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Hooks integrated in PV module



Carrying handle on backside of PV module



Ergonomic, Safe, No-Tool Solar Installation System

Key idea:

• Lightweight, low-cost residential turnkey PV system that simplifies install and enables DIY Solar.

"R-SPRINT[™]": Residential Solar Panel Racking INTegrated

- Take holistic system level development approach to overcome safety and complexity issues in residential PV installation:
 - Central carrying handle for PV module allows single hand under arm carry on sloped roof
 - High efficiency (TOPCon or HJT) module with nonconductive frame and integrated microinverter option requires no grounding on roof
 - Submount structures on roof tailored to module
 - Module-integrated attachment hooks \rightarrow attach module to roof submount without tools, single person installation
 - 35% lighter system \rightarrow installation on older roofs that otherwise would be rendered not solar compatible

Project Impact:

- Enable safer installation, with fewer accidents
- Democratize solar energy by making it accessible, affordable, and easy to install, especially for underserved communities like Native American tribes and rural areas.
- Bring Residential PV to a much broader market, especially low-income by providing low cost and viable option for DIY Solar

Project Goals:

- Develop, demonstrate and characterize POC for integrated system
- For Set! Demo day: demonstrate POC of tool-free PV module mounting fixtures, use existing module frame
- For Go! Demo day: demonstrate subscale POC of optimized PV module & frame with integrated residential rooftop mounting fixtures
- After: Develop full scale prototype of integrated R-SPRINT system

Roof attachment load modeling (FEA)



Attachment: Mount without tools



Preinstalled microinverter, hinged

