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# Photovoltaic glass under pressure



## Overview

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As the PV industry considers new cell and module designs of lower cost, the reliability and durability become a major issue. Hence, it is important to evaluate the influencing factors on the mechanical strength.

Is PV glass breakage a problem in utility-scale power plants?

There have been many changes to PV module design and materials in that time. Several changes have increased the risk of glass breakage. But there is probably no single change that is responsible for the problem. Here, we summarize our observations and thoughts on PV glass breakage in utility-scale power plants.

Why do PV modules need glass?

Glass has been vital in PV modules on Earth since the 1960s. It protects cells and wires that are not durable on their own. It is a barrier that keeps out things like dirt and water. And it is an insulator that keeps electricity in the module. A module might keep working after its glass breaks, but not safely and not for long.

Does glass superstrate provide mechanical rigidity of PV modules?

The glass superstrate provides the mechanical rigidity of the PV module since it comprises more than 72% of the module thickness and has a high mechanical stiffness of  $E = 73 \text{ GPa}$ , which governs the deflection of the whole module. Fig. 19 shows the deflection across the PV module diagonal for PV modules with different glass stiffness.

Why does my PV module glass break?

Broken glass seems to be more common than before. In the past few years, our team has found power plants around the world where PV module glass has broken with no obvious cause. We call this type of breakage spontaneous.

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Laboratory at there is often no link to severe weather or an impact event. Most PV modules in power plants now use two pieces of glass. When modules were small, or when they had a single sheet of glass, 3.2-mm glass was common.

Is PV glass tempered or annealed?

In our experience, 3.2-mm PV glass that is fully tempered is also safety glass. It always breaks into small fragments. When glass breaks with cracks that have few or no branches, it has a low-energy fracture pattern. This can happen in annealed or heat-strengthened glass that breaks before the external load has added enough energy for branching.

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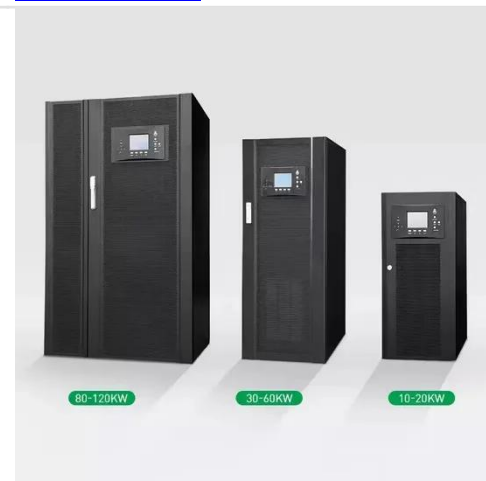
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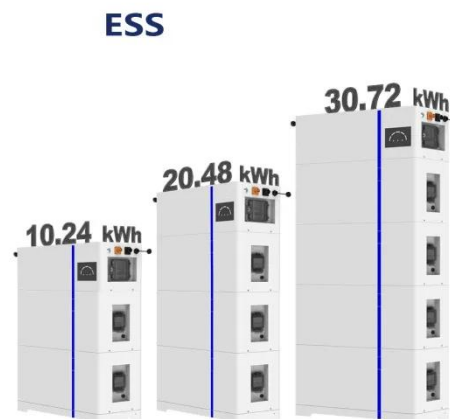


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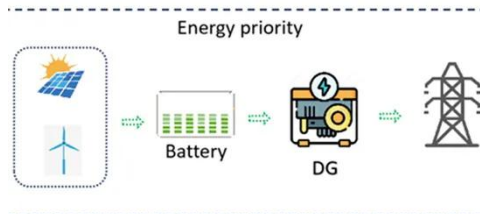
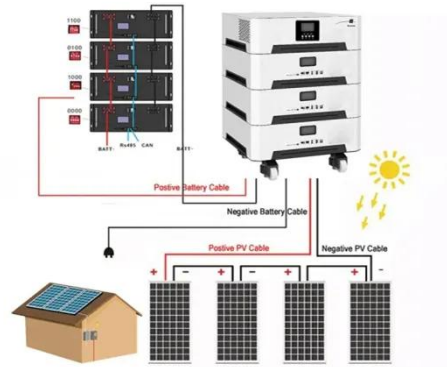
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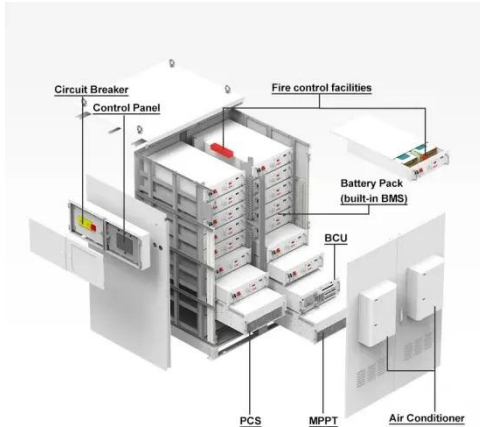
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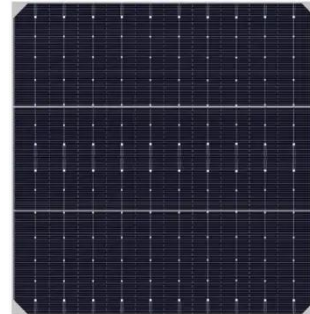


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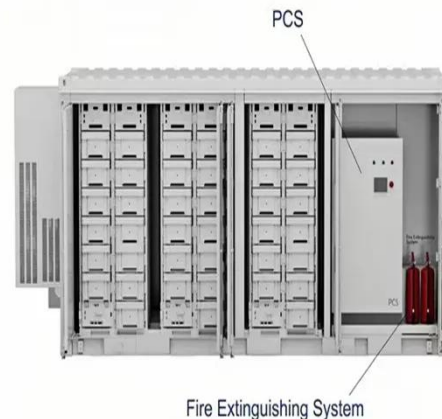
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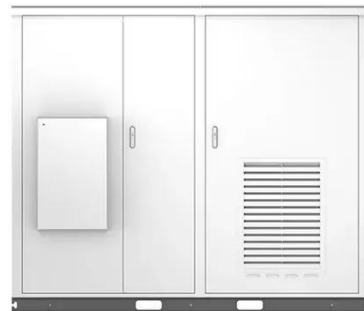


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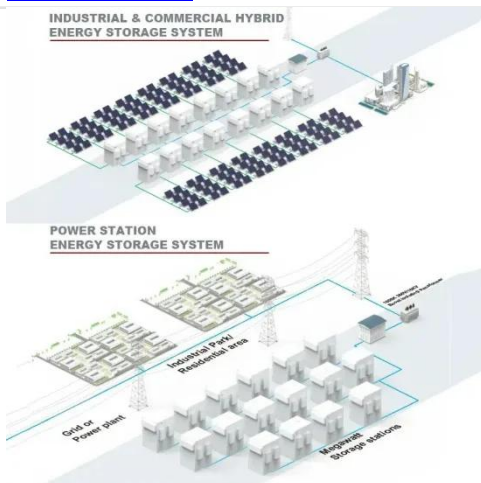
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