

Which radiation does not produce electricity from a solar cell?

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Why do photovoltaic cells respond better to light?

The shorter the wavelength of incident light, the higher the frequency of the light and the more energy possessed by ejected electrons. In the same way, photovoltaic cells are sensitive to wavelength and respond better to sunlight in some parts of the spectrum than others.

What factors affect solar cell efficiency?

In short, PV cells are sensitive to light from the entire spectrum as long as the wavelength is above the band gap of the material used for the cell, but extremely short wavelength light is wasted. This is one of the factors that affects solar cell efficiency. Another is the thickness of the semiconducting material.

How does a solar array work?

Rays entering one lens in the upper array layer are redirected and spread over a cluster of lenses in the second layer that subsequently redirects the rays within the solar cell to be close to angles that promote light trapping.

Are photovoltaic cells sensitive to sunlight?

Photovoltaic cells are sensitive to incident sunlight with a wavelength above the band gap wavelength of the semiconducting material used to manufacture them. Most cells are made from silicon. The solar cell wavelength for silicon is 1,110 nanometers. That's in the near infrared part of the spectrum.

What is the wavelength of a solar cell?

$w = h c E = 1,110 \text{ nanometers} = 1.11 \times 10^{-6} \text{ meters}$ The wavelengths of visible light occur between 400 and 700 nm, so the bandwidth wavelength for silicon solar cells is in the very near infrared range. Any radiation with a longer wavelength, such as microwaves and radio waves, lacks the energy to produce electricity from a solar cell.

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Hence, solar energy has become increasingly important to produce energy [30], [31]. Solar cells, as depicted in Fig. 2, encompass three main categories: inorganic, organic, and organic-inorganic hybrid [32], [33]. Over the past decade, novel solar cell concepts have emerged, including dye-sensitized cells (DSC), quantum dots, inorganic cells (CZTSSe), and ...

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