

Standard requirements for bifaciality of solar modules





Overview

What are the procedures for bifacial photovoltaic measurements?

The procedures for the measurement of the current-voltage (I-V) characteristics and bifaciality parameters of bifacial photovoltaic devices are analytically described in the IEC 60904-1-2 document . A short summary of these procedures and a bifacial parameter calculation example are provided below. 2. Bifaciality coefficients.

Do bifacial PV modules have power rating problems?

To look into the power rating problem associated with bifacial PV devices, it helps to break it down into the following issues: 1) definition of rear irradiance; 2) test method of measurement; 3) power stabilization; and 4) verification for type approval. The reliability and safety issues with bifacial PV modules come next in line.

Can a solar simulator be used to measure bifacial PV devices?

As described in IEC 60904-1-2, for single-sided illumination measurements of bifacial PV devices, a solar simulator (as defined in IEC 60904-9) with adjustable irradiance level has to be used for the I-V characterisation.

How do you calculate bifaciality of a photovoltaic module?

For example, under Standard Testing Conditions (STC), if the test power of the back of a bifacial photovoltaic module is 350 watts and the test power of the front is 500 watts, the calculation for bifaciality would be $350/500 = 70\%$. This means that the back contributes 70% of the power generation capability compared to the front.



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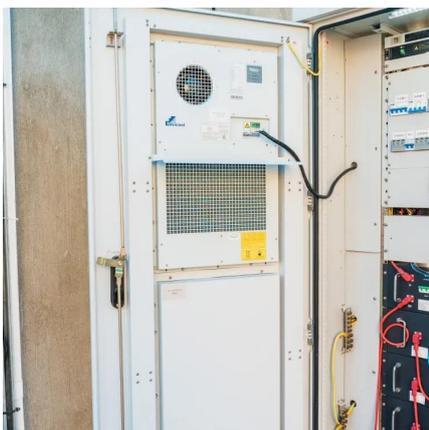
It is applicable to single PV cells, sub-assemblies of such cells or entire PV modules. The requirements for measurement of I-V characteristics of standard (monofacial) ...

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Among the parameters that define a bifacial photovoltaic module, the bifaciality coefficients indicate the rear and front side ratio of the most representative IV curve points of a ...

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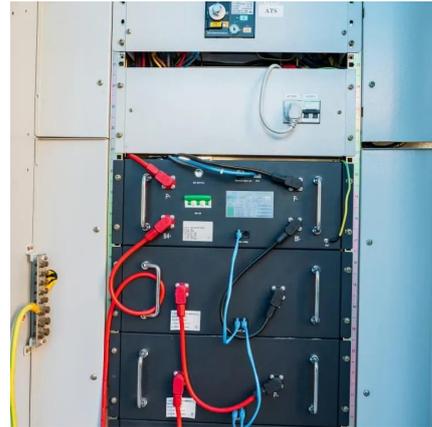




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ABSTRACT: Bifacial c-Si PV modules are in fast commercialization and therefore in the need for appropriate testing according to common PV standards, namely IEC 61215 and ...

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Bi-facial modules

In PVsyst, bifacial modules are characterized by their Bifaciality Factor (?), which is defined by the IEC 61724-1 standard as the ratio of the nominal efficiency of the rear side to ...

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