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# Green third generation photovoltaics

## Overview

What is a third-generation photovoltaic?

Third-generation approaches to photovoltaics (PVs) aim to achieve high-efficiency devices but still use thin-film, second-generation deposition methods. The concept is to do this with only a small increase in areal costs and hence reduce the cost per Watt peak (this metric is the most widely used in the PV industry).

Will photovoltaics evolve to a third generation?

Since any mature solar cell technology is likely to evolve to the stage where costs are dominated by those of the constituent materials, be it silicon wafers or glass sheet, it is argued that photovoltaics will evolve, in its most mature form, to a ‘third generation’ of high-efficiency thin-film technology.

What are 3rd generation solar cells?

The concept "3rd generations solar cells" promises to increase the efficiency of solar cells and lower the costs for solar energy Part of the book series: Springer Series in Photonics (PHOTONICS, volume 12) Photovoltaics, the direct conversion of sunlight to electricity, is now the fastest growing technology for electricity generation.

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It is argued, therefore, that photovoltaics is likely to evolve, in its most mature form, to a ‘third generation’ of high-efficiency thin-film technology. By high efficiency, what is meant is energy conversion values double or triple the 15–20% range presently targeted, closer to the thermodynamic limit of 93%.

What is a third generation PV?

Third-generation approaches to PVs aim to decrease costs to well below the $1/W level of second-generation PVs to $0.50/W, potentially to $0.20/W or

better, by significantly increasing efficiencies but maintaining the economic and environmental cost advantages of thin-film deposition techniques (shows the three PV generations).

Are third-generation PV technologies compatible with large-scale implementations?

Also, in common with Si-based, second-generation, thin-film technologies, these will use materials that are both nontoxic and not limited in abundance. Thus, these third-generation technologies will be compatible with large-scale implementation of PVs.

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**Third generation photovoltaics -- Early intervention for circular**

Abstract: Third generation photovoltaics (3GPV) which include dye-sensitised solar cells (DSSCs); organic photovoltaics (OPV); and perovskite solar cells, are promising green energy ...

[PDF] Third generation photovoltaics

We review recent progress towards increasing solar cell efficiencies beyond the Shockley-Queisser efficiency limit. Four main approaches are highlighted: multi-junction cells, intermediate-band cells, hot carrier cells and spectrum conversion. Multi-junction cells use multiple solar cells that selectively absorb different regions of the solar spectrum. ...

**Third Generation Photovoltaics: Advanced Solar Energy ...**

Green [1] presents an overview of third-generation photovoltaics, emphasizing advanced solar energy conversion techniques. Smestad and Kreider [2] provide a ...

**Third generation photovoltaics : advanced solar energy conversion**

Third generation photovoltaics : advanced solar energy conversion Author Martin A. Green Subject Black-Bodies, White Suns.- Energy, Entropy and Efficiency.- Single Junction Cells.- ...

## Third generation photovoltaics

The concept of third generation photovoltaics is to significantly increase device efficiencies whilst still using thin film processes and abundant non-toxic materials. This can be achieved by circumventing the Shockley-Queisser limit for single band gap devices, using multiple energy threshold approaches. Such an approach can be realised either by incorporating ...

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**Third generation photovoltaics: solar cells for 2020 and beyond**

Many working in the field of photovoltaics believe that 'first generation' silicon wafer-based solar cells sooner or later will be replaced by a 'second generation' of lower cost thin-film technology, probably also involving a different semiconductor. Historically, CdS, a-Si



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First generation photovoltaic cells, which use Si wafers, are now being superseded by second generation, thin film devices that reduce material costs. Eventually, Green believes, these will themselves be replaced by high-performance, third generation products using new device structures.

**Third-generation photovoltaics: Introduction, overview, ...**

Emerging third (3rd)-generation photovoltaic (PV) technologies seek to use innovative materials and device architectures to go beyond the drawbacks of existing solar ...

**Low-Temperature Atmospheric Pressure Plasma Processes for "Green**

In particular, materials synthesized by APPs which are suitable candidates for third generation photovoltaics are reviewed here. 1 Introduction Non-equilibrium, or low-temperature, low-pressure plasma processes have had great success in materials processing as key enablers to the unparalleled success of the microelectronic and semiconductor industry, ...

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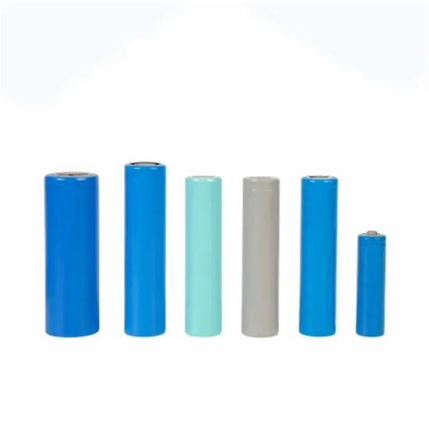

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**Martin A. Green Third Generation Photovoltaics**

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2.4. Summary and overview of third-generation photovoltaics Third-generation cells are "emerging" technologies that are yet-to-be commercially viable. As discussed above, OPV, DSSCs, QD(S)SCs, and PSCs are grouped together as 3rd generation or emerging

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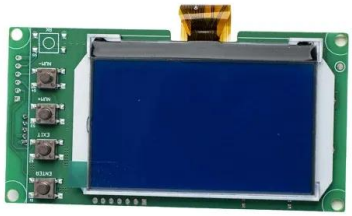



**Scientia Professor Martin Green , UNSW Research**

He also introduced the term "third generation photovoltaics" into the photovoltaic vernacular in his research monograph of this title (Green, 2003) discussing, self-consistently, all known approaches for improving cell efficiency above classic limits (Shockley and

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Photovoltaics have started replacing fossil fuels as major energy generation roadmaps, targeting higher efficiencies and/or lower costs are aggressively pursued to bring PV to cost parity with grid electricity. Third ...

**Third-Generation Photovoltaics: Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells (DSSC)**

1.2 Third-Generation PV Cell Structure Third-generation photovoltaics can be considered as electrochemical devices. This is a main difference between them and the strictly solid-state silicon solar cells, as shown in Fig. 2. For third-generation photovoltaics, there


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