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Third-generation photovoltaic (PV) aims to develop high-efficiency devices while still using second-generation thin-film deposition methods. The goal is to reduce cost per watt while allowing only



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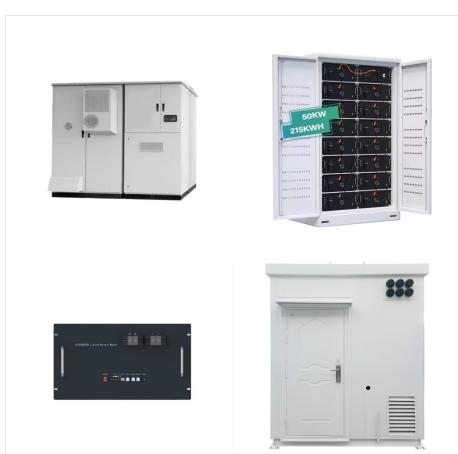
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Since the early days of terrestrial photovoltaics, a common perception has been that "first generation" silicon wafer-based solar cells eventually would be replaced by a "second a?|



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The analysis presented in Fig. 1 was first introduced by Shockley and Queisser in 1961 and is for a solar cell of bandgap 1.1 eV operating under the AM1.5 global spectrum with 1000 W/m². 3 First and second generation photovoltaic (PV) cells have best-cell power conversion efficiencies (PCE) that are asymptotically approaching the Shockley

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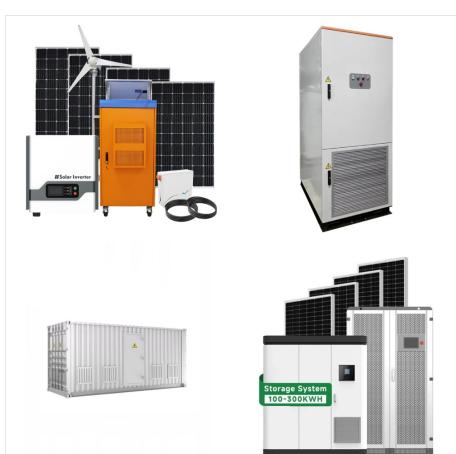
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First generation photovoltaic cells, which use Si wafers, are now being superseded by second generation, thin film devices that reduce material costs. Eventually, Green believes, these will themselves be replaced by high-performance, third generation products using new device structures.



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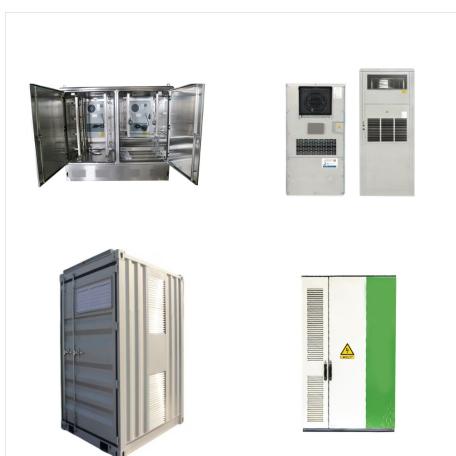
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A range of more integrated approaches is possible in thin-film photovoltaics, with energy conversion efficiencies double or triple the 15 to 20% presently targeted, as described in this paper. While the photovoltaics industry is currently dominated by silicon wafer-based "first generation" technology, there is a clear move towards "second generation" thin-film a?|



The photovoltaic industry is in a phase of rapid expansion, growing at over 30 % per annum over recent years. Although technologies based on thin-film compound and alloy solar cells are under active development, most commercial solar cells presently use self-supporting bulk crystalline or multicrystalline silicon wafers, similar to those used in microelectronics.



1.2 Third-Generation PV Cell Structure.

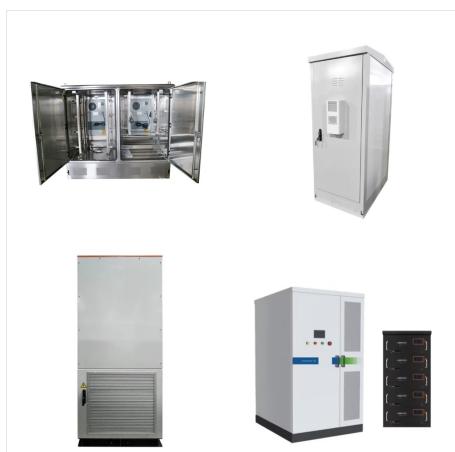
Third-generation photovoltaics can be considered as electrochemical devices. This is a main difference between them and the strictly solid-state silicon solar cells, as shown in Fig. 2. For third-generation photovoltaics, there are two mechanisms of charge transfer after the charge generation due to

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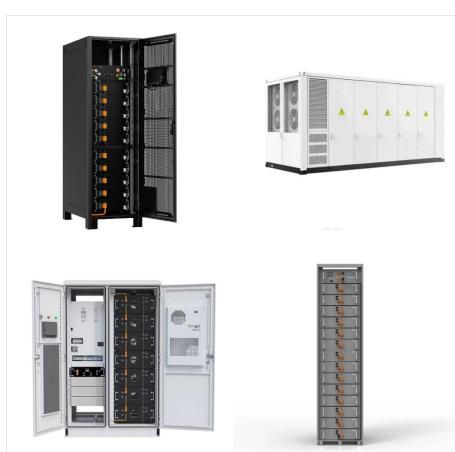
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It is argued, therefore, that photovoltaics is likely to evolve, in its most mature form, to a "third generation" of high efficiency thin-film technology. By high efficiency, what is meant is energy conversion values double or triple the 15-20% range presently targeted, closer to the thermodynamic limit of 93%.



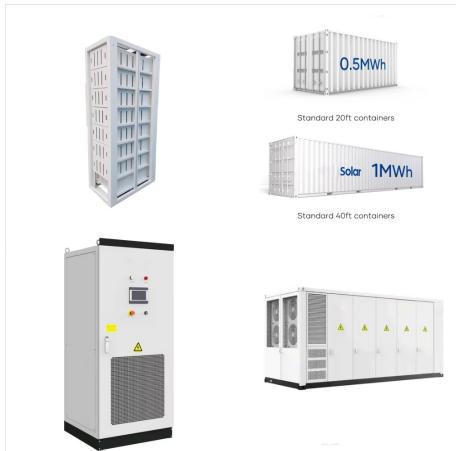
Third-generation photovoltaic cells are solar cells that are potentially able to overcome the Shockley-Queisser limit of 31-41% power efficiency for single bandgap solar cells. This includes a range of alternatives to cells made of semiconducting p-n junctions ("first generation") and thin film cells ("second generation"). Common third-generation systems include multi-layer ("tandem



Third-generation solar cells are designed to achieve high power-conversion efficiency while being low-cost to produce. These solar cells have the ability to surpass the Shockley-Queisser limit. This review focuses on different types of third-generation solar cells such as dye-sensitized solar cells, Perovskite-based cells, organic photovoltaics, quantum dot solar cells, and

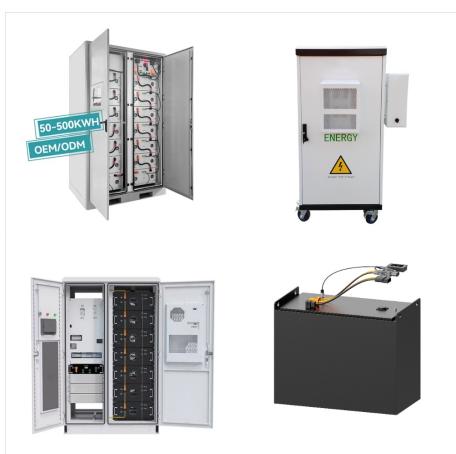
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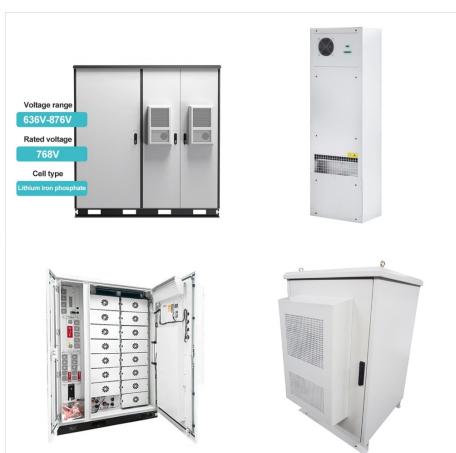


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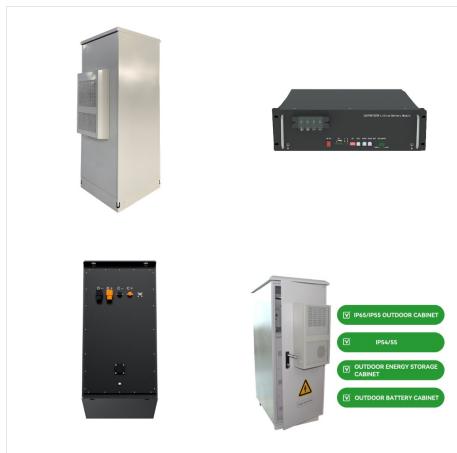
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While the photovoltaics industry is currently dominated by silicon wafer-based "first generation" technology, there is a clear move towards "second generation" thin-film technology. Second generation technology has significant cost advantages over wafer-based modules, due to reduced materials usage and large-area processing. Even with second generation technology, a?|

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ZnO is mainly used in emerging photovoltaics as compact or mesoporous layers as a TCO or a n-type semiconductor. On the one hand, Fig. 1a shows the different uses of ZnO in third-generation solar cells. In the case of organic, perovskite, and kesterite-based solar cells, ZnO is usually used as a compact layer while for dye-sensitized and quantum dots solar cells a?