

Solar cell efficiency tables (Version 58)

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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 2021 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.^{1,2} 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,²

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 in an earlier issue.¹ A distinction is made between three different eligible definitions of cell area: total area, aperture area and designated illumination area, as defined in an earlier issue¹ (note that, if masking is used, masks must have a simple

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 or ASTM G-173-03 global)

Classification	Efficiency (%)	Area (cm ²)	V _{oc} (V)	J _{sc} (mA/cm ²)	Fill factor (%)	Test centre (date)	Description
<i>Silicon</i>							
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 ³
Si (DS wafer cell)	24.4 ± 0.3	267.5 (t)	0.7132	41.47 ^b	82.5	ISFH (8/20)	Jinko Solar, n-type
Si (thin transfer submodule)	21.2 ± 0.4	239.7 (ap)	0.687 ^c	38.50 ^{c,d}	80.3	NREL (4/14)	Solixel (35 µm thick) ⁴
Si (thin-film minimodule)	10.5 ± 0.3	94.0 (ap)	0.492 ^c	29.7 ^{c,e}	72.1	FhG-ISE (8/07)	CSG Solar (<2 µm on glass) ⁵
<i>III-V cells</i>							
GaAs (thin-film cell)	29.1 ± 0.6	0.998 (ap)	1.1272	29.78 ^f	86.7	FhG-ISE (10/18)	Alta Devices ⁶
GaAs (multicrystalline)	18.4 ± 0.5	4.011 (t)	0.994	23.2	79.7	NREL (11/95)	RTI, Ge substrate ⁷
InP (crystalline cell)	24.2 ± 0.5 ^g	1.008 (ap)	0.939	31.15 ^a	82.6	NREL (3/13)	NREL ⁸
<i>Thin-film chalcogenide</i>							
CIGS (cell) (Cd-free)	23.35 ± 0.5	1.043 (da)	0.734	39.58 ^h	80.4	AIST (11/18)	Solar Frontier ⁹
CIGSSe (submodule)	19.6 ± 0.5	670.6 (ap)	0.688	37.63ⁱ	75.8	NREL (2/21)	Avancis, 110 cells¹⁰
CdTe (cell)	21.0 ± 0.4	1.0623 (ap)	0.8759	30.25 ^d	79.4	Newport (8/14)	First Solar, on glass ¹¹
CZTSSe (cell)	11.3 ± 0.3	1.1761 (da)	0.5333	33.57 ^f	63.0	Newport (10/18)	DGIST, Korea ¹²
CZTS (cell)	10.0 ± 0.2	1.113 (da)	0.7083	21.77 ^a	65.1	NREL (3/17)	UNSW ¹³
<i>Amorphous/microcrystalline</i>							
Si (amorphous cell)	10.2 ± 0.3 ^{j,g}	1.001 (da)	0.896	16.36 ^d	69.8	AIST (7/14)	AIST ¹⁴
Si (microcrystalline cell)	11.9 ± 0.3 ^g	1.044 (da)	0.550	29.72 ^a	75.0	AIST (2/17)	AIST ¹⁵
<i>Perovskite</i>							
Perovskite (cell)	22.6 ± 0.6^k	1.0189 (da)	1.178	22.73ⁱ	84.4	CSIRO (10/20)	ANU¹⁶
Perovskite (minimodule)	20.1 ± 0.4^k	63.98 (da)	1.155^c	23.09^{c,i}	75.4	JET (3/21)	UtmoLight, 12 cells¹⁷
<i>Dye sensitised</i>							
Dye (cell)	11.9 ± 0.4 ^l	1.005 (da)	0.744	22.47 ^m	71.2	AIST (9/12)	Sharp ¹⁸
Dye (minimodule)	10.7 ± 0.4 ^l	26.55 (da)	0.754 ^c	20.19 ^{c,n}	69.9	AIST (2/15)	Sharp, 7 serial cells ¹⁸
Dye (submodule)	8.8 ± 0.3 ^l	398.8 (da)	0.697 ^c	18.42 ^{c,o}	68.7	AIST (9/12)	Sharp, 26 serial cells ¹⁸
<i>Organic</i>							
Organic (cell)	15.2 ± 0.2 ^{g,p}	1.015 (da)	0.8467	24.24 ^b	74.3	FhG-ISE (10/20)	Fraunhofer ISE
Organic (minimodule)	13.6 ± 0.3^p	66.62 (da)	0.8283^c	23.85^{c,i}	68.7	ESTI (5/21)	WAYS/Nanobit/NCU (16 cells)
Organic (submodule)	11.7 ± 0.2 ^p	203.98 (da)	0.8177 ^c	20.68 ^{c,q}	69.3	FhG-ISE (10/19)	ZAE Bayern (33 cells) ¹⁹

Abbreviations: (ap), aperture area; (da), designated illumination area; (t), total area; AIST, Japanese National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology; a-Si, amorphous silicon/hydrogen alloy; CIGS, CuIn_{1-y}Ga_ySe₂; CZTS, Cu₂ZnSnS₄; CZTSSe, Cu₂ZnSnS_{4-y}Se_y; DS, directionally solidified (including mono cast and multicrystalline); FhG-ISE, Fraunhofer Institut für Solare Energiesysteme; nc-Si, nanocrystalline or microcrystalline silicon.

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

^bSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 57 of these tables.

^cReported on a 'per-cell' basis.

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

^eRecalibrated from original measurement.

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

^gNot measured at an external laboratory.

^hSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 54 of these tables.

ⁱSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in present version of these tables.

^jStabilised by 1000-h exposure to one-sun light at 50°C.

^kInitial performance. References^{20,21} review the stability of similar devices.

^lInitial efficiency. Reference²² reviews the stability of similar devices.

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

^aSpectral response and current–voltage curve reported in Version 46 of these tables.

^oSpectral response and current–voltage curve reported in Version 43 of these tables.

^pInitial performance. References^{23–25} review the stability of similar devices.

^qSpectral response and current–voltage curve reported in Version 55 of these tables.

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 W/m²) at 25°C (IEC 60904-3: 2008 or ASTM G-173-03 global)

Classification	Efficiency (%)	Area (cm ²)	V _{oc} (V)	J _{sc} (mA/cm ²)	Fill factor (%)	Test centre (date)	Description
<i>Cells (silicon)</i>							
Si (crystalline)	25.0 ± 0.5	4.00 (da)	0.706	42.7 ^a	82.8	Sandia (3/99)	UNSW, p-type PERC ²⁶
Si (crystalline)	25.8 ± 0.5 ^b	4.008 (da)	0.7241	42.87 ^c	83.1	FhG-ISE (7/17)	FhG-ISE, n-type TOPCon ²⁷
Si (crystalline)	26.0 ± 0.5 ^b	4.015 (da)	0.7323	42.05 ^d	82.3	FhG-ISE (11/19)	FhG-ISE, p-type TOPCon
Si (crystalline)	26.1 ± 0.3 ^b	3.9857 (da)	0.7266	42.62 ^e	84.3	ISFH (2/18)	ISFH, p-type rear IBC ²⁸
Si (large crystalline)	24.0 ± 0.3	244.59 (t)	0.6940	41.58 ^f	83.3	ISFH (7/19)	LONGi, p-type PERC ²⁹
Si (large crystalline)	25.2 ± 0.4	242.97 (ap)	0.7216	41.64 ^g	83.9	ISFH (5/21)	LONGi, n-type TOPCon ³⁰
Si (large crystalline)	25.3 ± 0.4	244.53 (ap)	0.7485	39.48 ^g	85.5	ISFH (5/21)	LONGi, n-type HJT ³¹
Si (large crystalline)	26.6 ± 0.5	179.74 (da)	0.7403	42.5 ^h	84.7	FhG-ISE (11/16)	Kaneka, n-type rear IBC ³
<i>Cells (III–V)</i>							
GaNP	22.0 ± 0.3 ^b	0.2502 (ap)	1.4695	16.63 ⁱ	90.2	NREL (1/19)	NREL, rear HJ, strained AlInP ³²
<i>Cells (chalcogenide)</i>							
CdTe (thin film)	22.1 ± 0.5	0.4798 (da)	0.8872	31.69 ^j	78.5	Newport (11/15)	First Solar on glass ³³
CZTSSe (thin film)	12.6 ± 0.3	0.4209 (ap)	0.5134	35.21 ^k	69.8	Newport (7/13)	IBM solution grown ³⁴
CZTS (thin film)	11.0 ± 0.2	0.2339 (da)	0.7306	21.74 ^h	69.3	NREL (3/17)	UNSW on glass ³⁵
<i>Cells (other)</i>							
Perovskite (thin film)	25.5 ± 0.8 ^{l,m}	0.0954 (ap)	1.1885	25.74 ^f	83.2	Newport (7/20)	UNIST Ulsan ³⁶
Organic (thin film)	18.2 ± 0.2 ⁿ	0.0322 (da)	0.8965	25.72 ^f	78.9	NREL (10/20)	SJTU Shanghai/Beihang U.
Dye sensitised	12.25 ± 0.4 ^o	0.0963 (ap)	1.0203	15.17 ^d	79.1	Newport (8/19)	EPFL ³⁷

Abbreviations: (ap), aperture area; (da), designated illumination area; (t), total area; AIST, Japanese National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology; CIGS_{Se}, CuInGaS_{Se}; CZTS, Cu₂ZnSnS₄; CZTSSe, Cu₂ZnSnS_{4–y}Se_y; DS, directionally solidified (including mono cast and multicrystalline); FhG-ISE, Fraunhofer Institut für Solare Energiesysteme; ISFH, Institute for Solar Energy Research, Hamelin; NREL, National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

^aSpectral response reported in Version 36 of these tables.

^bNot measured at an external laboratory.

^cSpectral response and current–voltage curves reported in Version 51 of these tables.

^dSpectral response and current–voltage curves reported in Version 55 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 57 of these tables.

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

^hSpectral response and current–voltage curves reported in Version 50 of these tables.

ⁱSpectral response and current–voltage curve reported in Version 54 of these tables.

^jSpectral response and/or current–voltage curves reported in Version 46 of these tables.

^kSpectral response and current–voltage curves reported in Version 44 of these tables.

^lStability not investigated. References^{20,21} document stability of similar devices.

^mMeasured using 10-point IV sweep with constant voltage bias until current change rate < 0.07%/min.

ⁿLong-term stability not investigated. References^{23–25} document stability of similar devices.

^oLong-term stability not investigated. Reference²² documents 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 or ASTM G-173-03 global)

Classificatio	Efficiency (%)	Area (cm ²)	V _{oc} (V)	J _{sc} (mA/cm ²)	Fill factor (%)	Test centre (date)	Description
<i>III–V multijunctions</i>							
5-junction cell (bonded) (2.17/1.68/1.40/1.06/.73 eV)	38.8 ± 1.2	1.021 (ap)	4.767	9.564	85.2	NREL (7/13)	Spectrolab, 2-terminal ³⁸
InGaP/GaAs/InGaAs	37.9 ± 1.2	1.047 (ap)	3.065	14.27 ^a	86.7	AIST (2/13)	Sharp, 2 term. ³⁹
GaInP/GaAs (monolithic)	32.8 ± 1.4	1.000 (ap)	2.568	14.56 ^b	87.7	NREL (9/17)	LG Electronics, 2 term.
<i>Multijunctions with c-Si</i>							
GaInP/GaInAsP/Si (wafer bonded)	35.9 ± 1.3^c	3.987 (ap)	3.248	13.11^d	84.3	FhG-ISE (4/20)	Fraunhofer ISE, 2-term.
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, 4-term. ⁴⁰
GaInP/GaAs/Si (monolithic)	25.9 ± 0.9 ^c	3.987 (ap)	2.647	12.21 ^e	80.2	FhG-ISE (6/20)	Fraunhofer ISE, 2-term. ⁴¹
GaAsP/Si (monolithic)	23.4 ± 0.3	1.026 (ap)	1.732	17.34 ^f	77.7	NREL (5/20)	OSU/UNSW/SolAero, 2-term ⁴²
GaAs/Si (mech. stack)	32.8 ± 0.5 ^c	1.003 (da)	1.09/0.683	28.9/11.1 ^g	85.0/79.2	NREL (12/16)	NREL/CSEM/EPFL, 4-term. ⁴³
Perovskite/Si (2-terminal)	29.5 ± 0.5^h	1.121 (da)	1.884	20.26^d	77.3	NREL (12/20)	Oxford PV
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, 4-term. ⁴⁴
<i>Other multijunctions</i>							
Perovskite/CIGS	24.2 ± 0.7 ^h	1.045 (da)	1.768	19.24 ^f	72.9	FhG-ISE (1/20)	HZB, 2-terminal ⁴⁵
Perovskite/perovskite	24.2 ± 0.8 ^h	1.041 (da)	1.986	15.93 ^f	76.6	JET (12/19)	Nanjing U, 2-term. ⁴⁶
a-Si/nc-Si/nc-Si (thin film)	14.0 ± 0.4 ^{i,c}	1.045 (da)	1.922	9.94 ^j	73.4	AIST (5/16)	AIST, 2-term. ⁴⁷
a-Si/nc-Si (thin-film cell)	12.7 ± 0.4 ^{i,c}	1.000 (da)	1.342	13.45 ^k	70.2	AIST (10/14)	AIST, 2-term. ⁴⁸
<i>Notable exceptions</i>							
GaInP/GaAs	32.9 ± 0.5 ^c	0.250 (ap)	2.500	15.36 ^l	85.7	NREL (1/20)	NREL, multiple QW
GaInP/GaAs/GaInAs	37.8 ± 1.4	0.998 (ap)	3.013	14.60 ^l	85.8	NREL (1/18)	Microlink (ELO) ⁴⁹
6-junction (monolithic) (2.19/1.76/1.45/1.19/.97/.7 eV)	39.2 ± 3.2 ^c	0.247 (ap)	5.549	8.457 ^m	83.5	NREL (11/18)	NREL, inv. metamorphic ⁵⁰
Perovskite/perovskite	26.4 ± 0.8 ^h	0.0494 (da)	2.048	16.54 ^d	77.9	JET (2/21)	Nanjing U, 2-term. ⁴⁶
GaInP/AlGaAs/CIGS	28.1 ± 1.2 ^c	0.1386 (da)	2.952	11.72 ^d	81.1	AIST (1/21)	AIST/FhG-ISE, 2-term. ⁵¹

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

^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 the present version of these tables.

^eSpectral response and current–voltage curve reported in Version 57 of these tables.

^fSpectral response and current–voltage curve reported in Version 56 of these tables.

^gSpectral response and current–voltage curve reported in Version 52 of these tables.

^hInitial efficiency. References^{20,21} review the stability of similar perovskite-based devices.

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

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

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

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

^mSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 54 of these tables.

TABLE 4 Confirmed non-concentrating terrestrial module efficiencies measured under the global AM1.5 spectrum (1000 W/m²) at a cell temperature of 25°C (IEC 60904-3: 2008 or 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	13,177 (da)	79.5	5.04 ^a	80.1	AIST (9/16)	Kaneka (108 cells) ³
Si (multicrystalline)	20.4 ± 0.3	14,818 (ap)	39.90	9.833 ^b	77.2	FhG-ISE (10/19)	Hanwha Q Cells (60 cells) ⁵²
GaAs (thin film)	25.1 ± 0.8	866.45 (ap)	11.08	2.303 ^c	85.3	FhG-ISE (11/17)	Alta Devices ⁵³
CIGS (Cd free)	19.2 ± 0.5	841 (ap)	48.0	0.456 ^c	73.7	AIST (1/17)	Solar Frontier (70 cells) ⁵⁴
CdTe (thin film)	19.0 ± 0.9	23,573 (da)	227.8	2.560 ^b	76.6	FhG-ISE (9/19)	First Solar ⁵⁵
a-Si/nc-Si (tandem)	12.3 ± 0.3 ^d	14,322 (t)	280.1	0.902 ^e	69.9	ESTI (9/14)	TEL Solar, Trubbach Labs ⁵⁶
Perovskite	17.9 ± 0.5 ^f	804 (da)	58.7	0.323 ^g	76.1	AIST (1/20)	Panasonic (55 cells) ⁵⁷
Organic	8.7 ± 0.3 ^h	802 (da)	17.47	0.569 ⁱ	70.4	AIST (5/14)	Toshiba ⁵⁸
<i>Multijunction</i>							
InGaP/GaAs/InGaAs	31.2 ± 1.2	968 (da)	23.95	1.506	83.6	AIST (2/16)	Sharp (32 cells) ⁵⁹
<i>Notable exception</i>							
CIGS (large)	18.6 ± 0.6	10,858 (ap)	58.00	4.545 ^b	76.8	FhG-ISE (10/19)	Miasole ⁶⁰

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

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

^bSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 55 of these tables.

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

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

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

^fInitial performance. References^{15,18} review the stability of similar devices.

^gSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 57 of these tables.

^hInitial performance. References^{20,21} review the stability of similar devices.

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

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 (e.g., crystalline, polycrystalline or directionally solidified 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 28 years during which the tables have been published is included in an earlier issue.¹

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 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 junctions, whereas 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.

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, except where noted (also see footnote re relationship to thermodynamic efficiencies)

Classification	Effic. (%)	Area (cm ²)	Intensity ^a (suns)	Test centre (date)	Description
<i>Single cells</i>					
GaAs	30.5 ± 1.0 ^b	0.10043 (da)	258	NREL (10/18)	NREL, 1-junction (1J)
Si	27.6 ± 1.2 ^c	1.00 (da)	92	FhG-ISE (11/04)	Amonix back-contact ⁶¹
CIGS (thin film)	23.3 ± 1.2 ^{d,e}	0.09902 (ap)	15	NREL (3/14)	NREL ⁶²
<i>Multijunction cells</i>					
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. metamorphic ⁴⁸
GaInP/GaAs; GaInAsP/GaInAs	46.0 ± 2.2 ^g	0.0520 (da)	508	AIST (10/14)	Soitec/CEA/FhG-ISE 4J bonded ⁶³
GaInP/GaAs/GaInAs/GaInAs	45.7 ± 2.3 ^{d,h}	0.09709 (da)	234	NREL (9/14)	NREL, 4J monolithic ⁶⁴
InGaP/GaAs/InGaAs	44.4 ± 2.6 ⁱ	0.1652 (da)	302	FhG-ISE (4/13)	Sharp, 3J inverted metamorphic ⁶⁵
GaInAsP/GaInAs	35.5 ± 1.2 ^{d,j}	0.10031 (da)	38	NREL (10/17)	NREL 2-junction (2J) ⁶⁶
<i>Minimodule</i>					
GaInP/GaAs; GaInAsP/GaInAs	43.4 ± 2.4 ^{d,k}	18.2 (ap)	340 ^l	FhG-ISE (7/15)	Fraunhofer ISE 4J (lens/cell) ⁶⁷
<i>Submodule</i>					
GaInP/GaInAs/Ge; Si	40.6 ± 2.0 ^k	287 (ap)	365	NREL (4/16)	UNSW 4J split spectrum ⁶⁸
<i>Modules</i>					
Si	20.5 ± 0.8 ^d	1875 (ap)	79	Sandia (4/89) ^l	Sandia/UNSW/ENTECH (12 cells) ⁶⁹
Three-junction (3J)	35.9 ± 1.8 ^m	1092 (ap)	N/A	NREL (8/13)	Amonix ⁷⁰
Four-junction (4J)	38.9 ± 2.5 ⁿ	812.3 (ap)	333	FhG-ISE (4/15)	Soitec ⁷¹
<i>Hybrid module^o</i>					
4-Junction (4J)/bifacial c-Si	34.2 ± 1.9 ^{d,o}	1088 (ap)	CPV/PV	FhG-ISE (9/19)	FhG-ISE (48/8 cells; 4T) ⁷²
<i>Notable exceptions</i>					
Si (large area)	21.7 ± 0.7	20.0 (da)	11	Sandia (9/90) ^l	UNSW laser grooved ⁷³
Luminescent minimodule ^o	7.1 ± 0.2 ^o	25 (ap)	2.5 ^p	ESTI (9/08)	ECN Petten, GaAs cells ⁷⁴
4J minimodule	41.4 ± 2.6 ^d	121.8 (ap)	230	FhG-ISE (9/18)	FhG-ISE, 10 cells ⁶⁷

Note: Following the normal convention, efficiencies calculated under this direct beam spectrum neglect the diffuse sunlight component that would accompany this direct spectrum. These direct beam efficiencies need to be multiplied by a factor estimated as 0.8746 to convert to thermodynamic efficiencies.⁷⁵

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

^aOne sun corresponds to direct irradiance of 1000 W/m².

^bSpectral response and current–voltage curve reported in Version 53 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 Version 54 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.

^lRecalibrated from original measurement.

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

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

^oThermodynamic efficiency. The hybrid module was measured under the ASTM G-173-03 or IEC 60904-3: 2008 global AM1.5 spectrum at a cell temperature of 25°C. Four-terminal module with external dual-axis tracking. Power rating of CPV follows IEC 62670-3 standard, front power rating of flat plate PV based on IEC 60904-3, -5, -7, -10 and 60891 with modified current translation approach and rear power rating of flat plate PV based on IEC TS 60904-1-2 and 60891.

^pGeometric concentration.

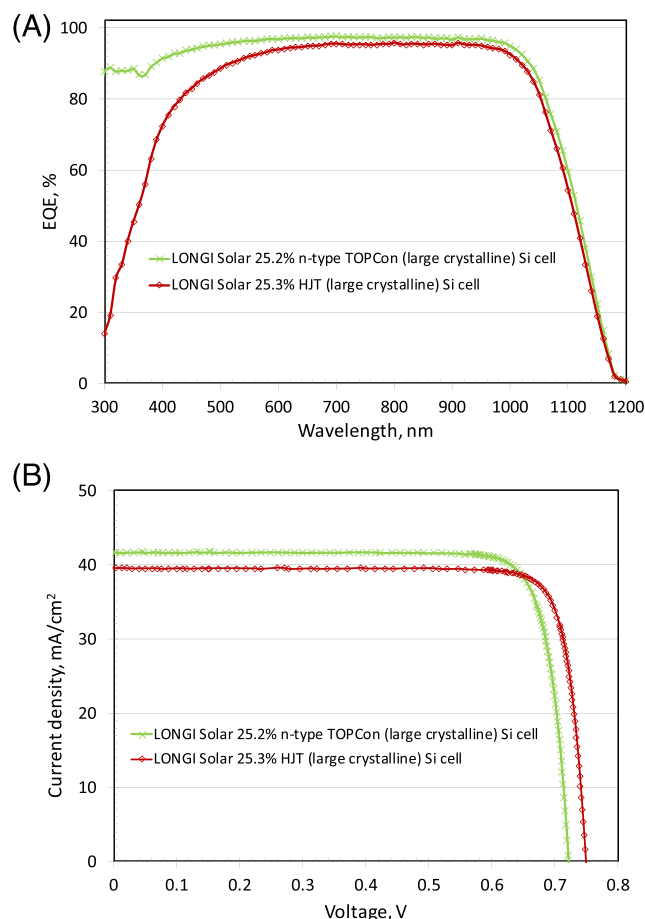


FIGURE 1 (A) External quantum efficiency (EQE) for the new Si cell results reported in this issue. (B) Corresponding current density–voltage (JV) curves [Colour figure can be viewed at wileyonlinelibrary.com]

2 | NEW RESULTS

Ten new results are reported in the present version of these tables. The first new result in Table 1 ('one-sun cells and submodules') is 19.6% efficiency for a large (671 cm²) CuIn_{1-x}Ga_xS₂ (CIGS) submodule fabricated by Avancis, with the result confirmed by the US National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). The submodule, only slightly too small for classification as a module (>800 cm²), is based on a CIGS absorber, a sodium-based post-treatment of the absorber and a cadmium-free sputtered zinc oxysulphide window layer.¹⁰

The second new result in Table 1 is a new efficiency record for a perovskite solar cell of a reasonable size. An efficiency of 22.6% is reported for a 1-cm² cell fabricated by the Australian National University (ANU) and measured at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). The cell uses a nanostructured TiO₂ electron transport layer that modifies the spatial distribution of the passivation layer to form nanoscale localised charge transport pathways through an otherwise passivated interface, therefore providing both effective passivation and good charge extraction.¹⁶ The third new result is a landmark 20.1% efficiency for a 64-cm² perovskite minimodule fabricated by Wuxi Utmost Light Technology

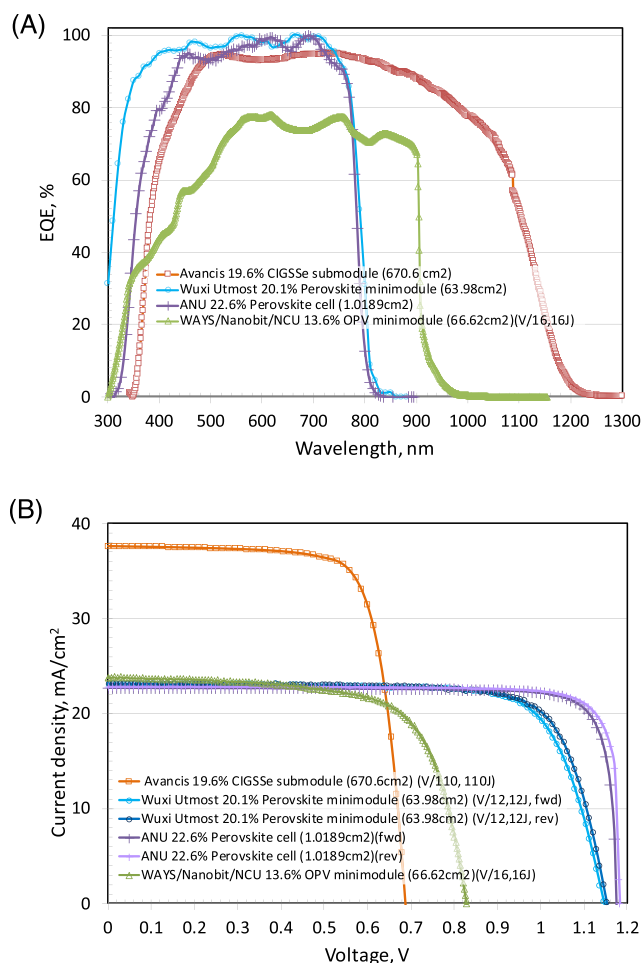


FIGURE 2 (A) External quantum efficiency (EQE) for the new perovskite cell and minimodule plus new CIGS submodule results reported in this issue (some results are normalised). (B) Corresponding current density–voltage (JV) curves [Colour figure can be viewed at wileyonlinelibrary.com]

Co. Ltd (UtmostLight)¹⁷ and measured at the Japan Electrical Safety and Environment Technology Laboratories (JET). Along with other emerging technologies, perovskite cells and modules may not demonstrate the same level of stability as more established cell technologies, with references to this aspect given in the footnotes to Table 1. The final new result in Table 1 is 13.6% efficiency for a 67-cm² organic photovoltaic (OPV) minimodule fabricated by Ways, Nanobit and the National Central University (NCU) of Taiwan and measured at the European Solar Test Installation (ESTI).

The silicon results in Table 2 (one-sun 'notable exceptions') have been reorganised to incorporate representation from the four cell technologies presently battling for commercial supremacy (PERC, TOPCon, HJT and IBC). PERC is the 'passivated emitter and rear cell', originally developed at UNSW Sydney,²⁶ presently accounting for over 90% of commercial production. TOPCon stands for 'tunnel oxide passivated contact', generally referring to contact at the cell rear (not top!). In the version of commercial interest, it involves cell contacting by tunnelling through a thin oxide from a doped polysilicon layer, an

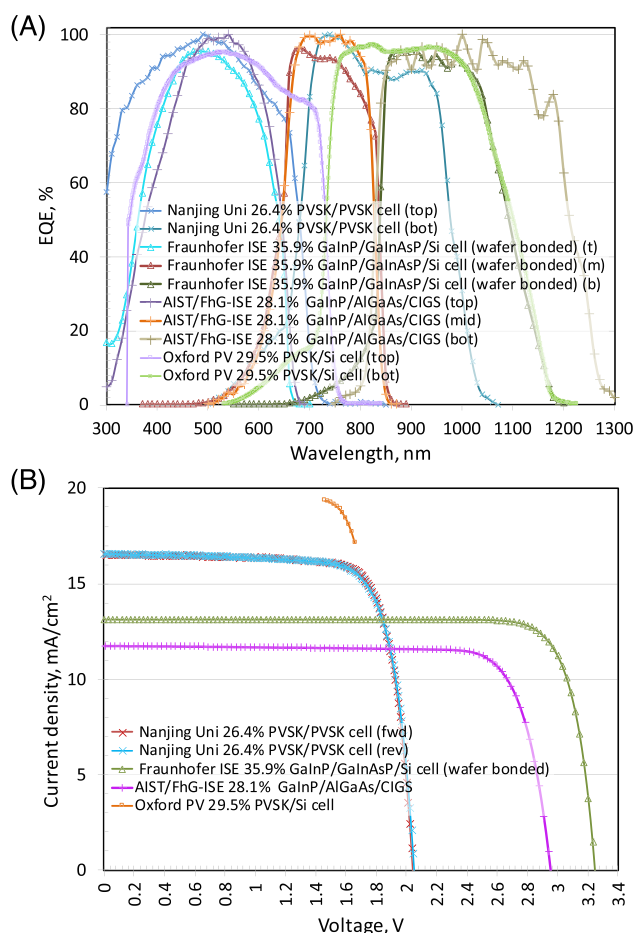


FIGURE 3 (A) External quantum efficiency (EQE) for the new multijunction cell results reported in this issue (some results are normalised). (B) Corresponding current density–voltage (JV) curves (only portion of the Oxford PV curve shown due to measurement approach) [Colour figure can be viewed at wileyonlinelibrary.com]

approach first suggested and demonstrated by UNSW Sydney⁷⁷ but more recently revitalised and developed to commercial readiness by the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems (FhG-ISE).⁷⁸ HJT ('heterojunction') cells have evolved from the HIT ('heterojunction with intrinsic thin-layer') cells originally developed by Sharp,⁷⁹ involving contacting each side of a high-quality, uniformly doped silicon wafer by a thin, wider bandgap hydrogenated amorphous silicon layer of opposite polarity.⁸⁰ IBC stands for 'interdigitated back contact', an approach first suggested by Lammert and Schwartz⁸¹ and subsequently developed by Stanford University⁸² and Sunpower.⁸³

The first of two new results in Table 2 is a total area efficiency of 25.2% for a large area (243-cm²) n-type silicon TOPCon cell fabricated by LONGi Solar³⁰ and measured by the Institute für Solarenergieforschung (ISFH). The second new result in this table is an increase in efficiency to 25.3% for a large area (245-cm²) n-type HJT silicon cell again fabricated by LONGi Solar³¹ and also measured by ISFH. Due to the reporting changes noted above, an earlier result for a 25.0% efficient p-type 4-cm² silicon cell, fabricated by UNSW

Sydney²⁶ and measured at Sandia National Laboratories, is also reinstated as the most efficient PERC cell yet fabricated.

Four new results are reported in Table 3 relating to one-sun, multijunction devices. Improvements are reported for a 4-cm² two-terminal, triple-junction Ga_{0.51}In_{0.49}P/Ga_{0.93}In_{0.07}As_{0.87}P_{0.13}/Si solar cell of 35.9% efficiency fabricated and certified at FhG-ISE, where the silicon cell is wafer bonded to the overlying III–V cell combination⁴⁰ (the '/' symbol represents the wafer bond location). The second new result is for a perovskite/Si tandem device. An efficiency of 29.5% has been confirmed for a 1-cm² device fabricated by Oxford PV⁸³ and measured by NREL.

The final two results are included as 'notable exceptions'. One is for an all-perovskite tandem device where an efficiency of 26.4% was measured for a small area 0.049-cm² perovskite/perovskite two-junction, two-terminal device fabricated by Nanjing University⁴⁶ and measured by JET. The final result for a 0.14-cm² two-terminal, triple-junction GaInP/AlGaAs/CIS solar cell of 28.1% efficiency⁵¹ fabricated jointly by the Japanese National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) and FhG-ISE and certified by AIST. Cell area in both cases is too small for classification as an outright record, with solar cell efficiency targets in governmental research programmes generally specified in terms of a cell area of 1 cm² or larger.^{84–86}

The EQE spectra for the new silicon cells 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 organic and perovskite cell and minimodule results, whereas Figure 3A,B shows these for the new multijunction cell results.

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