

Are thin-film solar cells suitable for space applications?

Thin-film solar cell materials for space applications This subsection covers the three main types of inorganic TFSC materials that have been considered for space applications, and a general discussion of studies of their radiation tolerance.

Can solar cells be used in aerospace applications?

A solar cell is a common energy source for aerospace applications. Traditionally these are high-cost,high-efficiency,high-fidelity III-V or silicon-based devices. In this chapter we present an overview of a variety of solar cells with potential to perform in niche aerospace applications at lower costs without sacrificing performance or power.

What is a thin film solar cell?

Thin film (<10 um) solar cells are more akin to a coating than to free-standing cells. Therefore,if they can survive cell processing conditions (for example,the use of solvent,high temperatures or plasma),assembly materials can also be used as substrates for cell fabrication.

What are the three types of thin-film solar cell materials?

This chapter is focused upon use of the three major families of thin-film solar cell (TFSC) materials for space applications: amorphous silicon (a-Si),cadmium telluride (CdTe),and copper indium gallium selenide (CIGS).

Can perovskite thin-film solar cells be used in space?

There is great interest in high-efficiency perovskite thin-film solar cells for implementation in space . Perovskite-structured solar cells are promising candidates for aerospace due to their exceptional optoelectronic properties.

Why are flexible thin film solar arrays a good choice?

Flexible thin film solar arrays are very attractive for next generation solar energy system for space station,space platforms and space power satellites because the combination of thin-film multi-junction solar cells and light deployable structure results in a substantial reduction of satellite's weight[1] .

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The most common field using GaAs-based solar cells is the aerospace industry [10,11]. The main reason is their wide spectral coverage, which is much larger in space than on Earth. They are also used in the aviation and military due to their flexibility and weight, which can be used especially for unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs); and last but not least for concentrators, thanks to which ...

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Thin-film solar cells are promising for providing cost-effective and reliable power in space, especially in multi-junction applications. To enhance efficiency, robustness and integration ...

The design and integration of solar cells are critical factors in maximizing their efficiency in aerospace applications. State-of-the-art III-V multijunction solar cells are widely considered the ...

Light weight and flexible III-V multi-junction thin film solar cells play an important role as power energy supplying in space solar power satellites. In this work, we fabricated 3 J GaInP/GaAs/InGaAs solar cells on 30 um thick polyimide film using temporary bonding and epitaxial layer lift-off via selective wet chemical etching. The thin film ...

GaAs shallow homojunction solar cells fabricated on thin epitaxial films by a simple Zn solid state diffusion method. Solar Energy Materials, 14(1), 29-49. ...

Thin-film solar cells are effortlessly folded into different forms and dimensions based on the required application. These flexible thin-film solar cells present novel energy generation solutions for various outdoor and indoor applications in which weight resilience is essential. Thus, flexible thin-film solar cells can be manufactured on opaque or transparent ...

High-performance thin-film amorphous silicon (a-Si:H) solar cells are fabricated on polyimide (PI) foils with periodic metal oxide nanopatterns via nanoimprinting lithography. It is found that proper... The mechanical flexibility of substrates and controllable nanostructures are two major considerations in designing high-performance, flexible thin-film solar cells. In this ...

Thin-film solar cells (TFSCs), such as hydrogenated amorphous silicon (a-Si:H), cadmium telluride (CdTe) and copper indium gallium selenide (CIGS), are dominantly fabricated on Si wafer or glass ...

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Given the current world record conversion efficiency for First Solar's thin-film CdTe cell of 22.1% (AM1.5) [73], it seems reasonable to target a CdTe solar cell for space applications that is radiation and thermally stable with 20% AM0 efficiency, a specific power of $>1.5 \text{ kW}/\text{kg}$, and a significantly lower production cost than state-of-the-art III-V multijunction ...

Solar cells (SCs) are the most ubiquitous and reliable energy generation systems for aerospace applications. Nowadays, III-V multijunction solar cells (MJSCs) represent the standard commercial ...

Due to advantages of high power-conversion efficiency (PCE), large power-to-weight ratio (PWR), low cost and solution processibility, flexible perovskite solar cells (f-PSCs) have attracted ...

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