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Lecture 2: PV Design Consideration

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# Agenda

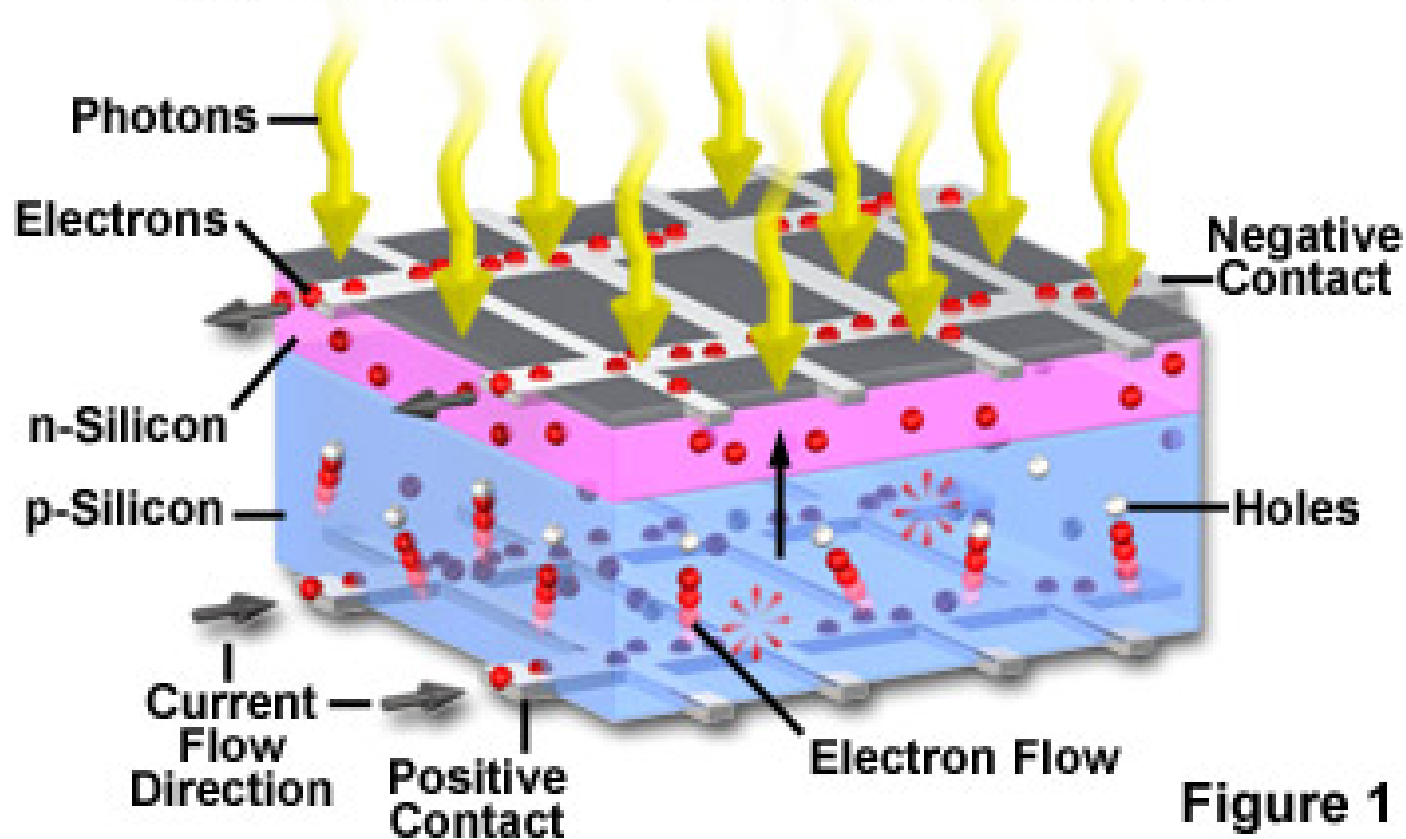
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- **Design Consideration**

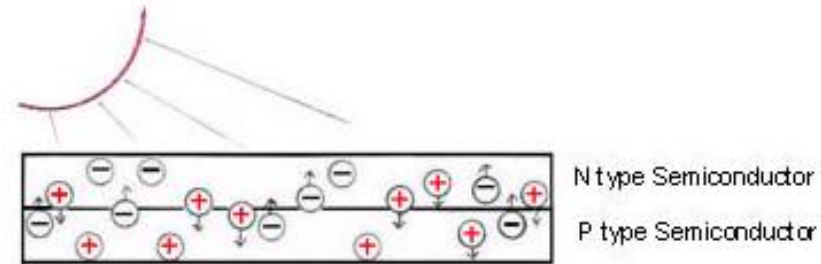
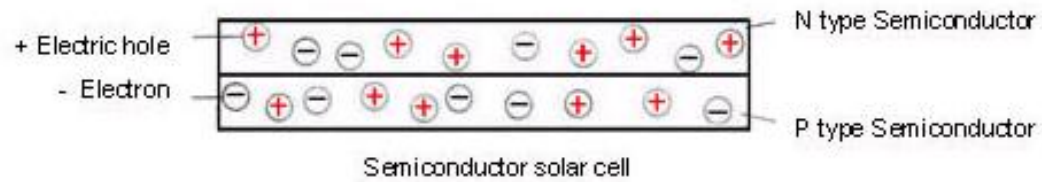
- 2.1 A Peek inside a PV SYSTEM
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## 2.1 A Peek inside a PV cell

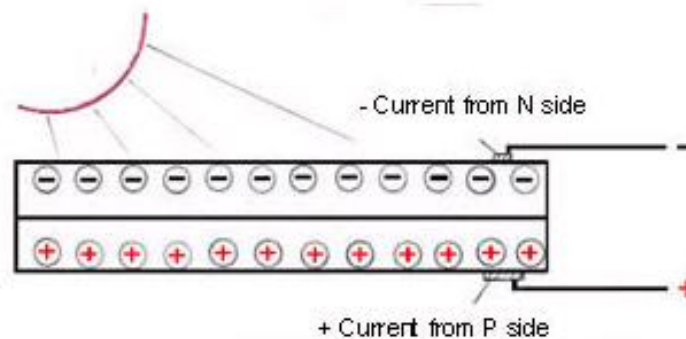
### Electron and Current Flow in Solar Cells



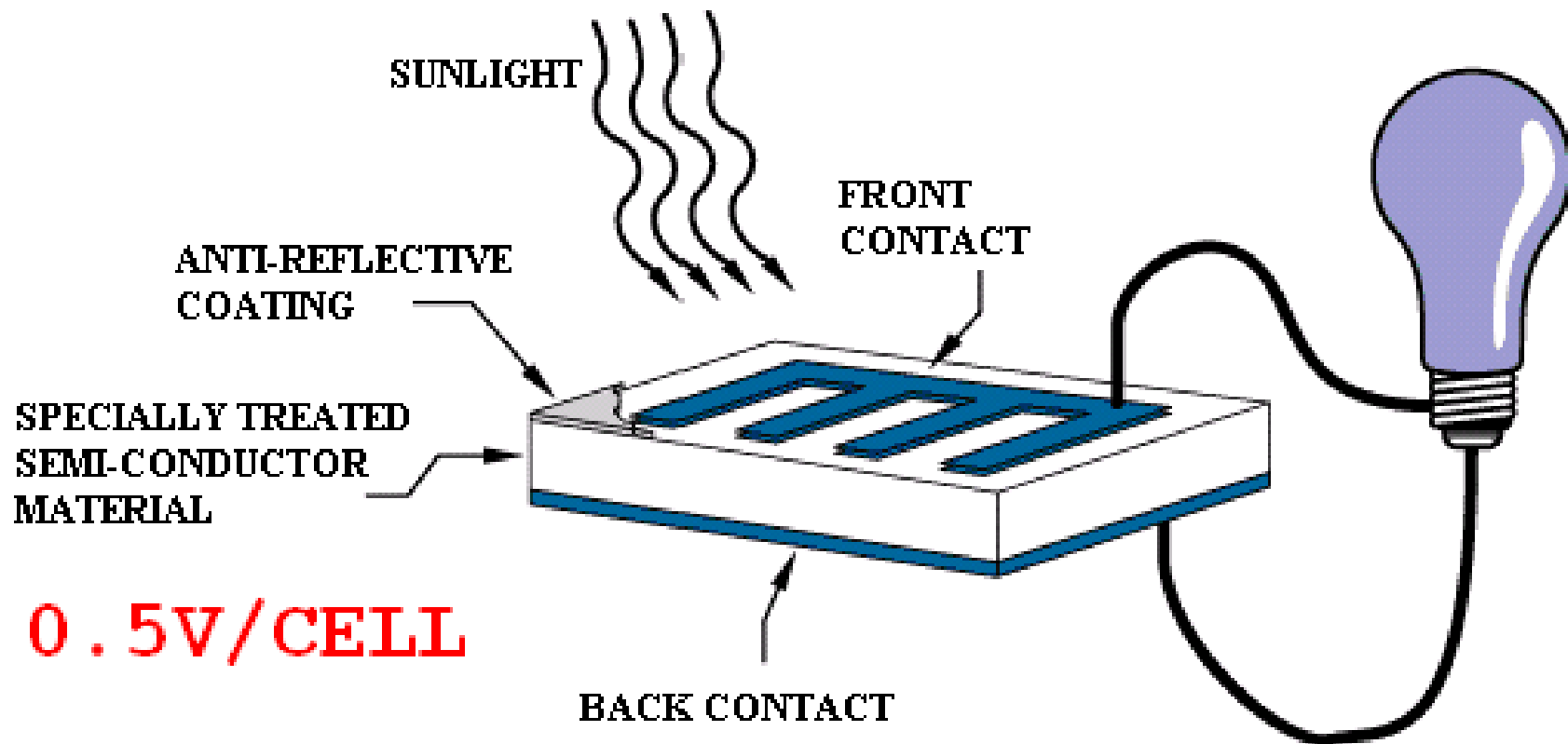
# PHOTOVOLTAIC



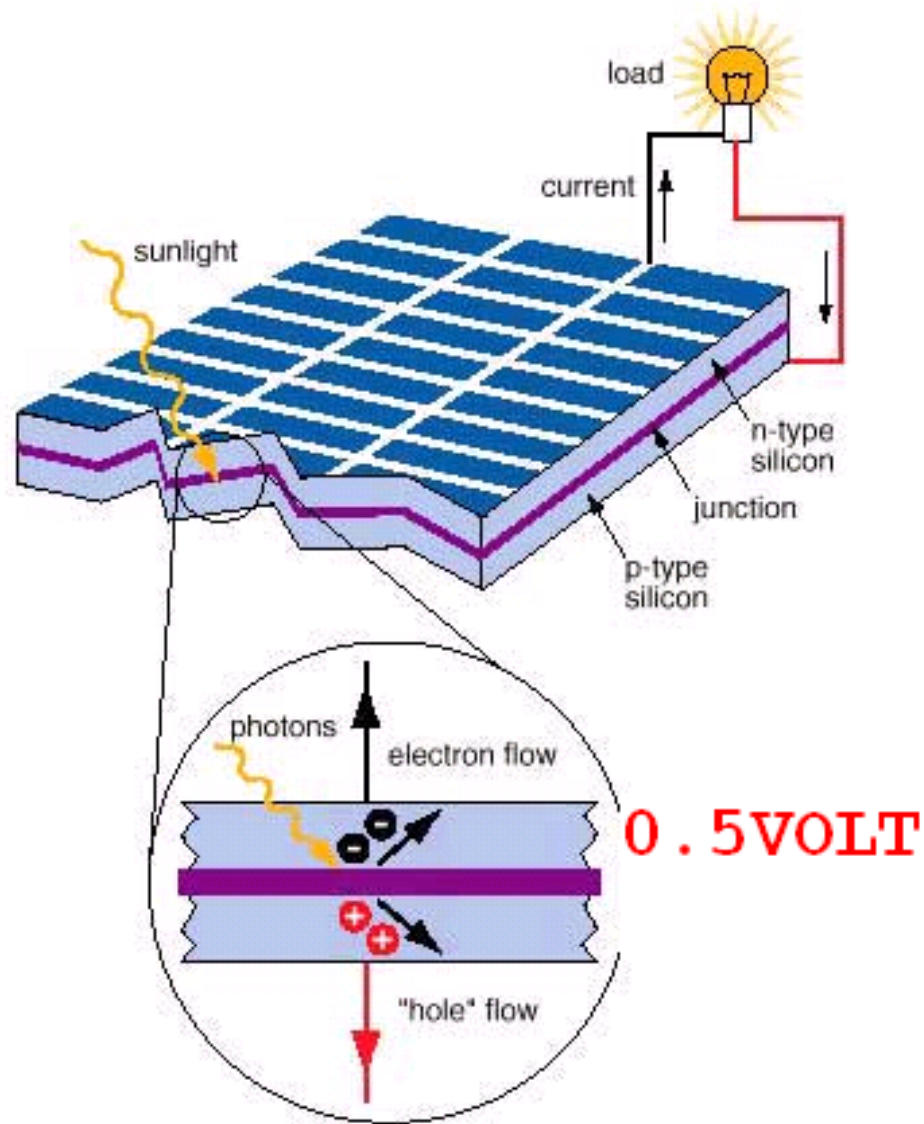
When the light strikes, the + holes move to P type;  
the - electrons move to N type



# PV CELL



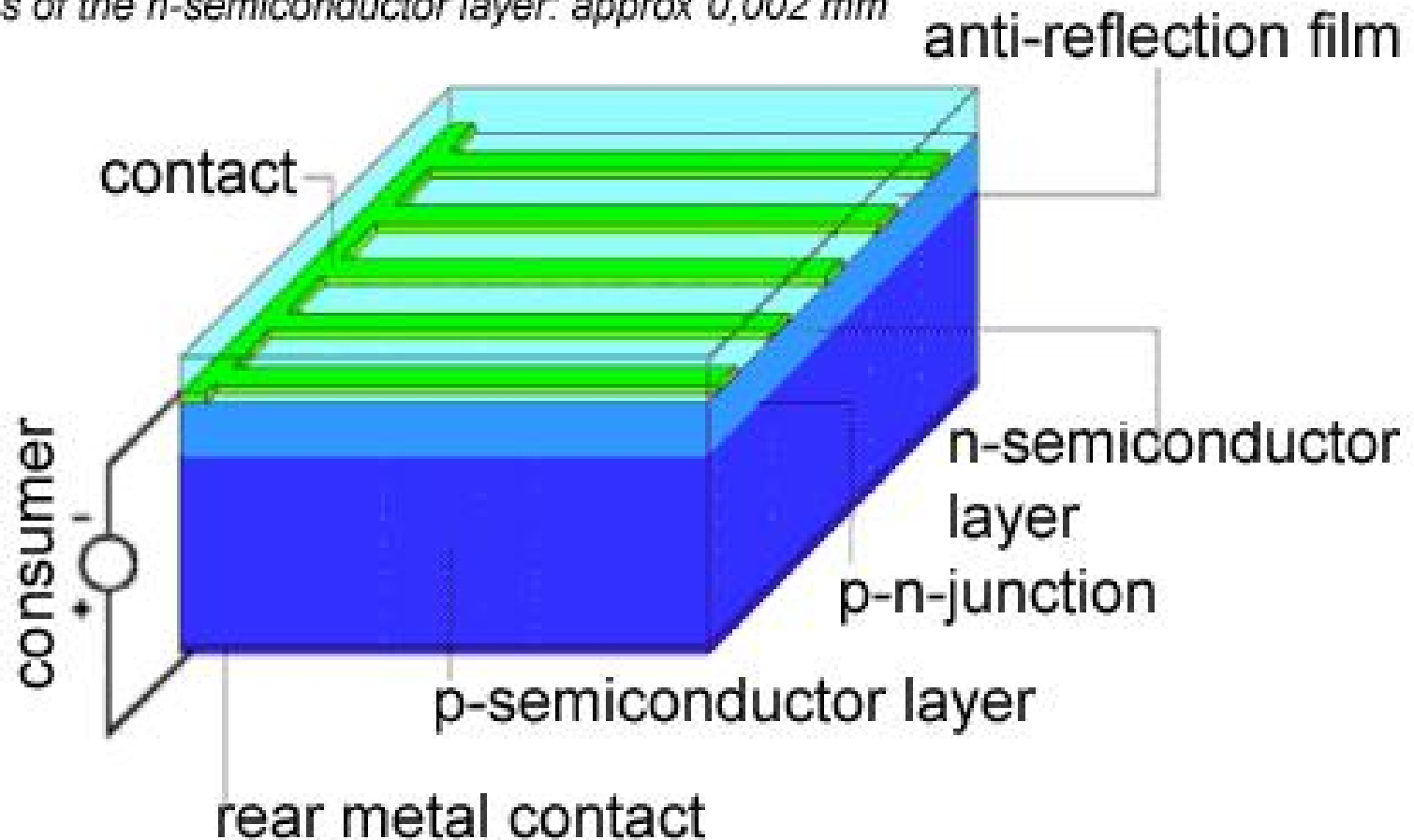
# ELECTRICITY FROM CELL



# CRYSTALLINE

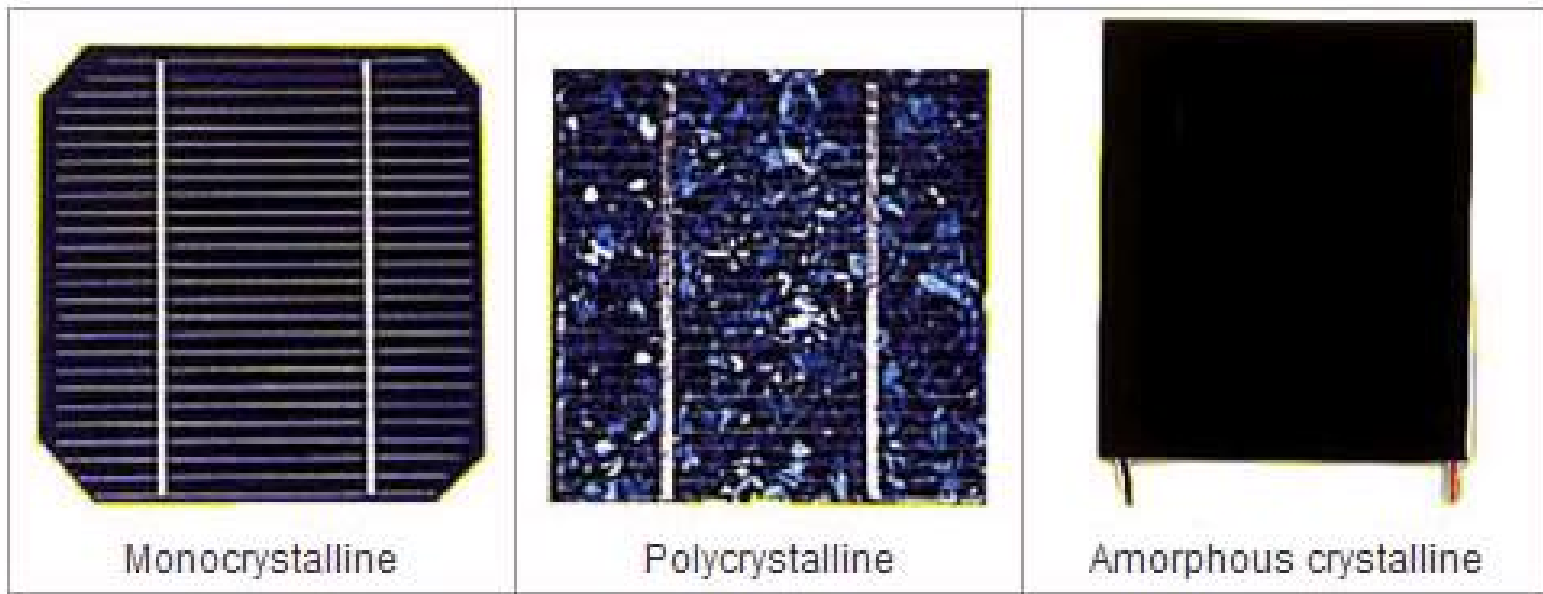
*thickness of the solar cell: approx 0,3 mm*

*thickness of the n-semiconductor layer: approx 0,002 mm*



# MONO, POLY CRYSTALLINE, THIN FILM

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## 2.2 Cell, Module, Panel, Array

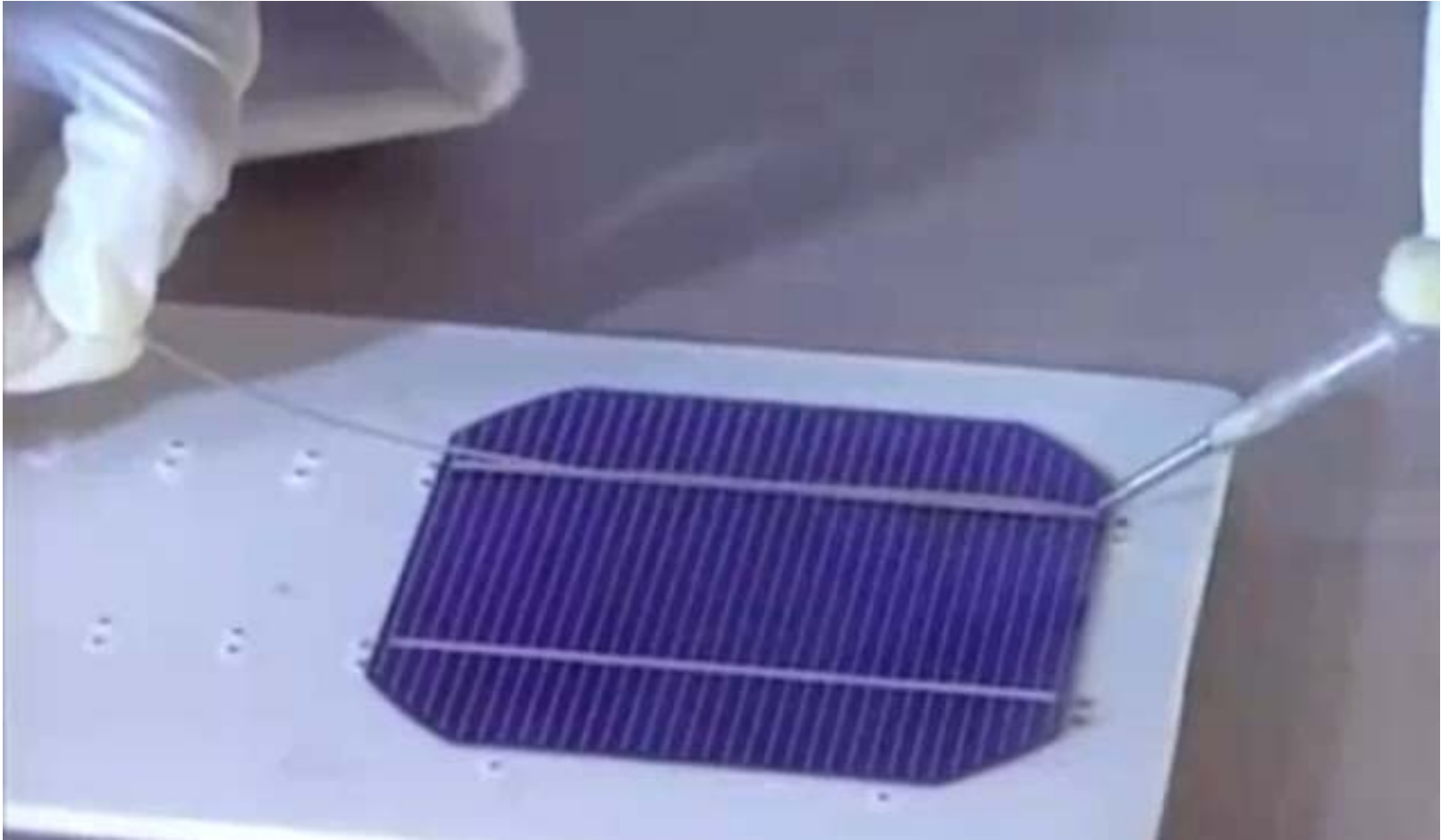
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- CELL



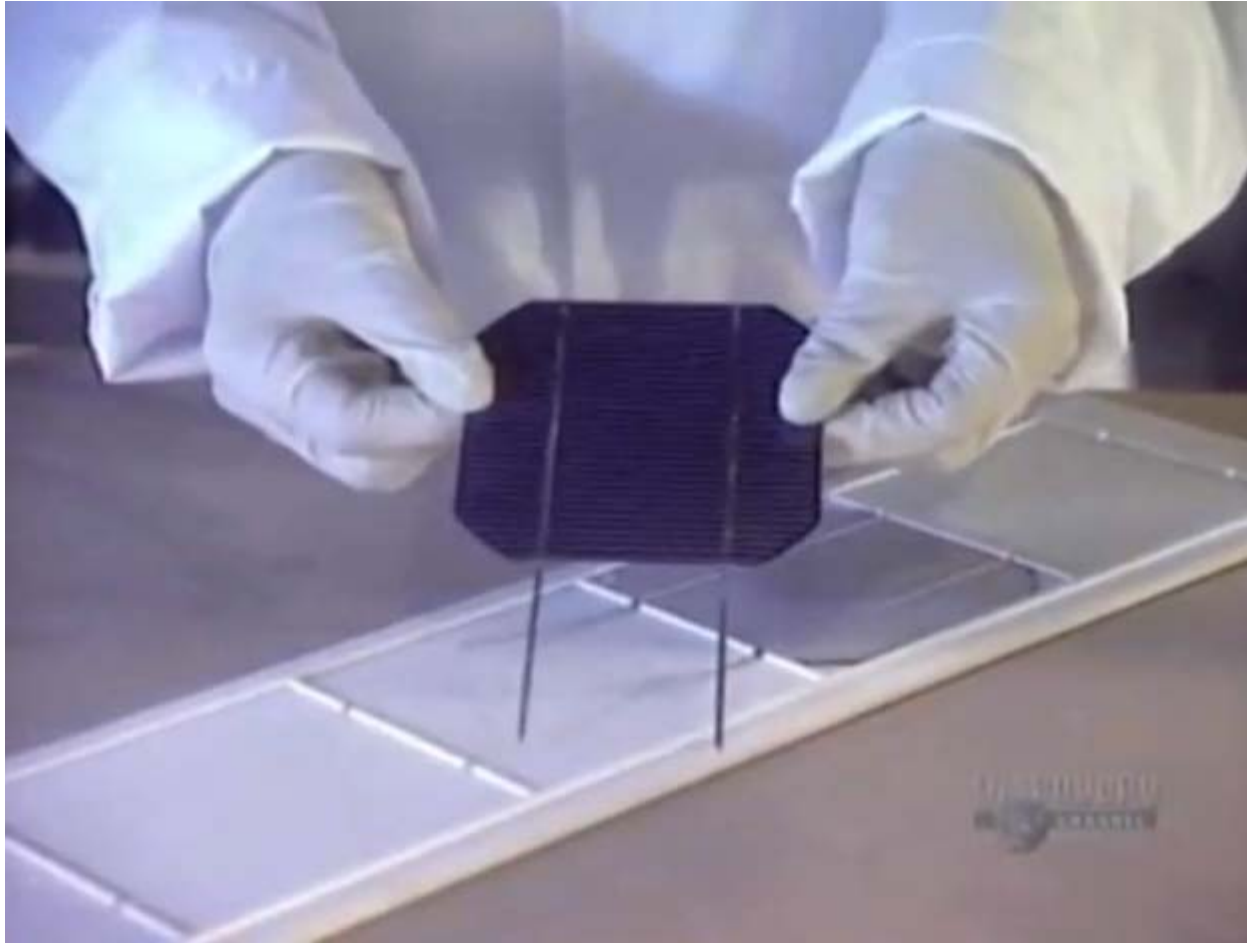
# SOLDERING SINGLE CELL FRONT SIDE

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# BEFORE SOLDERING ON BACKSIDE

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# LAYOUT CELLS ON MODULE

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# SOLDERING BACK SIDE OF CELL

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# POWER STIP LINK THE MODULE

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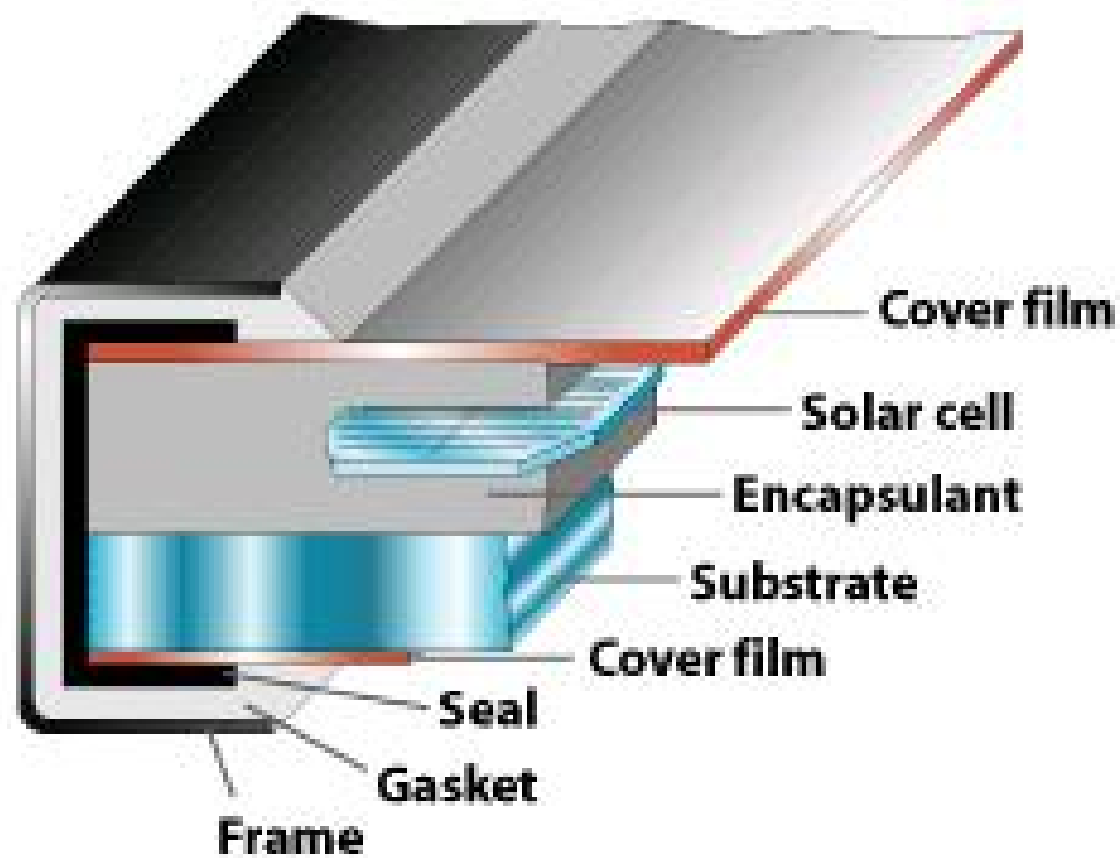
# FORM AND LAMINAR

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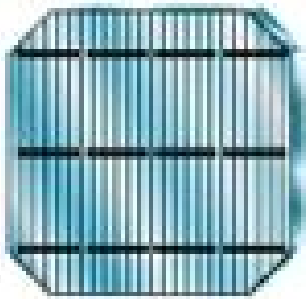
# FRAME

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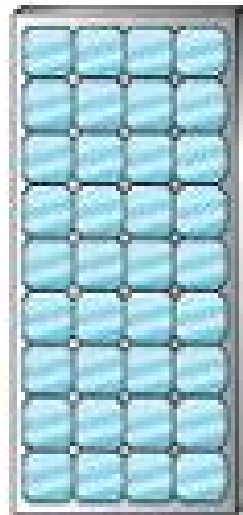


# CELL, MODULE, ARRAY

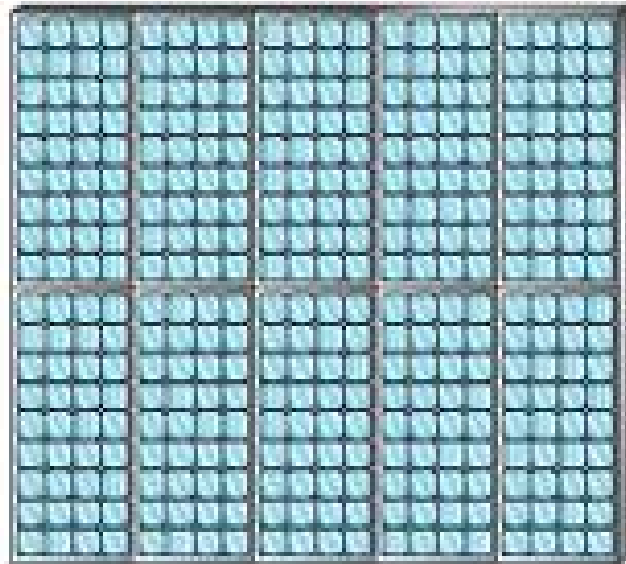
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**Cell**

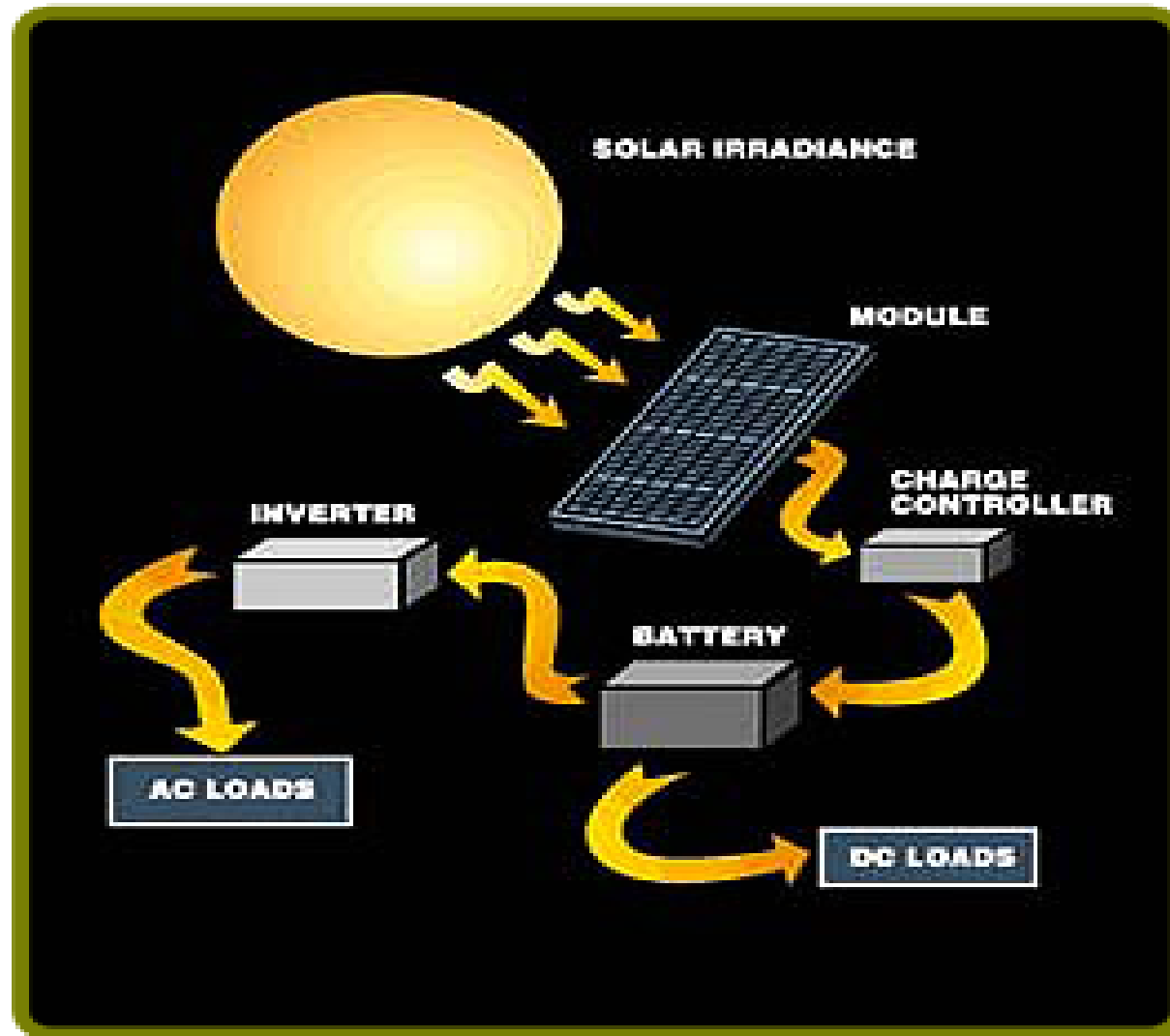


**Module**



**Array**

# OFF GRID SYSTEM



# WHAT IS GREEN BUILDING STANDARD?

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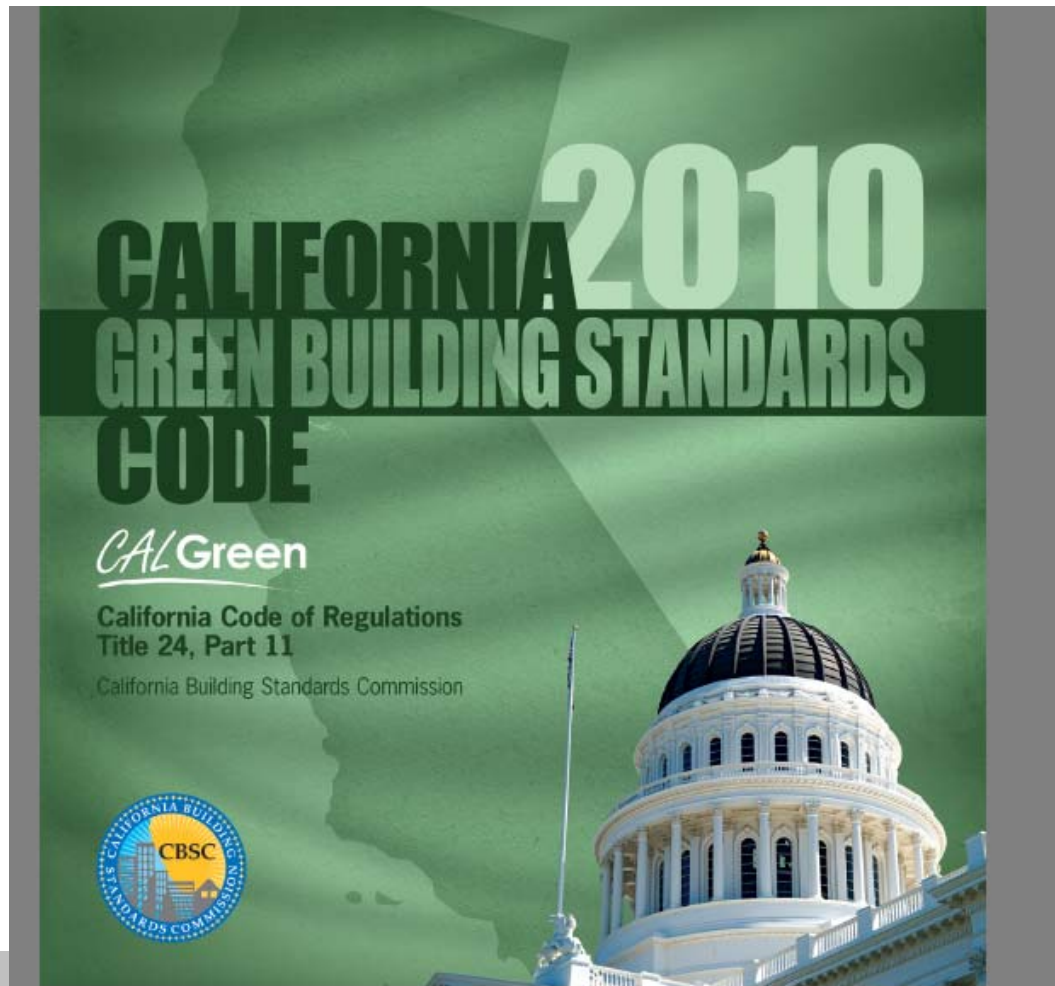
## 1. USGBC - U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL



# WHAT IS GREEN BUILDING STANDARD?

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## 2. CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING CODE



# PV CREDITS ON GREEN BUILDING CODE

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- 1. PERFORMANCE MODELING 15% - ENERGYPRO**
- 2. ON SITE RENEWABLE ENERGY(USGBC)**
- 3. MINIMUM ENERGY PERFORMANCE**
- 4. COOL ROOF**



## NEC DEFINITION – MODULE , PANEL , ARRAY

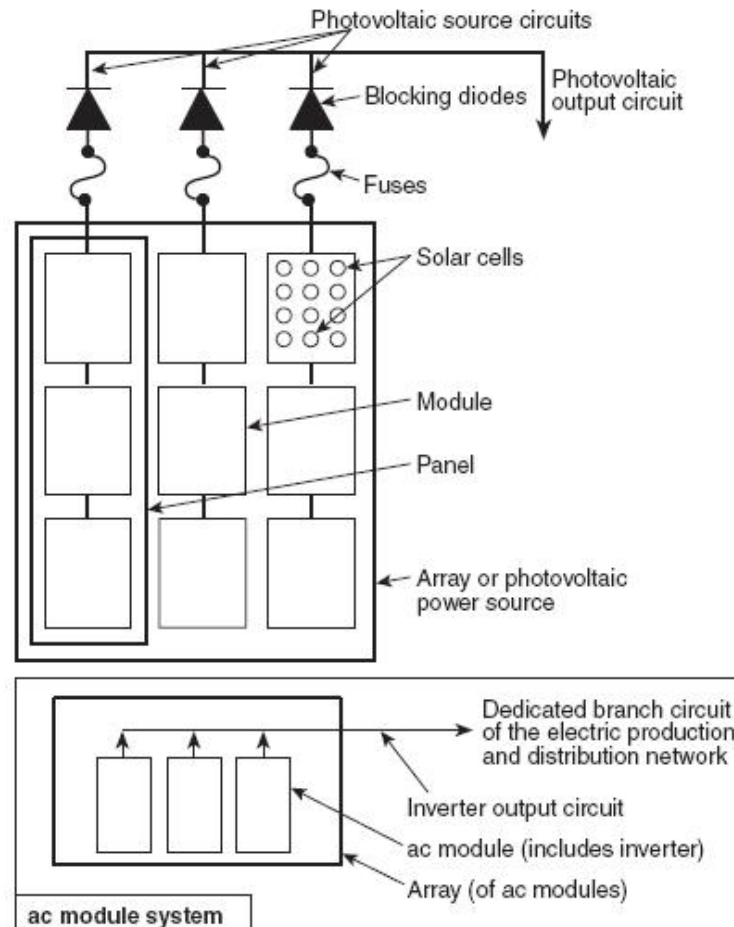
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**Module.** A complete, environmentally protected unit consisting of solar cells, optics, and other components, exclusive of tracker, designed to generate dc power when exposed to sunlight.

**Panel.** A collection of modules mechanically fastened together, wired, and designed to provide a field-installable unit.

**Array.** A mechanically integrated assembly of modules or panels with a support structure and foundation, tracker, and other components, as required, to form a direct-current power-producing unit.

# MODULE, PANEL, ARRAY



## Notes:

1. These diagrams are intended to be a means of identification for photovoltaic system components, circuits, and connections.
2. Disconnecting means required by Article 690, Part III, are not shown.
3. System grounding and equipment grounding are not shown. See Article 690, Part V.

# STRING

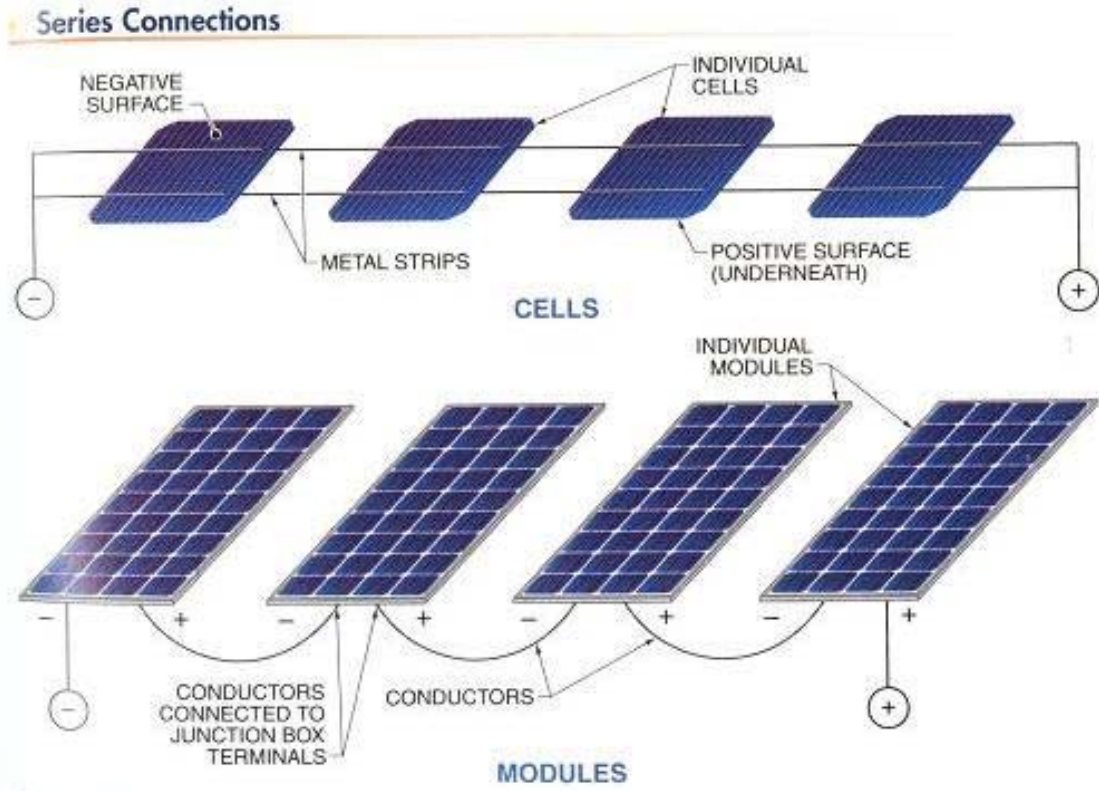


Figure 5-25. PV cells or modules are connected in series strings to build voltage.

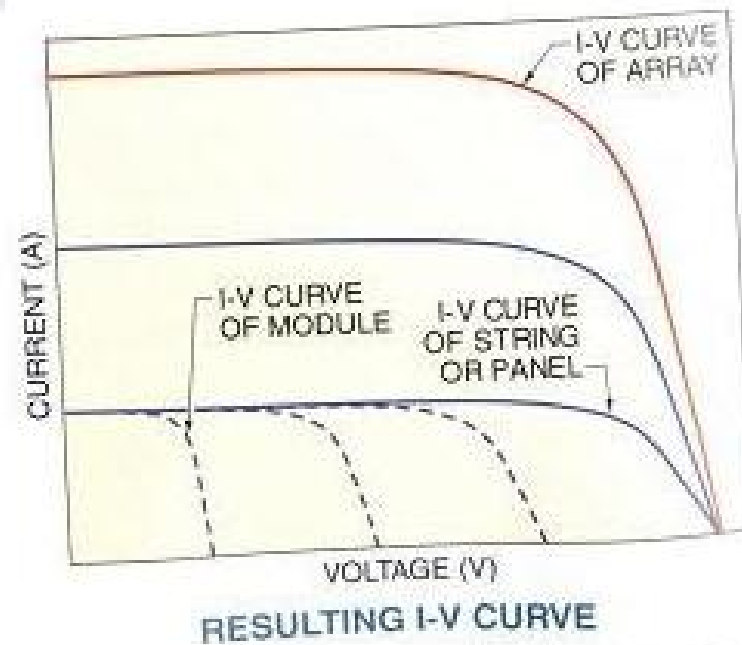
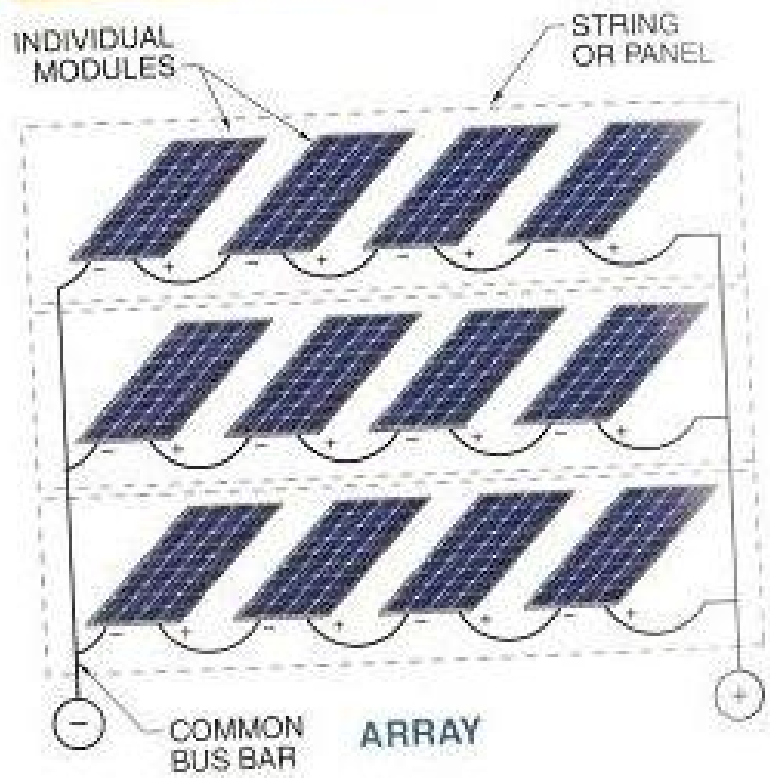
# PANEL

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# ARRAY

## Building an Array



## 2.3 Orientation, Tilt, PV Temp. vs. Output Voltage

### Sun Position

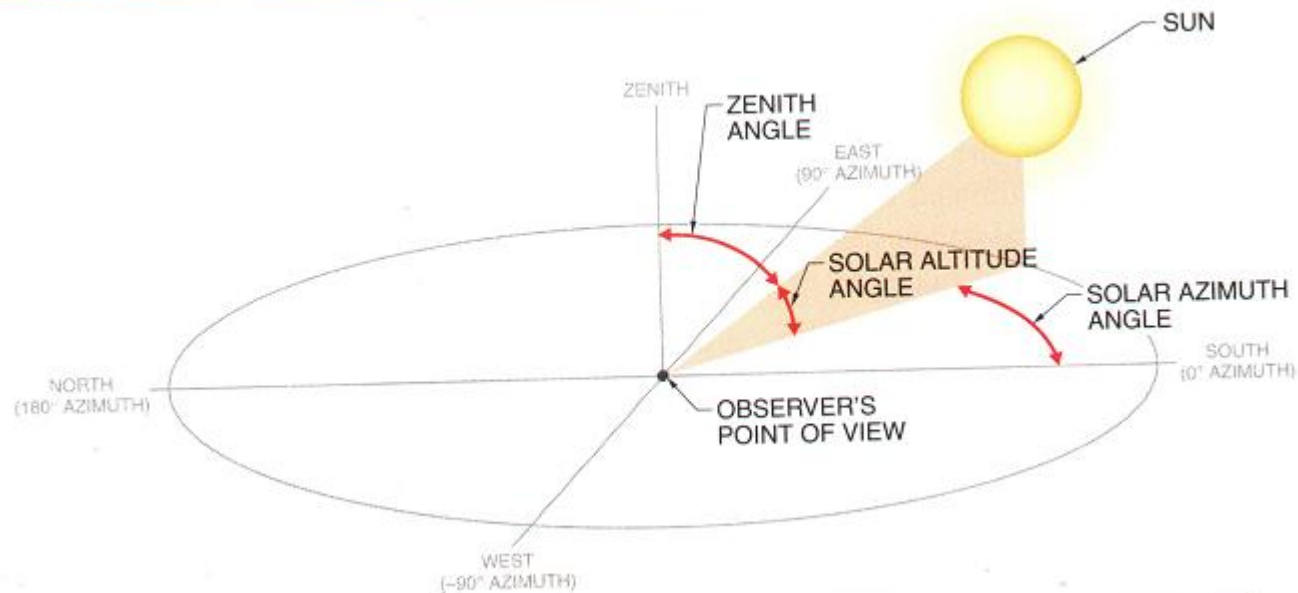
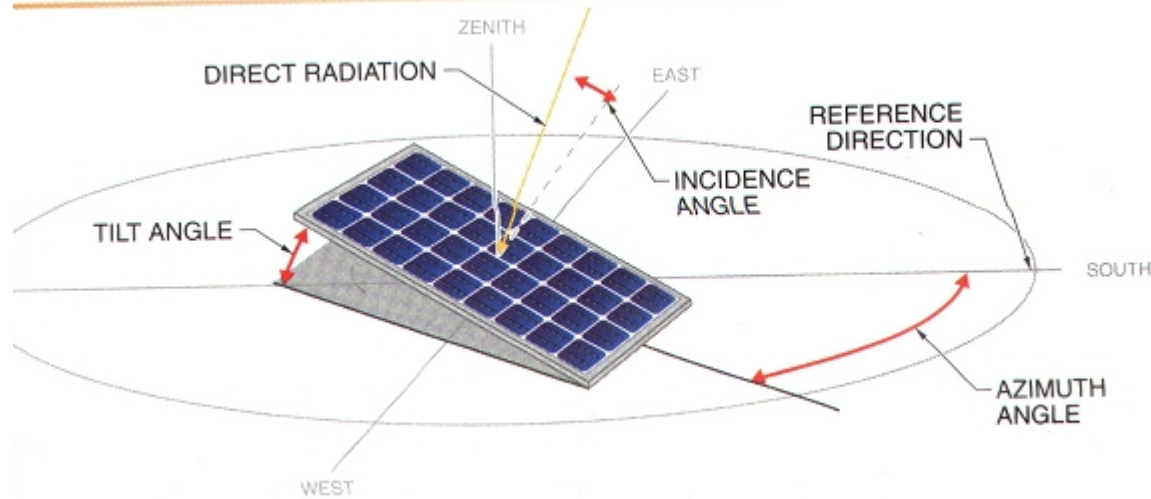


Figure 2-25. Solar azimuth and altitude angles are used to describe the sun's location in the sky.

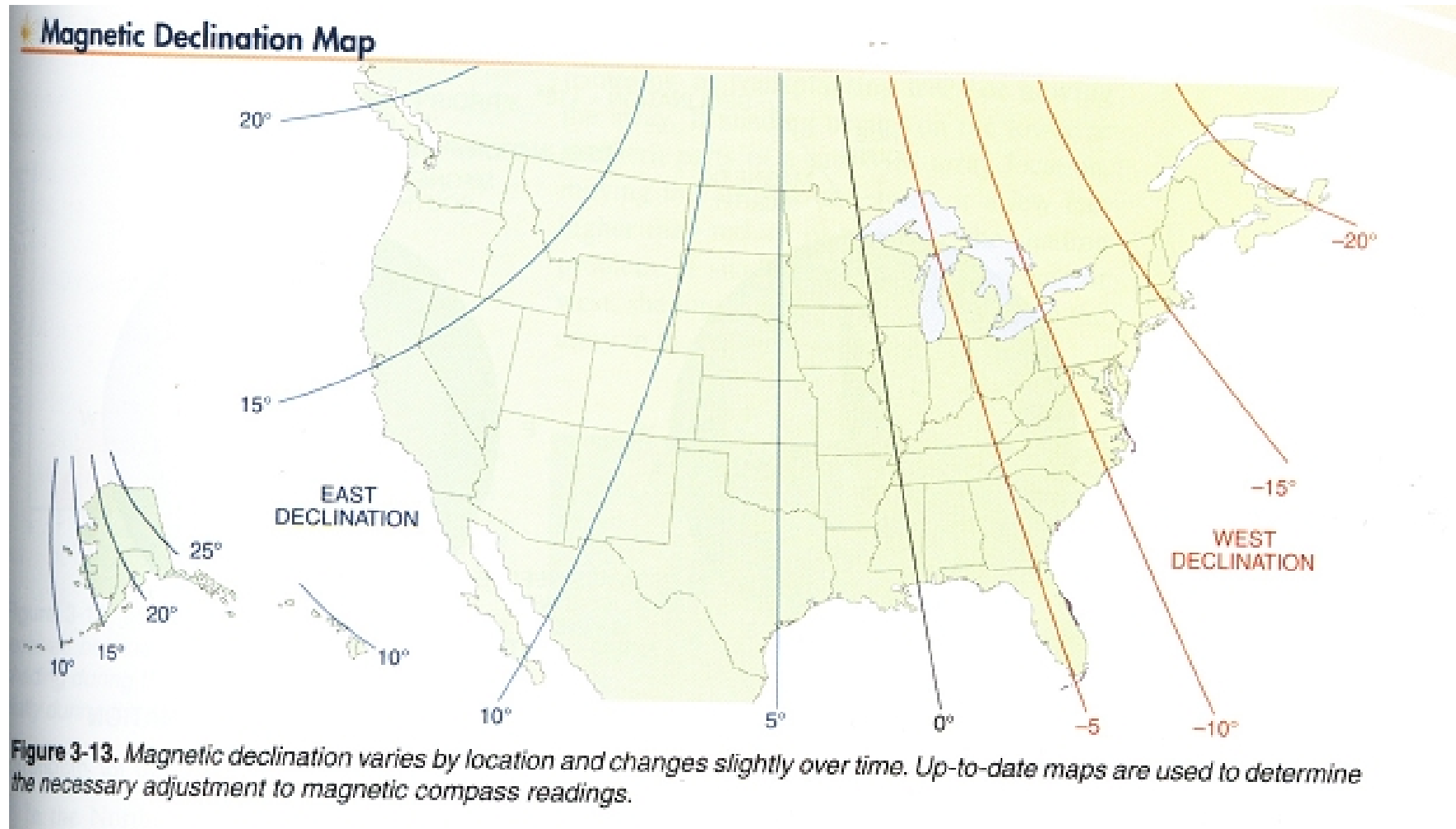
# ORIENTATION AND TILT ANGLE

## Orientation



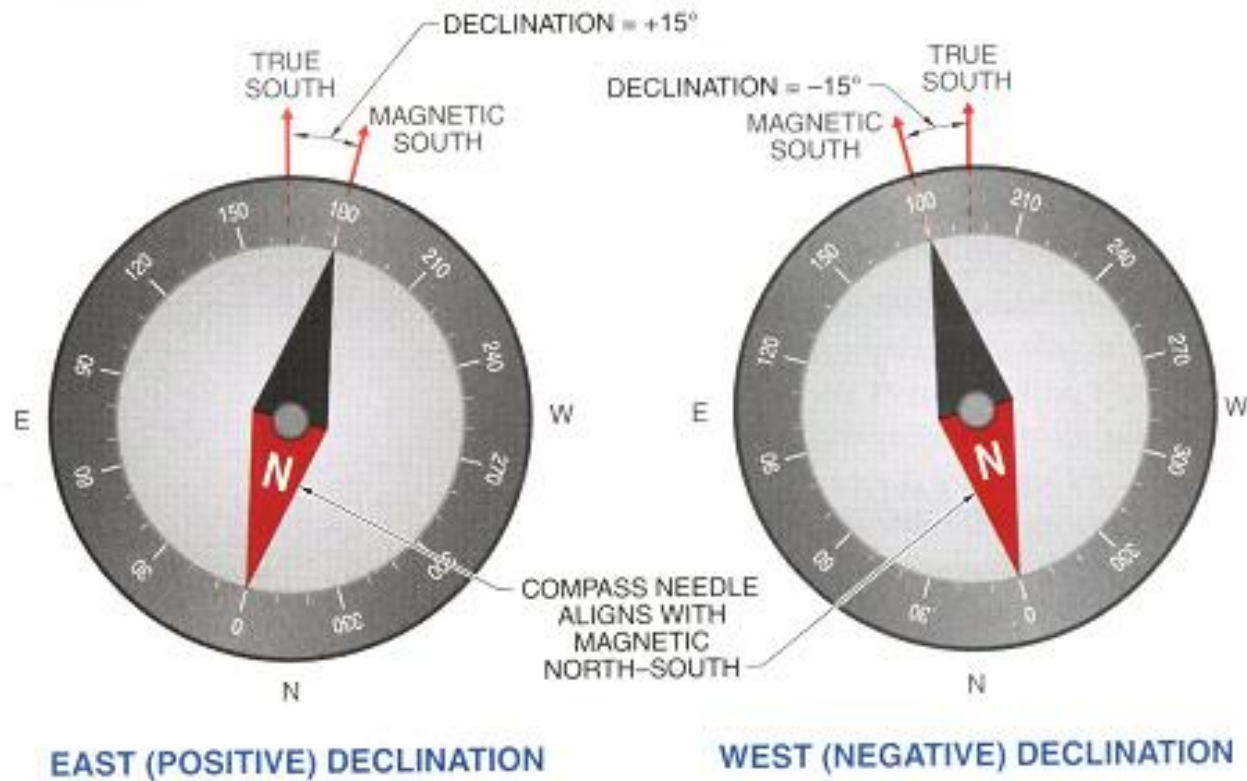
28. Array orientation can be described using azimuth and tilt angles.

# MAGNETIC DECLINATION



# TRUE SOUTH AND MAGNETIC SOUTH

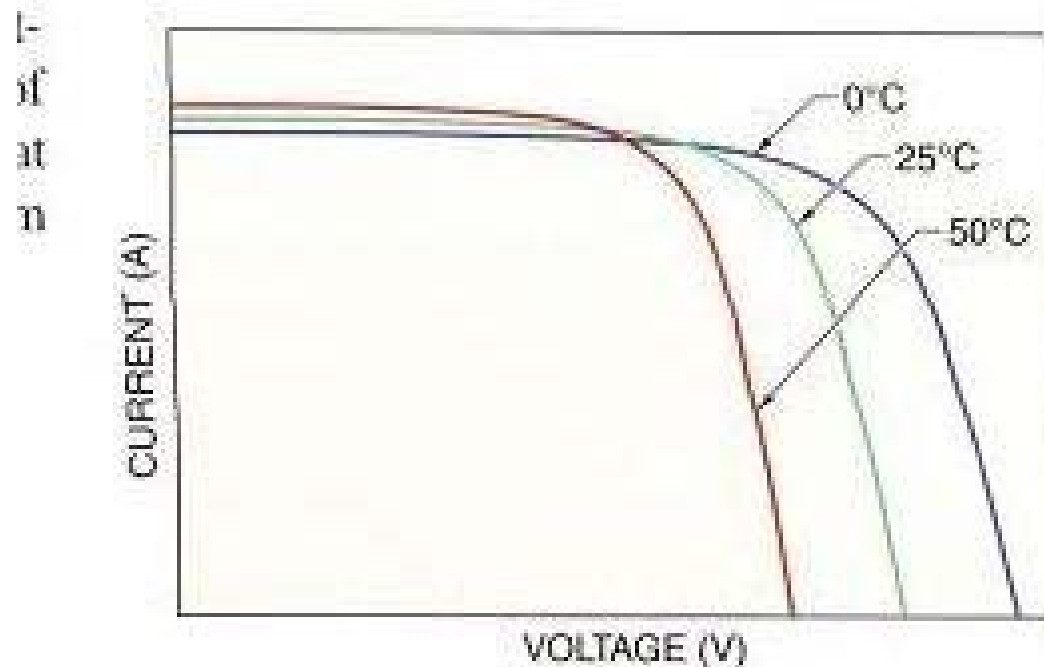
## Magnetic Declination



**Figure 3-14.** Directional bearings from magnetic compasses must be adjusted for magnetic declination.

# TEMPERATURE EFFECT - CRYSTALLINE

## Temperature Response

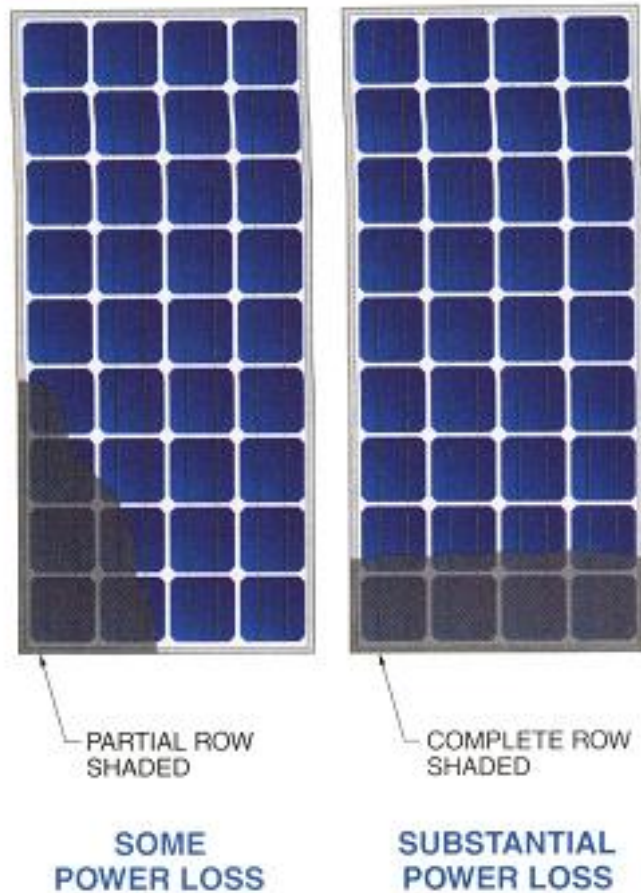


**Figure 5-20.** *Increasing cell temperature decreases voltage, slightly increases current, and results in a net decrease in power.*

## 2.4 Partial Shading and dead cells

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### Shading Effects



# PARTIAL SHADING

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*Sharp Electronics Corp.*

*Even shading from small obstructions, such as a rooftop vent, may be a significant issue.*

# DISTANCE BETWEEN ROWS

## Inter-Row Shading

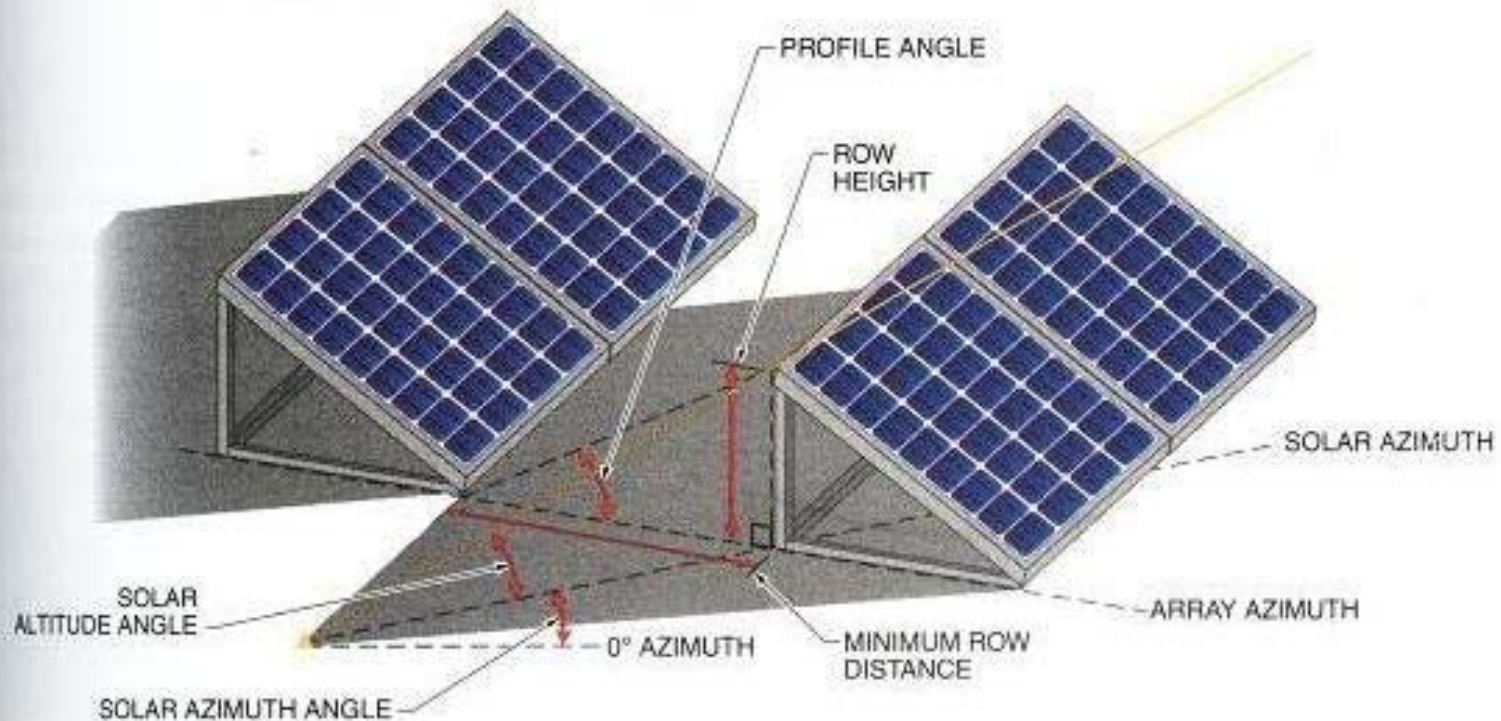


Figure 3-26. Profile angle calculations are particularly useful for arranging arrays consisting of multiple rows of modules installed at a tilt. The calculation determines the minimum row spacing to avoid modules shading each other at certain times of the day.

# THIN FILM vs CRYSTALLINE



Germany



USA



# ARRAY LAYOUT

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# ARRAY LAYOUT

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# ARRAY LAYOUT

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# COMBINER BOX

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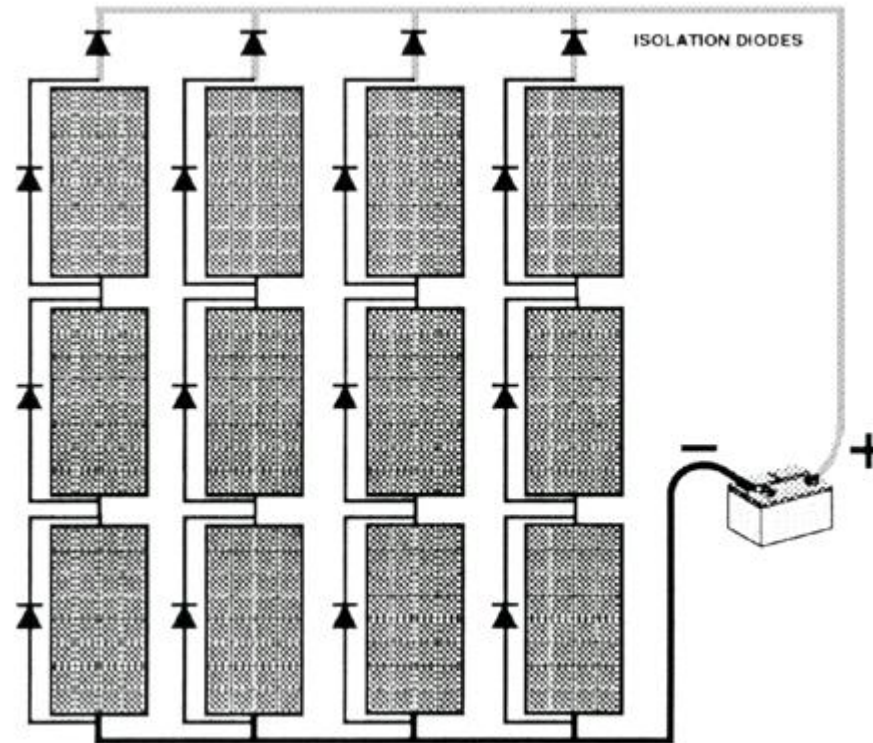


# INVERTER CONNECTION

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## 2.5 Fuse and Diodes



# MANUFACTURER'S INFORMATION

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# *BYPASS DIODE*



# BYPASS DIODE — SHADED CELL

## Bypass Diodes

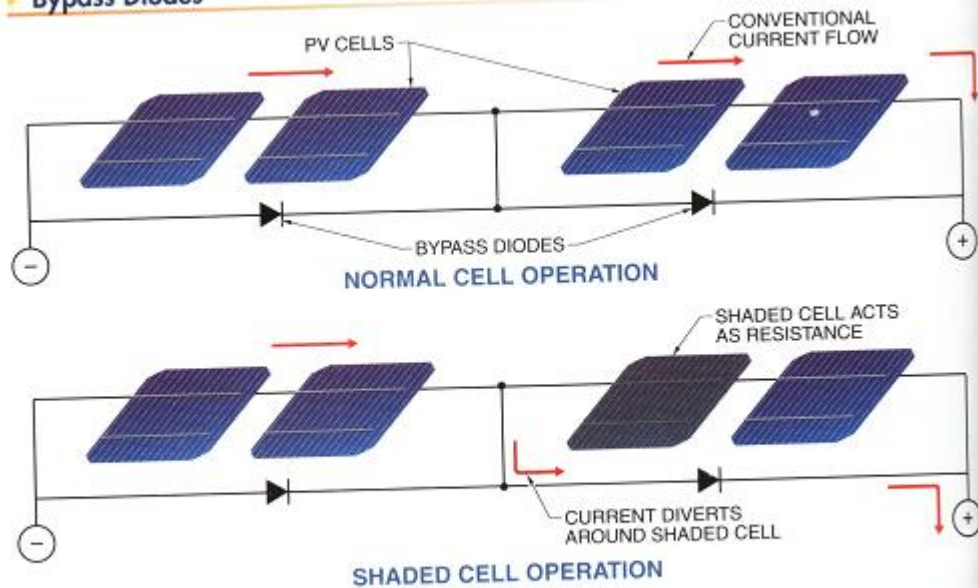


Figure 5-30. Bypass diodes allow current to flow around devices that develop an open-circuit or high-resistance condition.

## Junction Box

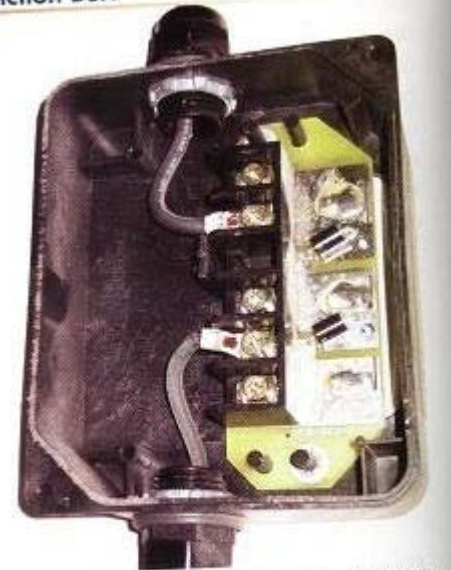
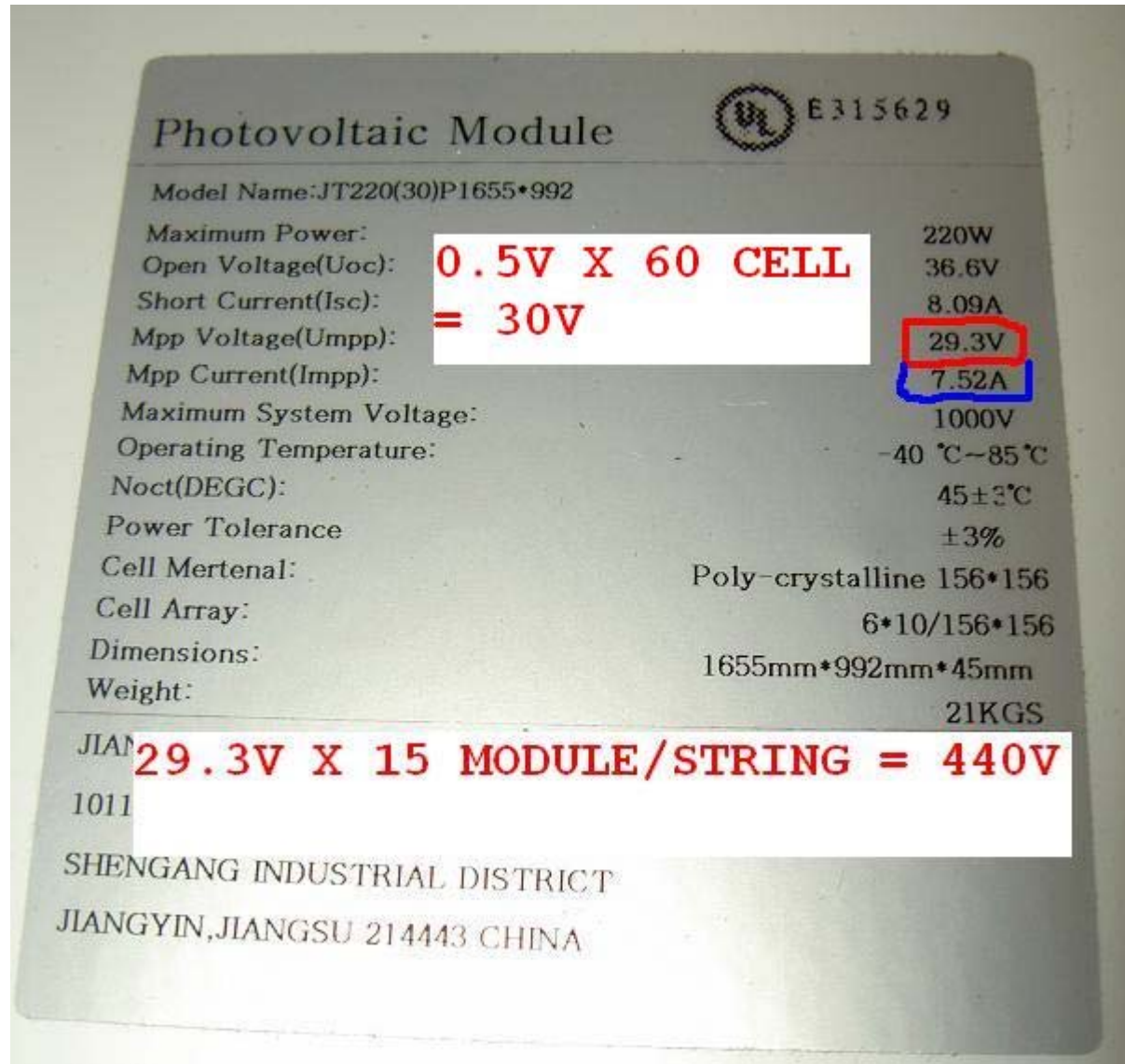
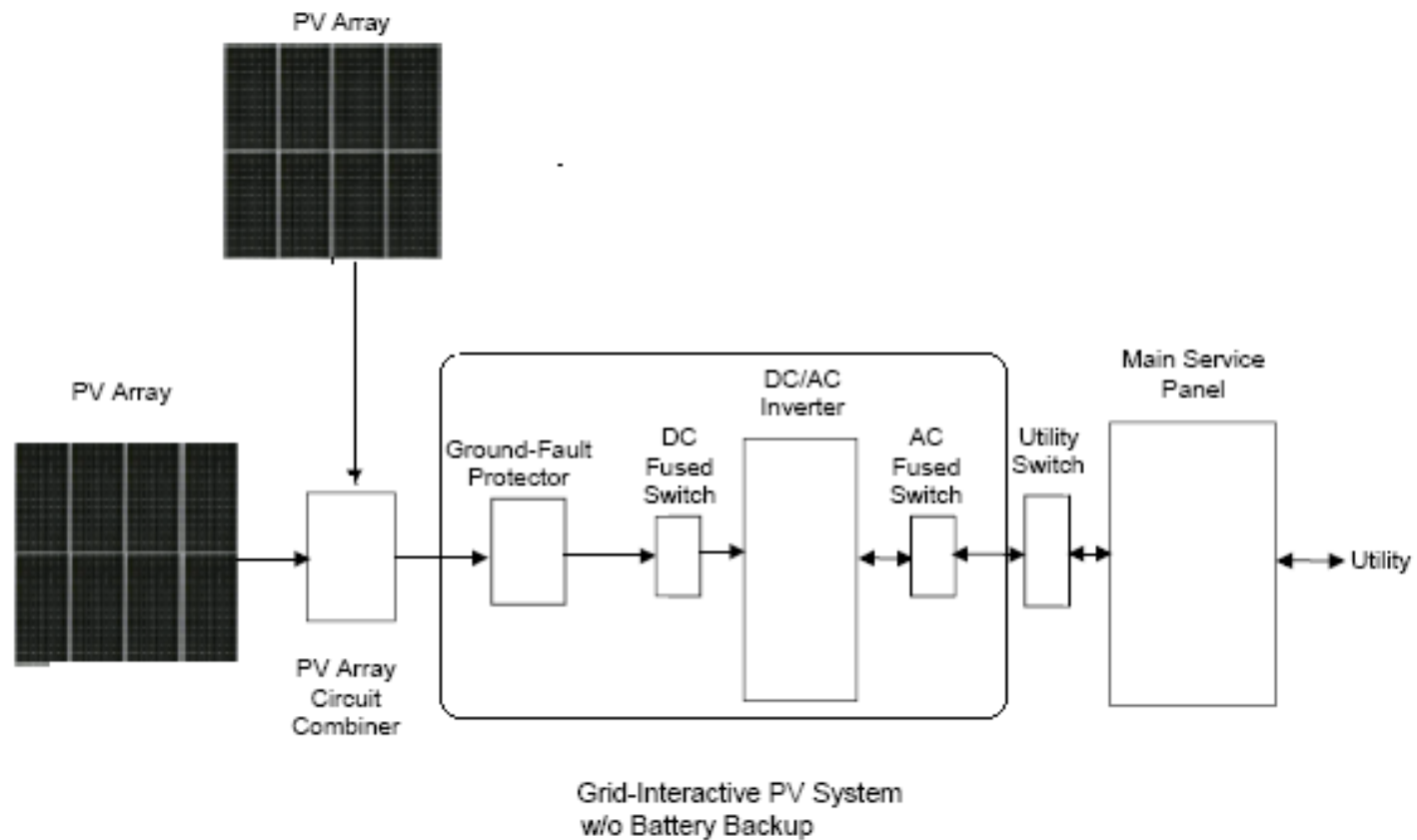


Figure 5-24. A junction box on the back of a module provides a protected location for electrical connections and bypass diodes.

# HIGH VOLTAGE ON ROOF



## 2.7 ON GRID *PV SYSTEM*



# BE AWARE OF TREE

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# SYSTEM DESIGN CONSIDERATION

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# BE AWARE OF TREE

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## 2.8 National Electrical Code on PV systems

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### 690.47 Grounding Electrode System

**(A) Alternating-Current Systems** If installing an ac system, a grounding electrode system shall be provided in accordance with 250.50 through 250.60. The grounding electrode conductor shall be installed in accordance with 250.64.

**(B) Direct-Current Systems** If installing a dc system, a grounding electrode system shall be provided in accordance with 250.166 for grounded systems or 250.169 for ungrounded systems. The grounding electrode conductor shall be installed in accordance with 250.64.

**(C) Systems with Alternating-Current and Direct-Current Grounding Requirements** Photovoltaic power systems with both alternating-current and direct-current (dc) grounding requirements shall be permitted to be grounded as described in (1) or (2):

Inverters used in PV power systems usually contain a transformer that isolates the dc grounded circuit conductor from the ac grounded circuit conductor. This isolation necessitates that both a dc and an ac grounding system be installed. The two grounding systems are to be bonded together or have a common grounding electrode so that all ac and dc grounded

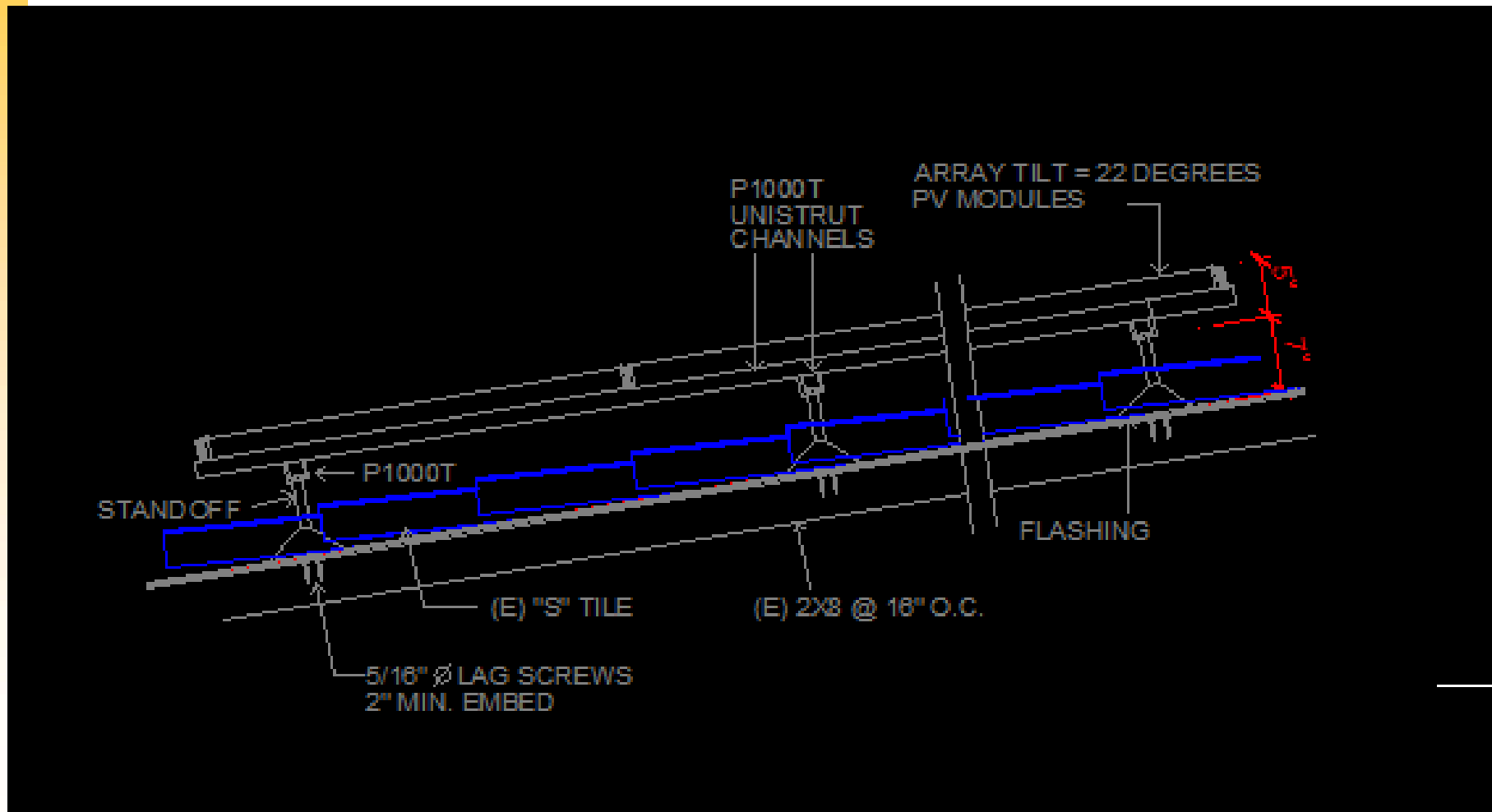
# INVERTER - DC/AC BOUNDARY



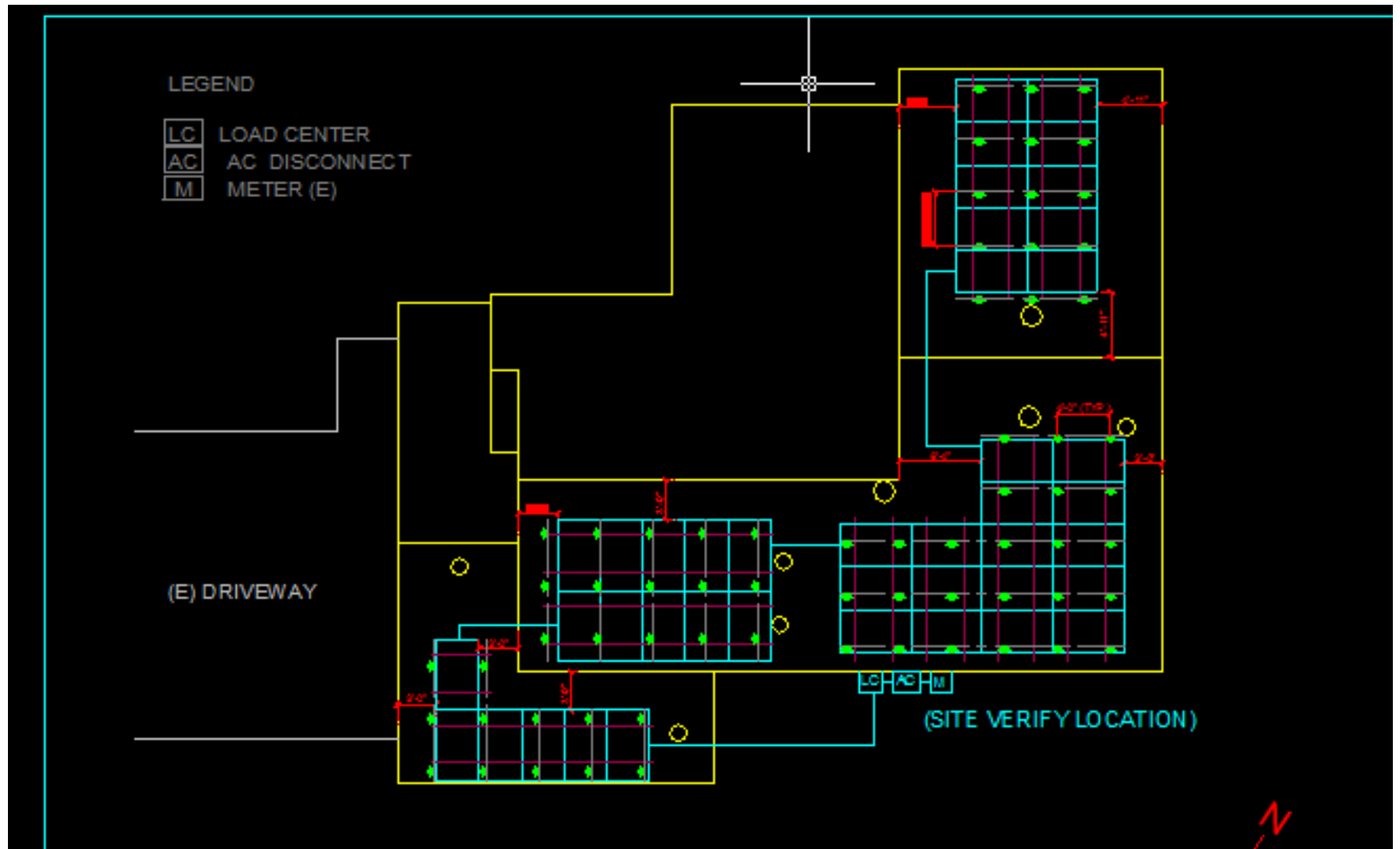
# PV SYSTEM GROUNDING ELECTRODE



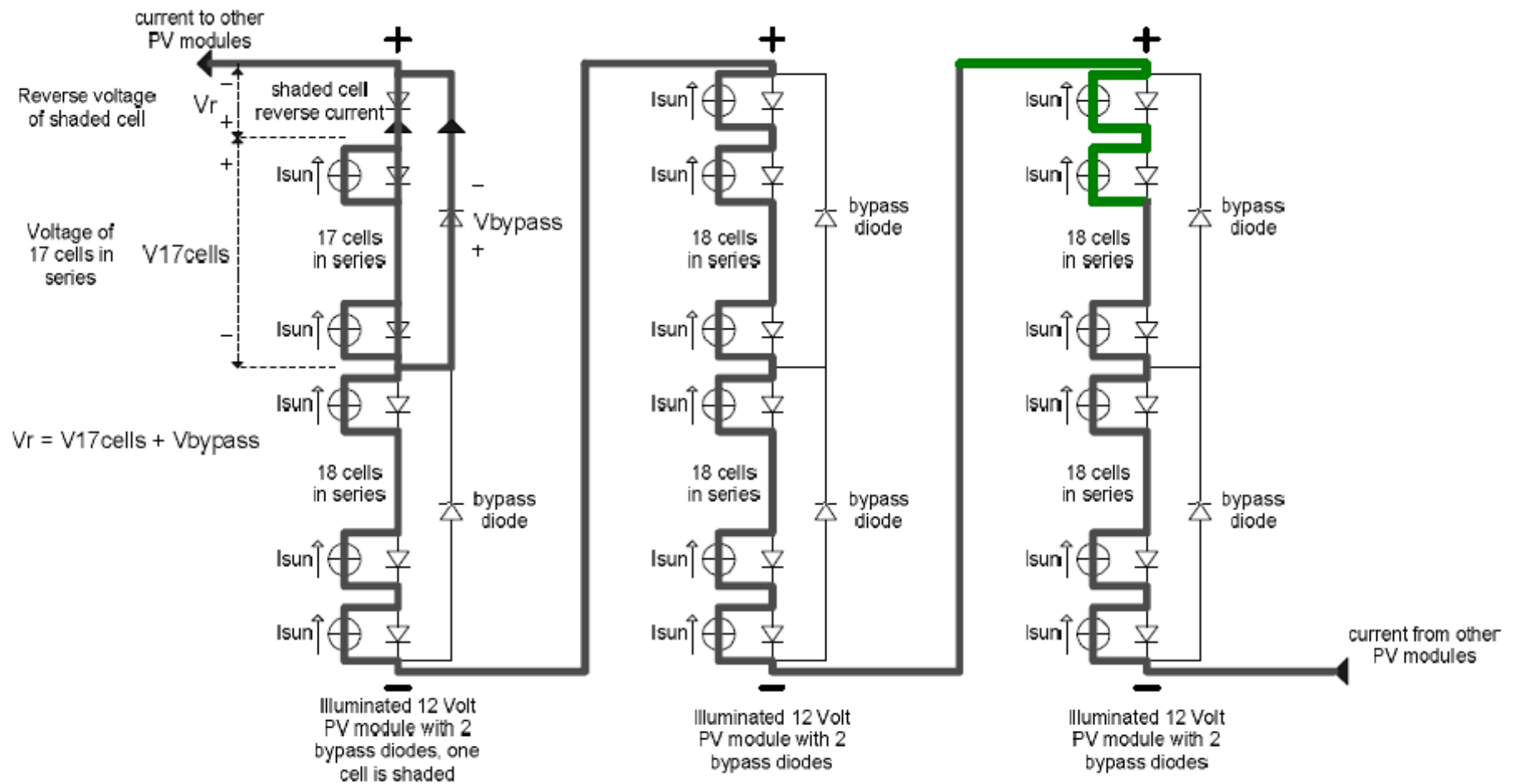
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# RESIDENTIAL DESIGN EXAMPLE LAYOUT

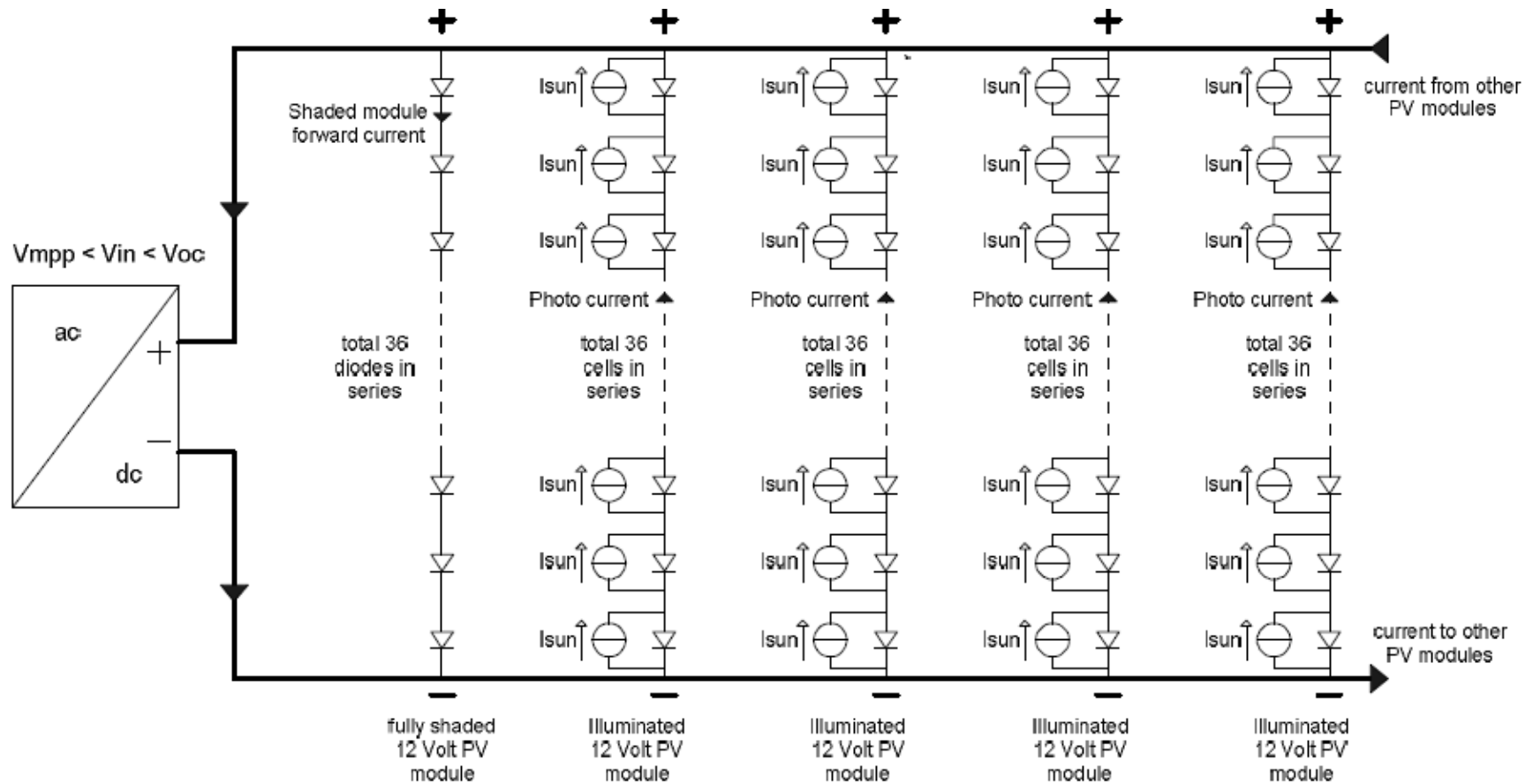


# IF ONE CELL IS SHADED



**Figure 1: One shaded PV cell in a system of many illuminated PV modules connected in series**

# IF ONE MODULE IS SHADED



**Figure 2: One shaded PV module is a system of many illuminated PV modules connected in parallel**

# RESIDENTIAL DESIGN

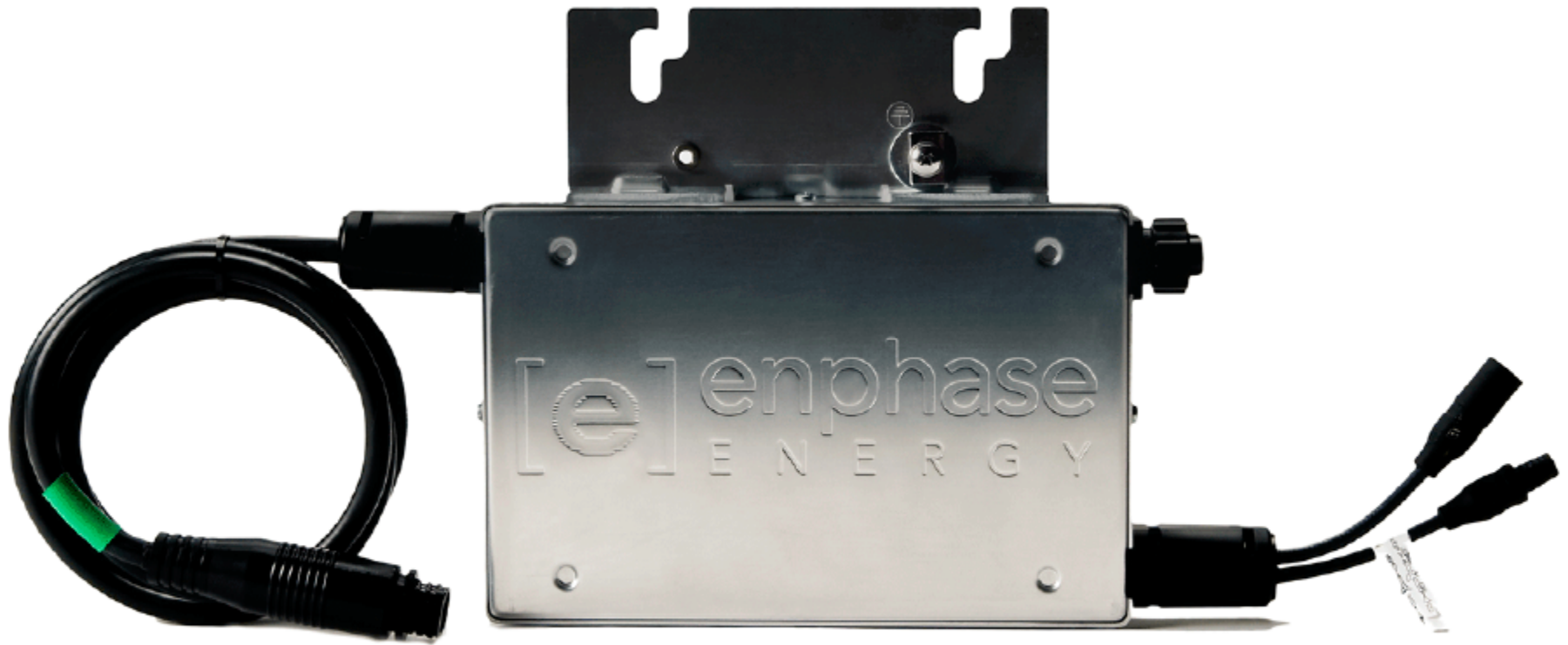
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## WITH REGULAR INVERTER



# MICROINVERTER

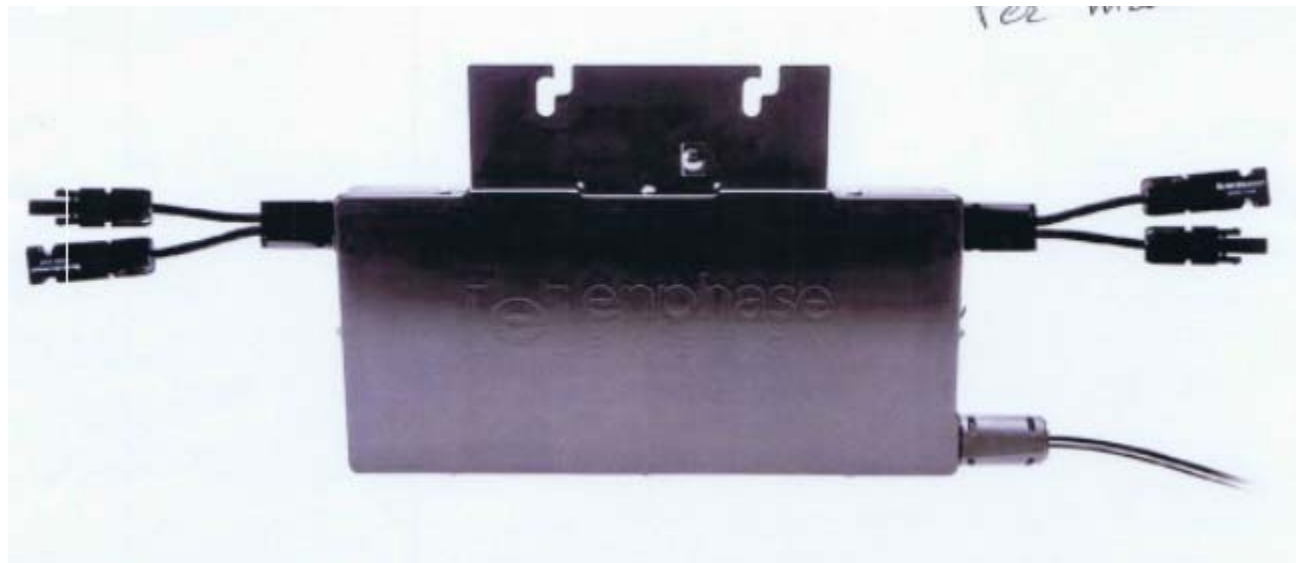
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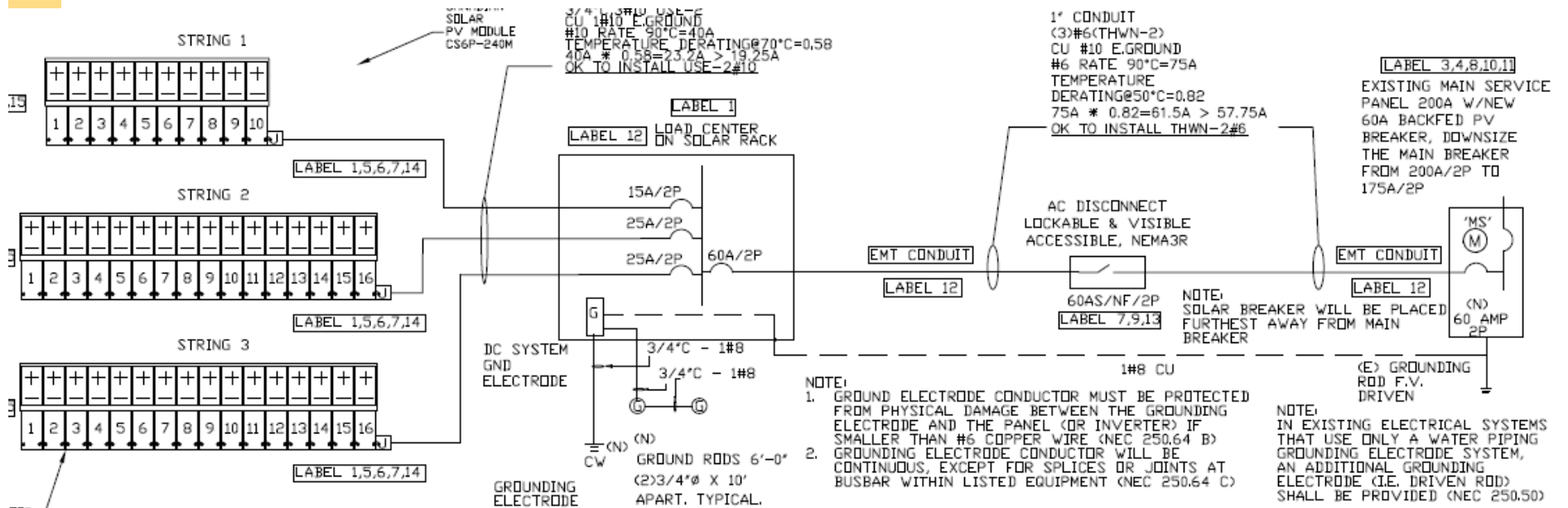
# MICROINVERTER – DOUBLE MODULE

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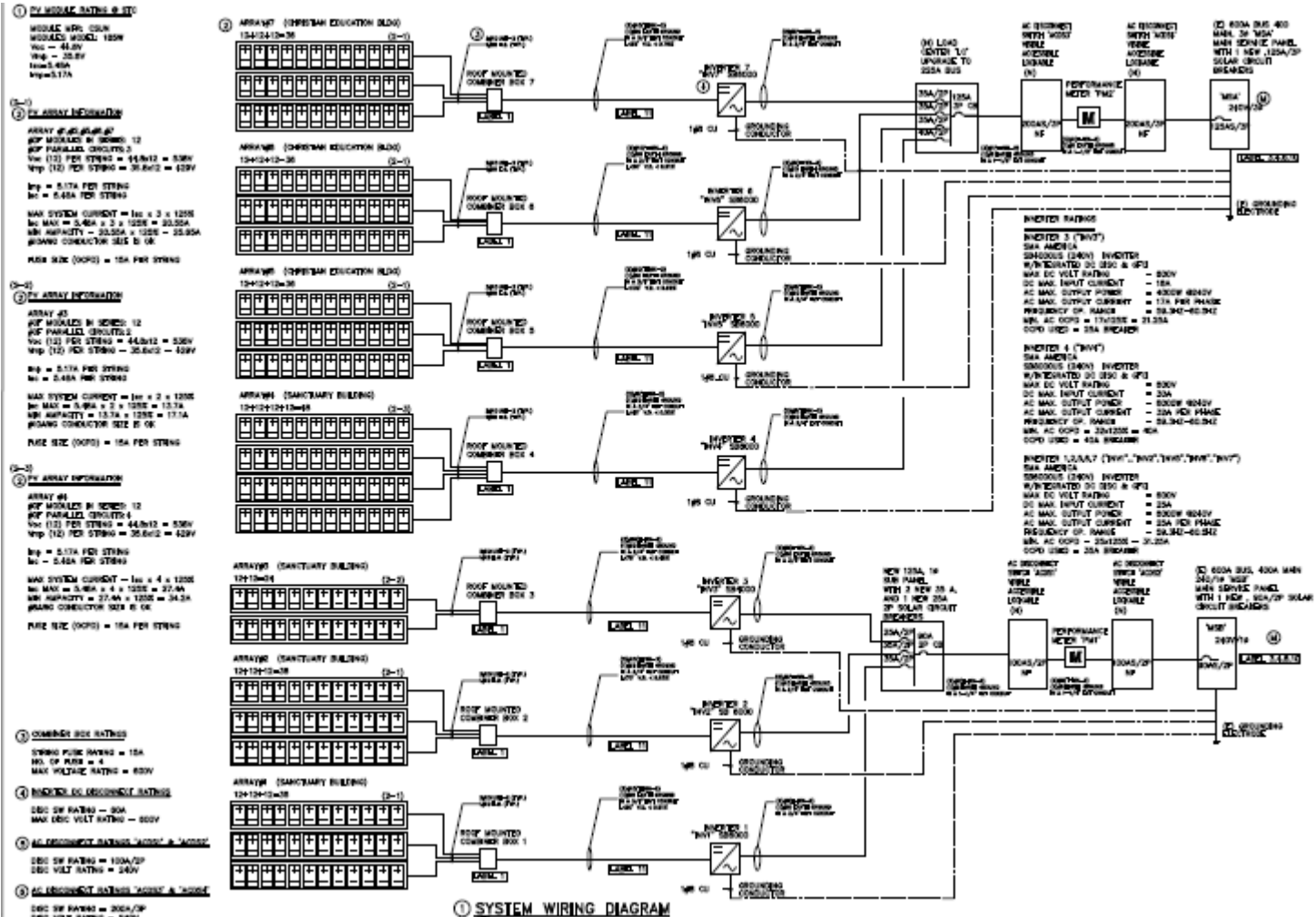


# RESIDENTIAL DESIGN MICROINVERTER



# COMMERCIAL DESIGN

## MULTIPLE METER & MULTIPLE INVERTER



# COMMERCIAL EXAMPLE

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# COMMERCIAL EXAMPLE



Close-up Photo of Existing Garden



View of New Solar Trellis Looking Up from Garden Floor



Photo of Existing Garden Looking North



View of New Solar Trellis Looking Up Standing at Abbott Ave



View of New Solar Trellis Looking Up Standing at North-East Parking Surface

**PROJECT:**  
**Proposed New Solar Trellis over Garden above Banquet Room**  
 San Gabriel Hilton Hotel  
 227 W. Valley Bl.  
 San Gabriel, CA 91776

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**SCALE RECORDS**

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# FARM APPLICATION

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# COMMERCIAL EXAMPLE

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# BE AWARE OF UTILITYTY TRANSFORMER

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# COMMERCIAL EXAMPLE

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