Research status of thin film silicon solar cells

Are poly-Si thin-film solar cells suitable for photovoltaics?
The present article gives a summary of recent technological and scientific developments in the field of polycrystalline silicon (poly-Si) thin-film solar cells on foreign substrates. Cost-effective fabrication methods and cheap substrate materials make poly-Si thin-film solar cells promising candidatesfor photovoltaics.

What are the three major thin film solar cell technologies?
The three major thin film solar cell technologies include amorphous silicon (a-Si),copper indium gallium selenide (CIGS),and cadmium telluride (CdTe). In this paper,the evolution of each technology is discussed in both laboratory and commercial settings,and market share and reliability are equally explored.

How effective are crystalline silicon thin-film solar cells?
With an appropriate light trapping concept crystalline silicon thin-film solar cells can principally reach single-junction efficiencies of more than 17%close to that of silicon wafer-based solar cells,as calculated by Brendel in 1999 .

Are thin-film solar cell modules a good investment?
Thin-film solar cell modules are reaching the market in accelerating quantities, giving the opportunity for these potentially lower cost approaches to establish their credentials.

What are the new thin-film PV technologies?
With intense R&D efforts in materials science, several new thin-film PV technologies have emerged that have high potential, including perovksite solar cells, Copper zinc tin sulfide (Cu 2 ZnSnS 4, CZTS) solar cells, and quantum dot (QD) solar cells. 6.1. Perovskite materials

What is a thin film solar cell?
Silicon was early used and still as first material for SCs fabrication. Thin film SCs are called as second generation of SC fabrication technology. Amorphous silicon (a-Si) thin film solar cell has gained considerable attention in photovoltaic research because of its ability to produce electricity at low cost.

Although a record efficiency of 24.7% is held by a PERL - structured silicon solar cell and 13.44% has been realized using a thin silicon film, the mass production of these cells is still too ...

amorphous silicon film growth, (c) voltage limitation in a-Si:H-based solar cells, and (d) requirements for achieving high-performance crystalline Si thin-film cells. As the NREL Thin ...

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CdTe solar cells are the most successful thin film photovoltaic technology of the last ten years. It was one of the first being brought into production together with amorphous ...

The results demonstrate that open-circuit voltages above 600 mV are in reach for poly-Si thin-film solar cells on glass, opening up exciting perspectives towards high ...

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