

# How to talk about solar photovoltaic power generation



## Overview

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Solar photovoltaic (PV) power generation is the process of converting energy from the sun into electricity using solar panels. Solar panels, also called PV panels, are combined into arrays in a PV system. PV systems can also be installed in grid-connected or off-grid (stand-alone).

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### Solar Power 101

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Renewable energy can either be produced locally to meet all local end-use energy needs (power, heating and cooling, and transport) or can be imported from outside of the region using supportive

## [Understanding Solar Photovoltaic \(PV\) Power Generation](#)

Learn about grid-connected and off-grid PV system configurations and the basic components involved in each kind.



## **Solar PV Energy Factsheet**

Solar energy can be harnessed two primary ways: photovoltaics (PVs) are semiconductors that generate electricity directly from sunlight, while solar thermal technologies use sunlight to heat water for

## **Solar Photovoltaic Technology Basics**

Learn the basics of how photovoltaic (PV) technology works with these resources from the DOE Solar Energy Technologies Office.



## [Understanding solar power generation, GlobalSpec](#)

Explore the fundamental components and operating principles of a basic solar power system.

## Solar explained

When the sun is shining, PV systems can generate electricity to directly power devices such as water pumps or supply electric power grids. PV systems can also charge a battery to provide electricity



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