Introduction to Solar Energy

Status and propects of PV technology

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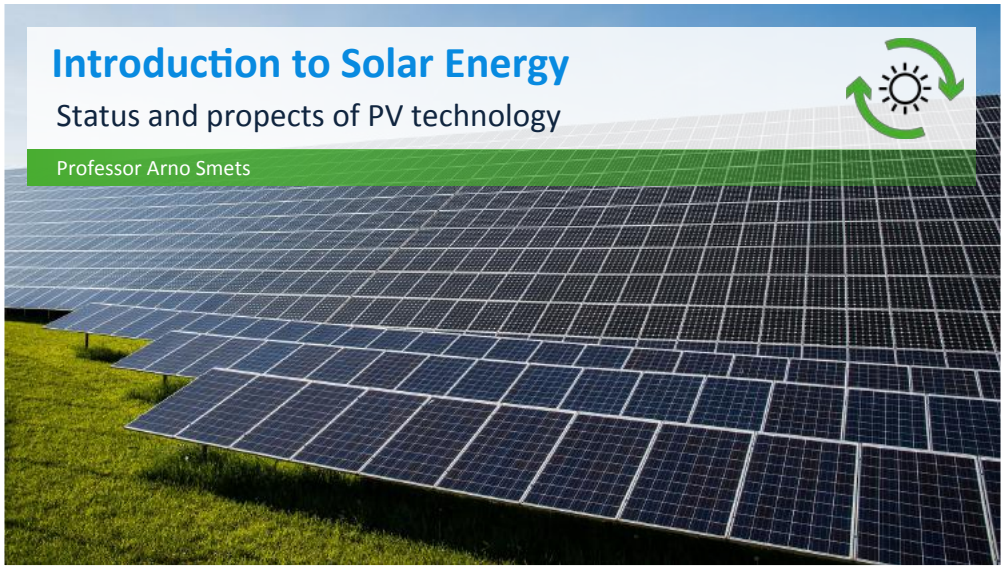
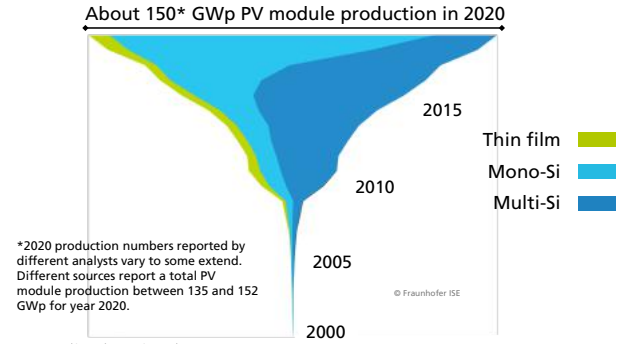


Annual PV Production by Technology
Worldwide (in GWp)



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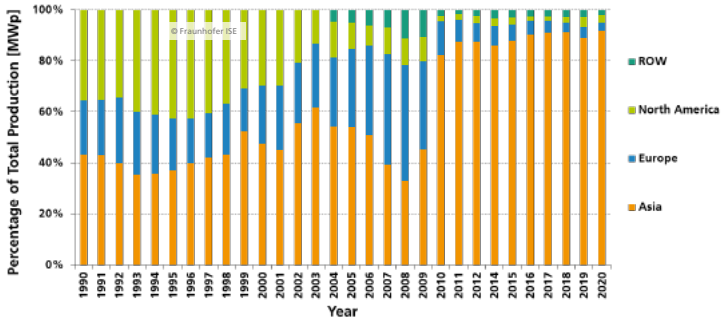
PV Module Production by Region 1990-2020
Percentage of Total MWp Produced



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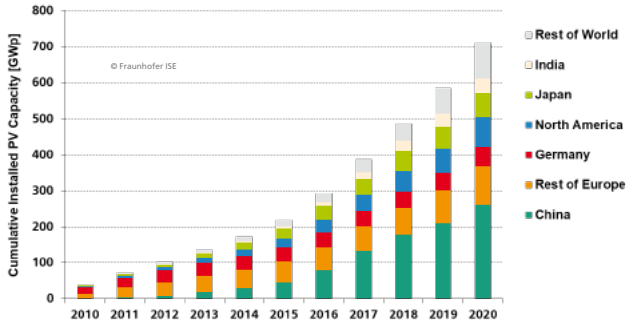
Global Cumulative PV Installation
From 2010 to 2020



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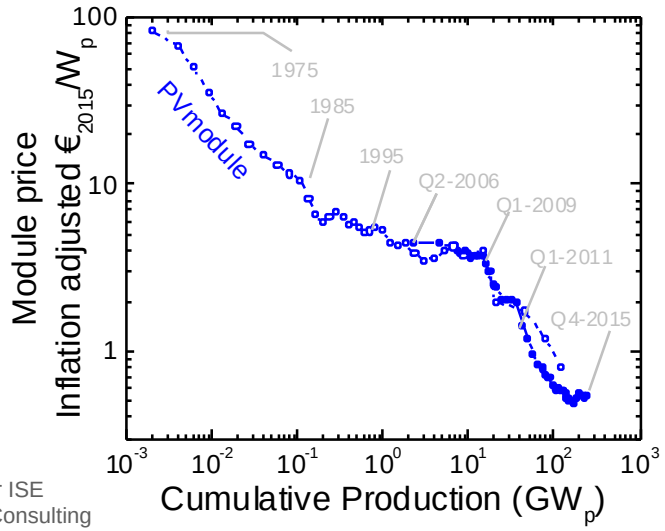

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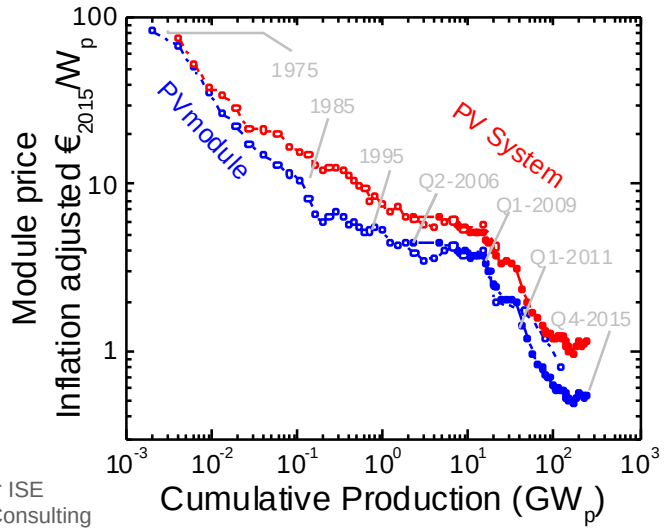

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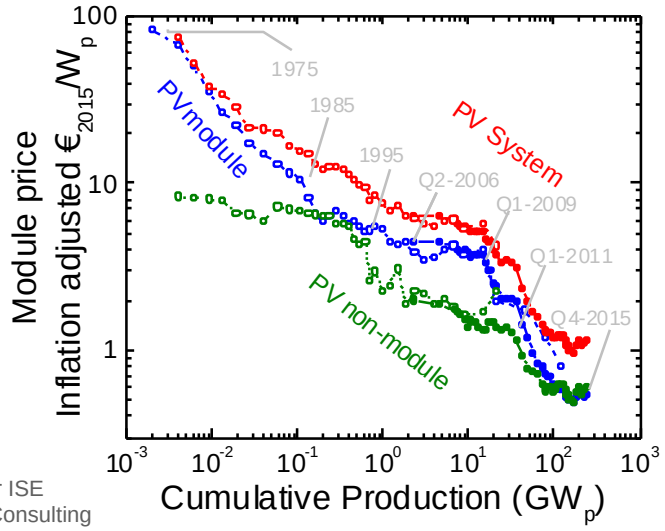

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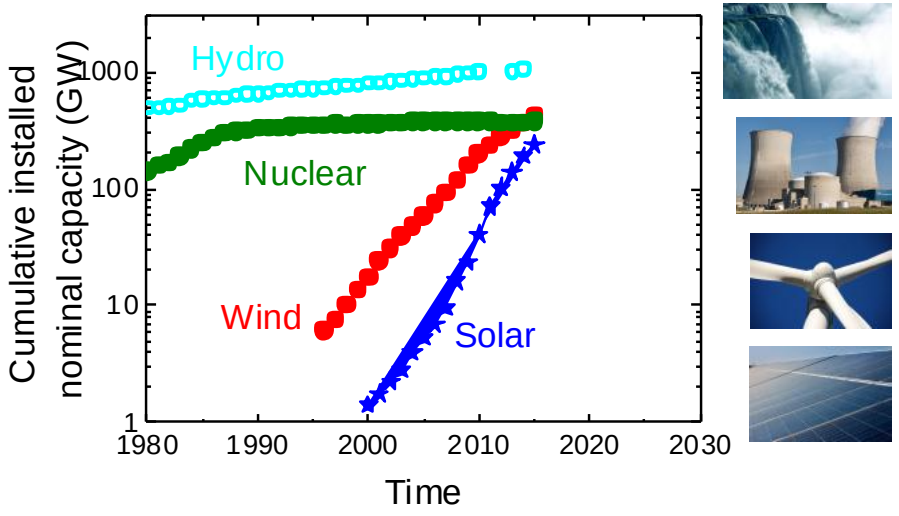
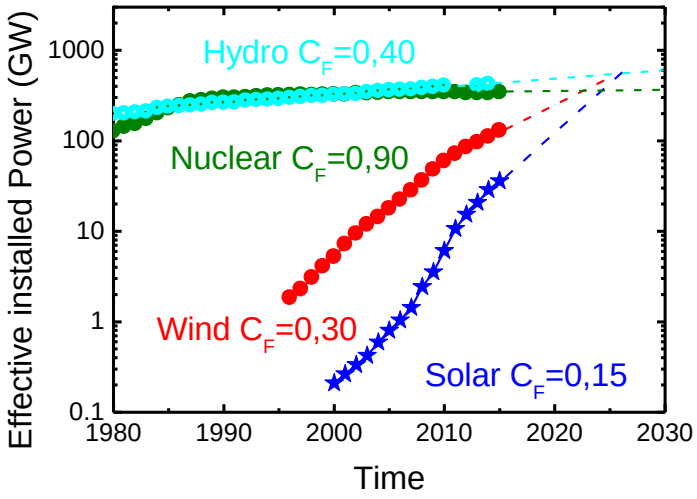
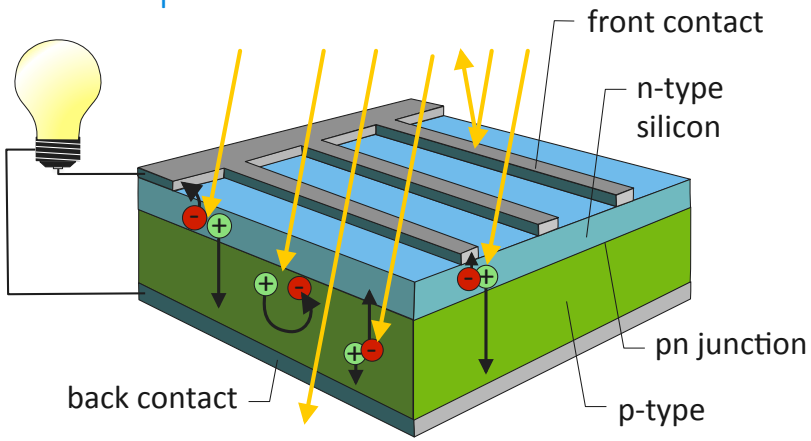


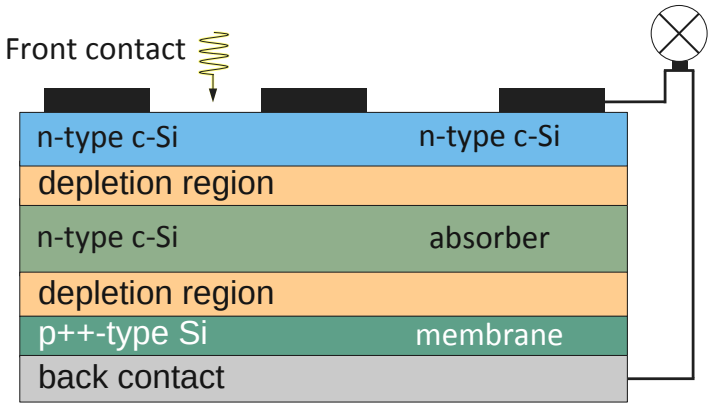


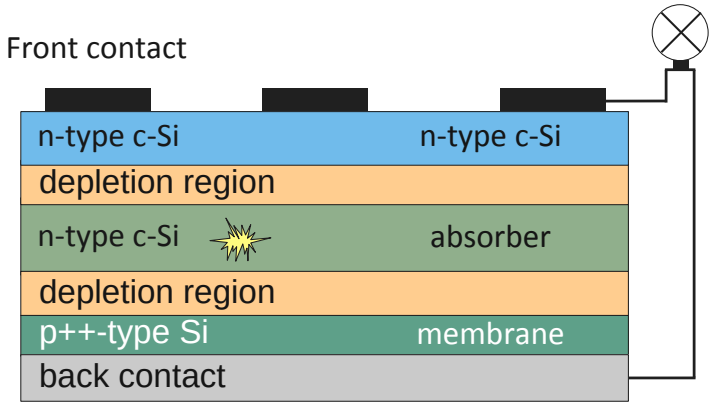
Silicon ingots

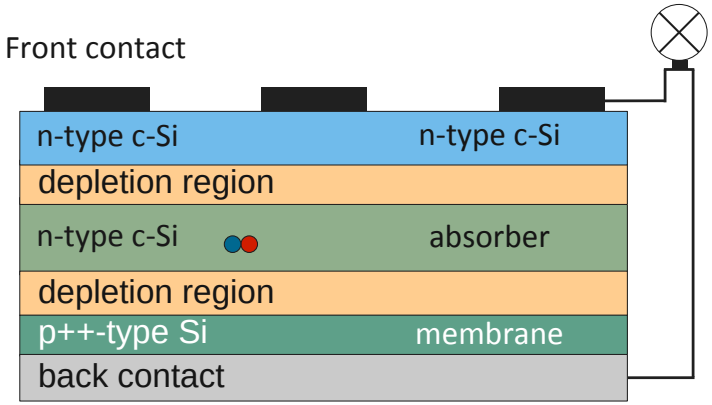
Solar Cell

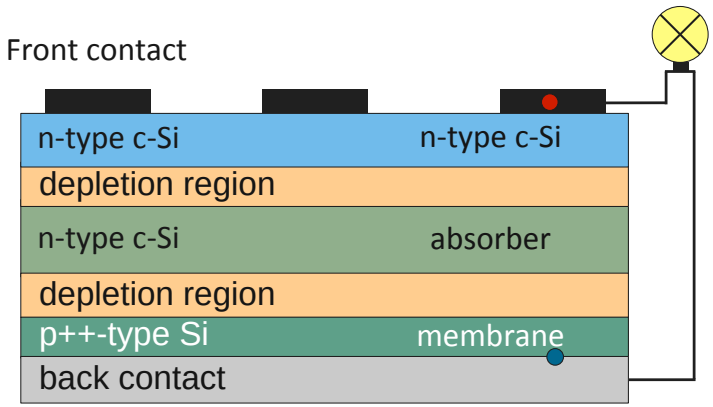
Solar cell operation











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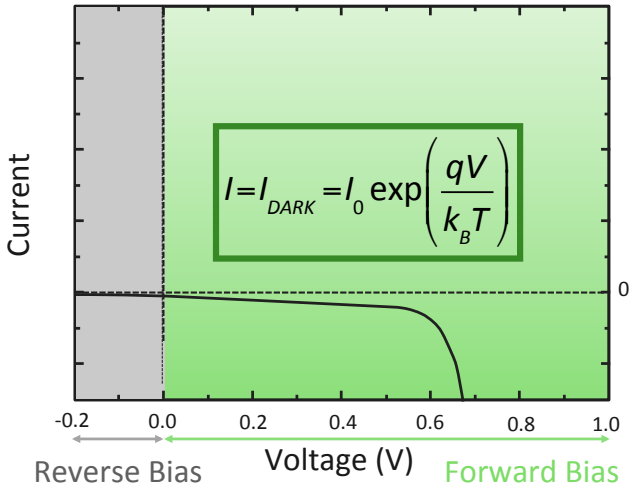

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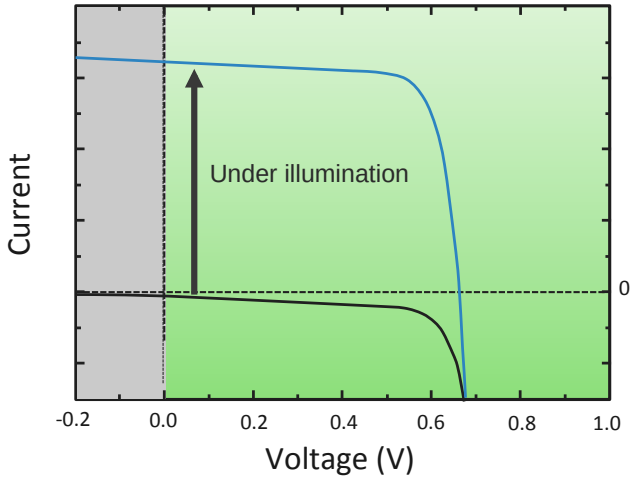
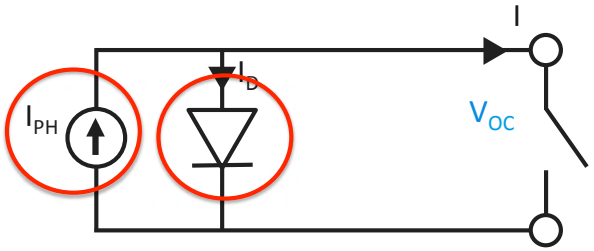


Open circuit voltage V_{OC}



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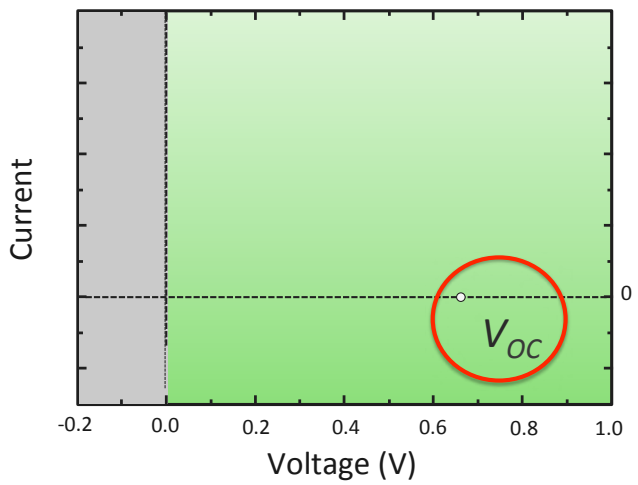
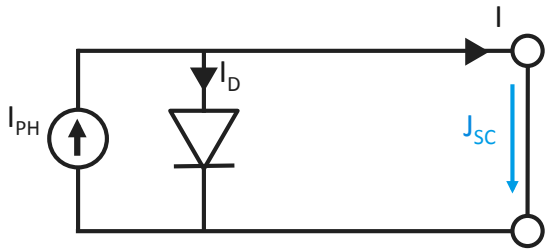


Short circuit current J_{sc}



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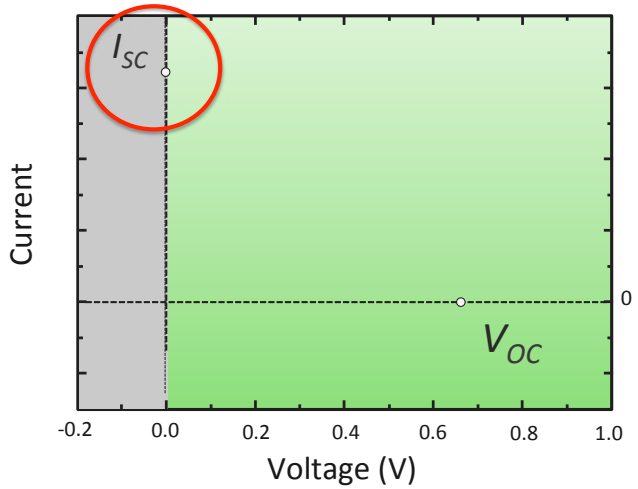

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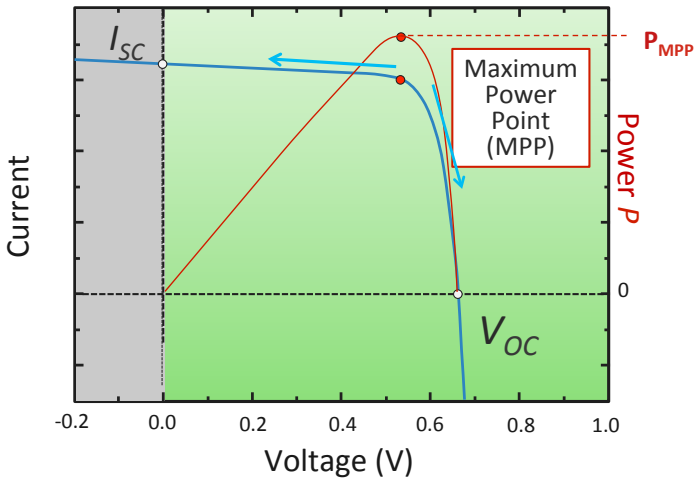

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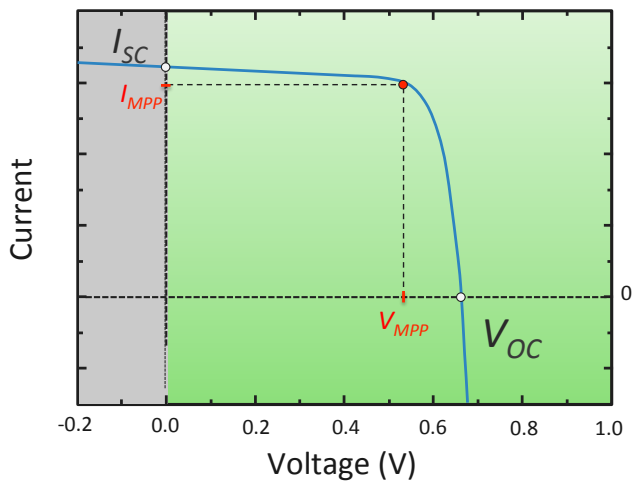

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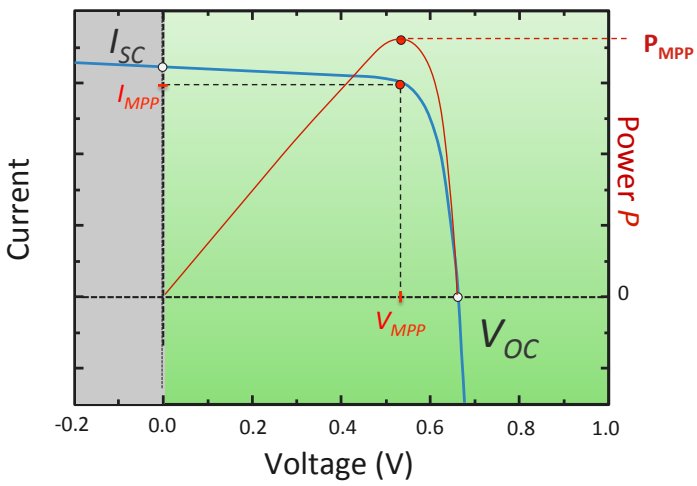
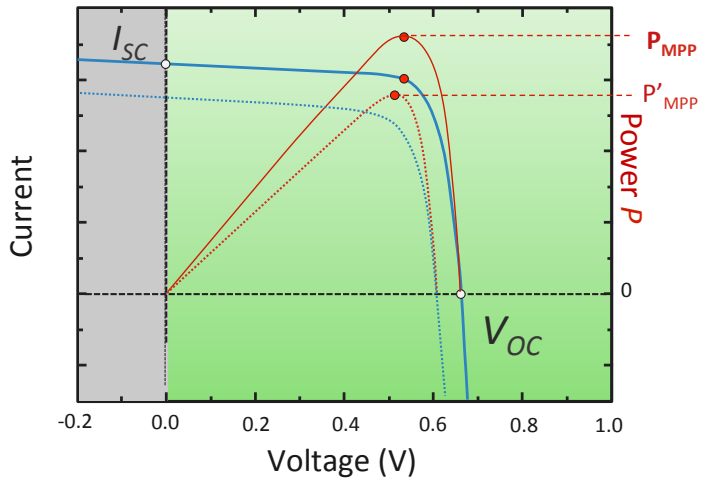
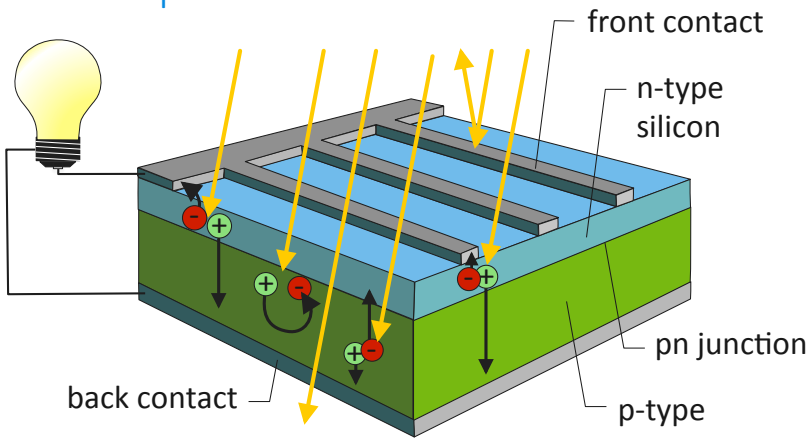


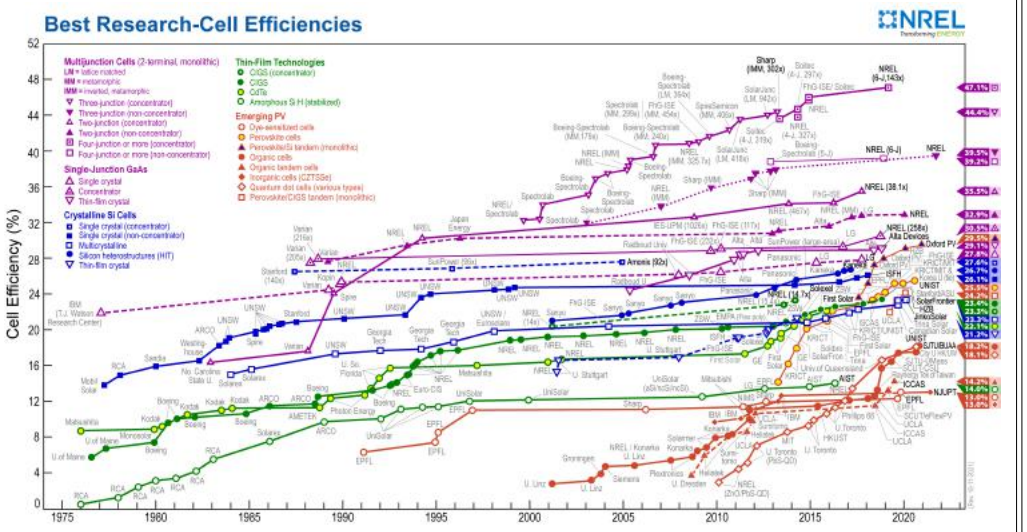
Shift of MPP



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

Solar cell operation





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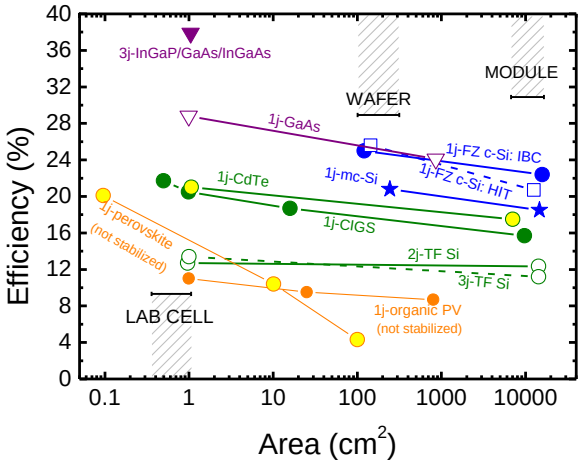
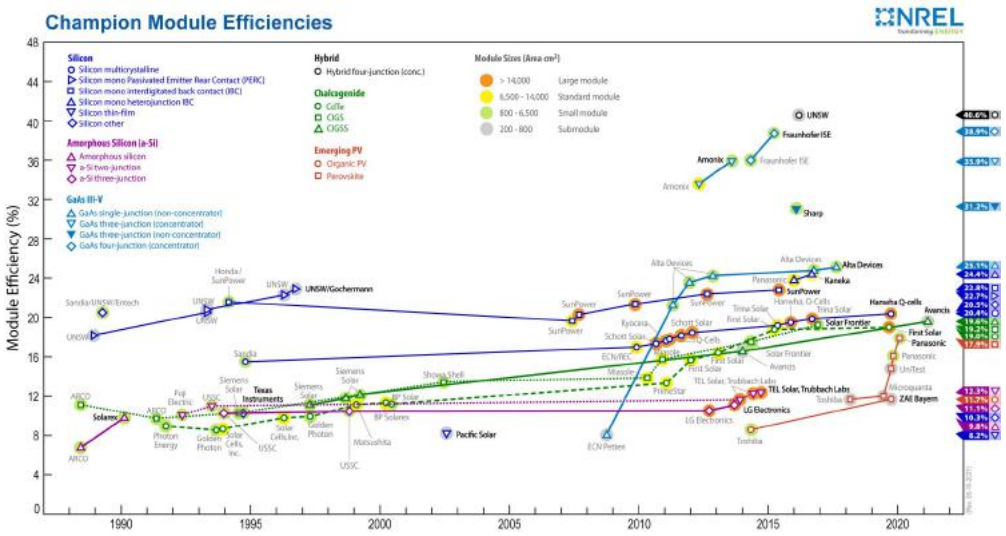
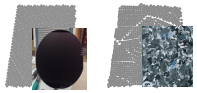




Main PV technologies

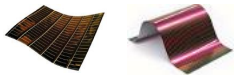
1st generation



Poly- Mono-

Crystalline Silicon

2nd generation



CdTe CIGS

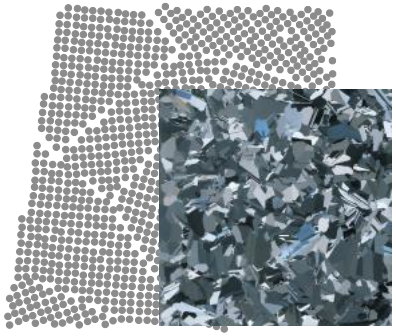
Thin film

3rd generation

Multi-junction

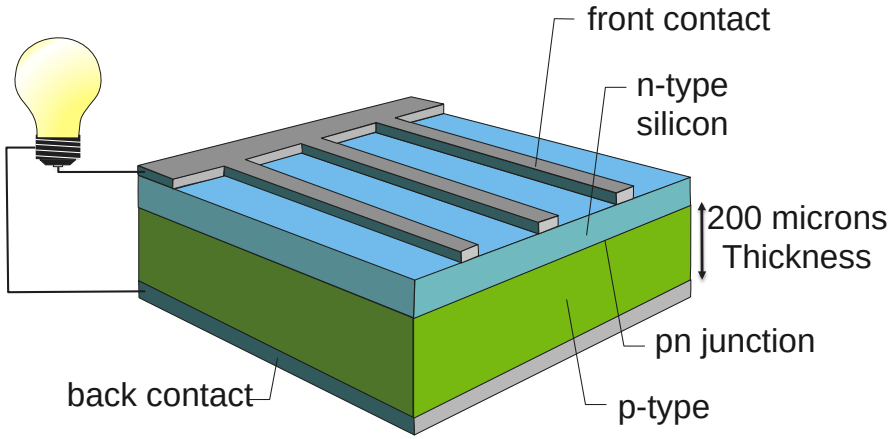
Crystalline silicon wafer-types

Monocrystalline

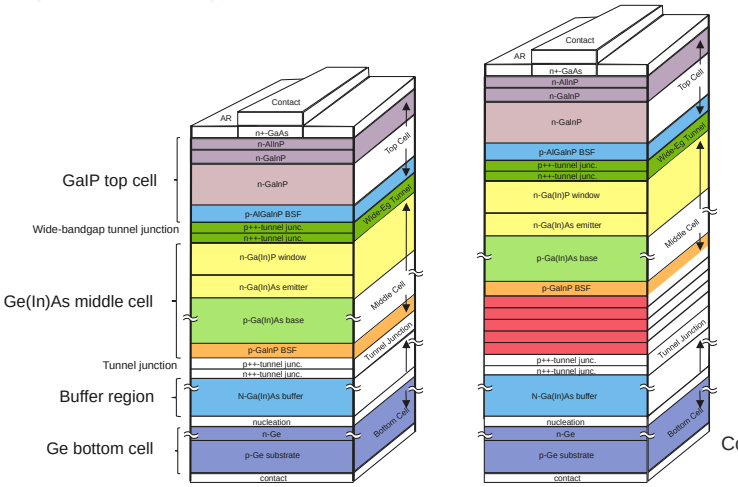


Multicrystalline

Typical silicon solar cell



Top Efficiency Solar Cells – Multi Junction Devices



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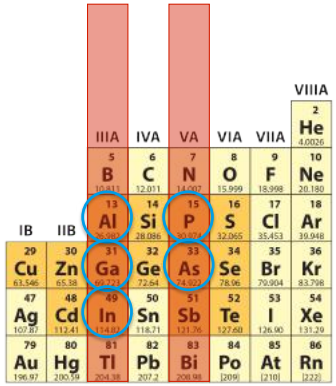
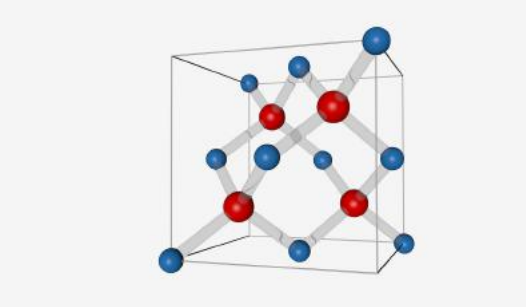
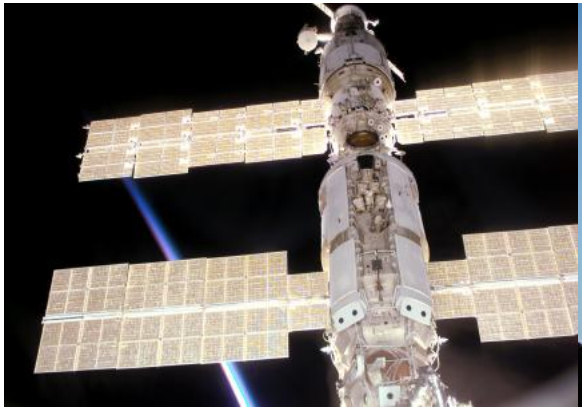
III-V Semiconductor Materials



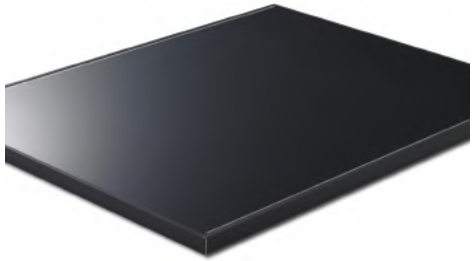


III – V PV Technology Application



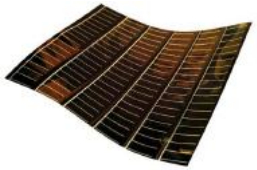
Thin Film PV modules: *glass encapsulated*

CdTe (First Solar)



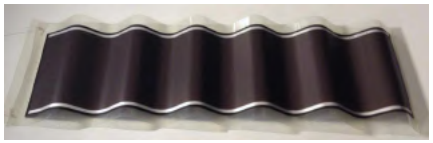
CIGS(Solar Frontier)

Thin Film PV modules: *Flexible*



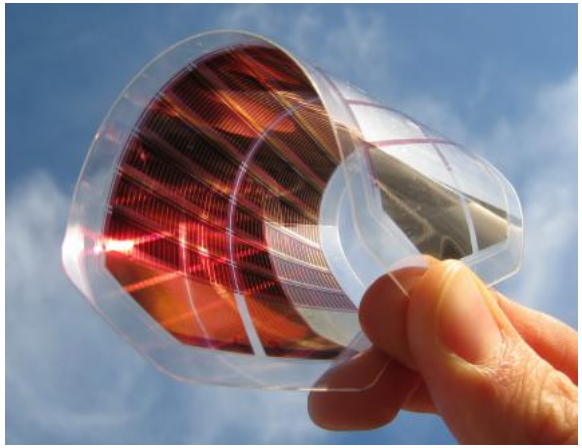
CdTe
EMPA
Switzerland

CIGS
MiaSolé

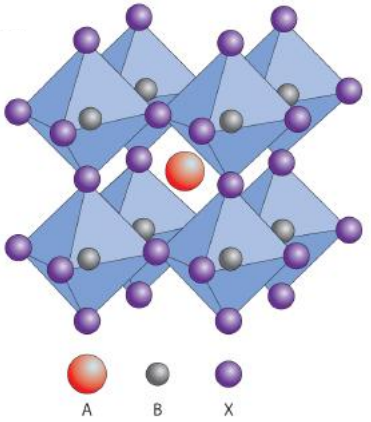


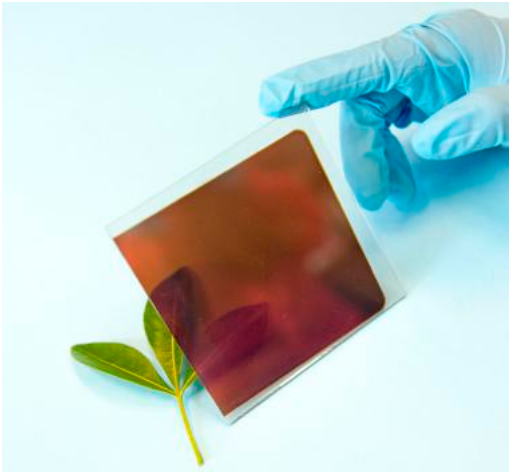
Thin-film silicon
HyET Solar

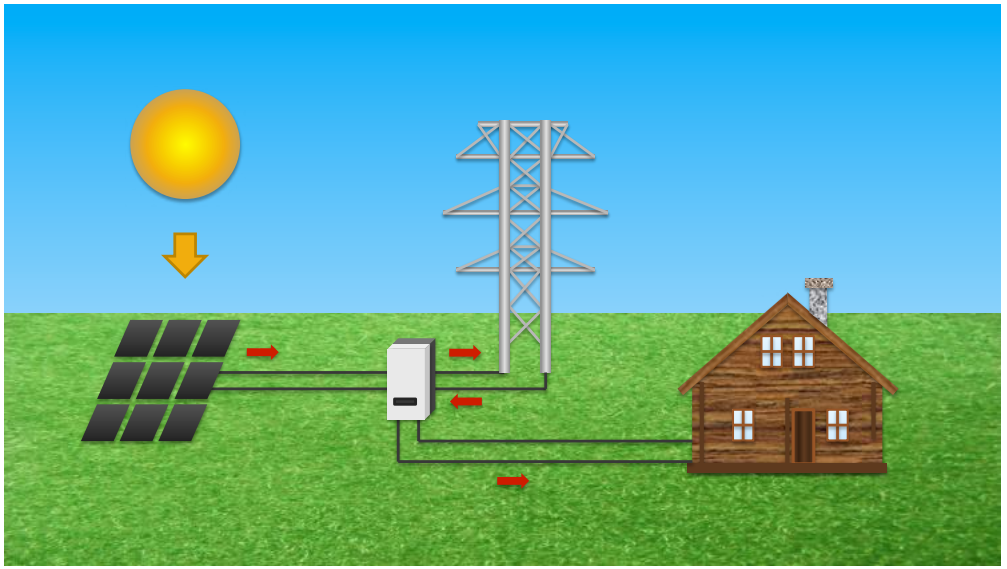
Organic Solar Cells



Perovskites







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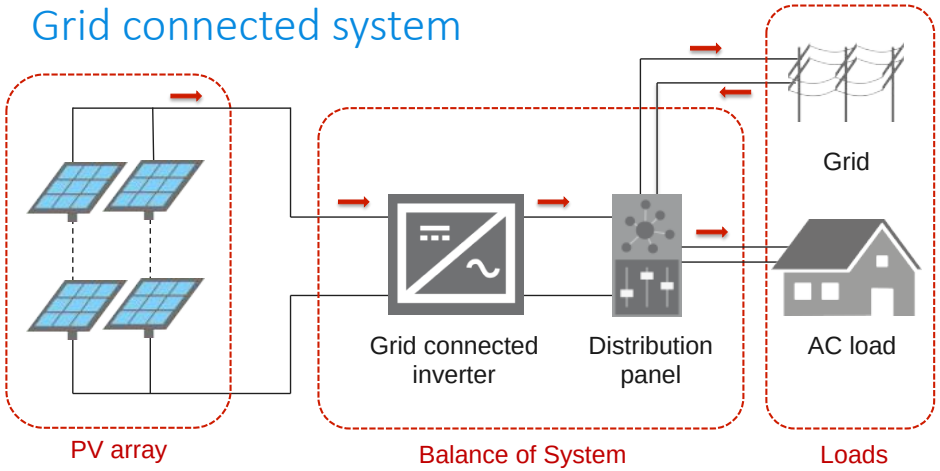
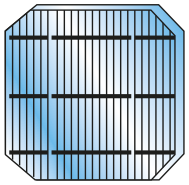


Solar Cell

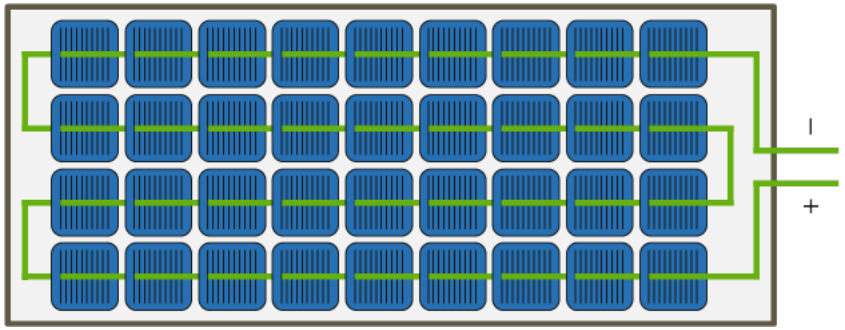
PV modules

From a solar cell to
an array: ‘modularity'

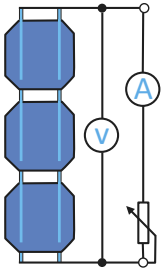


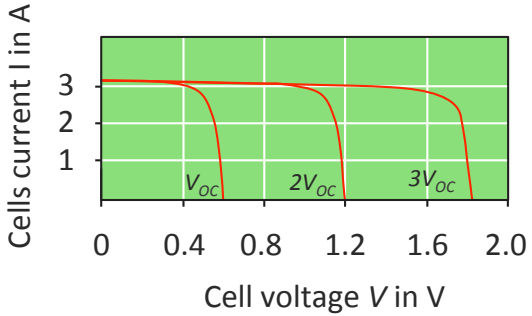
Cell

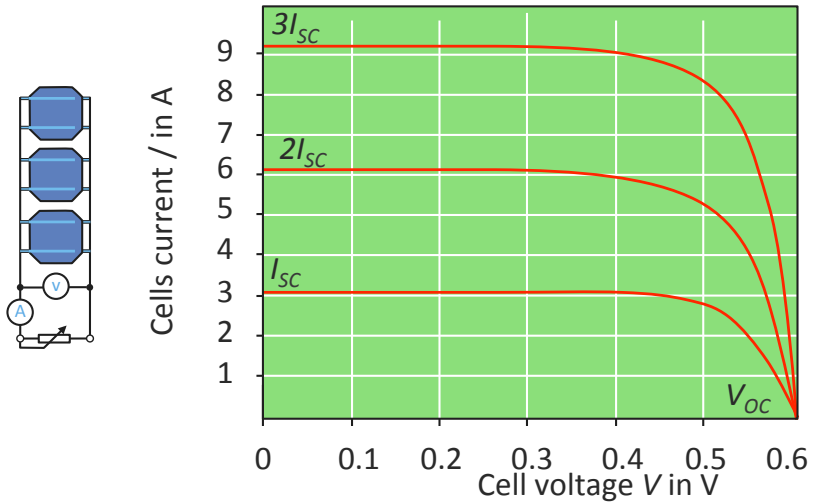
PV cell, module and array



Series connection



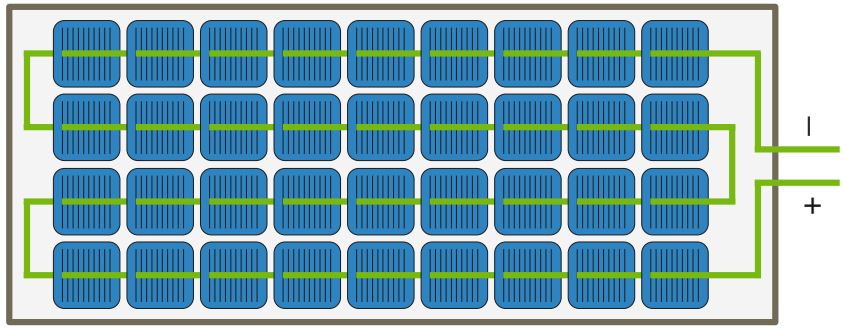




Modules

V_{OCcell} = 0.6 V
I_{SCcell} = 5 A

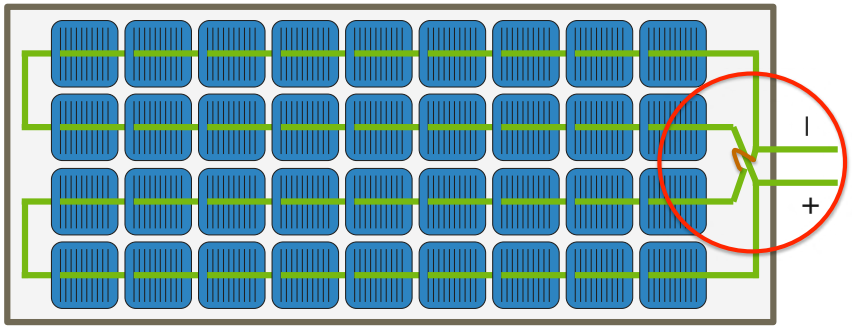
$V_{OCmodule}$ = 21.6 V
$I_{SCmodule}$ = 5 A



Modules

V_{OCcell} = 0.6 V
I_{SCcell} = 5 A

$V_{OCmodule}$ = 10.8 V
$I_{SCmodule}$ = 10 A



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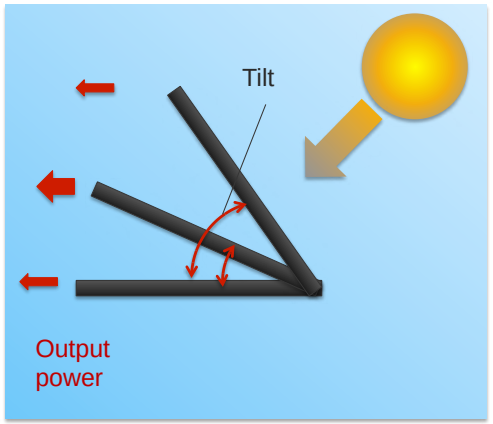

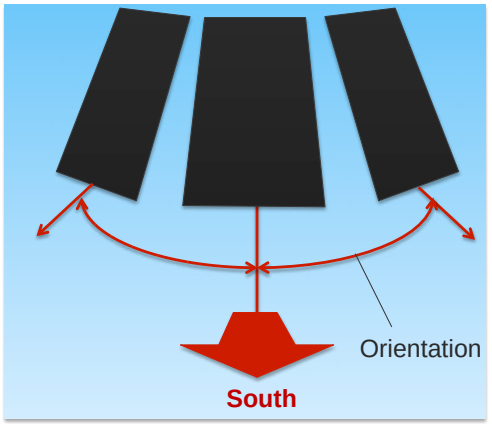

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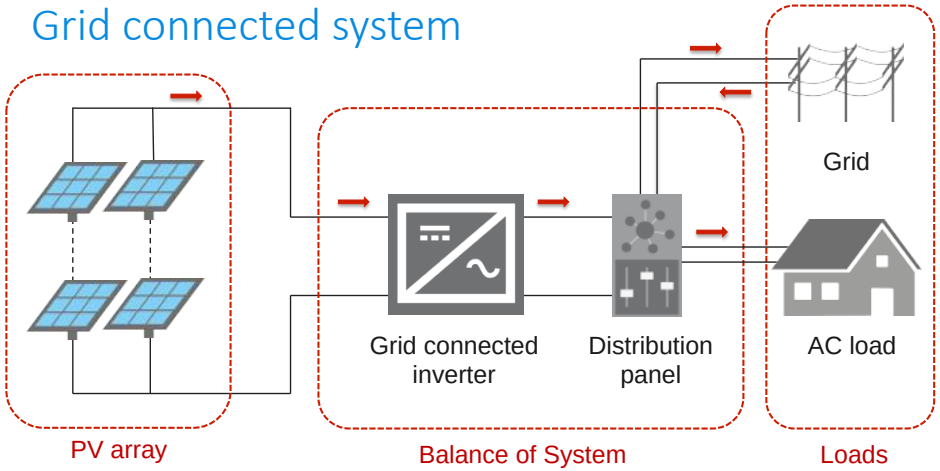

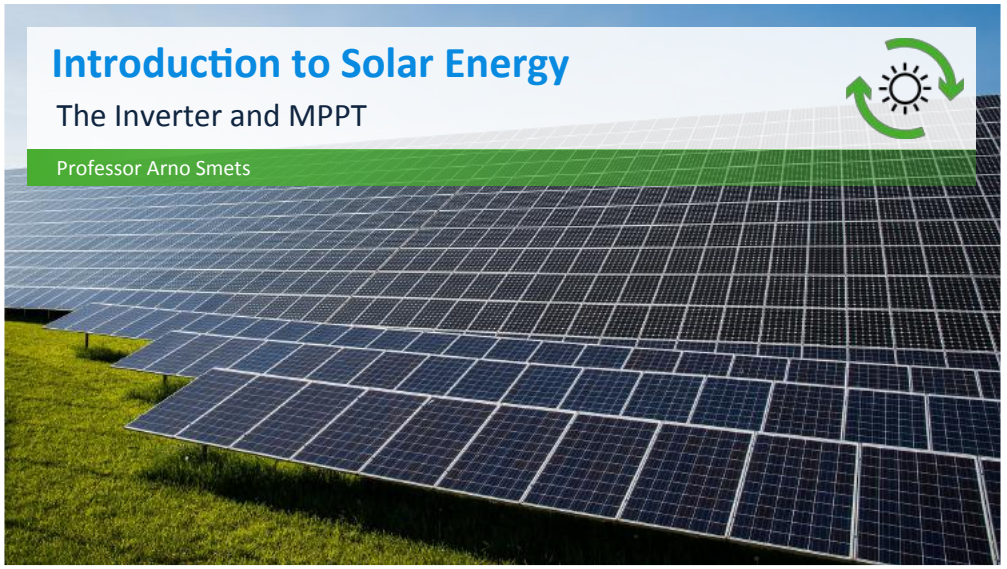

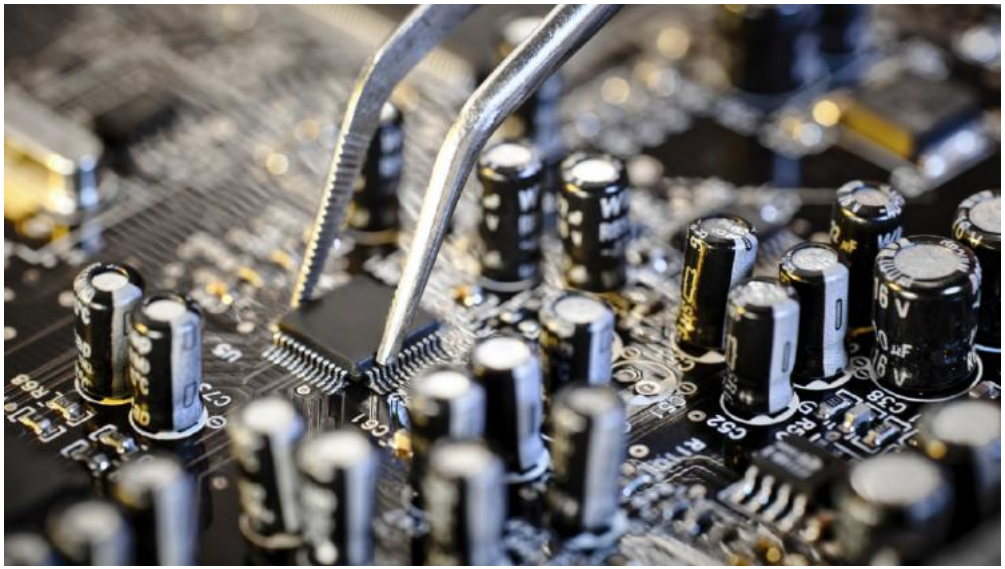

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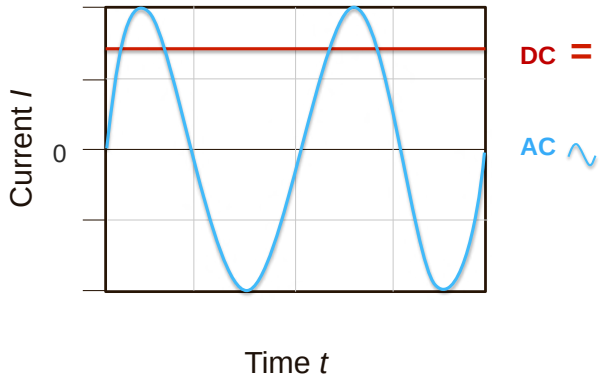
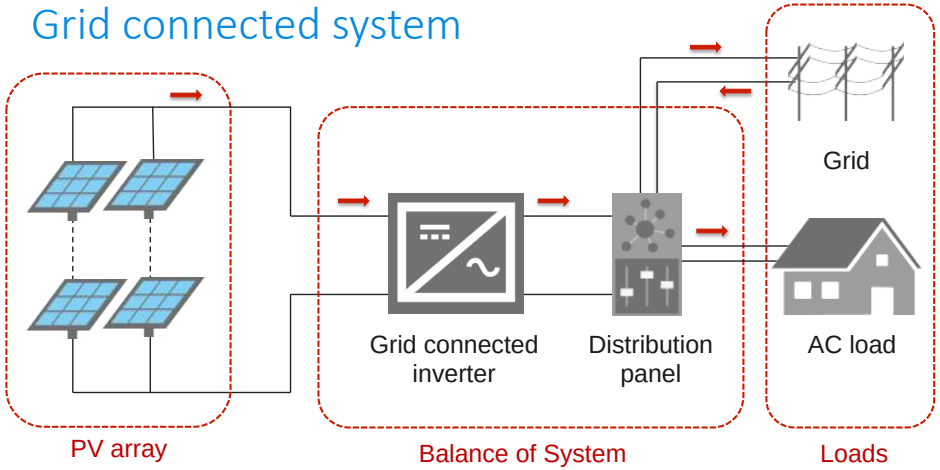
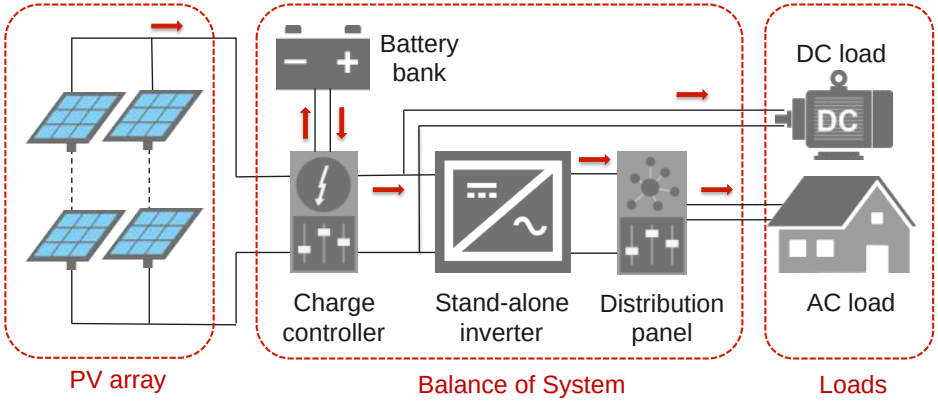


Inverter

Grid connected system



Off-grid system



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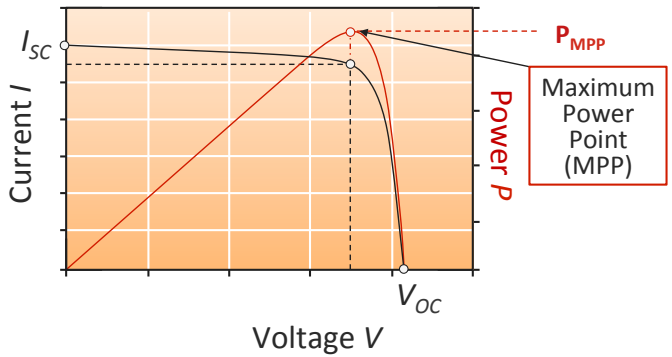

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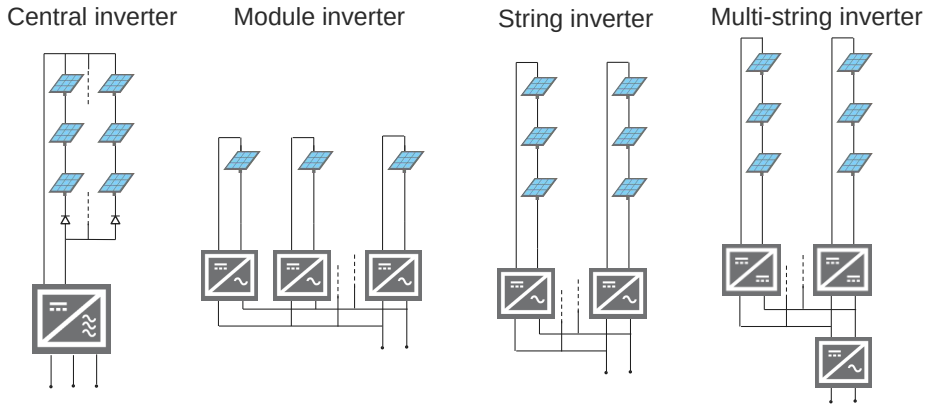


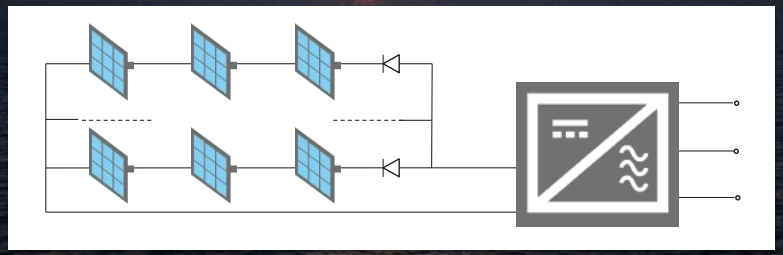
Central inverter

Pros

- Initial investment
- Maintenance
- Design and implementation

Cons

- DC wiring cost
- Shading performance loss



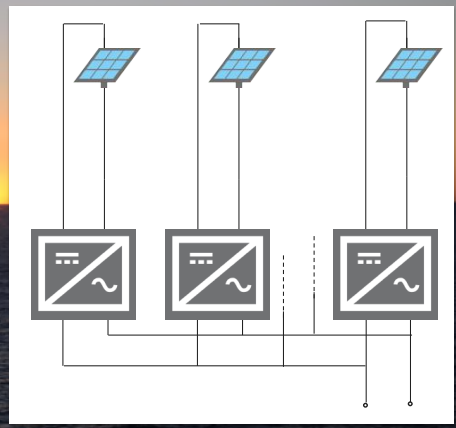
Module inverter

Pros

- Performance loss mitigation
- DC wiring cost
- Design

Cons

- Initial investment
- Maintenance



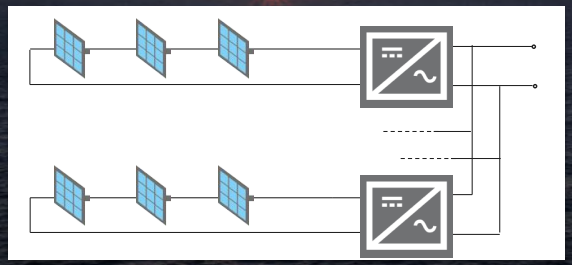
String inverter

Pros

- Performance loss mitigation

Cons

- Design and Implementation
- Initial investment
- Maintenance



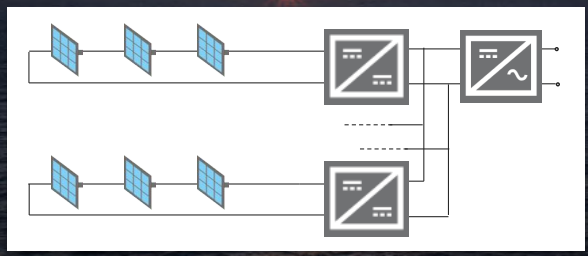
Multi-string inverter

Pros

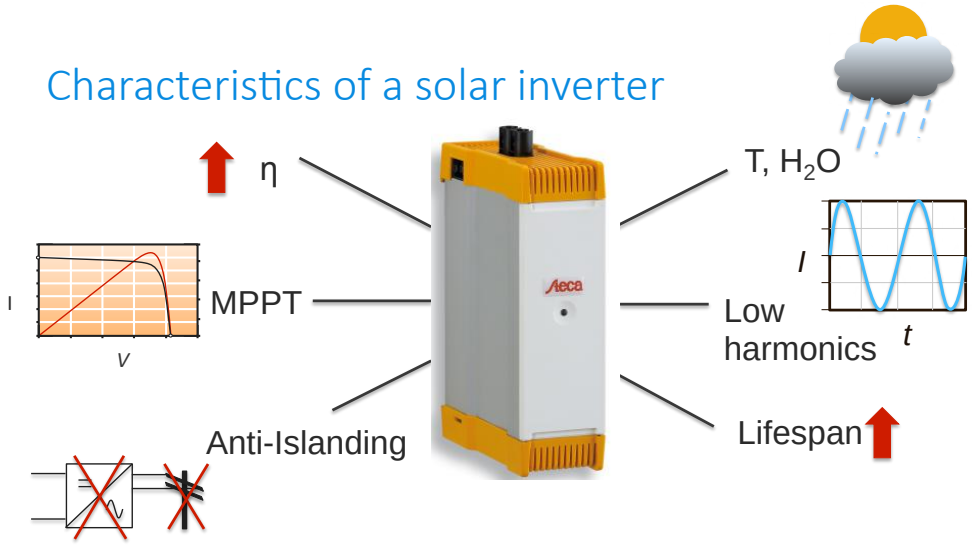
- Performance loss mitigation
- Initial investment

Cons

- Design and Implementation
- Maintenance



Characteristics of a solar inverter



Introduction to Solar Energy

Batteries

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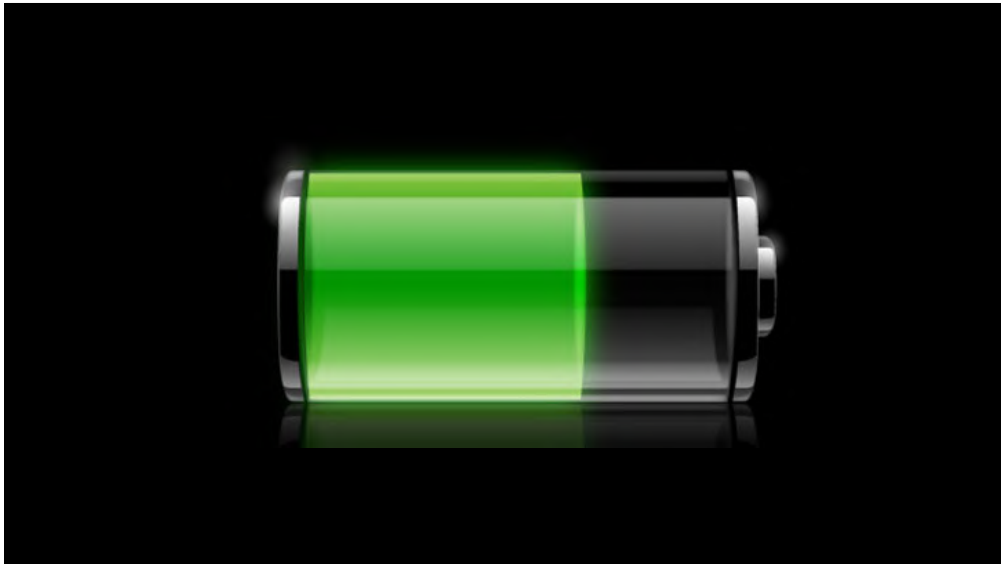
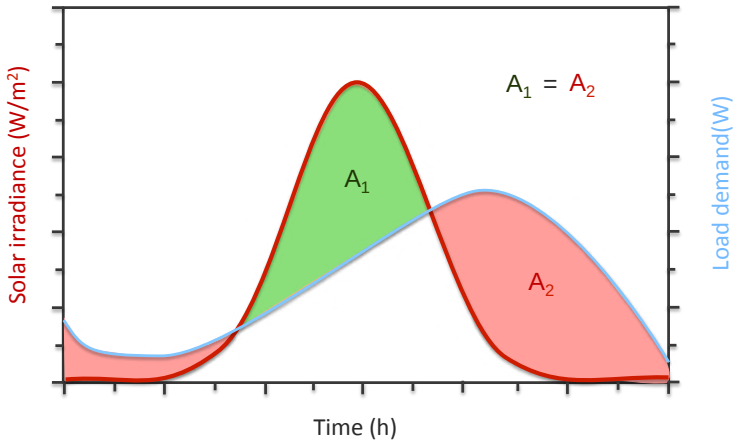


Solar irradiance and demand profile



Types of batteries

Zinc carbon
Alkaline

Primary

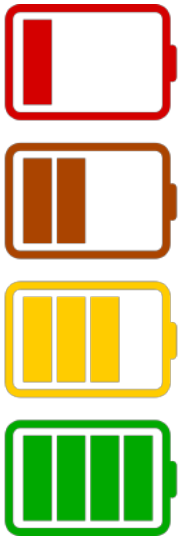
Lead Acid
Lithium ion

Secondary

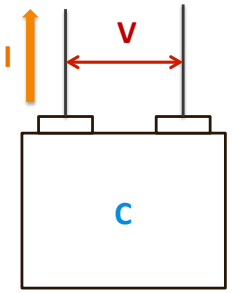
Secondary batteries

Lead acid batteries

Lithium-ion batteries



Battery characteristics

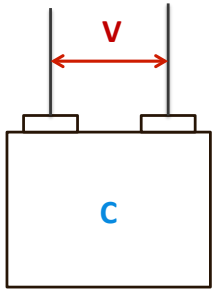


Rated voltage: 12V, 24V, 48V

Rated capacity: Ah, mAh

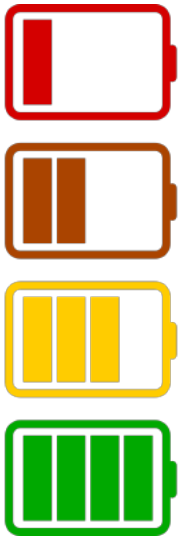
Rated current: A, mA

Battery characteristics

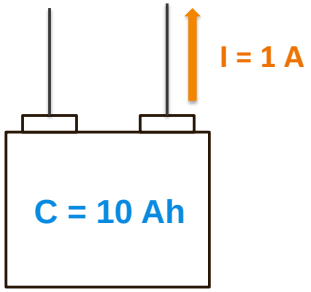


$$E_{battery} = C_{battery} \cdot V$$

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

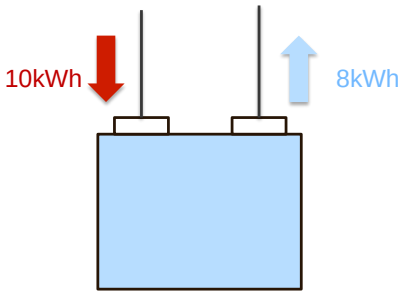


Significance of Amp hours



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

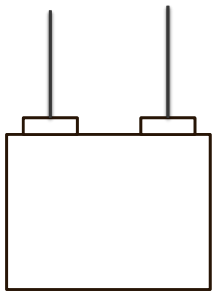
Efficiency of storage



$$\eta = \frac{E_{out}}{E_{in}} \cdot 100$$

$$\eta = \frac{8\ kWh}{10\ kWh} \cdot 100 = 80\%$$

Battery efficiency

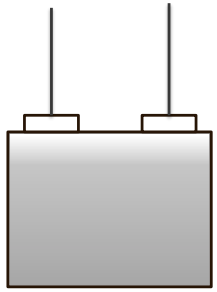


$$\eta_V = \frac{V_{discharge}}{V_{charge}} \cdot 100$$

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

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

SOC and DOD

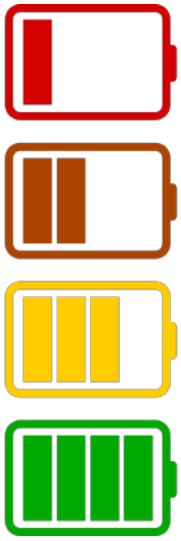


$$SOC = \frac{E_{battery}}{C_{battery} \cdot V}$$

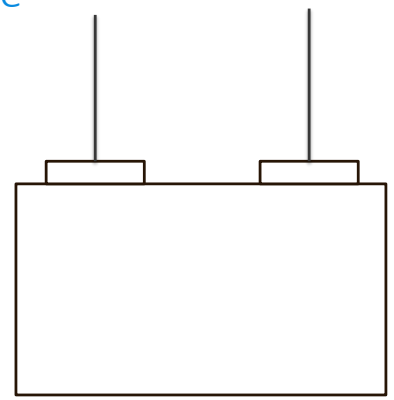
$$10\ Ah - 2\ Ah = 8\ Ah \rightarrow SOC = 80\%$$

$$\rightarrow DOD = 20\%$$

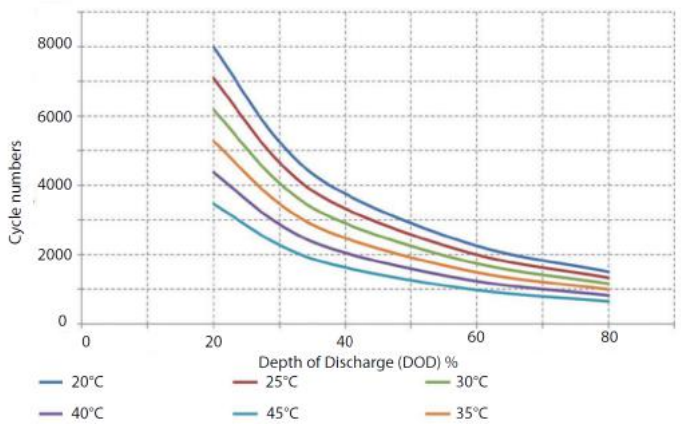
$$DOD = \frac{C_{battery} \cdot V - E_{battery}}{C_{battery} \cdot V}$$

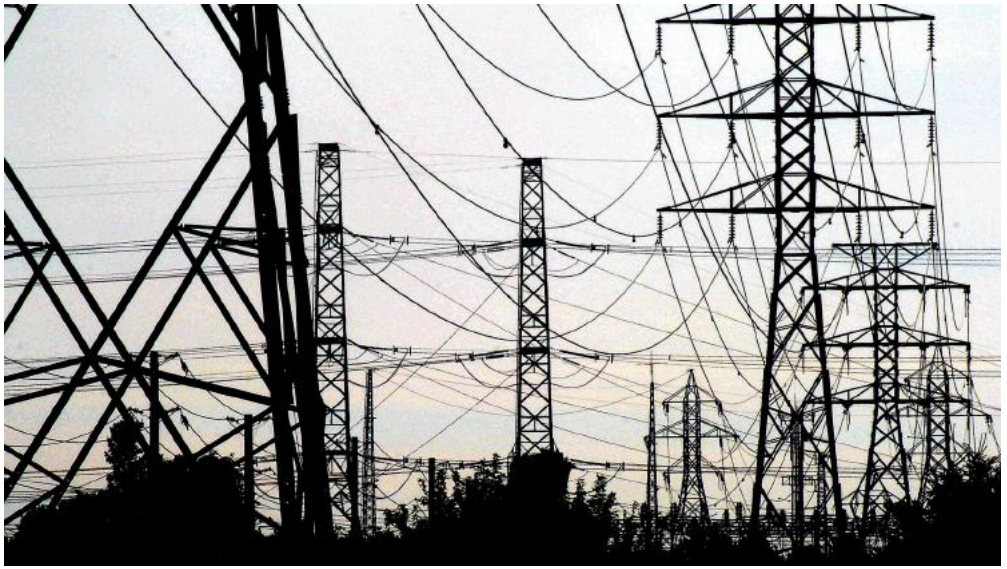


Cycle life

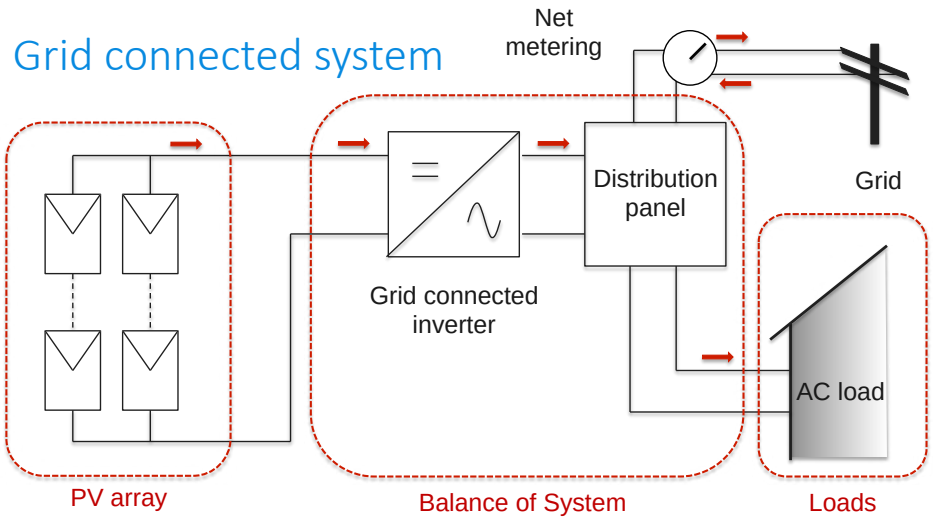


Cycle life vs. DOD





Grid connected system



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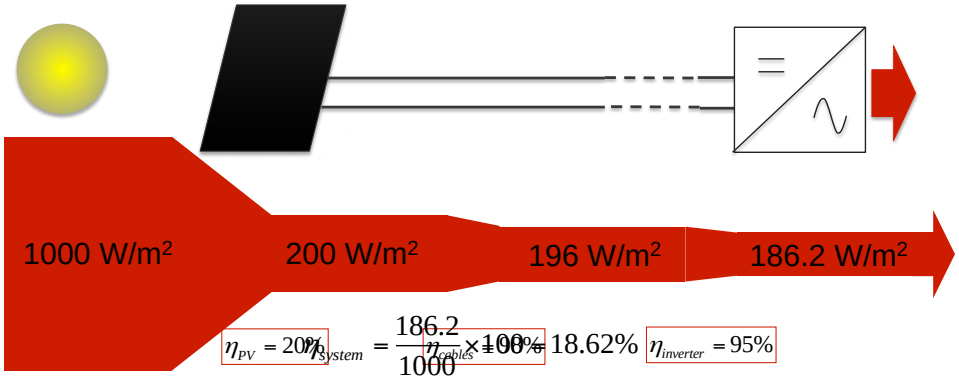


$\eta_{PV} = 20\%$ $\eta_{system} = \frac{186.2}{1000} \times \frac{\eta_{cables}}{100\%} 18.62\%$ $\eta_{inverter} = 95\%$

$$\eta_{system} = \eta_{PV} \times \eta_{cable} \times \eta_{inverter}$$

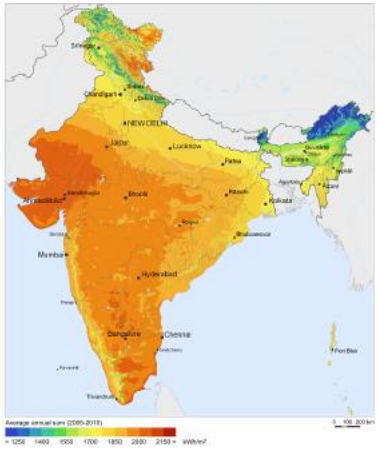
Sizing Example – Load

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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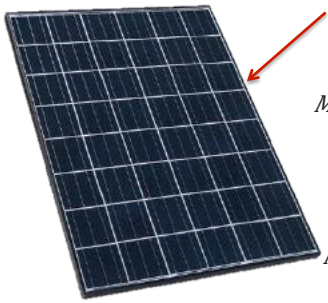
Sizing example – PV panels



MPPT

Total energy demand

$$Minimum\ W\downarrow p = 1800\,Wh/4.5\,h/day \times 1.2 = 480\,W$$

Equivalent sun hours

Account for System losses

$$Number\ of\ Panels = 480\,W/240\,W\downarrow p = 2\ panels$$

Sizing example – Grid connection

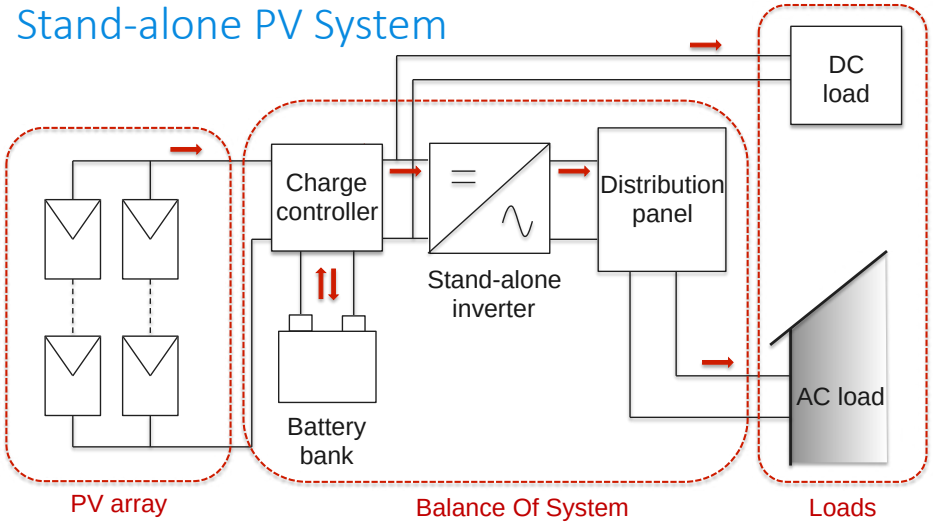
Sizing example - Inverter

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

Total power from the panels

Safety margin

Stand-alone PV System



Sizing example – Charge controller

Short circuit current

Parallel

$$Maximum\,current = 6A \times 2 = 12A$$

Series

$$Maximum\,Voltage = 60V \times 2 = 120V$$

Open circuit voltage

Steca Solarix MPPT Charge Controller

Sizing example – Charge controller

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

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Operational Voltage

Panels in Series

Steca Solarix MPPT Charge Controller

Sizing example – Battery sizing

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

Batteries : Hoppeke

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Sizing example – Battery sizing

Batteries: Hoppeke

Total energy demand

Days of autonomy

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

Depth of discharge

Account for system losses

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

Operational voltage of the system

$$Number\ of\ batteries\ in\ parallel = 300\,Ah / 100\,Ah = 3\ batteries$$

$$Number\ of\ batteries = 3 \times 2 = 6\ batteries$$

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

Total power demand

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

Inverter efficiency

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Policy and Price

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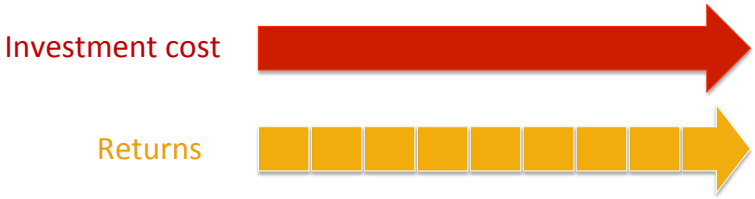
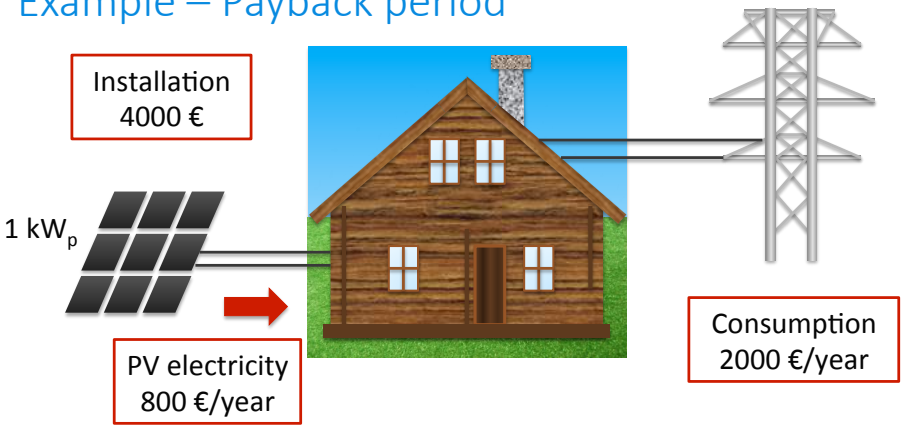
Payback period



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

Example – Payback period



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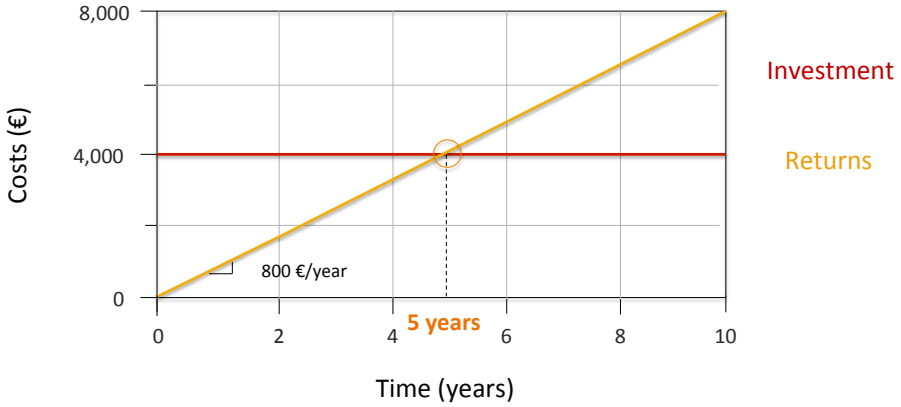
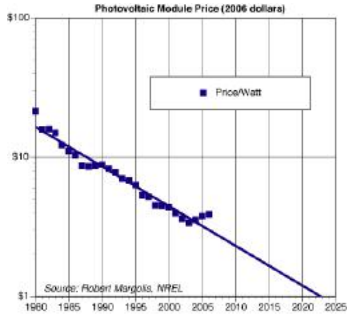
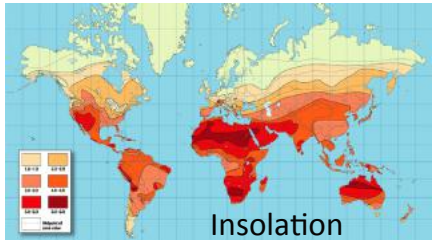
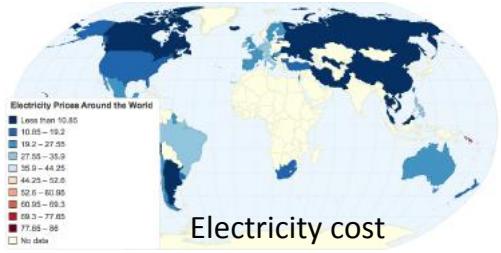


Location dependency



PV system cost





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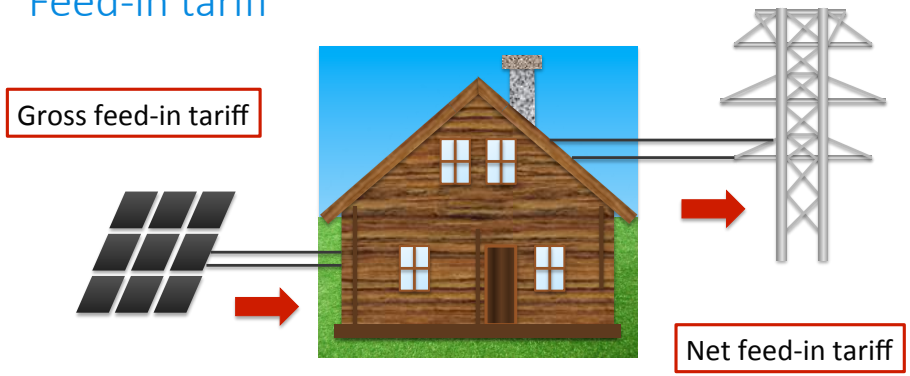
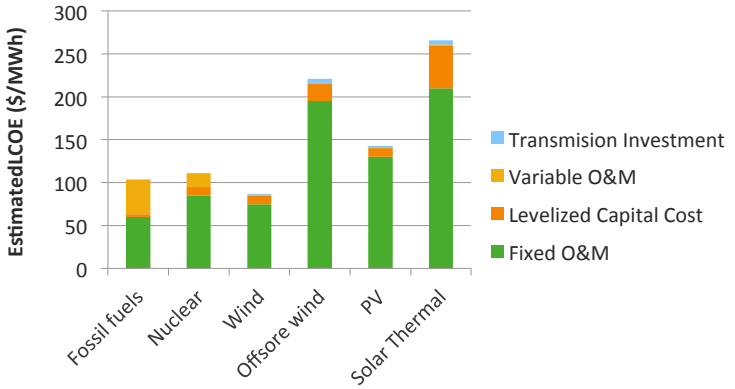


Levelized cost of electricity (LCOE)



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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

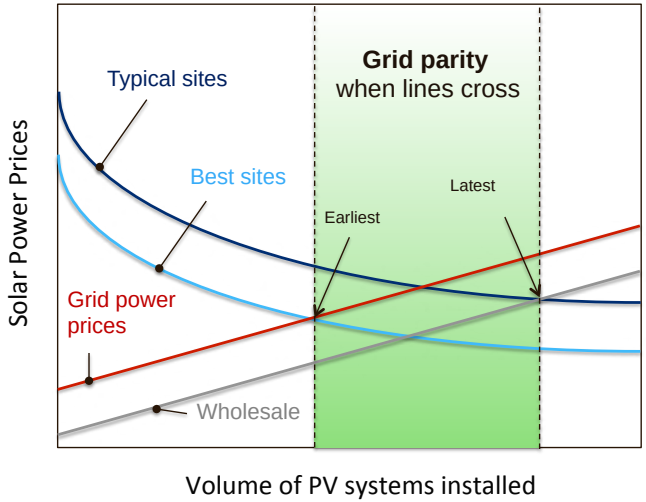
I_0 = Initial investment

E_t = Annual energy yield

i = Discount rate

Grid parity

Grid parity



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