

Incident Photon to Charge Carrier Efficiency of Solar Cells

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Quantum Yield} &= \frac{\# \text{ of carriers, } n}{\# \text{ of photons, } N} \\ \phi &= \frac{en}{eN} = \frac{en/s}{eN/s} = \frac{I(\text{amp})}{eN/s} \\ \phi &= \frac{I(\text{amp})/cm^2}{\frac{eN}{s}/cm^2} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Incident Power:

$$\begin{aligned} P &= Nh\nu \\ P \left(\frac{\text{Watt}}{cm^2} \text{ or } \frac{\text{Joules}}{sec \text{ cm}^2} \right) &= Nh \frac{c}{\lambda} \\ P \left(\frac{J}{s \text{ cm}^2} \right) &= \left(\frac{N}{s \text{ cm}^2} \right) (6.62 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}) \times \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{\lambda(\text{nm}) \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}} \\ \frac{N}{s \text{ cm}^2} &= \frac{P \left(\frac{J}{s \text{ cm}^2} \text{ or } \frac{W}{cm^2} \right) \times \lambda(\text{nm})}{(6.62 \times 10^{-17}) \times 3} \\ \frac{N}{s \text{ cm}^2} &= \frac{\text{Power} \left(\frac{W}{cm^2} \right) \times \lambda(\text{nm}) \times 10^{17}}{19.86} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Substituting the value of $\frac{N}{s \text{ cm}^2}$ in eq. (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= \frac{I_{sc}(\text{amp}/cm^2) \times 19.86}{e \times P(\text{Watt}/cm^2) \times \lambda(\text{nm}) \times 10^{17}} \\ &= \frac{I_{sc}(\text{amp}/cm^2) \times 19.86}{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times P(\text{Watt}/cm^2) \times \lambda(\text{nm}) \times 10^{17}} \\ &= \frac{I_{sc}(\text{amp}/cm^2) \times 19.86}{P(\text{Watt}/cm^2) \times \lambda(\text{nm}) \times 1.6 \times 10^{-2}} \\ &= \frac{I_{sc}(\text{amp}/cm^2)}{P(\text{Watt}/cm^2)} \times \frac{1240}{\lambda(\text{nm})} \\ \phi\% &= IPCE\% = \frac{I_{sc}(\text{amp}/cm^2)}{P(\text{Watt}/cm^2)} \times \frac{1240}{\lambda(\text{nm})} \times 100 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

If the area of incident light is same for electrode and diode:

$$\boxed{IPCE\% = \frac{I_{sc}(A)}{P(W)} \times \frac{1240}{\lambda(\text{nm})} \times 100}$$