

# Pollution in the production of high-efficiency monocrystalline cells

Which high-efficiency solar cells are most promising for mass production?

Among all the high-efficiency devices that are reviewed in this chapter, PERC, PERL and HIT solar cells are most promising for mass production in industrial scale due to the minimization of the use of high-temperature processes and photolithography techniques.

Are monocrystalline silicon solar cells expensive?

The monocrystalline silicon solar cells are quite costly and there is little room for a price reduction due to the high price of monocrystalline silicon materials and the complex cell manufacturing process [23]. As a result, in industrial production, polysilicon has replaced monocrystalline silicon.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of monocrystalline silicon cells?

The main advantage of monocrystalline silicon cells is the high efficiency that results from a high-purity and defect-free microstructure. Currently, the Cz method has evolved into a highly sophisticated technique, governed by multiple parameters. This complexity adds further challenges in understanding and enhancing the current methodology.

Can crystalline-silicon solar cells be used for industrial purification?

The small-scale test data have a limited guiding effect on industrial purification and cannot guarantee the purification effect and silicon-recovery rate. Therefore, the recovery and purification technologies of metals in crystalline-silicon solar cells need to go beyond the laboratory and further towards the development of industrial application.

What is avalanche breakdown in monocrystalline silicon cell?

For conventional monocrystalline silicon cell avalanche breakdown is one of the crucial mechanisms responsible for junction and this occurs at the weakest location in the cell area. The leakage current distribution might not be uniform under reverse bias condition, and one of them could lead to hotspot.

Does dust affect crystalline and polycrystalline photovoltaic (PV) modules?

This paper, therefore, presents a comparison of an outdoor experimental study of dust effect on monocrystalline, and polycrystalline photovoltaic (PV) modules. For analysis, four 100 W PVs were installed horizontally in Sohar, Oman. For each pair of PV modules, one was left dusty due to environmental impact, and the second was cleaned daily.

A suitable top cell for high-efficiency crystalline silicon bottom cells may be offered by organic-inorganic perovskites. 347-349 This material class has only recently been considered for photovoltaic applications, and has achieved a fast progress in device efficiency ever since. 350-355 The best single-junction devices use lead-halide-based perovskites as the optical ...

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The recent progress in high efficiency monocrystalline silicon solar cells at the laboratory level is briefly overviewed. Technologies which are at the preproduction stage are described and those technologies which are in actual production are critically assessed especially the laser grooved buried grid cell which has demonstrated ...

It is found that power degradation of monocrystalline (20%) is higher compared with polycrystalline (12%) due to dust accumulation. For monocrystalline, the current, voltage, and power losses ranged between 10.0-24.0%, 2.0-3.5%, and 14.0-31.0%, respectively.

Fig. 4 shows the PERC cell efficiency distribution profile of a single mass-production line, with an average mass-production efficiency of 21.61% and an optimum single-cell efficiency of >21.9% ...

Good stability, high conversion efficiency, simple process flow: Indium and selenium are relatively rare and there is a lack of material sources: Cadmium sulphide (CdS), cadmium telluride (CdTe) cells : 16.5 %  
0.5: Low cost, easy mass production, high efficiency: Cadmium is highly toxic and can cause pollution

Liu et al. used waste lye produced in the solar-cell production process to remove aluminium from waste crystalline-silicon solar cells, and used HNO<sub>3</sub> and HF to remove silver electrodes and silicon nitride layers to obtain pure silicon wafers. The acid-base method has the advantages ...

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PV systems cannot be regarded as completely eco-friendly systems with zero-emissions. The adverse environmental impacts of PV systems include land, water, pollution, ...

Whereas the efficiencies of the Poly and Mono E/W systems were 11% and 11.5% respectively, Further enhancement of the efficiency was observed when the systems ...

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In this paper, we investigate how manufacturing process affect the performance of monocrystalline silicon (mono-Si) solar cells. To reach the final solar cell, various number of processing steps were implemented. First, a pseudo-square-type <100> oriented Czochralski mono-Si wafer with area of 156.75 X \*156.75 mm<sup>2</sup> and thickness of 180 μm is used.

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Photovoltaic (PV) system is widely recognized as one of the cleanest technologies for electricity production, which transforms solar energy into electrical energy. However, there are considerable amounts of emissions during its life cycle. In this study, life cycle assessment (LCA) was used to evaluate the environmental and human health impacts of PV ...

For high-efficiency Si-based solar cells, the base material refers to silicon wafer including mono-crystalline (mono-Si) and multi-crystalline (multi-Si) silicon, while the ...

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