

How to improve the performance of multicrystalline silicon solar cells?

In order to further improve the quality of high efficiency multicrystalline silicon and the performance of multicrystalline silicon solar cells, we designed a compact nucleation layer on the crucible bottom for casting high performance multicrystalline silicon ingots.

What are the advantages of multicrystalline silicon (mc-Si)?

1. Introduction Nowadays, multicrystalline silicon (mc-Si) grown by directional solidification (DS) method is one of the important substrate materials for solar cells, offering several advantages, such as low cost, high throughput, more straightforward operation, and better feedstock tolerance.

How do multicrystalline solar cells breakdown?

It has been demonstrated here that there are three clearly distinguishable breakdown mechanisms in multicrystalline solar cells: Early breakdown caused by Al-contamination (type 1), defect-induced breakdown caused by FeSi₂ or other precipitates lying in grain boundaries (type 2), and avalanche breakdown caused by etch pits (type 3).

Why are reverse currents in solar cells a serious reliability issue?

If in this cell a large reverse current flows in one site, this site may heat up excessively (generation of hot spots), which may lead to thermal destruction of the module. Therefore reverse currents in solar cells are a serious reliability issue and their origin must be well understood. The most frequent and

How does temperature affect the reverse current of mc Si solar cells?

In the region of weak pre-breakdown (between zero and approx. -13 V bias), the total reverse current of the investigated mc Si solar cells increases in magnitude with increasing temperature (positive TC), whereas in the hard pre-breakdown region (beyond approx. -13 V bias) the total reverse current decreases with rising temperature (negative TC).

Do ohmic shunts cause reverse bias in multicrystalline silicon solar cells?

Abstract: Extensive investigations on industrial multicrystalline silicon solar cells have shown that, for standard 1 ?cm material, acid-etched texturization, and in absence of strong ohmic shunts, there are three different types of breakdown appearing in different reverse bias ranges.

The improvement of an mc-Si solar cell through reverse bias and high ...

Surface morphology with superimposed reverse bias (-17V) electroluminescence from defects along grain boundaries of a multi-crystalline silicon solar cell.

We have identified at least five different local breakdown mechanisms according to the temperature

coefficient (TC) and slope of their characteristics and electroluminescence (EL) under reverse bias.

therefore generates a considerably reduced current, this cell may become reverse-biased by the other cells in the string by 13 V and beyond. If in this cell a large reverse current flows in one site, this site may heat up excessively (generation of hot spots), which may lead to thermal destruction of the module. Therefore reverse currents in ...

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RESULTS Current-voltage (I-V) characteristics Fig. 1 (a) shows typical reverse-bias I-V characteristics of our solar cells at two temperatures.

The spectral response, short-circuit photocurrent and conversion efficiency of a reverse cell made with multicrystalline silicon wafers have been computed taking into account different values of base thickness, grain size, grain boundary recombination velocity, front and back surface recombination velocities and minority carrier diffusion ...

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industrial multicrystalline silicon solar cell, several different pre-breakdown mechanisms are present. Some of them are process-induced while others are related to the material quality. The breakdown is always localized within micrometer-sized spots, having the potential to develop high local power densities when the reverse current increases. However, the breakdown types ...

Non-linear shunts like scratches and edge currents are the major source of the ...

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We characterized strip-like shadows in cast multicrystalline silicon (mc-Si) ingots. Blocks and wafers were analyzed using scanning infrared microscopy, photoluminescence spectroscopy, laser scanning confocal microscopy, field-emission scanning electron microscopy, X-ray energy-dispersive spectrometry, and microwave photoconductivity decay technique. The effect on ...

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