

# **Polycrystalline silicon for solar glass**





## Overview

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Can polycrystalline silicon thin-film solar cells be used on glass?

A research project is under way at The University of New South Wales aiming at the realisation of a novel type of polycrystalline silicon thin-film solar cell on glass.

What are the advantages of polycrystalline silicon compared to wafer-based solar cells?

Fabricated as thin layers, polycrystalline silicon also features all advantages of thin-film technologies, namely low costs due to low material wastage with up to factor 100 less material compared to wafer-based solar cells, and the technically feasible monolithic fabrication of large area devices.

How effective are crystalline silicon thin-film solar cells?

With an appropriate light trapping concept crystalline silicon thin-film solar cells can principally reach single-junction efficiencies of more than 17% close to that of silicon wafer-based solar cells, as calculated by Brendel in 1999 .

Can large-grained poly-Si be used for thin-film solar cells?

On the one hand we have investigated the preparation of large-grained poly-Si for thin-film solar cells using the 'seed layer concept'. Although this approach did not lead to improved efficiencies so far it is a very promising option for the future development of poly-Si thin-film solar cells on glass.



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Polycrystalline silicon (pc-Si, grain size  $> 1\mu\text{m}$ , no amorphous tissue) on glass is an interesting material for thin-film solar cells due to the low costs, the abundance and the non-toxic ...



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