

NECEM Seminar: Routes to High Efficiency Solar Cells: Next Generation Photovoltaics

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To enable the large-scale implementation of solar cells for utility-scale energy applications improvements in power conversion efficiency and system cost reductions must be achieved. To circumvent the fundamental limitations of single energy-gap solar cells, devices based on third generation (3G) processes have been proposed. In this presentation I will introduce such concepts, and describe projects we are currently undertaking at the University of Oklahoma that are focused on developing such systems based on quantum wells and quantum dots. I will also briefly discuss our recent work aimed at investigating the feasibility of CIGS solar cells for space applications; programs that have evolved from the recently formed Oklahoma Photovoltaics Research Institute, a statewide PV center aimed at developing sustainable PV programs within Oklahoma.



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