Photovoltaic cell with tail

AI Overview

Urbach tails in photovoltaic cells are exponential sub-bandgap states that act as traps, influencing recombination and reducing the open-circuit voltage and overall efficiency.What Are Urbach Tails?Urbach tails are exponentially decaying densities of states (DOS) that extend from the conduction or valence band into the bandgap of a semiconductor. They arise due to structural disorder, thermal vibrations, or static disorder in the material, creating localized states that can trap charge carriers . These tail states are present in a wide range of PV materials, including thin-film CIGSe, perovskites, and organic solar cells .Effects on Photovoltaic PerformanceCarrier Recombination: Tail states act as trap sites, capturing electrons or holes and facilitating trap-assisted recombination, which reduces the number of free carriers available for current generation .Voltage Loss: The presence of Urbach tails limits the splitting of quasi-Fermi levels, leading to a reduction in the open-circuit voltage (Voc). The voltage deficit increases with higher Urbach energy (EU), which quantifies the tail's width .Efficiency Impact: While the sub-bandgap absorption contributes minimally to photocurrent, the recombination through tail states can significantly reduce the power conversion efficiency (PCE), especially in high-bandgap or disordered materials .Measurement and CharacterizationUrbach tails are typically characterized using techniques such as:Temperature-dependent quantum efficiency spectra to extract EU .Photoluminescence (PL) and photothermal deflection spectroscopy (PDS) to probe sub-bandgap absorption and tail states .Transient photocapacitance and photocurrent measurements in thin-film solar cells to study carrier trapping and recombination dynamics .Mitigation StrategiesMaterial Optimization: Reducing structural disorder and defects through careful synthesis or annealing can narrow the Urbach tail .Bandgap Engineering: Adjusting composition (e.g., Ga content in CIGSe) can optimize the bandgap while minimizing defect forma...

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ABSTRACT: The photovoltage Voc of high-performance solar cells such as GaAs and metal halide perovskites is affected by the exponential Urbach tail in the absorption spectrum, with an energy

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Copper thiocyanate (CuSCN) is known as a promising hole transport layer in organic photovoltaics (OPVs) due to its good hole conduction and exciton blocking abilities with high transparency. Despite

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Counterintuitively, using both detailed-balance analysis and realistic device-level models, we demonstrate that space-based photovoltaics should avoid converting the solar-infrared tail

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As a result, the band-tail states of CuSCN play a crucial role in hole extraction enhancement. The experimental observation of band-tail states supports the intrinsic good hole conductivity and the

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Then, an optoelectronic model including the effect of tail states is employed by finite element method to simulate a common structure of P3HT:PCBM organic solar cell. We investigate

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Improved DSSC photovoltaic performance using reduced graphene oxide–carbon nanotube/platinum assisted with customised triple-tail surfactant as counter electrode and zinc oxide

How band tail recombination influences the open-circuit voltage of ...

The comparison with experimental data shows that the influence of tail states is even worse than the increase in radiative and SRH recombination predicted by our model. Our results thus

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Tail states suppression via surface-modification of wide-bandgap ...

As an essential light-absorbing material in perovskite-based tandem solar cells, wide-bandgap (WBG) perovskite has garnered extensive attention.

Combined influence of Urbach''s tail width energy and ...

Mehdizadeh-Rad, H., Singh, J. Combined influence of Urbach''s tail width energy and mobility of charge carriers on the photovoltaic performance of bulk heterojunction organic solar cells.

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Finally, we show that eliminating the structural disorder is essential to reducing voltage loss and improving photovoltaic performance in organic solar cells.

A universal Urbach rule for disordered organic semiconductors

However, these Urbach tails are often convoluted with Gaussian line-shapes induced by trap states and/or CT states, resulting in erroneous, energy-dependent, Urbach energies larger than kT A ...

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