfer after the charge generation due to incident solar radiation. The first mechanism occurs after incident radiation produces the electron/hole pairs and electrons are guided to the external circuit directly.

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Rapid technological growth within the decade makes it the most potent among third-generation photovoltaics. Since its introduction in 2009, photoconversion efficiencies (PCE) of perovskite solar cells has hiked from 3.9% to 25.8% by 2021. Despite the swift increase in PCE, perovskite photovoltaics have to cross many hurdles to reach the stage ...

Third-generation cells are less commercially advanced "emerging" technologies. ... In a general photovoltaic device, the conversion starts with light-induced charge generation, followed by transport of the generated charges and collection of the charges by the electrodes. In this context organic and perovskite solar cells differ in the ...

Organic photovoltaics (OPV) are a type of third-generation solar cells that have paved the way for solution state deposition techniques that have since increased the chance of these technologies to break into their commercialization stage.

Third-generation solar cells are designed to achieve high power-conversion efficiency while being low-cost to produce. These solar cells have the ability to surpass the Shockley-Queisser limit. This review focuses on different types of third-generation solar cells such as dye-sensitized solar cells, Perovskite-based cells, organic photovoltaics, quantum dot solar ...

Any mature solar cell technology seems likely to evolve to the stage where costs are dominated by those of the constituent materials, be they silicon wafers or glass sheet. It is argued, therefore, that photovoltaics is likely to evolve, in its most mature form, to a "third generation" of high-efficiency thin-film technology.

Third-generation photovoltaics can be considered as elec-trochemical devices. This is a main difference between them and the strictly solid-state silicon solar cells, as shown in Fig. 2. For third-generation photovoltaics, there are two mechanisms ...

Third-generation photovoltaics Third-generation approaches to PVs aim to decrease costs to well below the $1/W level of second-generation PVs to $0.50/W, potentially to $0.20/W or better, by significantly increasing efficiencies but maintaining the economic and environmental cost advantages of thin-film deposition techniques (Fig. 1 shows the

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