

(Nominal Operating Cell Temperature)

- If for a PV module operating at NOCT conditions, the cell temperature is 42°C , determine the cell temperature when this module operates at a location where $G_t = 683 \text{ W/m}^2$, $V = 1 \text{ m/s}$, and 41°C and the module is operating at its maximum power point with an efficiency of 9.5% .

Solution

$$T_c = (T_{\text{NOCT}} - T_{a,\text{NOCT}}) \left[\frac{G_t}{G_{t,\text{NOCT}}} \right] \left[1 - \frac{\eta_e}{(\alpha\tau)} \right] + T_a$$
$$= (42 - 20) \left[\frac{683}{800} \right] \left(1 - \frac{0.095}{0.9} \right) + 41$$

Using empirical

$$T_c = 30 + 0.0175(G_t - 300) + 1.14(T_a - 25)$$

$$T_c = 30 + 0.0175(683 - 300) + 1.14(41 - 25) = 54.9^{\circ}\text{C}$$