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Can crystalline silicon (c-Si) solar cells have a transparent passivating contact?
Nature Energy 6, 529-537 (2021) Cite this article A highly transparent passivating contact (TPC) as front contact for crystalline silicon (c-Si) solar cells could in principle combine high conductivity, excellent surface passivation and high optical transparency. However, the simultaneous optimization of these features remains challenging.

Are thin solid films a passivating contact for silicon solar cells?
Thin Solid Films 595, 217-220 (2015). Ingenito, A. et al. A passivating contact for silicon solar cells formed during a single firing thermal annealing. Nat. Energy 3, 800-808 (2018).

How efficient are crystalline silicon solar cells?
At present,the efficiency of most crystalline silicon (c-Si) solar cells is limitedby recombination in the diffused emitter regions and at the contact between metal electrodes and the silicon absorber 1.

Are passivating contacts a viable solution for silicon solar cells?
Passivating contacts hold promise for silicon solar cells yet the simultaneous optimization of conductivity, defect passivation and optical transparency remains challenging. Now Köhler et al. devise a passivating contact based on a double layer of nanocrystalline silicon carbide that overcomes these trade-offs.

Can crystalline silicon solar cells have junctions without diffused emitters?
Device designs that avoid diffused emitter regions and direct metal-absorber contacts, commonly denoted as passivated contacts, are key enablers for a further increase of efficiency. So far, three concepts have been developed that enable junction formation in crystalline silicon solar cells without diffused emitters.

How can a tunnel oxide passivated contact solar cell improve temperature stability?
Another promising approach to obtain better temperature stability is the tunnel oxide passivated contact (TOPCon) solar cells which was first proposed by the fraunhofer institute of solar energy in Germany in 2013 . This structure consists of an ultra-thin silicon oxide film and a highly doped polycrystalline silicon film thin layer .

Transparent conducting oxides, like indium tin oxide, enable lateral charge carrier transport in silicon heterojunction solar cells. However, their deposition can damage the passivation quality in ...

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At present, the global photovoltaic (PV) market is dominated by crystalline silicon (c-Si) solar cell technology, and silicon heterojunction solar (SHJ) cells have been developed rapidly after the concept was proposed, ...

In this research article, a 3C-SiC-based single-junction solar cell is evaluated using a two-dimensional finite element method. Effects of n + and p + thicknesses and operating temperature on the performance of n + pp + 3C-SiC solar cell are simulated to find its real efficiency. For a cell with a thickness of 5 µm, the efficiencies of 12.52%, 11.2%, 10.3%, and ...

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In this work, the amorphous silicon carbide (a-SiC) with low cost and high extinction coefficient was used as the light absorption layer of solar cells, and the photonic crystal ...

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