

Analysis of cold solder joints in solar panels

Does infrared soldering affect interconnection of silicon heterojunction (SHJ) solar cells?

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Did a production error lead to cold solder joints?

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What are cold solder joints?

Cold solder joints occur when the temperature during the soldering process is not high enough, and they are difficult to see with the naked eye. "It turned out to be important that we had agreed in advance with the manufacturer on the criteria for replacing modules," says CEA's Director of Technology and Quality, George Touloupas.

Do heterojunction solar cells interconnect by soldering?

2.1 Heterojunction solar cells To study the interconnection process on SHJ solar cells by soldering, we use bifacial monocrystalline SHJ cells (156.75 × 156.75 mm²) of our project partner Meyer Burger (Germany) GmbH. The cells are pre-processed on

Why do we use infrared soldering at 240 °C?

Infrared soldering at ~240 °C enables the use of industrially established equipment and to forego alternative interconnection processes. The formation of well-adherent void-free solder joints allows string handling, module integration and a detailed analysis of the solder joints, as shown in this study.

How are solder joints analyzed?

The microstructure and quality of the solder joints is analyzed using SEM and EDX. Additionally, 3D scans using X-ray micro-computed tomography (uCT) reveal the inner structure and the microstructural quality of the solder bonds.

However, regardless of technique and machinery used in soldering solar cells, solder joint long-term reliability throughout the PV module lifetime is a key concern. One of the effects of ...

Investigating the failure mechanism of solder joints under different temperature conditions is significant to ensure the service life of a printed circuit board (PCB). In this research, the stress and strain distribution of a ...

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results show that the evaluated states correlate to conductivity decrease of solder joints, which can be confirmed by electroluminescence (EL) images of a solar cell. Keywords: Eddy current ...

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This novel approach aims to induce thermomechanical fatigue (TMF) at the solder joints and intermetallic compound (IMC) formation at the metal/solder interfaces. The activation energy ...

Nonetheless, in real conditions, reliability is a critical issue especially for the solder interconnections because the device can experience temperatures as high as 90 °C in ...

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