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Our first half of 2018 (1H 2018) MSP benchmark is $0.37/W for monocrystalline-silicon passivated emitter and rear cell (PERC) modules manufactured in urban China. The supply-chain costs for this benchmark build from $15/kg for polysilicon, to $0.12/W MSP for wafers, to $0.21/W MSP for monocrystalline PERC cells.

Annual average data regarding multi-Si PV cell production in China in 2010 are obtained, including the amount of electricity consumed during multi-Si production process (170 kW h/kg) and the amount of multi-Si required to produce crystalline solar cells (7.5 g/Wp). These factors are key contributors the overall environmental burden of multi-Si cell production and ...

multicrystalline cell efficiencies beyond 18% in mass production at a very competitive cost basis. Further reduction of shading and a new approach to back contact cells can lead the way.

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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.

Multicrystalline silicon thin films from synthesized low-cost soda-lime glass (SLG) using aluminothermic reduction at 600 - 650 °C show moderate p-type doping of ?1 × 1017 cm-3. Heterojunction solar ...

This further suggests the possible advantage of low-cost, multicrystalline silicon wafers, potentially employing low-cost crystallization techniques such as ingot casting and kerfless or direct-wafering techniques, ...

Multicrystalline cells are cheaper to produce than monocrystalline ones because of the simpler manufacturing process required. They are, however, slightly less efficient, with typical module efficiencies around 13-15% (Price and Margolis, 2010 ...

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Abstract: The paper focuses on the analysis of solar cells from the newly developed solar grade silicon (SoG-Si) feedstock from a metallurgical process route. The emphasis of our experiments was to define an industrial solar cell process to achieve efficiencies higher than /spl eta/=16% on multicrystalline wafers containing a significant amount of the SoG-Si.

We investigate the cost and price structures of current multicrystalline silicon technology and consider the introduction of line-of-sight innovations currently on the industry roadmap, as well as advanced technologies currently at an earlier stage of development. We benchmark the capability of these concepts to reach the U.S. Department of ...

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Crystalline silicon is currently the primary material for commercial photovoltaic (PV) solar cells, with p-type silicon wafers being the dominant substrate due to lower production costs compared to n-type wafers. ...

The economic analysis results demonstrate that the main cost of mc-Si PV modules production in China lies in raw materials and labor and the production of Multi-Si PV cells have the highest cost among the five manufacturing processes involved in Multi-Si PV.

?Bifacial multicrystalline silicon PERCT solar cells are an attractive alternative to their monocrystalline counterparts ?Solar cells and modules have been processed in an industrial pilot line ?Average front side efficiency of 18.7%, top efficiency of 19.1% ?Bifaciality >85% ?Outdoor tests confirm bifacial gain as expected

Improved solar cell efficiency is the key to ongoing photovoltaic cost reduction, particularly as economies of scale propel module-manufacturing costs towards largely immutable basic material costs and as installation costs become an increasingly large contributor to total system costs. To enable manufacturers to move past the 20% cell energy conversion efficiency figure in ...

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