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Does backsheet encapsulant affect damp-heat resilience of single-glass photovoltaic modules?

Meanwhile, single-glass (SG) photovoltaic modules conventionally employ polymer-based backsheets that exhibit elevated water vapour transmission rates. This study presents a systematic analysis of the effects of backsheet, metallic paste, encapsulant, and cell spacing on the damp-heat (DH) resilience of SG modules.

What are n-type glass-backsheet solar cells?

The optimised n -type glass-backsheet modules have a post-DH2000 power loss of 2.37 %, demonstrating a superior DH endurance. Tunnel oxide passivated contact (TOPCon) solar cells, fabricated using highly reactive silver-aluminium (Ag-Al) paste, are prone to degradation via corrosion when exposed to water vapour and acidic environments.

What causes corrosion in a photovoltaic module?

Moisture penetrating a photovoltaic (PV) module may react with the metallic components causing corrosion. In addition, acetic acid which is produced by hydrolysis of ethylene vinyl acetate (EVA), the most common encapsulant, may further degrade metallic components.

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The experiment included damp-heat (DH) conditioning of single-cell mini-modules, containing passivated emitter and rear contact (PERC) solar cells, laminated with a polyethylene ...

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**Abstract and Figures** Damp heat test was performed on soda-lime glass to characterise functional properties of glass in photovoltaic applications and define the aging mechanism.

Damp heat exposure leads to increased optical transmittance in glass, beneficial for PV applications. Sodium leaching during hydration alters the glass structure, impacting its chemical properties. ...

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