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Thin-film PV technologies significantly reduce material use and manufacturing costs, offering distinct advantages such as flexibility and lightweight structures, thereby enabling diverse ...

OverviewHistoryTheory of operationMaterialsEfficienciesProduction, cost and marketDurability and lifetimeEnvironmental and health impactEarly research into thin-film solar cells began in the 1970s. In 1970, Zhores Alferov"s team at Ioffe Institute created the first gallium arsenide (GaAs) solar cells, later winning the 2000 Nobel prize in Physics for this and other work. Two years later in 1972, Prof. Karl Böer founded the Institute of Energy Conversion (IEC) at the University of Delaware to further thin-film solar research. The institute first focused on copper sulfide/cadmiu...

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