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Ultra-thin lightweight glass photovoltaic modules





Overview

Scientists at the Korea Institute of Energy Research (KIER) have developed a CIGS solar cell with ultra-thin glass (UTG), an emerging substrate known for its exceptional flexibility and stability. Are ultra-thin organic photovoltaics scalable?

To date, demonstrations of such ultra-thin photovoltaics have been limited to small-scale devices, often prepared on glass carrier substrates with only a few layers solution-processed. We demonstrate large-area, ultra-thin organic photovoltaic (PV) modules produced with scalable solution-based printing processes for all layers.

Can a bulk heterojunction material be used for large-area photovoltaic modules?

Prior to developing a process to build fully-printed large-area photovoltaic modules, an organic bulk heterojunction material system was selected and evaluated for its suitability for such an application, on small-scale glass substrates with sputtered transparent electrodes.

What are thin-film photovoltaics?

Thin-film photovoltaics with functional components on the order of a few microns, present an avenue toward realizing additive power onto any surface of interest without excessive addition in weight and topography.

Can cadmium-free solar cells be used on ultra-thin glass?

The new cell concept was introduced in the study "High-efficiency cadmium-free Cu (In,Ga)Se 2 flexible thin-film solar cells on ultra-thin glass as an emerging substrate," published in the Journal of Alloys and Compounds.

How much does a silicon PV module weigh?

For comparison, we note that silicon PV modules on glass substrates have a specific power of 20 W/kg and weigh 10.7 kg m -2 (for example, see



SunPower's Maxeon Gen 5, 400 W Residential A-Series Panels), 18-times less power per kg, and 100-times more weight per m 2, than our fabric-PV modules.

Can ultra-thin modules be integrated into fabric-PV systems?

Integration of the ultra-thin modules onto composite fabrics lends mechanical resilience to allow these fabric-PV systems to maintain their performance even after 500 roll-up cycles. This approach to decouple the manufacturing and integration of photovoltaics enables new opportunities in ubiquitous energy generation.



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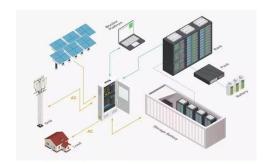
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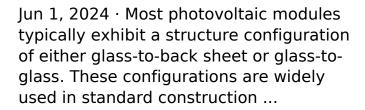




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