

# Thin-film photovoltaic cell laser process

What is the efficiency of thin film solar cells?

However, the efficiency of thin film PV cells is generally lower than that of crystalline silicon solar cells. Amorphous silicon (a-Si), cadmium telluride (CdTe), and copper indium gallium selenide (CIGS) are among the most common types of thin film PV cells, with reported efficiencies of 14%, 22.1%, and 23.6%, respectively.

Are Lasers a viable form of thermal treatment for thin-film based solar cells?

These advantages enable the lasers to find a viable form of thermal treatment in the processing of industry compatible CZTS thin-film, which is a promising material for producing low-cost non-toxic thin-film based solar cells (TFSC) [7,8]. ...

Can nanomaterials improve the performance of thin film solar cells?

Overall, the use of nanomaterials in thin film solar cell technology shows promise for enhancing cell performance. Laser scribing is a highly beneficial tool in the fabrication of thin-film solar cells, which typically consist of multiple layers of materials deposited on a substrate.

Does laser scribing of photovoltaic solar thin films improve scribe quality?

This comprehensive review of laser scribing of photovoltaic solar thin films pivots on scribe quality and analyzes the critical factors and challenges affecting the efficiency and reliability of the scribing process.

What are the different types of thin film solar cells?

Varieties of thin film solar cells include a-Si, CdS/CdTe, and CIGS; substrates for cell fabrication include several-millimeter thick soda lime glass as well as polymers and metals with thicknesses in the range of 10's of microns.

What damage does laser scribing A solar thin film cause?

Damages are commonly observed in laser scribing of solar thin films, including the heat-affected zone (HAZ), crack formation, debris, and film delamination. The resulting morphological and microstructural changes that occur due to the high temperatures profoundly impact the properties and performance of solar thin films.

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Thin-film photovoltaic (PV) technologies, and Cu(In,Ga)Se<sub>2</sub> (CIGS) thin-film solar cells in particular, have recently become the subject of increasingly rigorous study. This has led to numerous improvements in their technology and resulting efficiency. There are several motivating factors for the development of thin-film PVs, such as the reduction in raw material ...

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26th European Photovoltaic Solar Energy Conference, 2011. Structuring of thin-film photovoltaic modules requires basic knowledge of the laser-thin-film interaction in order to adapt the accessible laser parameters, like wavelength, power, repetition rate and scribing speed whilst taking into account the specific material properties of the layer.

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The rated efficiency for GaAs thin-film solar cells is recorded at 29.1%. The cost for these III-V thin-film solar cells rounds going from \$70/W to \$170/W, but NREL states that the price can be reduced to \$0.50/W in the ...

Laser scribing of thin film solar cells was first used to fabricate monolithic PV modules by performing three laser scribes to connect amorphous silicon (a-Si:H) solar cells in series 1,2 .

J. Manuf. Mater. Process. 2023, 7, 94 2 of 26 output voltage [11]. To achieve the laboratory efficiency and performance established for less than 1 cm<sup>2</sup> cell area, a high active surface area ...

Laser scribing of multilayer thin films is an important process for producing integrated serial interconnection of minimodules, used to reduce photocurrent and resistance losses in a large-area solar cell. Quality of such scribing contributes to the overall quality and efficiency of the solar cell and therefore predictive capabilities of the process are essential. ...

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Cadmium telluride (CdTe)-based cells have emerged as the leading commercialized thin film photovoltaic technology and has intrinsically better temperature coefficients, energy yield, and degradation rates than Si technologies. More than 30 GW peak (GW<sub>p</sub>) of CdTe-based modules are installed worldwide, multiple

companies are in production, ...

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The picosecond pulsed laser scribing of flexible CdTe thin-film solar cells with CTO film as the front electrode was studied. Direction ablation was performed using lasers ...

This paper aims to review the progress made in the past decades in laser scribing of all kinds of thin film solar cells. In this work, we focus on the studies of non-silicon ...

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