

Photovoltaic panel medium voltage effect diagram

What is the photovoltaic effect?

The photovoltaic effect is a process that generates voltage or electric current in a photovoltaic cell when it is exposed to sunlight. It is this effect that makes solar panels useful, as it is how the cells within the panel convert sunlight to electrical energy. The photovoltaic effect was first discovered in 1839 by Edmond Becquerel.

Where does the photovoltaic effect occur?

The photovoltaic effect occurs in solar cells. These solar cells are composed of two different types of semiconductors - a p-type and an n-type - that are joined together to create a p-n junction. To read the background on what these semiconductors are and what the junction is, [click here](#).

What is a photovoltaic cell?

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Who discovered the photovoltaic effect?

The photovoltaic effect was first discovered in 1839 by Edmond Becquerel. When doing experiments involving wet cells, he noted that the voltage of the cell increased when its silver plates were exposed to the sunlight. The photovoltaic effect occurs in solar cells.

How do you calculate the voltage of a photovoltaic cell?

As you can see, the photovoltaic cells are connected in series string (positive terminal is connected to the negative terminal of second one solar panels and so on). We know that current "I" in series is same at each point while the voltages are additive i.e. $V_T = V_1 + V_2 + V_3 \dots V_n$. So the total voltage $V_T = 0.5V + 0.5V + 0.5V = 1.5V$.

How many volts in a photovoltaic cell?

So the total voltage $V_T = 0.5V + 0.5V + 0.5V = 1.5V$. As a normal operation, all the photovoltaic cells are working perfectly i.e. all the three PV cells producing the rated power in currents and volts. The power is additive in both series and parallel connection. So we get the ideal maximum rated power in Amperes and volts.

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The photovoltaic effect is the generation of voltage and electric current in a material upon exposure to light. It is a physical phenomenon. The photovoltaic effect is closely related to the photoelectric effect. For both phenomena, light is absorbed, causing excitation of an electron or other charge carrier to a higher-energy state. The main distinction is that the term photoelec...

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