

Solar cell efficiency tables (version 54)

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Abstract

Consolidated tables showing an extensive listing of the highest independently confirmed efficiencies for solar cells and modules are presented. Guidelines for inclusion of results into these tables are outlined, and new entries since January 2019 are reviewed.

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1 | INTRODUCTION

Since January 1993, “*Progress in Photovoltaics*” has published six monthly listings of the highest confirmed efficiencies for a range of photovoltaic cell and module technologies.^{1–3} By providing guidelines for inclusion of results into these tables, this not only provides an authoritative summary of the current state-of-the-art but also encourages researchers to seek independent confirmation of results and to report results on a standardised basis. In Version 33 of these tables,³ results were updated to the new internationally accepted reference spectrum (International Electrotechnical Commission IEC 60904-3, Ed. 2, 2008).

The most important criterion for inclusion of results into the tables is that they must have been independently measured by a recognised test centre listed elsewhere.² A distinction is made between three different eligible definitions of cell area: total area, aperture area, and designated illumination area, as also defined elsewhere² (note that, if masking is used, masks must have a simple aperture geometry, such as square, rectangular, or circular). “Active area” efficiencies are not included. There are also certain minimum values of the area sought for the different device types (above 0.05 cm² for a concentrator cell, 1 cm² for a one-sun cell, 800 cm² for a module, and 200 cm² for a “submodule”).

Results are reported for cells and modules made from different semiconductors and for subcategories within each semiconductor grouping (eg, crystalline, polycrystalline, and thin film). From Version 36 onwards, spectral response information is included (when possible) in the form of a plot of the external quantum efficiency (EQE) versus wavelength, either as absolute values or normalised to the peak measured value. Current-voltage (IV) curves have also been included where possible from Version 38 onwards. A graphical summary of progress over the first 25 years during which the tables have been published has been included in Version 51.²

Highest confirmed “one-sun” cell and module results are reported in Tables 1–4. Any changes in the tables from those previously published¹ are set in bold type. In most cases, a literature reference is provided that describes either the result reported, or a similar result (readers identifying improved references are welcome to submit to the lead author). Table 1 summarises the best-reported measurements for “one-sun” (non-concentrator) single-junction cells and submodules.

Table 2 contains what might be described as “notable exceptions” for “one-sun” single-junction cells and submodules in the above category. While not conforming to the requirements to be recognised as a class record, the devices in Table 2 have notable characteristics that will be of interest to sections of the photovoltaic community, with

TABLE 1 Confirmed single-junction terrestrial cell and submodule efficiencies measured under the global AM1.5 spectrum (1000 W/m²) at 25°C (IEC 60904-3: 2008, ASTM G-173-03 global)

Classification	Efficiency, %	Area, cm ²	V _{oc} , V	J _{sc} , mA/cm ²	Fill Factor, %	Test Centre (Date)	Description
<u>Silicon</u>							
Si (crystalline cell)	26.7 ± 0.5	79.0 (da)	0.738	42.65 ^a	84.9	AIST (3/17)	Kaneka, n-type rear IBC ⁴
Si (multicrystalline cell)	22.3 ± 0.4 ^b	3.923 (ap)	0.6742	41.08 ^c	80.5	FhG-ISE (8/17)	Fraunhofer ISE, n-type ⁵
Si (thin transfer submodule)	21.2 ± 0.4	239.7 (ap)	0.687 ^d	38.50 ^{d,e}	80.3	NREL (4/14)	Solexel (35 µm thick) ⁶
Si (thin film minimodule)	10.5 ± 0.3	94.0 (ap)	0.492 ^d	29.7 ^{d,f}	72.1	FhG-ISE (8/07)	CSG Solar (<2 µm on glass) ⁷
<u>III-V cells</u>							
GaAs (thin film cell)	29.1 ± 0.6	0.998 (ap)	1.1272	29.78 ^g	86.7	FhG-ISE (10/18)	Alta devices ⁸
GaAs (multicrystalline)	18.4 ± 0.5	4.011 (t)	0.994	23.2	79.7	NREL (11/95)	RTI, Ge substrate ⁹
InP (crystalline cell)	24.2 ± 0.5 ^b	1.008 (ap)	0.939	31.15 ^a	82.6	NREL (3/13)	NREL ¹⁰
<u>Thin film chalcogenide</u>							
CIGS (cell) (Cd-free)	23.35 ± 0.5	1.043 (da)	0.734	39.58^h	80.4	AIST (11/18)	Solar Frontier¹¹
CdTe (cell)	21.0 ± 0.4	1.0623 (ap)	0.8759	30.25 ^e	79.4	Newport (8/14)	First Solar, on glass ¹²
CZTSSe (cell)	11.3 ± 0.3	1.1761 (da)	0.5333	33.57 ^g	63.0	Newport (10/18)	DGIST, Korea ¹³
CZTS (cell)	10.0 ± 0.2	1.113 (da)	0.7083	21.77 ^a	65.1	NREL (3/17)	UNSW ¹⁴
<u>Amorphous/microcrystalline</u>							
Si (amorphous cell)	10.2 ± 0.3 ^{i,b}	1.001 (da)	0.896	16.36 ^e	69.8	AIST (7/14)	AIST ¹⁵
Si (microcrystalline cell)	11.9 ± 0.3 ^b	1.044 (da)	0.550	29.72 ^a	75.0	AIST (2/17)	AIST ¹⁶
<u>Perovskite</u>							
Perovskite (cell)	20.9 ± 0.7 ^{j,k}	0.991 (da)	1.125	24.92 ^c	74.5	Newport (7/17)	KRICT ¹⁷
Perovskite (minimodule)	17.25 ± 0.6 ^{j,l}	17.277 (da)	1.070 ^d	20.66 ^{d,m}	78.1	Newport (5/18)	Microquanta, 7 serial cells ¹⁸
Perovskite (submodule)	11.7 ± 0.4 ^j	703 (da)	1.073 ^d	14.36 ^{d,m}	75.8	AIST (3/18)	Toshiba, 44 serial cells ¹⁹
<u>Dye sensitised</u>							
Dye (cell)	11.9 ± 0.4 ^{k,n}	1.005 (da)	0.744	22.47 ^o	71.2	AIST (9/12)	Sharp ²⁰
Dye (minimodule)	10.7 ± 0.4 ^{k,n}	26.55 (da)	0.754 ^d	20.19 ^{d,p}	69.9	AIST (2/15)	Sharp, 7 serial cells ²¹

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TABLE 1 (Continued)

Classification	Efficiency, %	Area, cm ²	V _{oc} , V	J _{sc} , mA/cm ²	Fill Factor, %	Test Centre (Date)	Description
Dye (submodule)	8.8 ± 0.3 ⁿ	398.8 (da)	0.697 ^d	18.42 ^{d,q}	68.7	AIST (9/12)	Sharp. 26 serial cells ²²
Organic							
Organic (cell)	11.2 ± 0.3 ^r	0.992 (da)	0.780	19.30 ^e	74.2	AIST (10/15)	Toshiba ²³
Organic (minimodule)	9.7 ± 0.3 ^r	26.14 (da)	0.806 ^d	16.47 ^{d,p}	73.2	AIST (2/15)	Toshiba (8 series cells) ²³

Abbreviations: CIGS, CuIn_{1-x}Ga_xSe₂; a-Si, amorphous silicon/hydrogen alloy; nc-Si, nanocrystalline or microcrystalline silicon; CZTSSe, Cu₂ZnSnS_{4-x}Se_x; CZTS, Cu₂ZnSnS₄; (ap), aperture area; (t), total area; (da), designated illumination area; FHG-ISE, Fraunhofer Institut für Solare Energiesysteme; AIST, Japanese National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology.

^aSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 50 of these tables.

^bNot measured at an external laboratory.

^cSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 51 of these tables.

^dReported on a "per cell" basis.

^eSpectral responses and current-voltage curve reported in Version 45 of these tables.

^fRecalibrated from original measurement.

^gSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in the Version 53 of these tables.

^hSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in the present version of these tables.

ⁱStabilised by 1000-h exposure to 1 sun light at 50 °C.

^jInitial performance. References 24 and 25 review the stability of similar devices.

^kAverage of forward and reverse sweeps at 150 mV/s (hysteresis ± 0.26%).

^lMeasured using 13-point IV sweep with constant bias until data constant at 0.05% level.

^mSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 52 of these tables.

ⁿInitial efficiency. Reference 26 reviews the stability of similar devices.

^oSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 41 of these tables.

^pSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 46 of these tables.

^qSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 43 of these tables.

^rInitial performance. References 27 and 28 review the stability of similar devices.

TABLE 2 “Notable exceptions” for single-junction cells and submodules: “Top dozen” confirmed results, not class records, measured under the global AM1.5 spectrum (1000 Wm⁻²) at 25°C (IEC 60904-3: 2008, ASTM G-173-03 global)

Classification	Efficiency, %	Area, cm ²	V _{oc} , V	J _{sc} , mA/cm ²	Fill Factor, %	Test Centre (Date)	Description
<u>Cells (silicon)</u>							
Si (crystalline)	25.0 ± 0.5	4.00 (da)	0.706	42.7 ^a	82.8	Sandia (3/99) ^b	UNSW p-type PERC top/rear contacts ²⁹
Si (crystalline)	25.8 ± 0.5 ^c	4.008 (da)	0.7241	42.87 ^d	83.1	FhG-ISE (7/17)	FhG-ISE, n-type top/rear contacts ³⁰
Si (crystalline)	26.1 ± 0.3 ^c	3.9857 (da)	0.7266	42.62 ^e	84.3	ISFH (2/18)	ISFH, p-type rear IBC ³¹
Si (large crystalline)	25.1 ± 0.5	151.88 (ap)	0.7375	40.79^f	83.5	FhG-ISE (9/15)	Kaneka, n-type top/rear contacts³²
Si (large crystalline)	26.6 ± 0.5	179.74 (da)	0.7403	42.5 ^g	84.7	FhG-ISE (11/16)	Kaneka, n-type rear IBC ⁴
Si (multicrystalline)	22.0 ± 0.4	245.83 (t)	0.6717	40.55 ^d	80.9	FhG-ISE (9/17)	Jinko Solar, large p-type ³³
<u>Cells (III-V)</u>							
GaInP	22.0 ± 0.3^c	0.2502 (ap)	1.4695	16.63^h	90.2	NREL (1/19)	NREL, rear HJ, strained AlInP³⁴
<u>Cells (chalcogenide)</u>							
CdTe (thin-film)	22.1 ± 0.5	0.4798 (da)	0.8872	31.69 ⁱ	78.5	Newport (11/15)	First Solar on glass ³⁵
CZTSSe (thin-film)	12.6 ± 0.3	0.4209 (ap)	0.5134	35.21 ^j	69.8	Newport (7/13)	IBM solution grown ³⁶
CZTS (thin-film)	11.0 ± 0.2	0.2339(da)	0.7306	21.74 ^g	69.3	NREL (3/17)	UNSW on glass ³⁷
<u>Cells (other)</u>							
Perovskite (thin film)	24.2 ± 0.8^{k,l}	0.0955 (ap)	1.1948	24.16^h	84.0	Newport (1/19)	KRICT, Korea³⁸
Organic (thin film)	16.4 ± 0.2^m	0.04137 (da)	0.8468	25.46^h	76.3	NREL (5/19)	SCUT, China³⁹
Organic (thin film)	16.4 ± 0.4^m	0.0394 (da)	0.8621	26.17^h	72.7	Newport (5/19)	HKUST, Hong Kong⁴⁰

Abbreviations: CIGSSe, CuInGaSSe; CZTSSe, Cu₂ZnSnS_{4-y}Se_y; CZTS, Cu₂ZnSnS₄; (ap), aperture area; (t), total area; (da), designated illumination area; AIST, Japanese National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology; NREL, National Renewable Energy Laboratory; FhG-ISE, Fraunhofer-Institut für Solare Energiesysteme; ISFH, Institute for Solar Energy Research, Hamelin.

^aSpectral response reported in Version 36 of these tables.

^bRecalibrated from original measurement.

^cNot measured at an external laboratory.

^dSpectral response and current-voltage curves reported in Version 51 of these tables.

^eSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 52 of these tables.

^fSpectral response and current-voltage curves reported in Version 47 of these tables.

^gSpectral response and current-voltage curves reported in Version 50 of these tables.

^hSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in the present version of these tables.

ⁱSpectral response and/or current-voltage curves reported in Version 46 of these tables.

^jSpectral response and current-voltage curves reported in Version 44 of these tables.

^kStability not investigated. References 24 and 25 document stability of similar devices.

^lMeasured using 13 point IV sweep with constant voltage bias until current determined as unchanging.

^mLong-term stability not investigated. References 27 and 28 document stability of similar devices.

TABLE 3 Confirmed multiple-junction terrestrial cell and submodule efficiencies measured under the global AM1.5 spectrum (1000 W/m²) at 25°C (IEC 60904-3: 2008, ASTM G-173-03 global)

Classification	Efficiency, %	Area, cm ²	V _{oc} , V	J _{sc} , mA/cm ²	Fill Factor, %	Test Centre (Date)	Description
<u>III-V multijunctions</u>							
Five junction cell (bonded)	38.8 ± 1.2	1.021 (ap)	4.767	9.564	85.2	NREL (7/13)	Spectrolab, two terminal ⁴¹
(2.17/1.68/1.40/1.06/.73 eV)							
InGaP/GaAs/InGaAs	37.9 ± 1.2	1.047 (ap)	3.065	14.27 ^a	86.7	AIST (2/13)	Sharp, two term. ⁴²

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TABLE 3 (Continued)

Classification	Efficiency, %	Area, cm ²	Voc, V	Jsc, mA/cm ²	Fill Factor, %	Test Centre (Date)	Description
GaInP/GaAs (monolithic)	32.8 ± 1.4	1.000 (ap)	2.568	14.56 ^b	87.7	NREL (9/17)	LG Electronics, two term.
Multijunctions with c-Si							
GaInP/GaAs/Si (mech. Stack)	35.9 ± 0.5 ^c	1.002 (da)	2.52/0.681	13.6/11.0	87.5/78.5	NREL (2/17)	NREL/CSEM/EPFL, four term. ⁴³
GaInP/GaAs/Si (wafer bonded)	33.3 ± 1.2 ^c	3.984 (ap)	3.127 ^b	12.7 ^b	83.5	FhG-ISE (8/17)	Fraunhofer ISE, two term. ⁴⁴
GaInP/GaAs/Si (monolithic)	22.3 ± 0.8 ^c	0.994 (ap)	2.619	10.0 ^d	85.0	FhG-ISE (10/18)	Fraunhofer ISE, two term. ⁴⁵
GaAsP/Si (monolithic)	20.1 ± 1.3 ^c	3.940 (ap)	1.673	14.94 ^e	80.3	NREL (5/18)	OSU/SolAero/UNSW, two term. ⁴⁶
GaAs/Si (mech. Stack)	32.8 ± 0.5 ^c	1.003 (da)	1.09/0.683	28.9/11.1 ^e	85.0/79.2	NREL (12/16)	NREL/CSEM/EPFL, four term. ⁴³
Perovskite/Si (monolithic)	28.0 ± 0.7^f	1.030 (da)	1.802	19.75^g	78.7	NREL (12/18)	Oxford PV⁴⁷
GaInP/GaInAs/Ge; Si (spectral split minimodule)	34.5 ± 2.0	27.83 (ap)	2.66/0.65	13.1/9.3	85.6/79.0	NREL (4/16)	UNSW/Azur/Trina, four term. ⁴⁸
a-Si/nc-Si multijunctions							
a-Si/nc-Si/nc-Si (thin-film)	14.0 ± 0.4 ^{h,c}	1.045 (da)	1.922	9.94 ⁱ	73.4	AIST (5/16)	AIST, two term. ⁴⁹
a-Si/nc-Si (thin-film cell)	12.7 ± 0.4 ^{h,c}	1.000(da)	1.342	13.45 ^j	70.2	AIST (10/14)	AIST, two term. ⁵⁰
"Notable exceptions"							
Perovskite/CIGS	22.4 ± 1.9 ^f	0.042 (da) ^k	1.774	17.3 ^e	73.1	NREL (11/17)	UCLA, two term. ⁵¹
GaInP/GaAs/GaInAs	37.8 ± 1.4	0.998 (ap)	3.013	14.60 ^d	85.8	NREL (1/18)	Microlink (ELO) ⁵²
Six junction (monolithic) (2.19/1.76/1.45/1.19/ .97/.7 eV)	39.2 ± 3.2^c	0.247 (ap)^k	5.549	8.457^g	83.5	NREL (11/18)	NREL, inv. m'morphic⁵³

Abbreviations: a-Si, amorphous silicon/hydrogen alloy; nc-Si, nanocrystalline or microcrystalline silicon; (ap), aperture area; (t), total area; (da), designated illumination area; FhG-ISE, Fraunhofer Institut für Solare Energiesysteme; AIST, Japanese National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology.

^aSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 42 of these Tables.

^bSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in the Version 51 of these tables.

^cNot measured at an external laboratory.

^dSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 53 of these tables.

^eSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 52 of these tables.

^fInitial efficiency. References 24 and 25 review the stability of similar perovskite-based devices.

^gSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in the present version of these tables.

^hStabilised by 1000-h exposure to 1 sun light at 50 C.

ⁱSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 49 of these tables.

^jSpectral responses and current-voltage curve reported in Version 45 of these tables.

^kArea too small to qualify as outright class record.

TABLE 4 Confirmed terrestrial module efficiencies measured under the global AM1.5 spectrum (1000 W/m²) at a cell temperature of 25°C (IEC 60904-3: 2008, ASTM G-173-03 global)

Classification	Effic., %	Area, cm ²	V _{oc} , V	I _{sc} , A	FF, %	Test Centre (Date)	Description
Si (crystalline)	24.4 ± 0.5	13177 (da)	79.5	5.04 ^a	80.1	AIST (9/16)	Kaneka (108 cells) ⁴
Si (multicrystalline)	19.9 ± 0.4	15143 (ap)	78.87	4.795 ^a	79.5	FhG-ISE (10/16)	Trina Solar (120 cells) ⁵⁴
GaAs (thin film)	25.1 ± 0.8	866.45 (ap)	11.08	2.303 ^b	85.3	FhG-ISE (11/17)	Alta Devices ⁵⁵
CIGS (Cd free)	19.2 ± 0.5	841 (ap)	48.0	0.456 ^b	73.7	AIST (1/17)	Solar Frontier (70 cells) ⁵⁶
CdTe (thin film)	18.6 ± 0.5	7038.8 (da)	110.6	1.533 ^d	74.2	NREL (4/15)	First Solar, monolithic ⁵⁷
a-Si/nc-Si (tandem)	12.3 ± 0.3 ^f	14322 (t)	280.1	0.902 ^f	69.9	ESTI (9/14)	TEL Solar, Trubbach Labs ⁵⁸
Perovskite	11.6 ± 0.4 ^g	802 (da)	23.79	0.577 ^h	68.0	AIST (4/18)	Toshiba (22 cells) ¹⁹

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TABLE 4 (Continued)

Classification	Effic., %	Area, cm ²	V _{oc} , V	I _{sc} , A	FF, %	Test Centre (Date)	Description
Organic	8.7 ± 0.3 ^h	802 (da)	17.47	0.569 ^d	70.4	AIST (5/14)	Toshiba ²³
Multijunction							
InGaP/GaAs/InGaAs	31.2 ± 1.2	968 (da)	23.95	1.506	83.6	AIST (2/16)	Sharp (32 cells) ⁵⁹
"Notable exception"							
CIGS (large)	17.4 ± 0.6	10850 (ap)	58.20	4.379 ⁱ	74.3	FhG-ISE (4/19)	Miasole ⁶⁰

Abbreviations: CIGSS, CuInGaSSe; a-Si, amorphous silicon/hydrogen alloy; a-SiGe, amorphous silicon/germanium/hydrogen alloy; nc-Si, nanocrystalline or microcrystalline silicon; Effic., efficiency; (t), total area; (ap), aperture area; (da), designated illumination area; FF, fill factor.

^aSpectral response and current voltage curve reported in Version 49 of these tables.

^bSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 50 or 51 of these tables.

^cSpectral response and/or current-voltage curve reported in Version 47 of these tables.

^dSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 45 of these tables.

^eStabilised at the manufacturer to the 2% level following IEC procedure of repeated measurements.

^fSpectral response and/or current-voltage curve reported in Version 46 of these tables.

^gInitial performance. References 24 and 25 review the stability of similar devices.

^hSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in the present version of these tables.

ⁱSpectral response reported in the present version of these tables.

entries based on their significance and timeliness. To encourage discrimination, the table is limited to nominally 12 entries with the present authors having voted for their preferences for inclusion. Readers who have suggestions of notable exceptions for inclusion into this or subsequent tables are welcome to contact any of the authors with full details. Suggestions conforming to the guidelines will be included on the voting list for a future issue.

Table 3 was first introduced in Version 49 of these tables and summarises the growing number of cell and submodule results involving high efficiency, one-sun multiple-junction devices (previously reported in Table 1). Table 4 shows the best results for one-sun modules, both single and multiple junction, while Table 5 shows the best results for concentrator cells and concentrator modules. A small number of "notable exceptions" are also included in Tables 3–5.

2 | NEW RESULTS

Ten new results are reported in the present version of these tables with one earlier result reinstated. The first new result in Table 1 ("one-sun cells") represents an outright record for any reasonably sized polycrystalline thin-film solar cell. An efficiency of 23.35% was measured for a 1-cm² CIGS (CuIn_xGa_{1-x}S_ySe_{1-y}) cell fabricated by Solar Frontier¹¹ and measured at the Japanese National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST). As with the commercial product marketed by Solar Frontier, this cell was Cd-free.

The first of five new results in Table 2 (one-sun "notable exceptions") is reinstatement of a result reported earlier in Version 47 of these tables. An efficiency of 25.1% was reported for a large 152-cm² n-type silicon cell fabricated by Kaneka (Osaka, Japan)³² and confirmed by the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems (FhG-ISE). This efficiency is the highest reported for a large silicon cell

with the two different polarity contacts on opposite front and rear cell surfaces and is reinstated to encourage competition in this commercially relevant space.

The second new result is a new efficiency record of 22.0% for a 0.25-cm² wide-bandgap GaInP cell with a rear heterojunction (HJ) and a strained AlInP layer. The cell was fabricated and measured by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). It is the first cell reported in these tables with fill factor (FF) above 90%. Cell area is too small for classification as an outright record, with solar cell efficiency targets in governmental research programs generally specified in terms of a cell area of 1 cm² or larger.^{61–63}

The third new result represents a new record for a Pb-halide perovskite solar cell, with an efficiency of 24.2% confirmed for a small area 0.1-cm² cell fabricated by the Korean Research Institute of Chemical Technology (KRICT)³⁸ and measured at the Newport PV Laboratory. Cell area is again too small for classification as an outright record.

For perovskite cells, the tables now accept results based on "quasi-steady-state" measurements (sometimes called "stabilised" in the perovskite field, although this conflicts with usage in other areas of photovoltaics). Along with other emerging technologies, perovskite cells may not demonstrate the same level of stability as conventional cells, with the stability of perovskite cells discussed elsewhere.^{24,25}

The final new "notable exceptions" in Table 2 are for two very small area (0.04 cm²) organic (OPV) solar cells fabricated by the Southern China University of Technology (SCUT)³⁹ and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)⁴⁰ measured at NREL and at the Newport PV Laboratory, respectively. Both cells demonstrate an efficiency of 16.4% and continue the rapid rise in OPV efficiency noted in the previous version of these tables.¹ The stability of organic solar cells is discussed elsewhere^{27,28} with cell area again too small for classification as an outright record.

TABLE 5 Terrestrial concentrator cell and module efficiencies measured under the ASTM G-173-03 direct beam AM1.5 spectrum at a cell temperature of 25°C

Classification	Effic., %	Area, cm ²	Intensity ^a , suns	Test Centre (Date)	Description
<u>Single cells</u>					
GaAs	29.3 ± 0.7 ^b	0.09359 (da)	49.9	NREL (10/16)	LG Electronics
Si	27.6 ± 1.2 ^c	1.00 (da)	92	FhG-ISE (11/04)	Amonix back-contact ⁶⁴
CIGS (thin film)	23.3 ± 1.2 ^{d,e}	0.09902 (ap)	15	NREL (3/14)	NREL ⁶⁵
<u>Multijunction cells</u>					
AlGaInP/AlGaAs/GaAs/GaInAs(3) (2.15/1.72/1.41/1.17/0.96/0.70 eV)	47.1 ± 2.6 ^{d,f}	0.099 (da)	143	NREL (3/19)	NREL, 6j inv. m'morphic ⁵³
GaInP/GaAs/GaInAsP/GaInAs	46.0 ± 2.2 ^g	0.0520 (da)	508	AIST (10/14)	Soitec/CEA/FhG-ISE 4j bonded ⁶⁶
GaInP/GaAs/GaInAs/GaInAs	45.7 ± 2.3 ^{d,h}	0.09709 (da)	234	NREL (9/14)	NREL, 4j monolithic ⁶⁷
InGaP/GaAs/InGaAs	44.4 ± 2.6 ⁱ	0.1652 (da)	302	FhG-ISE (4/13)	Sharp, 3j inverted metamorphic ⁶⁸
GaInAsP/GaInAs	35.5 ± 1.2 ^{i,d}	0.10031 (da)	38	NREL (10/17)	NREL 2-junction (2j)
<u>Minimodule</u>					
GaInP/GaAs; GaInAsP/GaInAs	43.4 ± 2.4 ^{d,k}	18.2 (ap)	340 ^l	FhG-ISE (7/15)	Fraunhofer ISE 4j (lens/cell) ⁶⁹
<u>Submodule</u>					
GaInP/GaInAs/Ge; Si	40.6 ± 2.0 ^k	287 (ap)	365	NREL (4/16)	UNSW 4j split spectrum ⁷⁰
<u>Modules</u>					
Si	20.5 ± 0.8 ^d	1875 (ap)	79	Sandia (4/89) ^m	Sandia/UNSW/ENTECH (12 cells) ⁷¹
Three junction (3j)	35.9 ± 1.8 ⁿ	1092 (ap)	N/A	NREL (8/13)	Amonix ⁷²
Four junction (4j)	38.9 ± 2.5 ^o	812.3 (ap)	333	FhG-ISE (4/15)	Soitec ⁷³
<u>"Notable exceptions"</u>					
Si (large area)	21.7 ± 0.7	20.0 (da)	11	Sandia (9/90) ^k	UNSW laser grooved ⁷⁴
Luminescent minimodule	7.1 ± 0.2	25(ap)	2.5 ^l	ESTI (9/08)	ECN Petten, GaAs cells ⁷⁵

Abbreviations: CIGS, CuInGaSe₂, Effic., efficiency, (da), designated illumination area, (ap), aperture area, NREL, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, FhG-ISE, Fraunhofer-Institut für Solare Energiesysteme.

^aOne sun corresponds to direct irradiance of 1000 Wm⁻².

^bSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 50 of these tables.

^cMeasured under a low aerosol optical depth spectrum similar to ASTM G-173-03 direct.⁷⁶

^dNot measured at an external laboratory.

^eSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 44 of these tables.

^fSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in the present version of these tables.

^gSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 45 of these tables.

^hSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 46 of these tables.

ⁱSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 42 of these tables.

^jSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 51 of these tables.

^kDetermined at IEC 62670-1 CSTC reference conditions.

^lGeometric concentration.

^mRecalibrated from original measurement.

ⁿReferenced to 1000 W/m² direct irradiance and 25°C cell temperature using the prevailing solar spectrum and an in-house procedure for temperature translation.

^oMeasured under IEC 62670-1 reference conditions following the current IEC power rating draft 62670-3.

Two new results are reported in Table 3 relating to one-sun, multijunction devices. The first is 28.0% for a 1-cm² perovskite/silicon monolithic two-junction, two-terminal device fabricated by Oxford PV⁴⁷ and again measured by NREL. Note that this efficiency now comfortably exceeds the highest efficiency for a single-junction silicon cell (Table 1), although for a much smaller area device.

A second new result for Table 3 is included as a multijunction cell "notable exception." An efficiency of 39.2% was measured for a 0.25-cm² six-junction, two-terminal, inverted metamorphic, monolithic Al_{0.24}Ga_{0.26}In_{0.5}P/Al_{0.26}Ga_{0.74}As/Al_{0.03}Ga_{0.97}As/Ga_{0.86}In_{0.14}As/Ga_{0.68}In_{0.32}As/Ga_{0.43}In_{0.57}As cell fabricated by and measured at NREL.⁵³ This is the highest efficiency ever measured for a one-

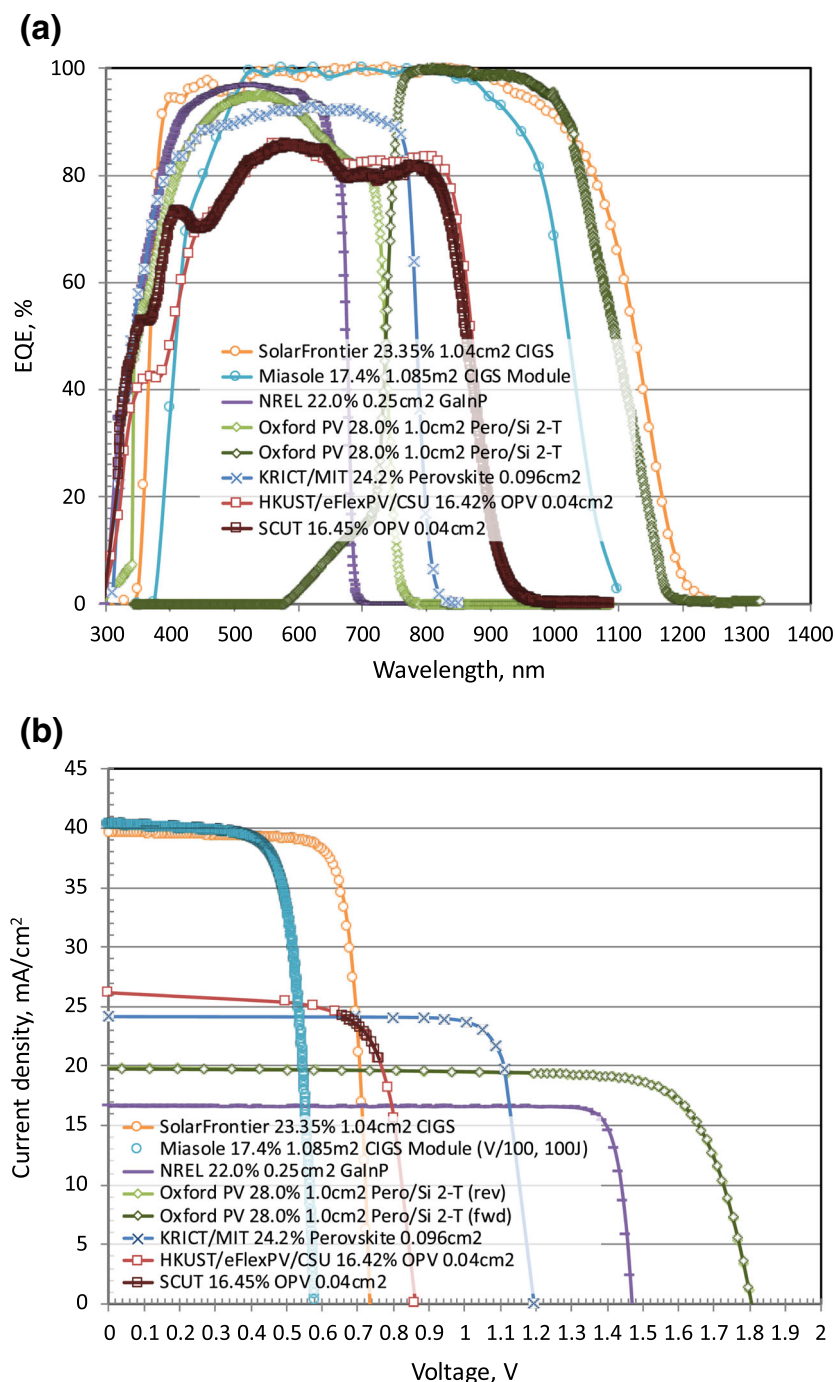


FIGURE 1 A, External quantum efficiency (EQE) for the new CIGS cell and module results, for the 28.0% perovskite/Si tandem cell result as well as for the new OPV, perovskite, and GaInP cell results reported in this issue (some results may be normalised); B, corresponding current density-voltage (JV) curves [Colour figure can be viewed at wileyonlinelibrary.com]

sun cell, although again cell area is too small to be considered as an outright record.

One new entry in Table 4 ("one-sun modules") as a "notable exception" is an efficiency of 17.4% for a large-area (1 m²), flexible CIGS module fabricated by MiaSolé⁶⁰ and measured by FhG-ISE.

The final new entry is in Table 5 ("concentrator cells and modules") where an efficiency of 47.1% has been measured for a 0.1-cm² six-junction, two-terminal, inverted metamorphic, monolithic Al_{0.23}Ga_{0.27}In_{0.5}P/Al_{0.23}Ga_{0.77}As / GaAs / Ga_{0.84}In_{0.16}As/Ga_{0.67}In_{0.33}As/Ga_{0.43}In_{0.57}As cell at 143-suns concentration (143-kW/m² irradiance), with the cell fabricated by and measured at NREL.⁵³ This is the

highest efficiency ever reported for any photovoltaic cell, although concentrator cell efficiencies are not strictly thermodynamic efficiencies, because they exclude diffuse light on the system aperture in the efficiency determination.

The EQE spectra for the new CIGS cell and module results as well as for the 28.0% perovskite/Si tandem cell result and for the new OPV, perovskite, and GaInP cell results reported in the present issue of these tables are shown in Figure 1A, with Figure 1B showing the current density-voltage (JV) curves for the same devices. Figure 2A,B shows the corresponding EQE and JV curves for the new six-junction, two-terminal cell results.

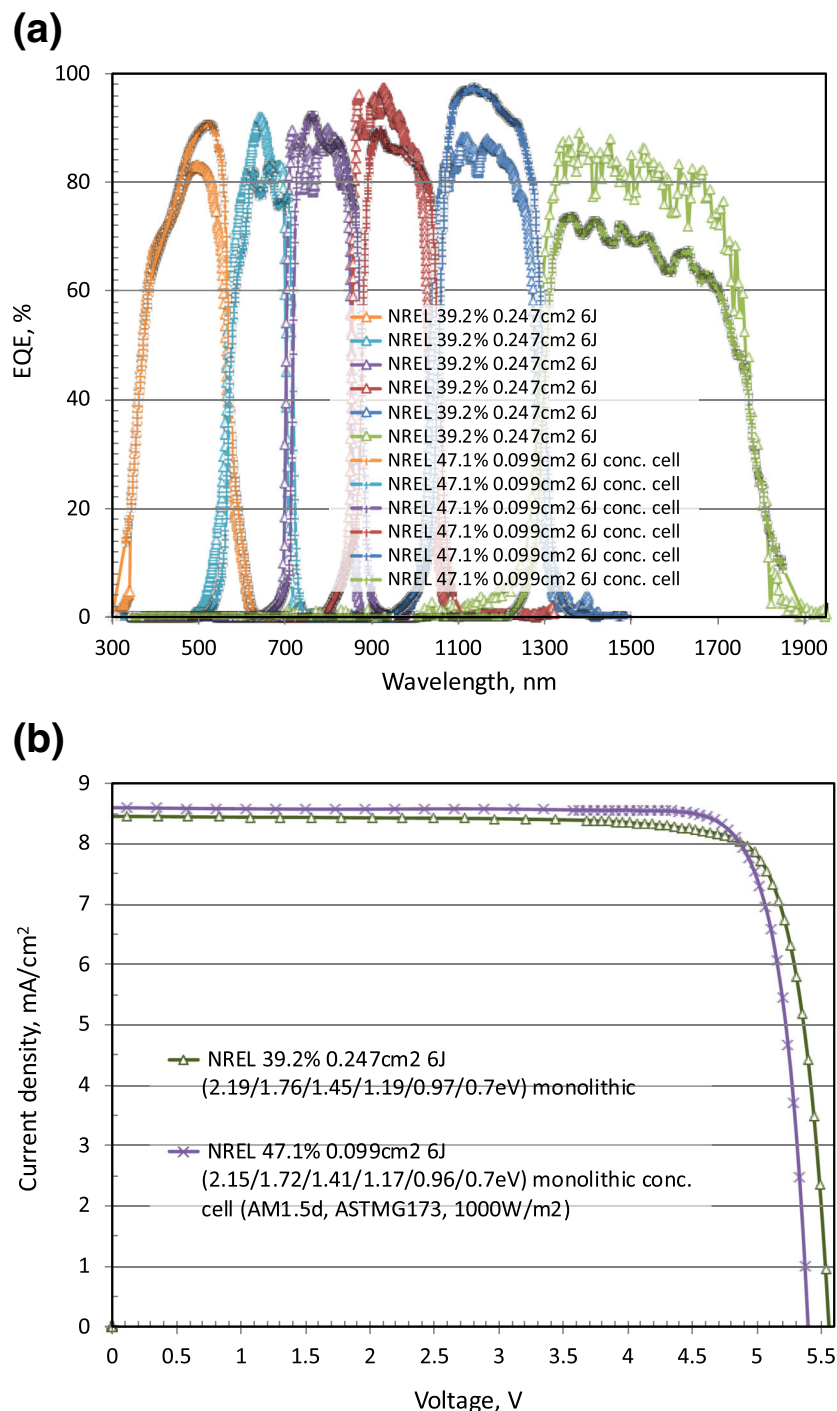


FIGURE 2 A, External quantum efficiency (EQE) for the new six-junction multijunction cell results reported in this issue (some results may be normalised); B, corresponding current density-voltage (JV) curves [Colour figure can be viewed at wileyonlinelibrary.com]

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