

Can thin-film solar cells be synthesised?

The controlled synthesis of materials as thin films, which is a process referred to as deposition is a fundamental step in many applications. Nowadays, the synthesis of new materials for developing highly efficient thin-film solar cells is currently one of the scientific research challenges.

What are the three major thin film solar cell technologies?

The three major thin film solar cell technologies include amorphous silicon ( $\alpha$ -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 efficient is a thin-film CuInSe<sub>2</sub>/CdS solar cell?

In 1981, Mickelsen and Chen demonstrated a 9.4% efficient thin-film CuInSe<sub>2</sub>/CdS solar cell. The efficiency improvement was due to the difference in the method of evaporating the two selenide layers. The films were deposited with fixed In and Se deposition rates, and the Cu rate was adjusted to achieve the desired composition and resistivity.

Are CIGS and CdTe the future of thin film solar cells?

CIGS and CdTe hold the greatest promise for the future of thin film. Longevity, reliability, consumer confidence and greater investments must be established before thin film solar cells are explored on building integrated photovoltaic systems.

Why are thin-film solar cells important?

Because of its absorber layer's high absorption coefficient and widespread use in the solar energy industry, thin-film solar cells have a high absorption rate. This increases conversion efficiency while enabling a significant cost and material thickness decrease.

Who created the first thin film CIGS solar cell?

Kazmerski et al., in 1976, created the first thin film CIGS solar cell having a conversion efficiency of 4.5%. The structure of the CIGS is given in Fig. 7, with soda lime glass as the substrate. On top of the glass is the molybdenum, which contacts the p-type Cu (InGa)Se<sub>2</sub>.

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Cadmium Telluride (CdTe) thin film solar cells have many advantages, including a low-temperature coefficient (-0.25 %/°C), excellent performance under weak light conditions, high absorption coefficient (10 5 cm<sup>-1</sup>), and stability in high-temperature environments. Moreover, they are suitable for large-scale production due to simple preparation processes, low energy ...

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Thin film solar cells are desirable due to minimal material usage, cost effective synthesis processes and a promising trend in efficiency rise. In this review paper, remarkable ...

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