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### Are defective solar cells affecting the power efficiency of solar modules?

The dataset contains 2,624 samples of 300x300 pixels 8-bit grayscale images of functional and defective solar cells with varying degree of degradations extracted from 44 different solar modules. The defects in the annotated images are either of intrinsic or extrinsic type and are known to reduce the power efficiency of solar modules.

#### Can El images detect defects on PV modules?

EL images provide high spatial resolution, which makes it possible to detect even finest defects on the surface of PV modules. However, the analysis of EL images is typically a manual process that is expensive, time-consuming, and requires expert knowledge of many different types of defects.

#### Can Fourier image reconstruction detect defective solar cells?

In the context of visual inspection of solar modules, Tsai et al. (2012) use Fourier image reconstruction to detect defective solar cellsin EL images of polycrystalline PV modules. The targeted extrinsic defects are (small) cracks, breaks, and finger interruptions.

#### How do we classify defects of solar cells in electroluminescence images?

We classify defects of solar cells in electroluminescence images with two methods. One approach uses a support vector machine for fast results on mobile hardware. The second method with a convolutional neural networkachieves even higher accuracy. Both methods allow continuous monitoring for defects that affect the cell output.

#### Can El images be automatically detected in a PV cell?

However, the analysis of EL images is typically a manual process that is expensive, time-consuming, and requires expert knowledge of many different types of defects. In this work, we investigate two approaches for automatic detection of such defects in a single image of a PV cell.

### What are defects in solar modules?

In general, defects in solar modules can be classified into two categories (Fuyuki and Kitiyanan, 2009): (1) intrinsic deficiencies due to material properties such as crystal grain boundaries and dislocations, and (2) process-induced extrinsic defects such as microcracks and breaks, which reduce the overall module efficiency over time.

Photovoltaic (PV) modules are designed to last 25 years or more. However, mechanical stress, moisture, high temperature, and UV exposure eventually degrade the PV module's protective materials, giving rise to a variety of failure modes and reducing solar cell performance before the 25-year manufacturer's warranty is met [6], [7].Like any product, faults ...

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Solar cell defect characterization: Generally, the local defects are shown up as dark spots in solar cell EL images, ... Automatic classification of defective photovoltaic module cells in electroluminescence images. Sol Energy, 185 (2019), pp. 455-468, 10.1016/j.solener.2019.02.067.

Recently, convolutional neural networks (CNNs) have proven successful in automating the detection of defective photovoltaic (PV) cells within PV modules. Existing studies have built a CNN based on fully supervised learning, which requires a training dataset consisting of PV cell images annotated according to whether the individual cells are defective. However, manually ...

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accuracy for the classification of defective photovoltaic cells. Index Terms--Convolutional Neural Network, Transfer learn-ing, ImageNet-trained network, Photovoltaic module, Electrolu-

Feature extraction, selection and classification of defective solar cells is performed using a public dataset consisting of both monocrystalline and polycrystalline solar cell EL images. Compared to previous works, higher performed models are obtained by using DNNs and ML methods together and a general efficient classification framework is proposed.

The critical detail of whether a PV cell is defective or not exhibited uncertainty due to the possible noise and unknown defect type of PV cells. Therefore, the image samples in the dataset were expertly labeled as "0%", "33%", "67%", and "100%", as four probabilities of the occurrence of PV cell defects.

The classification module determines whether a solar cell is non-defective or defective, but it can not characterize the anomaly that makes it defective. ... H., Khandelwal, R., Pletzer, T., Kurz, H., 2012. Impact of micro-cracks on the degradation of solar cell performance based on two-diode model parameters. Energy Procedia 27, 167-172 ...

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