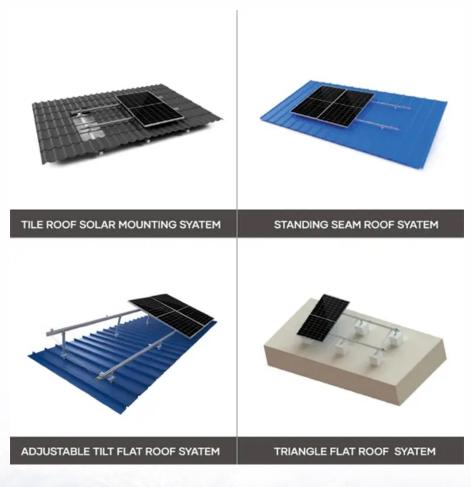


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Special-shaped thin-film photovoltaic modules







Overview

Spanning interfacial engineering, tandem structures, novel deposition methods, and sophisticated modeling, these studies offer cutting-edge insights and methodologies to overcome key barriers in thin-film solar cell development, with a focus on perovskite and related technologies. Can thin film solar modules be customized?

Up to now the serial interconnection using laser scribes after single deposition steps remains the standard for thin film solar modules. A panel-on-demand procedure for refinement of semi-fabricates to customized modules was proposed to allow for flexible design of building integrated thin-film photovoltaics.

What is Panel-on-demand design for integrated thin-film photovoltaics?

We propose a panel-on-demand concept for flexible design of building integrated thin-film photovoltaics to address this issue. The concept is based on the use of semi-finished PV modules (standard mass products) with subsequent refinement into BIPV PV modules. In this study, we demonstrate the three processes necessary to realize this concept.

What is a thin-film PV module?

To date, this thin-film module is a PV model with among the lowest carbon footprints and fastest energy payback times of the entire menu of large-scale PV products. Innovation, growth in clean electricity demands, and tenaciousness continue to drive research and commercial progress with the thin-film PV community.

How are thin-film solar modules made?

In the first step, thin-film solar modules (e.g., CIGS) are produced as semifinished products or semi-fabricates in large quantities on large glass plates. These are then shipped to refinement centres positioned in the consumer markets.



Why are thin film solar panels used in FPV?

The scarcity of land and high land prices are the main motivations behind this growth. Thin-film solar panels have some advantages over conventional rigid silicon solar panels to be used in FPV. The main advantage is that these floating structures can be made flexible with thin film solar modules.

How are thin film modules made?

When fully realized in the industry, standard semi-finished thin film modules would be mass produced in a first step and then shipped to local refinement centres. There an architect could order modules of arbitrary shape and colour.



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