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LASER SCRIBING OF Sb_2Se_3 THIN FILMS FOR PHOTOVOLTAIC APPLICATIONS

Sb_2Se_3 is a promising absorber material for photovoltaic applications due to its band-gap value (~ 1.2 eV), strong optical absorption, simple phase and composition, and earth-abundant and non-toxic constituents, reasons why Sb_2Se_3 has emerged as a potential candidate to be incorporated as high-efficiency and low-cost absorber material in thin film solar cell technology. The Sb_2Se_3 based solar cells has the possibility of its cells being interconnected in series by the laser scribing technique using 3 laser scribes steps called P1, P2 and P3 that are carried out in a sequential process by depositing each of the thin films that constitute the cell solar. In this work, the P1 and P2 laser scribes steps were implemented in the structure glass/ $\text{SnO}_2\text{:F}/\text{Sb}_2\text{Se}_3$ using a 532 nm pulsed laser. Parameters such as laser energy, pulse repetition frequency and spot overlap percentage were optimized to obtain suitable channels for the electrical interconnection of Sb_2Se_3 solar cells. The resulting laser scribes were evaluated by optical microscopy, UV-VIS spectroscopy, profilometry, composition analysis and electrical conductivity measurements, thus validating the quality of the P1 and P2 processes.

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Sb_2Se_3 , P2 laser scribing steps, 532 nm laser, solar cells.

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