

Local structural studies on CIGS thin-film solar cells

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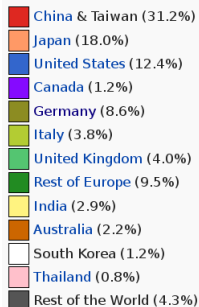
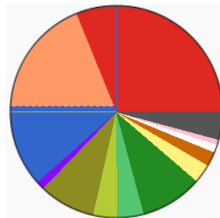
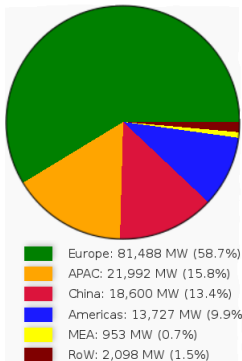
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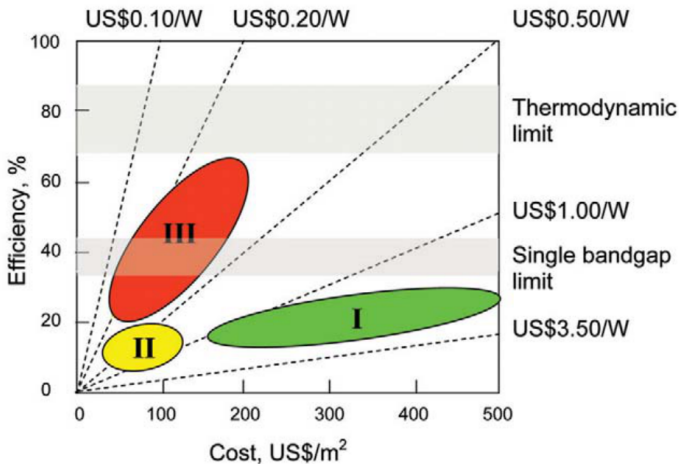
The current slides are a replacement for the slides at the talk because of propriety content.

Global Installed and Added Capacity 2013



Source: Wikipedia

Generations of Solar Cells



generations: I) wafer , II) films, III advanced thin films/multijunction

Lit: G. Conibeer: Third-generation photovoltaics. MaterialsToday 20 (2007) 42

Thin Film Solar Cells

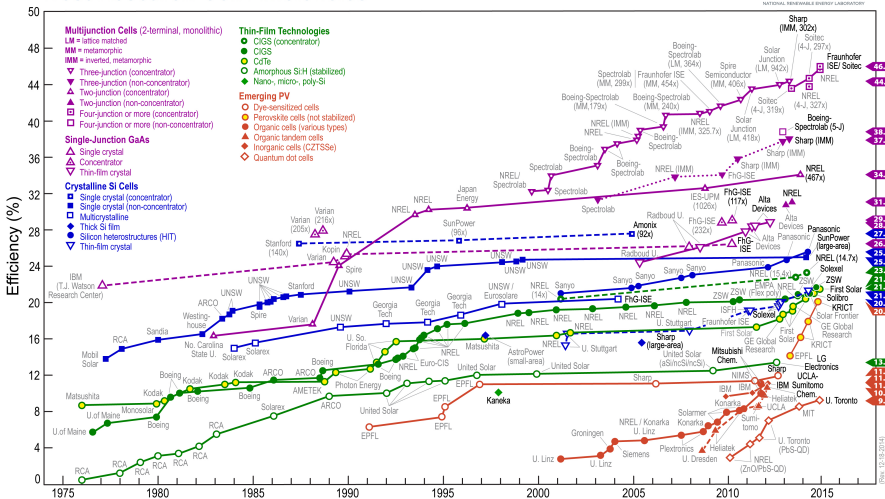


Uni-Solar Ovonic thin film flexible PV

Picture: Fieldsken Ken Fields

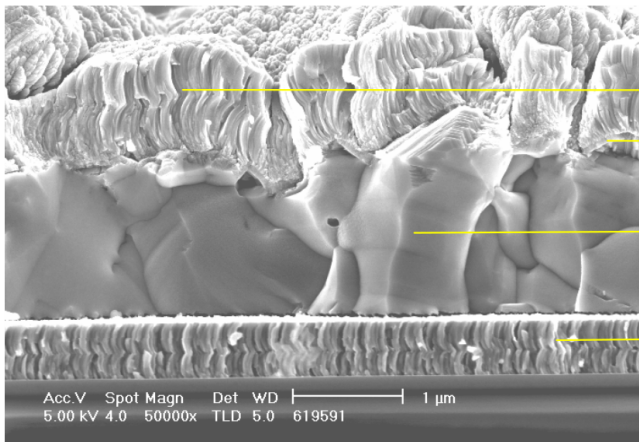
Solar Cell Efficiencies

Best Research-Cell Efficiencies



Source: www.nrel.gov

CIGS: Copper Indium Gallium Selenide Solar Cell



ZnO:Al₂O₃

(CdS and i-ZnO)

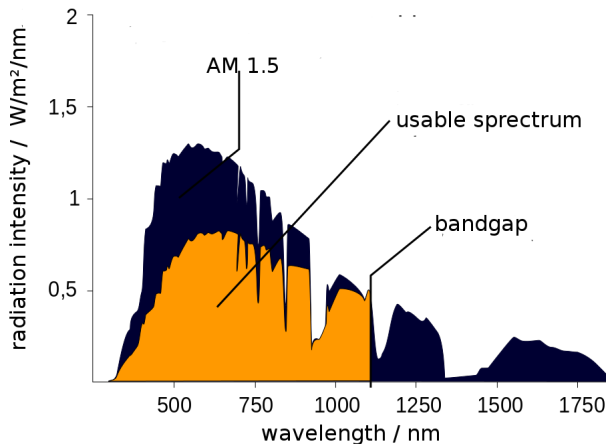
Cu(In,Ga)Se₂

Mo-layer

CdS buffer layer: performance increase. Why?

Source: www.zsw-bw.de

Tunable Bandgap

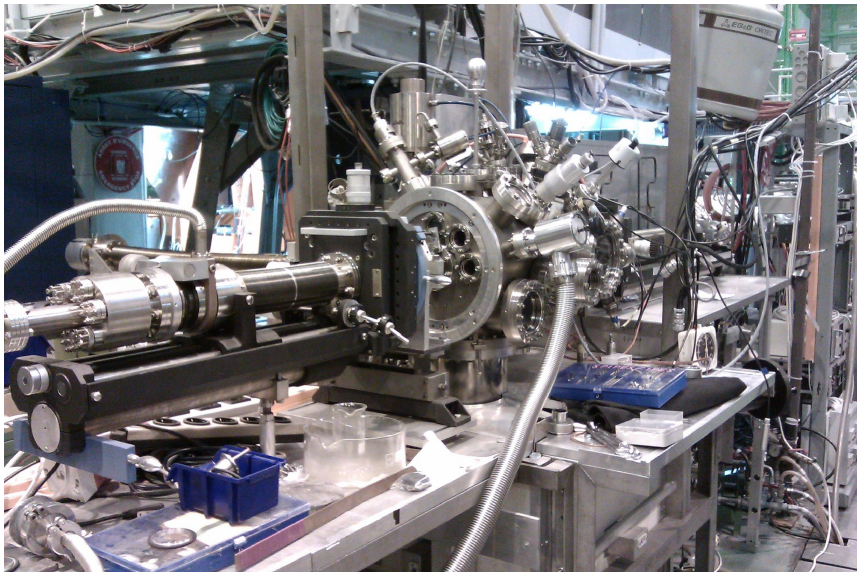


$\text{Cu}(\text{Ga},\text{In})\text{Se}_2$: tunable bandgap by varying the Ga/In ratio

Source Wikipedia

ASPIC

Apparatus for Surface Physics and Interfaces at CERN



Proposal Goals

| P | $T_{1/2}$ | F1 | SL | Spin | Q | μ | A_{22} |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------|------|------|---------|----------|
| ^{111}In | 2.8 d | ^{111}Cd | 84.5 ns | 5/2+ | 0.77 | -0.7656 | -0.178 |
| ^{111m}Cd | 2.8 d | ^{111}Cd | 84.5 ns | 5/2+ | 0.77 | -0.7656 | -0.178 |

- study of the buffer layer effect of increasing the performance
- perturbed angular correlation can provide information of the local structure at/near the buffer layer/CIGS interface
- ideal case for studies on good performing PAC isotops ^{111m}Cd and ^{111}In
- basic studies on the CuGaSe_2 and CuInSe_2 will be performed
- clean surface studies using ASPIC vs. air exposed studies
- procedures on ASPIC can be trained with ^{111}In before using ^{111m}Cd (time and performance optimization)
- **8 shifts:** ^{111m}Cd

Collaboration

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