

Could photovoltaic concrete be the future of architecture?

Header Image via Architect Magazine. Several recent advancements in photovoltaic construction signal that energy-generating concrete could play a larger role in the future of architecture. Two cases in particular stand out in their recent contributions to the burgeoning field of photovoltaic concrete.

What is a photovoltaic module?

A photovoltaic (PV) module is a packaged, and connected photovoltaic solar cells assembled in an array of various sizes. Photovoltaic modules constitute the photovoltaic array of a photovoltaic system that generates and supplies solar electricity in commercial and residential applications.

Are floating solar panels a viable alternative to land based solar panels?

Floating solar photovoltaic (PV) panels on reservoir turns out to be an appealing alternative solution. Floating PV system enjoys several advantages over its land-based counterparts including the natural cooling effect.

What is a photovoltaic concrete structure?

Researchers of the Block Research Group at ETH Zurich have developed an ultra-thin, self-supporting, photovoltaic concrete structure with multiple layers of functionality. Beyond just power generation, this incredibly sinuous structure offers thermal regulation, insulation and waterproofing properties.

Can photovoltaic panels be mounted on a galvanized roof?

Photovoltaic system with panel mounting on the roof of a galvanized structure. Photovoltaic panels are rarely mounted on the roof to allow the entry of sunlight and rain. The structure has no walls and can have openings up to 15 meters without intermediate pillars. This system is designed for agricultural and keeping animals in free outdoor areas.

What are photovoltaic structures?

Photovoltaic structures represent the supports for photovoltaic panels. These photovoltaic panels can be with an aluminum frame with a thickness of between 30 mm and 45 mm, or photovoltaic panels with double glass without frames. Below are our structure systems available for ground-mounted power plants:

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