

Polymer tandem solar cells with a PCE of 5.8% are demonstrated by employing a p-n junction as an interlayer between the two subcells. The role of the interlayer and several important issues of the tandem structure is addressed including optical optimization, interfacial engineering, and accurate efficiency characterization (see image).

Fig. 1. Schematic of plastic solar cells. PET - polyethylene terephthalate, ITO - indium tin oxide, PEDOT:PSS - poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene), active layer (usually a polymer:fullerene blend), Al - aluminium. An organic solar cell (OSC [1]) or plastic solar cell is a type of photovoltaic that uses organic electronics, a branch of electronics that deals with conductive organic ...

Discovery of photovoltaic effect in silicon (Si) diode in 1954 dawned the era of modern solid state photovoltaic (PV) technology.¹ Since then Si solar cells have evolved as the most mature photovoltaic technology and represent over 90% of the present day photovoltaic Department of Materials Science and Engineering, University of California-Los Angeles, Los Angeles, ...

The presence of bulky methyl groups in the isobutylene moiety of the polymer is responsible for its barrier efficiency against the ingress of moisture and oxygen. In an extended work, a self-healable PIB-coumarin polymer network was utilized as encapsulate to fabricate a fully printable and flexible PV device [55]. The encapsulated devices were ...

Dear Colleagues, This Special Issue focuses on the polymer thin films and polymer blend films in photovoltaic (PV) structures. Organic materials are widely used today in optoelectronic devices, such as organic solar cells (OSCs), mainly due to the low cost of production (thin films may be deposited at low temperature on a large surface, on flexible ...

In the field of polymer-based photovoltaic cells, poly(3-hexylthiophene) (P3HT) and 1-(3-methoxycarbonyl)propyl-1-phenyl[6,6]C₆₁ (PCBM) are, to date, the most-studied active materials around the world for the bulk-heterojunction structure. Various power-conversion efficiencies are reported up to approximately 5%. This Research News article is focused on a survey of the ...

Polymer photovoltaics (PV) offer the advantage of low-cost, mass-produced, flexible PV films, but they generally suffer from a low-power conversion efficiency (PCE) compared to silicon. This paper studies ITO/PEDOT:PSS/bulk heterojunction/Al PV cells, where two different bulk heterojunction blends are researched: P3HT/PC61BM and ...

Interface investigation and engineering - achieving high performance polymer photovoltaic devices+? ... ? The authors gratefully acknowledge financial support from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (Grant No.

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The exigency for sustainable and clean energy resources has led to profound research in development of various generations of solar cells, aiming to control the over-exploitation of fossil fuels and subsequently limit environmental degradation. Among the fast-emerging third-generation solar cells, polymer solar cell technology has gained much ...

High-performance polymer heterojunction solar cells fabricated from an alternating copolymer of 2,7-silafluorene (SiF) and 4,7-di(2-thienyl)-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole (DBT) (PSiF-DBT) as the ...

All polymer photovoltaic has the advantages of excellent thermal stability and superior mechanical properties. In this work, we fabricate the first all-polymer indoor photovoltaic module with the active area of 10 cm². The module uses polymer donor CD1 and new polymer acceptor PBN-21 with medium optical band gap of 1.9 eV as the active layer ...

5.1.2 Design Considerations of Conjugated Polymer Photovoltaic Materials. The basic requirements for molecular design of high efficiency photovoltaic polymers have been discussed and summarized in several reviews [16-25] is known that the PCE of PSC can be calculated based on three photovoltaic parameters: the open circuit voltage (V_{oc}), the short ...

The simplest form of a polymer solar cell is shown in Fig. 19.1. The illustration is simplified and focus is on the active layer, which is classically a mixture of the conjugated polymer poly-3-hexylthiophene (P3HT) and [6,6]-phenyl-C61-butyric acid methyl ester (PCBM) that comprise the active layer, responsible for light absorption, carrier generation and transport to two electrodes ...

Conducting polymer anodes for photovoltaic cells based on polyethylenedioxythiophene (PEDOT) and its derivatives (see Figure) are reported. The results presented here show that it is feasible to use processable conducting (macro)molecular materials instead of indium tin oxide (ITO) for fabricating polymer photovoltaic cells, which could lead to ...

When stress is applied on the front glass, the polymer layer around the cell can influence laminate stiffness, creep and other aspects; Disadvantages. The serious disadvantages in using polymer photovoltaic is the efficiency of the best plastic devices is little more than 8%, whereas silicon solar panels can achieve up to 18%

Research is being conducted on polymers used in encapsulants and backsheets to increase cell efficiency by using additives or composites with various materials. This article reviews the recent developments of materials and additives for ...

In this report, micro-patterned silicon semiconductor photovoltaic cells have been proposed to improve the efficiency in various incident sunlight angles, using homeotropic liquid crystal polymers. The anisotropic liquid crystal precursor solution based on a reactive mesogen has good flowing characteristics. It can be

evenly coated on the silicon solar cells" ...

Introducing flexible conjugation-break spacers (FCBSs) into backbones of polymer donor (P D) or polymer acceptor (P A) has been demonstrated as an efficient approach to enhance both the photovoltaic (PV) and mechanical properties of the all-PSCs. However, length dependency of FCBS on certain all-PSC related properties has not been systematically ...

Polymer Photovoltaic Cells: Enhanced Efficiencies via a Network of Internal Donor-Acceptor Heterojunctions
Science, 1995 Photoinduced Electron Transfer from a Conducting Polymer to Buckminsterfullerene

<p>Photovoltaic (PV) technology has evolved as the major renewable power resource in the worldwide green energy sector to meet the future challenge of energy needs. The main barrier for the commercialization of this technology which is even estimated to contribute about 20% of the global energy supply by 2050 is the poor performance and stability of the PV modules in the ...

All-polymer solar cell (APSC), one of the most promising application-oriented photovoltaic technologies, has suffered long-term insufficient core competitiveness, due to the slow development of the power conversion efficiency (PCE), although good stability and mechanical performance are commonly acknowledged. 1-18 Encouragingly, over 15% PCEs ...

Herein, the latest progresses of polymer solar cells with efficiency over 17% are briefly reviewed from the aspects of active material design, interface material development, and device technology. At last, the opportunities and challenges of organic photovoltaic commercialization in the future are discussed.

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