

High-efficiency amorphous silicon solar cells

By applying such a-Si:H in the improved p-i-n devices, we demonstrate two record independently confirmed stabilized efficiencies of 10.22% for single-junction and 12.69% for a-Si:H/hydrogenated microcrystalline silicon (uc-Si:H) tandem solar cells.

The functional materials used in high-efficiency silicon-based solar cells usually include silicon nitride (SiN_x), silicon oxide (SiO_2 and SiO_x), aluminium oxide (Al_2O_3), hydrogenated amorphous silicon (a-Si:H), aluminium-silicon alloy, zinc oxide (ZnO), indium tin oxide (ITO), aluminium (Al), silver (Ag), titanium (Ti), etc. These materials have been ...

Because amorphous silicon is a noncrystalline and disordered silicon structure, the absorption rate of light is 40 times higher compared to the mono-Si solar cells [12]. Therefore, amorphous silicon solar cells are more eminent as compared to CIS, CIGS, and CdTe solar cells because of higher efficiency. Such types of solar cells are categorized as thin-film Si solar cells, where ...

Over the past twelve years large strides have been made in improving the conversion efficiency of amorphous silicon based solar cells from 2.4% to 13%. The history and status of the material and device developments that have led to this five-fold improvement in the conversion efficiency are reviewed. Prospects for future improvements ...

This paper reviews our progress of using nc-Si:H as a low bandgap absorber material to substitute for a-SiGe:H alloys in multi-junction solar cells. We have focused on three topics: (1) high deposition rate, (2) large area uniformity of thickness and material properties, (3) high solar cell and module efficiencies. Initially, we ...

In this paper, new design rules for embedding MNPs inside thin film amorphous silicon solar cells will be presented that would lead to solar cell efficiency enhancement. A modeling toolbox was successfully developed for 3D solar cells performance analysis [17], and it was validated by previously published experimental data carried out by Ref. [11].

All through the exploration, the designed amorphous solar cell includes three original parts. In the optical model, intrinsic amorphous silicon is sandwiched between p-doped and n-doped materials to the excellent separation of the carriers into free charges because of the electric field at the p-n junction [10]. Also, it upgrades the volume of the space charge area to ...

Hydrogenated amorphous silicon suffers from serious drawback known as Staebler-Wronski effect [3,4] that induces the degradation of solar cell efficiency and hence the expected efficiency of ...

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1 Introduction. Silicon heterojunction (SHJ) solar cells coupled with hydrogenated intrinsic amorphous silicon (a-Si:H) enable high open-circuit voltages (V_{oc}) of up to 750 mV. [1] Recently, Hanergy demonstrated a new bifacial SHJ record with certified efficiency of 25.11% from one side illumination. [2] The impressive 84.98% fill factor (FF) has eliminated the ...

Photovoltaic (PV) installations have experienced significant growth in the past 20 years. During this period, the solar industry has witnessed technological advances, cost reductions, and increased awareness of renewable energy's benefits. As more than 90% of the commercial solar cells in the market are made from silicon, in this work we will focus on silicon ...

Hydrogenated amorphous silicon (a-Si:H) based thin film solar cells are designed successfully by using finite-difference time-domain method. Three optical models are developed for comparative studies to optimize the performance of the solar cell.

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An amorphous silicon single-junction p-i-n cell ($\sim 1 \text{ cm}^2$) with a stabilized efficiency ...

Thin film solar cells of micromorph tandem (a-Si:H/uc-Si:H) structures ...

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