

Circular Materials in Thin Film Photovoltaic Technologies

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Research lines in circular metals and critical raw materials in PV at MNT-PV

Interaction with Companies in the Field

Projects in the Field





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Critical raw materials free thin film PV technologies



- Thin film PV technologies based on earthabundant materials: kesterite (Cu, Zn, Sn, S)
- Eco-friendly selective contacts free of toxic and critical elements

Emerging materials with ultra-high light absorption



- Mixed (Sb,Bi) chalco-halides with van der Waals structure
- Anti-perovskite chalco-halide compounds for extremely thin absorber devices

Contribution to circular economy in thin film PV



Eco-friendly thin film deposition techniques: spin coating, spray, co-evaporation, sputtering Energy intensive methodologies and materials with low temperature processing (<500°C)

Contribution to recycling activities in PV



- Recycling of high added value metals (Sn, In, Ag, Mo, Sb, Bi)
- Separation of toxic or contaminant elements (Cd, Se)





Research lines and roadmap in circular metals and critical raw materials in PV at MNT-PV

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Life cycle assessment of different chalcogenide thin-film solar cells

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Expanding the Perspective of Polymeric Selective Contacts in Photovoltaic Devices Using Branched Polyethylenimine

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Towards Low Cost and Sustainable Thin Film Thermoelectric Devices Based on Quaternary Chalcogenides

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Challenges and improvement pathways to develop quasi-1D $(Sb_{1-x}Bi_x)_2Se_3$ -based materials for optically tuneable photovoltaic applications. Towards chalcogenide narrow-bandgap devices

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Projects in the Field

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- Novel photovoltaic technologies for extremely thin absorber photovoltaics to minimize materials usage
- First demonstration of lower environmental impact with respect to conventional thin film technologies

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- Development of fully sustainable transparent solar cells for integration in **BIPV** and **BAPV**
- · Sustainability and recycling analysis of the technologies under development, and inclusion of recycled ceramic substrates

• Development of thin film PV technologies based on earth-abundant materials:

• First complete recycling process for an emerging thin film photovoltaic technology

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kesterite (Cu, Zn, Sn, S)

- Development of customized photovoltaic products using kesterite technology for **BIPV** and **BAPV**
- Recycling process scaled-up and first plan for circular metal concepts





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