

The principle of solar container balance

What is the principle of detailed balance?

The principle of detailed balance was used in 1960 to derive a thermodynamic limit for energy conversion efficiency of semiconductor junction photovoltaic cells. Absorption and emission of photons must be balanced, the cell being a black body.

Why do solar cells have more efficiencies than other materials?

Two distinctly different classes of materials arise: ones with mostly radiative recombination come closer to the maximal carrier lifetime, thus display higher solar cell efficiencies than materials with indirect gaps, where the majority of the photo-generated carriers are lost via entropy-enhancing non-radiative processes.

Can nano-structures be useful in solar cells?

The currently most fashionable nano-structures have, however, been suggested to eventually be helpful: "quantum - well solar cells could have efficiencies of more than 30%". We shall see in the future if this bold assertion of hope can in fact be realized.

A generalized solar cell model for excitonic and classical bipolar solar cells describes the combined transport and interaction of electrons, holes, and excitons in accordance with the ...

The principle of detailed balance connects any physical action with its inverse process in any physical system close to equilibrium. For the case of solar cells the maximum thermodynamically possible ...

SOLEY implements a detailed balance approach for device modelling, which conceptualizes the solar cell operation as a balance between generation currents and various recombination loss mechanisms.

We show how reciprocity relations between carrier collection and dark carrier injection, between electroluminescence emission and photovoltaic quantum efficiency and between open ...

The present chapter uses the principle of detailed balance to derive the classical Shockley and Queisser (SQ)-theory.

In Section 2, we give a brief design scheme of the solar radiation. Section 3 introduces the principle of the solar radiation to generate the control force. In Section 4, we investigate the heat ...

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It is shown that a recently described general relationship between the local collection efficiency of solar cells and the dark carrier concentration (reciprocity theorem) directly follows from ...

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The present paper uses the basic concept behind the SQ theory--the principle of detailed balance--to develop a gen-eralized model of solar cells, considering both excitons and free charge carriers as ...

This detailed balance principle has been of special importance for photovoltaics, since it allows the calculation of the limiting efficiency of a given solar cell by defining the only fundamental loss process ...

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