

Silicon wafers used in bifacial solar modules





Overview

Silicon is the primary material used in solar panels, and bifacial panels are no exception. The two main types of silicon used are monocrystalline and polycrystalline. Can silicon wafers be used for photovoltaic (PV) solar cells?

So far, because of the vast quantities and security of silicon as a resource, silicon wafers have been used to build more than 90% of photovoltaic (PV) solar cells, and this dominance is projected to continue in the future.

What is a bifacial silicon solar panel?

The bifacial silicon-based cell architecture consists of PERC+, p-PERL, n-⁺PERC, n-⁺PERT, n-⁺PERL, heterojunction, IBC and TOPCon cells. A typical bifacial silicon solar panel consists of a glass sheet on both front and back sides, a transparent polymer sheet and a thin silicon wafer layer with a shelf life of at least 25 years.

What are the applications of bifacial solar cells?

The applications of bifacial solar cells are the same as conventional applications of monofacial counterparts, with at least a 35% increase in overall power production efficiency. Initial applications of bifacial solar cells include using as sun-shading elements with a set of parallel strings with bifacial cells.

What are bifacial and monofacial solar cells?

Front and rear view of monofacial and bifacial photovoltaic (PV) modules. Bifacial solar cells encased in a glass/backsheet structure provide more power under standard test conditions (STC) than glass/glass PV bifacial modules.



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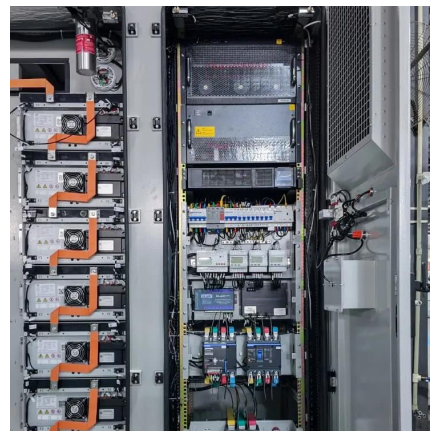
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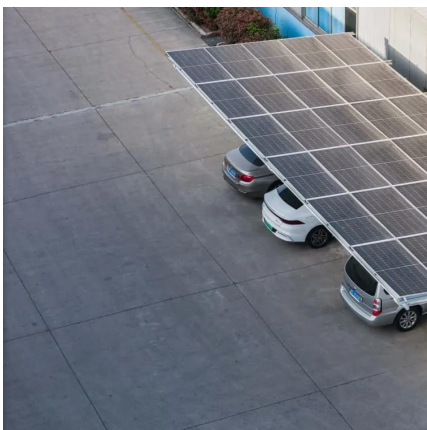
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