

Amorphous silicon solar power generator

How are amorphous silicon solar cells made?

Amorphous silicon solar cells are normally prepared by glow discharge, sputtering or by evaporation, and because of the methods of preparation, this is a particularly promising solar cell for large scale fabrication.

Can amorphous silicon be used for multi-junction solar cells?

Amorphous silicon can be likewise utilized as the best material for the execution of efficient multi-junction alongside the single-junction solar cells, where different single junction solar cells are in a series connection with each other to improve the open-circuit voltage of the thin-film solar cell .

Are amorphous silicon-based solar cells a good choice?

The use of amorphous silicon in the silicon-based solar cells is the most recent and an emerging technology these days. It is a cost-efficient approach and offers the great flexibility. The only disadvantage of amorphous silicon-based solar cells is the reduced efficiency and poor performance.

Do amorphous silicon solar cells need light-trapping?

Amorphous silicon (a-Si:H) solar cells have to be kept extremely thin (thickness below 0.2 mm), so as to maximize the internal electric field E_{int} , and, thus, allow for satisfactory collection of the photo-generated electrons and holes. Therefore, light-trapping is absolutely essential for a-Si:H cells.

What are the disadvantages of amorphous silicon solar cells?

The main disadvantage of amorphous silicon solar cells is the degradation of the output power over a time (15% to 35%) to a minimum level, after that, they become stable with light . Therefore, to reduce light-induced degradation, multi-junction a-Si solar cells are developed with improved conversion efficiency.

How are hydrogenated amorphous silicon based thin film solar cells designed?

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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