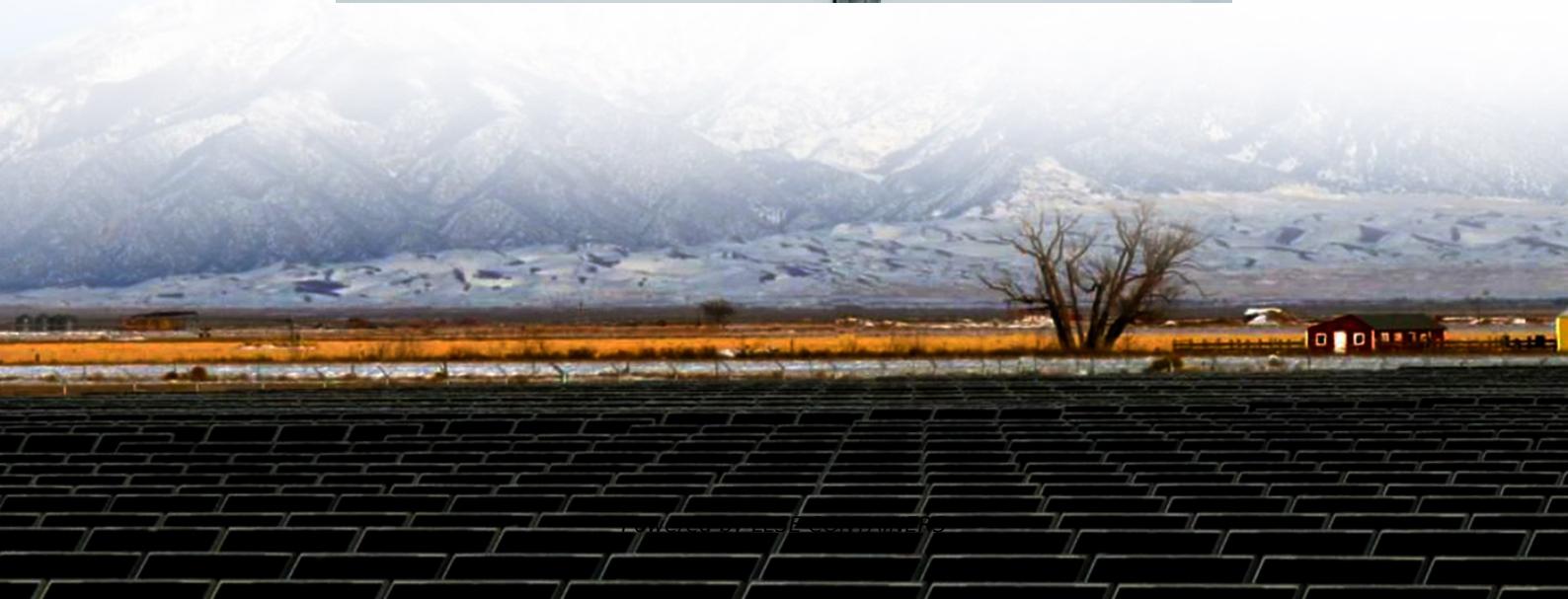




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## Overview

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Solar modules, also known as photovoltaic modules, are the building blocks of solar panel systems. They absorb sunlight and convert it into electrical energy through the photovoltaic effect. What is a solar photovoltaic module?

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How does a solar PV module work?

In general, strings of multiple solar PV modules are connected to an inverter, which converts direct current generated by the module to alternating current (i.e. a DC/AC converter—see Chap. 12).

When was the first solar module developed?

Sharp Corporation developed the first practical silicon-based PV module in 1963. By 1966, a 1 kW photovoltaic array was deployed in space, marking a significant milestone for large-scale solar applications . 3.4.

What is the performance of a solar module?

Just as in the case for solar cells, the performance of modules is characterized by the power  $P_{max}$  and efficiency  $\eta$  measured at Standard Test Conditions (STC = 1000 W/m<sup>2</sup>, AM1.5, 25 °C). On a module level, we can distinguish between total - area efficiency  $\eta_{tot}$  and aperture - area efficiency  $\eta_{apa}$ .



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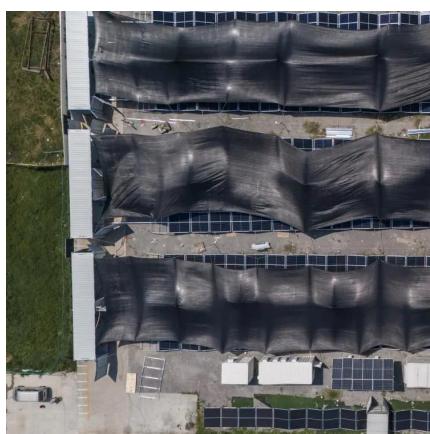
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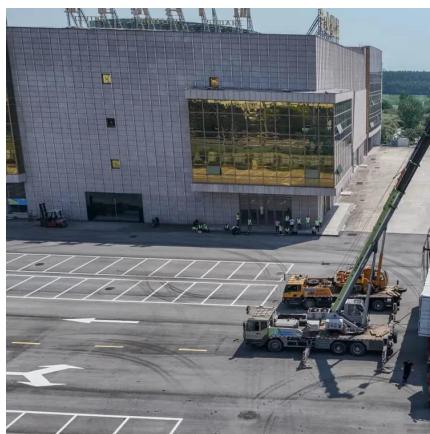
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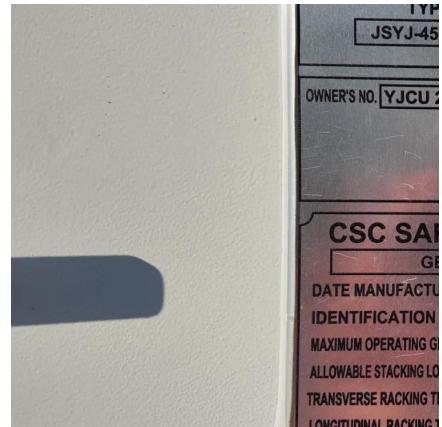
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