



# Solar panel current conduction





## Overview

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When light shines on a photovoltaic (PV) cell – also called a solar cell – that light may be reflected, absorbed, or pass right through the cell. The PV cell is composed of semiconductor material; the “semi” means that it can conduct electricity better than an insulator but not as well as a good conductor.

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Why do solar panels conduct electricity?

Electricity conduction in solar panels is primarily due to their construction and the physical principles of semiconductor materials. 1. Solar panels consist of semiconductor materials, 2. Photons excite electrons, 3. Electric field separates charges, 4. The resulting current is collected by metal contacts.

The word "photovoltaic" immediately indicates the connection between light (photo - greek) and electricity (volt, unit for electric potential). The key property of a photovoltaic material is to convert light energy to electric current. This conversion takes place due to the photovoltaic effect - a process where light energy is converted into electrical energy.

To explain how a solar panel creates electricity from sunlight, we first have to understand the basic principles of semiconductors and the photovoltaic effect.



understand how Semiconductors conduct electricity. For a semiconductor to function as a photovoltaic cell, we need to Dope the semiconductor material. A solar cell is essentially one large PN-Junction, with the N-Doped.

A solar cell (Figure 1), also known as a photovoltaic cell, is an electrical device that directly converts light energy into electricity through the photovoltaic effect, a combination of physical and chemical processes. It acts as a photoelectric cell, with its electrical properties like current.



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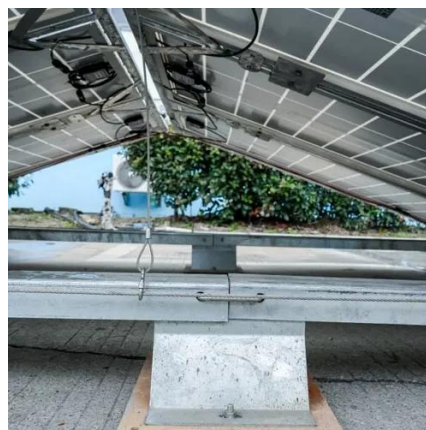
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## Theory of solar cells

Overview Working explanation Photogeneration of charge carriers The p-n junction Charge carrier separation Connection to an external load Equivalent circuit of a solar cell

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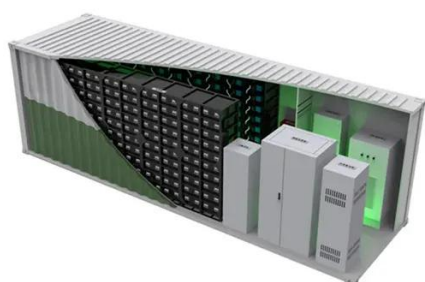
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## The Physics of Solar Power

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### **Solar Photovoltaic Cell Basics**

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## Current flow inside photovoltaic panels

Solar panels work by converting the light radiation from the sun to Direct Current (DC) electricity through a reaction inside the silicon layers of the solar panel.



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