

What is a multicrystalline silicon cell?

Multicrystalline silicon cells. Multicrystalline cells, also known as polycrystalline cells, are produced using numerous grains of monocrystalline silicon. In the manufacturing process, molten polycrystalline silicon is cast into ingots, which are subsequently cut into very thin wafers and assembled into complete cells.

Why is LCA conducted on multi-crystalline silicon photovoltaic systems in China?

LCA is conducted on the multi-crystalline silicon photovoltaic systems in China. Multi-Si production is the most contributor to the energy demand and environmental impacts. Compared to other power generation systems in China, PV system is more environmentally friendly. Areas with higher solar radiation are more suitable for installing PV systems.

How efficient are monocrystalline solar cells?

Monocrystalline solar cells reached efficiencies of 20% in the laboratory in 1985 (ref. 238) and of 26.2% under 1000 W/m<sup>2</sup> concentration in 1988 (ref. 239). In this period, the efficiency of industrial solar cells slowly grew from 12% to 14.5%.

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What are poly-Si solar cells?

Manish Kumar, Arun Kumar, in Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews, 2017 Poly-Si cells are also known as the multicrystalline (multi-Si) solar cells. Polycrystalline silicon is a material consisting of multiple small silicon crystals which are used as a raw material for solar photovoltaic.

What is the efficiency of monocrystalline CdTe solar cells?

Zhao, Y. et al. Monocrystalline CdTe solar cells with open-circuit voltage over 1 V and efficiency of 17%. Nat. Energy 1, 16067 (2016). Gloeckler, M., Sankin, I. & Zhao, Z. CdTe solar cells at the threshold to 20% efficiency. IEEE J. Photovolt. 3, 1389-1393 (2013). Lokanc, M., Eggert, R. & Redlinger, M.

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