Photovoltaic cell junction

Multi-junction (MJ) solar cells are solar cells with multiple p-n junctions made of different semiconductor materials. Each material"s p-n junction will produce electric current in response to different wavelengths of light.

A solar cell is essential a PN junction with a large surface area. The N-type material is kept thin to allow light to pass through to the PN junction. Light travels in packets of energy called photons. The generation of electric current happens inside the depletion zone of the PN junction.

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DOE invests in multijunction III-V solar cell research to drive down the costs of the materials, manufacturing, tracking techniques, and concentration methods used with this technology. Below is a list of the projects, summary of the benefits, and discussion on the production and manufacturing of this solar technology.

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The six-junction solar cell now holds the world record for the highest solar conversion efficiency at 47.1%, which was measured under concentrated illumination. A variation of the same cell also set the efficiency record under one-sun illumination at 39.2%.

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What is a Solar Cell? A solar cell (also known as a photovoltaic cell or PV cell) is defined as an electrical device that converts light energy into electrical energy through the photovoltaic effect. A solar cell is basically a p-n junction diode.

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