



Green Empowerment

Small PV Systems for Developing Countries – Day 1

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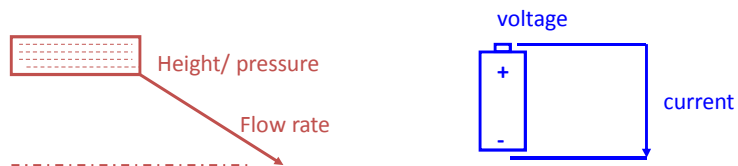
Electricity basics

The flow of electrical current through a wire is a flow of electrons through.
It is comparable to the *flow of water through a pipe*

Voltage is similar to *water pressure*

Current is similar to *flow rate*

For a same wire (/pipe),
the higher the voltage (/pressure),
the higher the current (/flow rate)





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Electrical Power

When an electrical voltage is applied to a “load” e.g. light, radio, etc.
an electrical current flows through the load
and the power used is calculated as:

$$\text{Power} = \text{Voltage} \times \text{Current}$$

Power is measured in Watts (W) and symbolized as P
Voltage is measured in Volts (V) and symbolized as V
Current is measured in Amps (A) and symbolized as I

a 60Watt light bulb designed for a 12V power source uses 5 Amps
 $12 \text{ Volts} \times 5 \text{ Amps} = 60 \text{ Watts}$

a 60Watt light bulb designed for a 120V power source uses 0.5 Amps
 $120 \text{ Volts} \times .5 \text{ Amps} = 60 \text{ Watts}$

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Electrical resistance

- Water flow analogy: the smaller the pipe, the more friction there is.
 - With electricity, the thinner the wire, the higher the resistance
 - Resistance R is measured in Ohms (Ω)
- Measuring with a Voltmeter/ Multimeter:
 - 0Ω = no resistance = there is continuity, the current flows
 - Overload/ maximum figure = open circuit (open switch)
- Key formula (Ohm’s law): $V = R \times I$
Voltage across the resistance (Volts) = Resistance (Ω) x Current (Amp)

A traditional incandescent light bulb is a high resistance wire:
the current is so high that the filament gets very hot and emits light
example: Resistance of an incandescent 60W bulb?

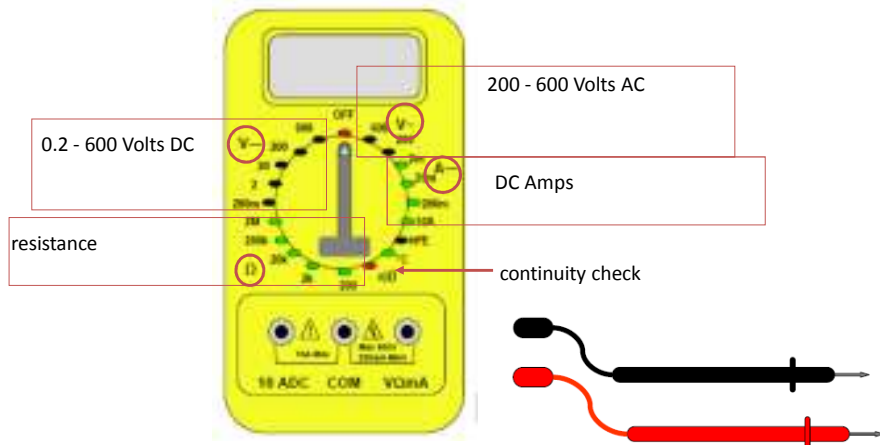
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Designed for 12V: } I &= 60\text{W}/12\text{V} = 5\text{A} & R &= 12\text{V}/5\text{A} = 2.4\Omega \\ \text{Designed for 120V: } I &= 60\text{W}/120\text{V} = 0.5\text{A} & R &= 120\text{V}/0.5\text{A} = 240\Omega \end{aligned}$$

For a given R value

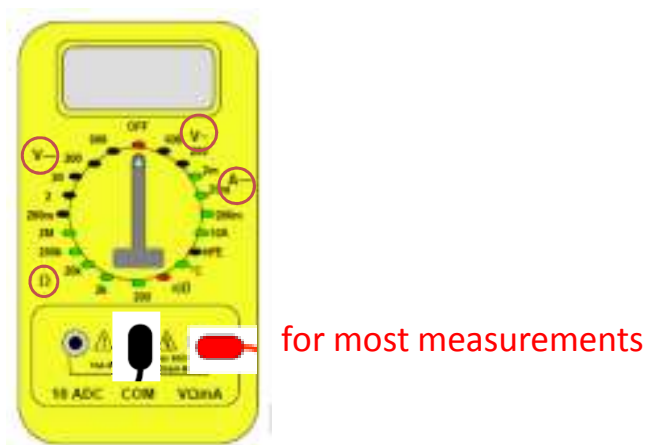
- the higher the current, the higher the Voltage drop (e.g. losses in a wire)
- The higher the applied voltage, the higher the current
(E.G. light bulb: a bulb built for 12V or 110V will burn if plugged into 220V)
The 2.4Ω bulb, plugged into 120V will use $I = 120\text{V}/2.4\Omega = 50\text{A}$ VERY HIGH!

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Using a Voltmeter: select what will be measured



Using a Voltmeter: connect probes



Using a Voltmeter: connect probes



for DC current only

Do not leave
probe connected
like this!!!

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DC vs. AC



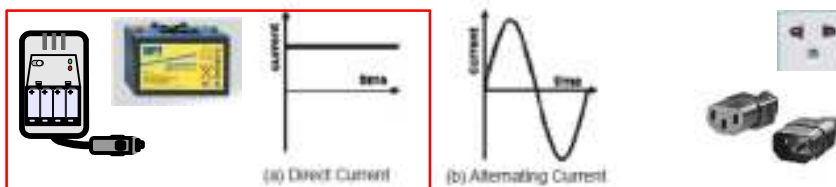
Electricity coming from a battery or solar panel is called Direct Current (DC)

There is a Positive contact/wire (+) and a Negative (-)

Most common DC voltages for small electronics are 1.5V (AAA, AA, C, D sizes)

Most common batteries for cars, marine, motorbikes etc. are 12V

Industrial application might use 6V, 12V, 24V, 48V



The grid electricity provided to houses, industries, etc. is Alternative Current (AC)

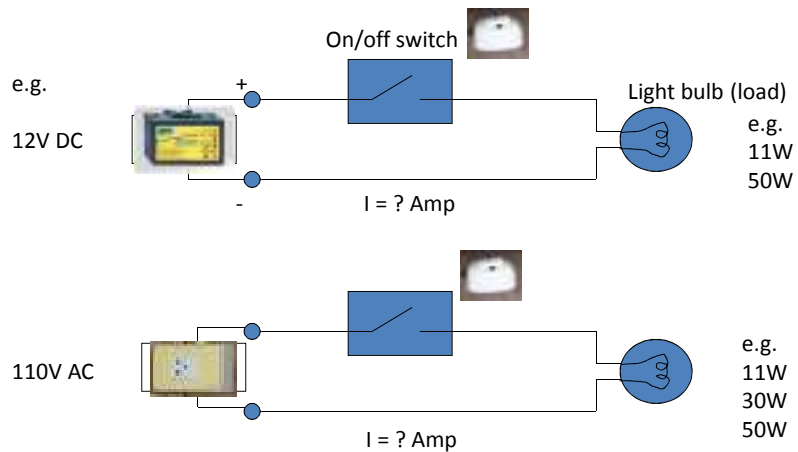
Each wire changes from + to - 50 (Europe) or 60 (US) times per second

Household voltage is usually 110V (US) or 220V (Europe)

Devices made for one type of current CANNOT be used with the other
When measuring V or I, need to use different multimeter settings

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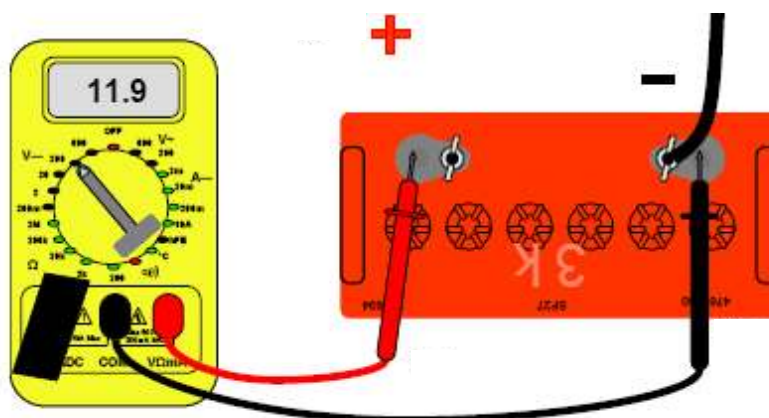
Simple electrical circuit



Remember: $P = V \times I$ i.e. $I = P / V$

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Measuring Battery Voltage

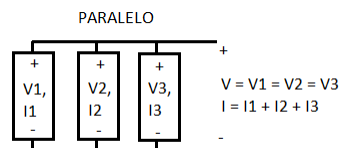
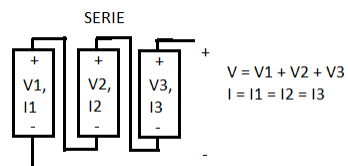


Warning!
If you try to measure a battery current without any load (like for a PV panel),
you will fry the voltmeter!

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Series vs. parallel

- When components (generators or loads) are connected **in series**, The positive contact of one (+) is connected to the negative of the next one (-) .
 - The same current passes through all components: $I = I_1 = I_2$ etc.
 - The voltage across the full circuit is the sum of the voltage across all components. $V = V_1 + V_2 + V_3$, etc.
- When components are connected in parallel, the contacts of same polarity (+) or (-) are connected together
 - The voltage is the same across all components: $V = V_1 = V_2 = V_3$,
 - The total current is the sum of currents in each branch: $I = I_1 + I_2 + I_3$.



Power vs. Energy



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- Power is an instantaneous measurement, in Watts (compare to flow rate of water)
- A constant power of 1 W received for 1 hour provides 1 Whr of energy (energy can be stored, analogous to the capacity of a bucket or a tank)



For electrical applications:

- Power (W) = Voltage (V) x Current (A) $1kW = 1000W$
- Energy consumed (Wh) = Power (W) x Time (hr)

One 60W light bulb ON for 1 hour uses 60Wh
 $60\text{ W} \times 1\text{h} = 60\text{Wh}$

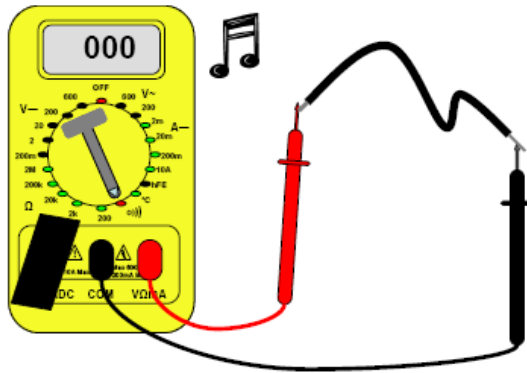
5 60W bulbs ON for 1h use:
 $5 \times 60\text{ W} \times 1\text{h} = 300\text{Wh}$

One 60W bulb On 5 hours also uses:
 $60\text{ W} \times 5\text{h} = 300\text{Wh}$



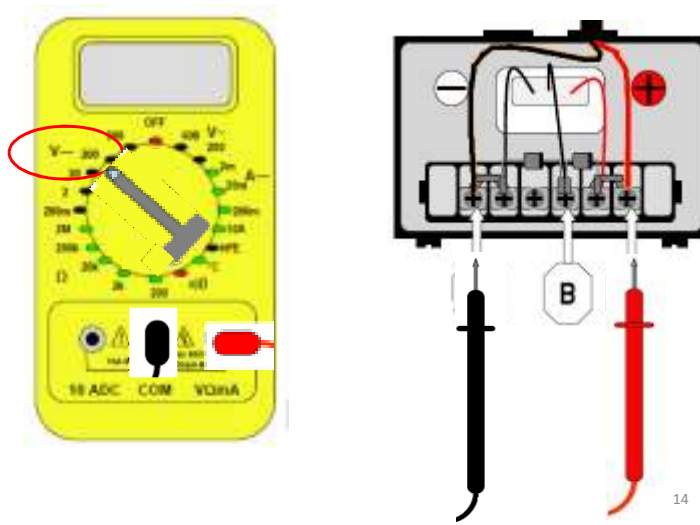
Your energy bill depends on your energy consumption in kWh

Checking continuity



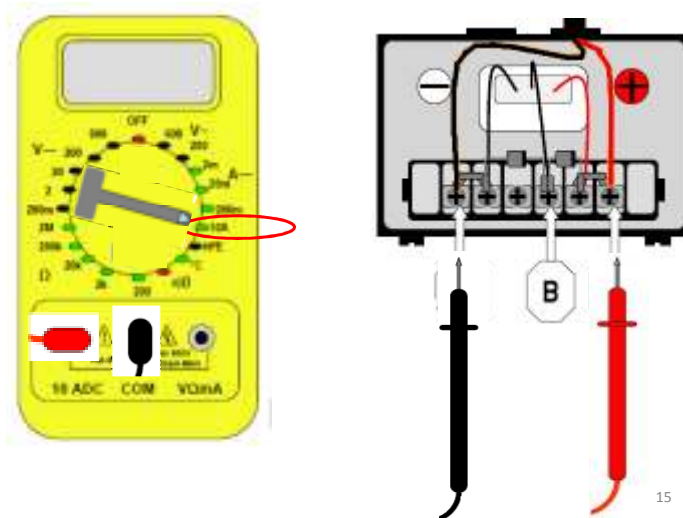
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Testing a PV panel: Voc



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Testing a PV panel: I_{sc}




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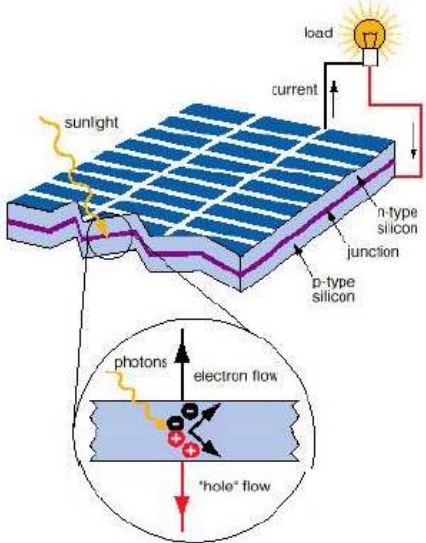


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Photovoltaic Effect




- PV cell produces electricity from sunlight (photons)
- To work properly each cell needs to receive sunlight
- Electrical energy needs to be stored for use if needed when there is not enough light
- Silent
- No pollution
- Simple
- Reliable
- Modular



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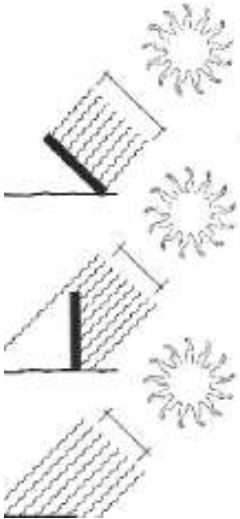
Photovoltaic modules & Panels

- Comprised of separate cells (usually 36 cells for a 12 volt panel)
- **Each Si cell generates the same voltage (~.5 V) regardless of size**
- **The current generated depends on the light intensity** and size of the cell
- Modules are composed of solar cells wired in series
- Usually one solar panel is comprised of 2 modules
- 1 m² solar panel generates 60-120 Wp in 'standard conditions' , depending on the technology




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Panel Orientation

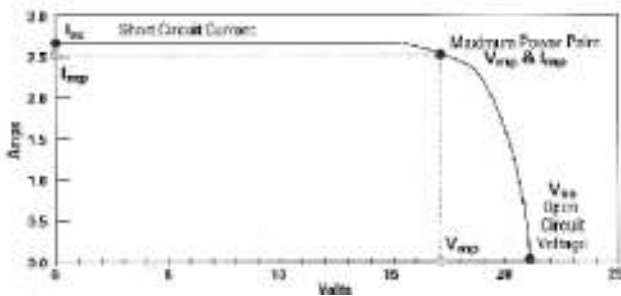


- Maximum power is received when the panel is **perpendicular to the sun rays** (facing the sun)
- For a fixed panel, usually the **best yearly average power is received for an angle = latitude + 10° to 15°**, **except if there is a season with very little sun or usage concentrated in one specific season**
- The angle can be adapted according to seasonal needs
- In some cases, the angle can be adjusted every month, or can even be tracked during the day (expensive)
- **Close to the equator** (latitude = 0° to 10°), **10° is the recommended minimum tilt angle** to allow rain to run off panels



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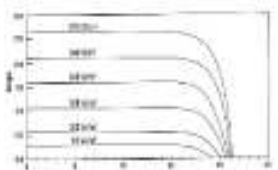
PV Panels: Electrical Characteristics



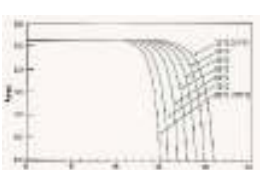
I_{sc} = short circuit current (depends on incident solar power)
 Voc = open circuit current (drops when temperature increases)

I_{sc} & Voc are easiest to measure, but I_{sc} x Voc > Wp

V_{mp}, I_{mp} = maximum power I and V (changes with both temperature and power)



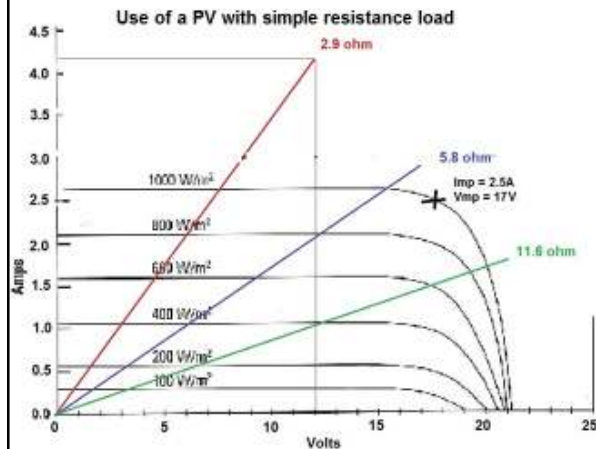
I_{sc} is proportional to incident radiation (W/m²)



Temperature Effect

In large systems, we can use MPPT controllers, which allow the system to get maximum power out of the system

Interpreting the I-V curve



- Connecting a 50Wp panel to a 50W bulb might not work well. It depends on how much solar radiation is received.



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Hands-on lab



Take a PV panel and a Digital multimeter (DMM) out in the sun

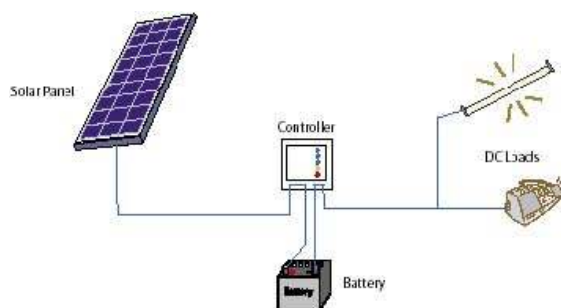
- 1) Facing the sun, measure V_{oc} and I_{sc} (careful about how to use DMM for Voltage vs Current!)
- 2) At different angles vs the sun, repeat V_{oc} and I_{sc} measurements
- 3) Shade one or more cells, and repeat V_{oc} & I_{sc} measurements
- 4) Connect 1 panel directly to a light bulb and observe what happens if orientation / exposure of the panel change
- 5) Connect 2 similar panels in series, then in parallel. Measure V_{oc} and I_{sc} and discuss.



PV System Components



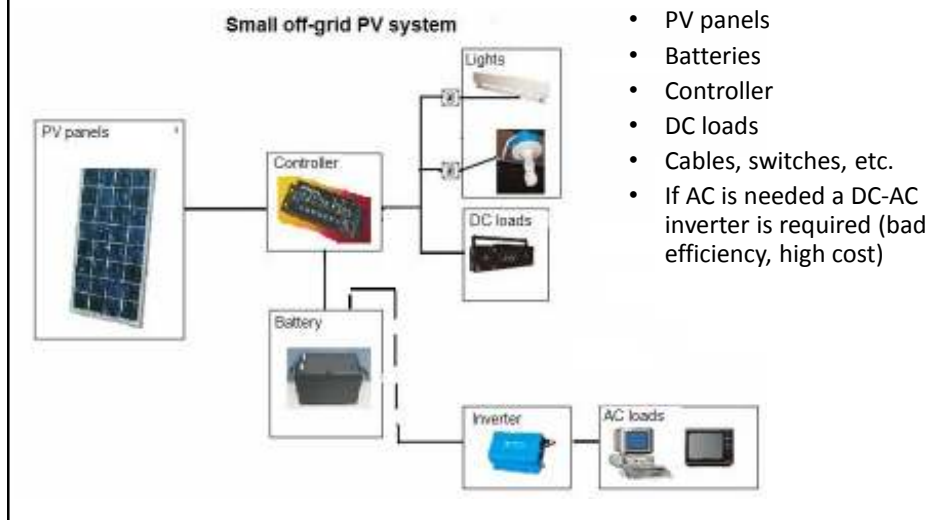
Simple Photovoltaic System Diagram



- Produces electricity during sunlight hours
- Typically light is used when there is no sun
- Need to store electrical energy in batteries
- A charge controller is used to protect the battery and regulate its charge and discharge

Examples: Health post in La Tranca-lights only
Clinics in Burma-lights, microscopes, computer

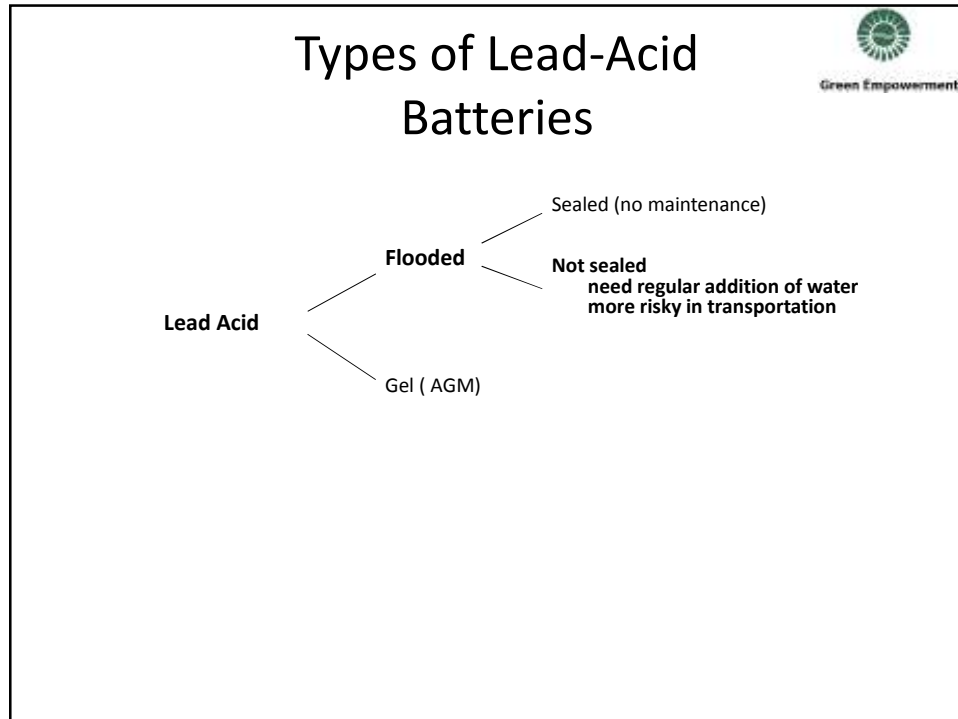
Components of an Electrification System




Battery



- Stores electrical energy to use when there is no sun
- 12 V is the most common for small systems
- Use "deep cycle" models designed for slow charge and discharge and longer life
- Car batteries are designed to supply quick bursts of energy and only partial discharge. They don't last long in PV systems.
- Among Lead-Acid types, Deep cycle models have thicker plates to last longer. They are heavier



Battery Capacity



Expressed in Amp-hours (Ah), is the product of discharge Amps x discharge time in hours, e.g. 100 Ah = 5Amps x 20hrs

Spec sheets usually show **C/100, C/20, or C/10**, capacities, respectively for 100hrs, 20hrs, or 10 hrs discharge .

If the discharge current is high, the battery is discharged quickly and usable capacity is lower.

For example, a battery with a C/100 capacity of 100 Ah, would have a C/20 capacity of 88 Ah, or a C/10 capacity of 80 Ah.

Compare to a runner: a sprinter will use up his energy very quickly, vs a marathon runner may expand more energy over a longer time.

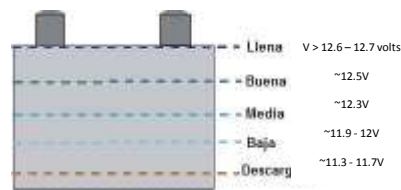
Note: battery capacity decreases when the temperature is low.



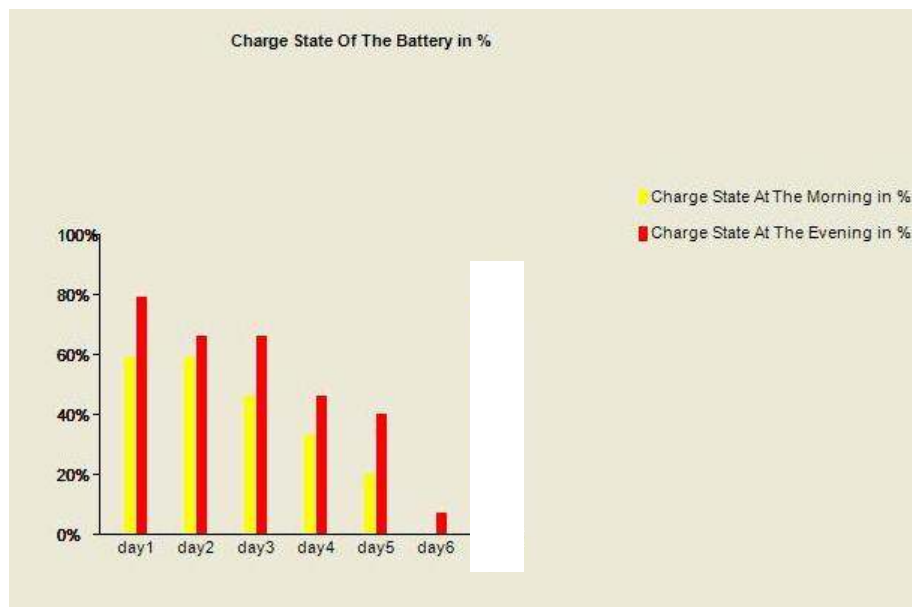
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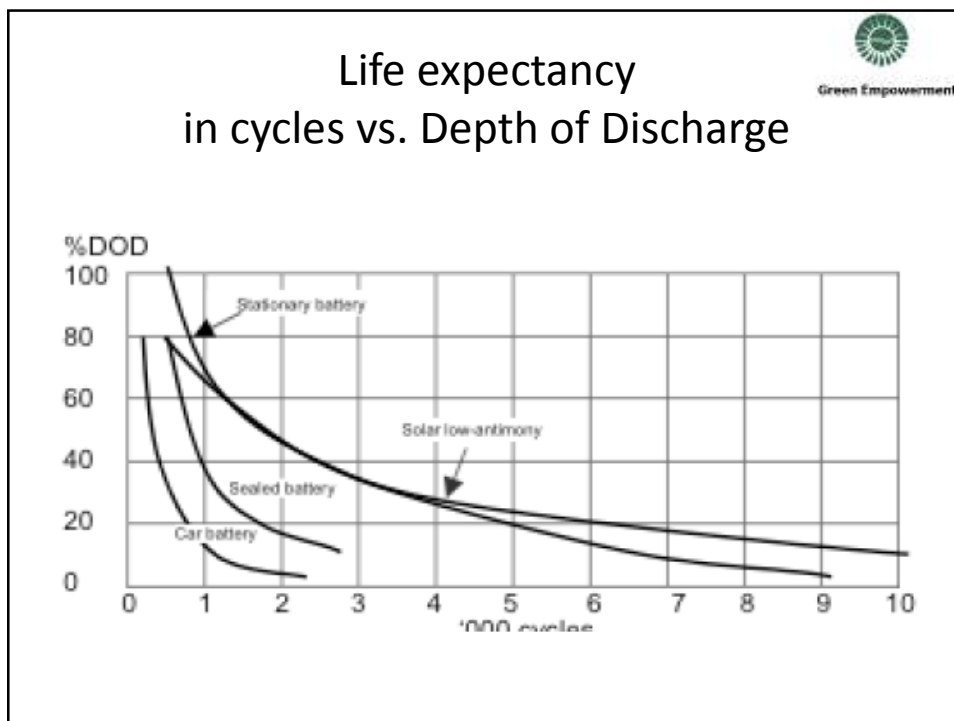
Depth of Discharge

- This term indicates how much the battery gets discharged
- The battery life expectancy is reduced if the battery is discharged a lot on a regular basis
- A battery which is never more than 50% discharged can last twice as long as one that is regularly discharged 80%
- To keep the discharge around 50%, use a battery rated to store 2x the daily energy use
- To estimate the charge level of a 12 V battery, measure its voltage when:
 1. It is disconnected from the charge controller
 2. It has not been used for 30 minutes
- The state of charge can also be measured by specific gravity (linked to the acid strength), less common in remote areas



State of charge over time - example





Dangers and Precautions with batteries

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Aggressive chemicals

If the acid from a battery gets on a person's skin it can burn the skin. If the acid does touch someone's skin quickly apply baking soda to stop the burning.

Wear goggles and gloves when working with batteries to protect yourself from the chemicals.

Throwing old batteries into the woods causes a lot of problems to the environment. It can pollute the water kill the plants and animals. Always bring your old battery back to the place where you purchase your new battery.


Flammable gas

Never store batteries in an enclosed area allow the gas from the batteries to escape never have fire or smoke or cigarette near a battery.

Electricity




Use wood boxes and shelves to store the batteries metal conducts electricity.

Always tape the end of your tools and leave only the working part of the tool exposed.



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Charge Controller

Function:


- Protect battery against overcharge
- Protect against deep discharge (optional but recommended)
- “Floating charge” to maintain battery fully charged (13.3 V for a standard 12 V battery)
- Desired optional protections
 - Overcurrent
 - Reverse polarity
 - Short circuit
 - Blocking diode to avoid current flowing to panels at night
 - Equalization cycle to remove stratification in battery
- LEDs or display give information on the state of charge of the batteries



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Hands-on System Assembly:

Wiring/using a small PV system




- Each group:
1 panel, 1 battery, 1 control panel board
1 small parts kit, screwdrivers, plier, etc.
1 incandescent, 1 CFL, 1 LED
- Connect control panel to battery and PV panels
 - Check controller manual/instructions
 - Observe controller lights
- Use a digital multimeter (DMM) to check:
 - Continuity of connections before turning on
 - PV panels Voc and Voltage w/ loads
 - Isc and other I if DMM allows it
 - Battery voltage
 - Voltage drops
- *Observation/measurement of: current flow to/from various components depending on solar exposure, battery charge, load*
- *Wire sizing, termination and connections: discuss*



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Small PV Systems Sizing

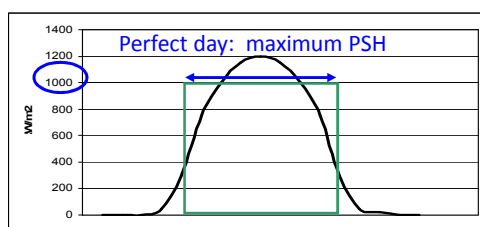


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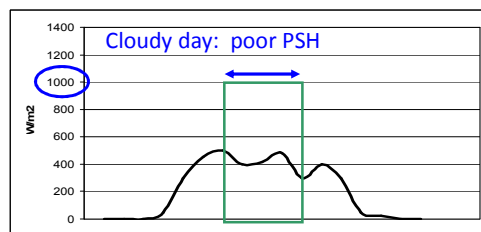
The Solar Resource



“Perfect Solar Hours” or “Peak Sun Hours” (PSH) are used to express the energy received in terms of equivalent hours at the “standard power” of 1000 W/m²


Solar Maps / weather data can be expressed either in PSH or kWh/m²

1 PSH @ 1 kW/m² = 1 kWh/m²



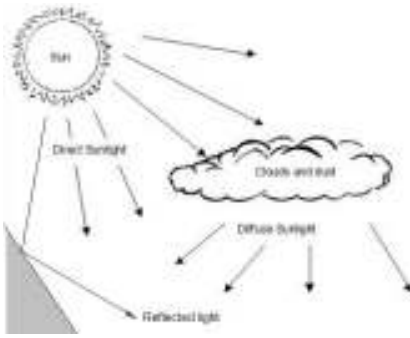
In tropical zones PSH can be:

- Up to 7 on sunny days
- From 2-4 on cloudy days



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Types of Solar Radiation



The total radiation is comprised of:

Direct Radiation: Straight from the sun

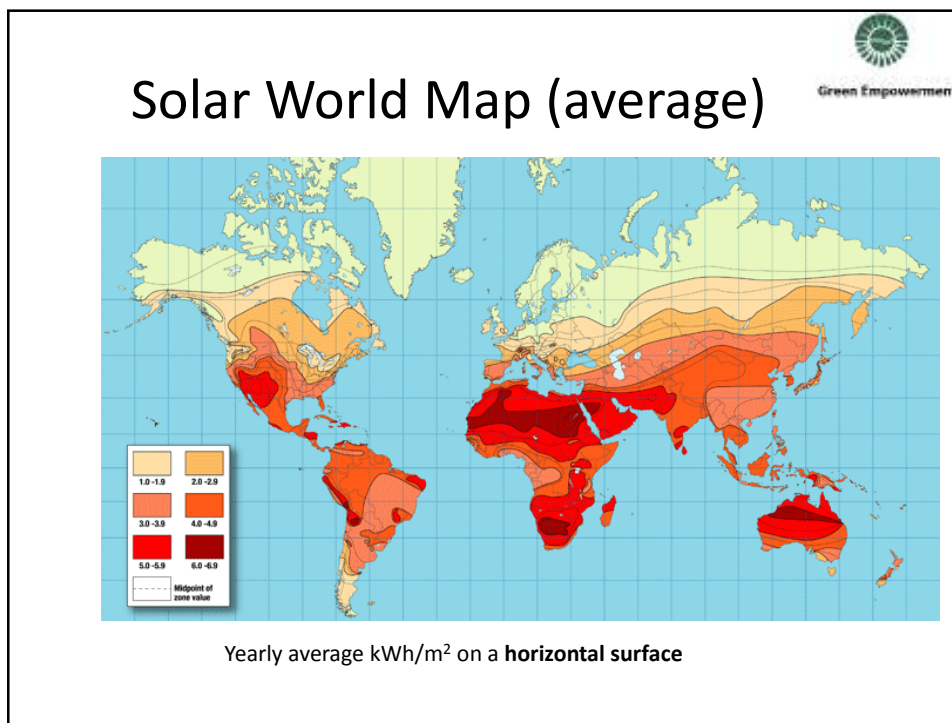
Diffuse Radiation: Dispersed by water drops in clouds

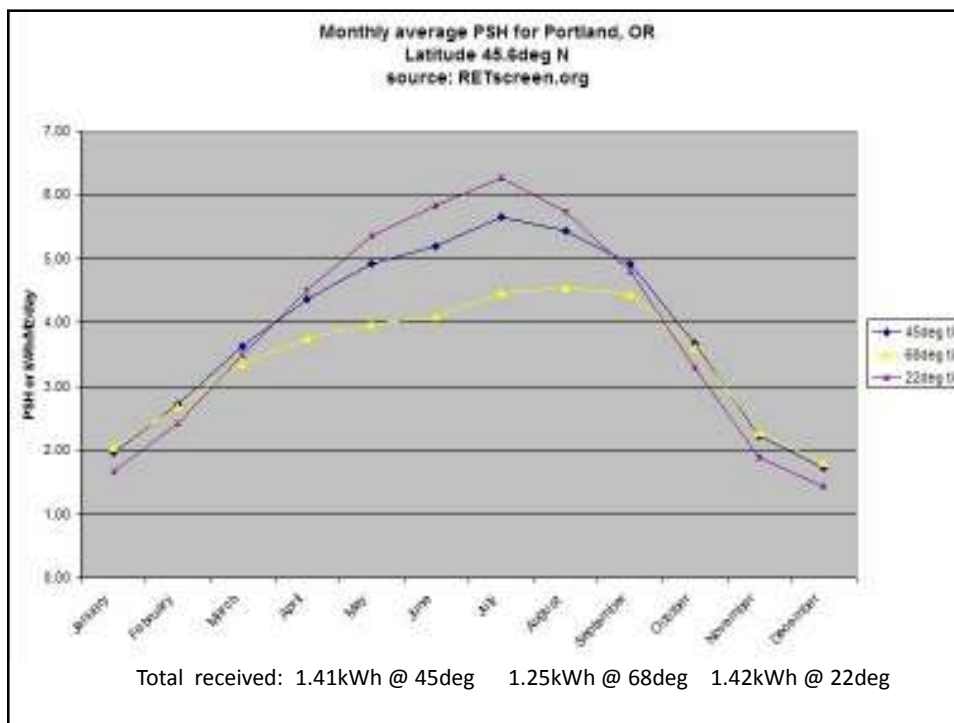
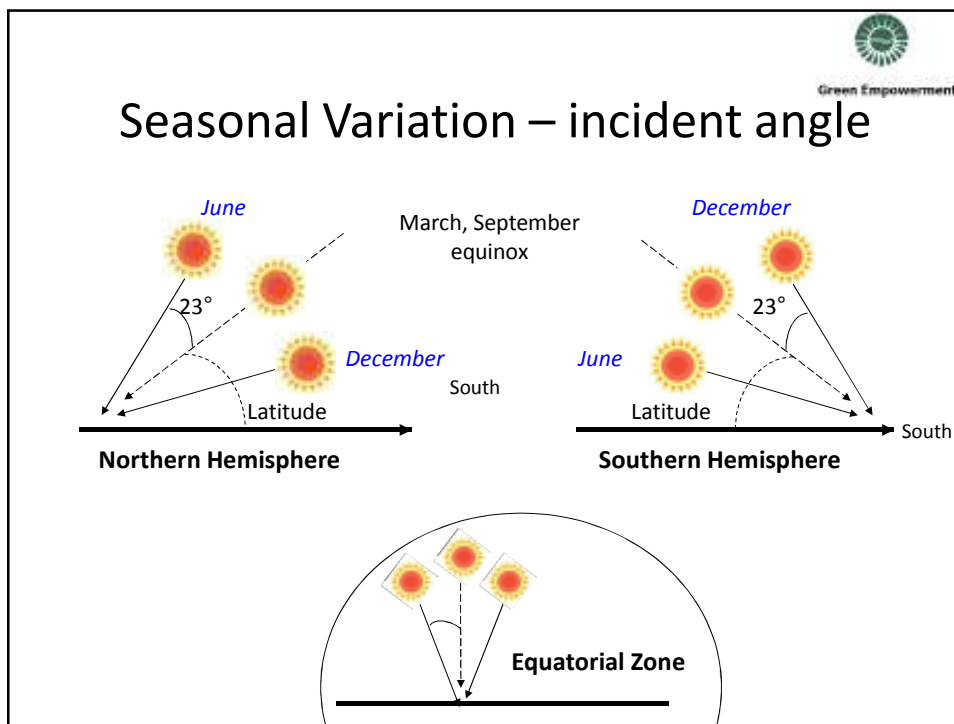
Reflected Radiation: From snow, water, white walls, etc.

On a sunny day, diffuse radiation may account for 2% of total radiation, while on a completely cloudy day, 100% of radiation may be diffuse.

If one cell is shaded the panel electrical production (efficiency) drops drastically

PV panels are much more sensitive to shade than thermal collectors







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PV System Sizing Method



Find out

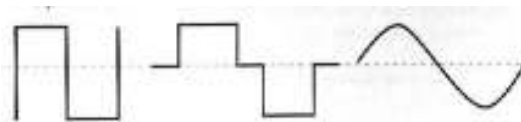
1. How much energy is needed?
2. How much is available from the sun?
3. How much will be lost in the system?
4. > What size panels are needed?
5. > How much battery capacity is needed?



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Inverter

- Transforms direct current (DC) into alternating current (AC)
- Must provide not only nominal power rating of the AC load, but also surge power (can be 2.5x the nominal rating for motors)
- Efficiency < 90%
- Uses low but continuous power if left on when not in use
- Three types of waveforms
 - Square wave, modified sine wave, sine wave
 - True sine wave is most expensive but necessary for some sensitive electronics



- Always test the inverter with the load before field implementation

Step 1: Evaluation of the Load



| | Quantity | W | Inverter Efficiency | Hours/day | Wh / day |
|-----------------------------|----------|------|---------------------|-----------|----------|
| CFL | 4 | 11W | n/a | 4 | 176 Wh |
| | 4 | 20W | | 3 | 240 Wh |
| LED | 2 | 1.5W | n/a | 11 | 33 Wh |
| Other DC loads (sound / tv) | 1 | 35W | n/a | 1 | 35 Wh |
| other | | | | | |
| AC load (TV + DVD) | 1 | 110W | 85% | 1.2 | 157 Wh |
| TOTAL | | | | | 641 Wh |

Notes:

- 1) A "factor of simultaneity" can be used if the equipment is never all used at the same time ($f_s < 1$)
- 2) This information needs to result from a credible survey of the user community, or be generated within the community

Step 2: Weather Data (PSH)



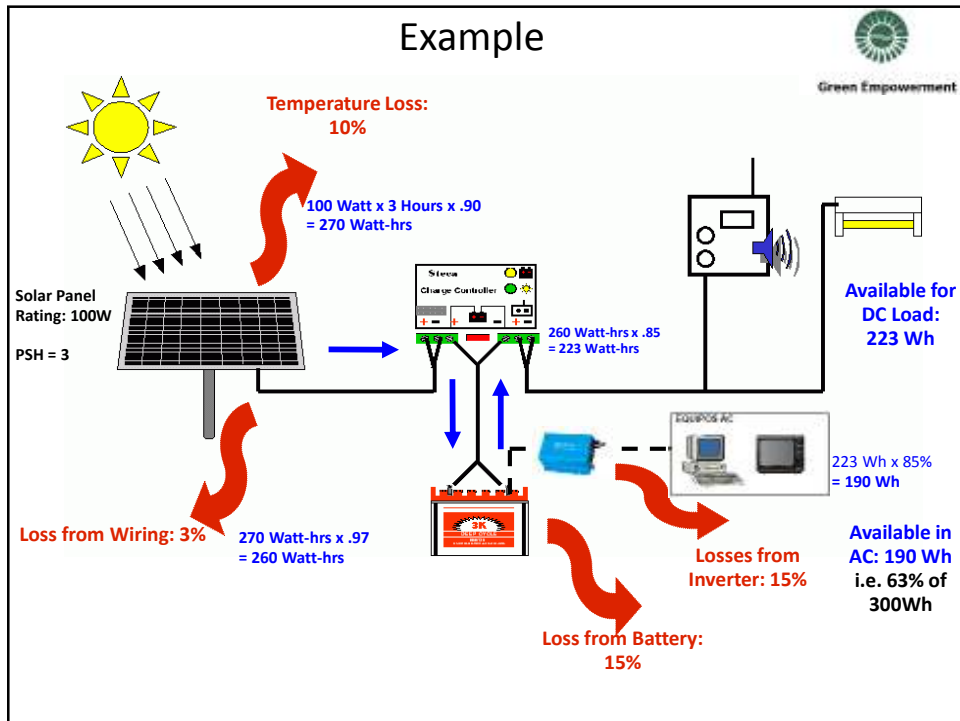
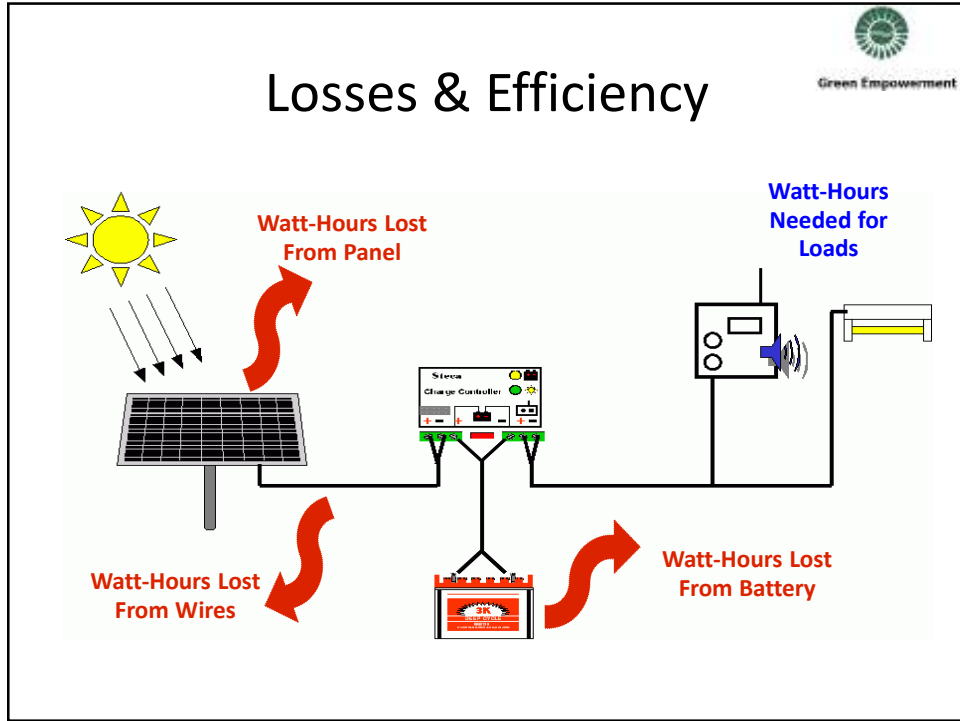
e.g.
Mindanao,
Philippines

<http://www.retscreen.net/>

| | NASA data | | RETScreen Monthly average daily radiation in plane of PV array (kWh/m ² /d) | | | |
|--------|-----------|-----------------|--|-------|-------|-------|
| | Air temp | Ddeg horizontal | 5 deg | 10deg | 15deg | 20deg |
| Jan | 25.2 | 4.68 | 4.75 | 4.84 | 4.93 | 4.99 |
| Feb | 25.3 | 4.94 | 5.05 | 5.11 | 5.15 | 5.17 |
| Mar | 26.1 | 5.29 | 5.32 | 5.33 | 5.30 | 5.25 |
| Apr | 26.8 | 5.56 | 5.50 | 5.43 | 5.32 | 5.19 |
| May | 27.2 | 5.27 | 5.14 | 5.03 | 4.87 | 4.68 |
| Jun | 26.7 | 4.87 | 4.72 | 4.60 | 4.43 | 4.24 |
| Jul | 25.9 | 4.96 | 4.82 | 4.71 | 4.55 | 4.36 |
| Aug | 25.9 | 5.15 | 5.10 | 5.02 | 4.90 | 4.75 |
| Sept | 26.1 | 5.22 | 5.22 | 5.20 | 5.14 | 5.06 |
| Oct | 26.1 | 5.03 | 5.12 | 5.16 | 5.18 | 5.17 |
| Nov | 25.9 | 5 | 5.18 | 5.27 | 5.36 | 5.43 |
| Dec | 25.3 | 4.78 | 4.99 | 5.10 | 5.22 | 5.31 |
| annual | 25 | 5.06 | 5.08 | 5.07 | 5.03 | 4.97 |
| Min | | 4.58 | 4.72 | 4.60 | 4.43 | 4.24 |
| Max | | 5.56 | 5.50 | 5.43 | 5.36 | 5.43 |

Estimation of daily temperature during hours of operation

Daily avg + 1/2 swing ~ 31 C operating





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Step 4: Panel Sizing

- The amount of energy available from the battery (in Wh) is:
 - = Peak panel power (Wp)
 - x PSH
 - x temperature efficiency (%)
 - x wiring efficiency (%)
 - x battery efficiency (%)
 - (the inverter efficiency can be incorporated into the load calculation)
- If this energy meets the average load, then panels must be sized to meet:
 - Power of panel (Wp) =
$$\frac{\text{Load (Wh)}}{\text{PSH (h) x combined efficiencies (\%)}}$$
- Local weather data:
 - Use the PSH value for the worst month of the year
 - Use the average temperature *during hours of operation*, i.e. higher than average daily temperature
 - Data can be found through RETScreen, regional maps, other sources (NASA)



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Panel Sizing - Example

Using the load from Step1 slide (641Wh)
and weather data from RETScreen for Chirinos, Peru (34.5°C , 4.23PSH)

temperature losses: $100\% - 0,5\% \times (34.5^\circ + 15^\circ - 25^\circ) = 88\%$
battery efficiency = 85%
wiring efficiency = 97% (assuming wiring losses of 3%)

Power needed (Wp) =

$$\frac{641 \text{ Wh}}{4.23\text{h} \times 88\% \times 85\% \times 97\%} = 209 \text{ Wp}$$

This needs to be rounded up to an integer quantity of commercially available solar panels,
e.g. 4 panels of 60 Wp (240 Wp); 3 panels of 75 Wp (225 Wp), etc.

Notes:

- Madrid University recommends using the rated panel Wp - 5 W to obtain the 'real' panel output
- If amorphous Si panels are used instead of mono/poly- crystalline, the area of the array will be doubled



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Step 5: Battery Sizing

The main design parameters are:

- Number of days of autonomy (to use system during cloudy days, typically 2-5 days)
- Depth of Discharge (usually 50-60%)
- Battery and system voltage (for example a 12 V system can be supplied with 2 batteries of 6 V in series)
- In terms of energy supply:

$$\text{Battery Capacity (Wh)} = \frac{\text{daily load (Wh)} \times \text{days of autonomy}}{\text{depth of discharge (\%)}}$$

Battery capacity is usually provided in amp hours (Ah), since
Watts = Volts x Amps, Amps = Watts/Volts and:

$$\text{Capacity (Ah)} = \frac{\text{Capacity (Wh)}}{\text{System voltage (V)}}$$



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Battery Capacity Sizing Example

For the same Chirinos load lets use:

- 3 days of autonomy
 - 50% DOD
 - 12V system and battery
 - 641Wh daily load with:
battery efficiency = 85% and wiring efficiency = 97%
- The effective load will be: $641\text{Wh} / (85\% \times 97\%) = 777\text{Wh}$

$$\text{Needed Capacity (Wh)} = \frac{777 \text{ (Wh)} \times 3 \text{ days of autonomy}}{50\%} = 4665 \text{ Wh}$$


In Amp hours this will be:

$$\text{Capacity (Ah)} = \frac{4665 \text{ Wh}}{12\text{V}} = 389 \text{ Ah}$$

Rounding up to a multiple of what's available on the market;

$$4 \times 104\text{Ah} = 416 \text{ Ah,}$$

$$2 \times 200\text{Ah} = 400 \text{ Ah, etc.}$$



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Battery Capacity Sensitivity to Design Choices


If instead we use:

- 2 days of autonomy instead of 3
- 60% DOD instead 50%
- Leave everything else the same

Capacity (Ah) = $\frac{777 \text{ (Wh)} \times 2 \text{ days of autonomy}}{60\% \times 12\text{V}} = 216 \text{ Ah !}$

Almost half the previous result!

- Be careful in selecting design values (over the life of the system, batteries can be the biggest expense)



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Sizing Exercise (1)

- Size a system for Huancayo, Peru, w/o AC load and doubling the weekly use of the sound system
- Try 2 scenarios with different depth of discharge and days of autonomy

RETScreen® Solar Resource and System Load Calculation - Photovoltaic Project

| Site Latitude and PV Array Orientation | Estimate | Notes/Range |
|--|----------|--------------------------------------|
| Nearest location for weather data | Huancayo | See Weather Database |
| Latitude of project location | -12.1 | -90.0 to 90.0 |
| PV array tracking mode | Fixed | |
| Slope of PV array | 12.0 | 0.0 to 90.0 |
| Azimuth of PV array | 180.0 | 0.0 to 180.0 |

Monthly inputs

| Month | Fraction of month used (0 - 1) | Monthly average daily radiation on horizontal surface (kWh/m ² /d) | Monthly average temperature (°C) | Monthly average daily radiation in plane of PV array (kWh/m ² /d) | Monthly solar fraction (%) |
|-----------|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| January | 1.00 | 7.38 | 12.5 | 6.93 | - |
| February | 1.00 | 6.71 | 12.5 | 6.50 | - |
| March | 1.00 | 6.54 | 12.0 | 6.58 | - |
| April | 1.00 | 6.54 | 12.0 | 6.91 | - |
| May | 1.00 | 6.18 | 11.0 | 6.86 | - |
| June | 1.00 | 6.28 | 9.5 | 7.22 | - |
| July | 1.00 | 6.30 | 9.5 | 7.14 | - |
| August | 1.00 | 6.74 | 11.0 | 7.30 | - |
| September | 1.00 | 7.18 | 12.5 | 7.37 | - |
| October | 1.00 | 7.47 | 13.0 | 7.31 | - |
| November | 1.00 | 7.75 | 13.0 | 7.31 | - |
| December | 1.00 | 7.21 | 12.5 | 6.72 | - |

| | Annual | Season of use |
|---|--------|---------------|
| Solar radiation (horizontal) MWh/m ² | 2.50 | 2.50 |
| Solar radiation tilted surface MWh/m ² | 7.55 | 7.55 |

Also see FVdesign+\$.xls

Sizing Exercise (2)



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- Size a similar system for a clinic in Huancayo replacing TV/DVD with a refrigerator, and eliminating the sound system
- Try 2 scenarios with different depth of discharge and days of autonomy

RETScreen[®] Solar Resource and System Load Calculation - Photovoltaic Project

| Site Latitude and PV Array Orientation | | Estimate | Notes/Range |
|--|----|----------|----------------------|
| Nearest location for weather data | | Huancayo | See Weather Database |
| Latitude of project location | °N | -12.1 | -90.0 to 90.0 |
| PV array tracking mode | - | Fixed | |
| Slope of PV array | ° | 12.0 | 0.0 to 90.0 |
| Azimuth of PV array | ° | 180.0 | 0.0 to 180.0 |

Monthly Inputs

| Month | Fraction of month used | Monthly average daily radiation on horizontal surface (kWh/m ² /d) | Monthly average temperature (°C) | Monthly average daily radiation in plane of PV array (kWh/m ² /d) | Monthly solar fraction (%) |
|-----------|------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
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| | Annual | Season of use |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Solar radiation (horizontal) | MWh/m ² 2.50 | 2.50 |
| Solar radiation (tilted surface) | MWh/m ² 3.55 | 3.55 |

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Observation of Variability in Results



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| FV SIZING SUMMARY | | COMMUNITY: example 1 | | | | date: 15-03-08 | | | | | |
|--|--------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Design variables | | Qty | Watts | inverter efficiency | hours per day | days per week | sep hours per day | sep kWh per day | Max W | | |
| Site | Chimbo | CFL | 4 x 11 | na | 4 | 7 | 4 | 175 | 44 | | |
| Ambient op. temperature °C | 34.5 | | 4 x 20 | | 3 | 7 | 3 | 240 | 80 | | |
| min PBH | 4.23 | LED | 2 x 15 | na | 11 | 7 | 11 | 33 | 3 | | |
| efficiencies | | Other DC load (sound) | 1 x 35 | na | 3.5 | 2 | 1 | 35 | 35 | | |
| inverter | 85% | Other | 1 x 110 | 85% | 4.25 | 2 | 1.2 | 157 | 125 | | |
| batteries | 85% | AC load (TV+DVD) | | | | | | | | | |
| wiring | 97% | TOTAL | | | | | | 641 | 291 | | |
| charge controller | 100% | | | | | | | Ah per day | 53 | | |
| PV panel (temperature effect) | 88% | PANELS | | | | BATTERIES | | | CONTROLLER | | |
| system efficiency incl PV | 82% | calculated array size | standard panel | panels qty | panels qty in each series | calculated capacity | standard capacity | battery qty | battery qty | Max PV current | Max Load current |
| system efficiency incl PV | 72% | Wp | Wp | total | | Ah | Ah | in parallel | total | Amp | Amp |
| Depth of discharge battery | 50% | 205 | 60 | 4 | 1 | 389 | 104 | 4 | 4 | 31 | 38 |
| days of autonomy | 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Panel nominal voltage | 12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Array nominal voltage | 12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Battery nominal voltage | 12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| DC load voltage | 12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Safety coefficient for current to controller | 1.25 | | | | | | | | | | |

Switch to FVdesign+\$.xls for demo

Reverse Sizing Exercise

In many countries, vendors sell pre-packaged domestic systems, e.g.

1. 50Wp panels
2. 75Wp
3. 100Wp

Select one of those and see how much usage it would give for 15W CFLs and 40W TV in various climates:

- A. 4PSH (Amazon, Thailand)
- B. 5PSH (Philippines)
- C. 6 PSH (Cuzco)
- D. 7 PSH (Mauritania)

Power Rating of Common Appliances

| ITEM | LOAD (Watts) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Air Conditioner | 1000 |
| Blow Dryer | 1000 |
| Ceiling Fan | 10-50 |
| Clock Radio | 5 |
| Clothes Washer | 1400 |
| Electric Cook Top | 4 |
| Iron | 1000 |
| Sewing Machine | 100 |
| Table Fan | 10-25 |
| Refrigerator-Freezer (10 Cu Ft.) | 1000 Wh / day |
| Refrigerator-Freezer (15 Cu Ft.) | 700 Wh / day |
| Refrigerator-Freezer (12 Cu Ft.) | 470 Wh / day |
| Refrigerator-Freezer (10 Cu Ft.) | 280 Wh / day |
| Refrigerator-Freezer (4 Cu Ft.) | 210 Wh / day |
| Blender | 300 |
| Coffee Pot | 1200 |
| Microwave (2 Cu. Ft.) | 700 |
| Electric Range | 2100 |
| Incandescent (100 W) | 100 |
| Incandescent (60 W) | 60 |
| Compact Fluorescent (60W equivalent) | 16 |
| Incandescent (40 W) | 40 |
| Compact Fluorescent (40W equivalent) | 11 |
| CE radio | 10 |
| CD player | 30 |
| Cellular Telephone | 24 |
| Computer Printer | 100 |
| Computer (desktop) | 100-150 |
| Computer (laptop) | 20-50 |
| Stereo (average volume) | 10 |
| Stereo (Large full volume) | 100 |
| TV (11" with black & white) | 15 |
| TV (10-inch color) | 60 |
| VCR | 40 |
| Band Saw (14") | 1100 |
| Circular Saw (7.25") | 600 |
| Disc Sander 8" | 1200 |
| Drill (1/4") | 200 |
| Drill (1/2") | 200 |
| Drill (1") | 1000 |



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