

PHYS-609

Modern photovoltaic technologies

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Advanced Manufacturing		Opt.
Photonics		Opt.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	2
Session	
Exam	Oral presentation
Workload	60h
Hours	27
Courses	18
Exercises	9
Number of positions	

Frequency

Every year

Remark

Block course June 1 to 5, 2026

Summary

A link between the fundamental physics, device operation and technological development of various solar cell technologies. Learning about all modern photovoltaic technologies incl. industrially relevant wafer based silicon, thin film chalcogenide, III-V, multijunction, organic and hybrid solar cells.

Content

Day 1

- 1.1 Introduction, solar cell basics and operation, current of solar cell technologies
- 1.2 CIGS & CdTe solar cells
- 1.3 III-V solar cells

Day 2

- 2.1 Organic semiconductors - molecular orbitals and photoinduced processes
- 2.2. Organic and Dye-sensitized solar cells
- 2.3. Perovskite and Hybrid solar cells

Day 3

- 3.1. Crystalline Si: wafer-based solar cells
- 3.2. Junction formation and processing
- 3.3. Advanced silicon solar cell designs

Keywords

photovoltaics, inorganic semiconductors, organic semiconductors, optics, light management

Learning Prerequisites**Recommended courses**

Basic physics, basic chemistry, introduction to quantum mechanics

Teaching methods

Three days teaching (ex-cathedra with short questions)

Expected student activities

One day to work on individual exercises and to prepare a 10 min presentation

Assessment methods

Presentaion of the assignment on the last day

Resources

Moodle Link

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