

Could concrete facades capture solar energy to power buildings?

Concrete facades could soon capture solar energy to power buildings, using a prototype photovoltaic cladding developed by materials company LafargeHolcim and electronics manufacturer Heliatek. The product combines LafargeHolcim's concrete with a top layer of Heliatek's HeliaFilm -- a flexible solar film that is just one millimetre thick.

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.

What is solar con?

It combines modern design with efficient photovoltaic technology. SOLAR.con is a facade system into which small PV modules with optimised orientation are integrated for maximum energy production. The modules are seamlessly integrated into a stylish exposed concrete facade, which has preferably been realised with recycled concrete.

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.

Can a concrete facade double the power harvesting capacity of traditional roof-based solar?

With two different yet complementary sets of knowledge, LafargeHolcim and Heliatek joined forces to create an architectural concrete panel facade system with the potential to double the power harvesting capacity of traditional roof-based solar technologies.

How many reinforced concrete blocks are needed for solar panels?

Our bespoke division has recently manufactured a set of 275 reinforced concrete blocks to support an array of large solar panels.

By integrating GIS analyses with regulatory insights, the study informs spatial planning initiatives essential for scaling up solar energy contributions in industrial contexts, supporting informed ...

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