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# Welcome to the Energy Department's “Building-Integrated Photovoltaics: Beyond the Shingle” Workshop!



# Agenda Overview

9:00a – 9:10a	<b>Introductions</b>
9:10a – 9:30a	<b>SETO/BTO Report</b> G. Stefopoulos (SETO), R. Narayanamurthy (BTO)
9:30a – 10:00a	<b>Barriers &amp; Strategies for Integrating Architectural Solar – A U.S. Market Perspective</b> Chris Klinga, Stan Pipkin (ASA)
10:00a – 10:15a	<b>Break</b>
10:15a – 11:00a	<b>Industry Panel Discussion</b> Moderator: Jennifer DiStefano (SETO) Panelists: Cory Fry, Veeral Hardev, Hunter McDaniel, Vaiva Razgaitis
11:00 – 11:15am	<b>Transparent BIPV work at LBNL</b> Jacob Jonsson (LBNL)
11:15 – 11:30am	<b>Observations &amp; Lessons Learned in Residential BIPV</b> Jeff Cook (NREL)
11:30 – 11:45am	<b>BIPV at the Solar Decathlon</b> Rachel Romero (NREL)
11:45am-12:00pm	<b>Closing remarks</b>

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# Challenges and Opportunities for Building-Integrated Photovoltaics SETO/BTO Request for Information Report

Solar Energy Technologies Office / Building Technologies Office

Greenbuild International Conference and Expo

U.S. DOE BIPV Workshop – November 1, 2022



# Outline

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- **Background**
- **RFI overview**
- **Responses and learnings**
- **Workshops**
- **Further discussion**



# Background

- **Building-sited distributed PV was about 30% of new solar capacity installed in 2020**
- **Roof-mounted systems are currently the dominant design**
- **Other approaches and technologies could provide a competitive value proposition for building decarbonization**
  - Providing better potential given the building aspect ratio
  - Combining redundant parts
  - Reducing overall system costs
  - Improving efficiencies

# Background

## Building-applied PV (BAPV)



- Conventional PV modules
- Fully-functional building
- Electricity generation

## Building-integrated PV (BIPV)



- Specialized PV modules
- Integral part of building
- Electricity generation and building function



# RFI Details

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- Collaborative DOE RFI between SETO and BTO
- March 7 to April 1, 2022
- 37 responses from a variety of stakeholders
- Focus on current state of the industry, challenges and barriers, gaps, and R&D needs
- Summary report at <https://www.energy.gov/eere/solar/summary-challenges-and-opportunities-building-integrated-photovoltaics-rfi>

# RFI Details – Focus areas



State of the industry and key domestic markets



Product requirements



Key barriers and perceptions



RDD&C needs and opportunities



Stakeholder engagement processes

# Market Segments and Opportunities

## Products

- **Roofing**
- Covering/Shading Elements
- Glass products
- Vertical products

## Customer Segments

- **Commercial buildings**
- Residential buildings
- Government, education, healthcare
- Agriculture and greenhouses

## Domestic Manufacturing

- Proximity to market
- Building products typically produced close to consumption
- Cost/emission reductions

# Key Product Requirements

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Performance

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Cost

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Aesthetics

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Reliability, durability, and safety

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Process integration

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Supply chain integration

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# Key Barriers and Perceptions

## Technical Barriers

**Costs**

**Performance**

**Aesthetic** considerations

Technical **complexity** in installation, operation, and maintenance

**Certification** and permitting challenges

## Resource Shortages

Availability of **products**, product and supply chain reliability

**Expertise** shortage and lack of educational resources

Lack of sales, estimation, and other **decision support** tools

Lack of financial **incentives** specific to BIPV

## Awareness and collaborations

Technology awareness by **designers and end-users**

Existing **silos** in operating and business models of various affected groups

**Disconnects** between partnering groups and affected industries

## Research and Development

Lack of **fundamental research**

Lack of **demonstration projects**

# RDD&C Needs

Product demonstration

Testing facilities and **demonstration** projects

Availability of **data**

Models and tools

Production **cost** modeling

**Energy** yield modeling

Installed system cost modeling with consideration for **O&M** costs

Comprehensive **assessment of benefits**

Performance improvements

Improved BIPV product designs – **aesthetics, installation, O&M**

Efficiency and **energy yield** improvements

**Thermal management** improvements

Installation and maintenance processes

Systems **integration**

# Stakeholder Engagement and Outreach

## Underrepresented groups

**Architectural** community

**Construction** industry

**Manufacturers** and product implementation teams

**Power-electronics** companies

**Trade associations** and organizations

Local/state **regulators**

**Investors**

## Outreach mechanisms

Publishing **case studies**

Supporting and promoting **demonstration projects**

Establishing dedicated **BIPV conferences**, trade shows, workshops, and other **educational opportunities**

Creating a steering committee to make **recommendations for specific certification standards** for BIPV

Providing **funding opportunities** for research and commercialization of BIPV solutions

Instituting BIPV rebate programs or **financial incentives**

Creating a coordinated national effort, like establishing a U.S.-based **consortium**

Promoting early-stage **innovation**

# Purpose of Workshop

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- **Bring together various BIPV stakeholders from industry, academia, and research entities**
- **Create a forum for discussion and exchange of views and ideas**
- **Understand the current status and needs of the industry**
- **Receive input that would guide future DOE plans and activities**

# DOE BIPV Workshops

- **RE+**
  - <https://www.re-plus.com/power/>
  - Thursday, September 22, 2022, 8:00 – 12:00p
- **Greenbuild International Conference and Expo**
  - <https://informaconnect.com/greenbuild/>
  - Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 9:00 – 12:00p
- **Buildings XV**
  - <https://www.ashrae.org/conferences/topical-conferences/2022-buildings-xv-conference>
  - Thursday, December 8, 2022, 1:00 – 5:00p

# Questions and Further Discussion



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# US DOE BIPV Workshop - Building Technology Office

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US DOE

Advanced Technology and Energy Policy Manager

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November 1, 2022



# Core functions of building envelopes

- Keep the rain out
- Keep the heat out in summer
- Keep the heat in the winter
- Maintain a view to the outdoors
- Provide safe and comfortable space
- Avoid mold, bugs and rot
- Reduce chances of condensation
- Ventilate indoor pollutants
- Avoid infiltration of outdoor pollutants and latent loads



# Building envelope infrastructure example – standards and ratings

## Fenestration:

- Simulation of U-factor, Solar Heat Gain Factor and Visible transmittance - ISO 15099
- U-factor testing - ASTM C 1363, C1199, NFRC 102
- Solar Heat Gain Testing – NFRC 201
- Spectral Optical Property – ISO 9050, ASTM E903, NFRC 300, 301
- Air Leakage – ASTM E283, NFRC 400

## Wall Insulation

- ASTM C 518, C 177

## Wall System

- ASTM C1363, ASTM C1155



Air Leakage




Hot Box



Solar Calorimeter

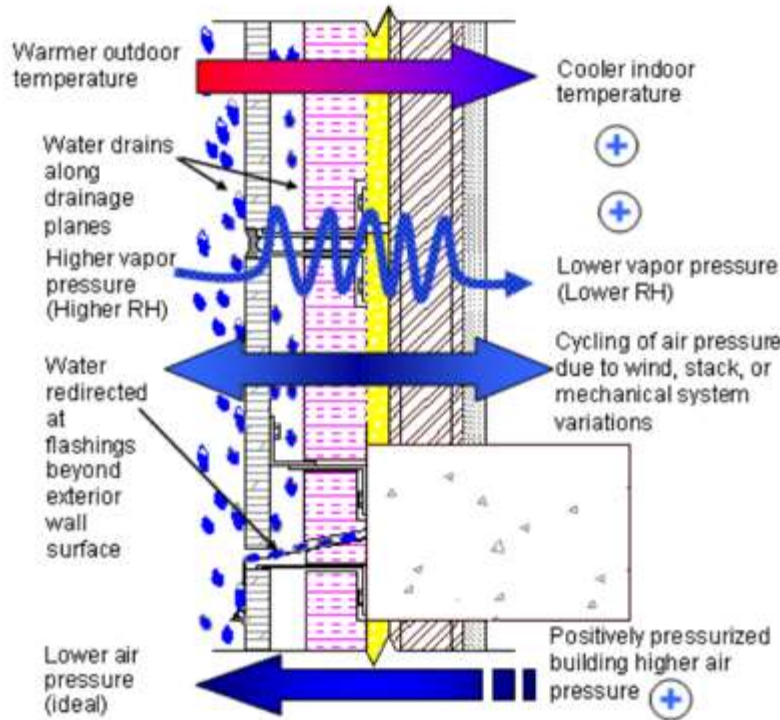


Spectrophotometer

	<b>Solar Reflectance</b>	<b>Initial</b> 0.00	<b>Weathered</b> Pending
	<b>Thermal Emittance</b>	0.00	Pending
	Rated Product ID:	-----	
	Licensed Seller ID Number	-----	
Classification	Production Line		
<p>Cool Roof Rating Council ratings are determined for a fixed set of conditions, and may not be appropriate for determining seasonal energy performance. The actual effect of solar reflectance and thermal emittance on building performance may vary.</p> <p>Manufacturer of product stipulates that these ratings were determined in accordance with the applicable Cool Roof Rating Council procedures.</p>			

	<b>World's Best Window Co.</b> Millennium 2000+ Vinyl-Clad Wood Frame Double Glazing + Argon Fill + Low E Product Type: Vertical Slider
<b>ENERGY PERFORMANCE RATINGS</b>	
U-Factor (U.S./I-P)	Solar Heat Gain Coefficient
<b>0.35</b>	<b>0.32</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE RATINGS</b>	
Visible Transmittance	Air Leakage (U.S./I-P)
<b>0.51</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<p>Manufacturer stipulates that these ratings conform to applicable NFRC procedures for determining whole product performance. NFRC ratings are determined for a fixed set of environmental conditions and a specific product size. NFRC does not recommend any product and does not warrant the suitability of any product for any specific use. Consult manufacturer's literature for other product performance information. <a href="http://www.nfrc.org">www.nfrc.org</a></p>	

# Wall systems – complex moisture and air management



**BIPV needs to ensure core functions are maintained**

Courtesy: Whole Building Design Guideline



# Roofing conventional PV vs BIPV

## Conventional

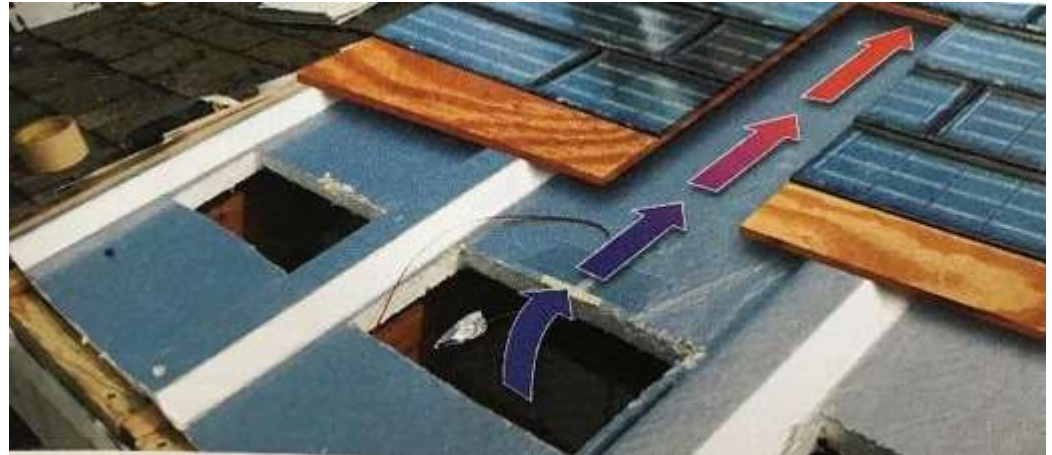
- Shades roof from heat gain
- Allows panels to cool to produce higher output
- Not always aesthetically pleasing to some



## BIPV

- Higher cell temperatures, lower output
- Increase in heat flux to attic/plenum compared to cool roofs
- Generally greater aesthetics

**Above Deck Ventilation – lower peak cooling**



# Example of BIPV with high efficiency



## Key Benefits

- Highest output PV
- Cells allowed to cool
- Optimized sun angle
- Shades windows from sun

## Concerns

- Aesthetically less appealing
- Window cleaning is more difficult/costly

Source: “Transition to Sustainable Buildings, Strategies and Opportunities to 2050”, IEA 2013



# Thermal Performance of Spandrels in Glazing Systems

## Issues:

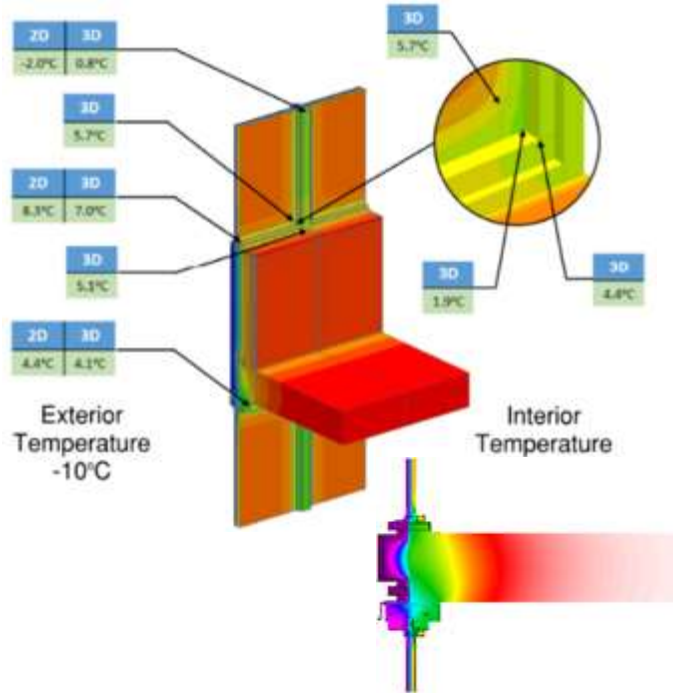
- Thermal-bridging of aluminum framing
- Differing construction of opaque wall areas vs. transparent areas
- Lack of consensus in thermal modeling

## Needs:

- Higher performing spandrel systems to meet more stringent codes
- Thermal modeling consensus based on validation and experimentation

## Outcome:

- *Design Guidance* document with best practices and recommended modeling procedures



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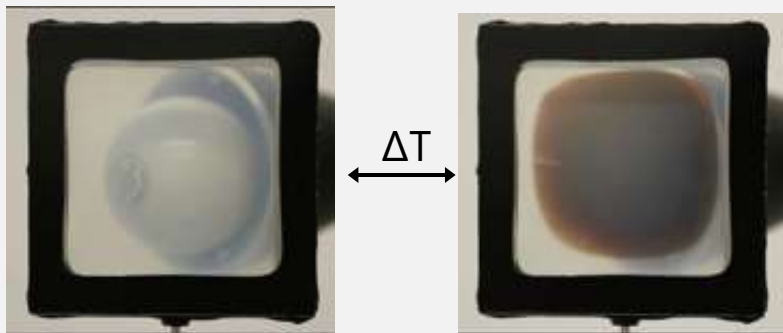
To learn more, contact Anne Ellis

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# Perovskite materials for photovoltaic windows project

## Thermochromic PV

*Dynamic solar heat gain control + PV generation*



Transparent

Colored + PV

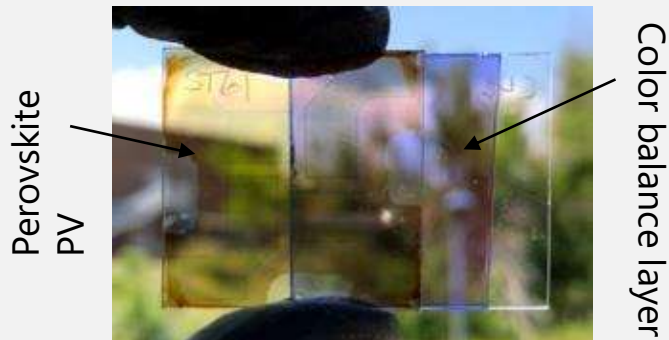
- Generates electricity and modulates solar heat gain for significant building energy savings
- Proof of concept demonstrated.
- NREL holds > 10 patents on the technology
- Durability improved
- Significant investment makes them market viable in ~5 years



Lance Wheeler, PhD  
NREL

## Neutral color semitransparent PV

*High efficiency without sacrificing aesthetics*



- >6% geometric efficiency with >30 visible light transmittance and neutral gray color
- Compatible with current glazing and lamination processes
- Investment makes technology market viable in ~3 years.

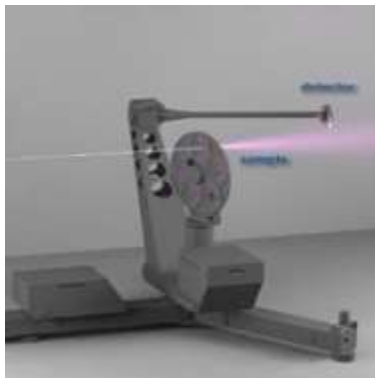
# National Laboratory expertise and advanced facilities



LBNL Flexlab



ORNL Guarded Hot Box



LBNL Goniophotometer



NREL Differential Thermal Cycling Unit



PNNL Lab Homes

# Resources and contact info

US DOE – Pathway to Zero Energy Windows – Advancing Technology and Market Adoption - [Pathway to Zero Energy Windows: Advancing Technologies and Market Adoption \(nrel.gov\)](#)

US DOE - Opaque Envelopes: Pathway to Building Energy Efficiency and Demand Flexibility Key to a Low-Carbon, Sustainable Future

[Opaque Envelopes: Pathway to Building Energy Efficiency and Demand Flexibility](#)

Grid-interactive Efficient Buildings Technical Report Series Windows and Opaque Envelope

[Grid-interactive Efficient Buildings Technical Report Series: Windows and Opaque Envelope \(energy.gov\)](#)

LBNL Core Window Lab – Primer videos and resources

[Outreach | Windows and Daylighting \(lbl.gov\)](#)

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# Barriers & Strategies for Integrating Architectural Solar – A U.S. Market Perspective



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# BREAK 10:00 - 10:15am





# BIPV Industry Panel Discussion



*Moderator:* **Jennifer DiStefano**  
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# Transparent BIPV work at LBNL



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Dr. Jacob C. Jonsson got his Ph.D. in Solid State Physics at Uppsala University and started work at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in 2005. Focus on optical characterization, simulation and modelling of traditional facade materials like glass and shades, but also on electrochromics, hermochromics, and transparent PV.

# Observations & Lessons Learned in Residential BIPV



**Jeff Cook**

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Dr. Jeffrey J. Cook is the Acting Subprogram Manager for Solar Analysis at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and program lead for the Solar Automated Permit Processing Plus Platform. He has been on staff at NREL since 2014, and focuses on solar photovoltaics, permitting, resilience, technology cost reduction, and distributed energy resource aggregation. He received his Ph.D. in political science from Colorado State University in 2017, where he continues to instruct environmental and public policy courses. He received his Master of Science in environmental science and policy from the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay in 2012.

# BIPV at the Solar Decathlon



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Rachel Romero, PE, is an energy engineer and project leader at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Rachel obtained her Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Hope College and then received her master's degree in Building Systems Engineering at the University of Colorado Boulder. Rachel is an active member of ASHRAE, currently service on the Residential Buildings Committee. At NREL, Rachel is the competition manager for the U.S Department of Energy Solar Decathlon Design Challenge, which has inspired over 5000 collegiate students in 8 years to be the next generation to design net zero buildings. Also, she provides technical assistance to the to the Department of Energy's Smart Labs program, which provides technical assistance to university and national laboratory partners across the US. She was a main author of the Smart Labs Toolkit, which describes a systematic process to achieve safe, efficient, and sustainable laboratories.

# Thank you! Join us at upcoming DOE BIPV events

## Buildings XV Conference – December 5-8, 2022 – Clearwater Beach, FL

- DOE BIPV Workshop on Thursday, 12/8, 1-5pm



For questions about our BIPV workshop series, please reach out to George at [georgios.stefopoulos@ee.doe.gov](mailto:georgios.stefopoulos@ee.doe.gov).

# Learn About Upcoming Funding Opportunities

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# ASA

Architectural Solar Association

## Barriers & Strategies for Integrating Architectural Solar *A US Market Perspective*

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*Regional Manager, ASA*

November 1, 2022





# Who We Are

The Architectural Solar Association (ASA) represents a growing industry with a common goal of transforming building facades and other architectural surfaces into generating assets.

## ASA

- Expands Awareness
- Acts as a Supply Chain Resource
- Develops Standards





**Christopher Klinga P.E.**  
*Technical Director, ASA*  
*Principal, SolMotiv Design*

- 2007-2016 - VP of Product Development Lumos
- Actively consulting in architectural solar product & project development
- B.S. Mechanical Engineering University of Colorado
- Colorado & Texas licensed professional engineer



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- 2007-Present, Lighthouse Solar Austin - hybrid solar EPC and architectural design firm.
- Principal of Pipkinc. design firm focusing on residential sustainable architecture.
- Masters of Architecture from the University of Texas
- Policy expertise at Solar Austin, TXSES
- IREC Design Award
- Product Design with Lumos Solar



# Learning Objectives

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- Definition of Architectural Solar
- Architectural Integration Opportunities
- Market Barriers
- Path to Widespread Adoption

Image courtesy of Lumos Solar



# Definitions of BIPV and BAPV

per EN 50583 / IEC 63092 / IEC 61730

## 3.3.1 Building Attached PV (BAPV)

Photovoltaic modules are considered to be building attached if the PV modules are mounted on a building envelope and do not fulfil the criteria for building integrated PV

## 3.3.2 Building Integrated PV (BIPV)

Photovoltaic modules are considered to be building integrated if the PV modules form a building component providing additional functions as defined in 4.5 b

### **Building Functions: (in addition to power generation)**

Mechanical rigidity or structural integrity, Primary weather impact protection: rain, snow, wind, hail, Energy economy, such as shading, daylighting, thermal insulation, Fire protection, Noise protection, Separation between indoor and outdoor environments, Security, shelter or safety

*Thus, the BIPV module is a prerequisite for the integrity of the building's functionality. If the integrated PV module is dismantled, the PV module would have to be replaced by an appropriate building component.*





# BIPV Solar Technology with Architectural Significance

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# Architectural Solar

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# Architectural Solar

Solar energy generating technologies that are coordinated with the architectural design process.

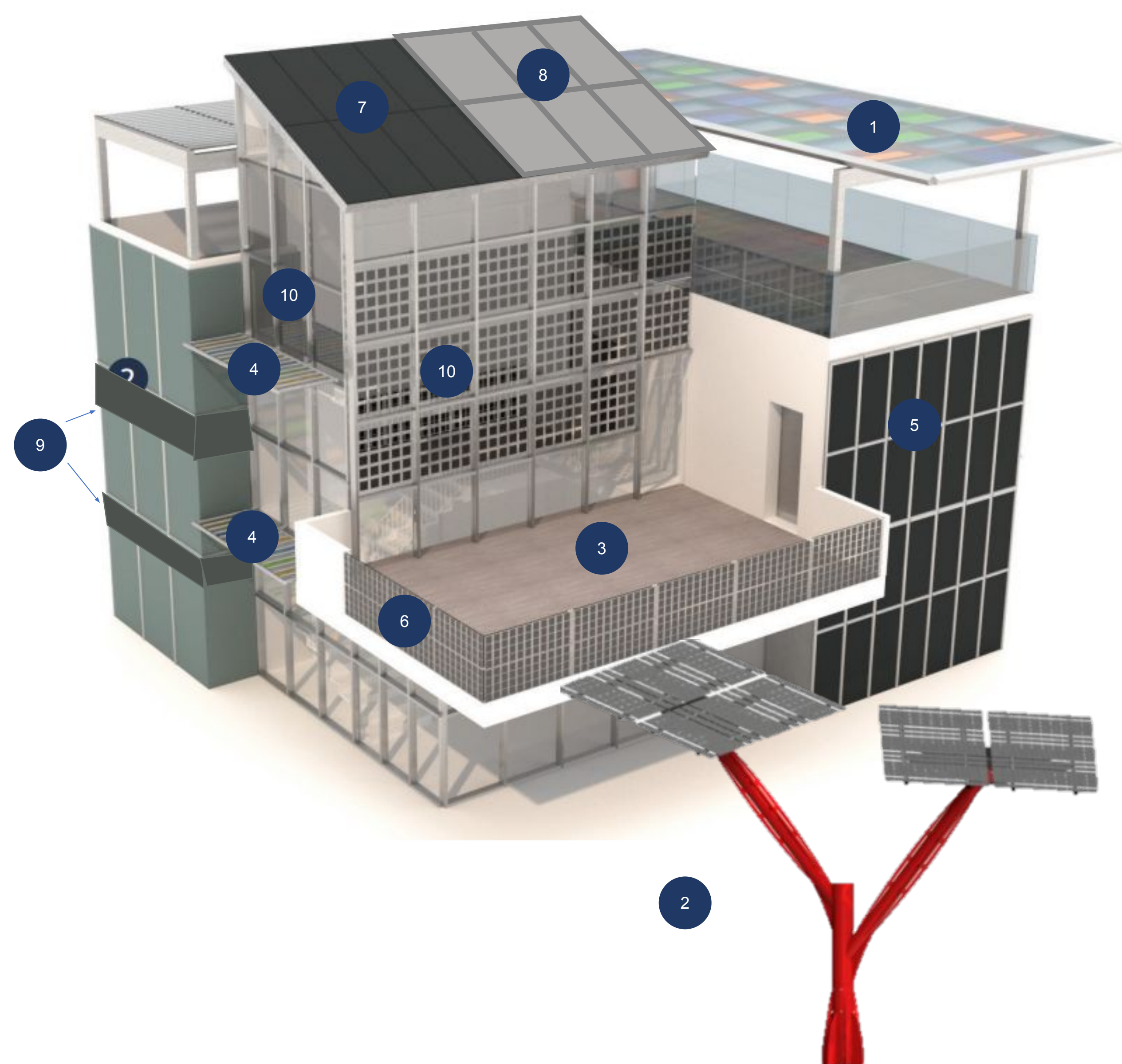
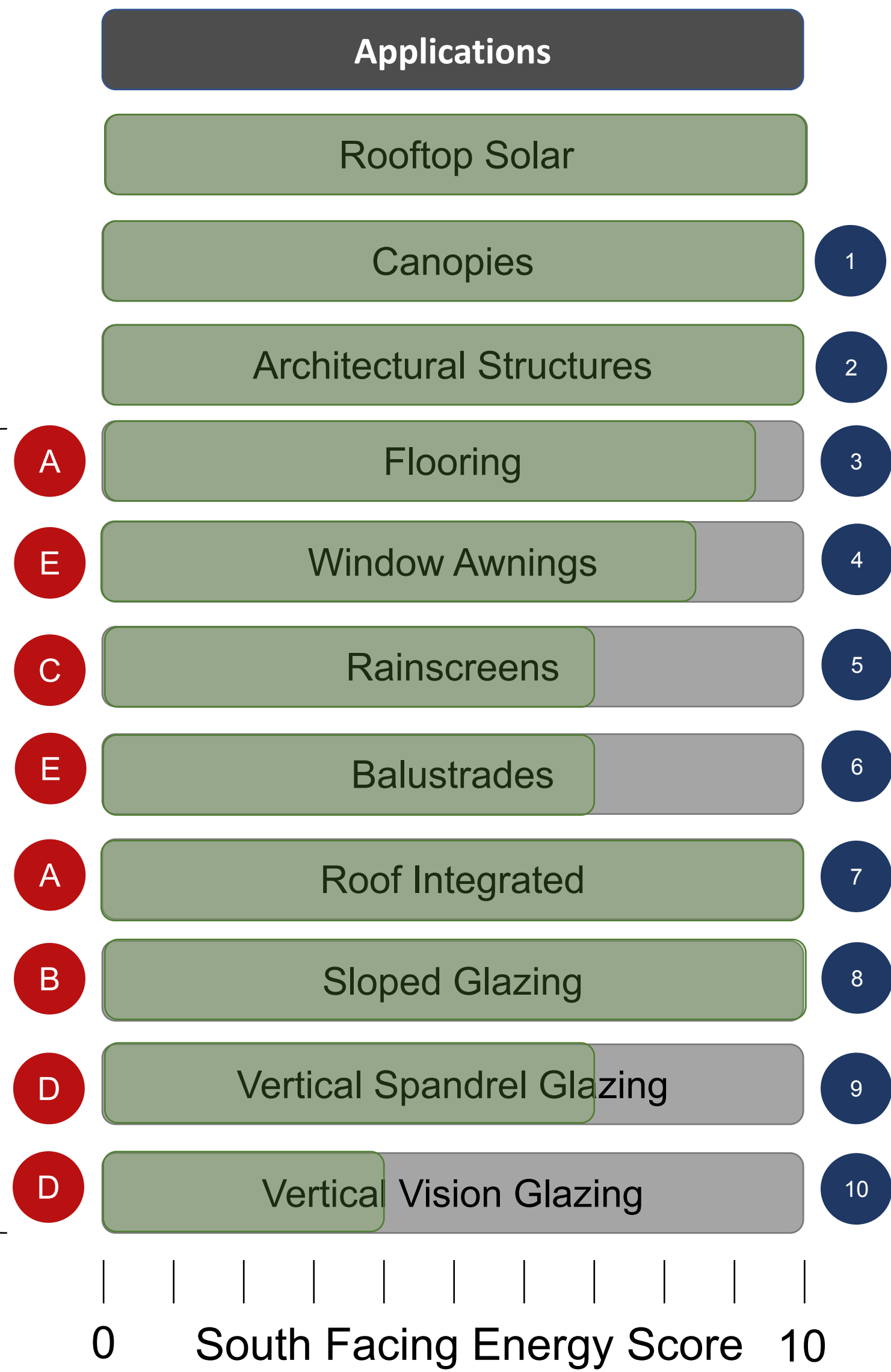


Least Integrated

Architectural Solar

BIPV Cat. per 63092

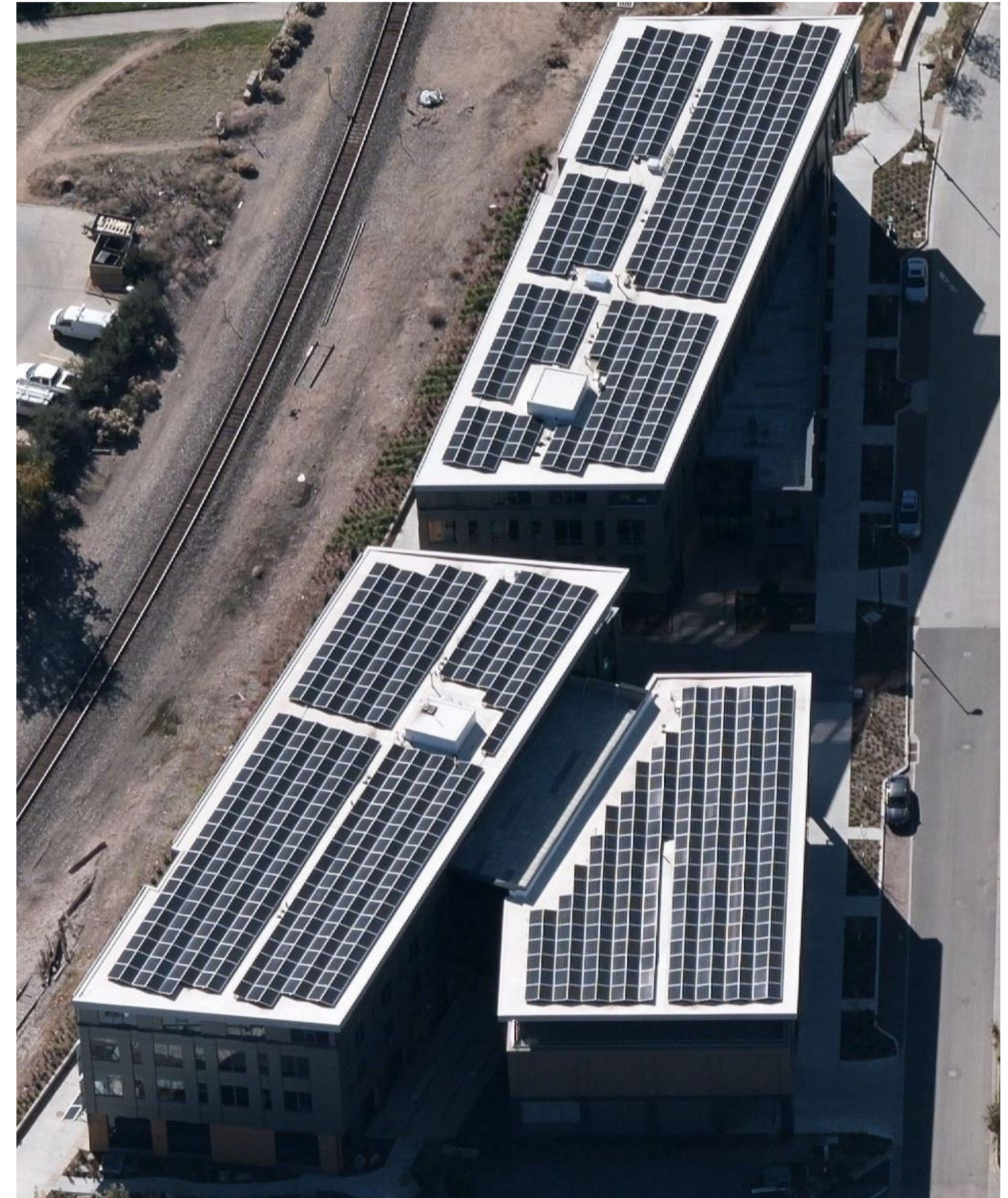
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# Architectural Applications





# Rooftop Solar



Least Integrated



Most Integrated







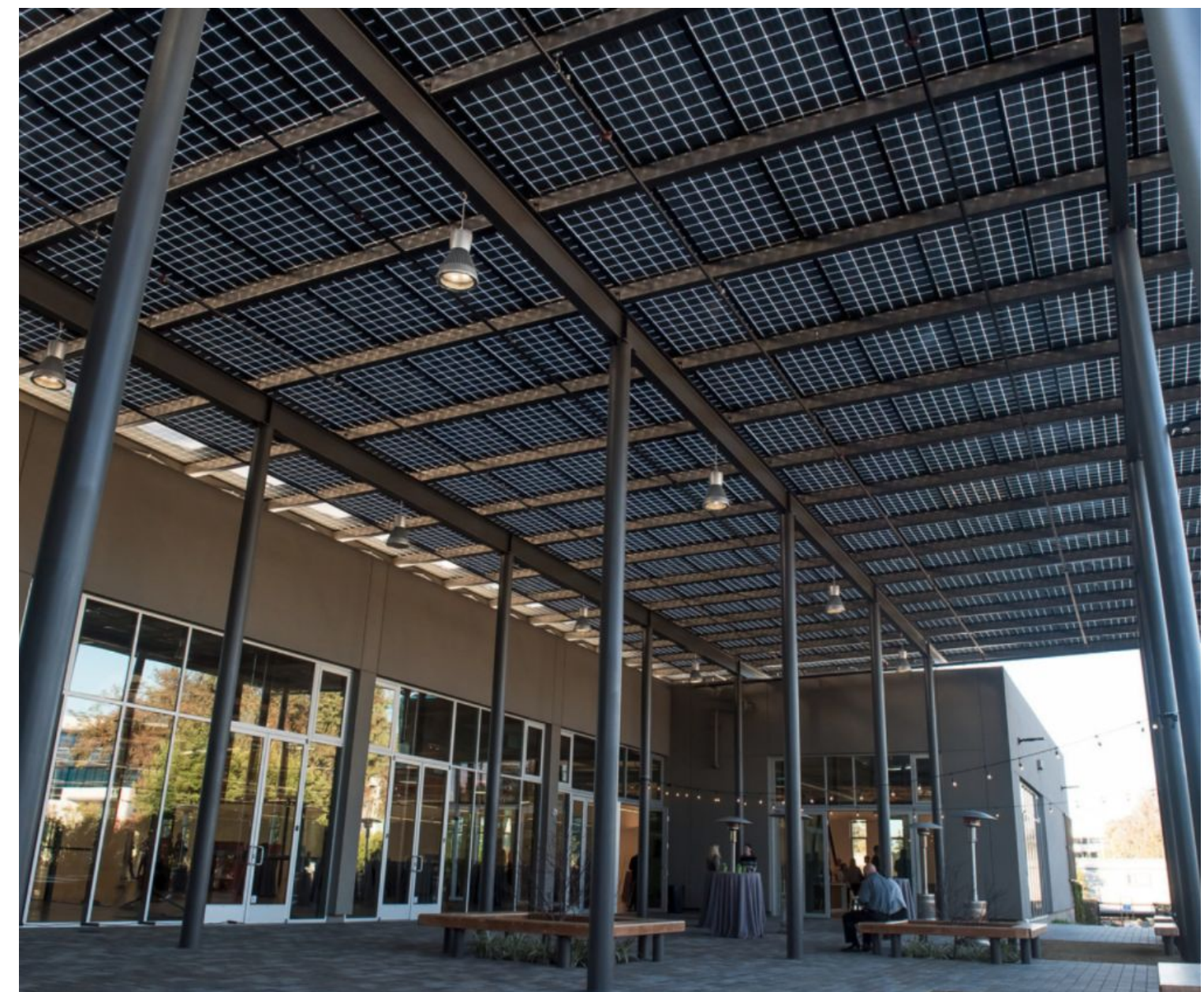
# Canopies

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Most Integrated

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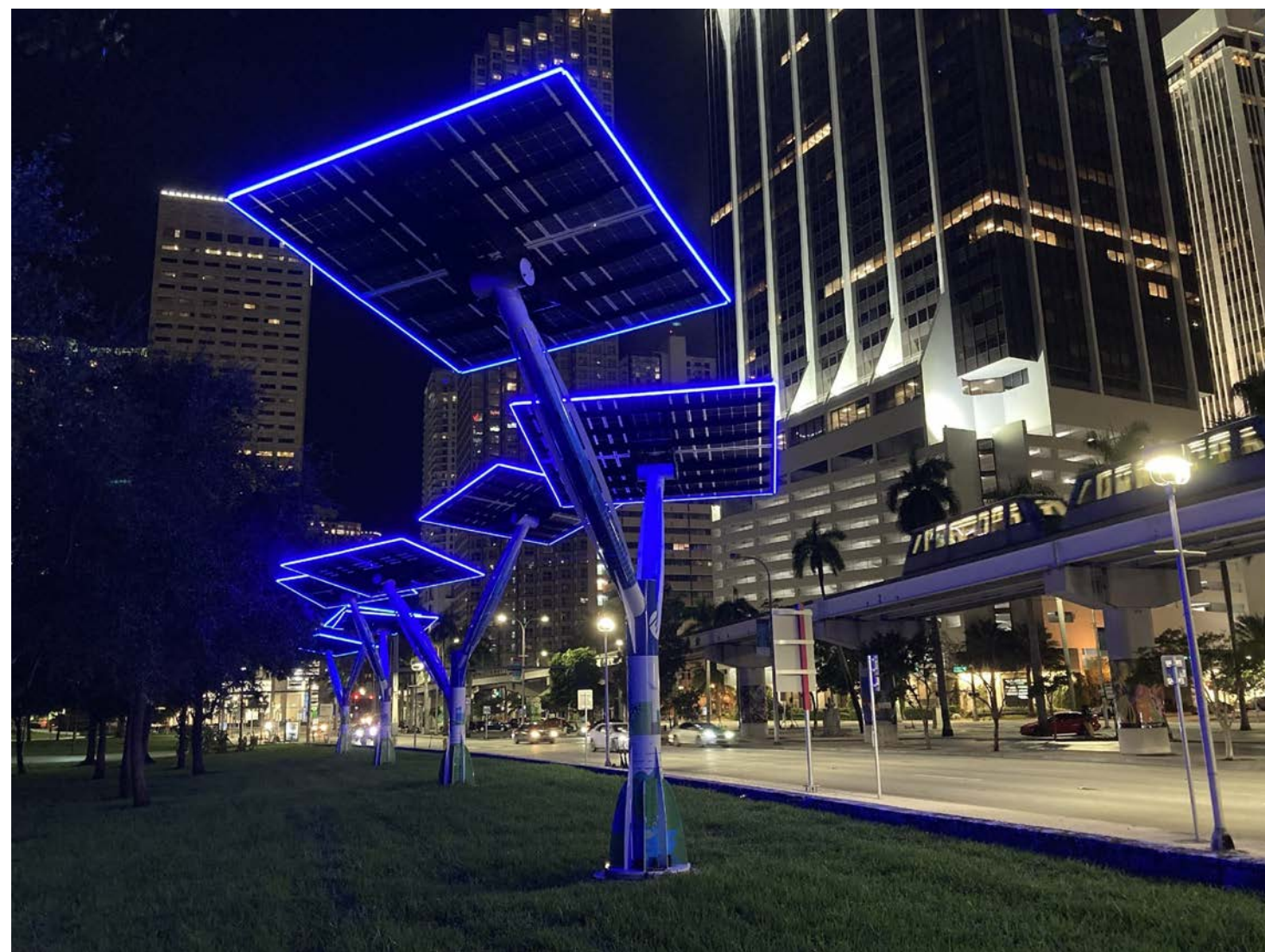
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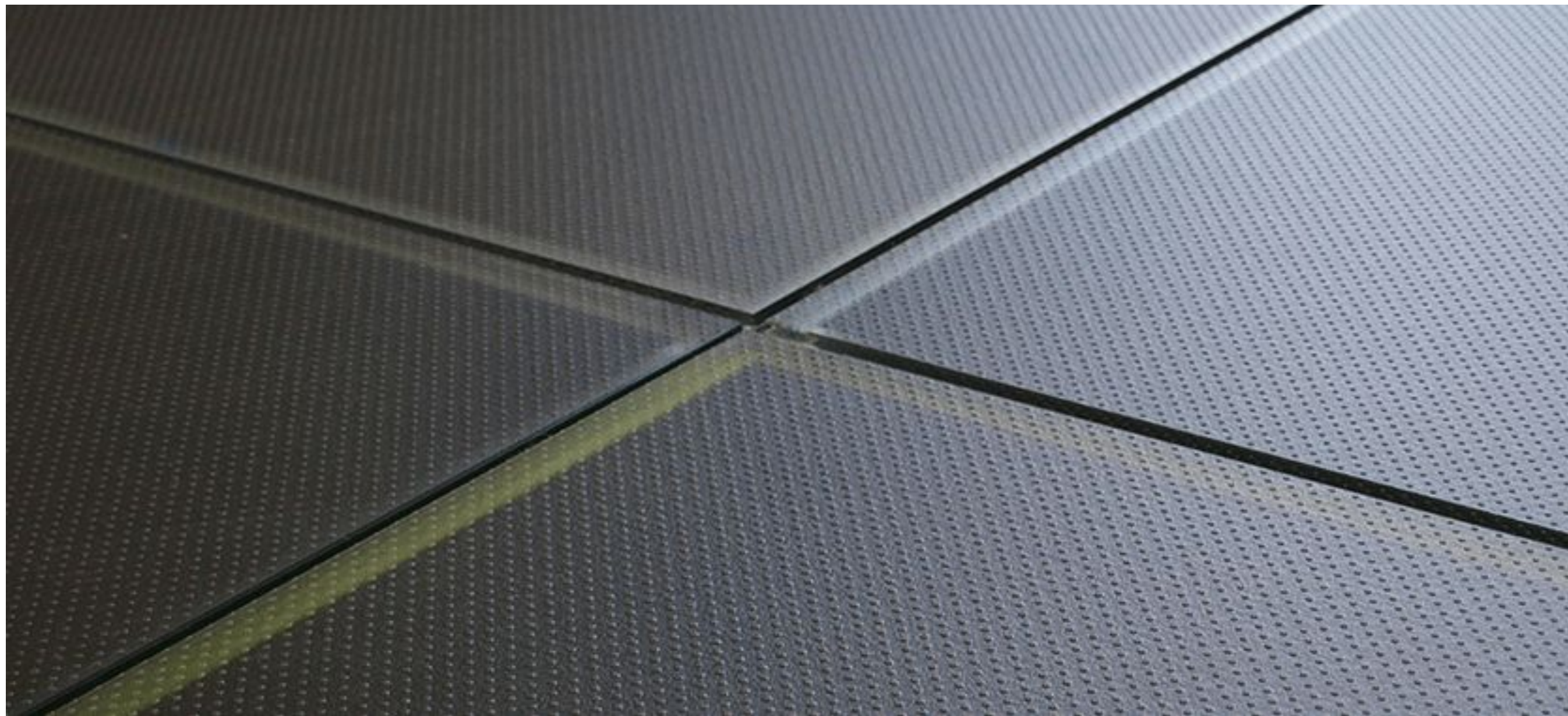
# Architectural Structures



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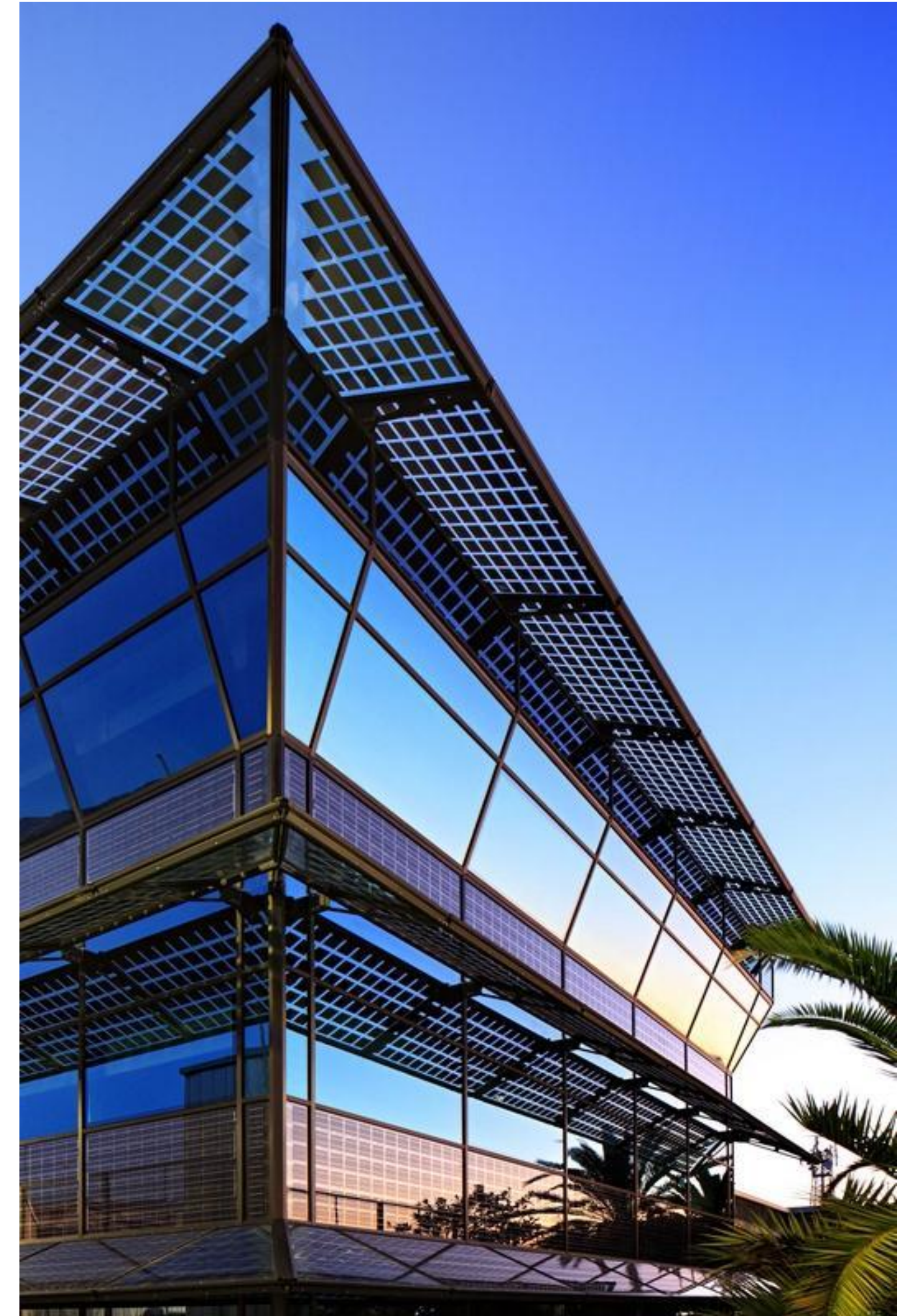




# Flooring (Cat. A)





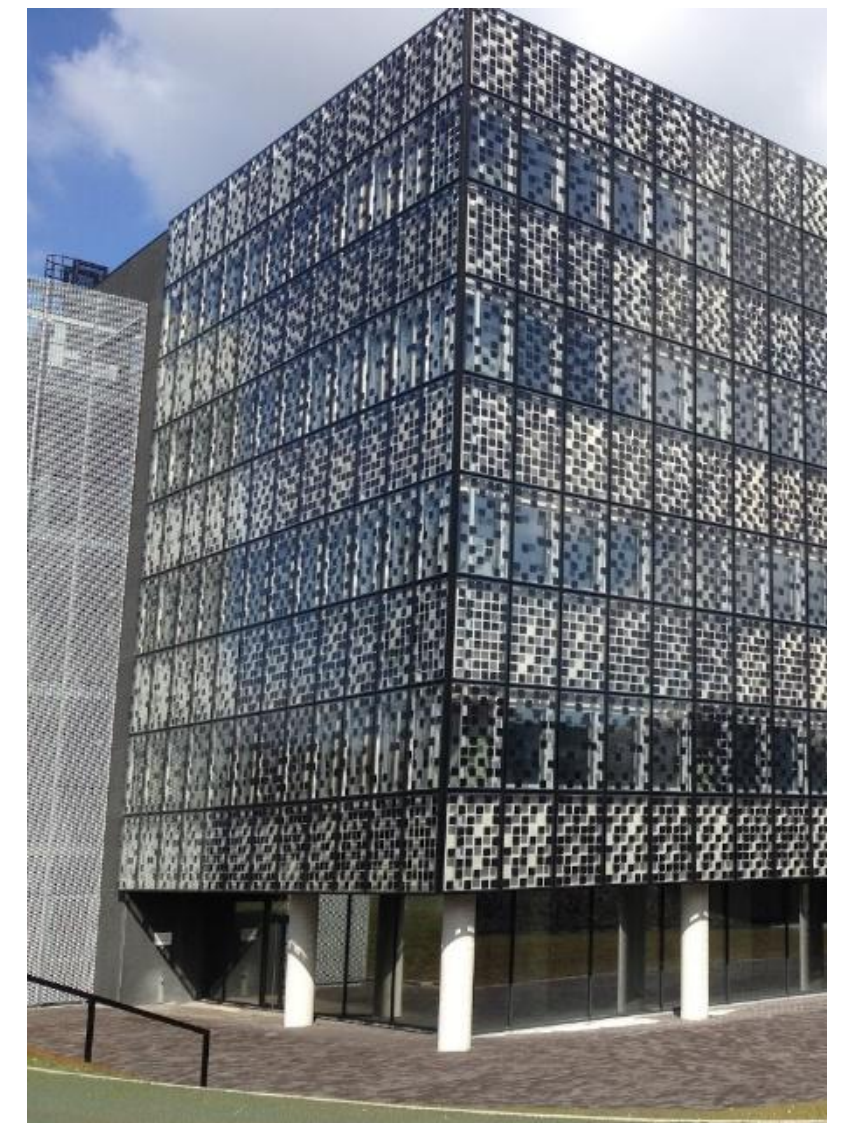
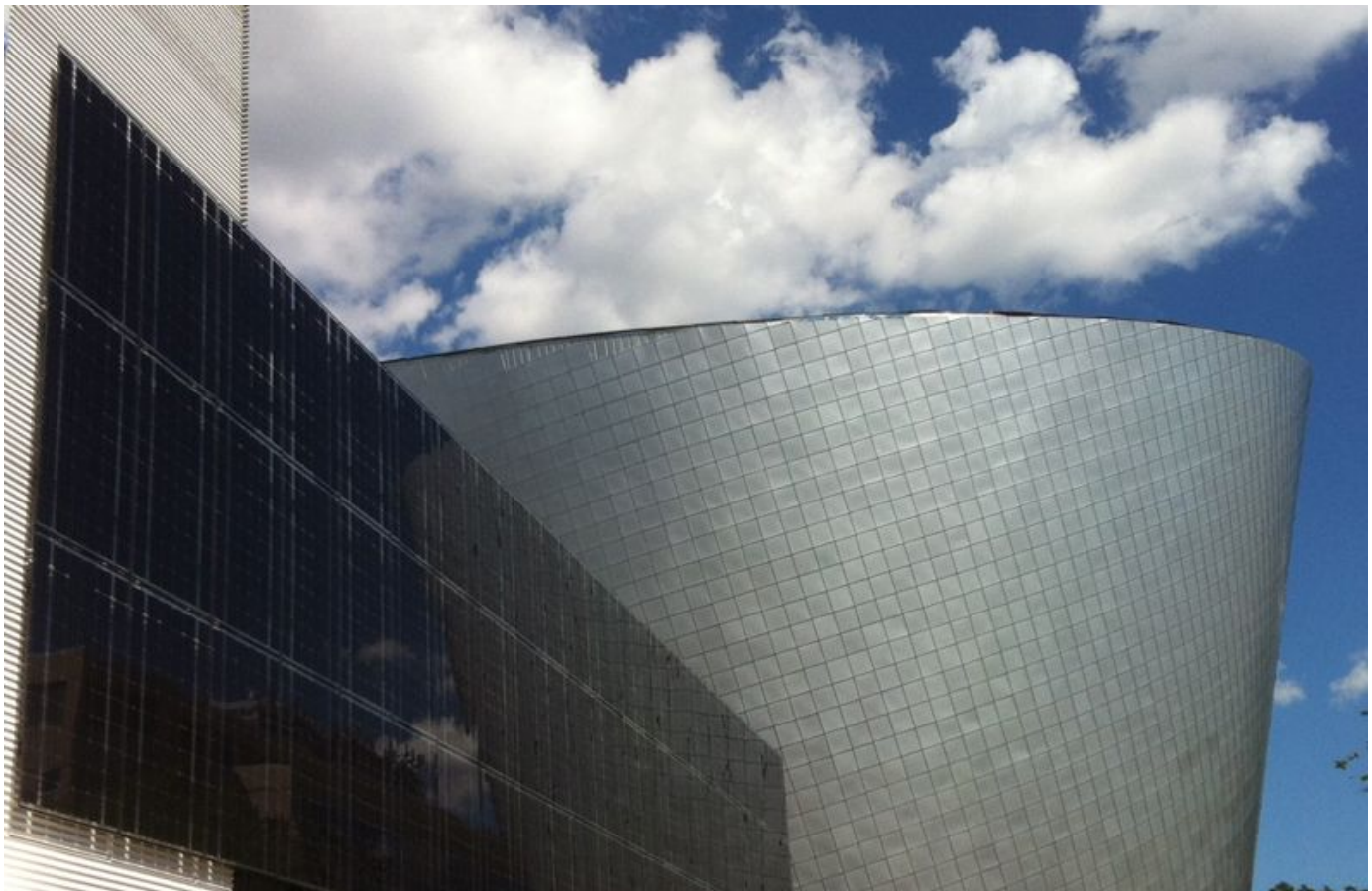
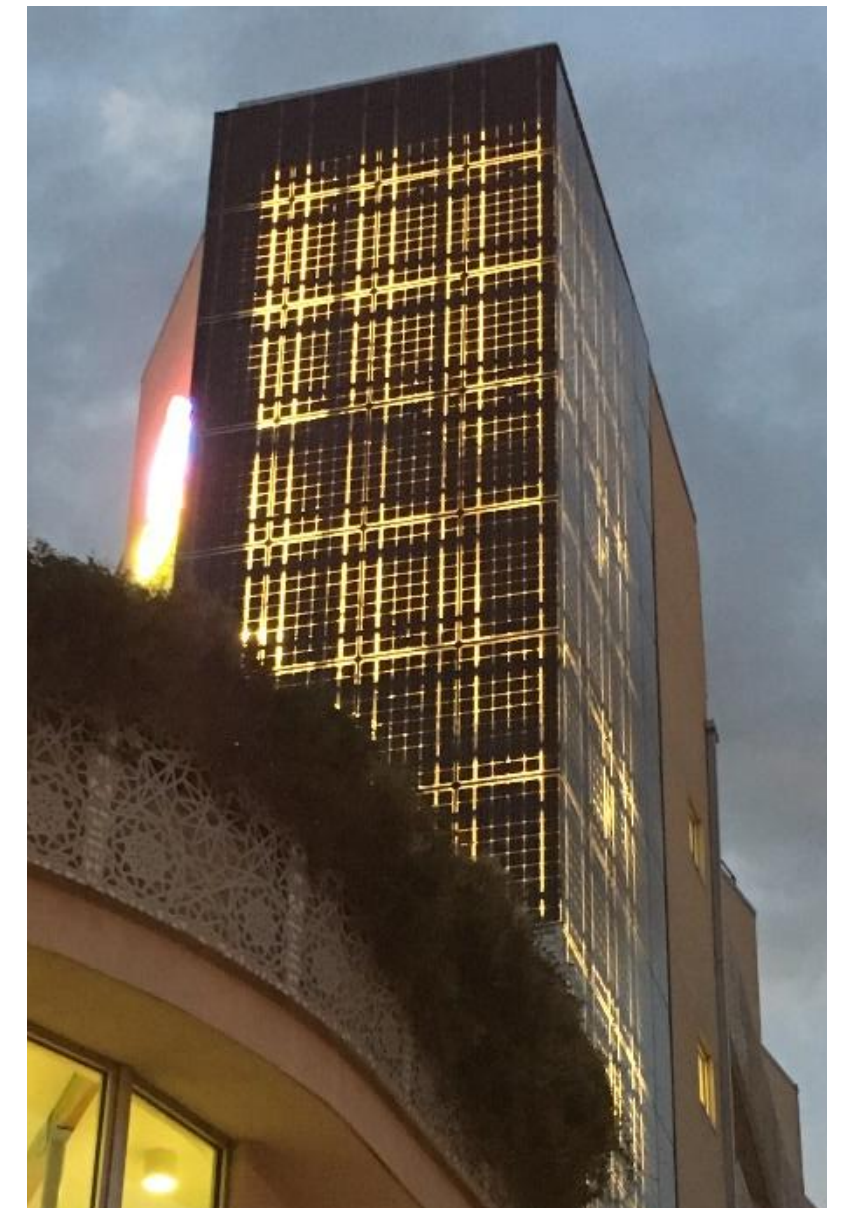


# Awnings/Louvers (Cat. B)

Least Integrated

Most Integrated





# Ventilated Solar Facades Rainscreens Enclosures (Cat. C)



Least Integrated



Most Integrated





# Balustrades (Cat. E)







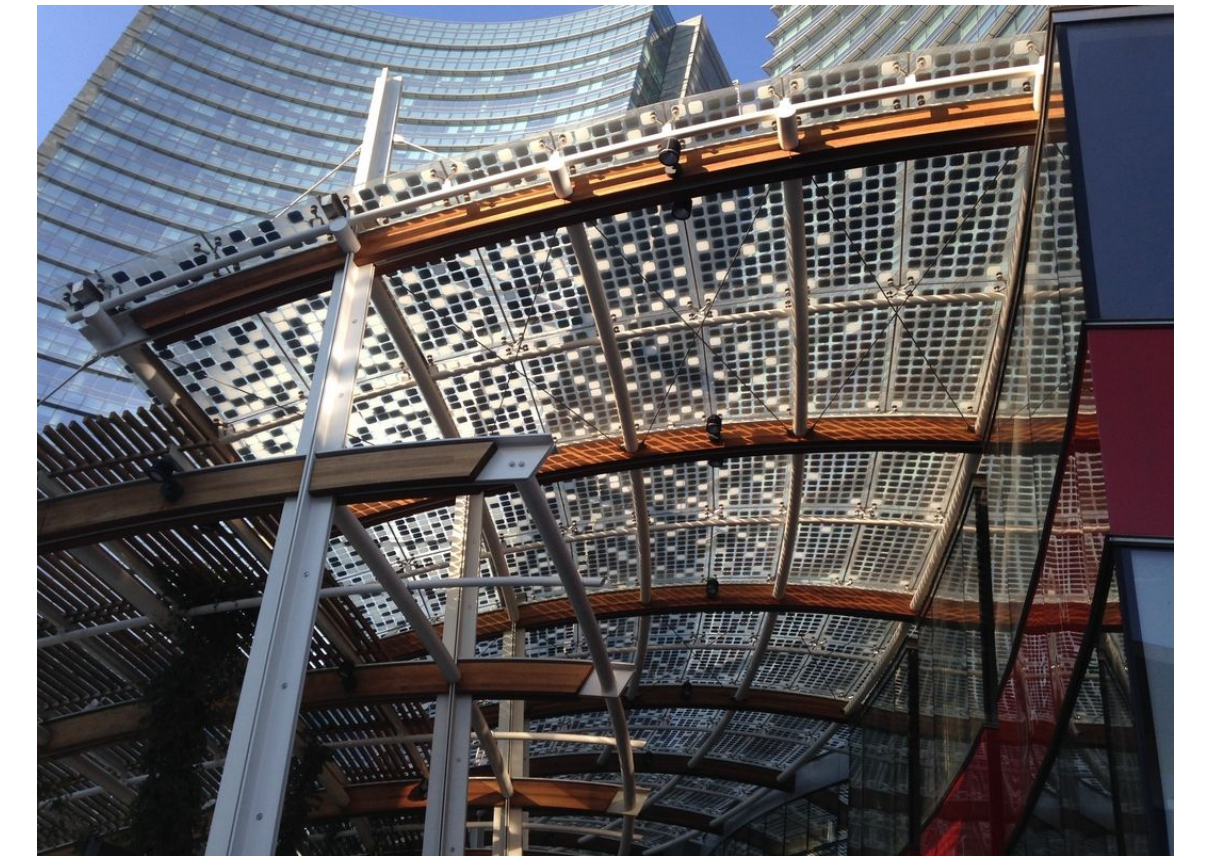
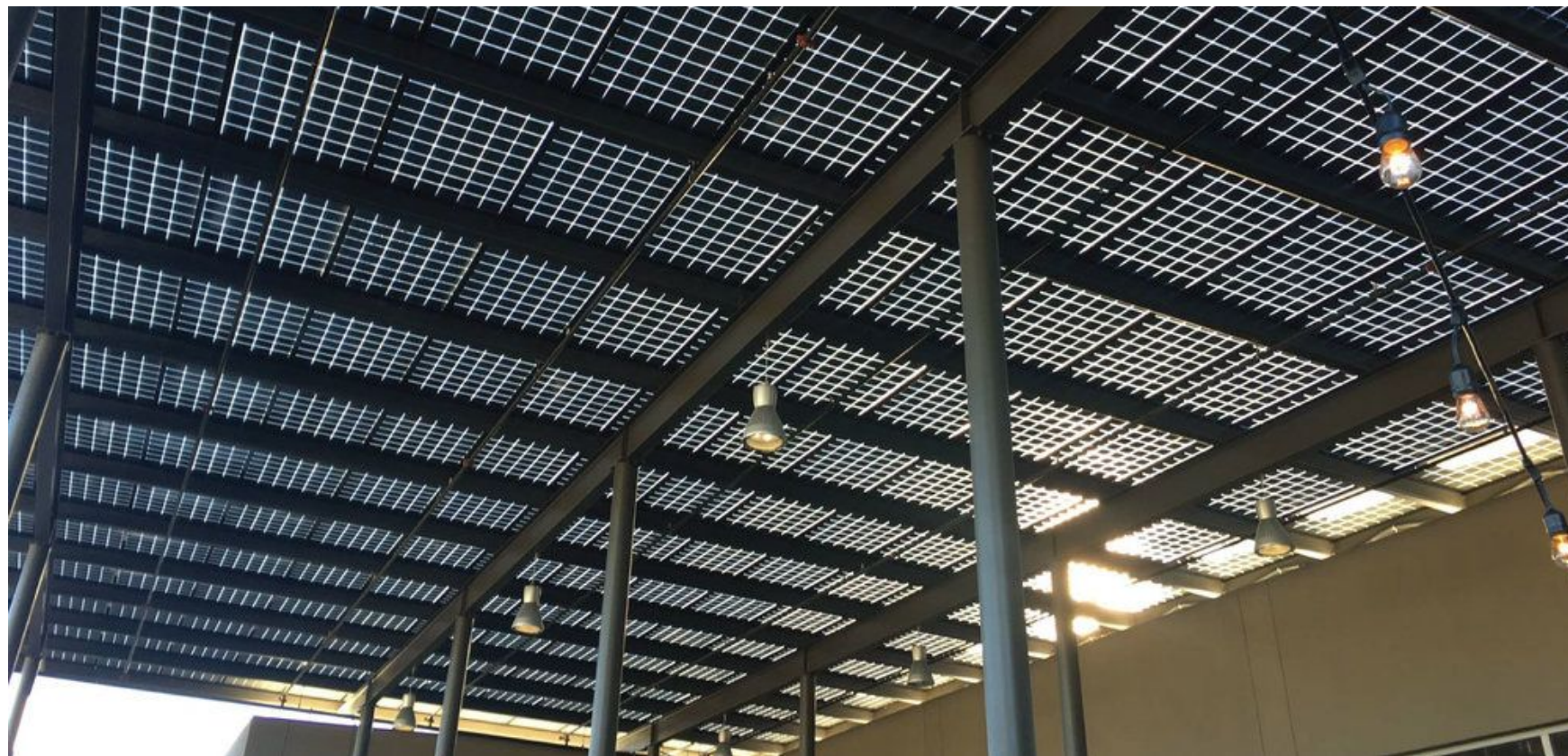
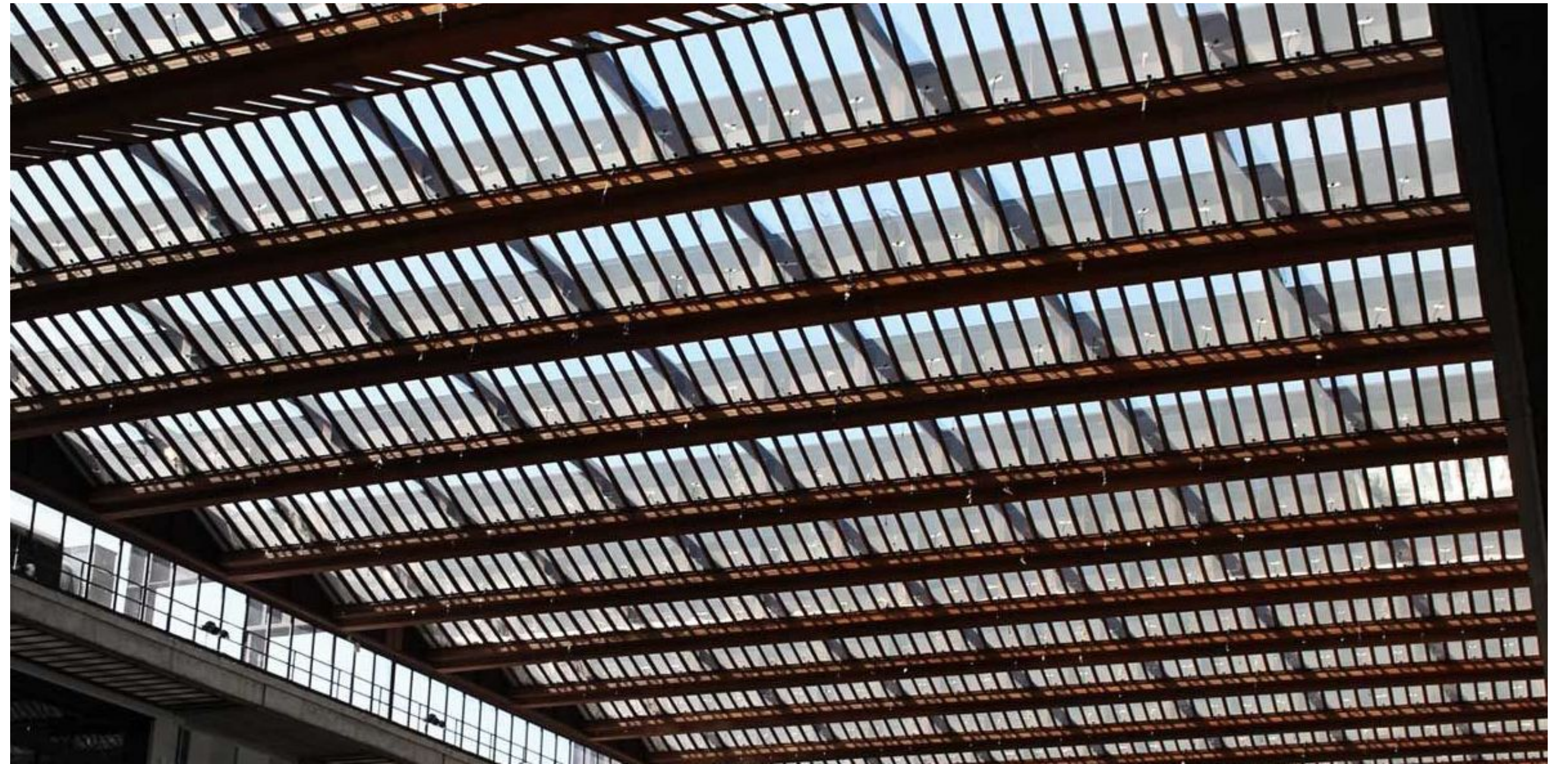
# Roof Integrated (Cat. A)



Least Integrated

Most Integrated





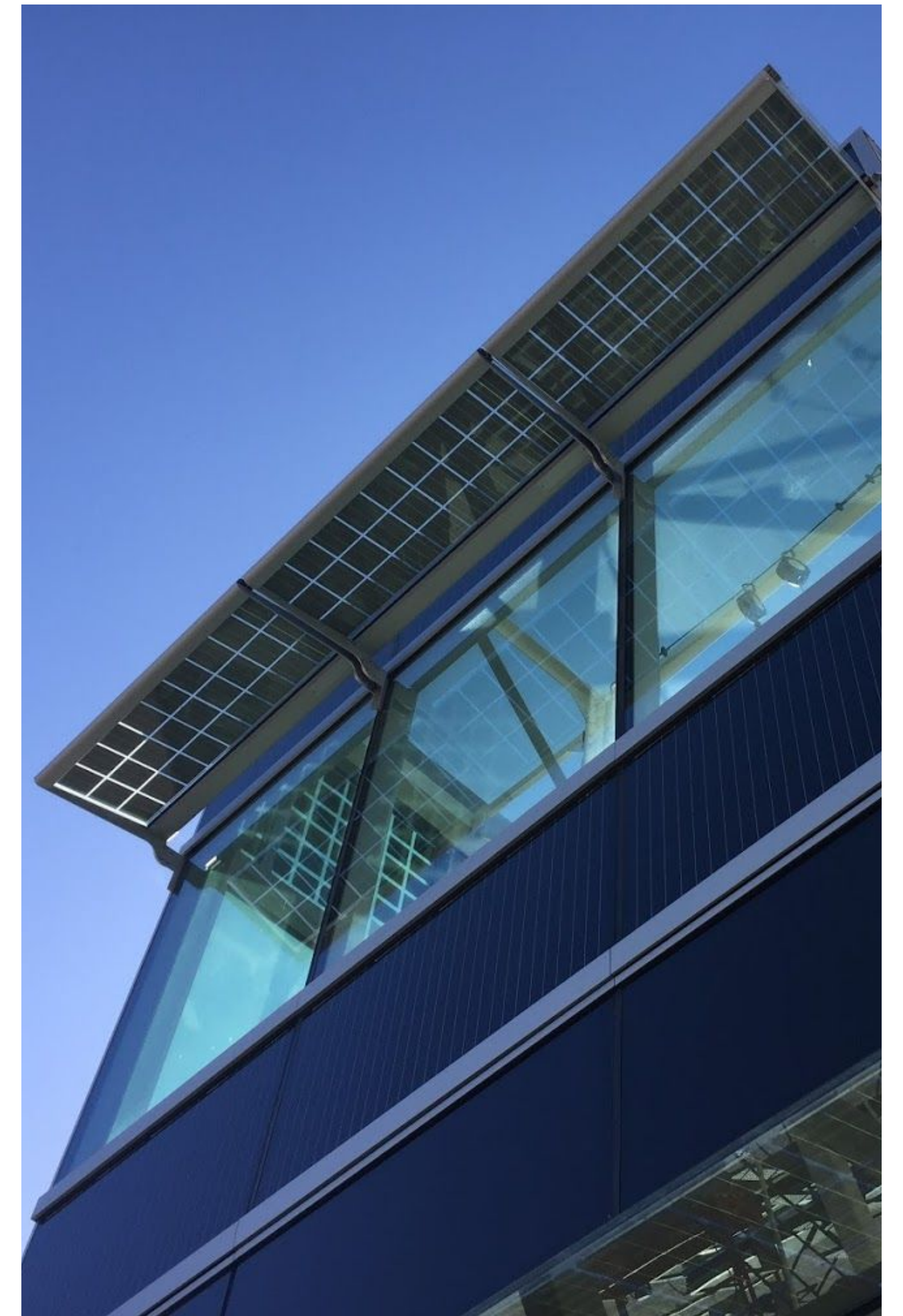
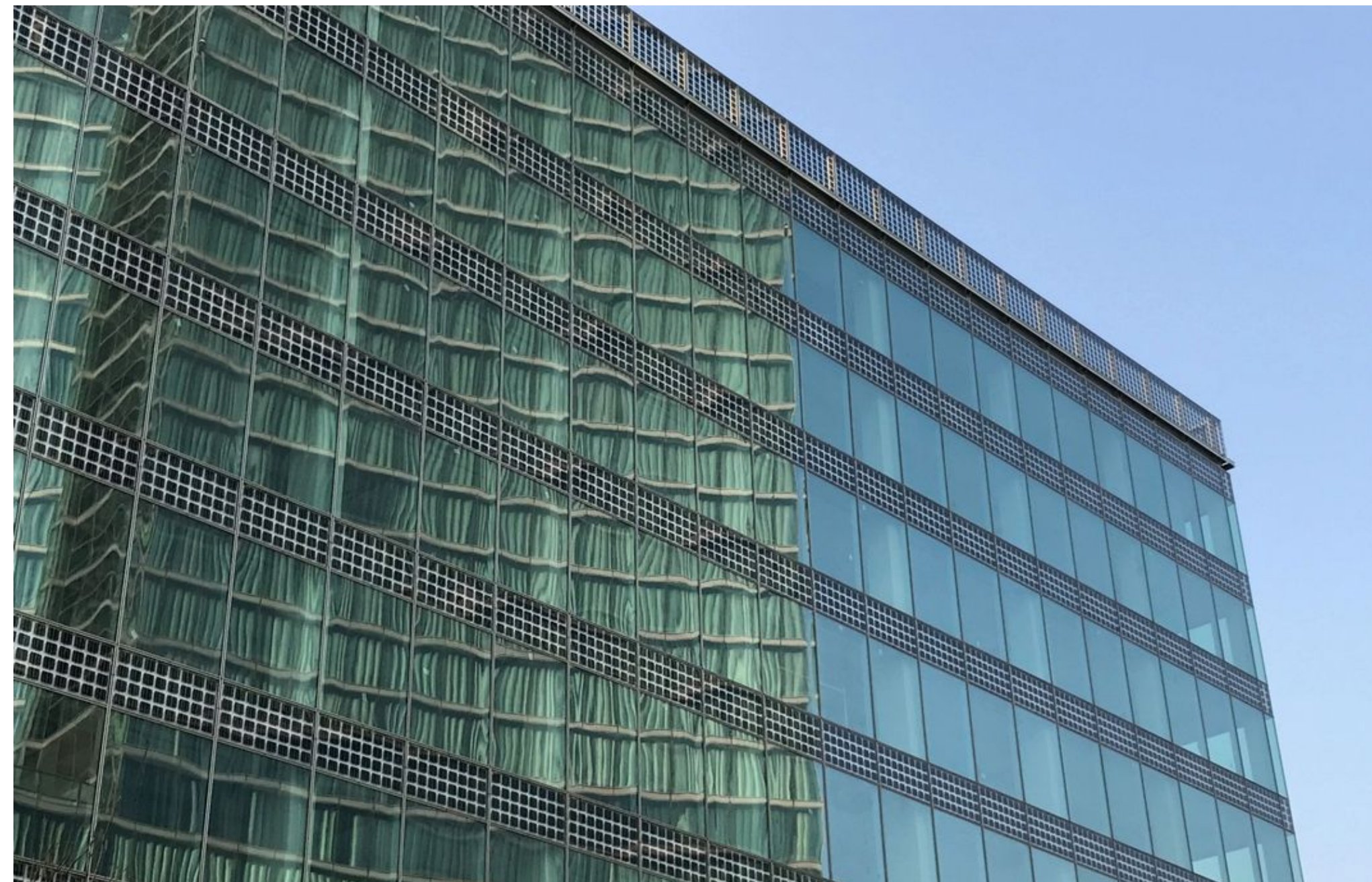
# Sloped Glazing (Cat. B)



Least Integrated

Most Integrated



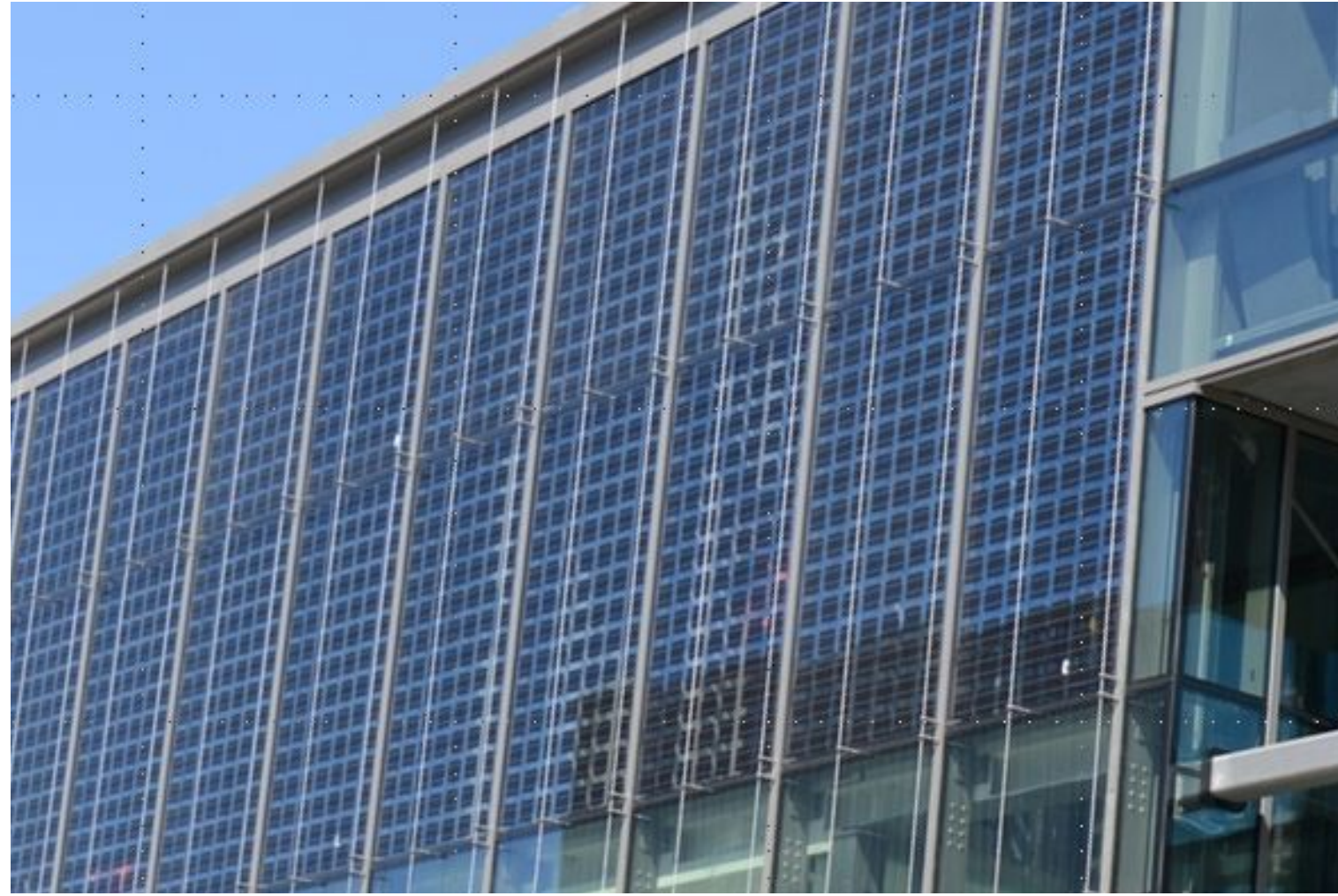


Spandrel Glazing (Cat. D)  Least Integrated

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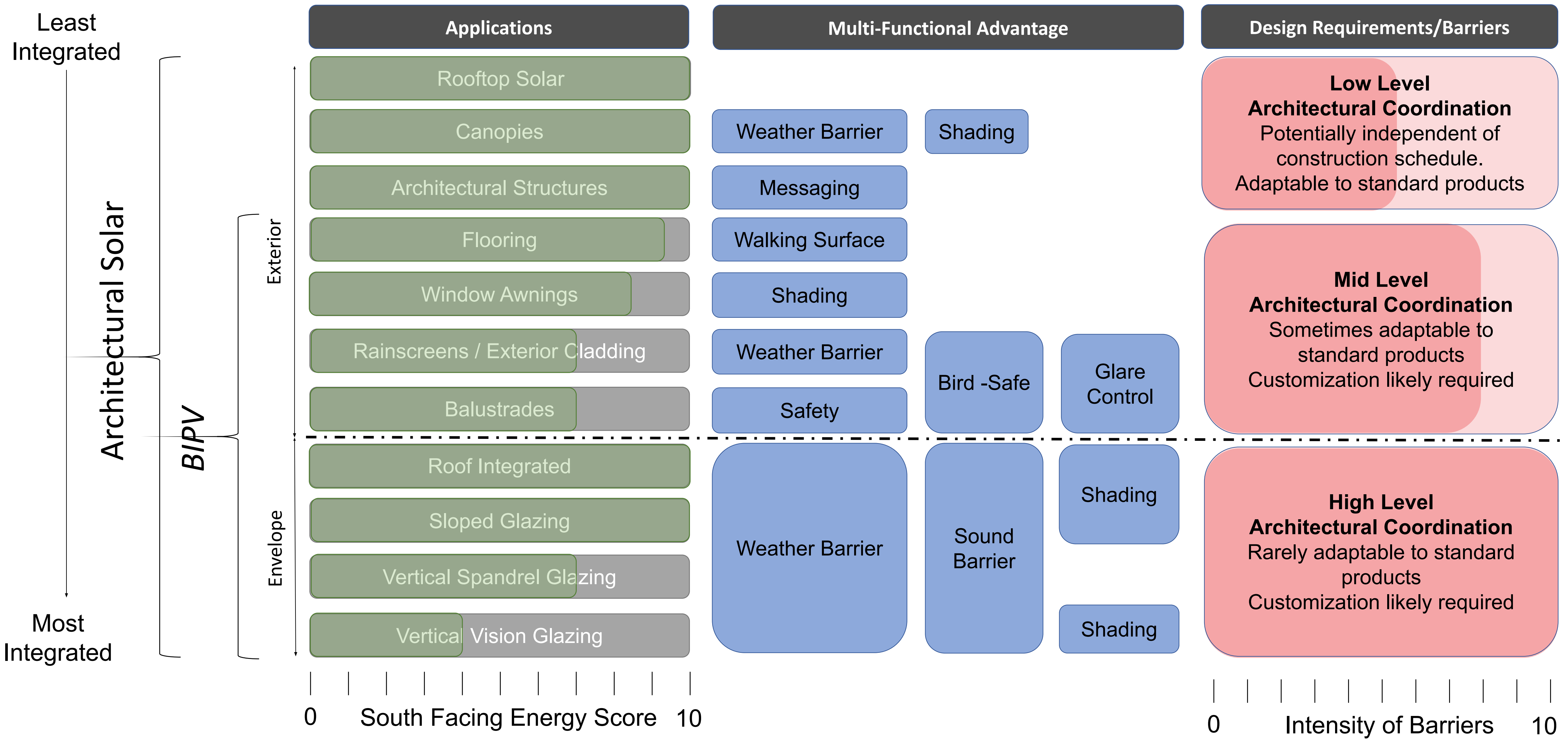




# Vision Glazing (Cat. D)







# Architectural Solar - Advantages



# Market Barriers

Architectural Solar

Rooftop Solar

- Lack of Continuing Education
- High soft costs
- Incompatibilities with Arch. Workflows
- Lack of Awareness
- Building Industry Adoption
- Standards Development
- Limited Supply Chain





# The Pull

## New Construction Requirements

- Progressive Municipalities
- State Mandates

## Net Zero Ambitions

- Maximizing energy potential

## Cost Reductions

- Modules - \$0.40/watt = \$7.60/sqft\*
- Installed Systems - \$3.00/watt = \$57/sqft\*

\*Assumes 19 watts/sqft technology

## ESG

- Corporate Initiatives
- Climate Action Plans

## Demand

- Market Growth
- IRA

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# The Path to Widespread Adoption

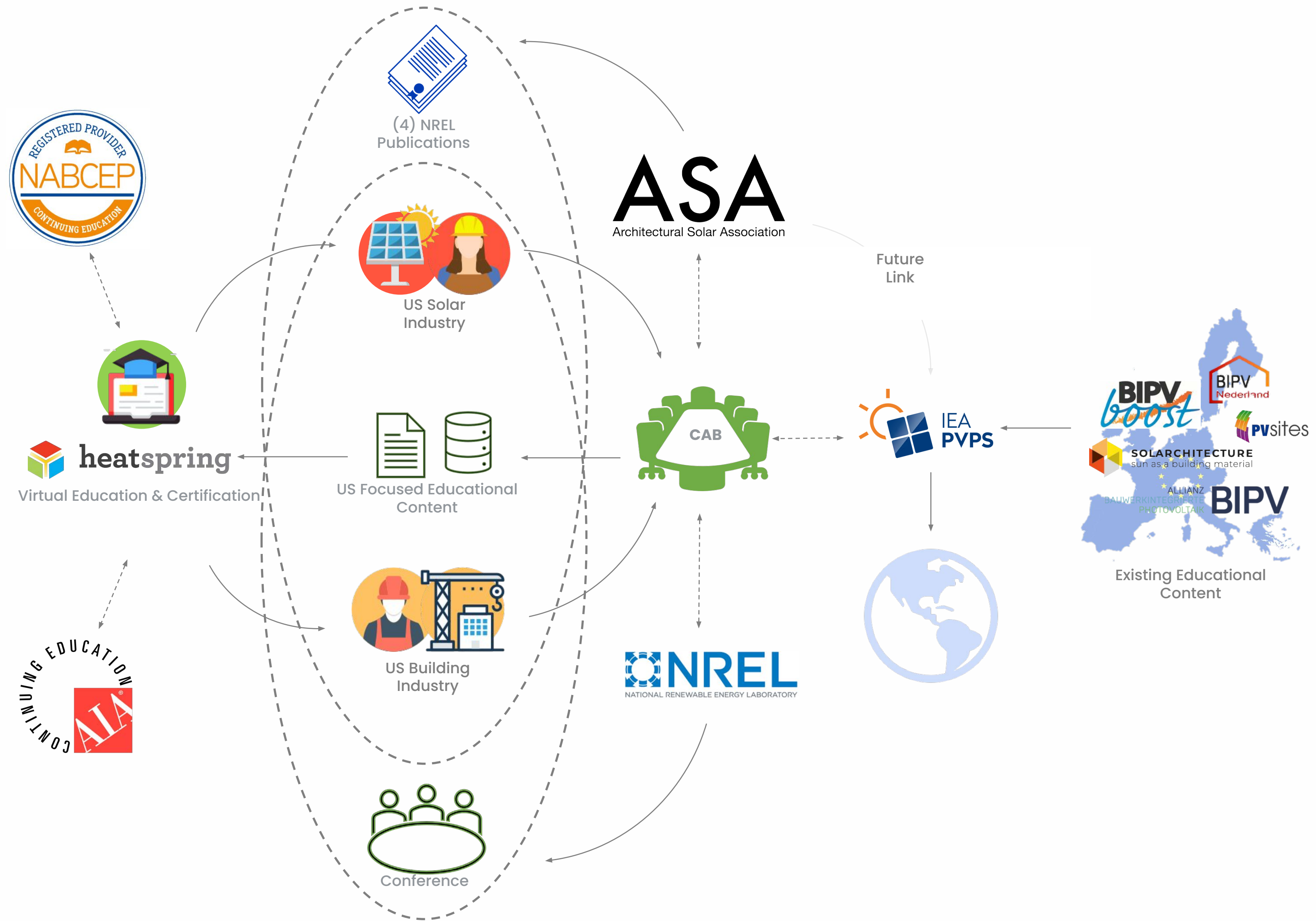
- Business model innovation in design workflow
- Simplified design processes and integration methodologies
- Supply chain integration
- Non-export interconnection protocols
- Embrace broad approach to integration
- A coordinated AEC community





# Architectural Solar Education for Design and Construction Professionals





# ASA Educational Framework

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formation of the Content Advisory Board (Quarterly Meetings)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing Research Synopsis</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free Architectural Solar Short Course (~ 10 min Video)</li> </ul>
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# Key Milestones



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# Transparent BIPV work at LBNL



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Building Technology and Urban Systems



# Strategic Collaboration: LBNL & NREL

	Foundational Science	Applied Science	Modeling/Road mapping
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-energy/Human factors</li> <li>Thermal performance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building Integration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WINDOW/THERM integration</li> </ul>
<b>Co-development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SHGC/PV measurements</li> <li>Materials development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Device performance</li> <li>Standards Development</li> <li>Field evaluation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building Energy Analysis</li> <li>GEB Potential</li> <li>Industry outreach &amp; education</li> </ul>
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# The perfect transparent PV window

- ◆ Visible light level appropriate for the occupants
  - Number is different for skylight vs corner office vs cubicle land
- ◆ Solar heat-gain coefficient as low as possible when in cooling mode, as high as possible when in heating mode
  - Often varies between summer and winter
- ◆ U-value, lower is better
- ◆ Power output
  - As high as possible, but not  $VT = 0$
  - In heating mode and electricity has to go to heating the room...
- ◆ Low cost and easy to install
- ◆ World peace





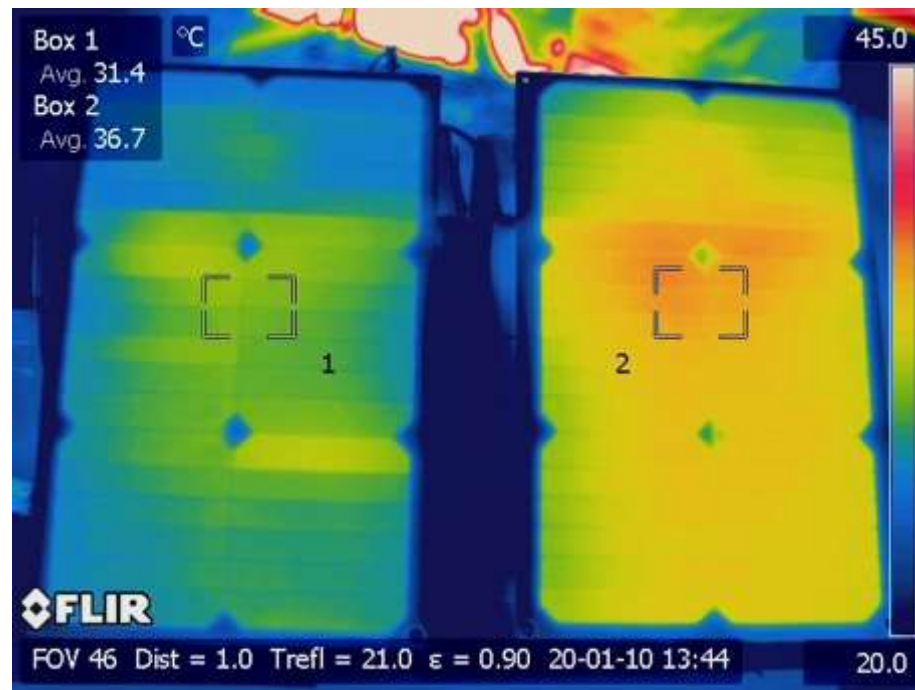
# Field testing facilities



- ◆ FLEXLAB allow testing with side-by-side comparison of technologies
- ◆ Rotating test bed to look at different orientation
- ◆ Transparent PV study in 2016 on Solaria transparent PV predicted 15% energy saving compared to low-E reference case



# Field testing facilities



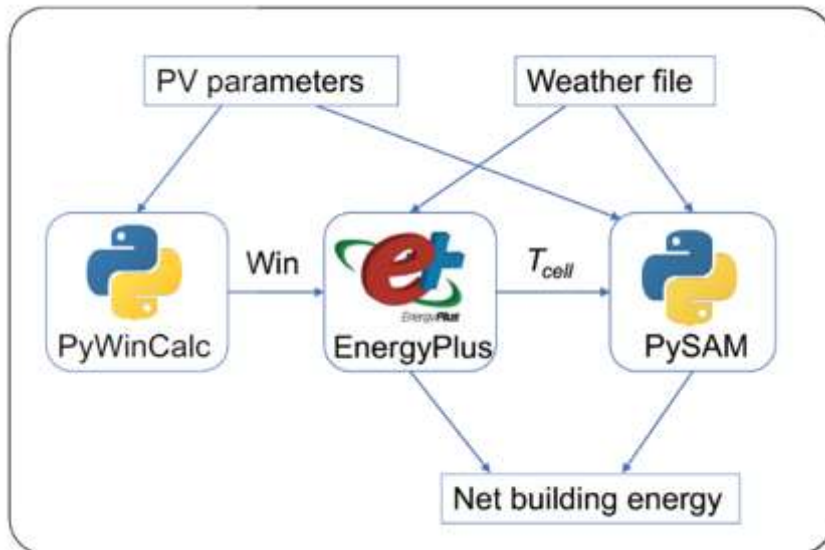
- ◆ MoViTT thermal and electrical performance
- ◆ Ubiquitous energy

- ◆ Thermal IR camera to show operating temperature difference



# Simulation: method

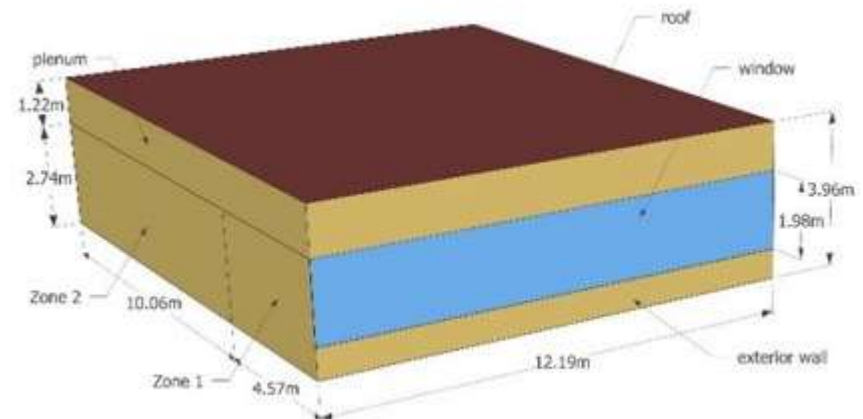
- ◆ PyWinCalc (LBNL):  
<https://github.com/LBNL-ETA/pyWinCalc>
- ◆ PySAM (NREL):  
<https://github.com/NREL/pysam>
- ◆ EnergyPlus
- ◆ Improved heat transfer taking generated electricity into account



Variable names	Values
Climate	Hot, mixed, cold
Window orientation	South, East, West, North
PCE	0-1 (0.1 interval)
$T_{sol}$	0-1 (0.1 interval)
$A_{sol}$	0-1 (0.1 interval)
$T_{vis}$	0-1 (0.1 interval)
U factor	0.4, 0.6, 1.5, 2.7, 5.4
Daylighting control (LC)	No, Yes

$$0 \leq PCE + T_{sol} + A_{sol} \leq 1$$

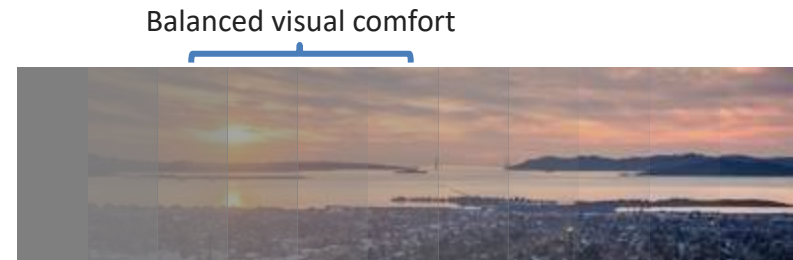
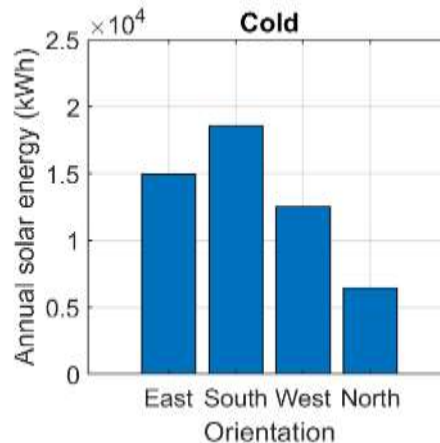
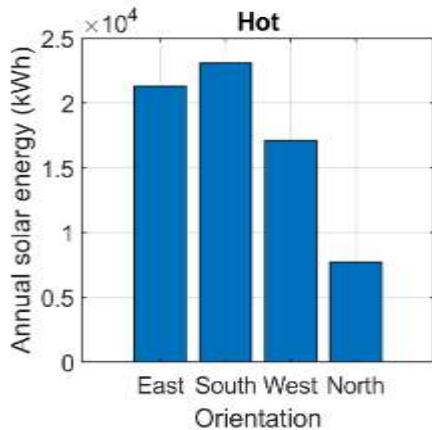
$T_{vis}$  stays within the range defined by  $T_{sol}$



Gao, Yuan, et al. *Applied Energy* 301 (2021): 117467.



# Simulation: results



Gao, Yuan, et al. *IEEE PVSC-49*, 2022.

- ◆ Sun movement combined with windows results in more uniform irradiance in different orientations.
- ◆ Annual stability as well as with less light but at lower sun angles in the winter reduces the seasonal swings
- ◆ The visible light transmittance should fall within the balanced range that results in satisfactory clarity, low glare, and high PCE.
- ◆ The relative increase in PCE is smaller than the relative decrease in  $T_{vis}$  when you go down in the  $VT = 0.2$  range



# Development of self-powered dynamic window

## ◆ Current limit of dynamic windows :

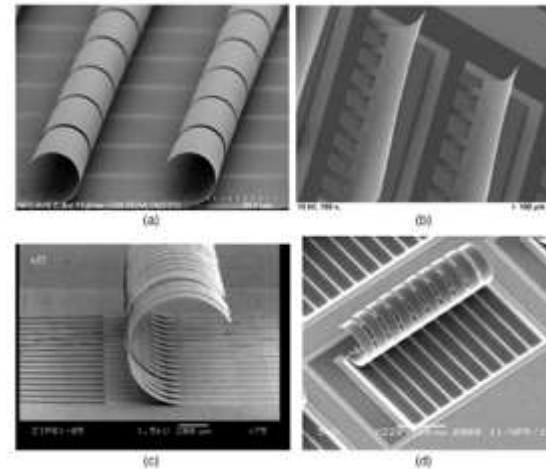
- Thermochromic windows :
  - only passive control
  - not suitable for warm climates
- Electrochromic windows :
  - complexity of installation & wiring
  - limited modulation



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## ◆ Micro-shutters:

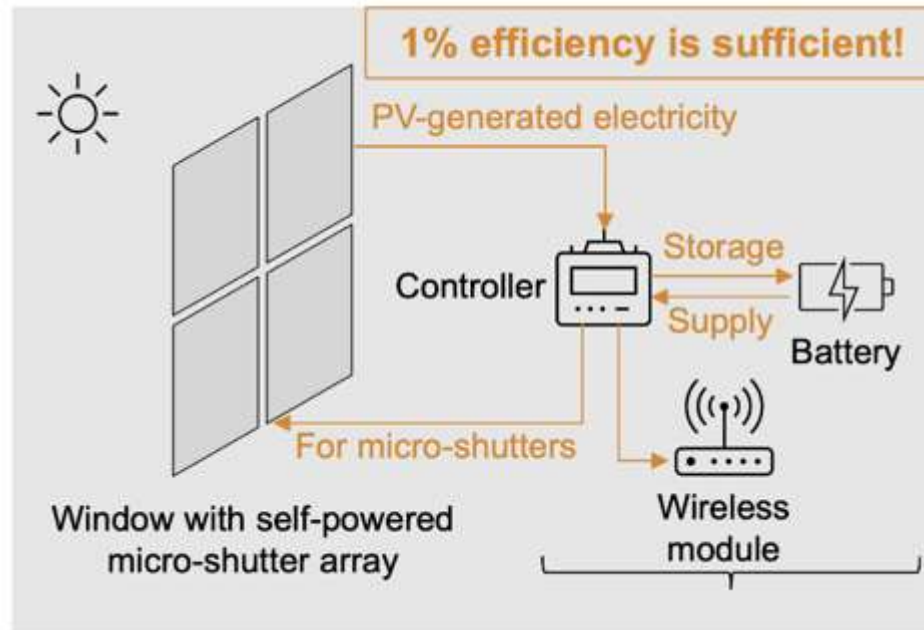
- Energy saving (high % heat rejection)
- High contrast (privacy)
- Fast switching speed
- Durability (> 500 billion cycles)
- + STPV → self-powered



MEMS-based micro-shutter arrays:  
invisible to human eyes



# Development of self-powered dynamic window



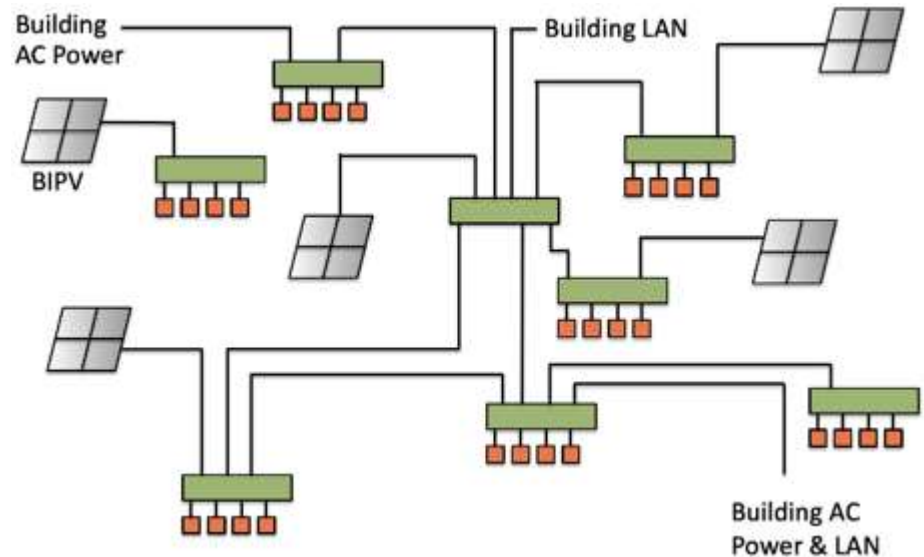
Energy saving potential of self-powered micro-shutter windows (kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/yr)

Climate	PV generation*	Control consumption**	Dynamic window saving***	Total energy saving/decarb
Hot	122.4	8.3	323.0	437.1
Mixed	101.6	7.9	194.0	287.7
Cold	108.3	8.0	269.0	369.3



# Building backbone

- ◆ Long-term goal
- ◆ Synergy between
  - BIPV power generation
  - DC-power grid
  - Storage (battery or car)
  - Control/monitoring communication





# Increased building integration

- ◆ Interact with IoT based smart buildings
  - Grid-interactive for resilience and optimized operation
  - Daylighting steering
  - Area/pixel control & window display





# Resiliency

- ◆ Extending the time it is safe to stay in the building during emergencies
- ◆ Complement/replacement to generators for emergency power, especially in combination with storage
- ◆ Helpful both during grid failures and planned shut-downs





# Questions/comments



- ◆ How can we help enable BIPV?
- ◆ Have had impact in traditional windows
- ◆ Have experts in windows, but also DC power and battery storage, micro grids
- ◆ Ideas that Should be done vs Can be done





# Observations & Lessons Learned in Residential Building Integrated Photovoltaics (BIPV)

Presenter: Jeff Cook PhD



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# Project Overview



Source: GAF Timberline

NREL is partnering with roofing integrated PV manufacturers (and related installers) to analyze three research questions.

- How do current roofing integrated PV products compare to raked and mounted PV in terms of costs, install times and processes?
- How are roofing integrated PV products installed and are there opportunities for cost savings?
- What are the key barriers to expanding market opportunities for integrating solar and roofing products?



Source: Tesla Solar Roof



Source: Ghosh, 2020



# BIPV Market and Potential Opportunity

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# BIPV Market

- Residential BIPV costs remain higher than conventional PV.
- BIPV markets are fundamentally constrained.
- Cost savings could encourage more adoption

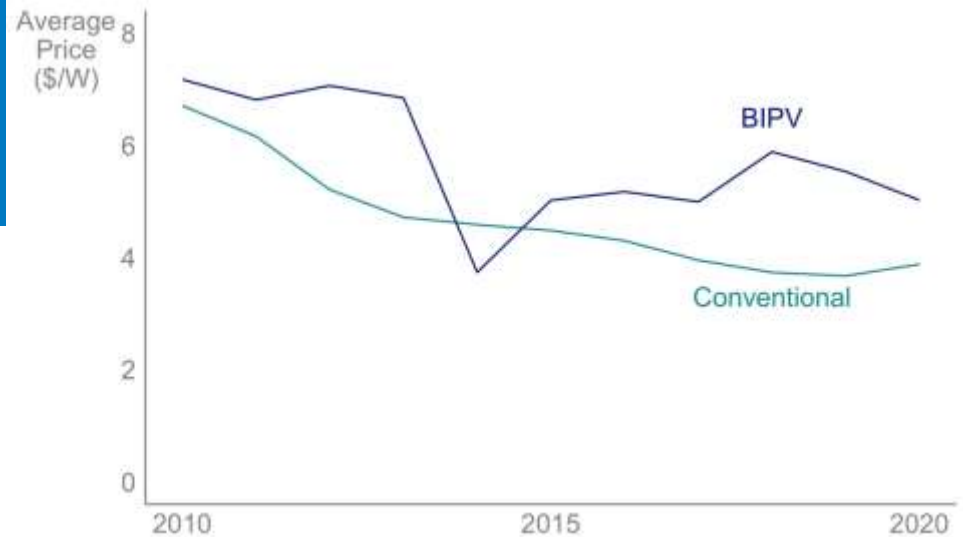


Figure 1. Average prices for BIPV and conventional systems, 2010-2020

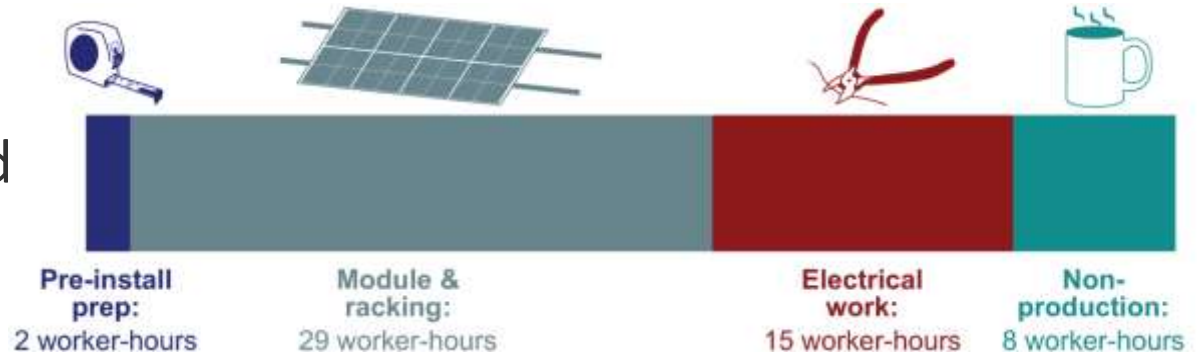
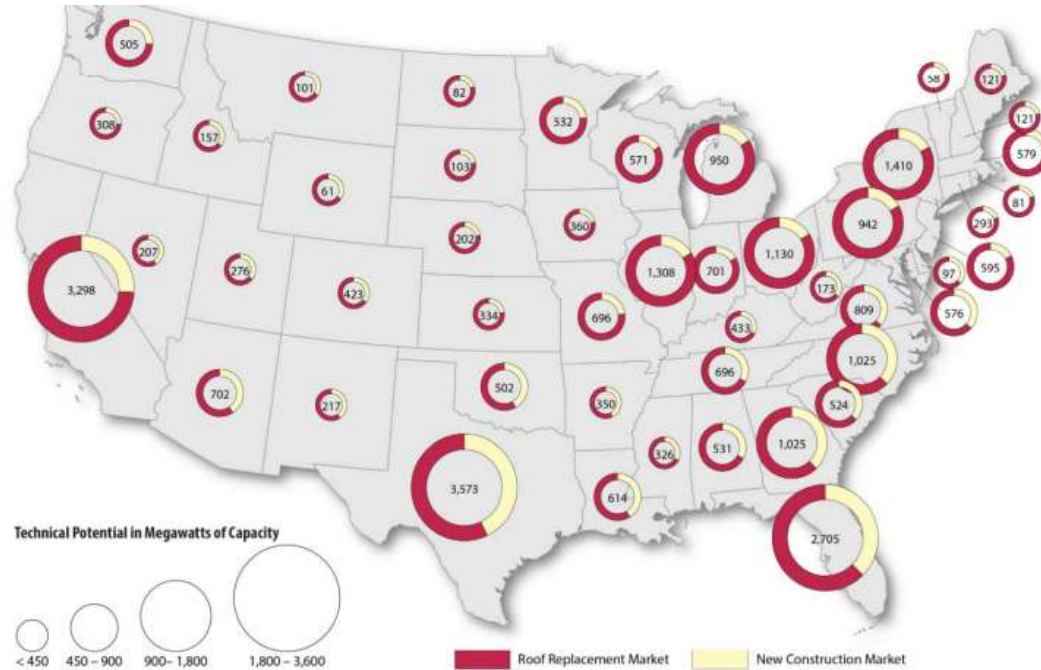


Figure 2. Time and motion study results for conventional residential rooftop PV system





**Figure ES-1. Annual average technical potential for residential rooftop PV at time of roof replacement and new construction projected between 2017 and 2030**

# BIPV Market Opportunity

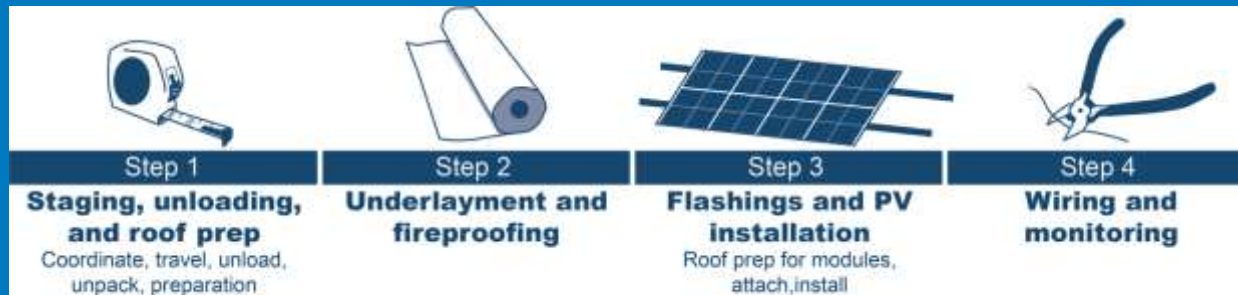


# Methodology

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Expert Interviews/Advisory Group

21 re-roof and new construction obs.





# Market Barriers and Potential Solutions

Cost uncertainties

Permitting, inspection, and code enforcement

Labor availability and training

Architectural and design integration

Roofing industry integration

Product Manufacturing and supply chain

Awareness and education



## Conclusions/ Opportunities for Expansion

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Decision Support Tools

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Workforce Training

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Code reform

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Informational campaigns

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Manufacturing and supply chains

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BIPV consortium working group



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# Solar Decathlon

Building the Next Generation

## BIPV at the Solar Decathlon

*Rachel Romero, Senior Engineer,  
National Renewable Energy  
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The U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon is a collegiate competition, comprising **10 Contests**, that challenges student teams to **design** and **build** highly efficient, high-performance, innovative, low-carbon buildings powered by renewable energy.





# Two Challenges, 10 Contests





# Germany 2009

- Focus on façade
- Two-story cube
- 11.1 kW system
- 40 single-crystal silicon panels on the roof and about 250 thin-film copper indium gallium diselenide (CIGS) panels on the sides
- Expected to produce an incredible 200% of the energy needed by the house





# Appalachian State University's 2011 Solar Homestead



- 833 ft<sup>2</sup> home
- Award
  - People's Choice Award
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> in Communications
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Architecture





# Appalachian State University's 2011 Solar Homestead

- Seamless integration into architectural design
- Sought for the panels not to be an “afterthought”
- Sanyo bifacial panels that collect sun from both the top and bottom of the panel
  - Yields 30% more efficiency





# Swiss Team 2017 NeighborHub

- 2017 Winning Team
- Flexibility
- Shading aspect in the PV





# Solar Decathlon China: Swedish 2013 HALO

- Placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall
- Monocrystalline silicone photovoltaics laminated in thin acrylic plastic and coated with a high strength polymer
- Applied to 10 mm polycarbonate sheets





# Myongji University 2022 Hanok







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