

# Types of Solar Energy

- **Passive Solar Energy**
- **Solar Thermal Energy**
- **Solar Photovoltaic Energy**

## Passive Solar Energy

- **Utilizes Solar Energy without any Mechanical System.**
- **Direct from Sun**  
e.g. Drying Clothes , Natural Lighting.  
Disinfect Water, Photosynthesis.



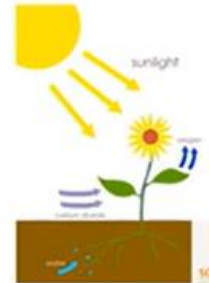
Use clean PET bottles



Fill bottles with water, and close the cap



Expose bottles to direct sunlight for at least 6 hours (or for two days under very cloudy conditions)



# Solar Thermal Energy

- **Utilizes Heat from Sunlight**

e.g. Solar water Heater, Solar Cooker, Solar Thermal Power Plant.



# Solar Photovoltaic Energy

- **Sunlight into Electricity using Solar Cell**

e.g. Solar Rooftop System, Solar Power Plant, Solar Home lighting System, Solar Lanterns, Solar Street lights, Solar Charging Station etc.



## Fundamentals of Solar Photovoltaic Systems

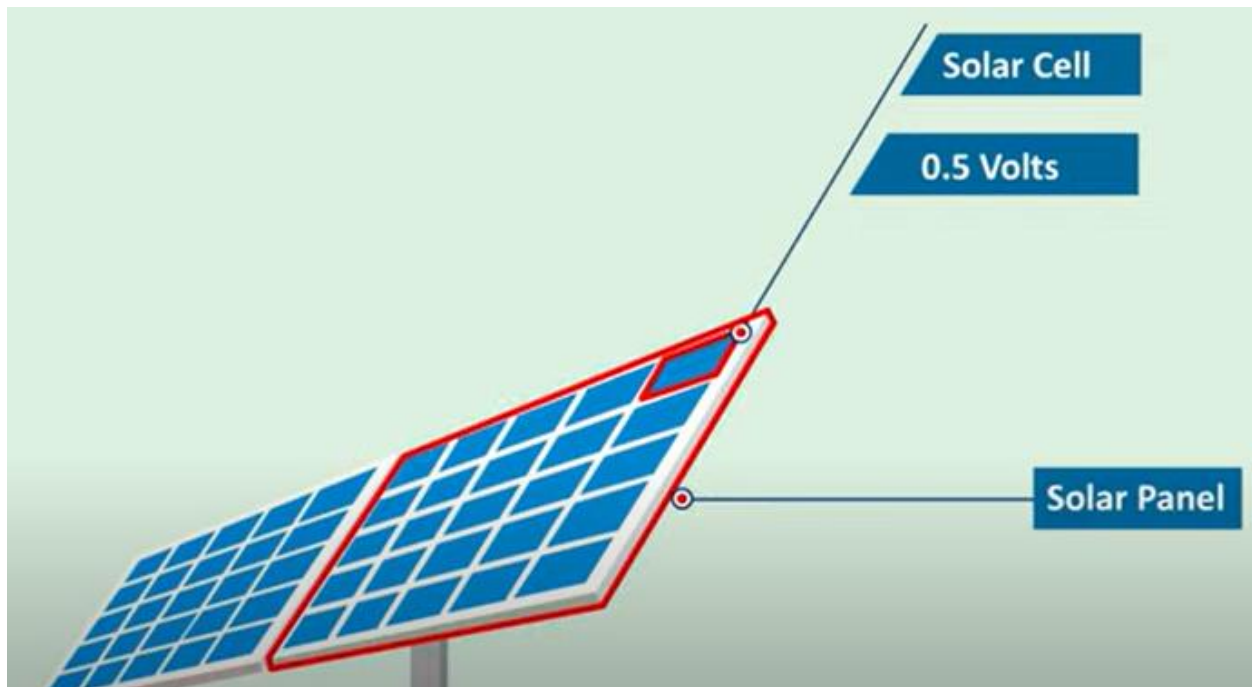
# A Single Solar Cell

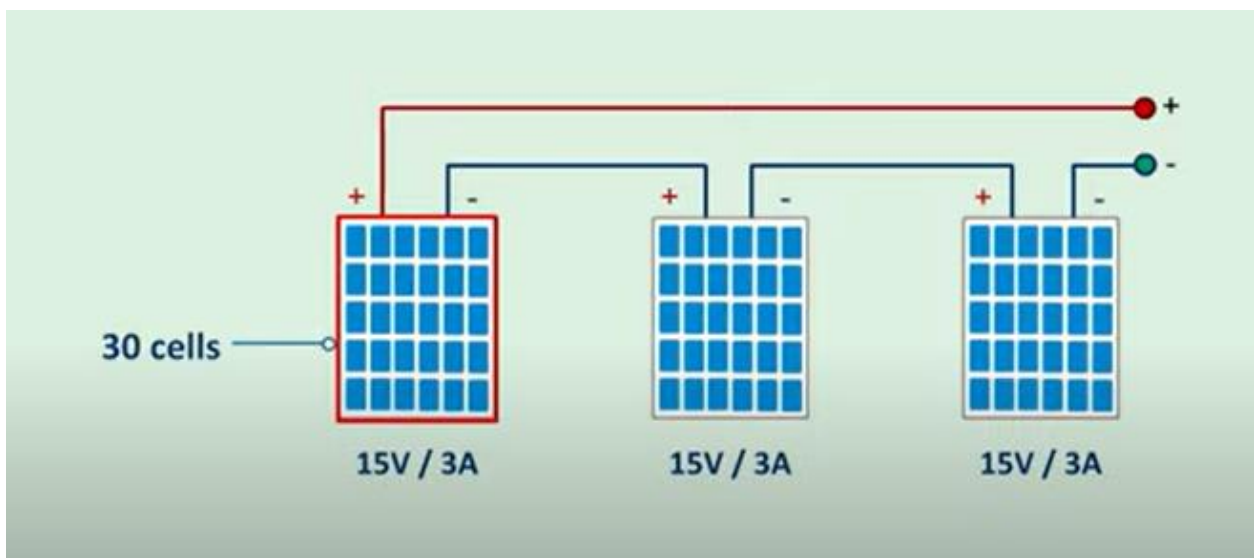
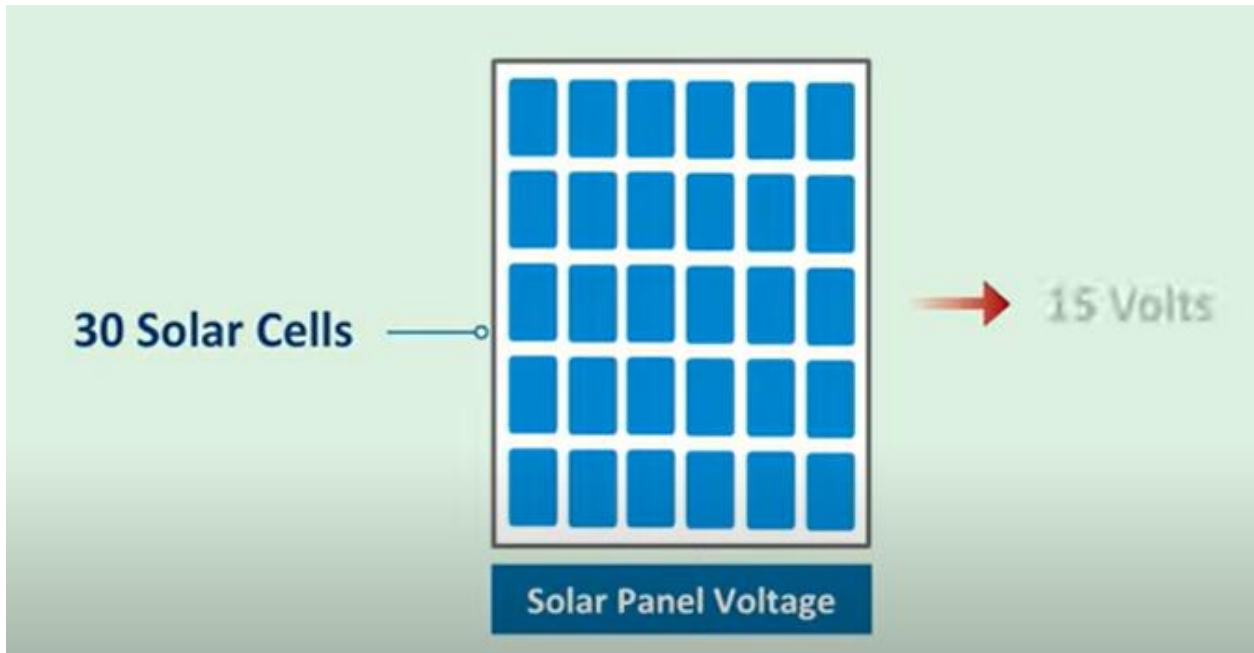
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A typical solar cell can produce about 0.5V



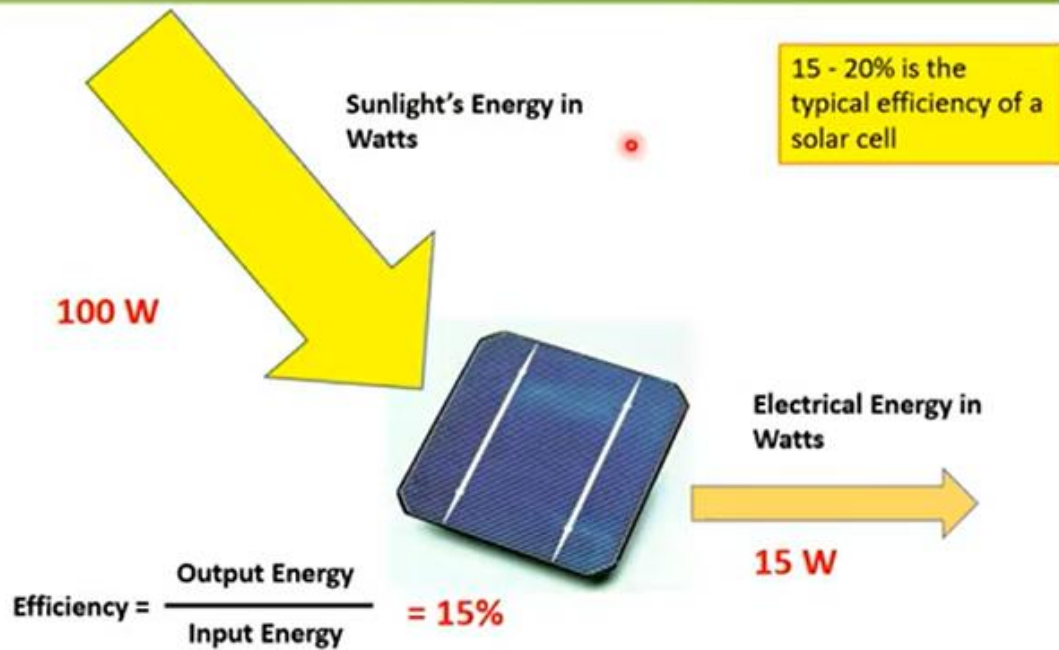
How do we  
get a system  
with 120V?



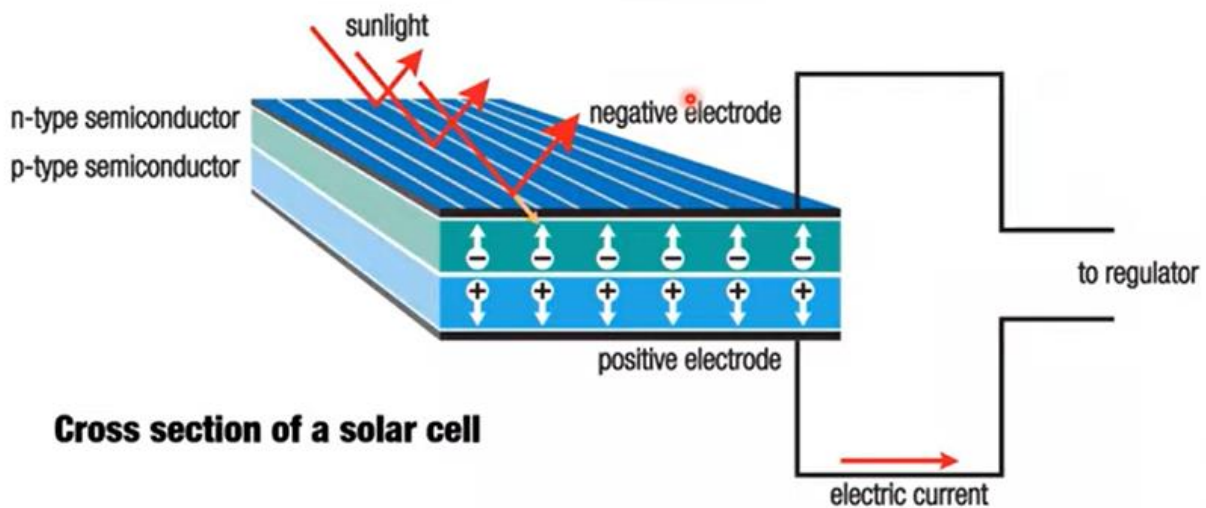


Solar array

# Energy In vs. Energy Out

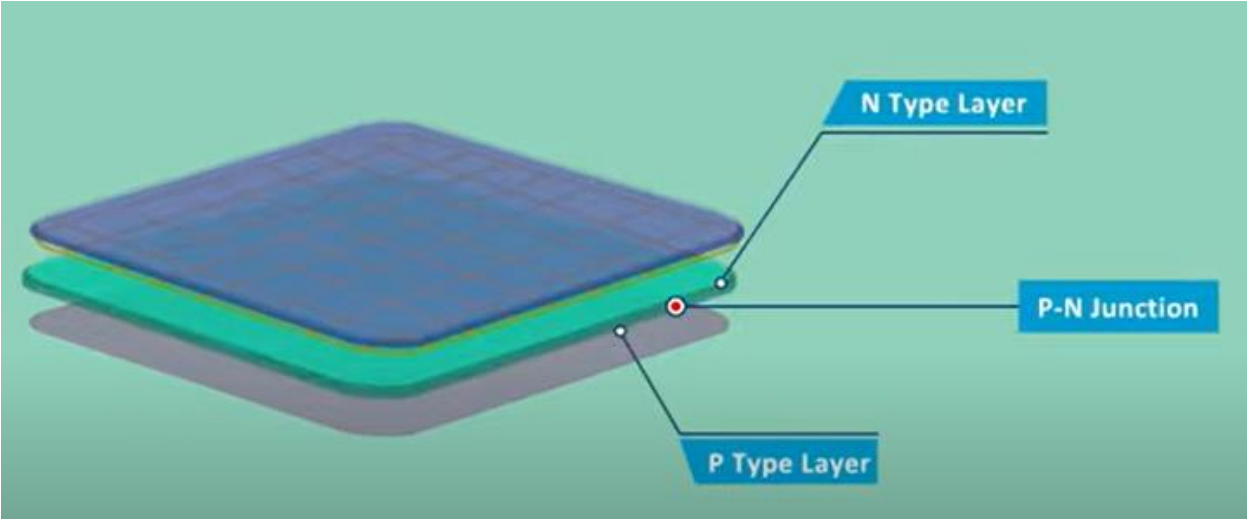
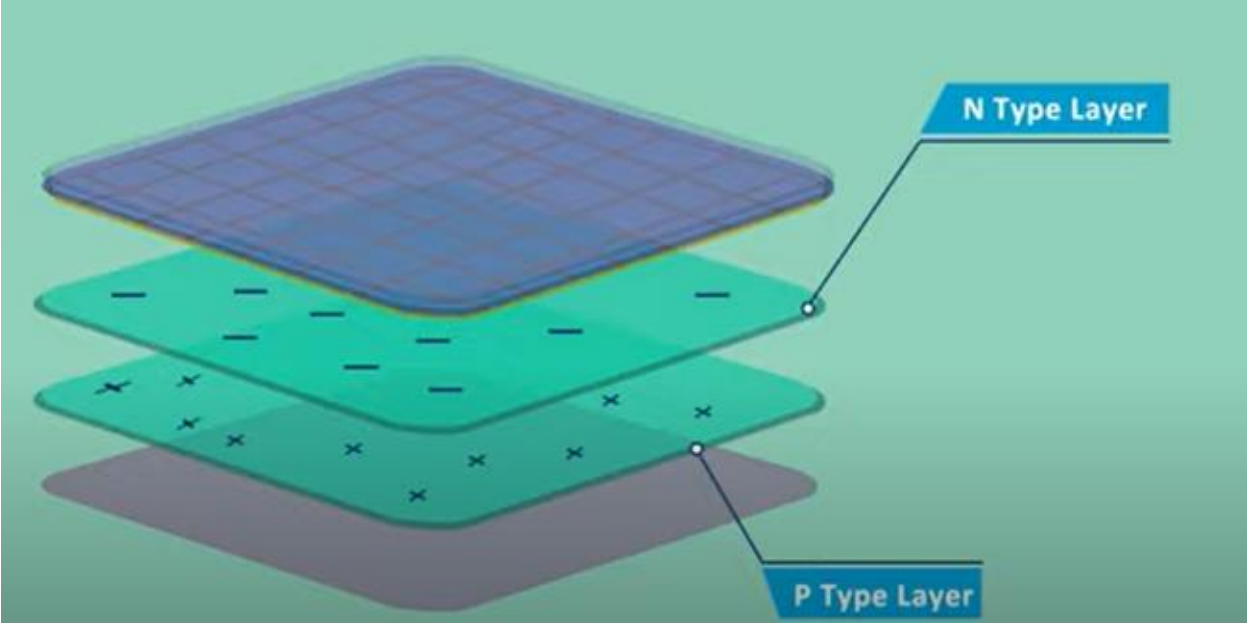


## Electron Flow

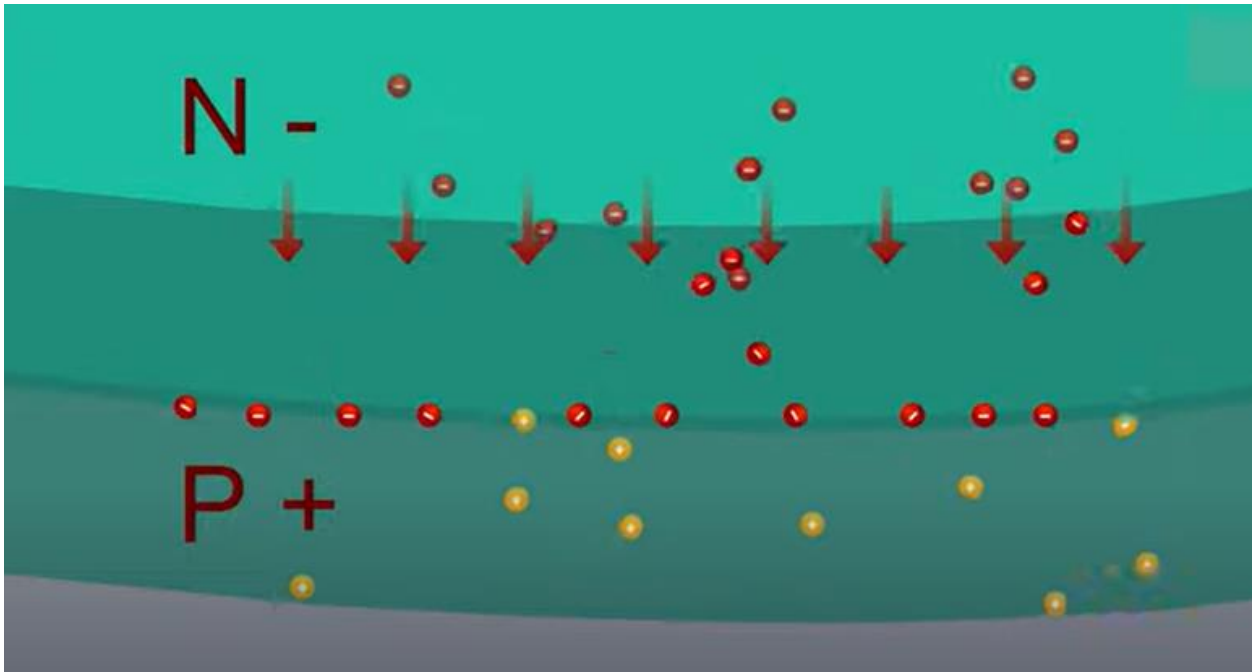


N type semi Boron (thin high concentration of e )

P phosphorous

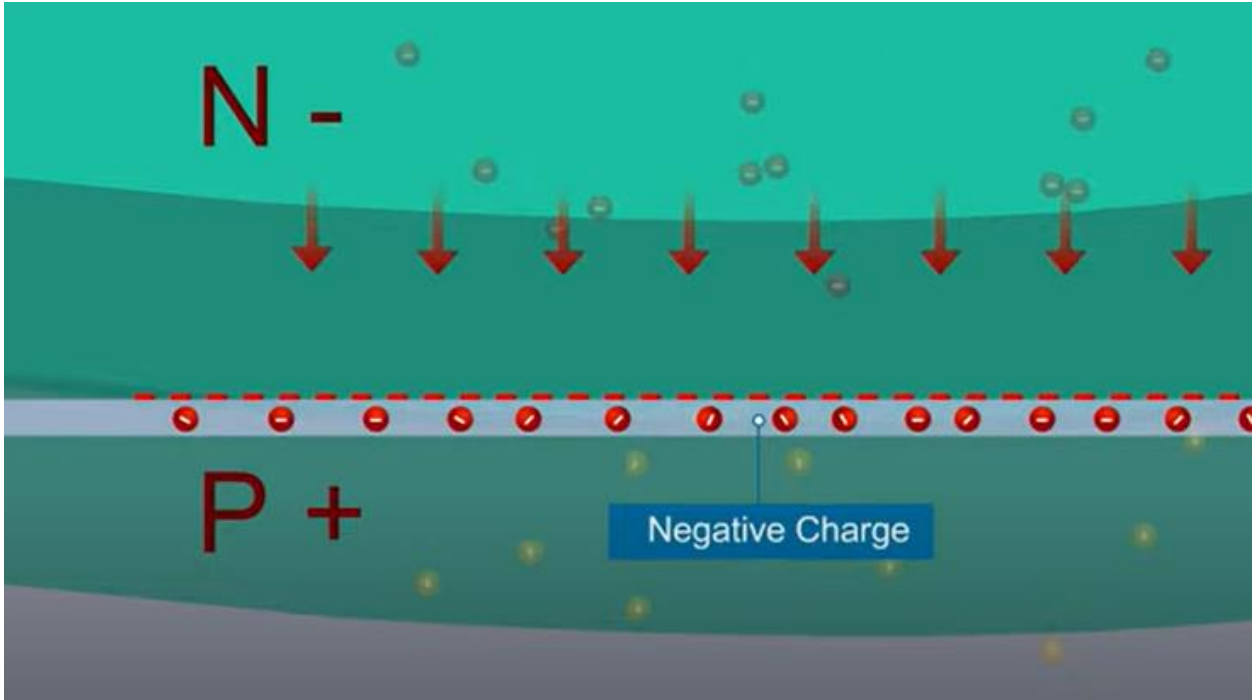


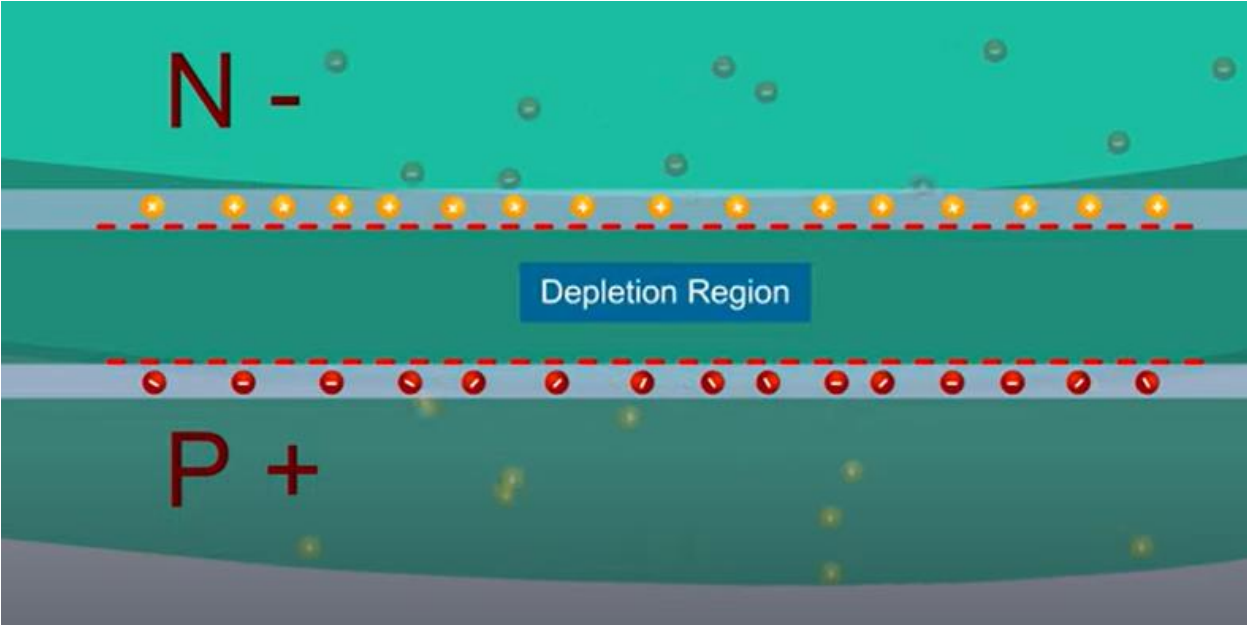
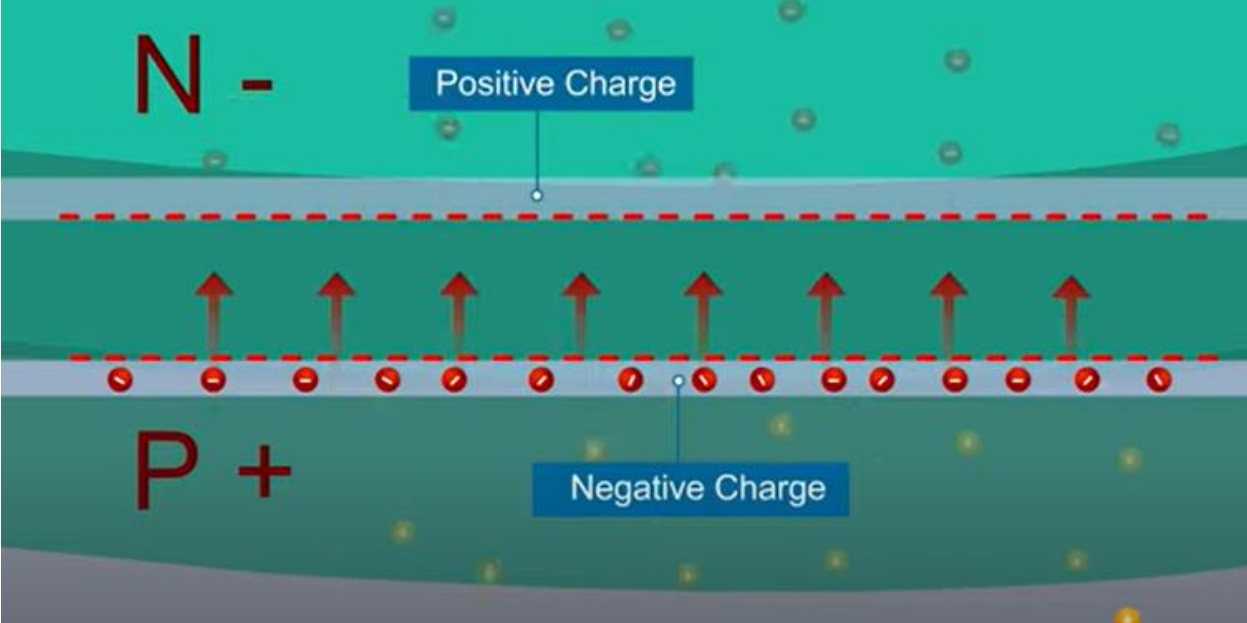
n-p joined as PN junction



When PN junction, e try to reach P junction creating -ve charge layer

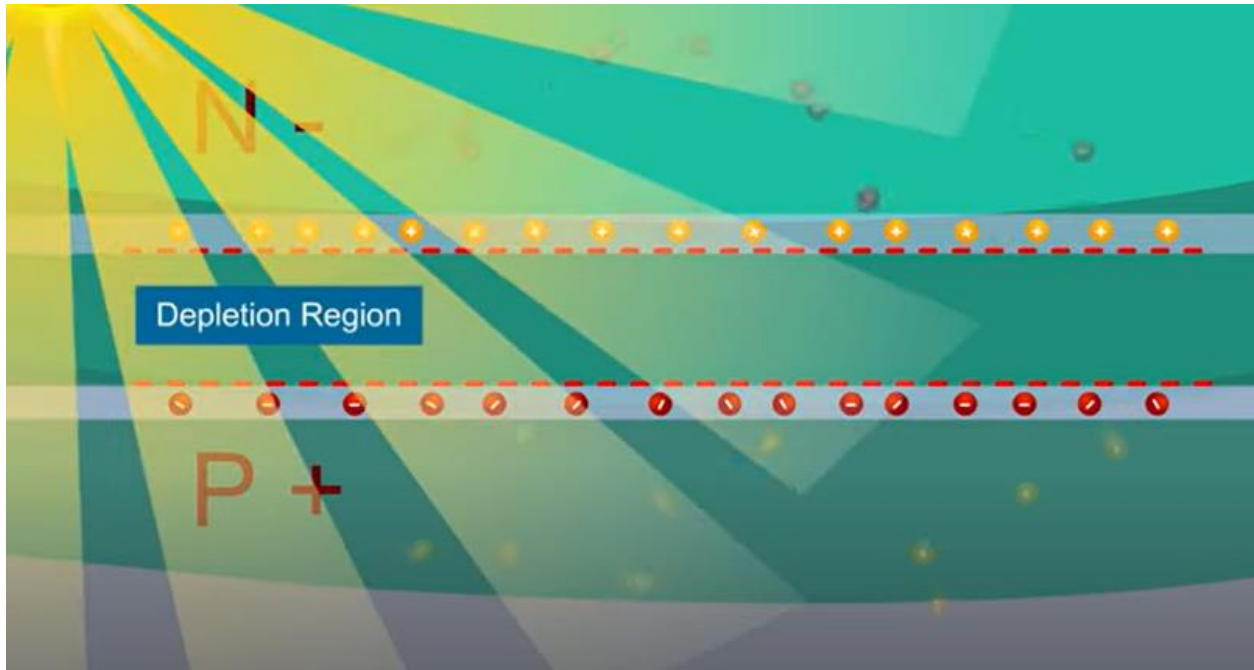
Similarly p try and +ve charge layer



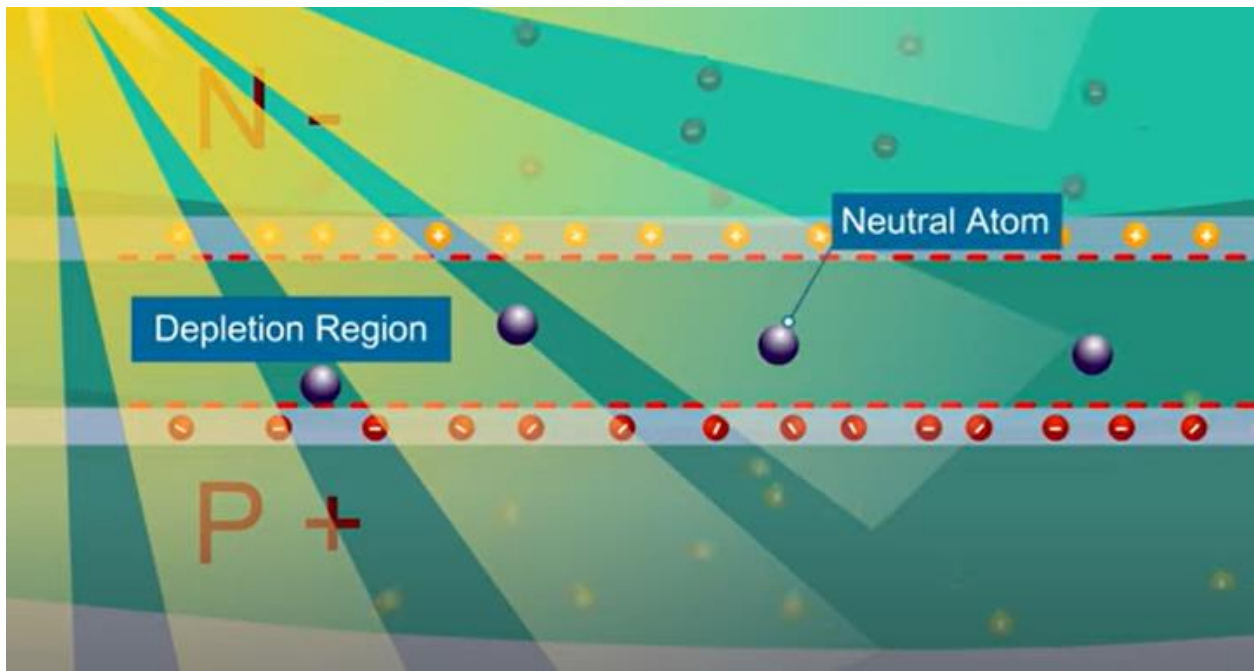


Region between two layers is depletion region of semiconductor

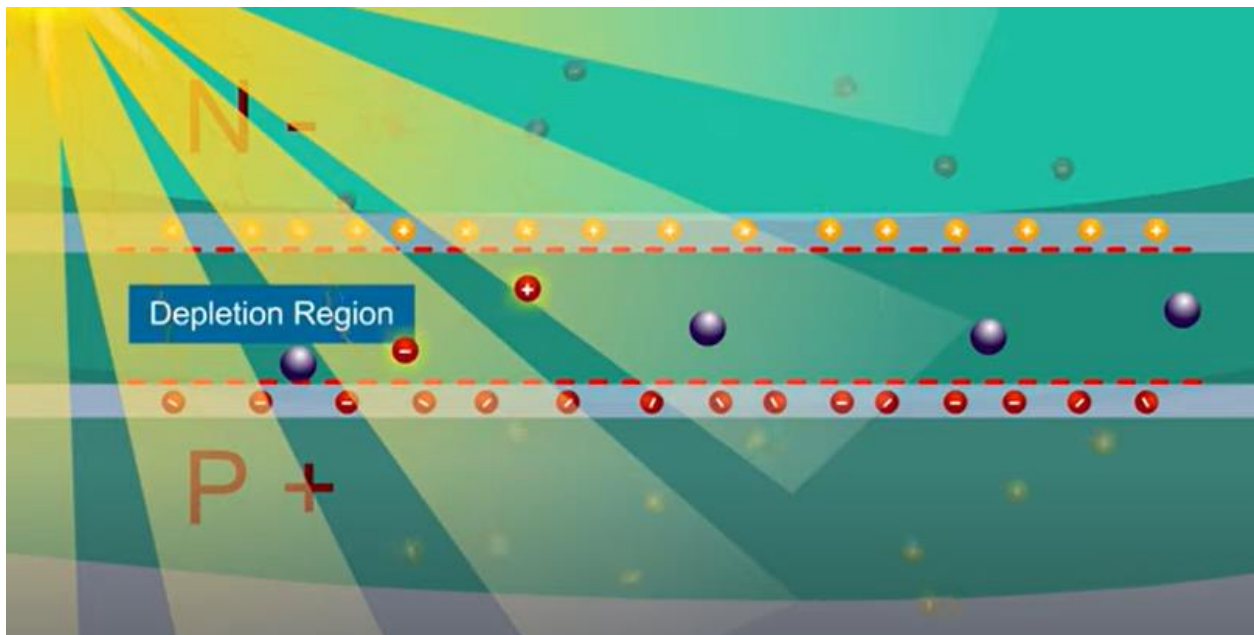
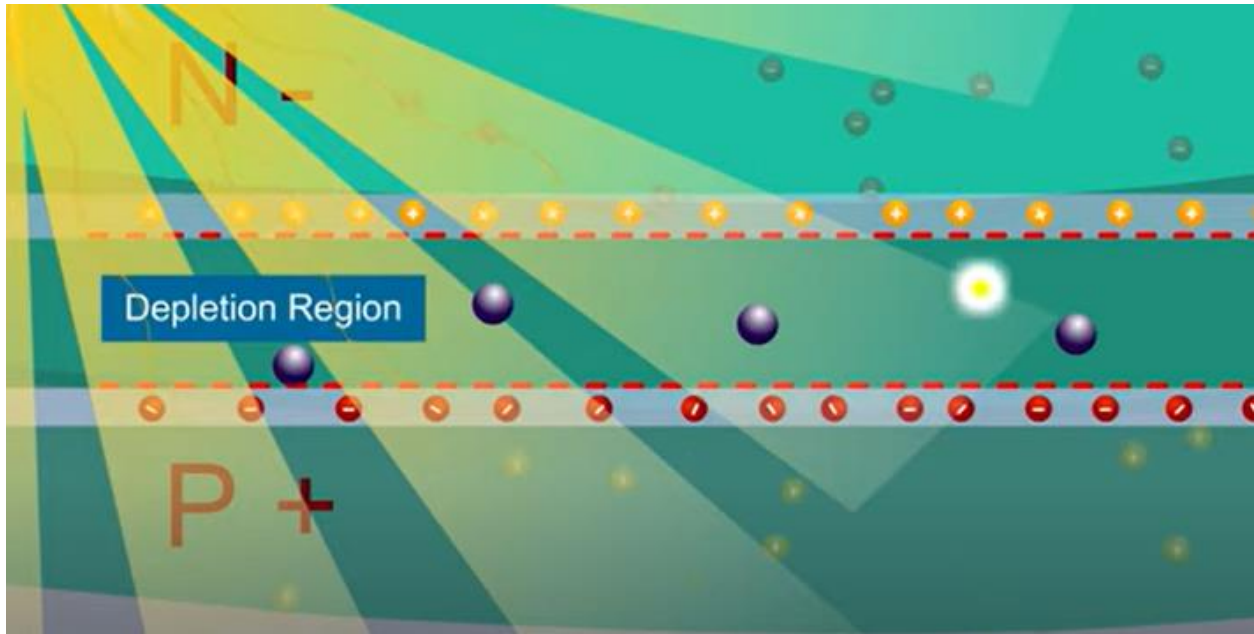




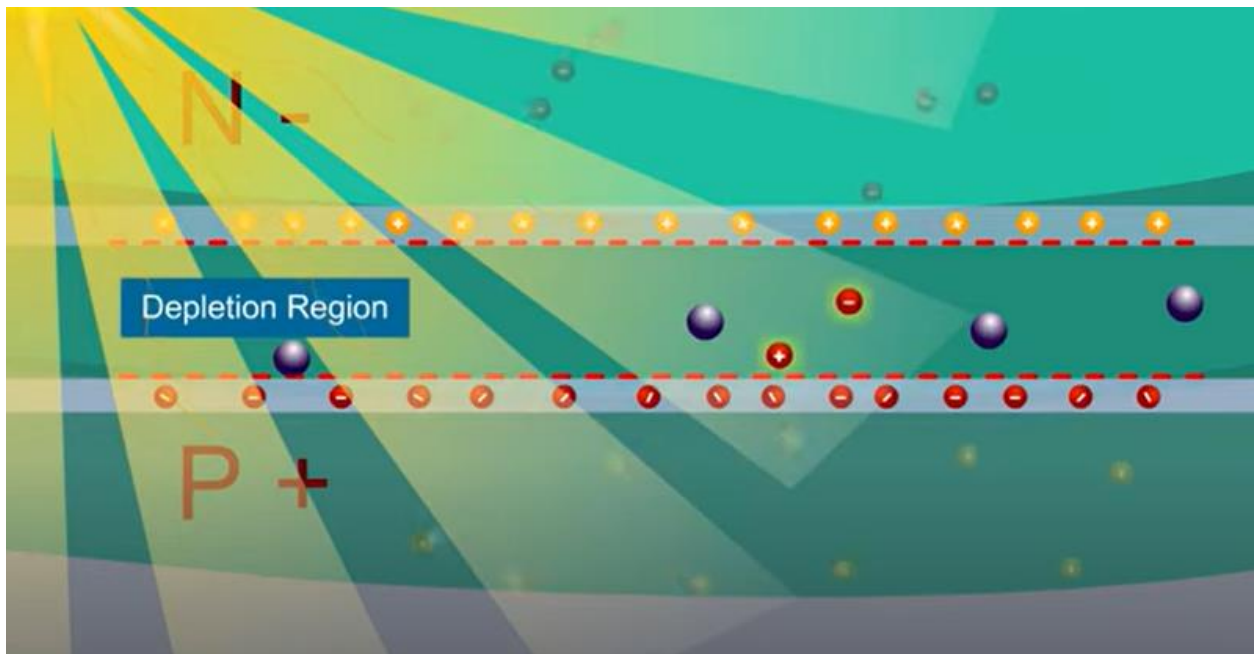
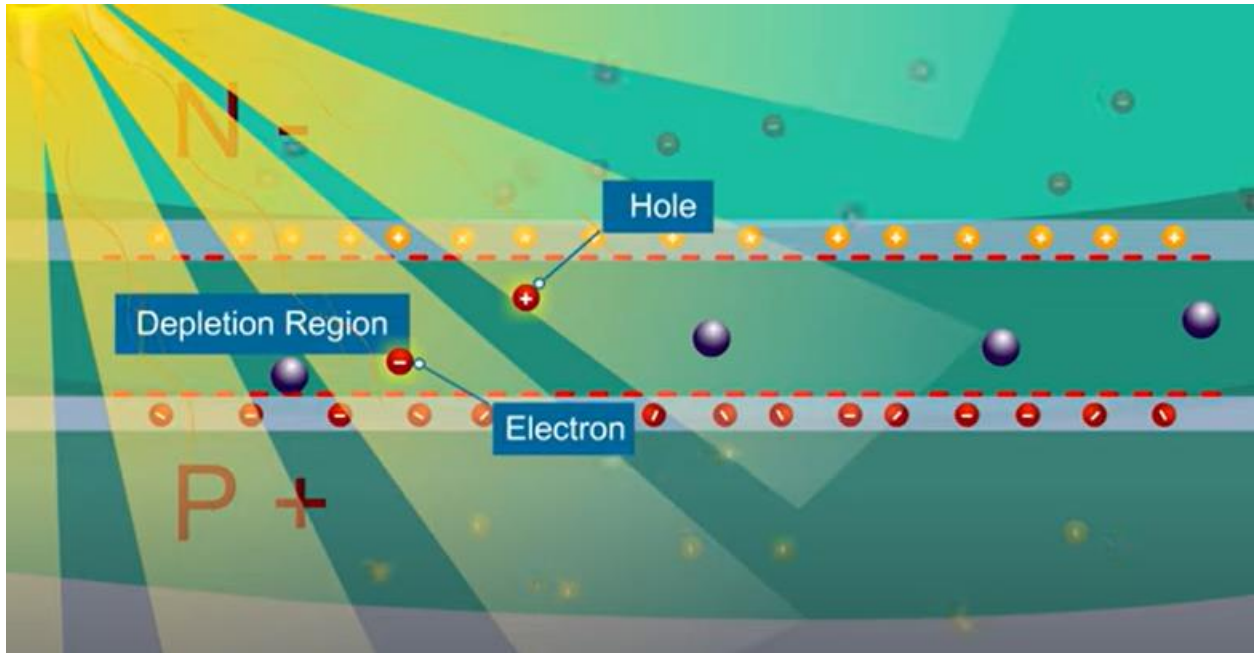
Sun light easily cross thin N layer to reach the depletion region



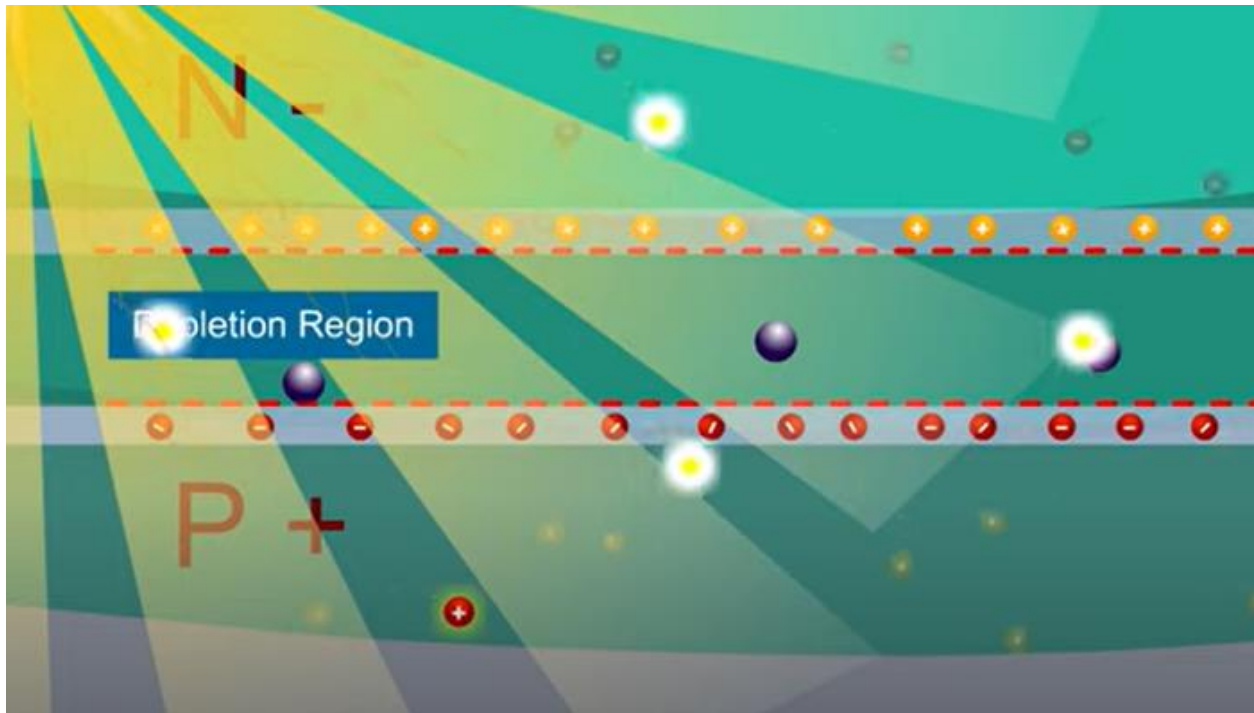
Due to charge deficiency in depletion region, it contains neutral atoms.



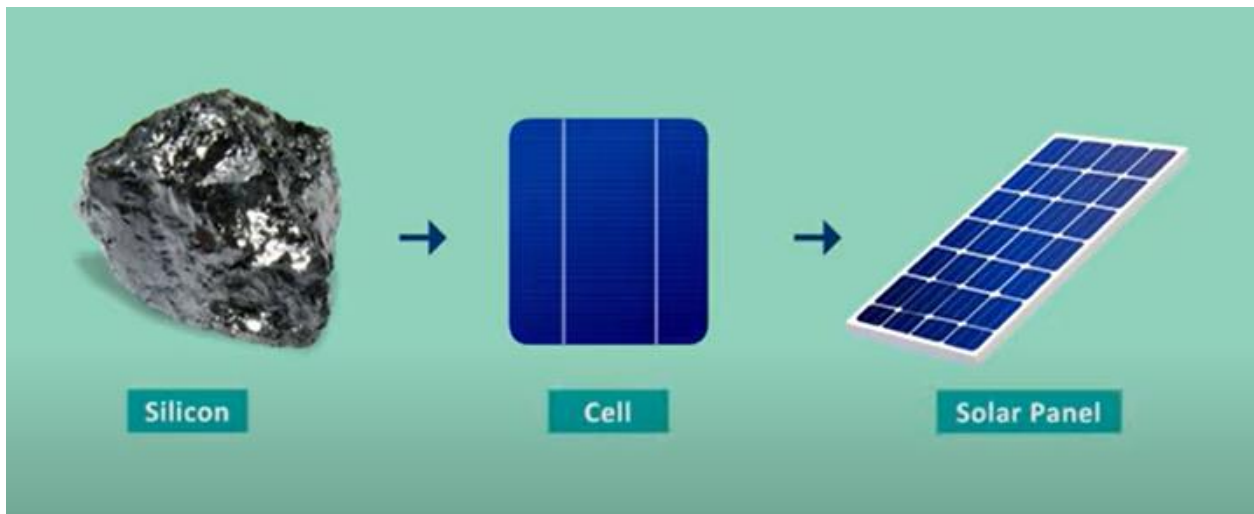
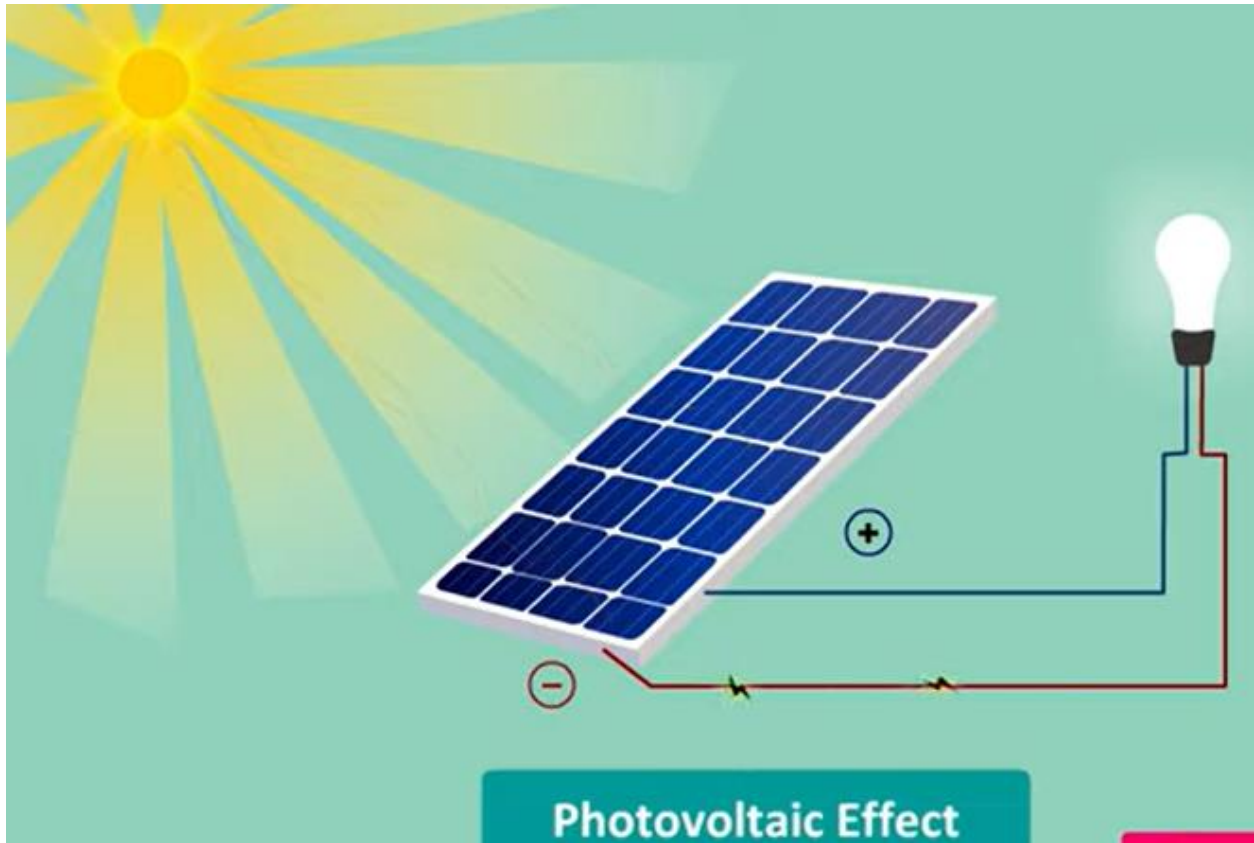
Neutral atoms broken by photons of sun light. Knocks the e from neutral atom leaving behind the holes and producing free charge carriers.



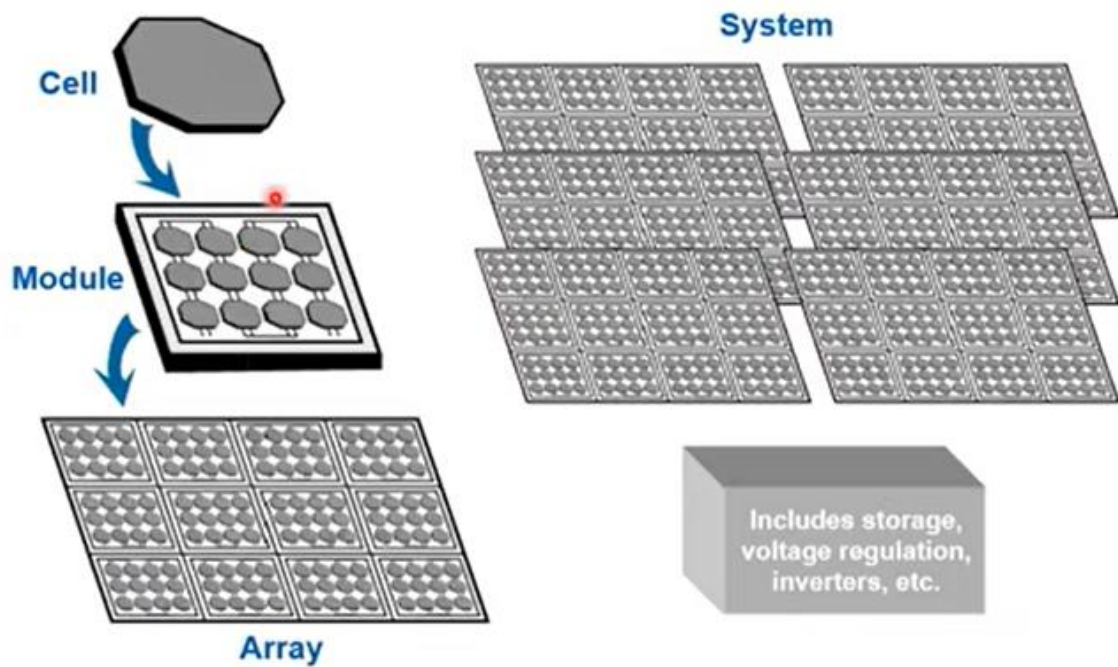
Then e moves to n type layer and holes move to p type layer due to electric field present in the depletion region.



On connecting the electronic circuit, e flow through to generating an electricity to electric devices like bulb, fans etc



# Photovoltaic Building Blocks



## How do Solar Panels Work?

- PV Panels are made of a semiconductor material
- Examples of semiconductors:
  - Monocrystalline silicon
  - Polycrystalline silicon
  - Amorphous silicon
  - Gallium Arsenide
  - Cadmium Telluride



# Polycrystalline vs. Monocrystalline

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**Polycrystalline  
Solar Cell**

**Monocrystalline  
Solar Cell**

Poly less efficiency

Mono Limited space

Factor	Monocrystalline Solar Panels	Polycrystalline Solar Panels
<b>Silicone Arrangement</b>	One pure silicon crystal	Many silicon fragments melded together
<b>Cost</b>	More expensive	Less expensive
<b>Appearance</b>	Panels have black hue	Panels have blue hue
<b>Efficiency</b>	More efficient	Less efficient
<b>Lifespan</b>	25-40 years	20-35 years
<b>Temperature Coefficient</b>	Lower temperature coefficient,  making them more efficient in heat	Higher temperature coefficient,  making them less efficient in heat

# Three Main Solar Panel Types



## Monocrystalline

- Pure silicon
- 24.4% efficiency
- Moderate cost
- Longest lifespan
- 38.1 g CO<sub>2</sub>-eq/kWh



## Polycrystalline

- Melted silicon crystals
- 19.9% efficiency
- Least expensive
- Moderate lifespan
- 27.2 g CO<sub>2</sub>-eq/kWh



## Thin-Film

- Variety of materials
- 18.9% efficiency
- Most expensive
- Shortest lifespan
- As little as 21.4 g CO<sub>2</sub>-eq/kWh



MONOCRYSTALLINE	POLYCRYSTALLINE	THIN FILM
17% - 20%	13% - 16%	4% - 12%
-20°C - +70°C	-20°C - +70°C	-25°C - +90°C
75% - 85%	70% - 80%	65% - 72%
5000 Pa - 6000 Pa	4800 Pa - 5400 Pa	NA



100W poly vs 120W mono



Rainy season



0.21 A for poly Isc

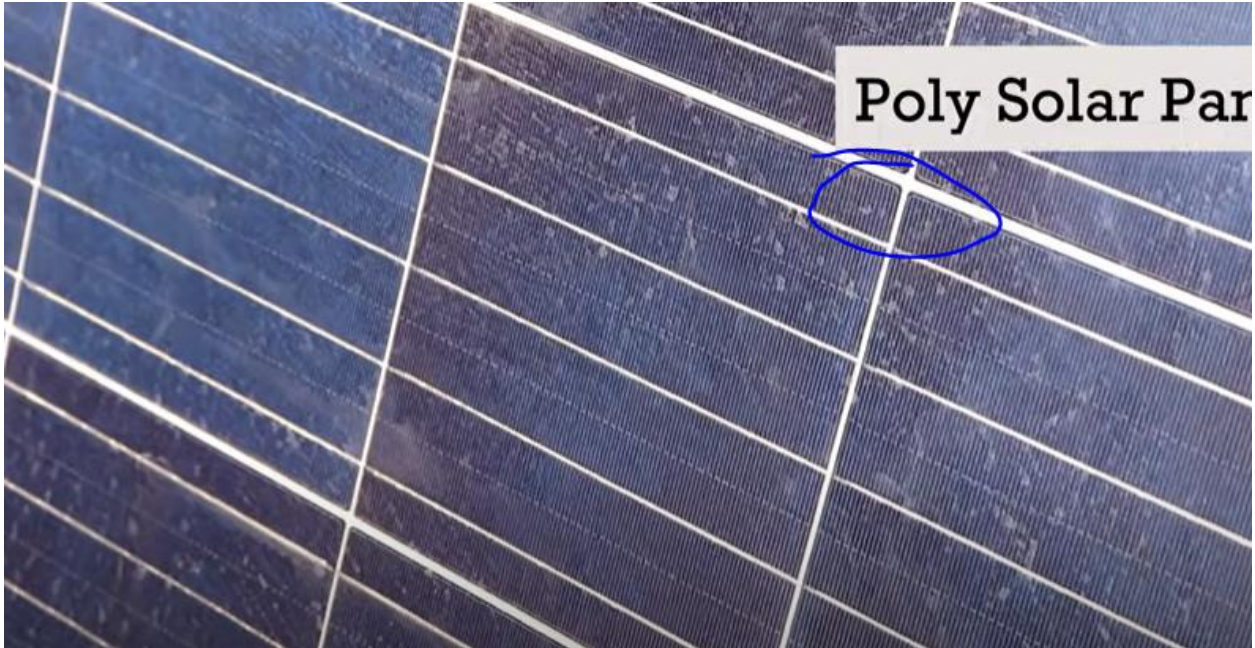


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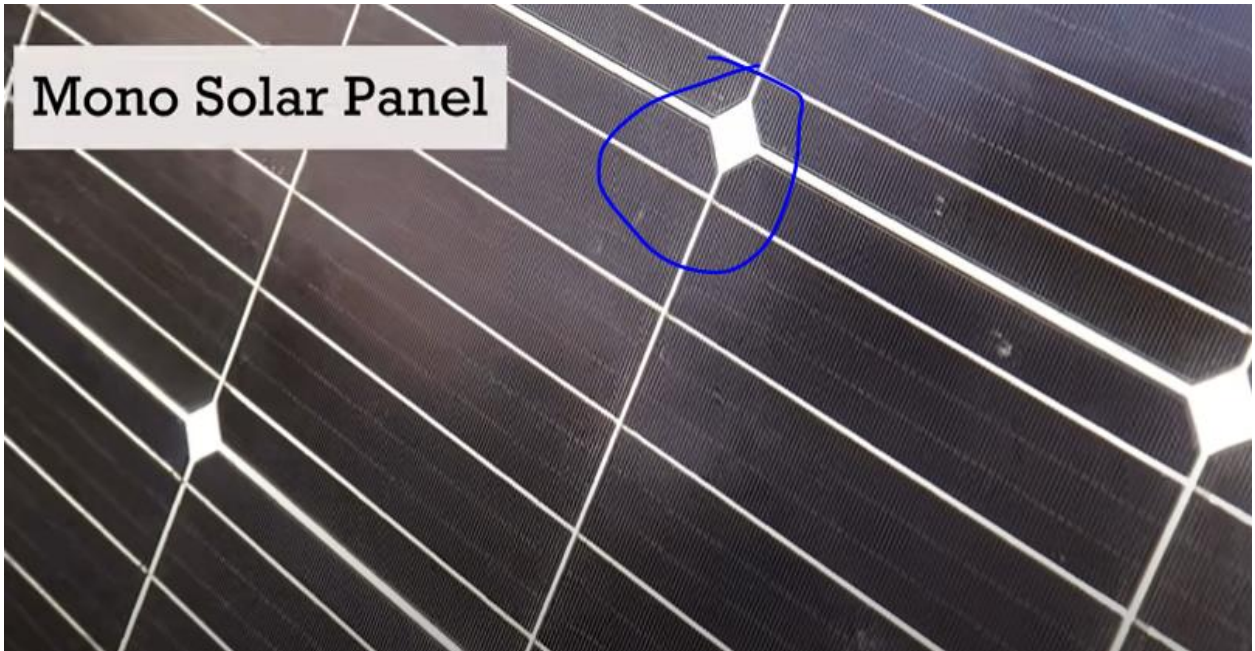
## Half Cut mono Vs Mono Vs Poly Solar Panel



440W half cut mono vs 375W mono vs 270W poly (half cut & mono same size, poly less size)

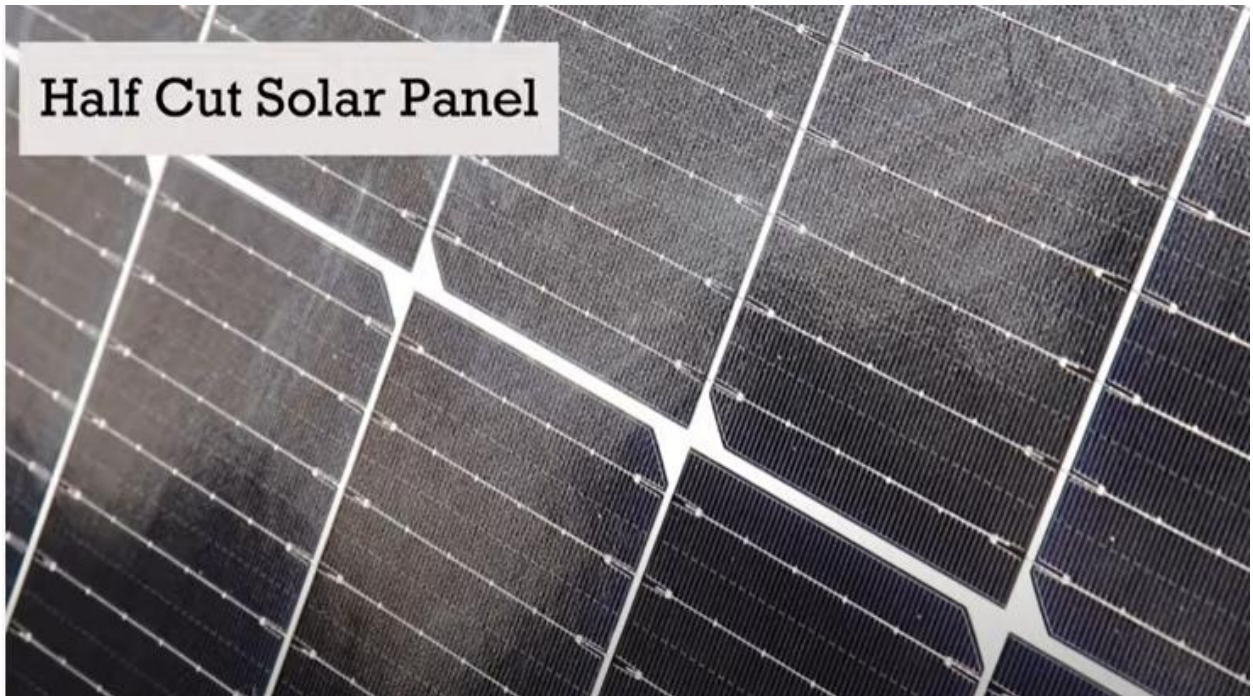


Poly corner square shape

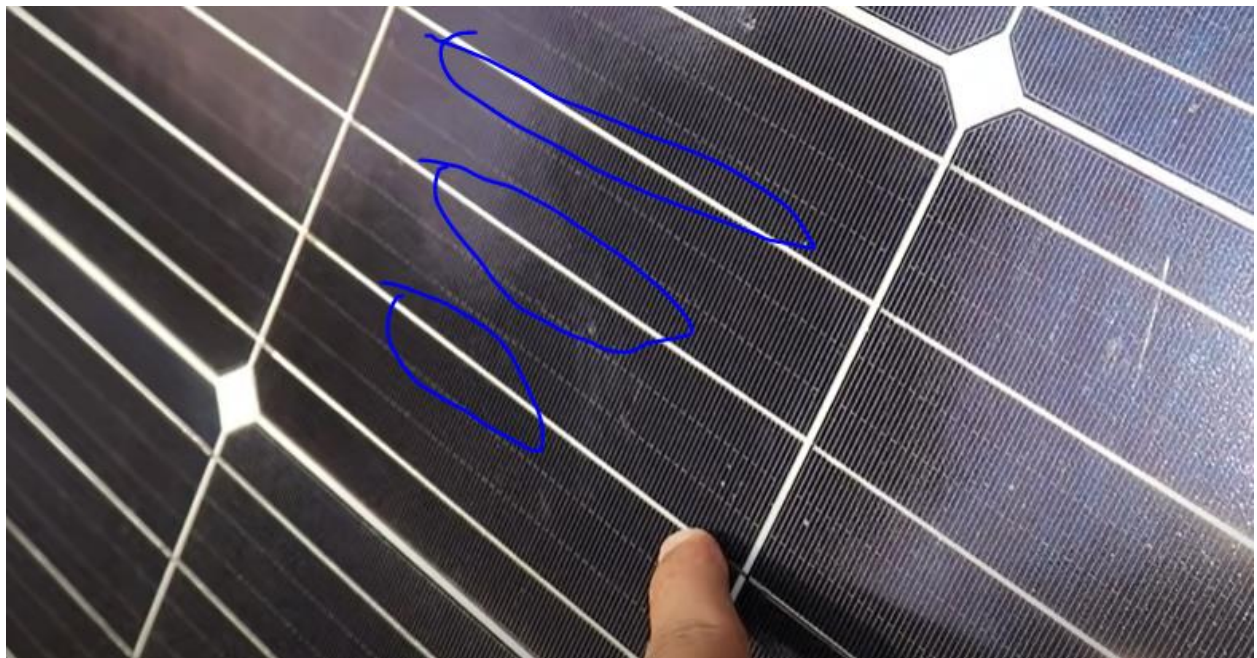


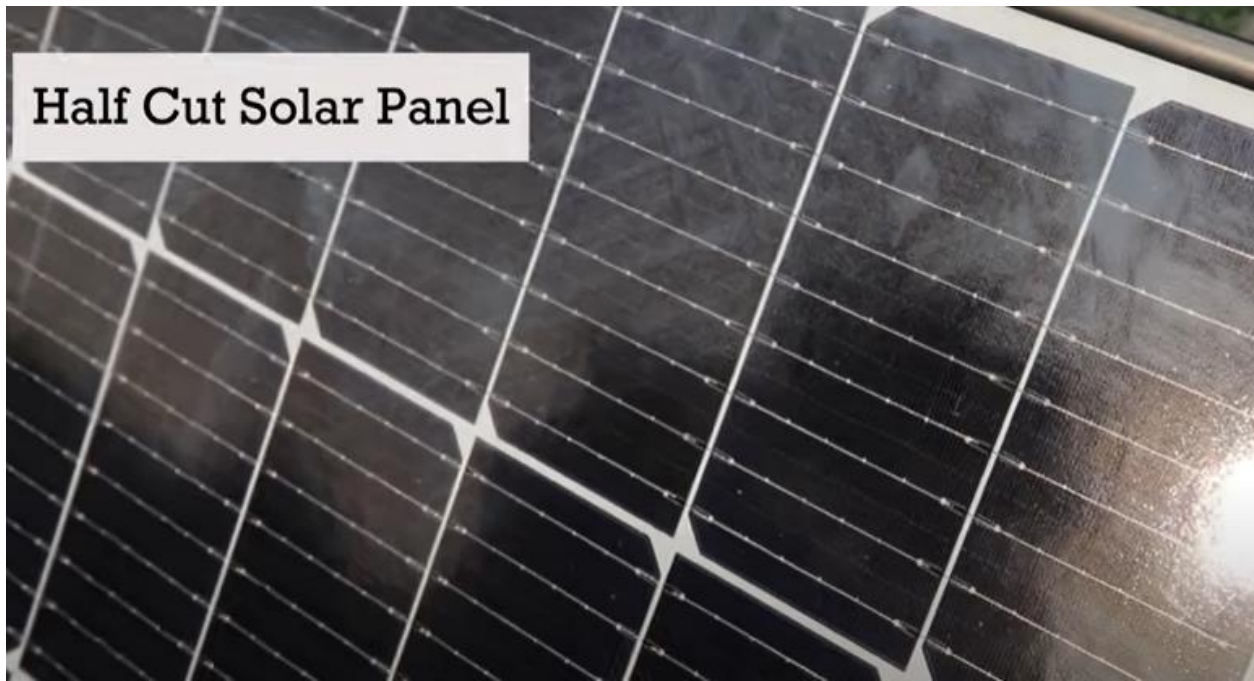
Mono diamond shape corner

# Half Cut Solar Panel

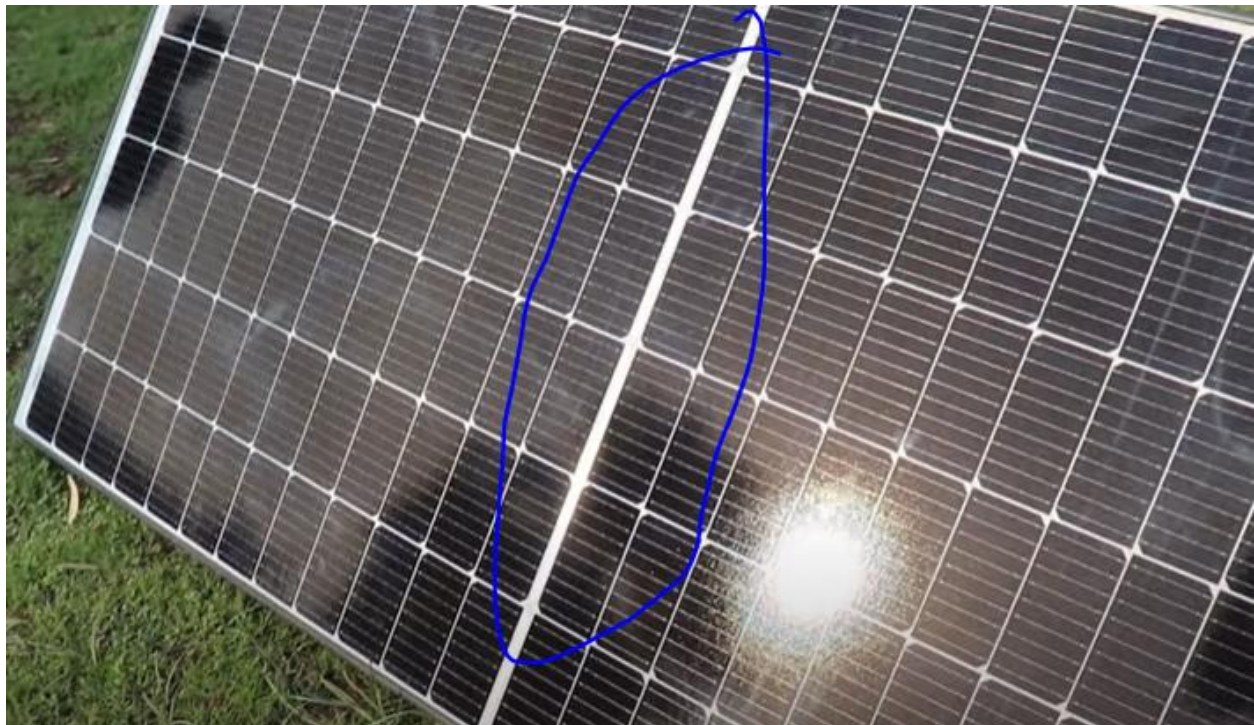


Half cut mono

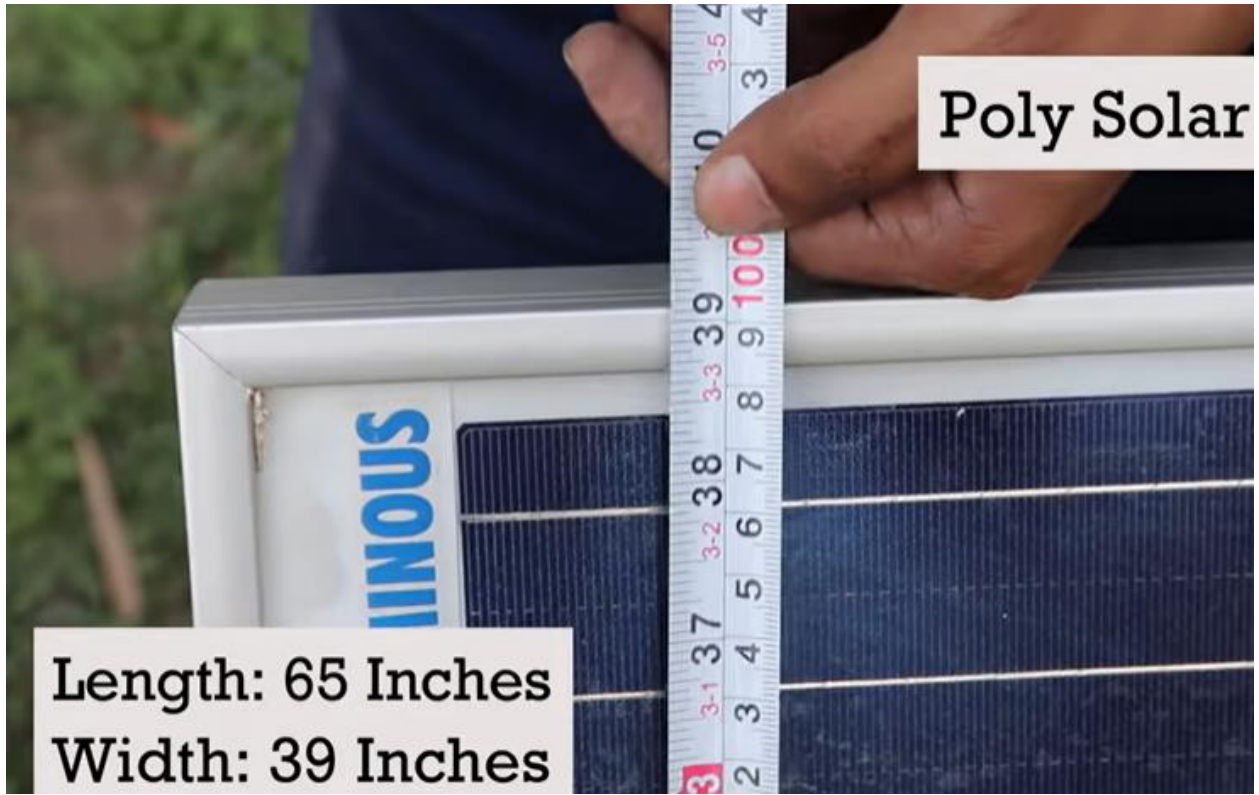




5 Bus bars in 1 cell in poly mono, 9 bus bars in half cut mono (more I flow, shadow impact less due to not all cells in series)

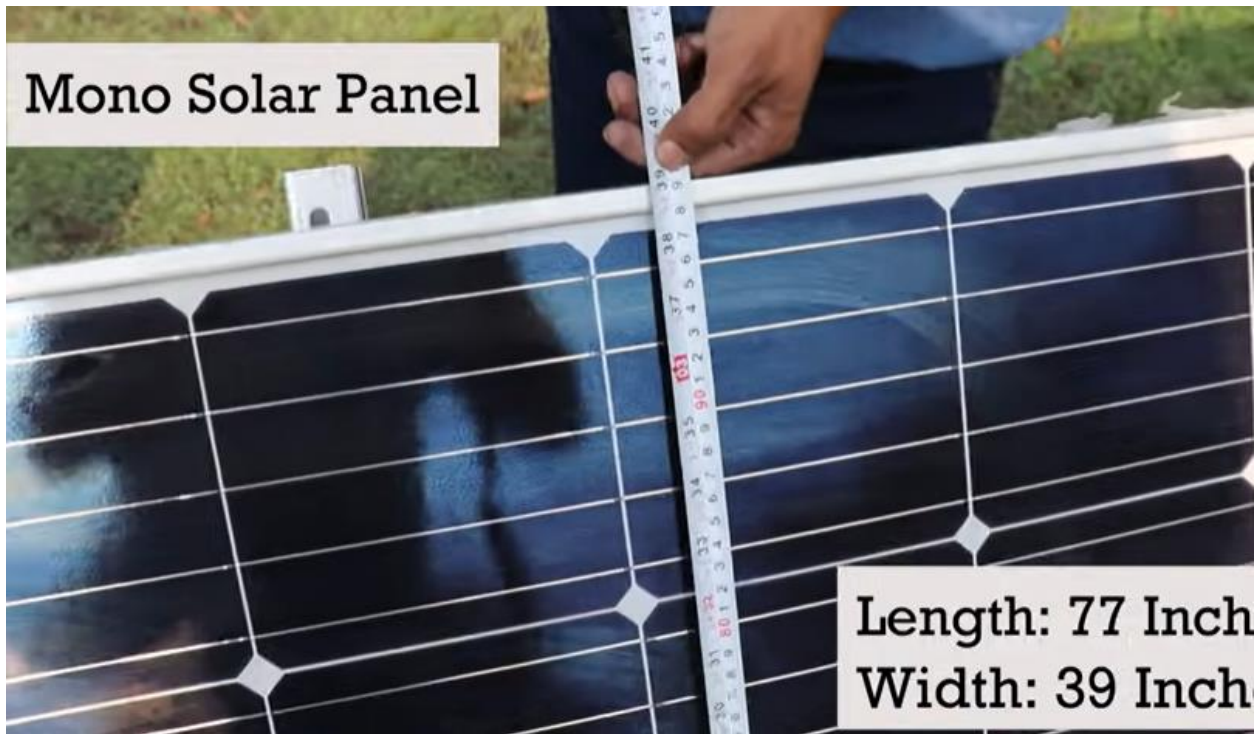


Two half cut panels



Poly Solar

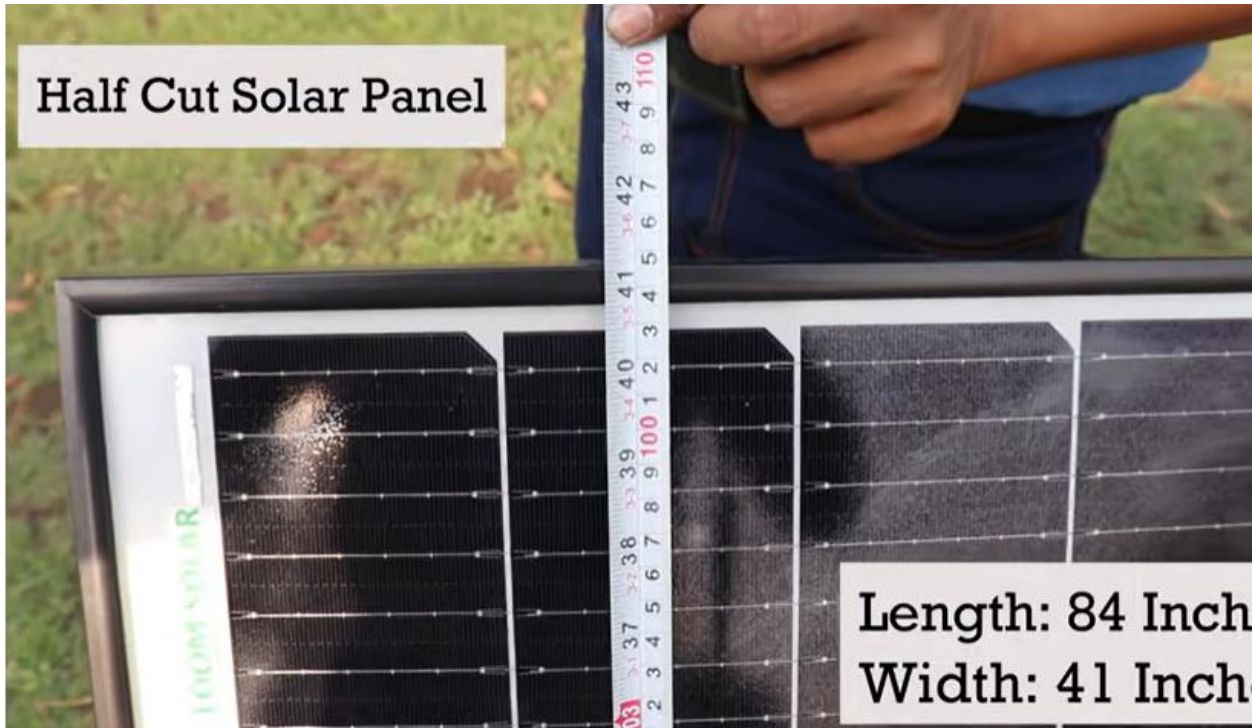
Length: 65 Inches  
Width: 39 Inches



Mono Solar Panel

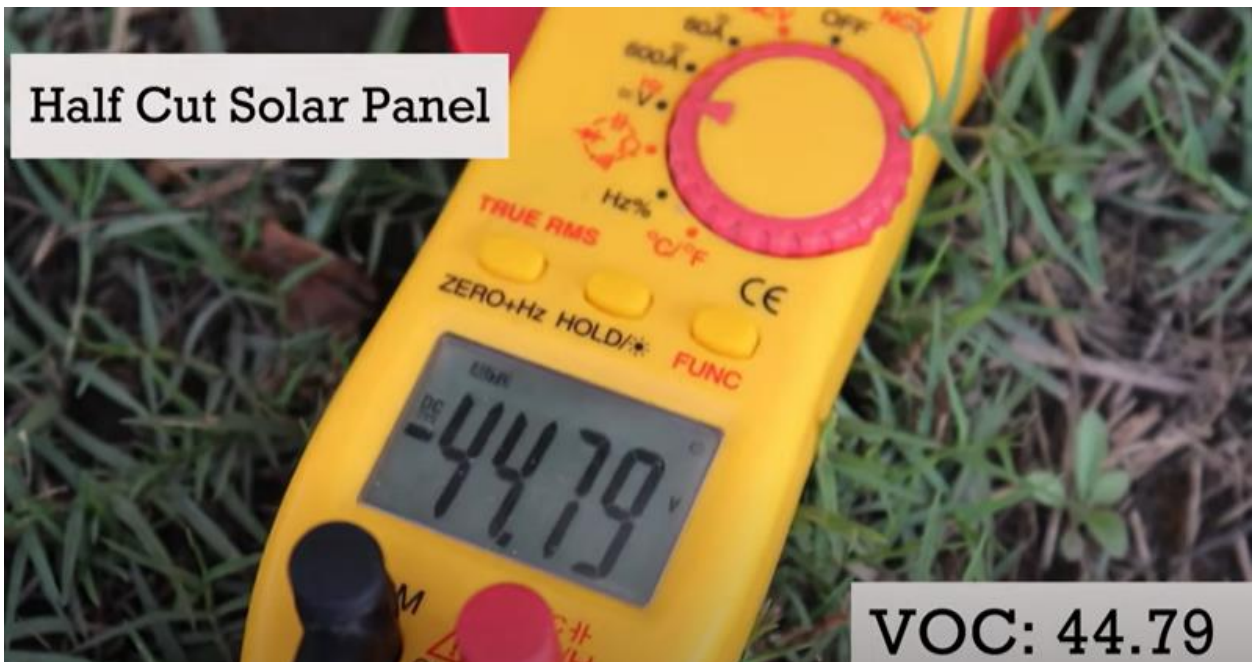
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Half Cut Solar Panel



Length: 84 Inch  
Width: 41 Inch

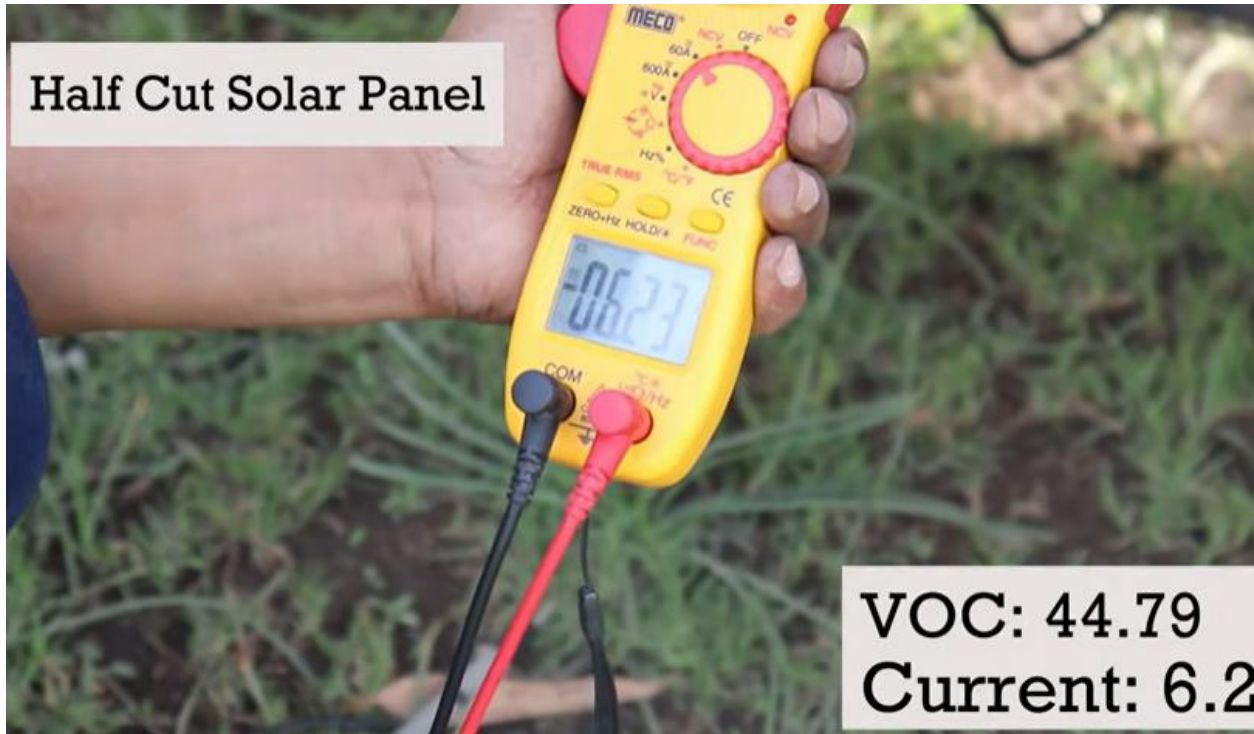
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VOC: 44.79

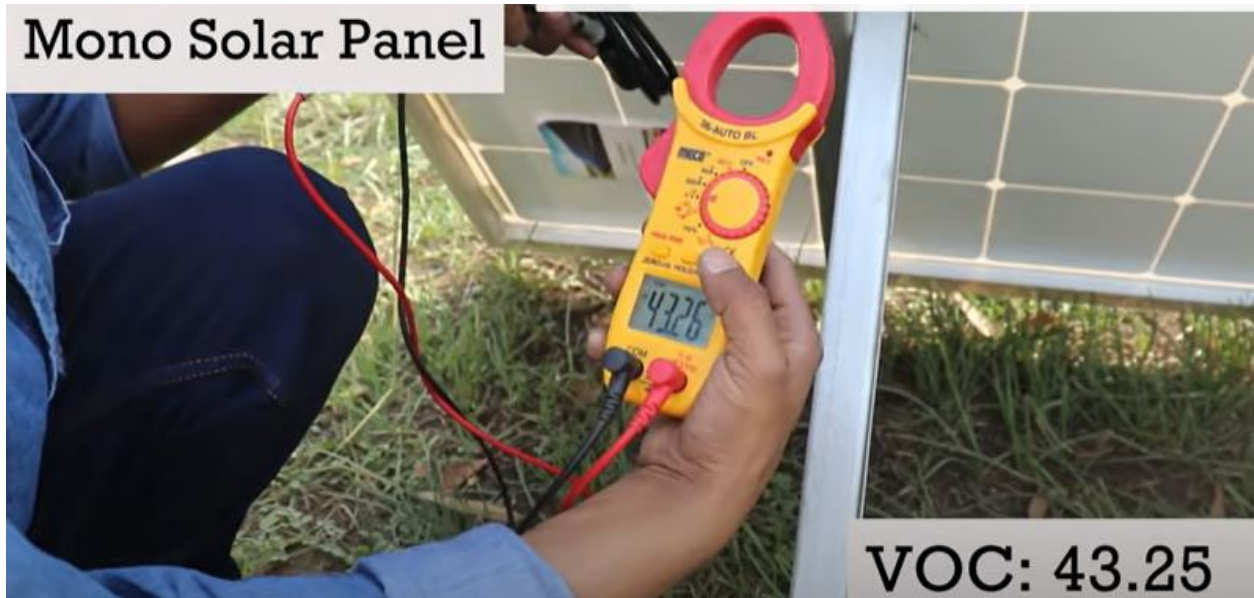


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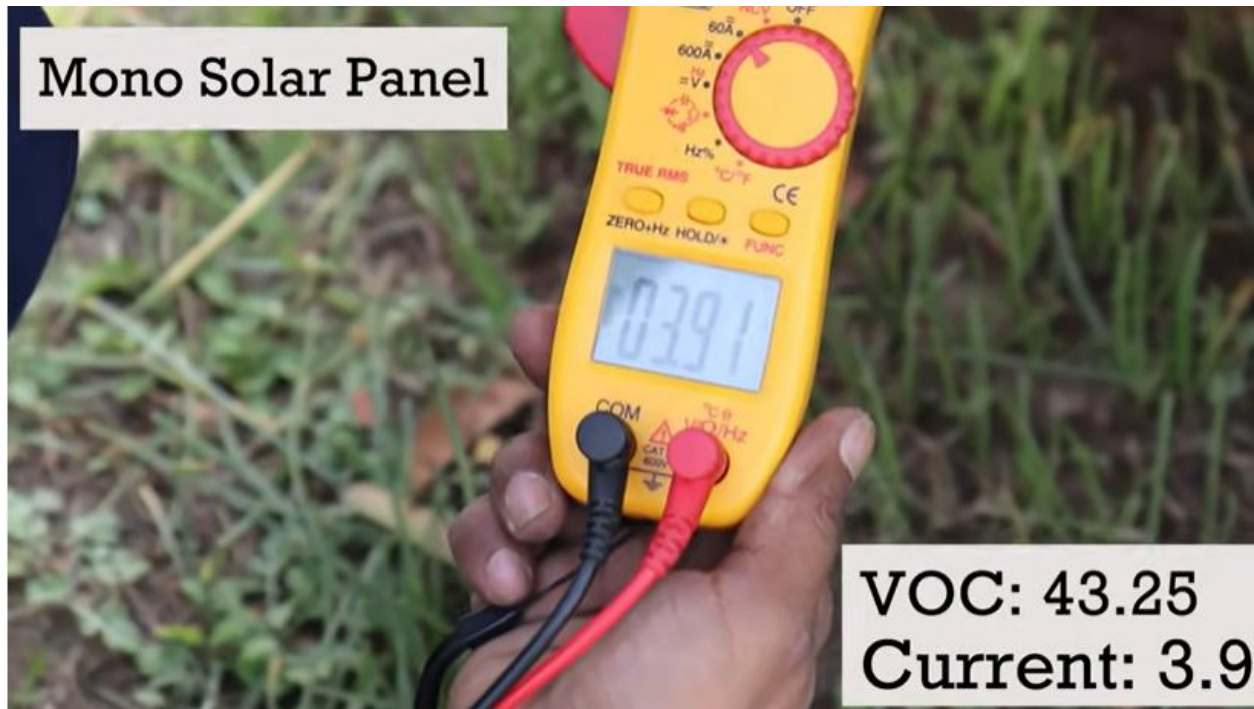
VOC: 44.79  
Current: 6.2

Mono Solar Panel



VOC: 43.25

**Mono Solar Panel**

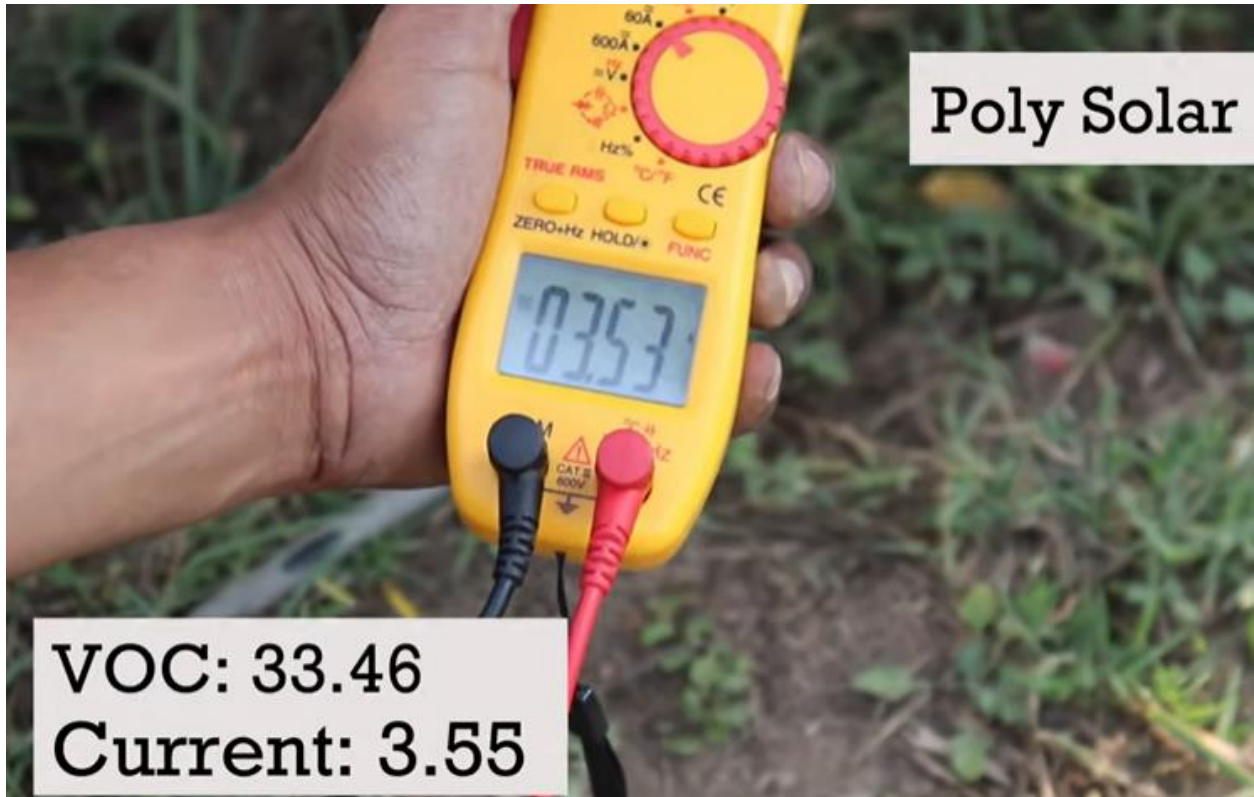


**VOC: 43.25  
Current: 3.9**

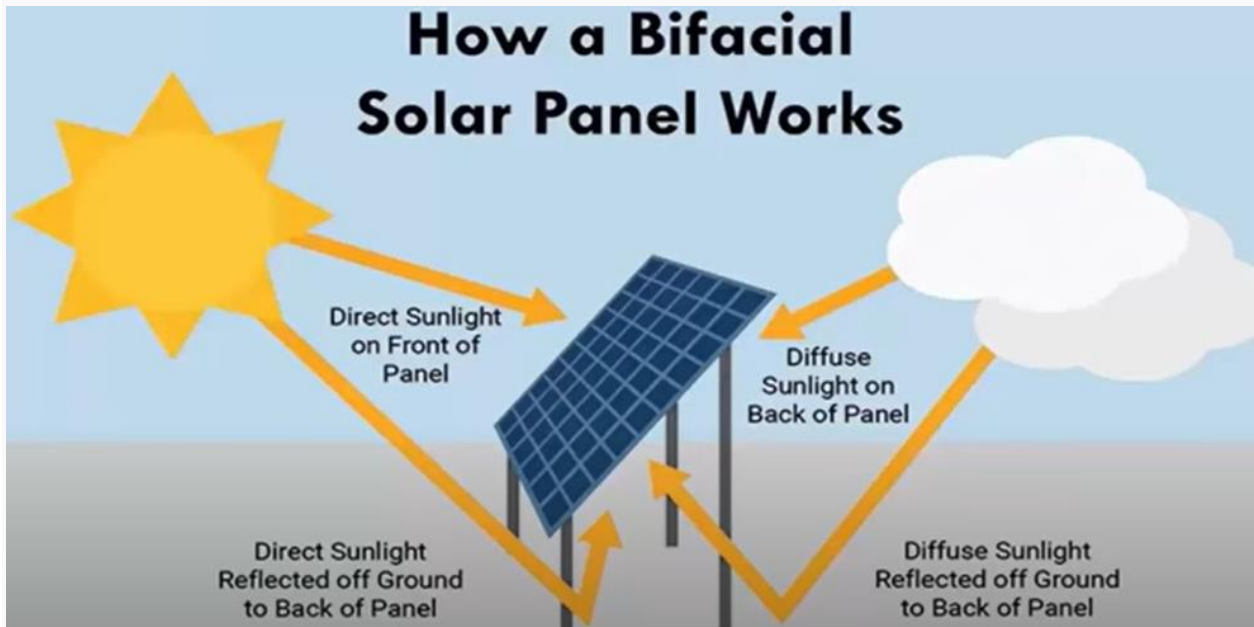
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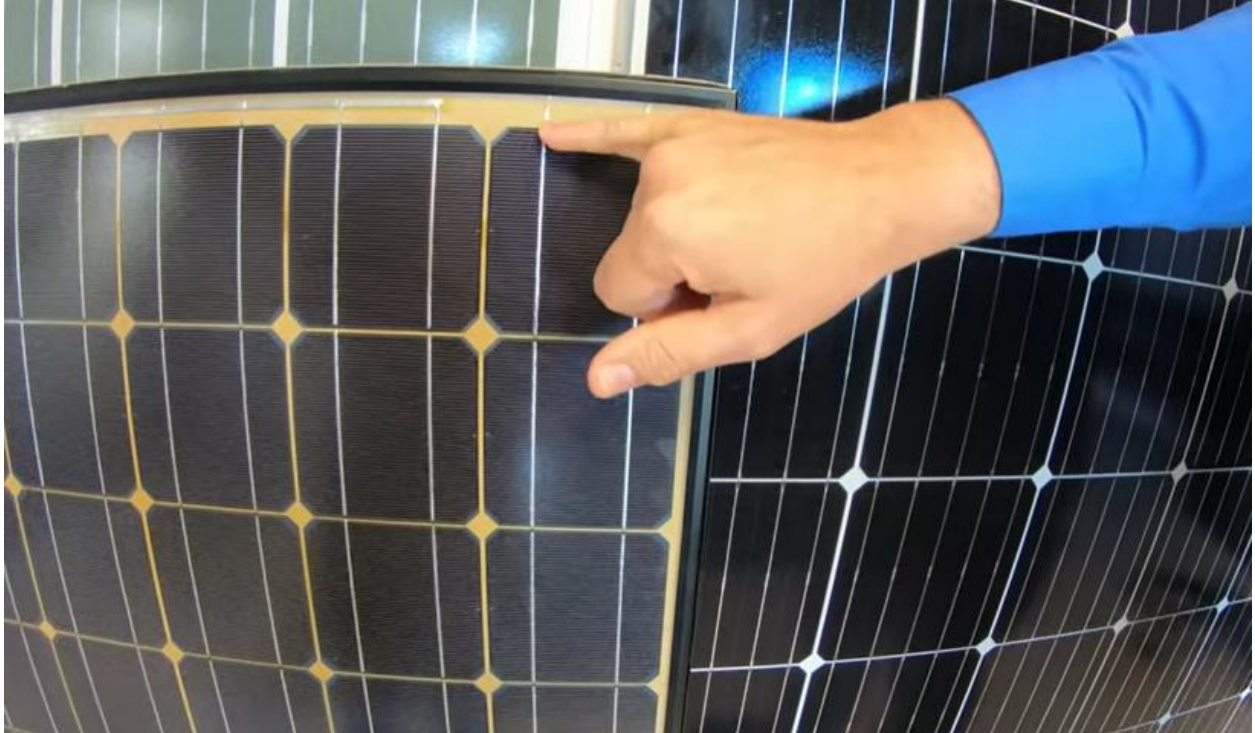


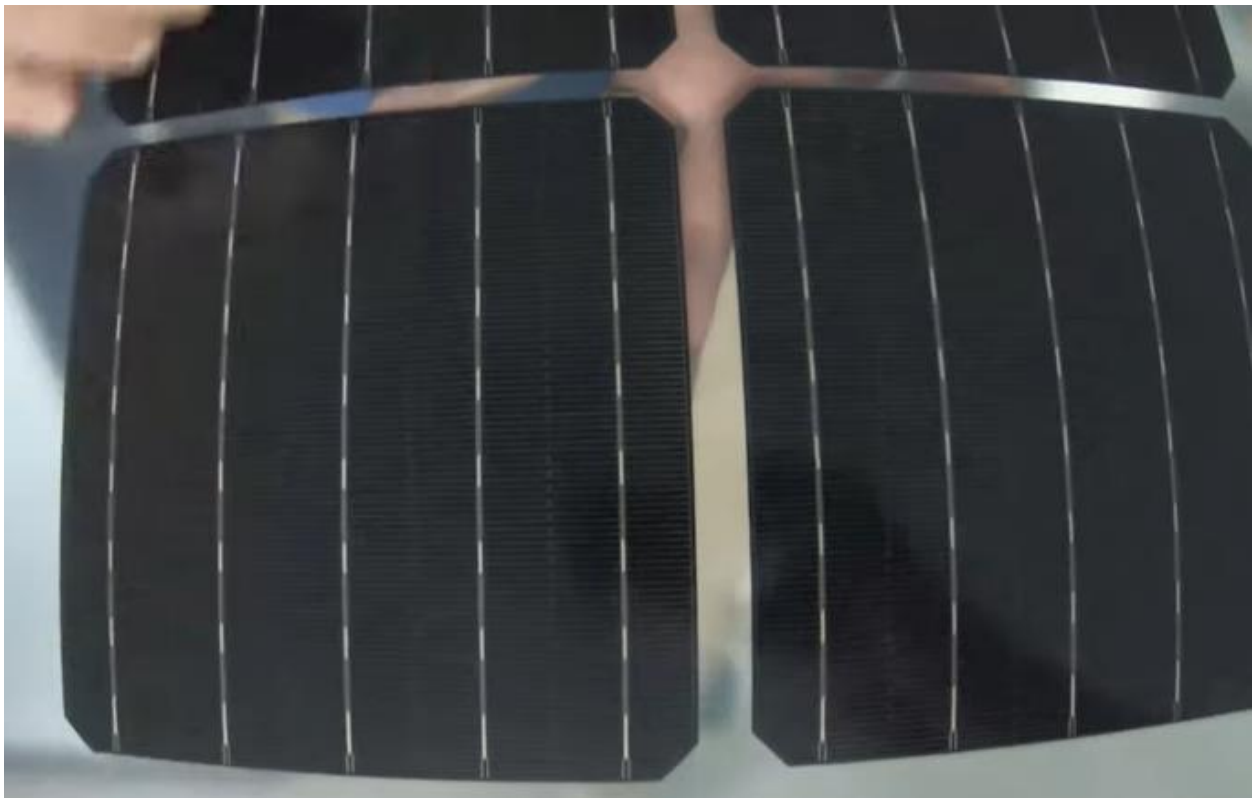
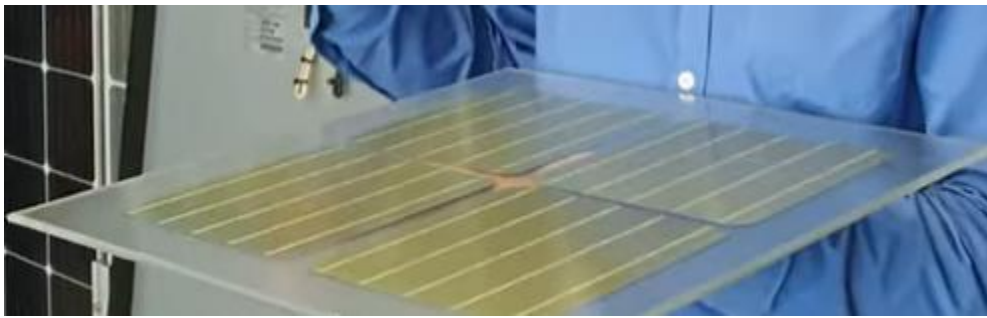
**VOC: 33.46**



## Mono Double Glass Bifacial Solar Panels







More bus bars more efficiency

Canadian Solar 535 W Bifacial Double glass  
Mono PERC halfcut

A photograph of a solar panel with a hand touching its surface. A purple callout box with white text is overlaid on the left side of the panel.

**20%**  
**EXTRA BENEFIT**

A photograph of a solar panel. A purple circular callout box with white text is overlaid on the left side of the panel.

**OUTPUT**  
**640 W**



**Multi  
BUSBAR**



**Less  
Degradation**

Bcz Normal panel backside Al sheet, its glass (life 30 years, 12 years warranty, HV Low current design, 49V, 13A, compatible with all market inverters hybrid inverters, 525-540W) Longi same two panels as compared to 1 mono, Rs 49/W

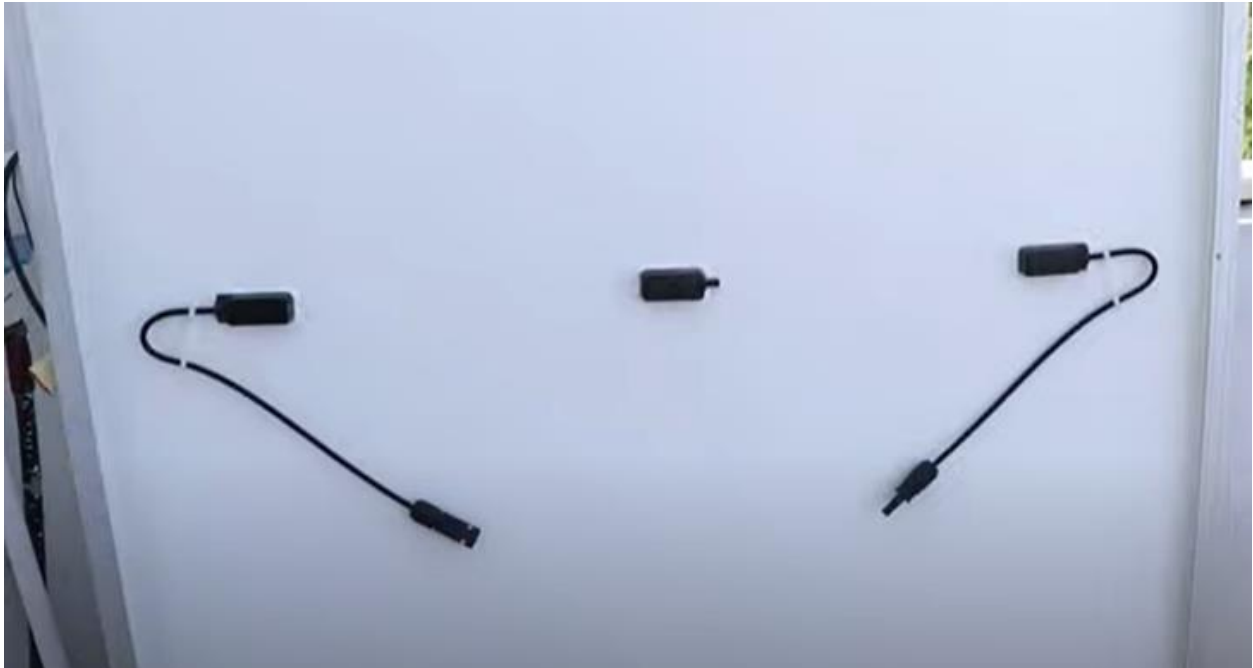


Others 20 or 19%



Others 28 kg





Left to right: -ve, two half cut parallel junction point, +ve

Power loss 25% less than others

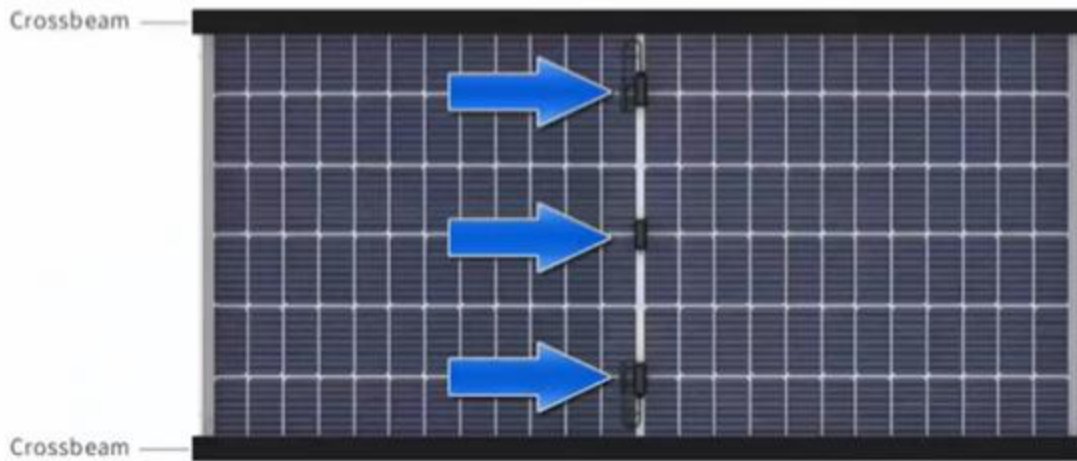
3 junction box backside



4mm cable, sound Al structure



Hard



3 split junction box, IP-68 standard weather proof

Longi data sheet

# Hi-MO 5

## LR5-72HBD

# 525~545M

- Based on M10-182mm wafer, best choice for ultra-large power plants
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- Advanced module technology delivers superior module efficiency
  - M10 Gallium-doped Wafer
  - Smart Soldering
  - 9-busbar Half-cut Cell
- Globally validated bifacial energy yield
- High module quality ensures long-term reliability

**12** 12-year Warranty for Materials and Processing

**30** 30-year Warranty for Extra Linear Power Output

**21.3%**  
MAX MODULE EFFICIENCY

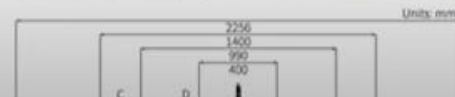
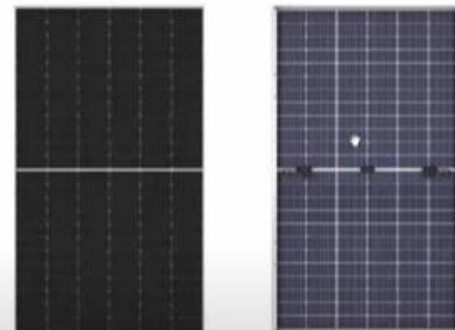
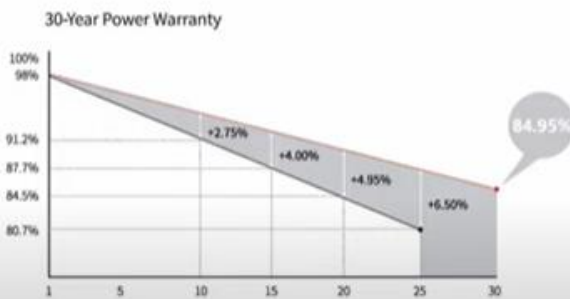
**0~+5W**  
POWER TOLERANCE

**<2%**  
FIRST YEAR POWER DEGRADATION

**0.45%**  
YEAR 2-30 POWER DEGRADATION

**HALF-CELL**  
Lower operating temperature

### Additional Value



### Mechanical Parameters

## Mechanical Parameters

Cell Orientation	144 (6×24)
Junction Box	IP68, three diodes
Output Cable	4mm <sup>2</sup> , +400, -200mm/±1400mm length can be customized
Glass	Dual glass, 2.0mm coated tempered glass
Frame	Anodized aluminum alloy frame
Weight	32.3kg
Dimension	2256×1133×35mm
Packaging	31pcs per pallet / 155pcs per 20' GP / 620pcs per 40' HC

Electrical Characteristics	STC : AM1.5 1000W/m <sup>2</sup> 25°C		NOCT : AM1.5 800W/m <sup>2</sup> 20°C 1m/s		L		U		A-A		B-B	
	LR5-72HBD-525M		LR5-72HBD-530M		LR5-72HBD-535M		LR5-72HBD-540M		LR5-72HBD-545M		LR5-72HBD-545M	
Testing Condition	STC	NOCT	STC	NOCT	STC	NOCT	STC	NOCT	STC	NOCT	STC	NOCT
Maximum Power (P <sub>max</sub> /W)	525	392.1	530	395.8	535	399.5	540	403.3	545	407.0		
Open Circuit Voltage (V <sub>oc</sub> /V)	49.05	45.89	49.20	46.03	49.35	46.17	49.50	46.31	49.65	46.46		
Short Circuit Current (I <sub>sc</sub> /A)	13.65	11.03	13.71	11.08	13.78	11.14	13.85	11.19	13.92	11.24		
Voltage at Maximum Power (V <sub>mp</sub> /V)	41.20	38.41	41.35	38.55	41.50	38.69	41.65	38.83	41.80	38.97		
Current at Maximum Power (I <sub>mp</sub> /A)	12.75	10.21	12.82	10.27	12.90	10.33	12.97	10.39	13.04	10.44		
Module Efficiency(%)	20.5		20.7		20.9		21.1		21.3			

## Operating Parameters

Operational Temperature	-40°C ~ +85°C
Power Output Tolerance	0 ~ +5 W
V <sub>oc</sub> and I <sub>sc</sub> Tolerance	±3%
Maximum System Voltage	DC1500V (IEC/UL)
Maximum Series Fuse Rating	30A
Nominal Operating Cell Temperature	45±2°C
Protection Class	Class II
Fire Rating	UL type 29
Bifaciality	70±5%

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### Mechanical Loading

Front Side Maximum Static Loading	5400Pa
Rear Side Maximum Static Loading	2400Pa
Hailstone Test	25mm Hailstone at the speed of 23m/s

### Temperature Ratings (STC)

Temperature Coefficient of Isc	+0.050%/°C
Temperature Coefficient of Voc	-0.284%/°C
Temperature Coefficient of Pmax	-0.350%/°C

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## Tiger Pro 72HC-TV

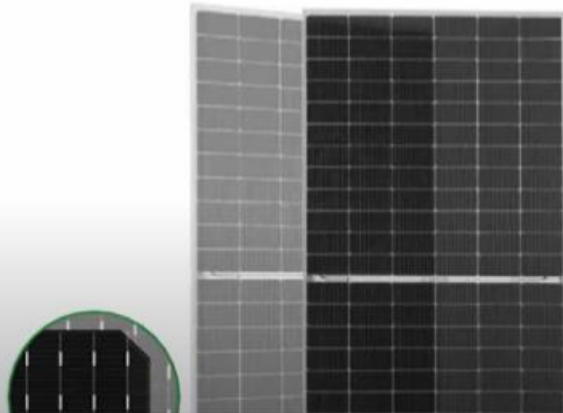
### 525-545 Watt

BIFACIAL MODULE WITH  
TRANSPARENT BACKSHEET

P-Type

Positive power tolerance of 0~+3%

IEC61215(2016). IEC61730(2016)



Less costly but backside plastic sheet, not dual glass. Front glass only

# Waaree 445 Watt 24 V Mono Perc Half-Cut 144 Cells Solar Panel





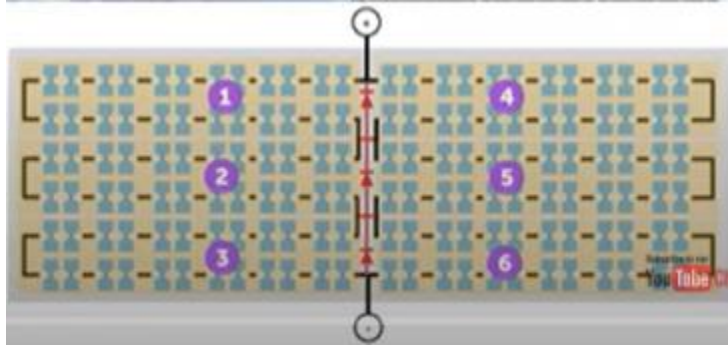
6.5feet x 3.5 feet 23.5 kg

front glass: 3.2mm low iron ARC coating, frame Al

10y manufacturer warranty

25 y performance warranty





# WSMD-445

Maximum Power (Pmax)

445.0 W

Open Circuit Voltage (Voc)

49.86 V

Short Circuit Current (Isc)

11.41 A

Maximum Power Voltage (Vmp)

41.19 V

Maximum Power Current (Imp)

10.81 A

Maximum System Voltage

1500 V DC

Weight

23.5 Kg

Dimension

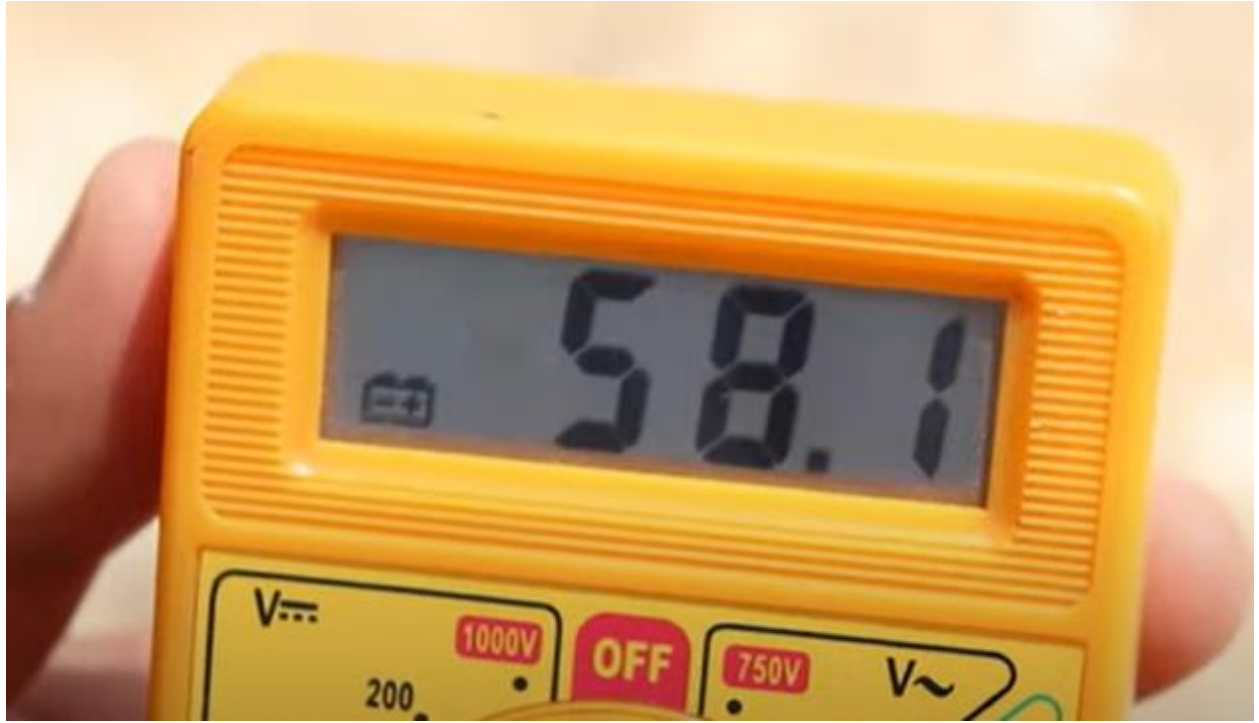
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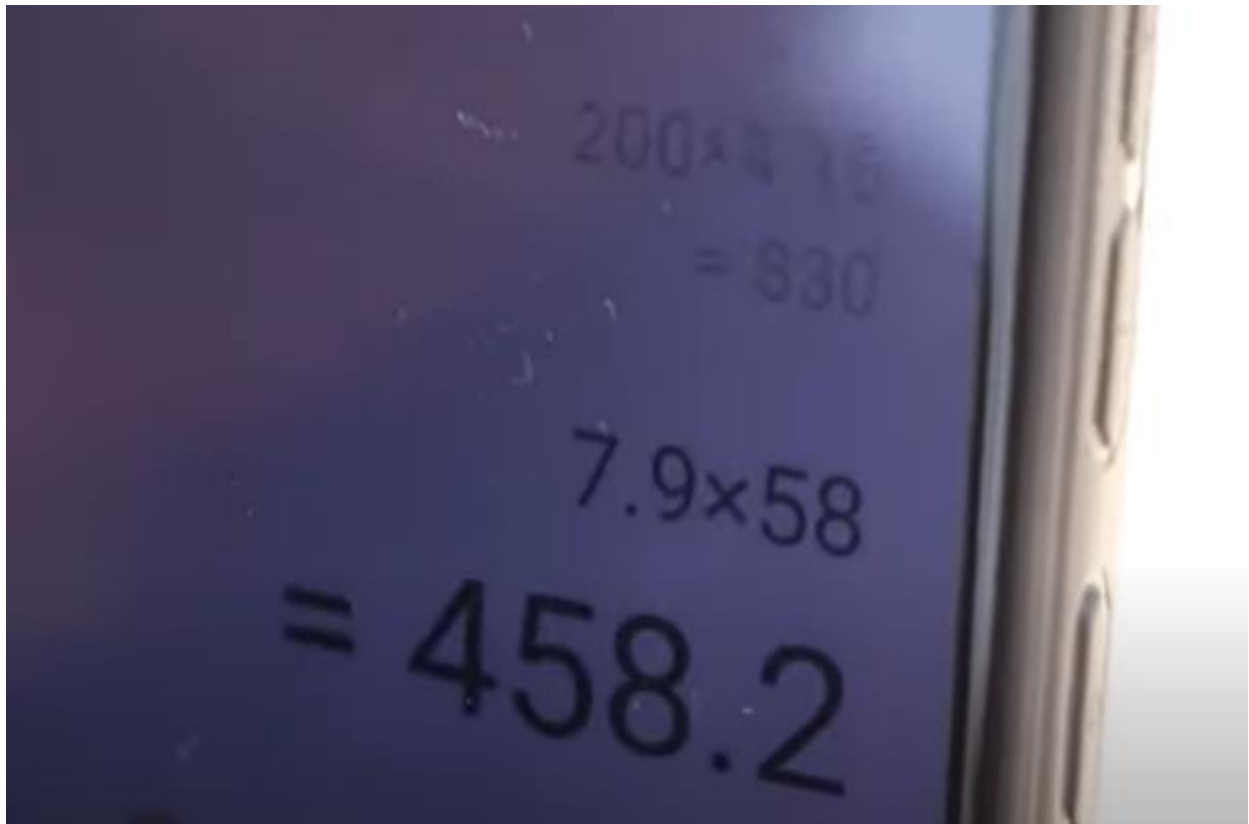
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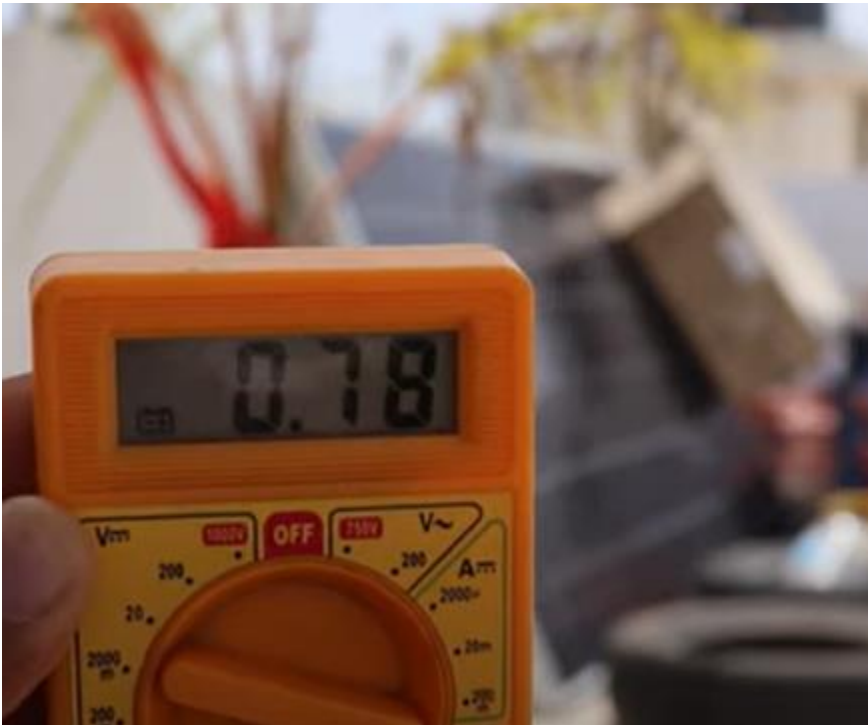
Maximum Series Fuse Rating

20 A





Shadowing



Mono less current on shadow



Without shadow

## Amorphous Silicon – Flexible Thin Film

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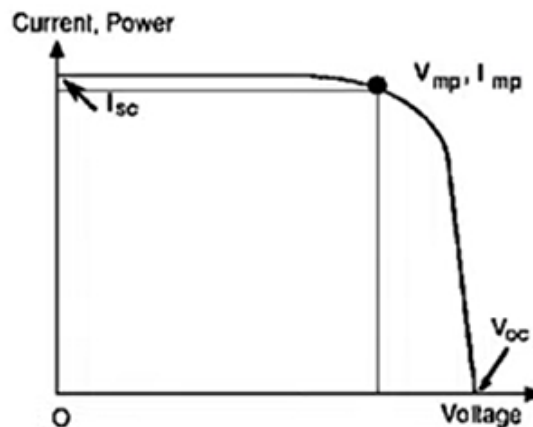


More flexible

## IV Curve of a Solar Cell

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- IV Curve → I stands for Current, V stands for Voltage. Shows the relationship of current to voltage in a solar cell



## Photovoltaic Facts

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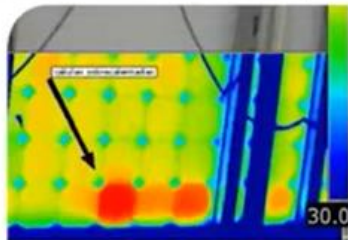
- PV Panels produce DC Power
- PV Panels can be used to charge batteries directly
- If AC power is needed, you must use an inverter to convert the DC to AC.



# PV Module PM Activities

Activity	Interval	Service Provider
Clean PV modules with plain water or mild dishwashing detergent. Do not use hard brushes, any types of solvents, abrasives, or harsh detergents	Condition dependent	Module cleaners
Snow Removal	Condition dependent	Module cleaners
Dust: Agricultural/Industrial/ Pollen cleaning	Condition dependent	Module cleaners
Use infrared camera to inspect for hot spots; bypass diode failure	Annual	PV Module/ Array Specialist

Hot spots may result in a voltage reduction



# PV Module PM Activities

Activity	Interval	Service Provider
PV module torque check & visual inspection	5 years	PV Module/ Array Specialist
Racking torque check and inspection	5 years	PV Module/ Array Specialist
Inspection: corrosion and encapsulate yellowing	Annual	PV Module/ Array Specialist
Galvanization inspection	Annual	PV Module/ Array Specialist

# Cleaning Panels

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- Proper cleaning annually can make panels over 20% more efficient!
- Recommended to use official panel cleaning services



## Before Installation: Check for Defects

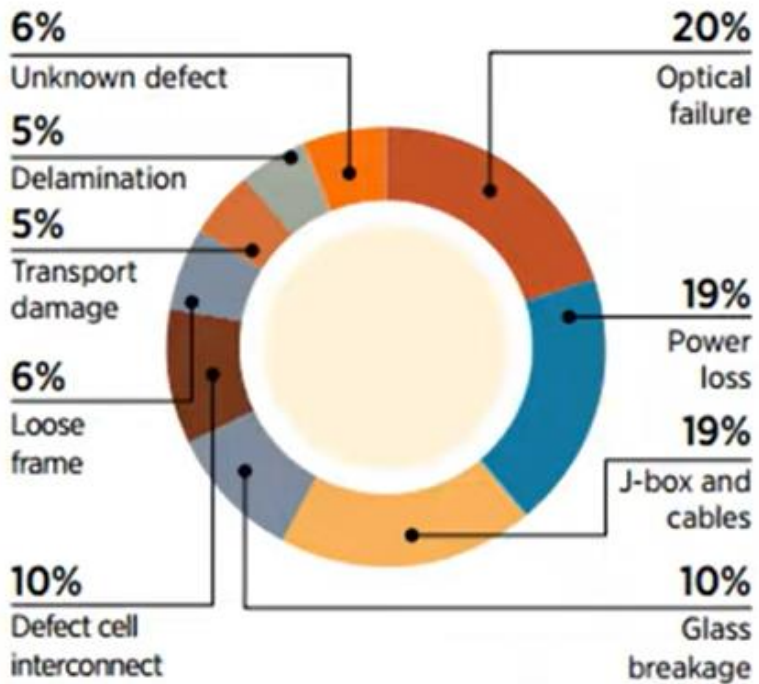
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- Manufacturing defects include:
  - Defective frames
  - Yellowing
  - Defective connection boxes
  - Broken glass
  - Water penetration in panel





## Failure Rates According to Customer Complaints



Based on IEA-PVPS (2014a)

## AC Wiring PM Activities

Activity	Interval	Service Provider
Inspect electrical boxes for corrosion or intrusion of water or insects. Seal boxes if required.	Annual	Electrician
Check position of disconnect switches and breakers.	Annual	Electrician
Exercise operation of all protection devices.	Annual	Electrician
AC disconnect box inspection	Annual	Electrician
Re-torque all electrical connections on AC side of system	Annual	Electrician

## PV Array PM Activities, cont'd

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Activity	Interval	Service Provider
Remove bird nests from array and rack area	Annual	Vermin Removal
Nesting vermin removal, nesting vermin prevention	Annual	Vermin Removal



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Activity	Interval	Service Provider
Test open circuit voltage of series strings of modules	Annual	Journeyman electrician
Check all hardware for signs of corrosion, and remove rust and repaint if necessary.	Annual	Mechanical Technician
Walk through each row of the PV array and check the PV modules for any damage. Report any damage to rack and damaged modules for warranty replacement. Note location and serial number of questionable modules.	Annual	PV Module/Array Specialist
Inspect ballasted, non-penetrating mounting system for abnormal movement	Annual	Mechanic
Determine if any new objects, such as vegetation growth, are causing shading of the array and move them if possible. Remove any debris from behind collectors and from gutters.	Annual	Tree Trimming

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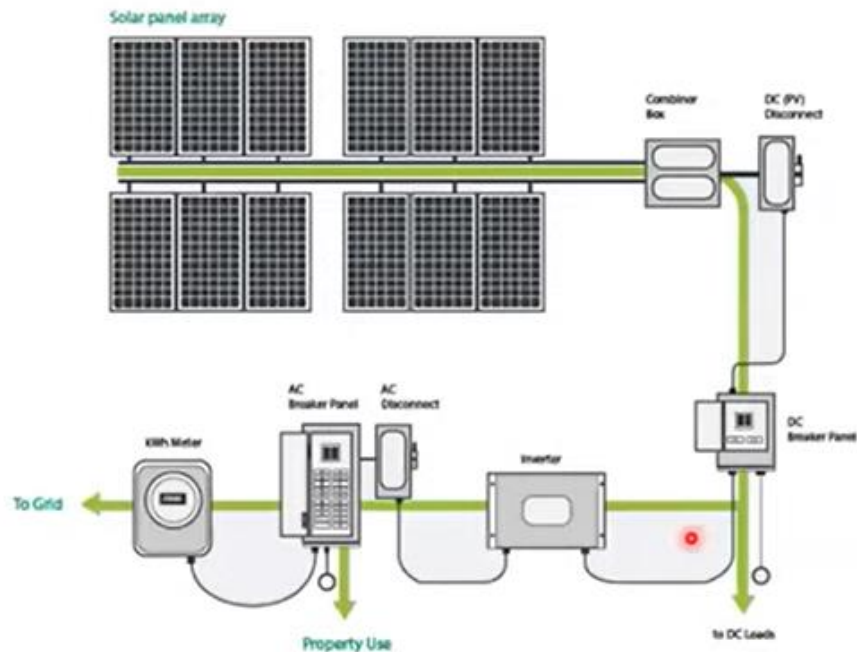


# Repair Costs for Different Types of Roofs

Roofing Type	Repair Materials (\$/m <sup>2</sup> )	Repair Labor (h/m <sup>2</sup> )
Thermoplastic Polyolefin (TPO)	\$20.00	1.0
Ethylene Propylene Diene Monomer (EPDM)	\$20.00	1.0
PolyVinyl Chloride (PVC)	\$20.00	1.0
Built-up, Bituminous	\$15.00	1.5
Styrene-Butadiene-Styrene (SBS)	\$20.00	1.0
Asphalt Shingle	\$15.00	1.0
Composite Shingle	\$25.00	1.0
Wood Shingle	\$40.00	2.0
Slate	\$50.00	1.0
Metal Roof	\$50.00	0.5
Tile	\$50.00	1.0

\* Large variations can exist based on size, site access, location, and labor markets.

## The PV System – Other Components to Consider!

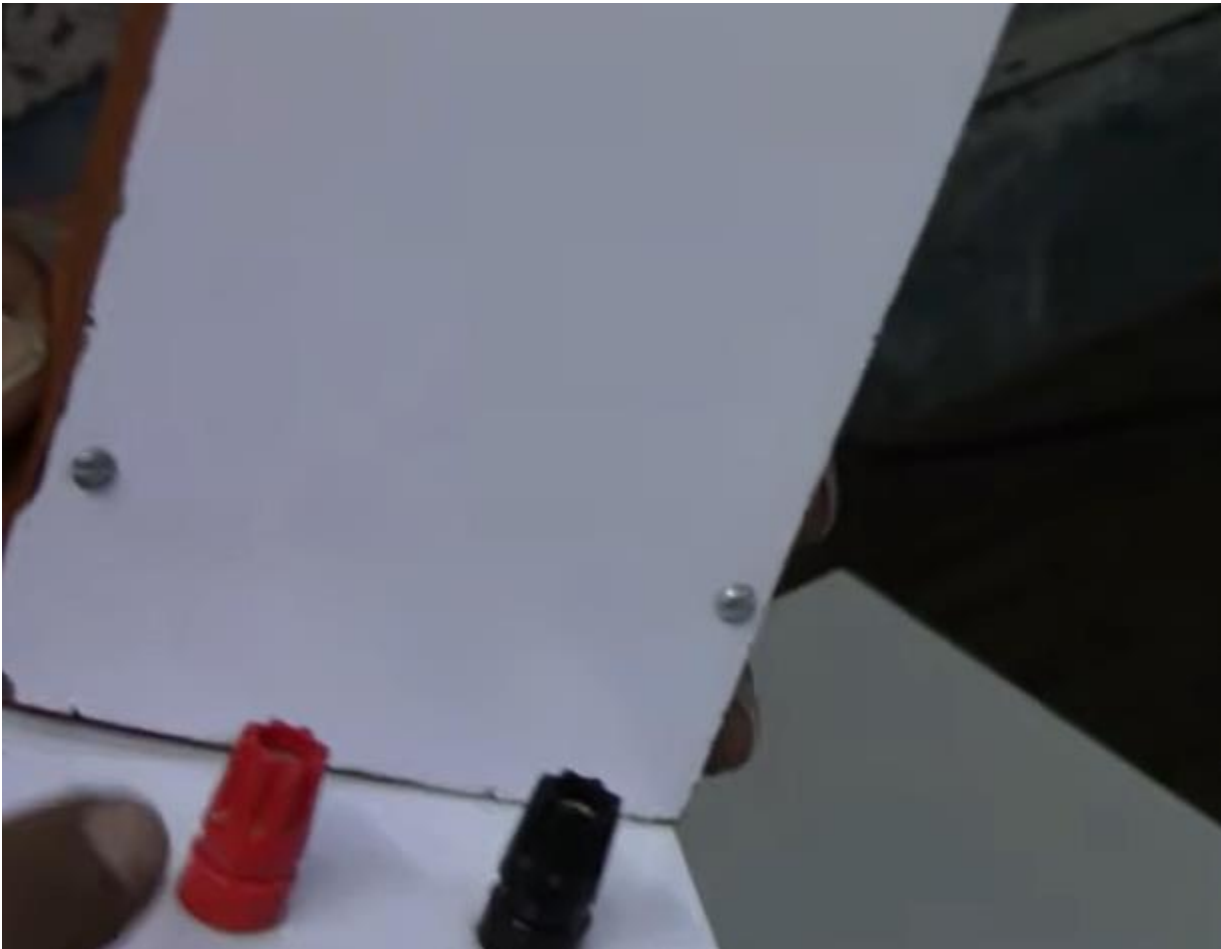
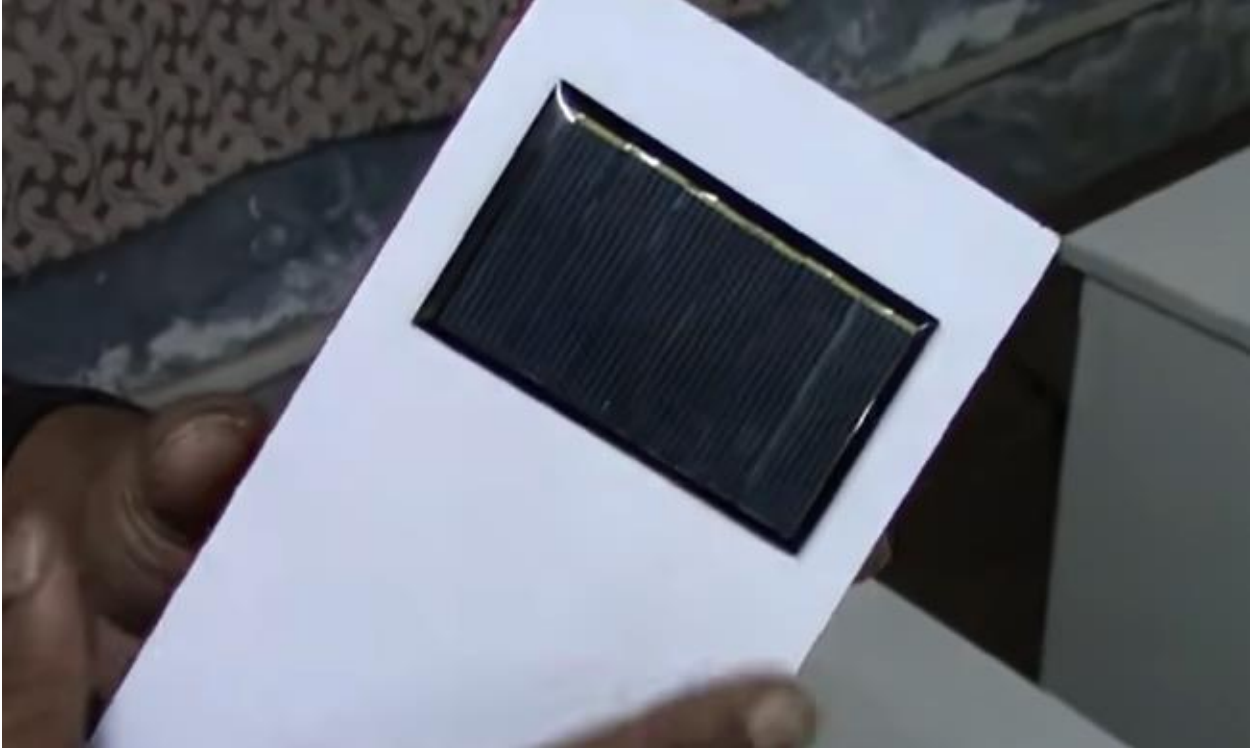


# Solar Cell Characteristics Experiment



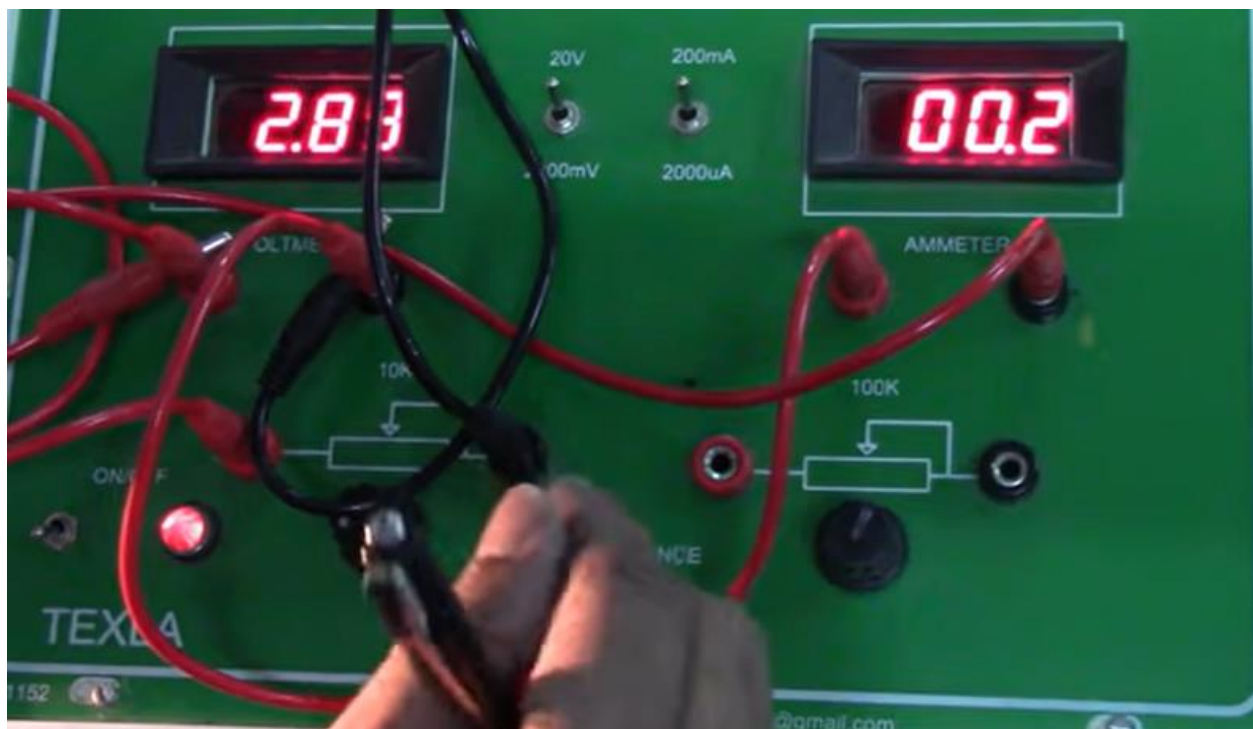
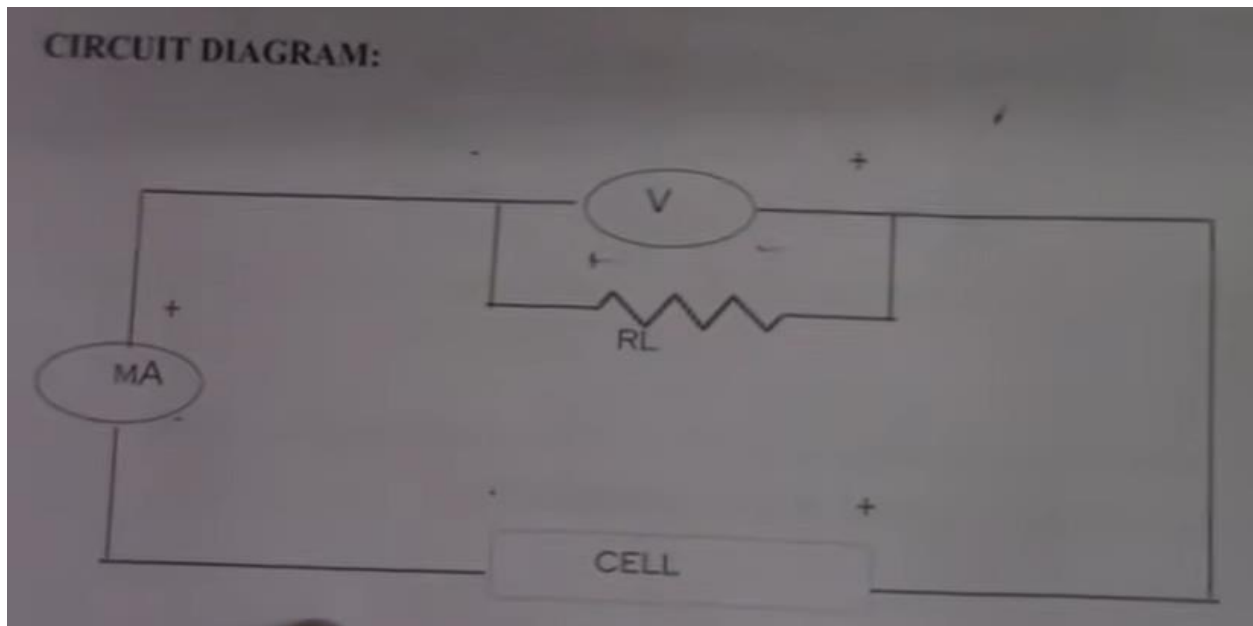








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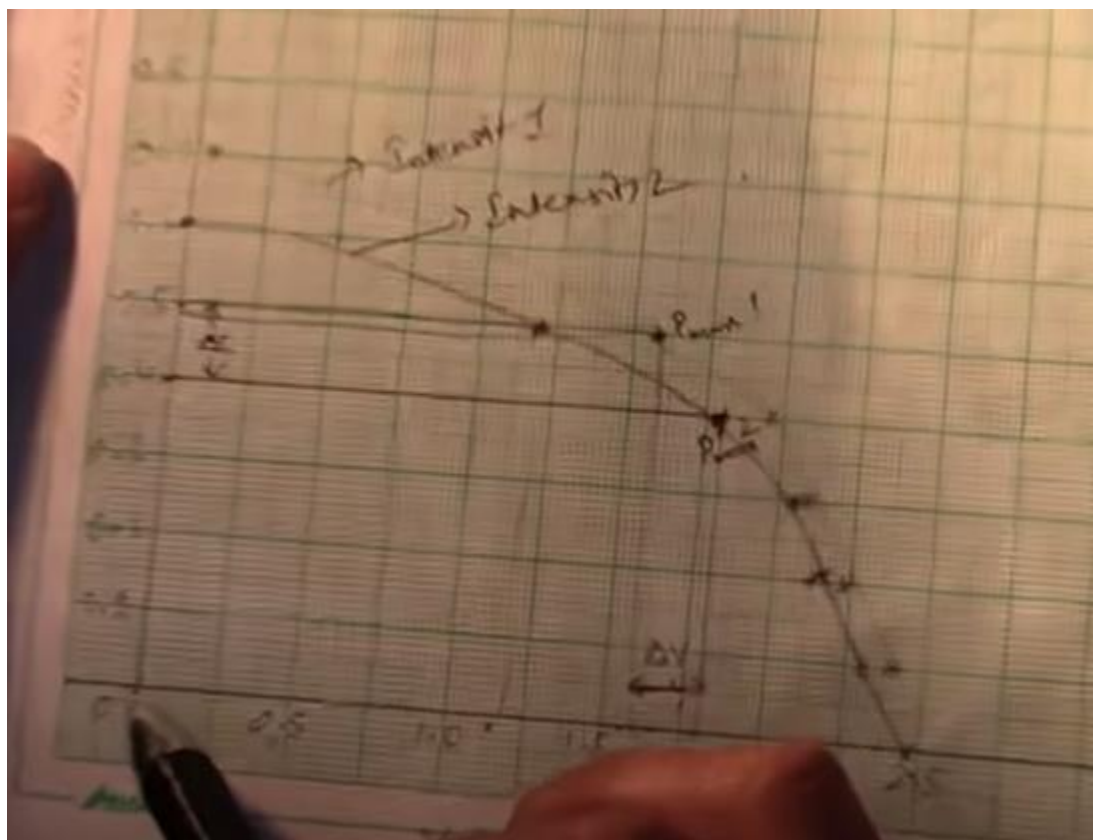


Observations:

Table-3: For one intensity of source.

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S.No	Voltage (volts)	Current (mA)	$R_H$	$P = V \times I \times 10^3$
1	0	0.6 $I_{sc}$	0	0
2	1.24	0.5	96 $\Omega$	0.62
3	1.78	0.4	1.74 $k\Omega$	0.712 $\checkmark$ Eq.
4	2.02	0.3	2.84 $k\Omega$	0.602
5	2.16	0.2	3.62 $k\Omega$	0.432
6	2.28	0.1	5.86 $k\Omega$	0.228
7	2.48 ( $V_{oc}$ )	0		



$V_{oc}$  = Open Circuit Voltage ( $V_{oc} > V_m$ )

Definition: It is when no current flows through a circuit.

Depend on:

1. Cell Technology
2. Cell Temperature

FF = Fill Factor

If the Value is high, cell is better quality.

$$\text{Fill Factor (FF)} = \frac{P_{max}}{I_{sc} \times V_{oc}} = \frac{I_m \times V_m}{I_{sc} \times V_{oc}}$$

The value of fill factor lies between 0.8 and 0.9.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Efficiency } (\eta) &= \frac{\text{output electric energy per second}}{\text{Incident light energy per second}} \\ &= \frac{P_{max}}{P_{in}} = \frac{I_{sc} \times V_{oc} \times FF}{P_{in}} \end{aligned}$$

We know:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Fill Factor (FF)} &= \frac{P_{max}}{I_{sc} \times V_{oc}} \\ \Rightarrow P_{max} &= I_{sc} \times V_{oc} \times FF \end{aligned}$$

Let for a solar cell having

$$I_{sc} = 350 \text{ A/m}^2$$

$$V_{oc} = 0.6 \text{ V}$$

$$FF = 0.8$$

The Irradiance value for  $P_{in} = 1000 \text{ W/m}^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Efficiency } (\eta) &= \frac{I_{sc} \times V_{oc} \times FF}{P_{in}} \\ &= \frac{350 \times 0.6 \times 0.8}{1000} \times 100 = 16.8 = 17\% \end{aligned}$$

Shading analysis??

# Solar Panel Systems for Beginners



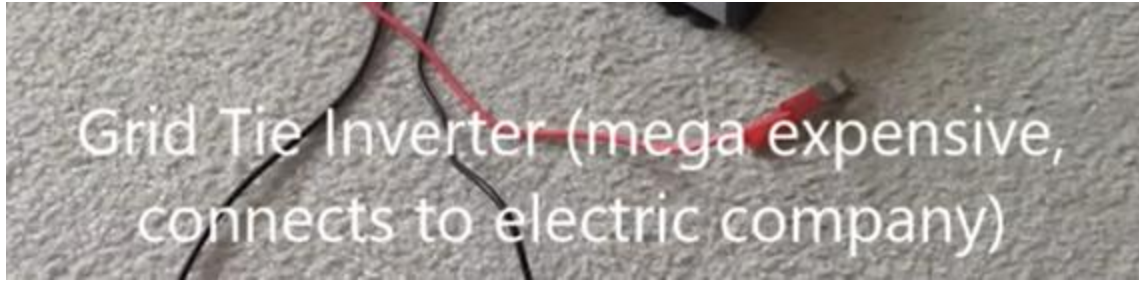
Off grid: charge controller 6 terminals of solar battery load



Modified Sine Wave (cheap, but poor quality power)



Pure Sine Wave (expensive, high quality power)



Grid-connected: inverter