

What is solar photovoltaics (PV)?

Solar photovoltaics (PV) employs the photovoltaic effect to produce electricity from solar radiation. A major milestone in the history of solar PV technology is the first demonstration of a practical silicon photovoltaic (PV) cell, at Bell Laboratories in 1953 (Perlin 2004), that converted solar energy into electricity.

What is the photovoltaic effect?

The photovoltaic effect is defined as the process that generates either voltage or current when the device (or solar cell) is exposed to a light source of a suitable wavelength. Solar photovoltaics (PV) employs the photovoltaic effect to produce electricity from solar radiation.

What is the manufacturing process of PV solar cells?

The manufacturing of PV solar cells involves different kinds of hazardous materials during either the extraction of solar cells or semiconductors etching and surface cleaning (Marwede et al., 2013; Üçtug and Azapagic, 2018).

Are DSSC and perovskite solar cells the future of PV?

While Si and thin-film PV technologies have shown tremendous growth in terms of their installations, owing to their cost advantages, emerging PV technologies such as DSSC and perovskite solar cells (PSC) have the potential to reach the commercial market and compete with Si and thin-film PV technologies.

Is solar PV a green technology?

Still, solar PV technology is deemed a green technology and can significantly contribute to addressing climate challenges. However, more studies are required to understand the emerging PV technologies' environmental impacts and life cycle, mainly based on PSCs.

What are the different types of PV technology?

Since then, different PV technologies have emerged, including silicon PV, thin-film PV, dye-sensitized PV, perovskite PV, etc. (Amin et al. 2017). The classification of these technologies (or devices) is based on the absorbing film (or active layer) used in the PV cell.

The combined analysis reveals the influence of the in-diffusion of metal impurities from the crucible as well as the back-diffusion from the top region of the block. Solar cell efficiency is ...

Here, $(E_g)^{PV}$ is equivalent to the SQ bandgap of the absorber in the solar cell; q is the elementary charge; T_A and T_S are the temperatures (in Kelvin) of the solar cell ...

In this context, PV industry in view of the forthcoming adoption of more complex architectures requires the improvement of photovoltaic cells in terms of reducing the ...

Hence, it is imperative to review and evaluate the critical environmental issues relevant to solar PV, especially in emerging PV technologies. This chapter will introduce ...

Of interest to solar cell manufacturers is to understand how these mechanisms manifest in a production environment and, more importantly, how to quickly diagnose and mitigate iron contamination as ...

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The contamination of photovoltaic (PV) cells reduces the incidence of sunlight and reduces the power generation output of PV cells. The main factor influencing the contamination of PV cells ...

By performing photoluminescence maps and particle contamination analysis on the surface of wafers and cells different defectiveness sources have been studied. Once the sources of defects have been identified, we elaborated solutions to mitigate effects and we were able to increase the efficiency of SHJ solar cells by an absolute gain of 4.3%.

Although hard shading on some cells of a PV module causes a decrease in module voltage, the current remains constant since the unshaded cells still receive solar ...

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Shading is a major challenge for photovoltaic (PV) systems globally, causing significant energy and financial

losses, as shown in Fig. 1 (c). These losses often outweigh the benefits of improved cell designs and higher efficiency [16]. Therefore, research and investigation into shading-related issues are essential for the continued development and advancement of ...

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