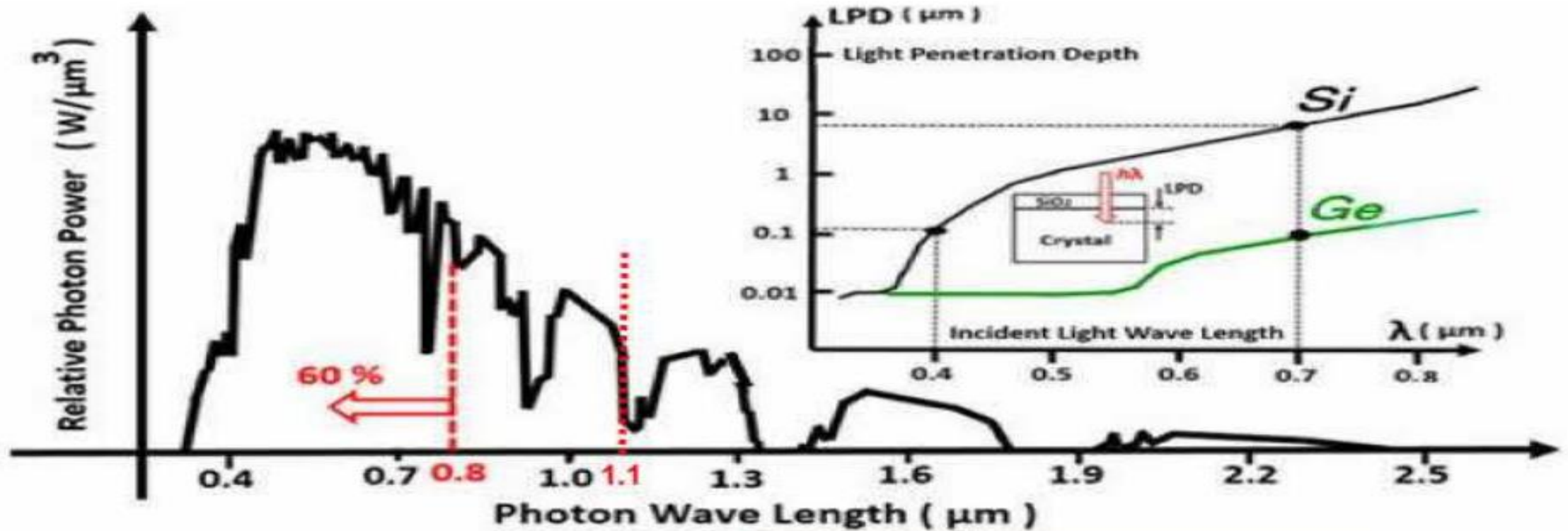


Silicon crystal with the bandgap of 1.1 eV has a very short light penetration depth (LPD), which is about 0.1 μm . Technically, it is impossible to form a shallow PN junction at the silicon surface at that shallow depth. So, the energy component of the short wave blue light is absorbed and wasted as heat. That is why a wide band semiconductor multi-junction type solar cell was desired and developed, such InGaP/GaAs/InGaAs by Sharp and AlGaInP/GaAs/Ge by Spectrum Lab. However they are very costly.



$$E = \hbar \omega = h f = h c / \lambda$$

$$E (\text{eV}) = 1.24 / \lambda (\mu\text{m})$$

For Silicon, $E_g = 1.10 \text{ eV}$ and $\lambda = 1.12 \mu\text{m}$

The light energy of the wave length more than $\lambda = 1.12 \mu\text{m}$ can not be converted to electrical energy in the silicon crystal.

The P+PNPP+_Double_Junction_Solar_Cell_invented_by_Hagiwara_in_2020 may give the right solution.