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Supplementary Information

Investigations Aimed at Producing 33% Efficient Perovskite-Silicon Tandem Solar Cell Through Device Simulations

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1. Table S1

 Table S1. The listed materials are used for the simulation of the device, and all the data related to its electrical and optical property is taken from already published papers ¹⁻¹⁵.

Properties	Top Cell				Bottom Cell					
	TL1	TL2	TL3	TL4	TL5	BL1	BL2	BL3	BL4	BL5
Bandgap	3.5	3.6	1.7	1.68	3.3	3.5	1.4	1.74	1.12	1.74
(eV)										
Electron	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	2.8	4.6	3.94	3.8	4.05	3.80
affinity										
(eV)										
Dielectric	10	9	6	10	10	8.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9
Constant										
CB	1×10 ¹⁹	2.2×10^{19}	1×10 ¹⁹	1×10^{19}	1×10^{19}	2.2×10^{19}	2.8×10^{19}	1×10^{20}	2.8×10^{19}	1×10^{20}
effective										
density										
(/cm ³)	1 1010	1.0.1010	1 1010	1 1010	1 1010	1.0.1010	1 4 1010	1 1 0 20	1.0.4.1.010	1 1 0 20
	1×1019	1.8×10 ¹⁹	1×1019	1×1019	1×1019	1.8×10 ¹⁹	1.4×10^{19}	1×10 ²⁰	1.04×10^{19}	1×10 ²⁰
effective										
density										
(/cm ^e)	1×10-2	1×102	5×101	2×101	6×100	10	1.4×103	2×101	1.4×103	2×101
mobility	1^10-	1^10-	3^10	2~10*	0^10*	10	1.4^10*	2^10	1.4^10	2^10
(om^2/V_s)										
Hole	1×10-3	2.5×101	5×10 ¹	2	2.4×10^{1}	10	4.5×10^{2}	5	4.5×10^{2}	5
mobility	1/10	2.3~10	5/10	2	2.7~10	10	H .J^10		4.5~10	
(cm^2/Vs)										
N_D (/cm ³)	1×10 ¹⁸	1×10 ¹⁸	1×10 ¹⁸	1×10 ¹⁶	0	1×10 ¹⁹	1×10 ²⁰	1×10 ⁶	5×10 ¹⁶	1×10 ⁶
N _A (/cm ³)	0	0	0	0	1×10 ¹⁸	0	0	1×10 ⁶	0	1×10 ²⁰
TL1, TL2, TL3, TL4 and TL5 are IZO, SnO ₂ , C ₆₀ , perovskite and Me-4PACz, respectively.										
BL1, BL2, BL3, BL4 are BL5 are ITO, n-nc-SiO _x , i-a-Si:H, n-c-Si and p-a-Si:H, respectively.										

2. Table S2

Properties	Top cell i	nterface de	fects		Bottom cell interface defects			
	IZO /	SnO2 /	C60 /	perovskite/	i-a-Si:H/ n-	n-c-Si /	i-a-Si:H/	p-a-Si:H
	SnO2	C60	perovskite	Me-4PACz	nc-SiO _x	i-a-Si:H	n-c-Si	/i-a-Si:H
Defect type	neutral	neutral	neutral	neutral	neutral	neutral	neutral	neutral
Capture cross	1×10-19	1×10-19	1×10-19	1×10-19	1×10-15	1×10-15	1×10-19	1×10-19
section								
electrons(cm ²)								
Capture cross	1×10 ⁻¹⁹	1×10 ⁻¹⁹	1×10 ⁻¹⁹	1×10 ⁻¹⁹	1×10 ⁻¹⁵	1×10 ⁻¹⁵	1×10 ⁻¹⁹	1×10 ⁻¹⁹
section holes (cm ²)								
Energetic	single	single	single	single	single	single	single	single
distribution								
Reference for defect	Above	Above	Above the	Above the	Above the	Above	Above	Above
energy level Et	the	the	highest E _v	highest E _v	highest E _v	the	the	the
	highest	highest				highest	highest E _v	highest
	Ev	Ev				Ev		Ev
Energy level w.r.t.	.600	.600	.600	.600	.600	.600	.600	.600
reference (eV)								
Total density (1/cm ²)	1×101	1×101	1×101	1×10 ¹	1×10 ¹	1×10 ¹	1×10^{1}	1×101

Table S2. Details of interface defect parameters used during simulations.

3. Table S3

Table S3. Details of bulk defects parameters considered in intrinsic and p-type a-Si:H layers.

i-a-Si:H	p-a-Si:H
Defect 1	Defect 1
charge type: amphoteric: [+/0, 0/-]	charge type: amphoteric: [+/0, 0/-]
total density (1/cm3): Uniform 8.000e+16	total density (1/cm3): Uniform 8.000e+14
grading Nt(y): uniform	grading Nt(y): uniform
energy distribution: Gauss; $Et = [0.70; 0.50] eV below E_C;$	energy distribution: gauss; $Et = [0.70; 0.50] eV$ below EC;
Ekar = 0.29 eV	Ekar = 0.29 eV
Defect 2	Defect 2
charge type: acceptor: [0/-]	charge type: acceptor: [0/-]
total density (1/cm3): Uniform 1.000e+16	total density (1/cm3): Uniform 1.000e+15
grading Nt(y): uniform	grading Nt(y): uniform
energy distribution: CB tail; $Et = 0.01 \text{ eV}$ below E_C ; Ekar	energy distribution: CB tail; Et = 0.01 eV below EC; Ekar =
= 0.10 eV	0.10 eV
Defect 3	Defect 3
charge type: donor: [+/0]	charge type: donor: [+/0]
total density (1/cm3): Uniform 1.000e+16	total density (1/cm3): Uniform 1.000e+16
grading Nt(y): uniform	grading Nt(y): uniform
energy distribution: VB tail; Et = 0.01 eV above EV; Ekar	energy distribution: VB tail; Et = 0.01 eV above EV; Ekar =
= 0.10 eV	0.10 eV

4. Spectrum files utilised for the tandem simulation



Fig. S1 Spectrum files used during tandem simulation.

5. Script to calculate tandem J-V curve.

// SCAPS script

clear all // take a clean start

load definitionfile 08062021_Nikhil 1new.def // or your def file of the top cell (need to be in the scaps/def folder) action spectrumfile AM1_5G.spe // load the standard AM 1.5G spectrum set layer4.thickness 0.336 // locate the layer number for the active absorber layer and set the thickness calculate singleshot // top cell simulation under AM1.5 G spectrum get iv xy // for top cell: V is stored in xvector, I in yvector get characteristics.jsc yvalue // jsc is stored in yvalue set scriptvariable.yvalue yvector[0] // the first calculated J value is in yvalue math scalarabs yy // the first calculated |J| value is in yvalue // show scriptvariables

load definitionfile 08062021_HIT_for_Bottom_Nikhil.def // or your def file of the bottom cell (need to be in the scaps/def folder) action spectrumfile Filtered_by_336nm_Pero.spe // load the filtered spectrum by the top cell set layer3.thickness 150 // locate the layer number for the active absorber layer and set the thickness calculate singleshot // bottom cell simulation under filtered spectrum get iv zu // for bottom cell: V is stored in uvector, I in zvector get characteristics.jsc uvalue // jsc is stored in uvalue

set scriptvariable.vvalue 0.002 // start varying Jtandem from Jsc(top) + this increment (in mA/cm2) (should be > 0, not <= 0) math scalarsubtract vvy // starting value for Jtandem set scriptvariable.wvalue 0 // stop value for Jtandem math filllinear vvector vvalue wvalue 100 // fill vvector = Jtandem with (here) 100 values from start to stop // set length of v and w vectors set scriptvariable.maxiteration nv set scriptvariable.nw nv math fillconstant w 0 nw // show scriptvariables // start the loop: vary Jtandem

loop start // find the voltage of the top cell at this Jtandem (by interpolation); set it in xvalue set scriptvariable.yvalue vvector[loopcounter] math interpolate xXyY // find the voltage of the bottom cell at this Jtandem (by interpolation); set it in zvalue set scriptvariable.uvalue vvector[loopcounter] math interpolate zZuU // do the series connection: add the voltages of top and bottom cell and place the result in xvalue math scalaradd xxz set scriptvariable.wvector[loopcounter] xvalue // and set this xvalue in wvector loop stop

// set suitable names the vectors, and plot them
set scriptvariable.xname Vtop (V)
set scriptvariable.yname Jtop (mA/cm2)
set scriptvariable.uname Jbottom (V)
set scriptvariable.wname Vtandem (V)
set scriptvariable.vname Jtandem (mA/cm2)
show scriptvariables
plot draw wv // the tandem cell I-V
plot draw xy // the top cell I-V
plot draw xu // the bottom cell I-V

// extracting the efficiency parameters of the tandem, and place themin the scalars xvalue, yvalue,... wvalue
math characteristics.voc xwv
math characteristics.jsc ywv
math characteristics.eta uwv
math characteristics.vmpp vwv
math characteristics.jmpp wwv
show scriptvariables

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