

SHORT COMMUNICATION

Solar Cell Efficiency Tables (Version 65)

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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 July 2024 are reviewed.

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 [1–3]. Providing guidelines for the inclusion of results into these tables 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 standardized basis. In Version 33 of these tables, results were updated to the new internationally accepted reference spectrum (International Electrotechnical Commission IEC 60904-3, Ed. 2, 2008).

The most important criterion for the inclusion of results into the tables is that they must have been independently measured by a recognized test centre listed in Versions 61 and 62 (also updated in 64). A distinction is made between three different eligible definitions of cell area: total area, aperture area and designated illumination area, as also defined elsewhere [2] (note that, if masking is used, masks must have a simple aperture geometry, such as square, rectangular or circular—masks with multiple openings are not eligible). ‘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, 200 cm² for a ‘submodule’ and 800 cm² for a module).

Tabled results are reported for cells and modules made from different semiconductors and for subcategories within each semiconductor grouping. 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 normalized to the peak measured value. Current–voltage (IV) curves have also been included where possible from Version 38 onwards.

The highest confirmed ‘one sun’ cell and module results are reported in Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4. Any changes in the tables from those previously published [1] **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 summarizes the best-reported measurements for ‘one-sun’ (non-concentrator) single-junction cells and submodules.

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
Silicon							
Si (crystalline cell)	27.4 ± 0.4^a	165.72 (t)	0.7456	42.35^b	86.7	ISFH (9/24)	LONGi, n-type HTBC [4]
Si (thin transfer submodule)	21.2 ± 0.4	239.7 (ap)	0.687 ^c	38.50 ^{c,d}	80.3	NREL (4/14)	Solexel (35 µm thick) [5]
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) [6]
III-V cells							
GaAs (thin-film cell)	29.1 ± 0.6	0.998 (ap)	1.1272	29.78 ^f	86.7	FhG-ISE (10/18)	Alta Devices [7]
GaAs (multicrystalline)	18.4 ± 0.5	4.011 (t)	0.994	23.2	79.7	NREL (11/95)	RTI, Ge substrate [8]
InP (crystalline cell)	24.2 ± 0.5 ^g	1.008 (ap)	0.939	31.15 ^h	82.6	NREL (3/13)	NREL [9]
Thin film chalcogenide							
CIGS (cell) (Cd-free)	23.35 ± 0.5	1.043 (da)	0.734	39.58 ⁱ	80.4	AIST (11/18)	Solar Frontier [10]
CIGSSe (submodule)	20.3 ± 0.4	526.7 (ap)	0.6834	39.55 ^{c,j}	75.1	NREL (5/23)	Avancis, 100 cells [11]
CdTe (cell)	21.0 ± 0.4	1.0623 (ap)	0.8759	30.25 ^d	79.4	Newport (8/14)	First Solar, on glass [12]
CZTSSe (cell)	13.45 ± 0.3	1.101 (da)	0.5109	37.90 ^k	69.5	NPVM (4/24)	IoP/CAS [13]
CZTSSe (minimodule)	11.95 ± 0.3	10.47 (da)	0.5073^c	34.82^{c,b}	67.7	NPVM (9/24)	IoP/CAS, 4 cells [13]
CZTS (cell)	10.0 ± 0.2	1.113 (da)	0.7083	21.77 ^h	65.1	NREL (3/17)	UNSW [14]
Amorphous/microcrystalline							
Si (amorphous cell)	10.2 ± 0.3 ^{g,l}	1.001 (da)	0.896	16.36 ^d	69.8	AIST (7/14)	AIST [15]
Si (microcrystalline cell)	11.9 ± 0.3 ^g	1.044 (da)	0.550	29.72 ^h	75.0	AIST (2/17)	AIST [16]
Perovskite							
Perovskite (cell)	25.2 ± 0.8 ^m	1.0347 (da)	1.162	26.39 ^j	82.0	Newport (7/23)	NorthwesternU [17]
Perovskite (minimodule)	23.2 ± 0.5^m	20.25 (da)	1.185^c	24.31^{c,b}	80.5	NPVM (9/24)	NUS/SERIS, 8 cells [18]
Perovskite (submodule)	20.6 ± 0.7^m	215.53 (da)	1.185^c	22.22^{c,b}	78.3	FhG-ISE (4/24)	KRICT/UniTest, 29 cells [19]
Dye sensitized							
Dye (cell)	11.9 ± 0.4 ⁿ	1.005 (da)	0.744	22.47 ^o	71.2	AIST (9/12)	Sharp [20,21]
Dye (minimodule)	10.7 ± 0.4 ⁿ	26.55 (da)	0.754 ^c	20.19 ^{c,p}	69.9	AIST (2/15)	Sharp, 7 serial cells [20,21]

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Classification	Efficiency (%)	Area (cm ²)	V _{oc} (V)	J _{sc} (mA/cm ²)	Fill factor (%)	Test centre (date)	Description
Dye (submodule)	8.8 ± 0.3 ⁿ	398.8 (da)	0.697 ^c	18.42 ^{c,q}	68.7	AIST (9/12)	Sharp, 26 serial cells [20,21]
Organic							
Organic (cell)	15.8 ± 0.3 ^{s,r}	1.064 (da)	0.8513	25.11 ^k	73.9	FhG-ISE (6/23)	Fraunhofer ISE/FMF [22]
Organic (minimodule)	15.7 ± 0.3 ^r	19.31 (da)	0.8771 ^c	24.37 ^{c,j}	73.4	JET (1/23)	ZhejiangU, 7 cells [23]
Organic (submodule)	14.5 ± 0.2 ^r	204.11 (da)	0.8315 ^c	23.32 ^{c,k}	74.6	FhG-ISE (11/23)	FAU/FZI, 38 cells [24]

Abbreviations: (ap) = aperture area, (da) = designated illumination area, (i) = total area, AIST = Japanese National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, a-Si = amorphous silicon/hydrogen alloy, CIGS = CuIn_{1-x}Ga_xSe₂, CZTS = Cu₂ZnSnS₄, CZTSSe = Cu₂ZnSnS_{4-x}Se_x, FhG-ISE = Fraunhofer Institut für Solare Energiesysteme, ISFH = Institute für Solarenergieforschung, JET = Japan Electrical Safety and Environment Technology Laboratories, nc-Si = nanocrystalline or microcrystalline silicon, NPVM = Chinese National Photovoltaic Industry Measurement and Testing Center, NREL = US National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

^aContacting: Front: Unmetallized; Rear: 2x9BB, busbar resistance neglecting (brn) contacting, highly reflective (white) chuck (hrc).

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

^gNot measured at an external laboratory.

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

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

^jSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 62 of these tables.

^kSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 64 of these tables.

^lStabilized by 1000-h exposure to 1 sunlight at 50°C.

^mInitial performance. References [25] and [26] review the stability of similar devices.

ⁿInitial efficiency. Reference [27] reviews the stability of similar devices.

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

^pSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 46 of these tables.

^qSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 43 of these tables.

^rInitial performance. References [28] and [29] review the stability of similar devices.

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 Wm⁻²) 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
Cells (silicon)							
Si	25.0 ± 0.5	4.00 (da)	0.706	42.7 ^a	82.8	Sandia (3/99)	UNSW, p-type PERC [30]
Si	25.8 ± 0.5 ^b	4.008 (da)	0.7241	42.87 ^c	83.1	FhG-ISE (7/17)	FhG-ISE, n-type TOPCon [31]
Si	26.0 ± 0.5 ^b	4.015 (da)	0.7323	42.05 ^d	84.3	FhG-ISE (11/19)	FhG-ISE, p-type TOPCon
Si	26.1 ± 0.3 ^b	3.9857 (da)	0.7266	42.62 ^e	84.3	ISFH (2/18)	ISFH, p-type TBC [32]
Si (large)	24.0 ± 0.3 ^f	244.59 (t)	0.6940	41.58 ^g	83.3	ISFH (7/19)	LONGi, p-type PERC [33]
Si (large)	25.9 ± 0.4^h	350.5 (t)	0.7383	41.70ⁱ	84.1	ISFH (10/24)	TRINA, n-type TOPCon [34]
Si (large)	27.0 ± 0.5^j	350.0 (t)	0.7447	42.32^k	85.8	ISFH (8/24)	LONGi, n-type TBC [4]
Si (large)	26.8 ± 0.4 ^l	274.4 (t)	0.7514	41.45 ^m	86.1	ISFH (10/22)	LONGi, n-type HJT [35]
Si (large)	26.6 ± 0.4 ^l	274.1 (t)	0.7513	41.30 ^m	85.6	ISFH (10/22)	LONGi, p-type HJT [36]
Si (large)	27.3 ± 0.4ⁿ	243.1 (da)	0.7434	42.60^k	86.2	ISFH (12/23)	LONGi, n-type HBC [4]
GaInP	22.0 ± 0.3 ^b	0.2502 (ap)	1.4695	16.63 ^o	90.2	NREL (1/19)	NREL, rear HJ, strained AlInP [37]
Cells (chalcogenide)							
CIGS (thin-film)	23.6 ± 0.4	0.899 (da)	0.7671	38.30 ^p	80.5	FhG-ISE (1/23)	Evolar/UppsalaU [38]
CdTe (thin-film)	23.1 ± 0.3	0.4507 (da)	0.9048	31.66^k	80.6	NREL (5/24)	First Solar [39]
CZTSSe (thin-film)	15.1 ± 0.3	0.2697 (da)	0.5299	38.44 ⁱ	74.0	NPVM (4/24)	IoP/CAS [13]
CZTS (thin-f; >1.5 eV)	13.2 ± 0.3	0.2021 (da)	0.7490	23.40^k	68.9	NPVM (5/24)	UNSW (Cd-free) [40]
Sb₂(S,Se)₃	10.7 ± 0.4	0.0389 (da)	0.6345	24.55^k	68.6	CSIRO (10/24)	UNSW
Cells (other)							
Perovskite (thin-film)	26.7 ± 0.6 ^{q,r}	0.0519 (da)	1.193	26.49 ⁱ	84.5	NPVM (5/24)	USTC [41]
Organic (thin-film)	19.2 ± 0.3 ^s	0.0326 (da)	0.9135	26.61 ^p	79.0	NREL (3/23)	SJTU [42]
Dye sensitized	13.0 ± 0.4 ^t	0.1155 (da)	1.0396	15.55 ^p	80.4	FhG-ISE (10/20)	EPFL [43]

Abbreviations: (ap) = aperture area, (da) = designated illumination area, (t) = total area, AIST = Japanese National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, CIGS = CuIn_{1-y}Ga_ySe₂, CZTS = Cu₂ZnSnS₄, CZTSSe = Cu₂ZnSnS_{4-y}Se_y, 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.

^fContacting: Front: 12BB, resistance neglecting (brn); Rear: fully metallized, full area contacting (fac).

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

^hContacting: 16BB, busbar resistance neglecting (brn); Rear: 16BB, grid resistance neglecting (grn) contacting, full area contacting (fac).

ⁱSpectral response and current–voltage curve reported in Version 64 of these tables.

^jContacting: Front: Unmetallized; Rear: Rear: 2x9BB, busbar resistance neglecting (brn) contacting, highly reflective (white) chuck (hrc).

^kSpectral response and current–voltage curves reported in the present version of these tables.

^lContacting: Front: 12BB, busbar resistance neglecting (brn) contacting; Rear: 12BB, grid resistance neglecting (grn) contacting, highly reflective chuck (hrc).

^mSpectral response and current–voltage curves reported in Version 61 of these tables.

ⁿContacting: Front: Unmetallized; Rear: Rear: 2x6BB, busbar resistance neglecting (brn) contacting, highly reflective (white) chuck (hrc).

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

^pSpectral response and current–voltage curves reported in Version 62 of these tables.

^qStability not investigated. References [25] and [26] document stability of similar devices.

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

^sLong-term stability not investigated. References [28] and [29] document stability of similar devices.

^tLong-term stability not investigated. Reference [27] documents stability of similar devices.

TABLE 3 | Confirmed multiple-junction terrestrial cell and submodule efficiencies measured under the global AM1.5 spectrum (1000W/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
III–V multijunctions							
5 junction cell (bonded) (2.17/1.68/1.40/1.06/0.73 eV)	38.8 ± 1.2	1.021 (ap)	4.767	9.564	85.2	NREL (7/13)	Spectrolab, 2-terminal
InGaP/GaAs/InGaAs	37.9 ± 1.2	1.047 (ap)	3.065	14.27 ^a	86.7	AIST (2/13)	Sharp, 2 term [44].
GaInP/GaAs (monolithic)	32.8 ± 1.4	1.000 (ap)	2.568	14.56 ^b	87.7	NREL (9/17)	LG Electronics, 2 term.
III–V/Si multijunctions							
GaInP/GaInAsP/Si (bonded)	36.1 ± 1.3 ^c	3.987 (ap)	3.309	12.70 ^d	86.0	FhG-ISE (5/23)	FhG-ISE/AMOLF, 2-term [45].
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 [46].
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 [47].
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 [48]
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 [46].
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 [49].
Perov./Si multijunctions							
Perovskite/Si	34.6 ± 1.0^h	1.0044 (da)	1.996	20.71ⁱ	83.6	ESTI (5/24)	LONGi, 2-term [50].
Perovskite/Si (large)	30.1 ± 1.3^h	212.1 (ap)	1.997	19.69ⁱ	76.5	FhG-ISE (5/23)	LONGi, 2-term [50].
Other multijunctions							
Perovskite/CIGS	24.2 ± 0.7 ^h	1.045 (da)	1.768	19.24 ^f	72.9	FhG-ISE (1/20)	HZB, 2-terminal [51]
Perovskite/perovskite	28.2 ± 0.5 ^h	1.038 (da)	2.159	16.59 ^j	78.9	JET (12/22)	NanjingU/Renshine, 2-term [52].
Perovskite/perovskite (minimodule)	24.8 ± 0.6^h	64.98 (da)	2.134	15.32ⁱ	75.9	JET (12/23)	NanjingU/Renshine, 14 cells [53]
a-Si/nc-Si/nc-Si (thin-film)	14.0 ± 0.4 ^{c,k}	1.045 (da)	1.922	9.94 ^l	73.4	AIST (5/16)	AIST, 2-term [54].
a-Si/nc-Si (thin-film cell)	12.7 ± 0.4 ^{c,k}	1.000 (da)	1.342	13.45 ^m	70.2	AIST (10/14)	AIST, 2-term [55].
‘Notable exceptions’							
GaInP/GaAs (mqw)	32.9 ± 0.5 ^c	0.250 (ap)	2.500	15.36 ⁿ	85.7	NREL (1/20)	NREL/UNSW, multiple QW
GaInP/GaAs/GaInAs	37.8 ± 1.4	0.998 (ap)	3.013	14.60 ⁿ	85.8	NREL (1/18)	Microlink (ELO) [56]
GaInP/GaAs (mqw)/GaInAs	39.5 ± 0.5 ^c	0.242 (ap)	2.997	15.44 ^o	85.3	NREL (9/21)	NREL, multiple QW

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TABLE 3 | (Continued)

Classification	Efficiency (%)	Area (cm ²)	V _{oc} (V)	J _{sc} (mA/cm ²)	Fill factor (%)	Test centre (date)	Description
6 junction (monolithic) (2.19/1.76/1.45/1.19/0.97/1.7 eV)	39.2 ± 3.2 ^c	0.247 (ap)	5.549	8.457 ^p	83.5	NREL (11/18)	NREL, inv. metamorphic [57]
GaInP/AlGaAs/CIGS	28.1 ± 1.2 ^c	0.1386 (da)	2.952	11.72 ^q	81.1	AIST (1/21)	AIST/FhG-ISE, 2-term [58].
Perovskite/perovskite	30.1 ± 0.8 ^h	0.0493 (da)	2.20	16.72 ^r	81.8	JET (10/23)	NanjingU/Renshine, 2-term [52].
Perovskite/organic	25.1 ± 0.8^h	0.0347 (da)	2.159	14.38ⁱ	80.8	JET (5/24)	HarvSolar/CityU-HK, 2-term [59].

Abbreviations: (ap) = aperture area, (da) = designated illumination area, (i) = total area, AIST = Japanese National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, a-Si = amorphous silicon/hydrogen alloy, ESTI = European Solar Test Installation, FhG-ISE = Fraunhofer Institut für Solare Energiesysteme, JET = Japan Electrical Safety and Environment Technology Laboratories, nc-Si = nanocrystalline or microcrystalline silicon, NREL = US National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

^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 curves 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 [25] and [26] review the stability of similar perovskite-based devices.

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

^jSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 63 of these tables.

^kStabilized by 1000-h exposure to 1 sunlight at 50°C.

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

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

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

^oSpectral response and current-voltage curves reported in Version 59 of these tables.

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

^qSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 58 of these tables.

^rSpectral response and current-voltage curve reported in Version 64 of these tables.

TABLE 4 | Confirmed nonconcentrating 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)	25.4 ± 0.3	18,342 (da)	40.30	13.873^a	83.4	NREL (7/24)	LONGi [4]
GaAs (thin-film)	25.1 ± 0.8	866.45 (ap)	11.08	2.303 ^b	85.3	FhG-ISE (11/17)	Alta Devices [60]
CIGS (Cd-free)	19.2 ± 0.5	841 (ap)	48.0	0.456 ^c	73.7	AIST (1/17)	Solar Frontier (70 cells) [61]
CdTe (thin-film)	19.9 ± 0.3	23,932 (da)	231.5	2.675 ^a	77.1	NREL (6/23)	First Solar [62]
Perovskite	19.2 ± 0.4 ^d	1027 (da)	59.4	0.4307 ^a	77.1	NREL (12/23)	SolaEon [63]
Organic	13.1 ± 0.3 ^e	1475 (da)	48.10	0.6015 ^f	67.0	NREL (5/23)	Waystech/ Nanobit [64]
Multijunction							
InGaP/GaAs/ InGaAs	32.65 ± 0.7	965 (da)	24.30	1.520 ^g	85.3	AIST (2/22)	Sharp (40 cells; 8 series) [65]
Perovskite/Si	26.9 ± 1.0^d	16,023 (da)	56.18	9.456	81.1	FhG-ISE (6/24)	Oxford PV [66]
a-Si/nc-Si (tandem)	12.3 ± 0.3 ^h	14,322 (t)	280.1	0.902 ⁱ	69.9	ESTI (9/14)	TEL Solar, Trubbach Labs [67]
'Notable Exceptions'							
CIGS (large)	18.6 ± 0.6	10,858 (ap)	58.00	4.545 ^j	76.8	FhG-ISE (10/19)	Miasole [68]
InGaP/GaAs//Si	33.7 ± 0.7	775 (da)	20.3/2.83	1.25/1.93 ^f	86.5/78.0	AIST (2/23)	Sharp/Toyota TI, 4-term [69].
InGaP/GaAs// CIGS	31.2 ± 0.7	778 (ap)	20.3/16.9	1.24/.26 ^f	85.7/59.8	AIST (2/23)	Sharp/Idemitsu, 4-term [69].
Perovskite (large)	17.2 ± 0.5^d	7200 (t)	103.5	1.579^a	75.6	NREL (8/24)	Renshine [70]

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 the present version of these tables.

^bSpectral response and current–voltage curve reported in Version 51 of these tables.

^cSpectral response and current–voltage curve reported in Version 50 of these tables.

^dInitial performance. References [25] and [26] review the stability of similar devices.

^eInitial performance. References [28] and [29] review the stability of similar devices.

^fSpectral response and current voltage curve reported Version 62 of these tables.

^gSpectral response and current–voltage curve reported in Version 60 of these tables.

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

ⁱSpectral response and/or current–voltage curve reported in Version 46 of these tables.

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

Table 2 contains what might be described as ‘notable exceptions’ for ‘one-sun’ single-junction cells and submodules in the above category. Although not conforming to the requirements to be recognized 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 15 entries with the present authors having voted for their preferences for inclusion. Readers who have suggestions for 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 summarizes 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-junction, 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.

2 | New Results

Seventeen new results are reported in the present version of these tables. The first is the very first entry reported in Table 1

(‘one-sun cells and submodules’). An efficiency of 27.4% is reported for a large-area (166cm²; half-cut M10 wafer) n-type silicon hybrid interdigitated-back-contact (HTBC) cell, with rear heterojunction (HJT) p-type contacts and rear TOPCon n-type contacts, fabricated by LONGi Solar [4] and measured by the Institute für Solarenergieforschung (ISFH). The cell, establishing a new outright record for silicon, has both polarity contacts on the rear surface, as already noted, restricting loss by the absence of contacts on the front illuminated surface.

The second new result is 11.95% efficiency for a 10cm² Cu₂ZnSnS_ySe_{4-y} (CZTSSe) shingled minimodule fabricated by the Institute of Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences (IoP/CAS) [13] and measured by the Chinese National Photovoltaic Industry Measurement and Testing Center (NPVM). A third new result is 23.2% efficiency for a small area (20-cm²) lead halide perovskite minimodule consisting of eight cells connected in series, with the minimodule fabricated by the National University of Singapore (NUS) in conjunction with the Solar Energy Research Institute of Singapore (SERIS) [18] and again measured by NPVM. The final new result in table is a new record of 20.6% for a much larger 216-cm² lead halide perovskite submodule [19] consisting of 29 serially connected cells, fabricated by the

Korea Research Institute of Chemical Technology (KRICT) in conjunction with and Korean semiconductor equipment maker UniTest and measured by the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems (FhG-ISE).

Six new results are also reported in Table 2 (one-sun ‘notable exceptions’). The first is an efficiency of 25.9% for a very large area (350.5cm², the largest in these tables), silicon n-type TOPCon (tunnel oxide passivated contact) cell fabricated by Trina Solar and measured by ISFH. The second is an efficiency of 27.0% for a similarly large area (350cm²) silicon n-type TOPCon interdigitated back contact (TBC) cell [34] fabricated by LONGi Solar and measured by ISFH. The third is the movement of the result for the 27.3% efficient, large-area n-type silicon cell also fabricated by LONGi Solar in 2023 from Table 1 to Table 2, notable as it is the most efficient, all-HJT interdigitated back contact (HBC) solar cell.

The next two results involve small area (< 1-cm²) chalcogenide thin-film solar cells. The first is an increase in efficiency to 23.1% for a small area (0.45-cm²) CdTe-based cell fabricated by First Solar [39] and measured by NREL, improving on the 22.6% result first reported in the previous version of these tables [1]. The second new chalcogenide result is for a nominally pure-sulfide CZTS solar cell with efficiency increased to 13.2%

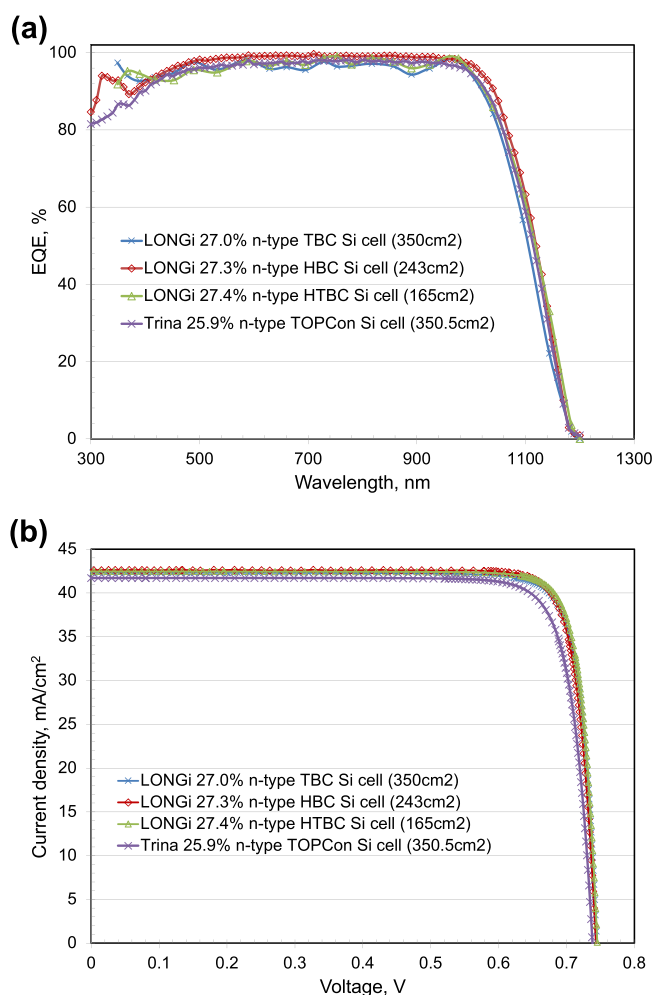


FIGURE 1 | (a) External quantum efficiency (EQE) for the new silicon cell results reported in this issue (some curves are normalized). (b) Corresponding current density–voltage (JV) curves.

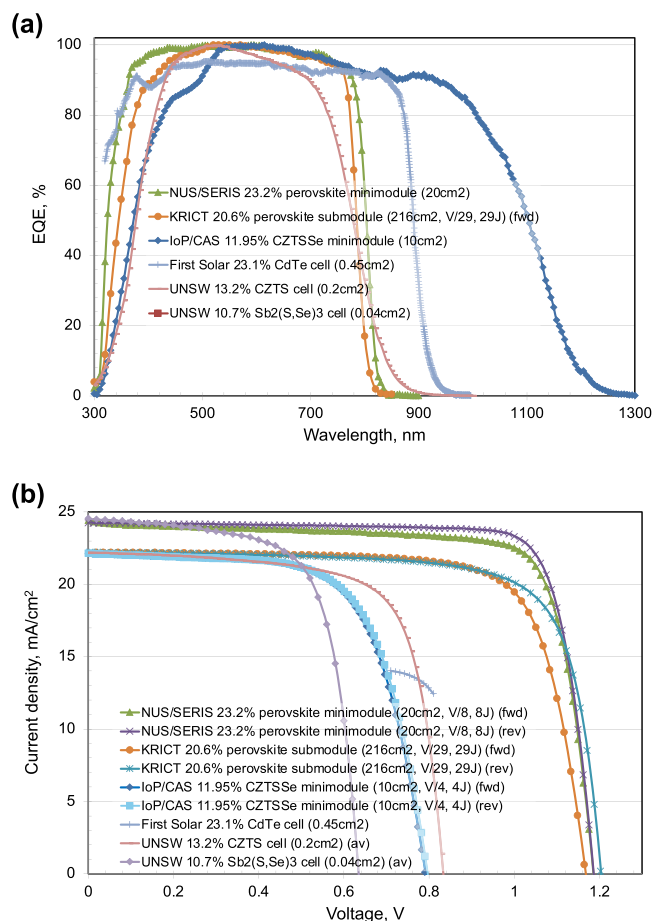


FIGURE 2 | (a) External quantum efficiency (EQE) for new thin-film cell, minimodule and submodule results reported in this issue (some curves are normalized). (b) Corresponding current density–voltage (JV) curves.

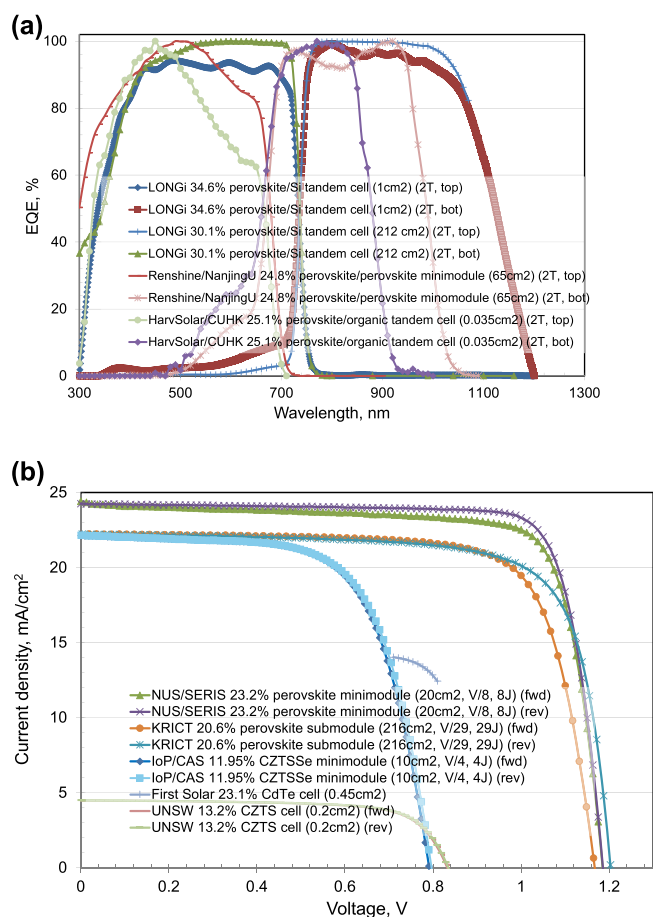


FIGURE 3 | (a) External quantum efficiency (EQE) for new 2-terminal double-junction cell and minimodule results reported in this issue (results are normalized). (b) Corresponding current density-voltage (JV) curves.

for a small-area (0.2-cm^2) cell fabricated by the University of New South Wales (UNSW), Sydney, and measured at NPVM. Because various alloying agents can reduce the bandgap (E_g) of this material, leading to an efficiency increase, future entries will be restricted to $E_g > 1.5\text{eV}$, as determined from the maximum slope of the EQE curve. The final new result in Table 2 creates a new chalcogenide category, with over 10% efficiency confirmed for an antimony sulphide selenide cell. An efficiency of 10.7% was measured for a 0.04-cm^2 $\text{Sb}_2(\text{S},\text{Se})_3$ cell fabricated at the University of New South Wales, Sydney (UNSW), and measured by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO). For these last three results, cell area is too small for classification as an outright record, with solar cell efficiency targets in governmental research programs generally specified in terms of a cell area of 1 cm^2 or larger [88–90].

There are also four new results reported in Table 3 describing results for one-sun, multijunction devices—all involving perovskites in tandem cells. An efficiency of 34.6% is reported for a 1 cm^2 , 2-terminal, silicon/perovskite tandem cell fabricated by LONGi Central R&D Institute and measured at the European Solar Test Installation (ESTI) at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre, Ispra, beating out LONGi's earlier 34.2% result. The second is an efficiency of 30.1% for a much larger

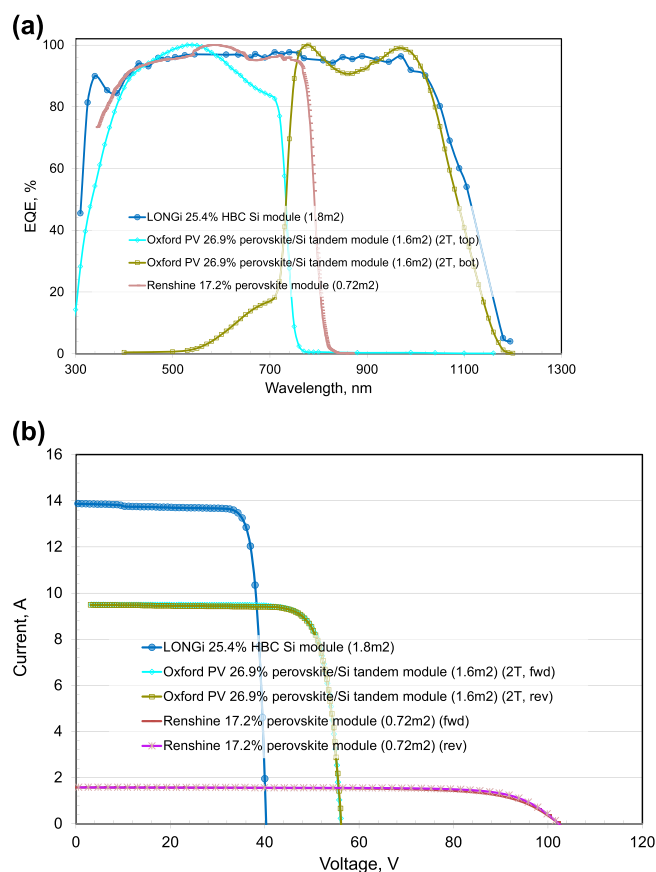


FIGURE 4 | (a) External quantum efficiency (EQE) for the new module results reported in this issue. (b) Corresponding current density-voltage (JV) curves.

area (212-cm^2), 2-terminal, silicon/perovskite tandem cell again fabricated by LONGi and measured by FhG-ISE.

The third new result in Table 3 is 24.8% efficiency for a 65-cm^2 , perovskite/perovskite tandem cell minimodule fabricated by Nanjing University and Renshine Solar (Suzhou) Co., Ltd. and measured by the Japan Electrical Safety and Environment Technology Laboratories (JET). The final new result in this table as a 'notable exception' is 25.1% for a very small area (0.035-cm^2) perovskite/organic 2-terminal tandem cell again fabricated by HarvSolar and the City University of Hong Kong (CityU-HK) and again measured by JET.

There are three new results reported in Table 4 (one-sun modules) involving a range of commercially sized silicon and perovskite technologies. The first is a new efficiency level of 25.4% reported for a 1.8-m^2 silicon module [60] fabricated by LONGi and measured by NREL. The second result is a new record of 26.9% efficiency for a 1.6-m^2 silicon/perovskite tandem cell module fabricated by Oxford PV and measured by FhG-ISE. The third is an improvement to 17.2% efficiency for a 0.72-m^2 perovskite thin-film module [64] fabricated by Renshine and again measured by NREL.

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 several of the new thin-film cell, minimodule and sub-module results. Figure 3a,b shows these for the new 2-terminal double-junction tandem cell and minimodule results, whereas Figure 4a,b shows these for the new module results.

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