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Overview

Can electrohydraulic fragmentation be used to recycle end-of-life PV panels?

Further the process can be customised for high throughput or high-quality process. Furthermore, we have shown that recycling end-of-life PV panels using electrohydraulic fragmentation can lead to a high yield and high quality of materials enabling almost complete recovery of components from end-of-life crystalline silicon PV panels.

Can electrohydraulic fragmentation improve the sustainability of silicon PV panels?

Development of processes enabling complete recycling of silicon PV panels is essential to improve the sustainability of silicon PV panels. In this work we have presented the electrohydraulic fragmentation process as an alternative to the popular thermal process of delamination of c-Si PV panels.

What material is recovered after fragmentation of solar cells?

The material recovered after the fragmentation usually consists of fine powder containing metals and silicon from the solar cells, along with glass powder , . EHF has been shown to be better suited for recovery of metals (Al, Ag) and Si from the PV panels as well as extremely energy efficient .

Can electrohydraulic Shockwave fragmentation help recyclable solar panels?

Their findings show that the electrohydraulic shockwave fragmentation (EHF) technique enables the recovery of more than 99.5% of the weight of the panels, almost complete recyclability. “This research was carried out at two locations,” corresponding author Professor Pradeep Padhamnath told pv magazine.

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