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### How to build highly foldable solar cells?

The key requirements to construct highly foldable solar cells, including structure design based on tuning the neutral axis plane, and adopting flexible alternatives including substrates, transparent electrodes and absorbers, are intensively discussed.

What happens if a solar module is folded?

When the solar modules subjected to folding, the Jsc started to decrease and gradually saturated at around 4 mA cm -2 after 10 cycles of folding/unfolding, while the Voc almost remained constant throughout 40 times folding/unfolding, as shown in Figure 3D. Foldable solar cells with crease in the predesigned place.

#### What are foldable solar cells?

Key points for achieving highly foldable solar cells Compared to the normal bendable solar cells which can endure flexion with a smooth curve with radius of several millimeters, foldable solar cells can tolerate the crease at the edge with a curvature radius of sub-millimeter.

What is the difference between bending and folding in solar cells?

However, in contrast to mild bending with curvature radius of several millimeters, folding generates the crease with extreme curvature radius of sub-millimeter, resulting in the appearance of large strain and stress. As a result, it is highly challenging to realize robustly foldable and highly efficient solar cells.

What is folding induced crack and delamination in solar cells?

For the solar cells with multilayers, the folding induced crack and delamination may firstly occur in active layer or interface, depending on the stress distribution in the device during folding, the crack onset stress of each functional layers, as well as the bonding at the interface.

Are foldable solar cells a future development?

In the end, some perspectives for the future development of foldable solar cells, especially the standard folding procedure, improvement in the folding endurance through revealing failure mechanism, are provided.

In this paper, a new folding mechanism is proposed innovatively from the perspective of origami. The folding model is mainly composed of panels with different shapes, ...

Abstract. Deployable structures are extensively used in engineering. A bistable panel structure, inspired by multistable origami, is proposed, capable of deployment and folding powered by air pressure. Prototypes were manufactured using planar laser etching technology based on geometric design. Mechanical behavior under out-of-plane compression, in-plane ...

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technological information on mechanical design (CAD).

The work studies the kinematics and the mechanics of the investigated structures through analytic and numerical methods. Two folding motions are examined: to open and ...

When designing actual structures like solar arrays, thickness is an important consideration in ensuring their stiffness [49]. Consequently, it is not feasible to assume zero thickness for the panels. The issue of thickness has posed a significant challenge [50] for the development of origami structures since the thickness greatly affects their flat-foldability and ...

The equivalent spatial linkage of the thick-panel structure obtained by the offset panel technique is the same as the equivalent spatial linkage of the zero-thickness origami, and the thickness of the thick-panel can be adjusted arbitrarily, so that the size of the thick-panel after folding can be effectively controlled. And the shape of the panels can be edited ...

In this paper, the solar panel can achieve circumferential motion based on the motion principle of the folding fan, and the solar panel can achieve radial motion based on the ...

By folding the solar panels, the size of the panels is reduced, thus saving the energy required for the launch of the satellite, and by unfolding a large area after the launch into the intended ...

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Here, we summarize the recent progress on photovoltaic performance and mechanical robustness of foldable solar cells. The key requirements to construct highly foldable solar cells, including structure design based on turning the neutral axis plane, and adopting flexible alternatives including substrates, transparent electrodes

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Origami is an ingenious solution to this problem by reducing the size of solar panels needed for launch by specific folding methods, such as Miura-ori, which is a rigid origami paper in which each ...

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