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What is the problem with the automatic edge trimming of photovoltaic panels



Overview

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A trimming machine is used to trim, or cut, the excess material from the cell edge of the solar module while maintaining uniformity. This is the next step after a solar module has been laminated. Trimming removes excess material like encapsulant and trims the backsheet to the required size before the frame of the module can be added.

Automation for Photovoltaic Module Edge Trimming, Edge Sealing, and Framing. / NREL. 2000. 87-88 Paper presented at Program and 2000 NCPV Program Review Meeting, Denver, Colorado. Research output: Contribution to conference > Paper.

For example, if a solar panel has 20% name plate efficiency, it means that only 20% of the total sun's energy falling on the panel is converted to electricity. In practice, the average efficiency of PV panels varies from 17 to 19%. However, the panels with the highest efficiency of 23% are also available in the market.

The failing events of solar modules are limited by their automatic disconnection from the array, initiated by a Switching Matrix (SM) [51]. This in turn compensates the sudden changes in irradiance profiles, sparing away the problems of reduced PV system's efficiency and lowered energy generation [52]. How does partial shading affect PV power generation?

In other words, partial shading attenuates the PV power generation while leaving a permanent damage in PV cells , with a notable voltage drop on the shaded panel's terminals and a reduced conversion efficiency .

How does temperature affect the efficiency of thermoelectric modules & PV panels?

In fact, the efficiency of thermoelectric modules and PV panels is controversially influenced by increased operating temperature. A high-temperature gradient across the thermoelectric module improves its efficiency while undesired for the PV (Li et al., 2018).

How does partial shading affect PV module output?

Partial or complete shading depends on module position, array configuration and shading scenario and significantly decreases PV module output. 96 Partial shading blocks some cells of a PV module and severely affects module output because the shaded cells cannot produce any current.

Why do PV panels use phase change materials?

The use of Phase Change materials allows absorbing excessive thermal energy in PV panels, contributing to regulating their temperature and improving conversion performance (Ma et al., 2019). The advantage of using PCMs is that a great amount of heat can be dissipated from the PV module via the exploration of the PCM's latent energy (Ali, 2020).

What is the efficiency of commercial PV panels?

Although it is theoretically possible to get the highest efficiency of 29% in commercial PV, this value only reaches a maximum of 26% in the actual case. 8 Various external and internal factors are responsible for the degradation of PV panel efficiency (Figure 2), namely environmental, constructional, installation and operation and maintenance.

What causes a PV panel to deteriorate?

As manufacturer suggestions, a panel is degraded when its power reaches below 80% of its initial power. 110 Several factors such as temperature, humidity, irradiation, mechanical shock are responsible for the deterioration of PV panels. 110, 111 Table 4 presents different reasons for panel degradation.

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