

Can a Fraunhofer ISE technology make photovoltaic modules more energy-efficient?

NexWafe, another company built on Fraunhofer ISE technology, is working on energy-efficient manufacturing of photovoltaic modules. Using an innovative production process, it has succeeded in manufacturing silicon wafers - the heart of every photovoltaic cell - far more efficiently than was previously possible.

How does Fraunhofer IAP work?

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How can Fraunhofer ISE improve the rate of innovation?

However, rather than contenting itself with theoretical studies, Fraunhofer ISE is also developing the technologies needed to maintain the rate of innovation. For example, by making the contacts in the cells thinner, the researchers have reduced silver consumption by around 20 percent and increased efficiency by 1 percent.

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The Fraunhofer Center for Sustainable Energy Systems CSE is developing Plug and Play PV systems to dramatically reduce the soft costs of residential PV installations, targeting a goal of \$1.50/Watt installed cost by 2020, down from an average of ...

Moreover, the increased scale of offshore solar farms can reduce their environmental impacts per installed solar panel, through a minimal need for anchors on the seabed and centralizing the electricity export cable in ...

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The expertise of the Fraunhofer Energy Alliance runs along the entire value chain of silicon photovoltaics. It spans the entire range from the crystallization, wafering and cell production through to the interconnection of modules. Experts at Fraunhofer develop optimized overall system designs and are leading in the inverter technology.

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