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Photovoltaic Fabrication Technology of Silicon Materials

AI Overview

Silicon-based photovoltaic fabrication involves producing high-purity silicon, forming monocrystalline or multicrystalline ingots, slicing wafers, and processing them into solar cells with p-n junctions, anti-reflection coatings, and electrical contacts.Silicon Feedstock and PurificationThe fabrication process begins with silicon feedstock, typically derived from quartz (SiO_2) and carbon sources like coke or woodchips. Metallurgical-grade silicon (MG-Si) with ~98% purity is produced via carbothermic reduction in submerged arc furnaces. To achieve solar-grade silicon (SoG-Si) with >99.9999% purity, impurities are reduced through chemical refining, vacuum refining, and directional solidification (DS), which removes metallic impurities by segregating them into the liquid phase while solidifying the silicon . Monocrystalline ingots are grown using the Czochralski (Cz) process, while multicrystalline ingots are produced via directional solidification .Wafer ProductionAfter ingot growth, wafers are sliced using diamond-wire saws, typically 150–200 µm thick. Traditional wire-sawing generates significant silicon waste (kerf loss), prompting research into kerfless wafer technologies like MIT's Rapid Ribbon process, which grows thin silicon ribbons directly from molten silicon, reducing material loss and production costs .Solar Cell FabricationSolar cells are fabricated from wafers through several key steps:Surface Preparation and Texturing: Saw damage is removed, and the wafer surface is textured to reduce reflection and enhance light absorption .Doping and p-n Junction Formation: Phosphorus (n-type) or boron/gallium (p-type) dopants are diffused to form the p-n junction, which is essential for photovoltaic conversion .Passivation and Anti-Reflection Coatings (ARC): Layers such as silicon nitride or nano-porous silica are deposited using sol-gel, chemical vapor deposition (CVD), or physical vapor depositi...

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