

Solar Cells Reporting Summary

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► Experimental design

Please check the following details are reported in the manuscript, and provide a brief description or explanation where applicable.

1. Dimensions

Area of the tested solar cells	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">0.025 cm⁻² and 0.08 cm⁻² for small cells. 49.5 cm⁻² for modules</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; margin-top: 2px;"><i>Explain why this information is not reported/not relevant.</i></div>
Method used to determine the device area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">The area of small cells were defined by optical aperture and the area of module was defined by measured active area (9.9 cm⁻² x 5 cells). Further details are available in the Characterisation Methods.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; margin-top: 2px;"><i>Explain why this information is not reported/not relevant.</i></div>

2. Current-voltage characterization

Current density-voltage (J-V) plots in both forward and backward direction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">Characterisation Methods section</div>
Voltage scan conditions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">-0.2 V to 1.2 V with 20 mV step for cells (~250 mV sec⁻¹) and -0.2 V to 5 V with 200 mV step (~1 V sec⁻¹) for modules</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; margin-top: 2px;"><i>Explain why this information is not reported/not relevant.</i></div>
Test environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">Ambient condition without temperature control for all testings except the data for Fig 4c-g that was tested in a nitrogen-filled box.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; margin-top: 2px;"><i>Explain why this information is not reported/not relevant.</i></div>
Protocol for preconditioning of the device before its characterization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">Devices were measured as soon as prepared or kept in a dry box a day or two before the first measurement.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; margin-top: 2px;"><i>Explain why this information is not reported/not relevant.</i></div>
Stability of the J-V characteristic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">Maximum power point tracking was performed and the result is shown in Fig. S6d. The cell showed somewhat slow response with increased</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; margin-top: 2px;"><i>Explain why this information is not reported/not relevant.</i></div>

3. Hysteresis or any other unusual behaviour

Description of the unusual behaviour observed during the characterization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">The perovskite cells and modules showed some hysteresis behavior.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; margin-top: 2px;"><i>Explain why this information is not reported/not relevant.</i></div>
Related experimental data	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">Fig. 4b, Fig. 4g, Fig 5d and Fig. S6</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; margin-top: 2px;"><i>Explain why this information is not reported/not relevant.</i></div>

4. Efficiency

External quantum efficiency (EQE) or incident photons to current efficiency (IPCE)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">A commercial IPCE setup (Peccel S20, DC mode) was used</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; margin-top: 2px;"><i>Explain why this information is not reported/not relevant.</i></div>
A comparison between the integrated response under the standard reference spectrum and the response measure under the simulator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">Main text describing Fig. 4</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; margin-top: 2px;"><i>Explain why this information is not reported/not relevant.</i></div>

For tandem solar cells, the bias illumination and bias voltage used for each subcell	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<i>Provide a description of the measurement conditions.</i> N/A
5. Calibration		
Light source and reference cell or sensor used for the characterization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Enlitech SS-F5-3A AAA+ solar simulator for small cells and Newport Oriel 1 KW solar simulator for modules. A Si reference cell with KG-1 filter provided by Enlitech was used. <i>Explain why this information is not reported/not relevant.</i>
Confirmation that the reference cell was calibrated and certified	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	The reference was calibrated and certified by the supplier Enlitech. <i>Explain why this information is not reported/not relevant.</i>
Calculation of spectral mismatch between the reference cell and the devices under test	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	spectral mismatch factor with carbon-based cells was 0.92 (i.e. underestimation) but measured current densities without correction using the mismatch factor are reported. <i>Explain why this information is not reported/not relevant.</i>
6. Mask/aperture		
Size of the mask/aperture used during testing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	0.025 cm ⁻² (circular hole with 1.8 mm diameter) <i>Explain why this information is not reported/not relevant.</i>
Variation of the measured short-circuit current density with the mask/aperture area	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<i>Report the difference in the short-circuit current density values measured with the mask and aperture area.</i> The design of cells and modules allowed only one way or another. No comparison could be done.
7. Performance certification		
Identity of the independent certification laboratory that confirmed the photovoltaic performance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<i>Identify the independent certification laboratory.</i> We are currently in the process of developing an encapsulation technique specifically tailored for flexible PeSC modules. As a result, we are unable to send the modules to external organizations for testing at this time. The small cells utilised in our study possess a unique design that necessitates specialized automated testing. Conducting tests on these cells by a third party would require significant modifications to the layout and process.
A copy of any certificate(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<i>Certificate copies should be provided in the Supplementary information. Please state the supplementary item number.</i> N/A
8. Statistics		
Number of solar cells tested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Figure captions and main text for Fig 3 and Fig 4 <i>Explain why this information is not reported/not relevant.</i>
Statistical analysis of the device performance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Figure captions and main text for Fig 3 and Fig 4 <i>Explain why this information is not reported/not relevant.</i>
9. Long-term stability analysis		
Type of analysis, bias conditions and environmental conditions	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<i>Provide a description of the type of analysis, bias conditions and environmental conditions (e.g. illumination type, temperature, atmosphere humidity, encapsulation method, preconditioning temperature, bias) for each long-term stability analysis carried out; see ref. 7 and 8 for details.</i> The encapsulation technique for the flexible PeSC modules is being developed. The stability testing would be done in the future.

