

# Solar Monocrystalline Silicon Doped with Gallium

Is gallium-doped silicon a good PERC substrate?

Recently, gallium-doped silicon has taken a substantial share of monocrystalline PERC production, as it is widely reported to have stable excess carrier lifetime (henceforth just "lifetime") under illumination [5,6] without requiring major changes to processing conditions established for boron-doped substrates.

What is the lifetime potential of gallium-doped CZ silicon?

The lifetime potential of gallium-doped Cz silicon is yet to be fully understood or demonstrated. Although the longevity and stability of the material is relatively well documented, the bulk lifetime needs to be equivalent to, or better than, boron-doped silicon, otherwise its use will lower cell efficiency.

What determines the lifetime of gallium doped silicon?

Compared to boron doped silicon, there are relatively few published fundamental studies of what determines the lifetime in gallium doped silicon, but the formation and dissociation of FeGa pairs is known to be an important issue where Fe is present [,,,].

Is gallium a viable alternative to Group III dopants?

Gallium is the most promising of the alternative Group III dopants, and has been demonstrated to be viable from an industrial perspective [20]. Lifetimes in gallium doped monocrystalline silicon wafers are reportedly stable under low-temperature illumination, regardless of ingot position and oxygen levels [21, 22].

Does CZ use gallium dopant?

Typical Silicon Feedstock Flowchart for CZ Operation Using gallium dopant exclusively further complicates the task of managing silicon feedstock, since most CZ based solar cell manufacturers rely on externally supplied remelt or potscrap. No gallium-doped remelt is available on the open market.

Is indium doped silicon ionized?

Indium doped silicon has been used to make passivated emitter and rear cell (PERC) devices which are reported to be stable under illumination [16,17]. Unfortunately indium's acceptor level is moderately deep relative to the valence band edge ( $E_v + 0.156 \text{ eV}$ ), and this means that at room temperature it is not fully ionized [18].

Gallium doped monocrystalline silicon is likely to account for the majority of passivated emitter and rear cell (PERC) production in the coming years. High purity gallium ...

doped monocrystalline silicon. The plot compares our data from Figure 1b. at an excess carrier density of  $1 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  ... significant for the use of gallium-doped silicon in solar cells.

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Within this work, both the performance and reliability of industrial Boron- and Gallium-doped p-type monocrystalline silicon solar cells with dielectrically passivated rear side ...

By shining light on LeTID kinetics in Gallium-doped silicon, we explain the dopant atoms' influence on the degradation behavior, establish a basis for precise yield ...

6.Nicholas E. Grant, "Lifetime instabilities in gallium doped monocrystalline PERC silicon solar cells", Solar Energy Materials and Solar Cells. 7.Daniel Chen, "A Current ...

In this article, carrier lifetime degradation phenomena on fired gallium-doped Czochralski-grown silicon (Cz-Si:Ga) and boron-doped float-zone silicon (FZ-Si:B) are observed.

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High Efficiency Monocrystalline Silicon Solar Cells on B-Doped FZ and Ga-Doped CZ Wafers ... content) and gallium-doped Cz-Si as alternatives to standard boron-doped Cz-Si in LGBC

Czochralski-grown gallium-doped silicon wafers are now a mainstream substrate for commercial passivated emitter and rear cell (PERC) devices and allow retention of ...

This article addresses two key areas which demonstrate why Ga-doped Cz silicon is superior to boron-doped Cz silicon, namely i) the effective lifetime potential ...

found that the service life of gallium-doped monocrystalline silicon solar cells is higher than that of boron-doped solar cells, and the gallium doping can effectively inhibit the photon attenuation ...

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