

Can ion-implantation technology improve the production of advanced solar cells?

This featured letter elaborates the ion-implantation technological application to photovoltaics, providing a opportunity to optimize the production of advanced solar cell structure by modifying the defects in the crystal lattice and hence optimizing the processing steps for quality enhancements.

What is ion-implantation in photovoltaic cells?

Ion-implantation in photovoltaic (PV) cells attracted the attention of investigators because of its ability to implant the required metal ions into the substrate layers with the advantage of controlling the location and the composition to acquire high performance by allowing the multi-stage transition of electrons.

What is ion implantation?

Ion implantation is an alternative technique that can be used to dope silicon solar cells. Ion implantation typically consists of [1]: An ion source, this is to produce the desired ions. An accelerator, this accelerates the ions to a high energy. A target substrate, this is the material to be implanted by the ions.

Why is ion implantation technology important?

The ion-implantation technology has established outstanding enhancement in conversion efficiency, improvement in conductivity by reducing the recombination rate of electron-hole pairs and hence the light-harvesting ability in thin films of the solar cells.

How ion implantation & irradiation affect the efficiency of solar panels?

Solar panels are also used in the space, where a large variety of the irradiation/dose can affect their working and efficiencies. Hence, the effect of ion-implantation or the irradiations should enhance the efficiency rather than spoiling it.

Does carbon ion implantation improve the efficiency of dye-sensitized solar cells?

The phase transition from rutile to anatase by carbon ion-implantation in TiO₂ structure improves the efficiency of dye-sensitized solar cells (5.32%), which increases the light-harvesting ability by reducing the recombination rate of charge carriers.

Passivated contacts (poly-Si/SiO_x/c-Si) doped by shallow ion implantation are an appealing technology for high efficiency silicon solar cells, especially for interdigitated back contact (IBC) solar cells where a masked ion implantation facilitates their fabrication. This paper presents a study on tunnel oxide passivated contacts formed by low-energy ion implantation ...

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1. Introduction Interdigitated back contact (IBC) solar cells have a high efficiency potential as there are no metal contacts on the front side resulting in a maximum absorption of the incident light. Having both, n- and p-contacts, on the back side necessitates a

structured doping which makes the fabrication ...

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We study ion implantation for patterned doping of back-junction back-contacted solar cells with polycrystalline- monocrystalline Si junctions. In particular, we investigate the concept of counterdoping, that is, a process of first implanting a blanket emitter and afterward locally overcompensating the emitter by applying masked ion implantation for the back surface ...

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ENERG i ® demonstrates improved cell performance and the lowest manufacturing cost per watt. Solar cells manufactured using ion implant are usually higher in efficiency by 0.1% to 0.3%. Process flow is simplified due to single-sided doping and elimination of the acid glass etch. Implant provides PID resistant cells (in modules) without ...

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