

Introduction to Solar Energy

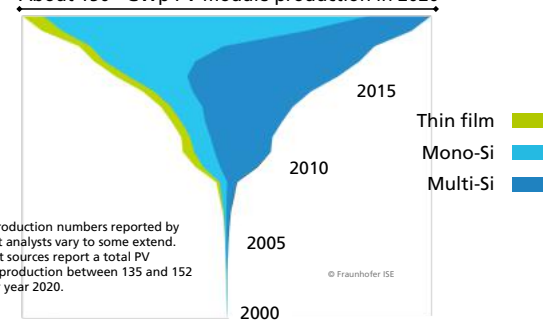
Status and prospects of PV technology

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Annual PV Production by Technology Worldwide (in GWp)

About 150* GWp PV module production in 2020



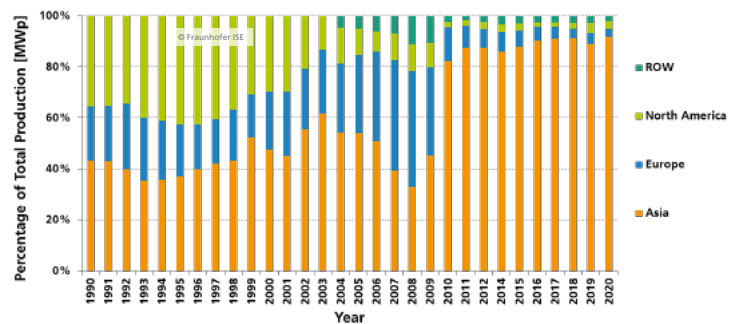
*2020 production numbers reported by different analysts vary to some extent. Different sources report a total PV module production between 135 and 152 GWp for year 2020.

Data: from 2000 to 2009: Navigant; from 2010: IHS Markit. Graph: PSE Projects GmbH 2021

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PV Module Production by Region 1990-2020 Percentage of Total MWp Produced

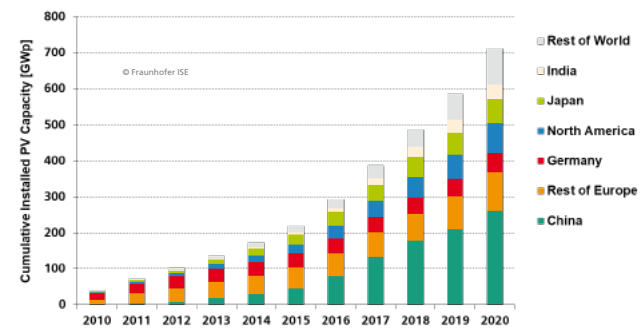


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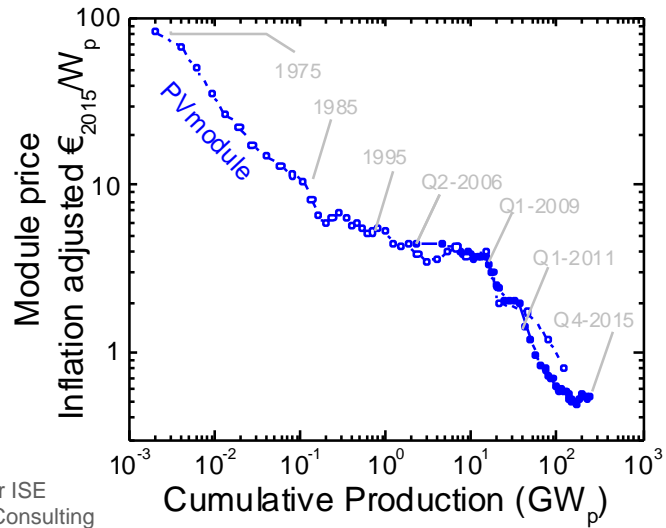
Global Cumulative PV Installation From 2010 to 2020



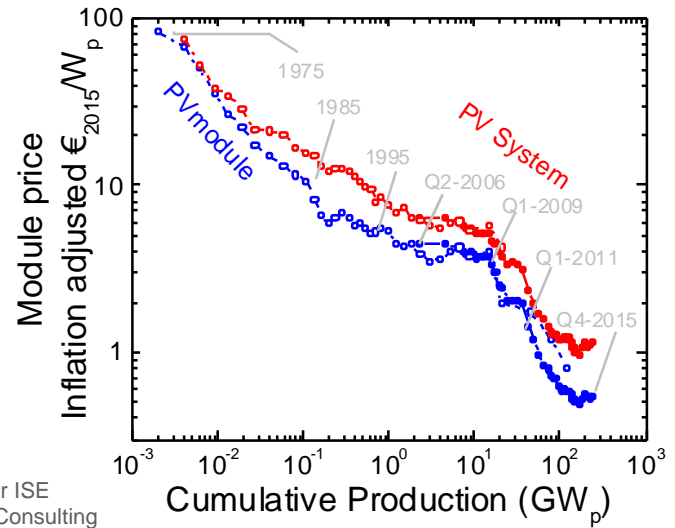
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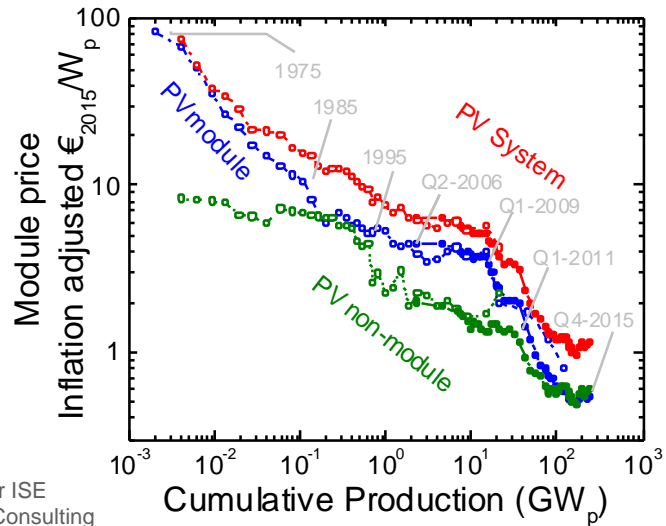
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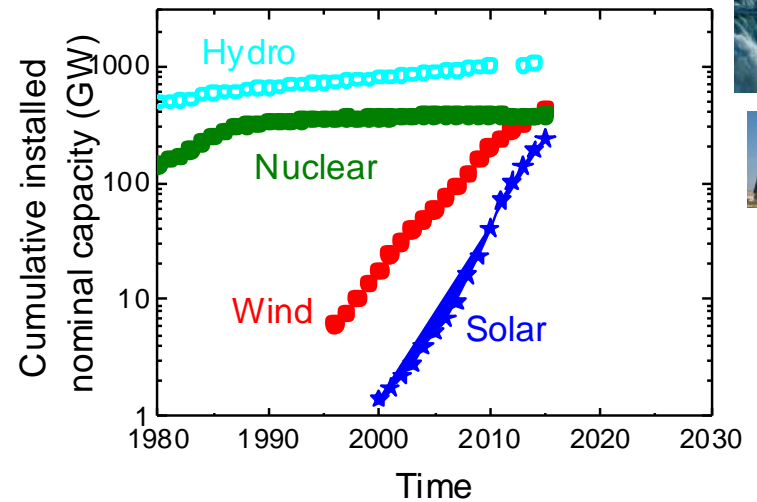
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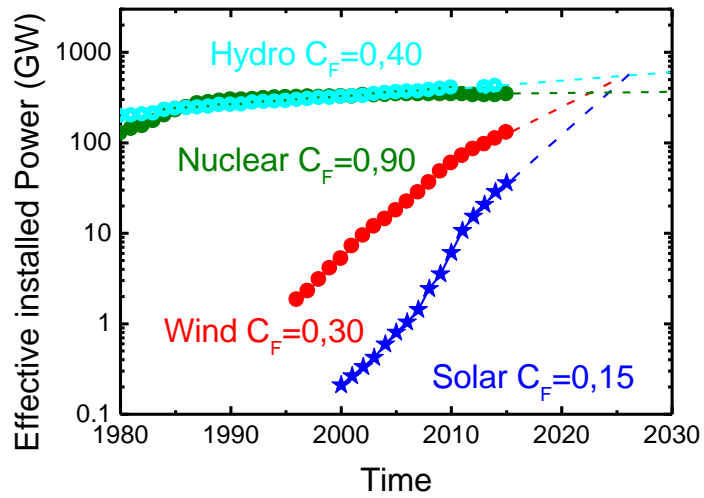


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The PV cell

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Longyangxia Dam Solar Park
Installed capacity: 850 MW_p



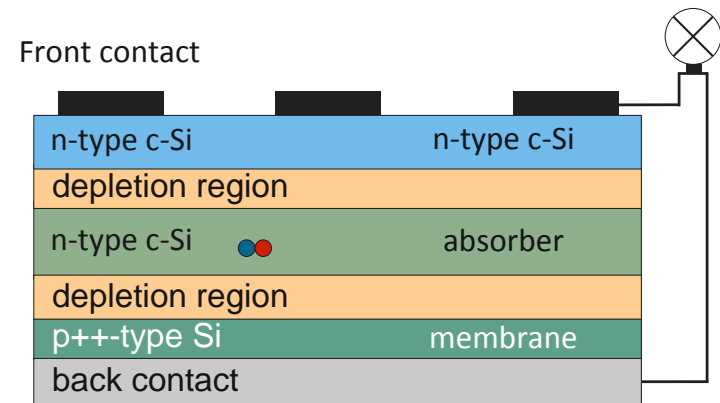
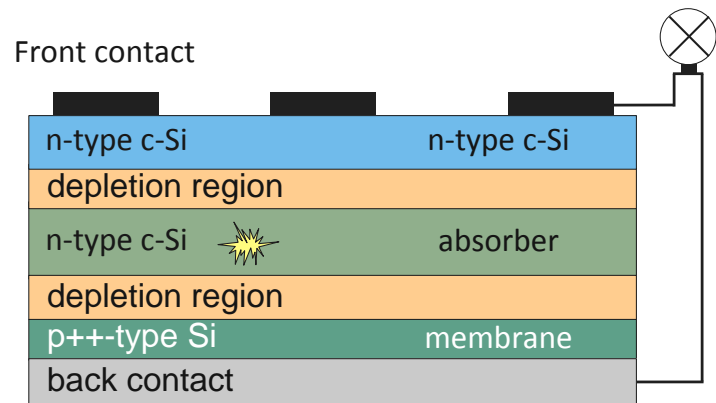
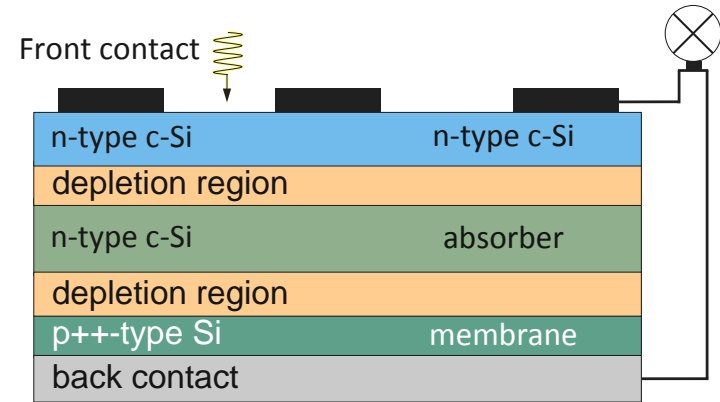
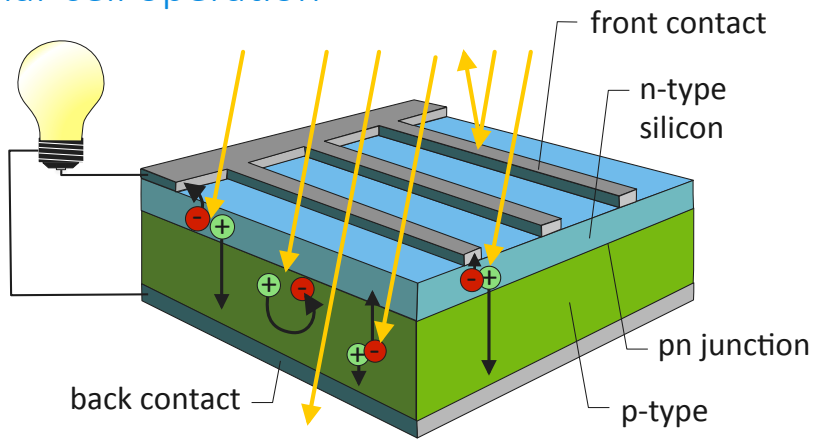
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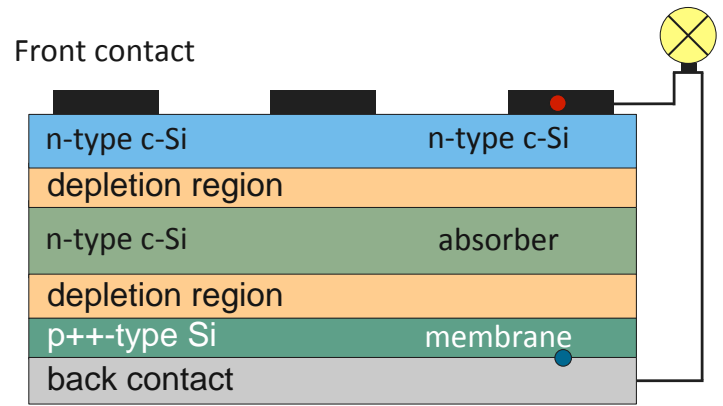


Solar Cell

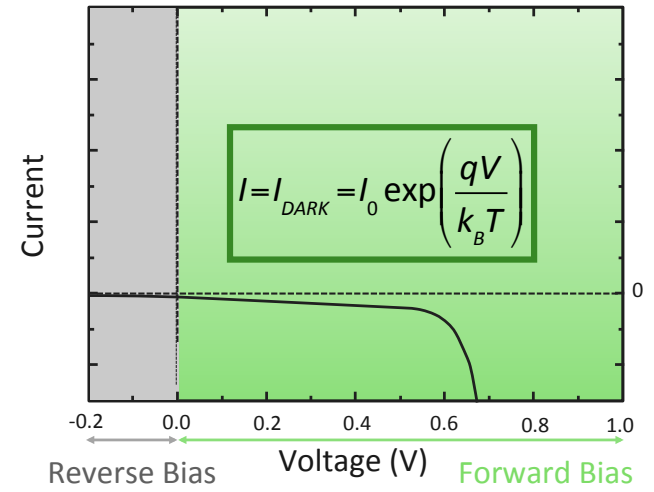


Solar cell operation

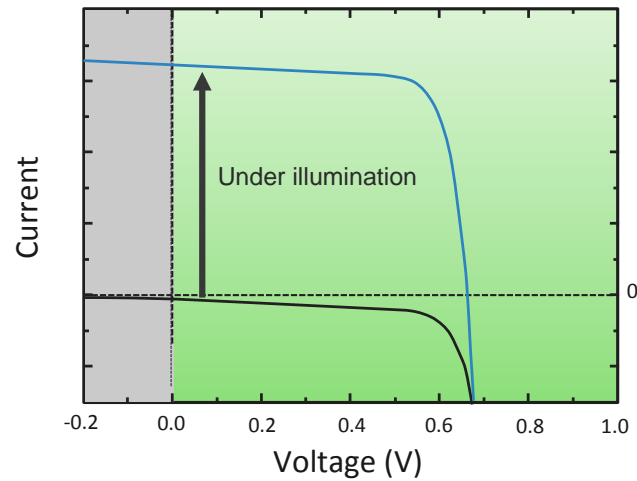




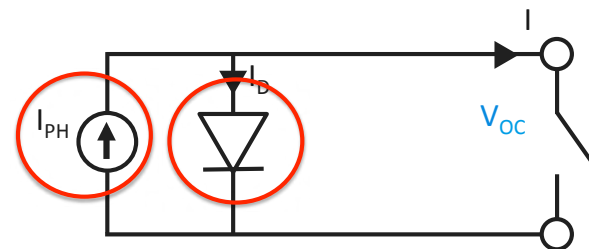
Basic IV-Curve



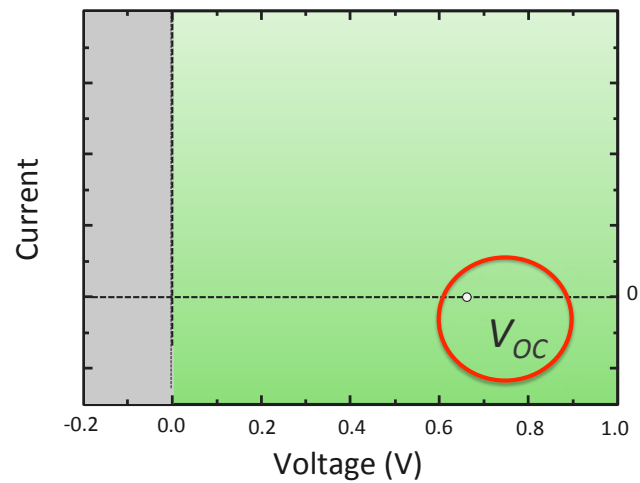
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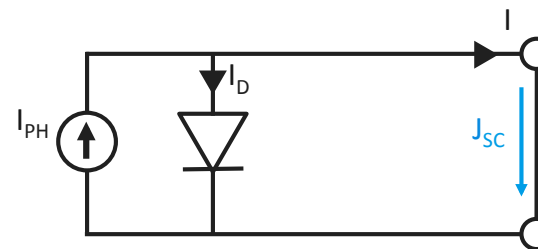
Open circuit voltage V_{oc}



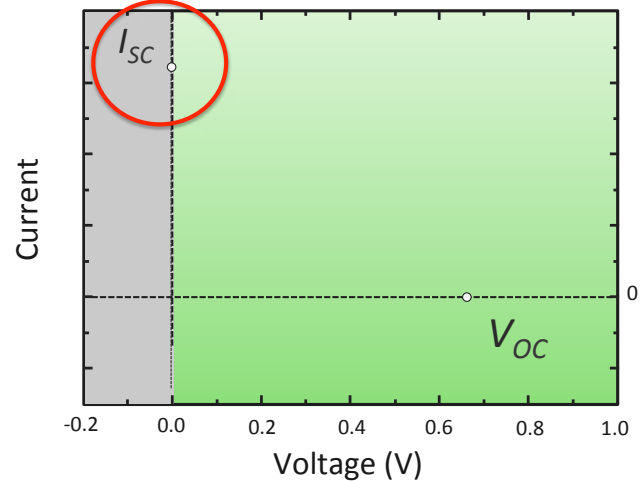
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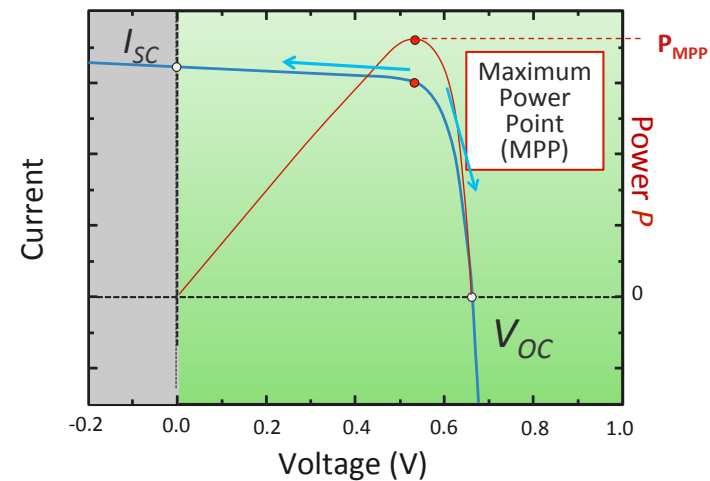
Short circuit current J_{sc}



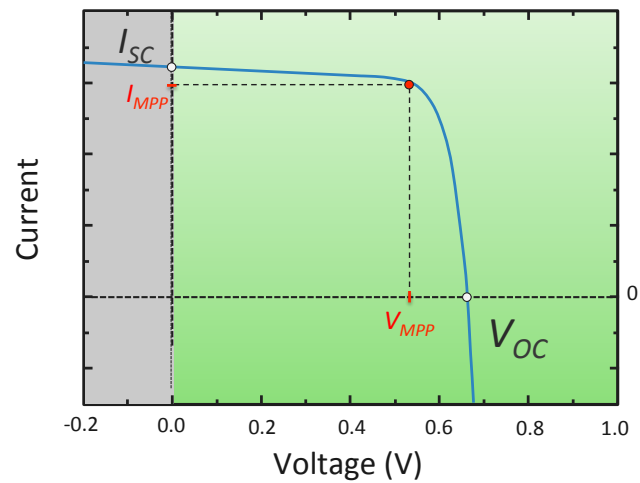
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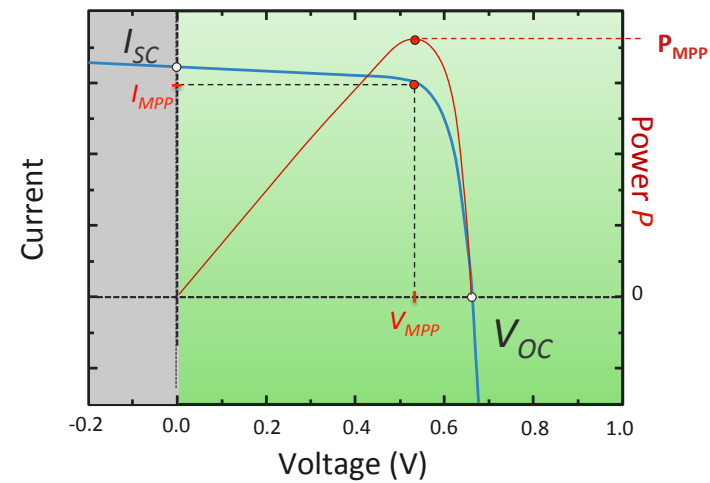
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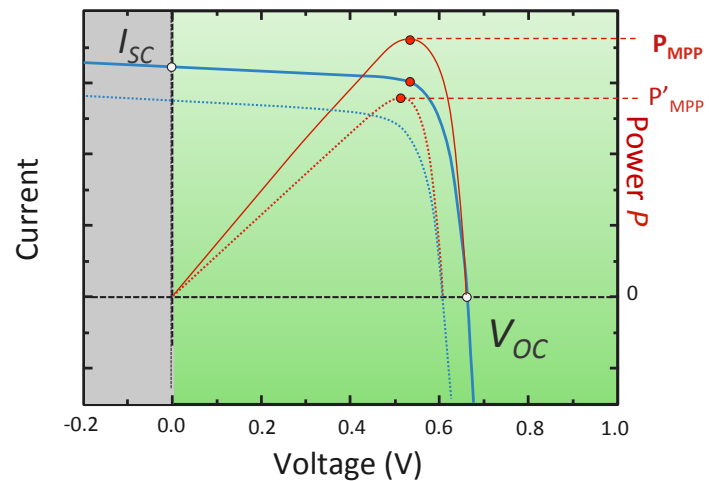
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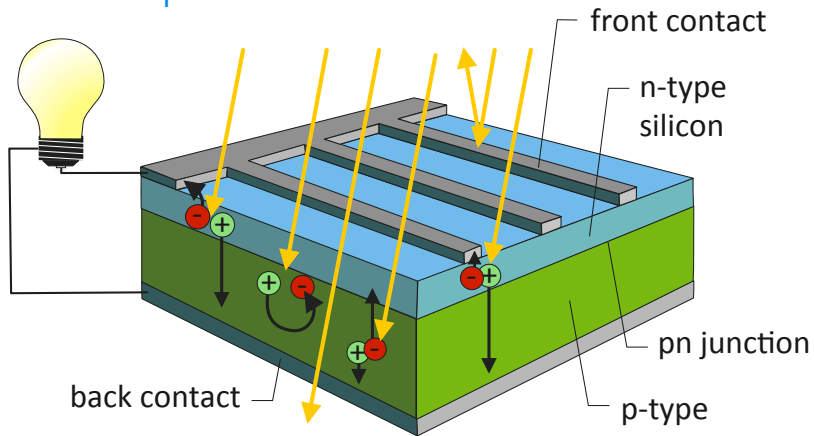


Shift of MPP



$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{P_{mpp}}{P_{in}}$$

Solar cell operation



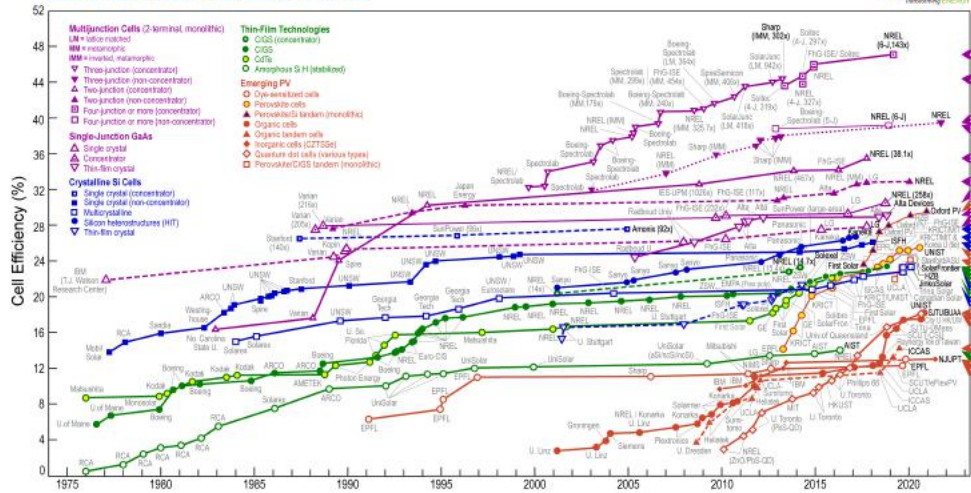
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PV technologies

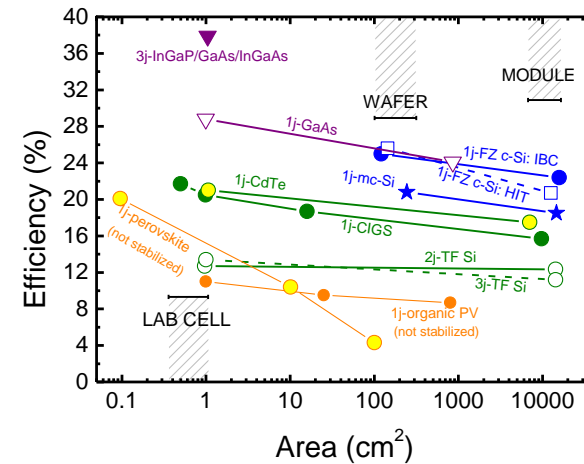
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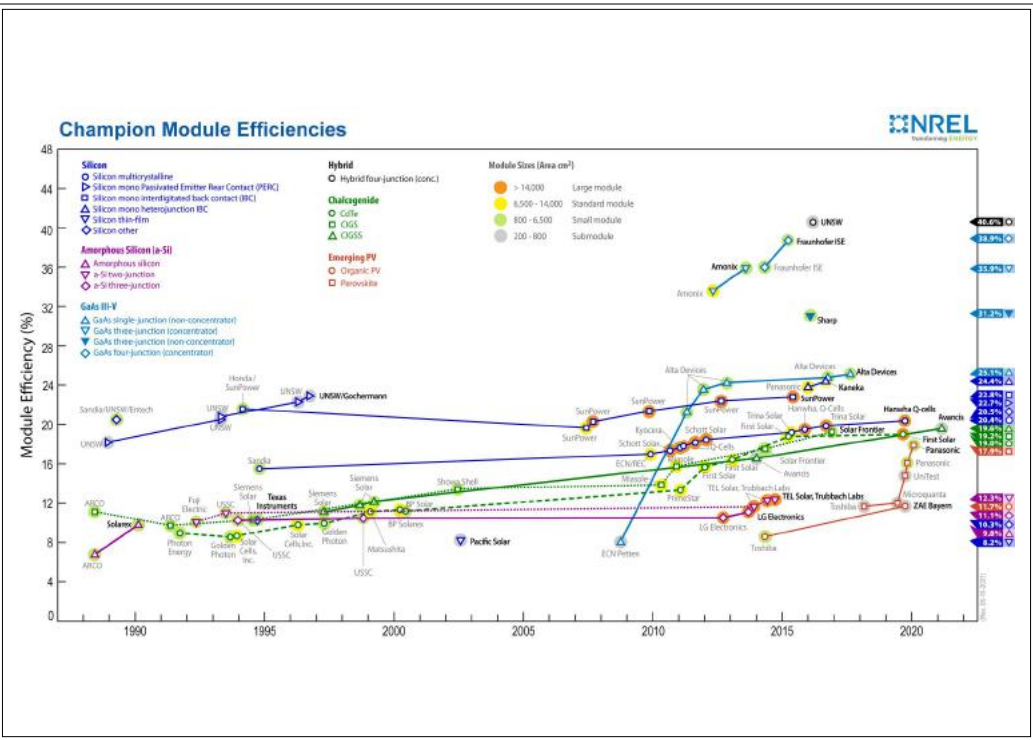


Best Research-Cell Efficiencies

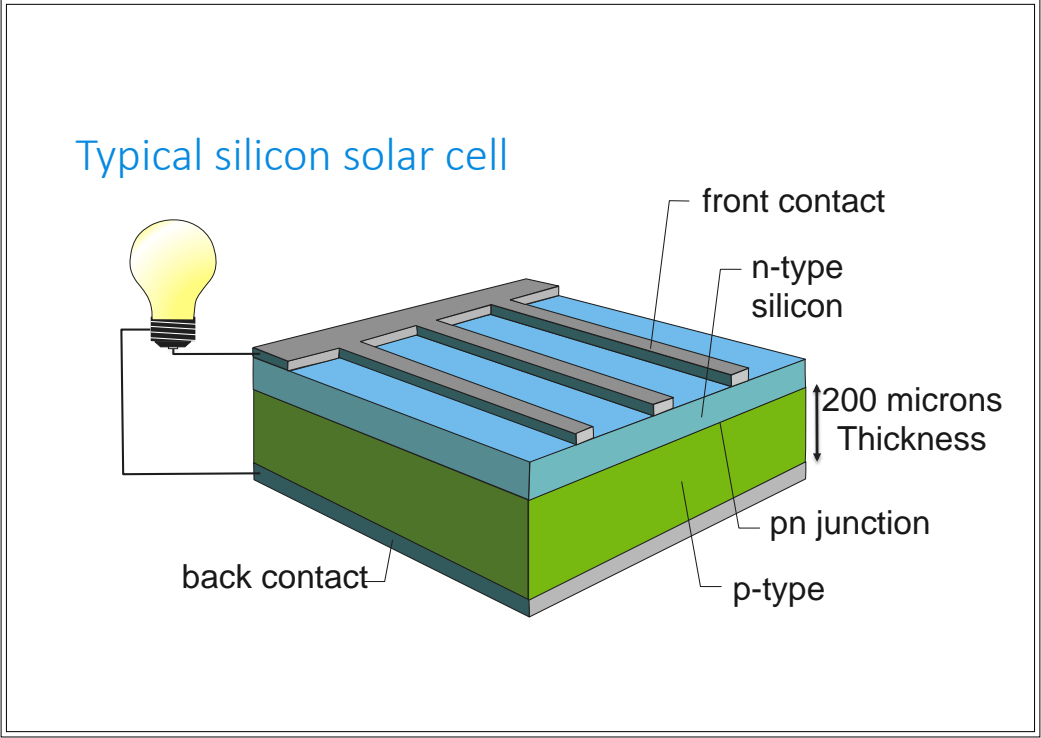
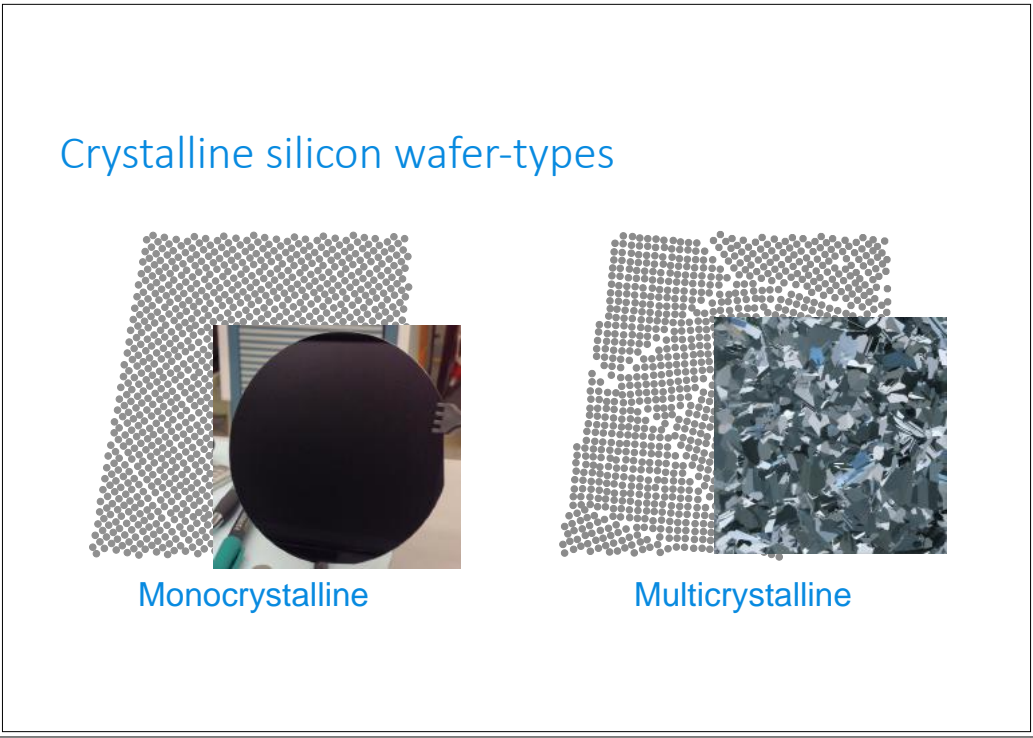
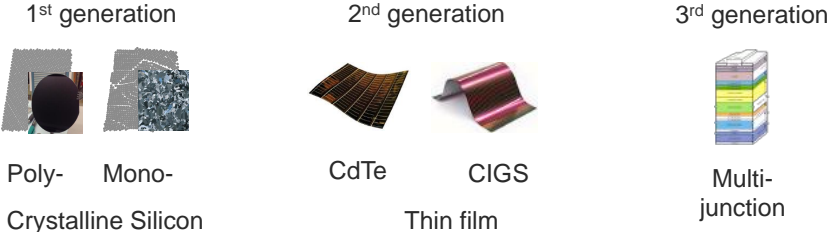


Records? Let's scale it up...



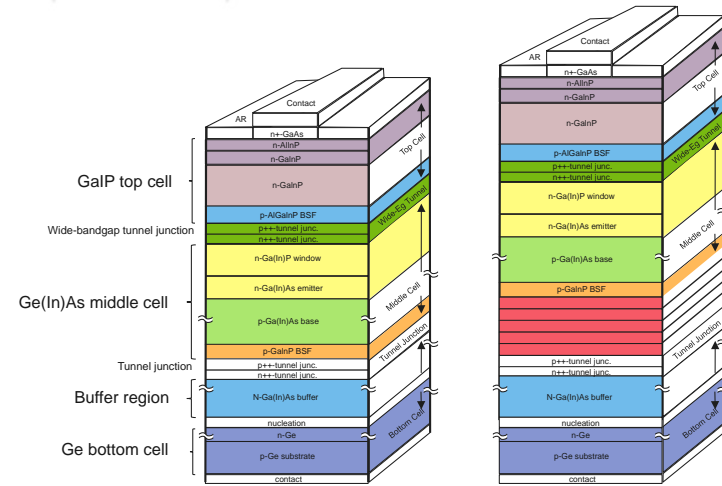


Main PV technologies





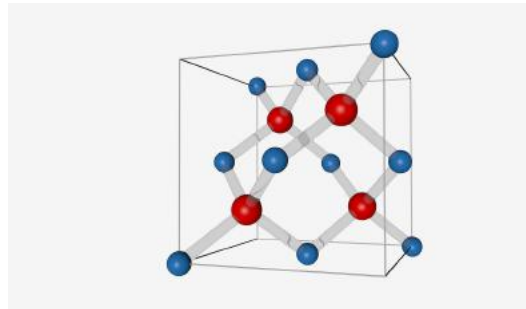
Top Efficiency Solar Cells – Multi Junction Devices



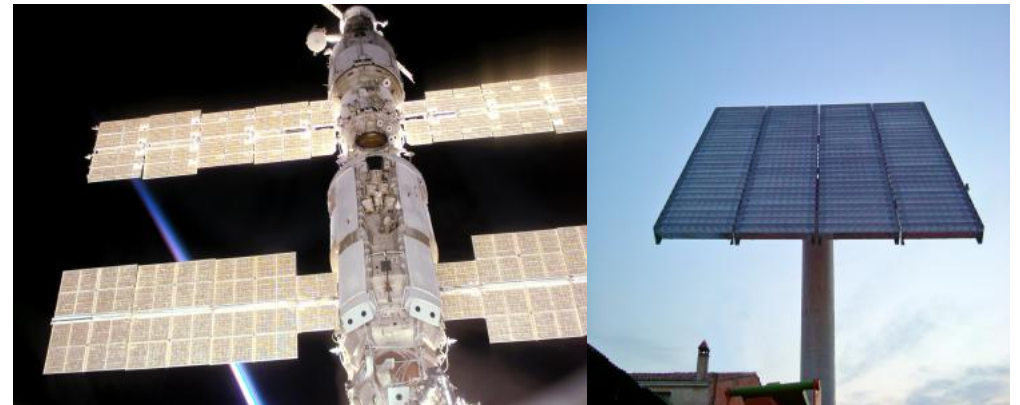
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Spectro Labs

III-V Semiconductor Materials

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		13 Al 26.981	14 Si 28.086	15 P 30.974	16 S 32.065	17 Cl 35.453	18 Ar 39.948			
IB 29 Cu 63.546	IIB 30 Zn 65.38	31 Ga 69.723	32 Ge 72.64	33 As 74.922	34 Se 78.96	35 Br 79.904	36 Kr 83.798			
47 Ag 107.87	48 Cd 112.41	49 In 114.82	50 Sn 118.71	51 Sb 121.76	52 Te 127.60	53 I 126.90	54 Xe 131.29			
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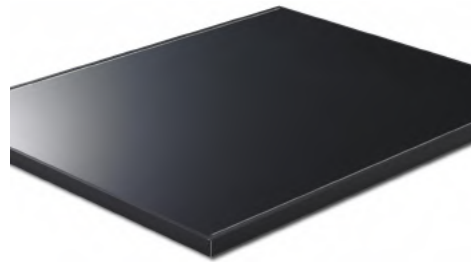
III – V PV Technology Application



Thin Film PV modules: *glass encapsulated*

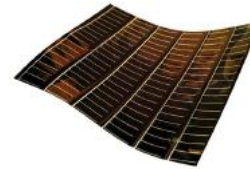


CdTe (First Solar)



CIGS(Solar Frontier)

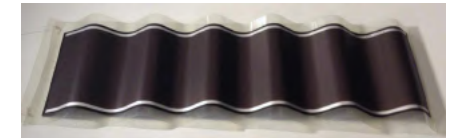
Thin Film PV modules: *Flexible*



CdTe
EMPA
Switzerland

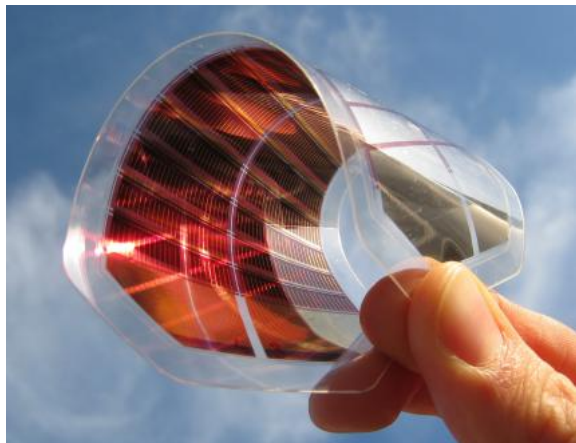


CIGS
MiaSolé

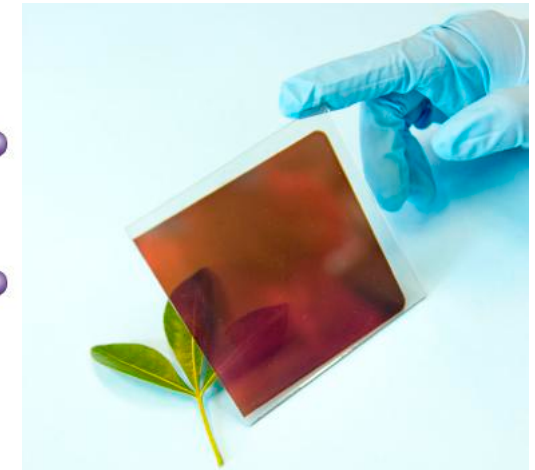
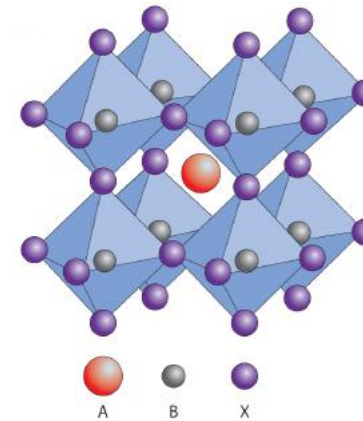


Thin-film silicon
HyET Solar

Organic Solar Cells



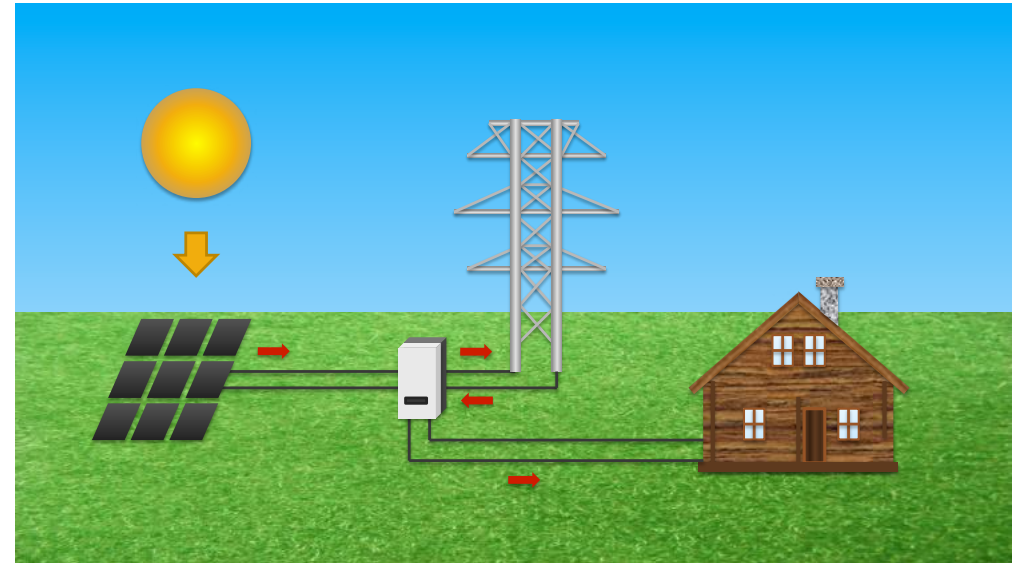
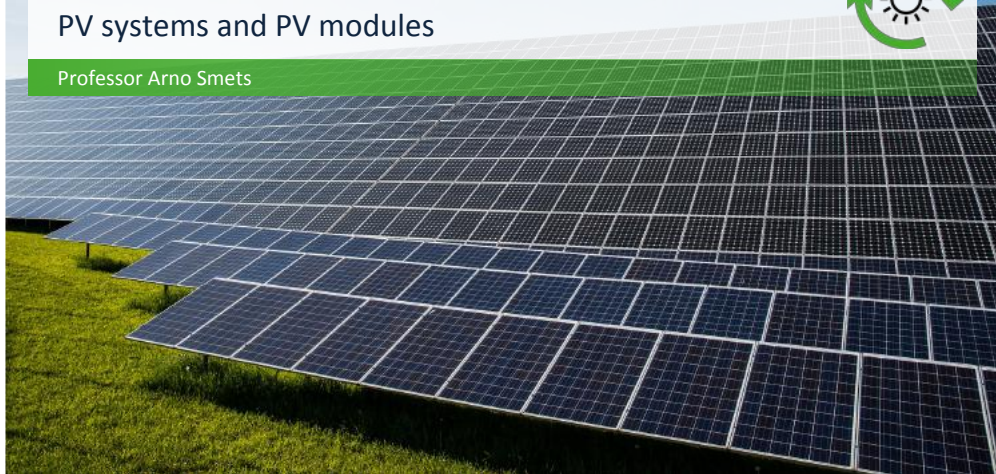
Perovskites



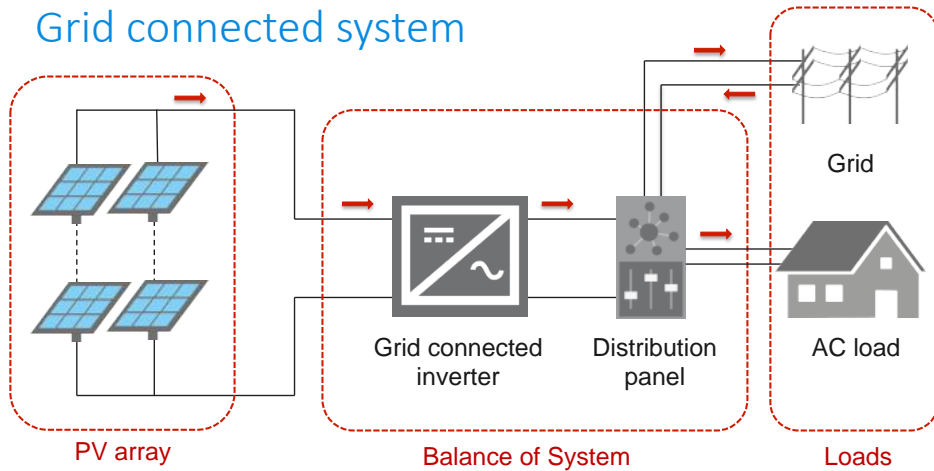
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PV systems and PV modules

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Grid connected system

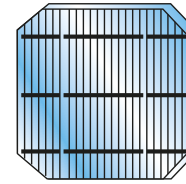


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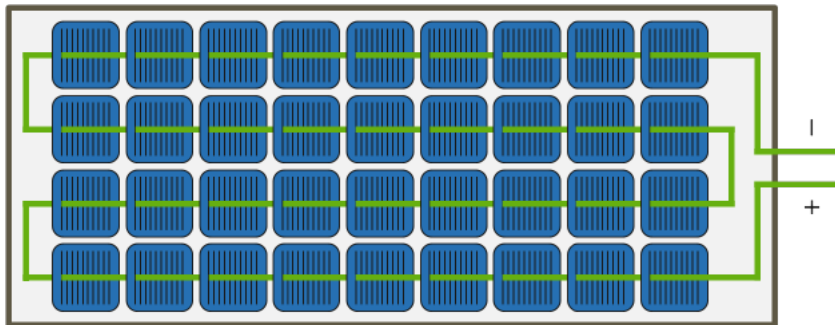
PV modules

From a solar cell to an array: 'modularity'

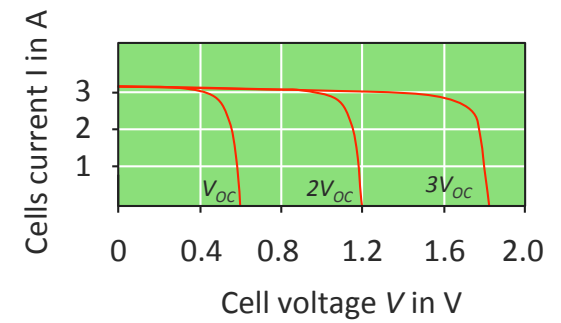
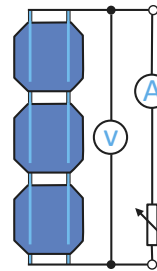


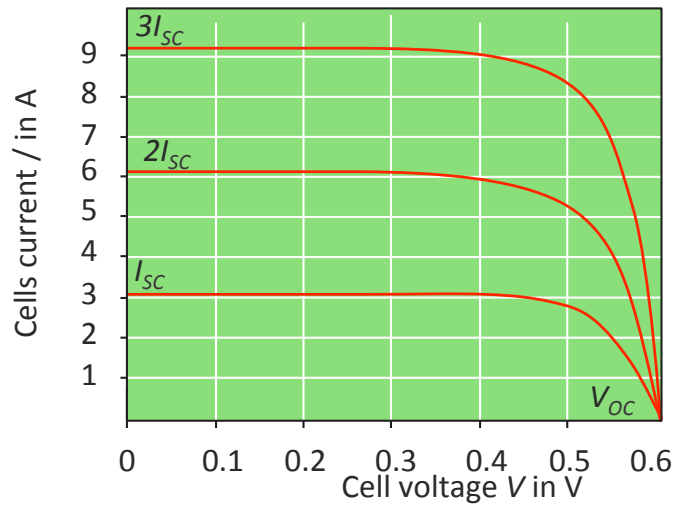
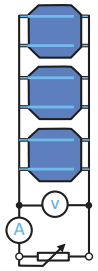
Cell

PV cell, module and array



Series connection

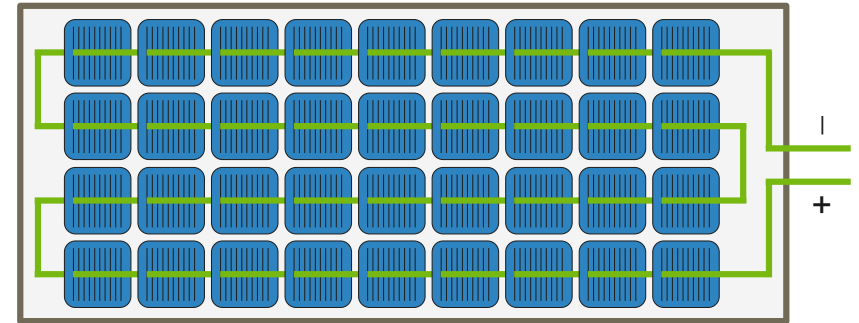




Modules

$$V_{OCcell} = 0.6 \text{ V} \quad V_{OCmodule} = 21.6 \text{ V}$$

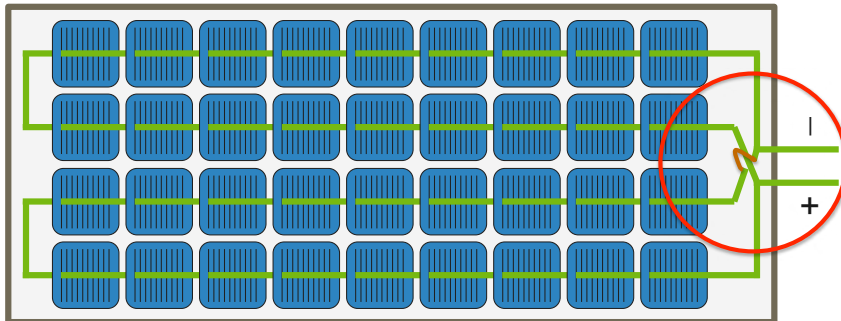
$$I_{SCcell} = 5 \text{ A} \quad I_{SCmodule} = 5 \text{ A}$$



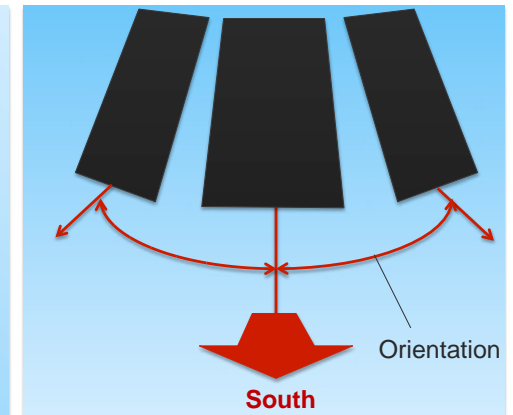
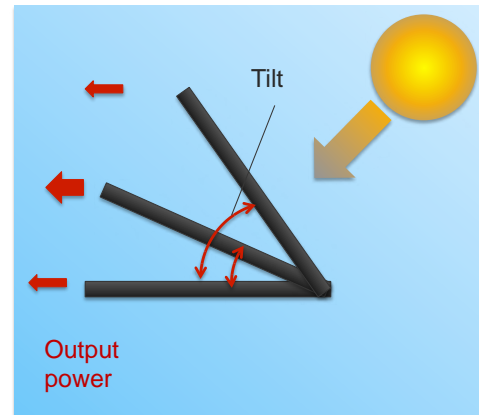
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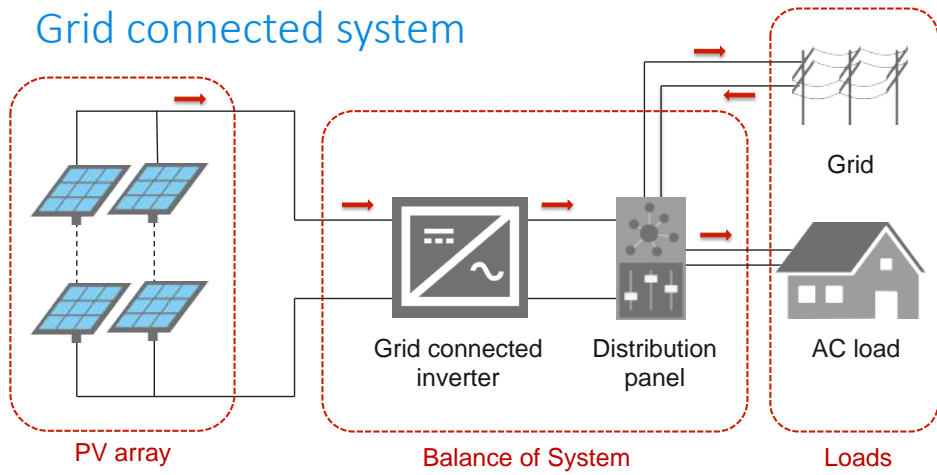
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Tilt and orientation



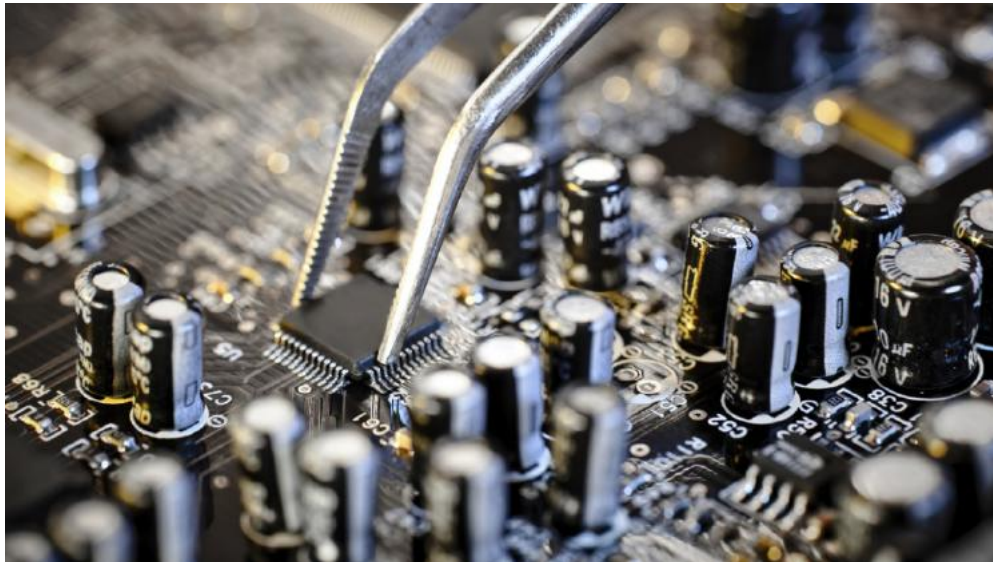
Grid connected system



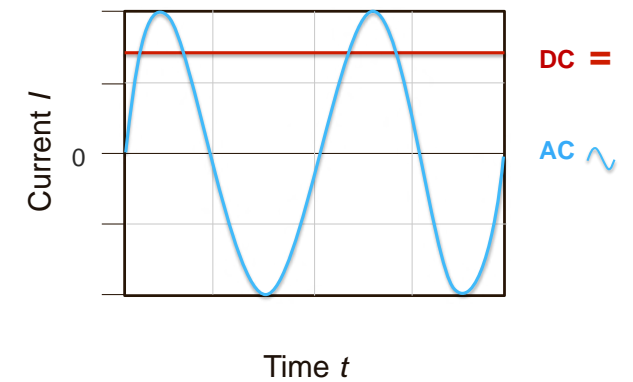
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The Inverter and MPPT

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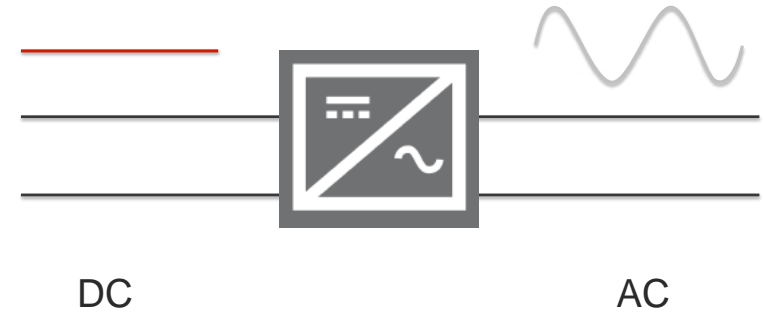


DC and AC current

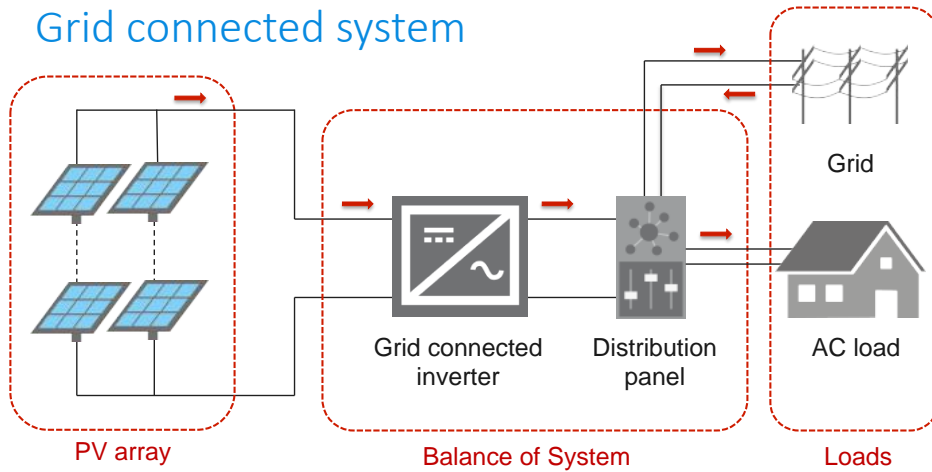




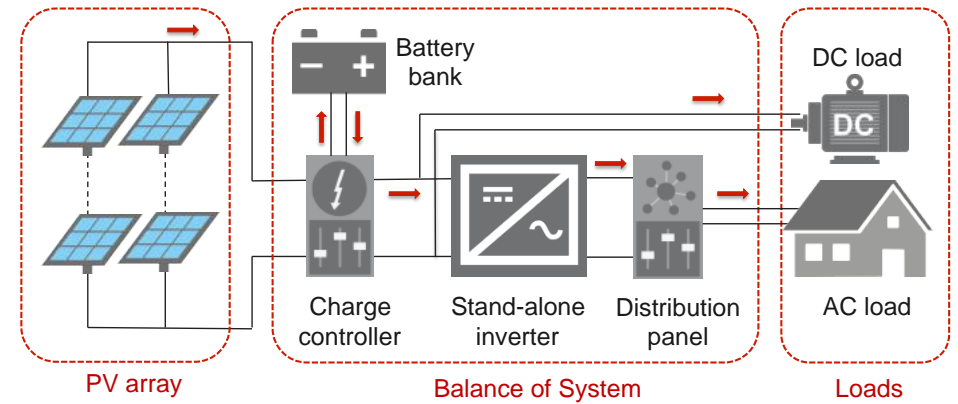
Inverter



Grid connected system

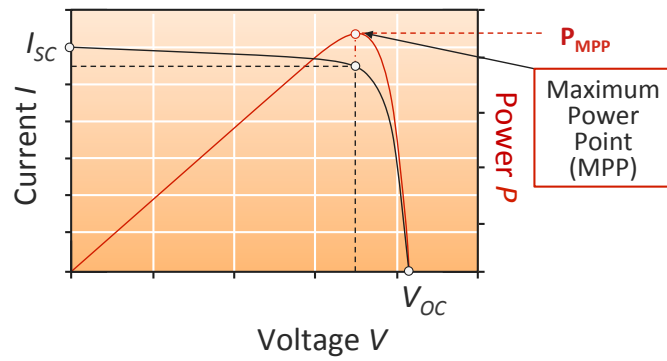


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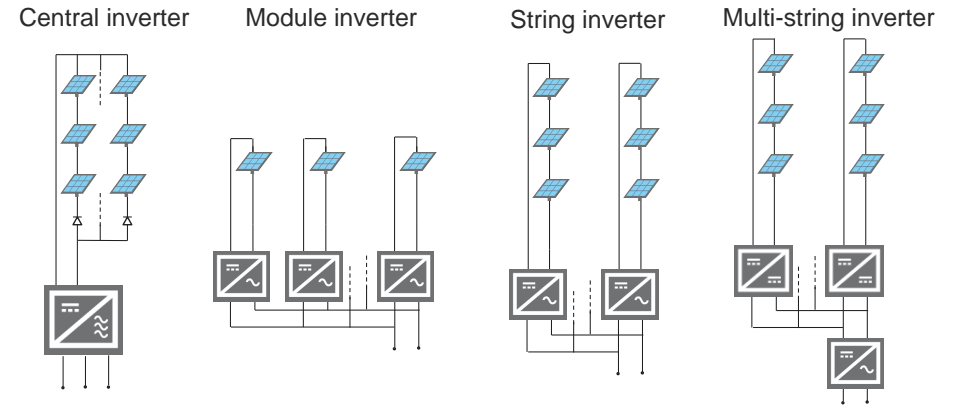




Maximum Power Point Tracking



Implementation topologies



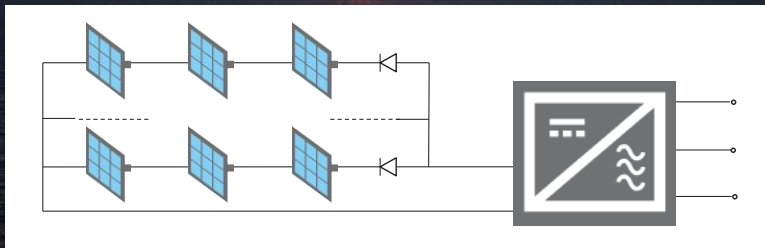
Central inverter

Pros

- Initial investment
- Maintenance
- Design and implementation

Cons

- DC wiring cost
- Shading performance loss



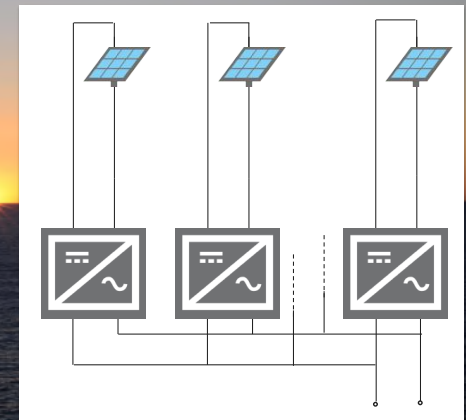
Module inverter

Pros

- Performance loss mitigation
- DC wiring cost
- Design

Cons

- Initial investment
- Maintenance



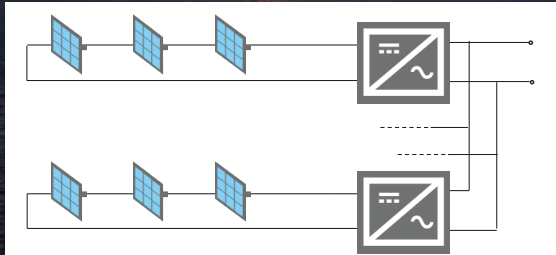
String inverter

Pros

- Performance loss mitigation

Cons

- Design and Implementation
- Initial investment
- Maintenance



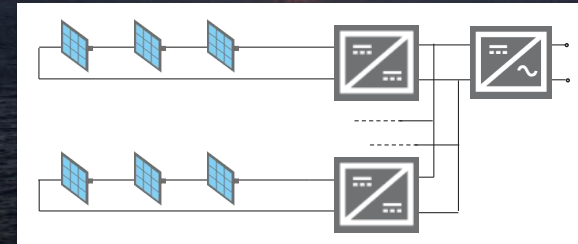
Multi-string inverter

Pros

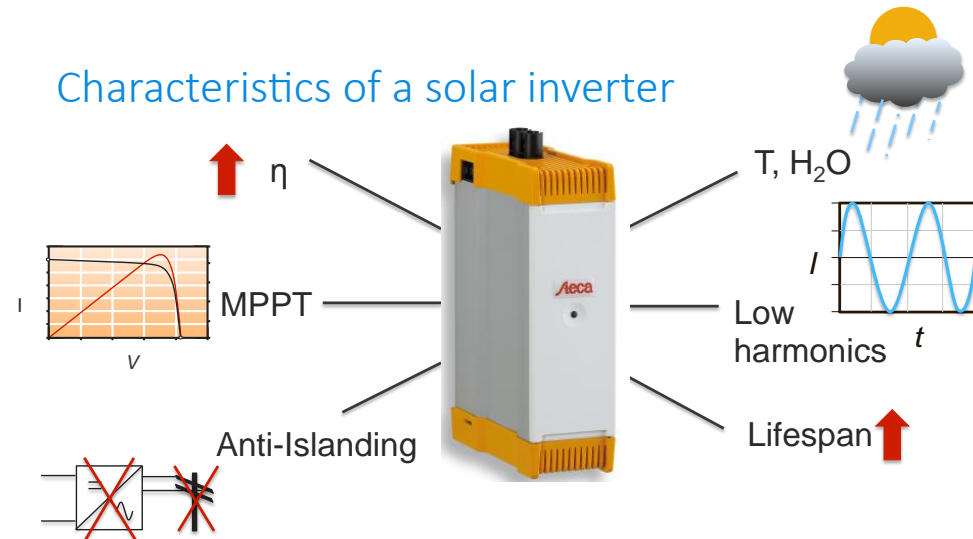
- Performance loss mitigation
- Initial investment

Cons

- Design and Implementation
- Maintenance



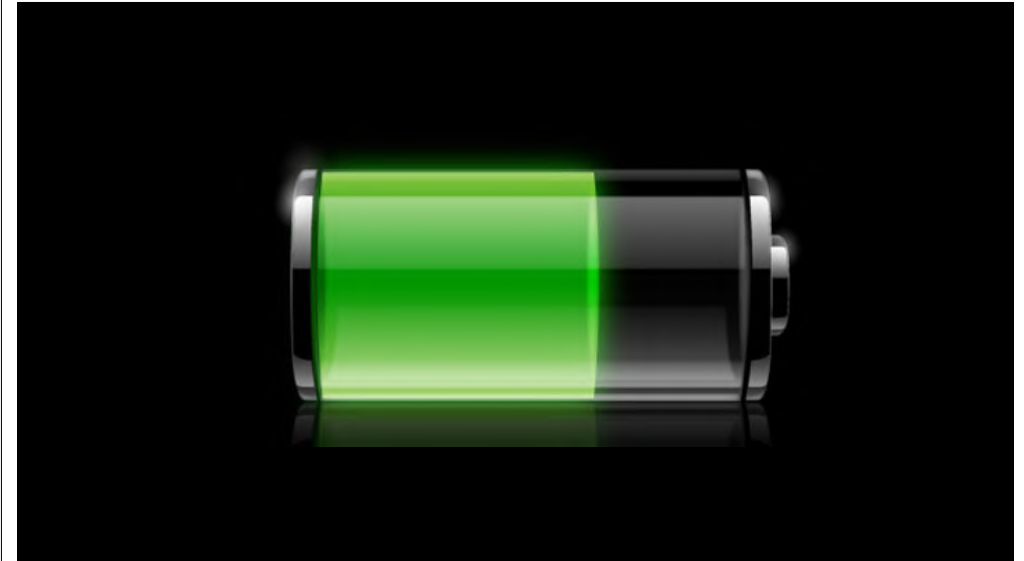
Characteristics of a solar inverter



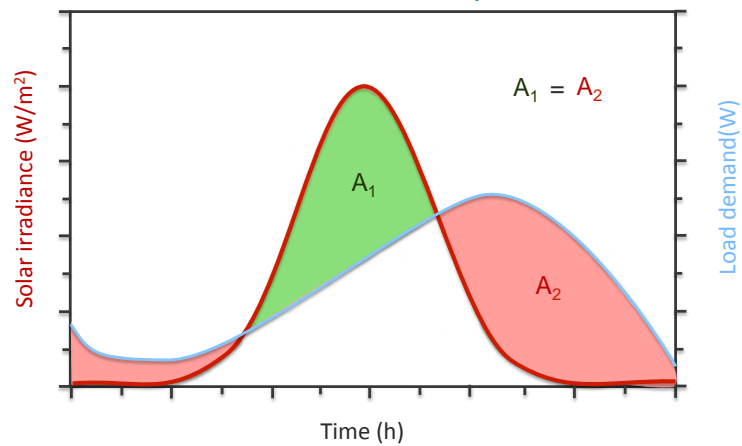
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Batteries

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Solar irradiance and demand profile



Types of batteries



Primary

Zinc carbon
Alkaline



Secondary

Lead Acid
Lithium ion



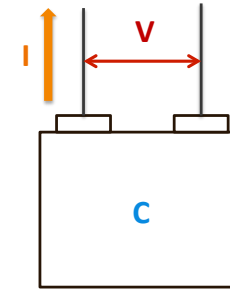
Secondary batteries

Lead acid batteries

Lithium-ion batteries



Battery characteristics



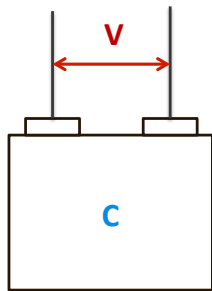
Rated voltage: 12V, 24V, 48V

Rated capacity: Ah, mAh

Rated current: A, mA



Battery characteristics

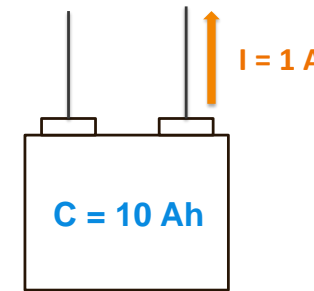


$$E_{\text{battery}} = C_{\text{battery}} \cdot V$$

$$[Wh] = [Ah] \cdot [V]$$

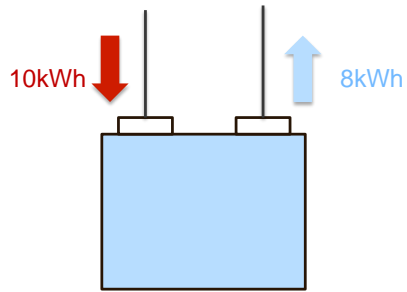


Significance of Amp hours



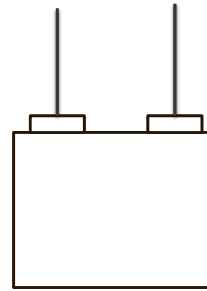
$$\frac{10 \text{ Ah}}{1 \text{ A}} = 10 \text{ h}$$

Efficiency of storage



$$\eta = \frac{E_{out}}{E_{in}} \cdot 100$$
$$\eta = \frac{8 \text{ kWh}}{10 \text{ kWh}} \cdot 100 = 80\%$$

Battery efficiency

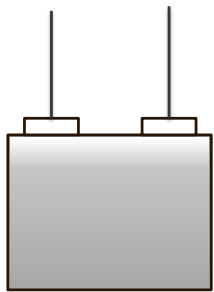


$$\eta_V = \frac{V_{discharge}}{V_{charge}} \cdot 100$$

$$\eta_C = \frac{Q_{discharge}}{Q_{charge}} \cdot 100$$

$$\eta_{batt} = \eta_V \cdot \eta_C = \frac{V_{discharge} \cdot Q_{discharge}}{V_{charge} Q_{charge}} \cdot 100$$

SOC and DOD



$$SOC = \frac{E_{battery}}{C_{battery} \cdot V}$$

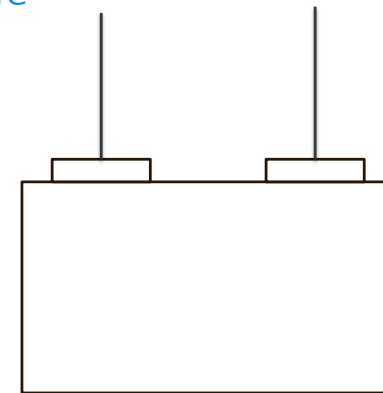
$$10 \text{ Ah} - 2 \text{ Ah} = 8 \text{ Ah} \rightarrow SOC = 80\%$$

$$\rightarrow DOD = 20\%$$

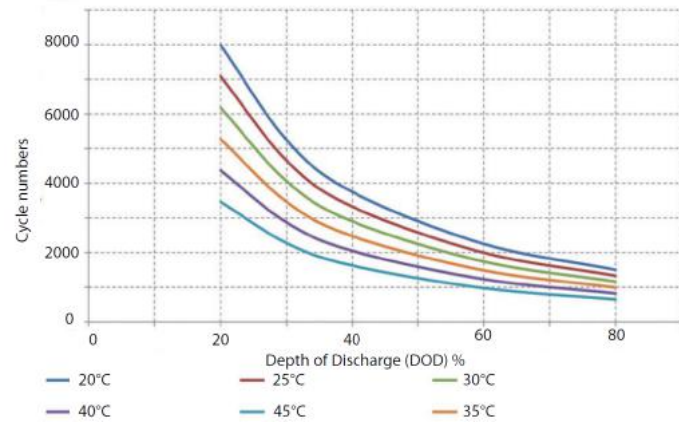
$$DOD = \frac{C_{battery} \cdot V - E_{battery}}{C_{battery} \cdot V}$$



Cycle life



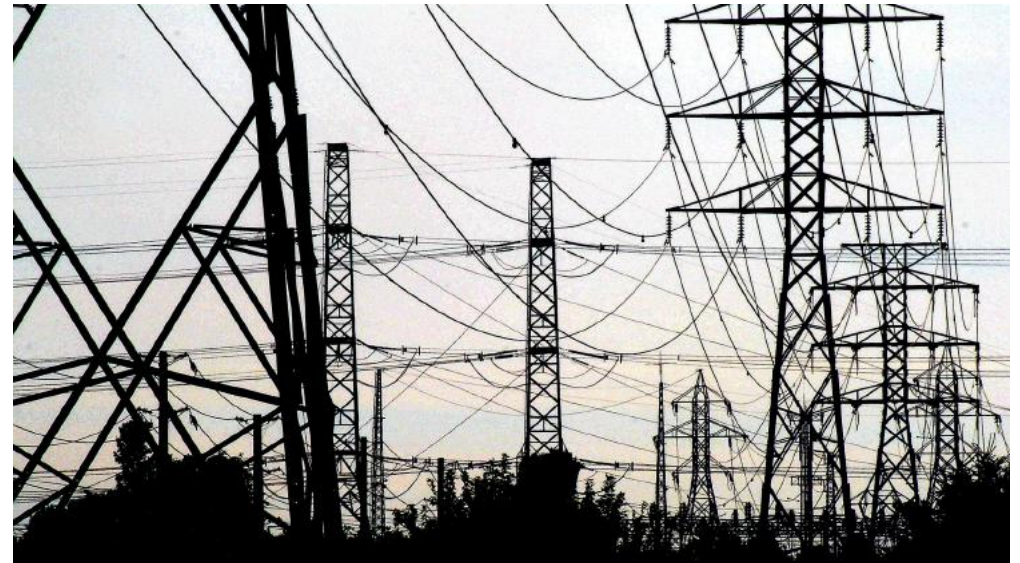
Cycle life vs. DOD



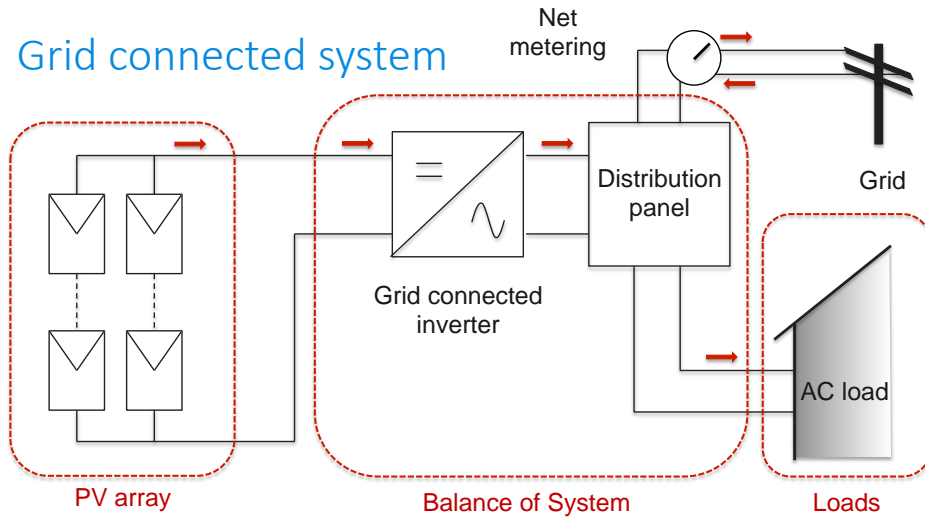
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Design rules

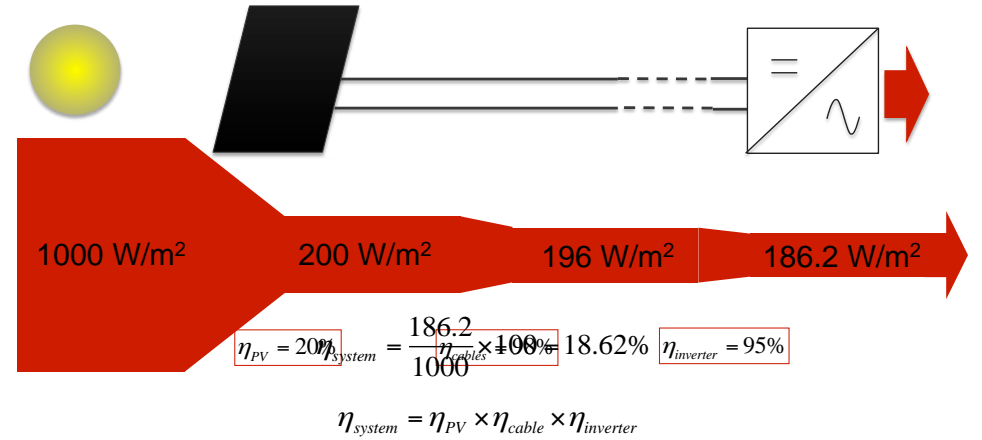
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Grid connected system



Grid connected system



Sizing Example – Load



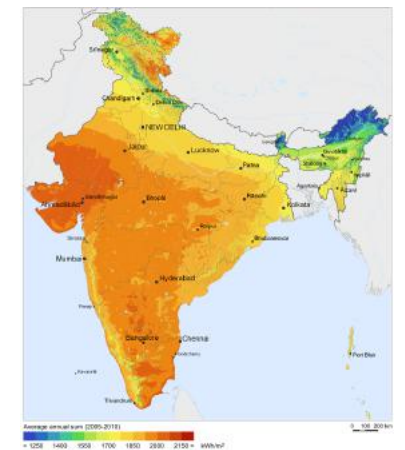
Item	Quantity	Power per item (W)	Total power (W)	Time of use (h)	Total energy (Wh)
Light	4	25	100	4	400
TV	1	100	100	5	500
Desktop	1	100	100	9	900
TOTAL			300		1800

Sizing example - Irradiation

Equivalent sun hours



~4.5 h/day



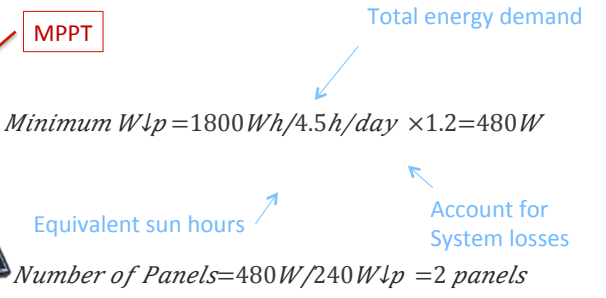
Sizing example – PV panels



Panel specifications	
Power output (Wp)	240
V_{MPP} (V)	48
I_{MPP} (A)	5
V_{OC} (V)	60
I_{SC} (A)	6

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Sizing example – PV panels

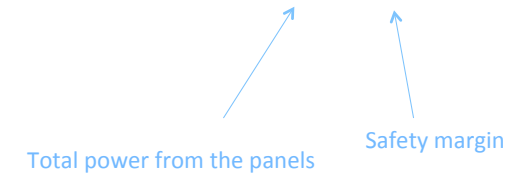


Sizing example – Grid connection

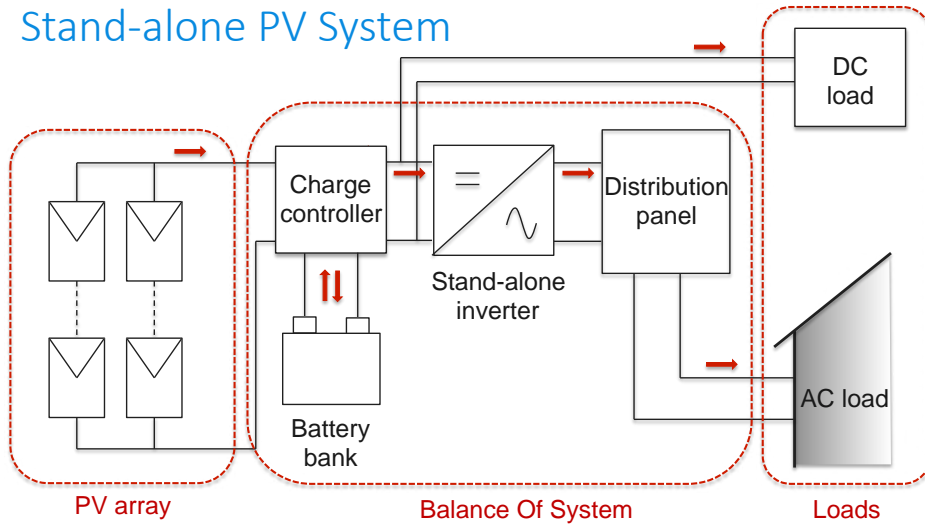


Sizing example - Inverter

$Minimum\ Nominal\ Power\ Rating = 480\ W \times 1.2 = 576\ W$



Stand-alone PV System



Sizing example – Charge controller



Steca Solarix MPPT Charge Controller

Parallel

$$\text{Maximum current} = 6A \times 2 = 12A$$

Series

$$\text{Maximum Voltage} = 60V \times 2 = 120V$$

Short circuit current

Open circuit voltage

Sizing example – Charge controller



Steca Solarix MPPT Charge Controller

Charge controller specifications		< Max I
Maximum voltage (V)	140	
Maximum current (A)	10	
Operational voltage	12V/24V	
MPPT	Yes	

Operational Voltage

Panels in Series

Sizing example – Battery sizing



Batteries : Hoppeke

Battery specifications

Depth of discharge	60%
Battery voltage (V)	12
Battery capacity (Ah)	100

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Sizing example – Battery sizing



Batteries: Hoppeke

$$\text{Minimum } C\downarrow\text{batt} = 1800 \text{ Wh} / 0.6 \times 24 \text{ V} \times 1.2 \times 2 = 300 \text{ Ah}$$

Total energy demand
Days of autonomy

$$\text{Number of batteries in series} = \frac{24 \text{ V}}{12 \text{ V}} = 2 \text{ batteries}$$

Account for System losses

$$\text{Number of batteries in parallel} = 300 \text{ Ah} / 100 \text{ Ah} = 3 \text{ batteries}$$

Operational voltage of the system

$$\text{Number of batteries} = 3 \times 2 = 6 \text{ batteries}$$

Sizing example - Inverter



Inverter specifications	
Efficiency	96%
Operational voltage	12V/24V

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Sizing example - Inverter



Inverter specifications	
Efficiency	96%
Operational voltage	12V/24V

$$\text{Minimum Nominal Power Rating} = \frac{300 \text{ W}}{0.96} = 312.5 \text{ W}$$

Total power demand
Inverter efficiency



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Payback period

Investment cost

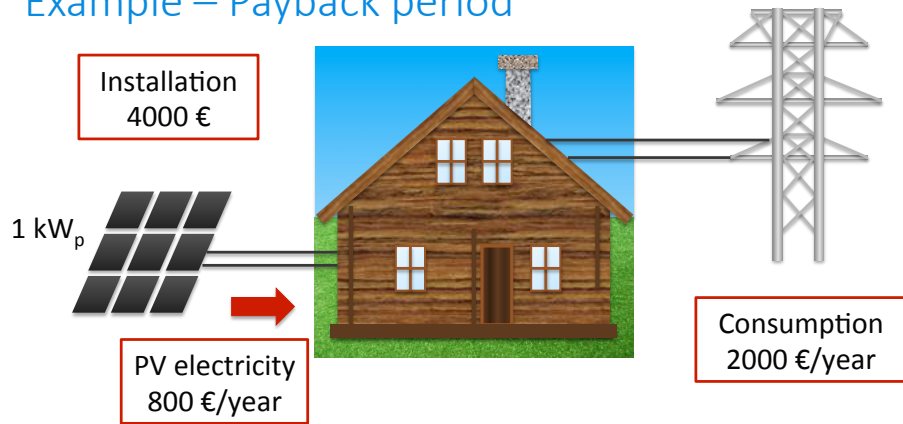


Returns

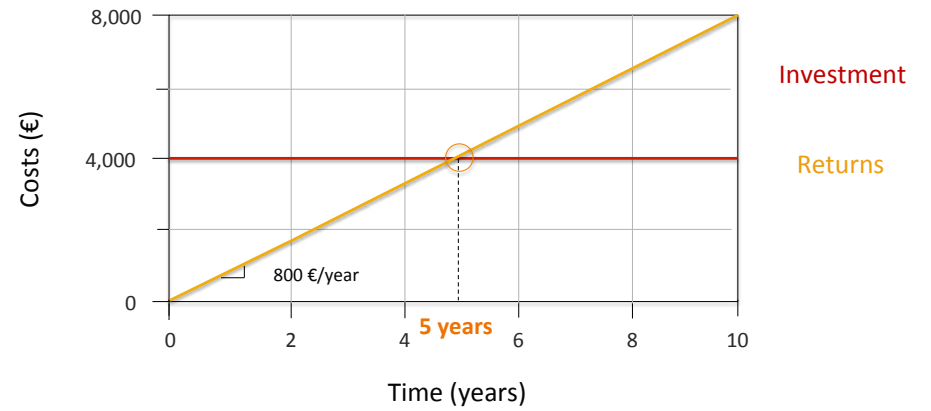


$$\text{Payback period} = \frac{\text{Investment cost}}{\text{Returns/year}}$$

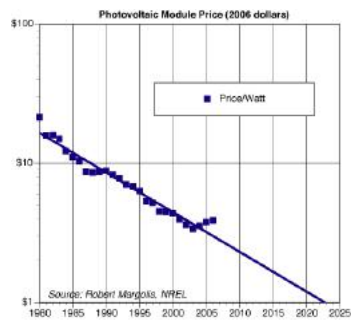
Example – Payback period



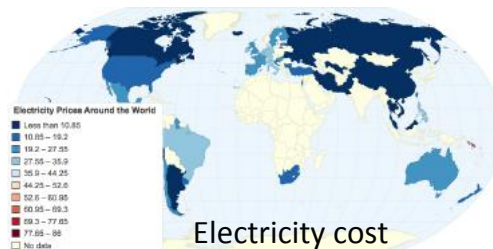
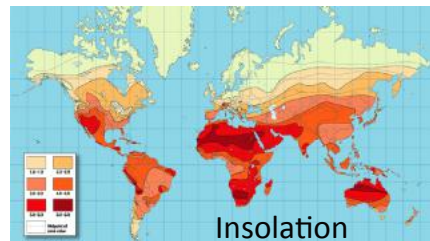
Example – Payback period



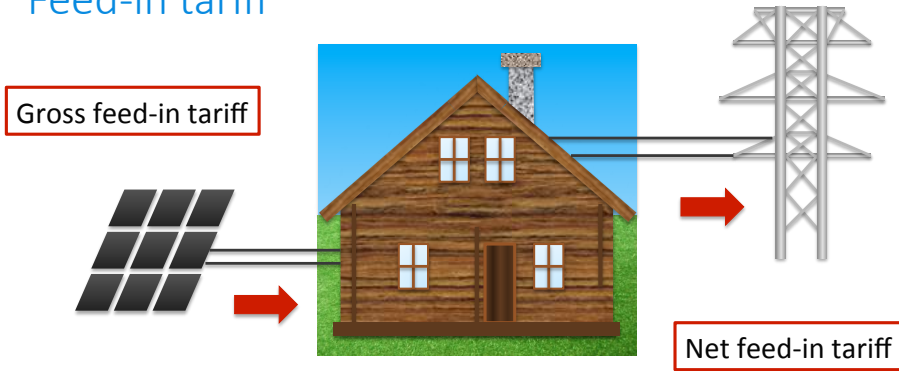
Location dependency



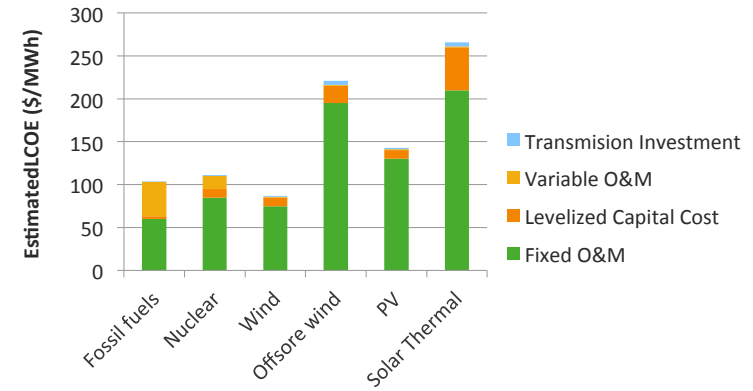
PV system cost



Feed-in tariff



Levelized cost of electricity (LCOE)



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Levelized cost of electricity (LCOE)

$$LCOE = \frac{I_0 + \sum_{t=1}^N \frac{A_t}{(1+i)^t}}{\sum_{t=1}^N \frac{E_t}{(1+i)^t}}$$

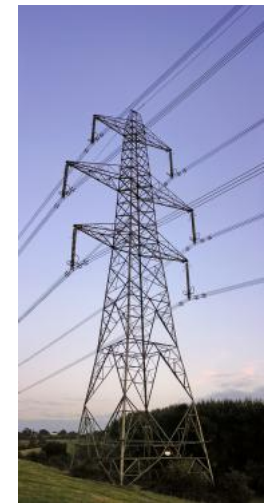
A_t = Total annual cost in year t

I_0 = Initial investment

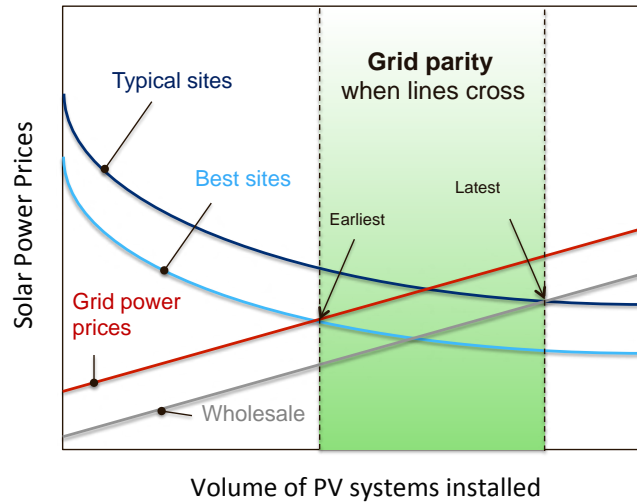
E_t = Annual energy yield

i = Discount rate

Grid parity



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