



ENERGY⁴FARMING

MODULE 2

Photovoltaic Solar energy

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SOLAR ENERGY



INTRODUCTION

The sun. Energy Source

This closest star to Earth is characterized by:

- Equatorial radius: 695,000 km
- Mean surface temperature: 6000°C
- Surface gravity: 274 m/s²

Inside are nuclear fusion constantly produces reactions that release energy. The hydrogen atoms, the most abundant element, combine to form helium atoms and energy flows from the interior to the solar surface and from there is radiated into space in all directions.

Part of the radiated energy is transported in the form of electromagnetic waves (photons), which moves in a vacuum at 300,000 km/s, taking about eight minutes to travel the 150 million km that separate the Earth from the sun.



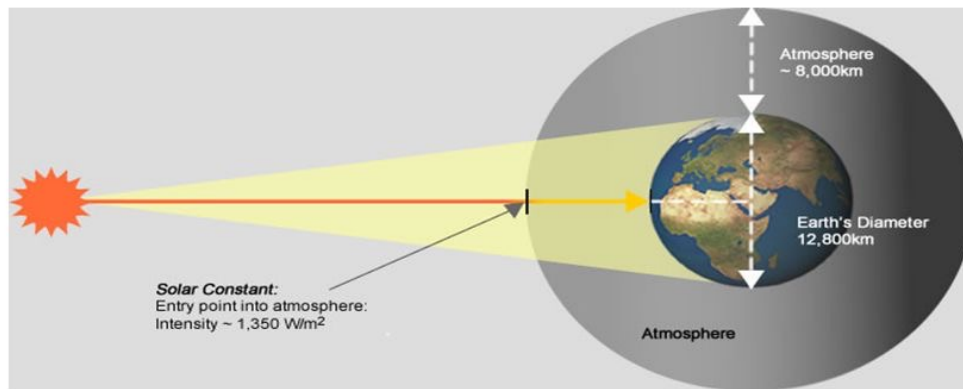
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The sun. Energy Source

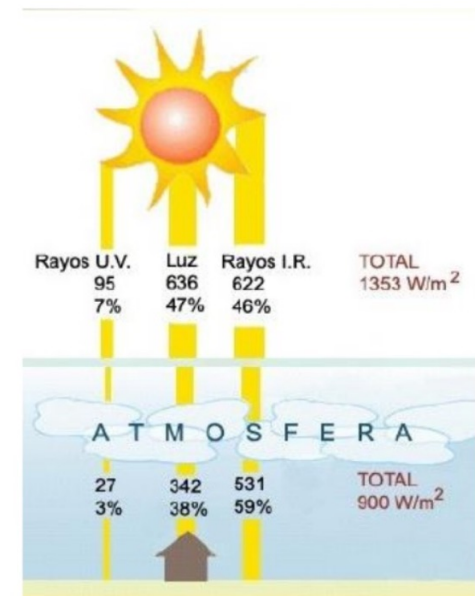
The **Solar constant** is the flow of energy per m^2 that arrives to the outside of the atmosphere per second, and its value is **1366 W/m^2**

Of this radiation only a small part reaches the Earth, the rest of the energy is reflected by the atmosphere, or emitted into space in the form of infrared radiation.

Constante solar = $1366 [\text{Watt/m}^2] \pm 3\%$.



Energía Solar útil = $1000 [\text{Watt/m}^2]$ (en promedio)



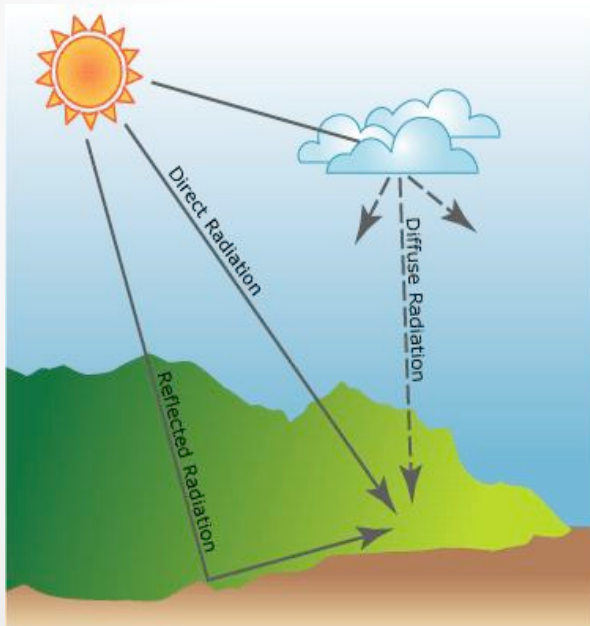
1 year of solar radiation $\approx 20 \times$ world's fossil reserves



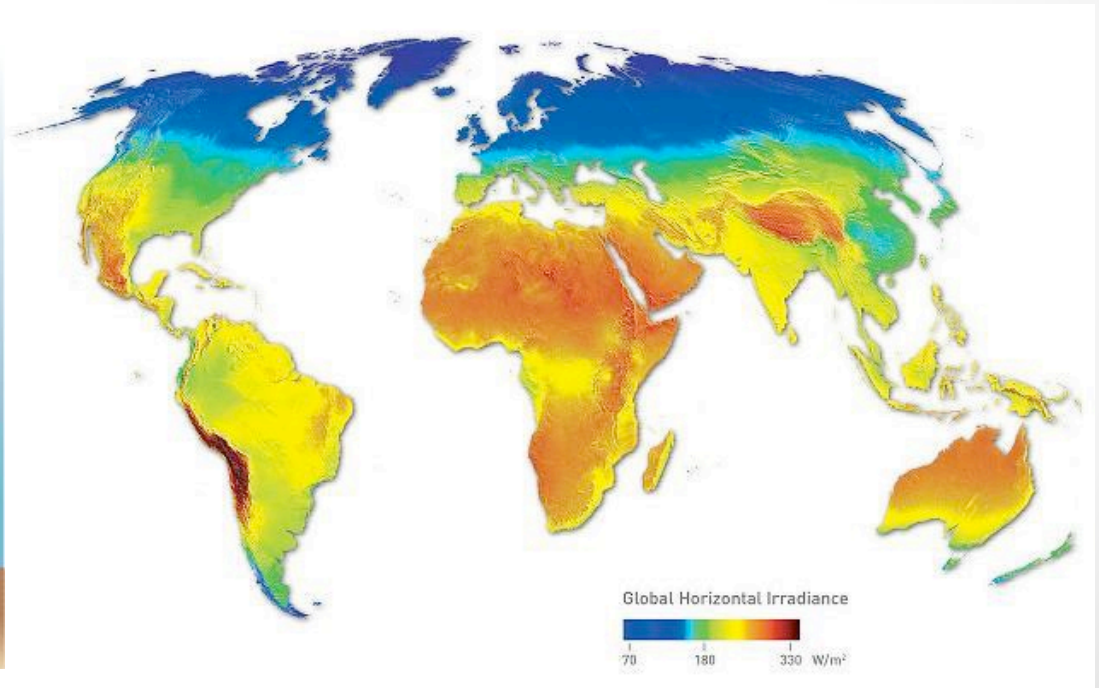
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SOLAR ENERGY ON THE EARTH'S SURFACE

- Only a part of the solar radiation index reaches the Earth's surface.
- The direct radiation that reaches the earth's surface is affected by the composition of the atmosphere, as parts of the global radiation are reflected or diffused.



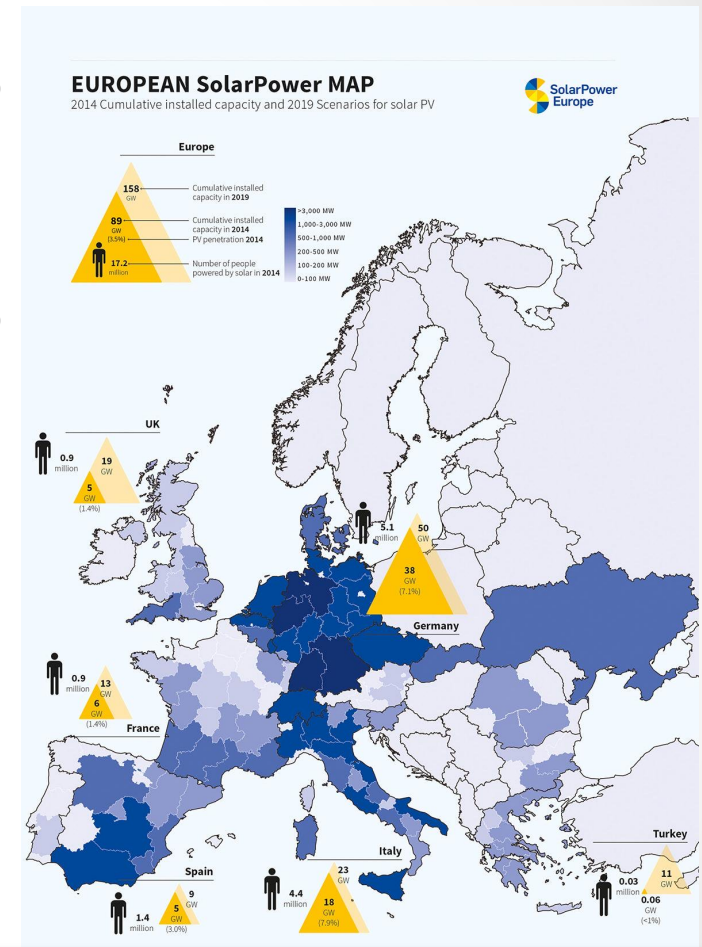
**Radiación solar global =
Directa + Difusa + Reflejada \approx
 $1.000 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot \text{día}$**



Photovoltaic Solar Energy

Photovoltaic solar capture

- It consists of the direct conversion of light energy into electrical energy.
- The so-called **Photovoltaic cells**, Formed by very thin sheets of semiconductor materials (for example, silicon), transform solar light energy (photons) into electricity through the stimulation of the electrons in the semiconductor material.



Photovoltaic systems have reduced their costs by 75% over the last 10 years



Photovoltaic Solar Energy

Photovoltaic System Components

➤ Solar Photovoltaic Modules

Monocrystalline Silicon

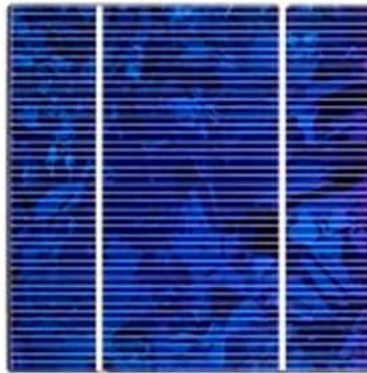
Performance: 17 - 22%



Polycrystalline silicon

Performance: 16-18%

Dark Blue



Amorphous Silicon

Performance: 6-10%



Photovoltaic Solar Energy

Photovoltaic System Components

➤ Solar Photovoltaic Modules

Monocrystalline Silicon



The most common sizes:

60 Cells

1650x990x40mm

300 - 340 Wp

Performance: 18.44 - 21%

Vmp: 33 V

Imp: 9 A

72 Cells

1956x990x40mm

360 - 460 Wp

Performance: 18.55 - 21.08%

Vmp: 39 V

Imp: 9 A

Polycrystalline Silicon



The most common sizes:

60 Cells

1650x990x40mm

265 - 280 Wp

Performance: 16.2 - 17.2%

Vmp: 31 V

Imp: 8.8 A

72 Cells

1956x990x40mm

325 - 335 Wp

Performance: 16.7 - 17.2%

Vmp: 37 V

Imp: 8.8 A



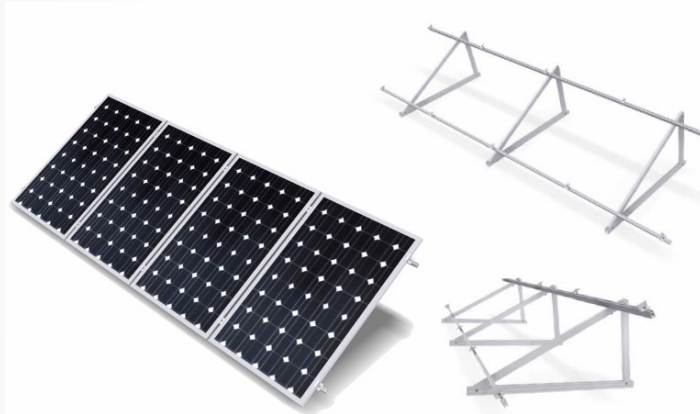
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Photovoltaic System Components

➤ Support Structure

Fixed structure

Flat roof or floor



Pitched Roof



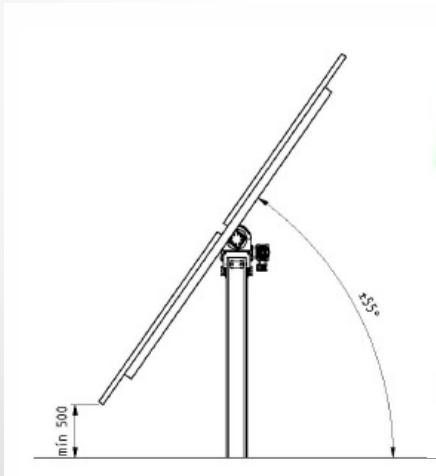
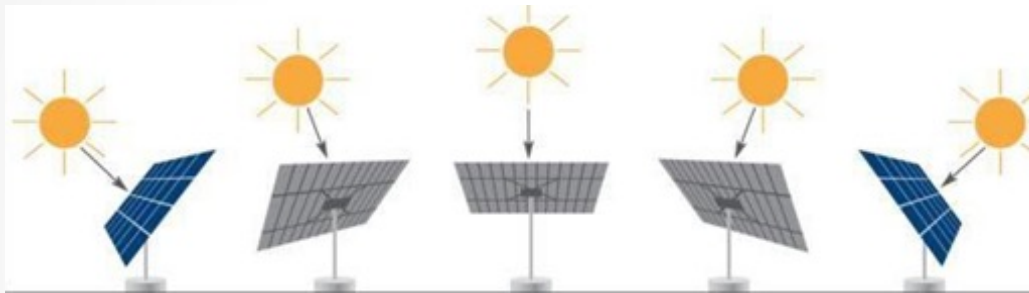
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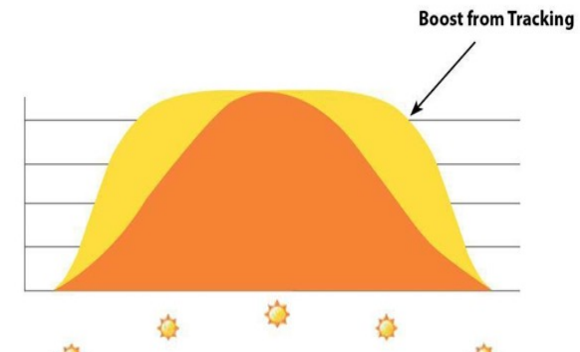
Photovoltaic System Components

➤ Support Structure

Structure with a follower



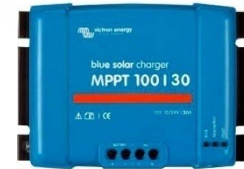
Tracker Compared to Fixed Mount



Photovoltaic Solar Energy

Photovoltaic System Components

- Maximizer regulator /
Electronic equipment that controls the charging of the batteries.



- Batteries

MONOBLOCK



6 - 12V

Small Installations
Economic
Less useful life

AGM



6 - 12V

Small Installations
Higher performance
Maintenance-free

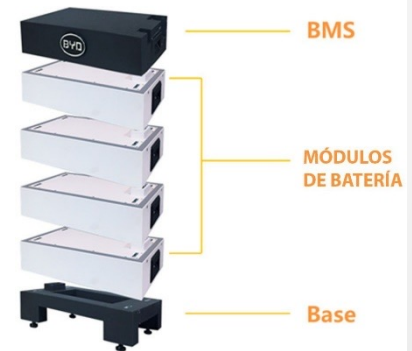
Stationary



2V

Long service life
50% 3000 cycles (DoD)

Lithium-ion



48-51V

Download High depth
Long service life
Maintenance-free
6000 Cycles (80%DoD)



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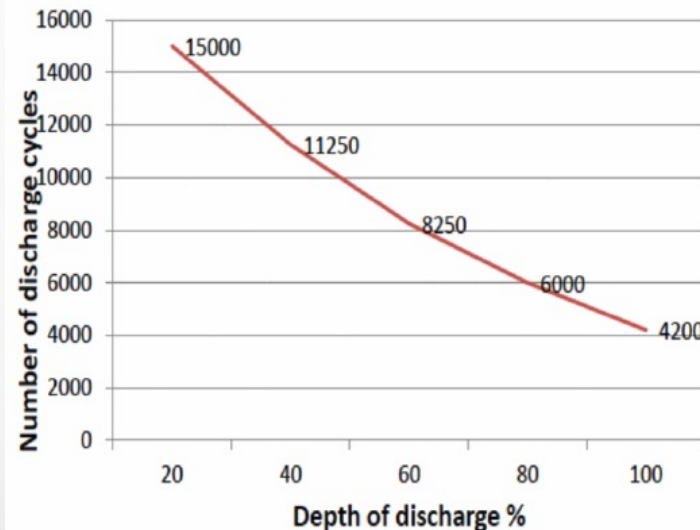
Photovoltaic System Components

➤ Batteries

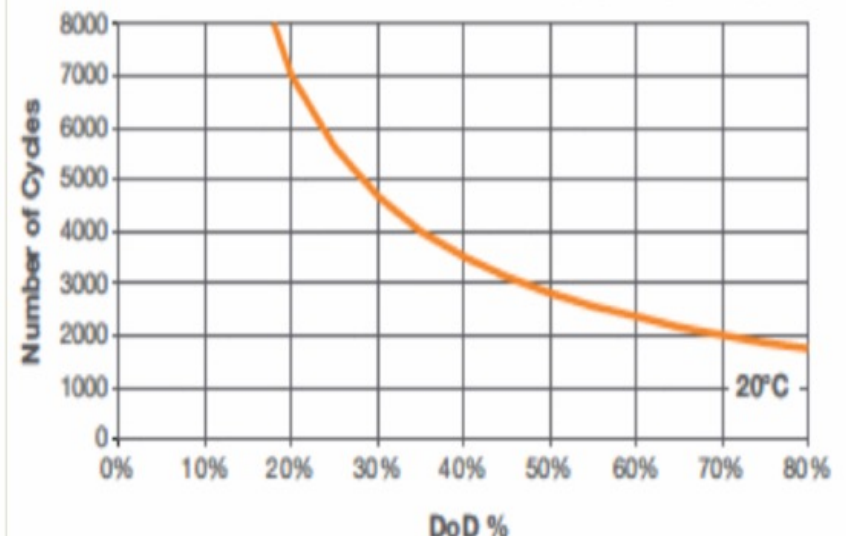
Main features to take into account:

- Voltage (V): 2, 4, 6, 12 V
- Capacity (Ah)
- Depth of Discharge
- Life Cycles:

Lithium-ion battery



Stationary OPzS



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Photovoltaic System Components

➤ Inverter

The DC/AC inverters are electronic devices that allow you to convert the direct current produced by the photovoltaic modules into alternating current.

Grid-tie inverter



Requires the presence of an electrical network to transform energy to the same characteristics of the network

Up to 1000 kW

Off-grid inverter installation



For isolated facilities in which the equipment generates the network switches suitable for use itself

Up to 15kW

Photovoltaic Solar Energy

Types of photovoltaic installations

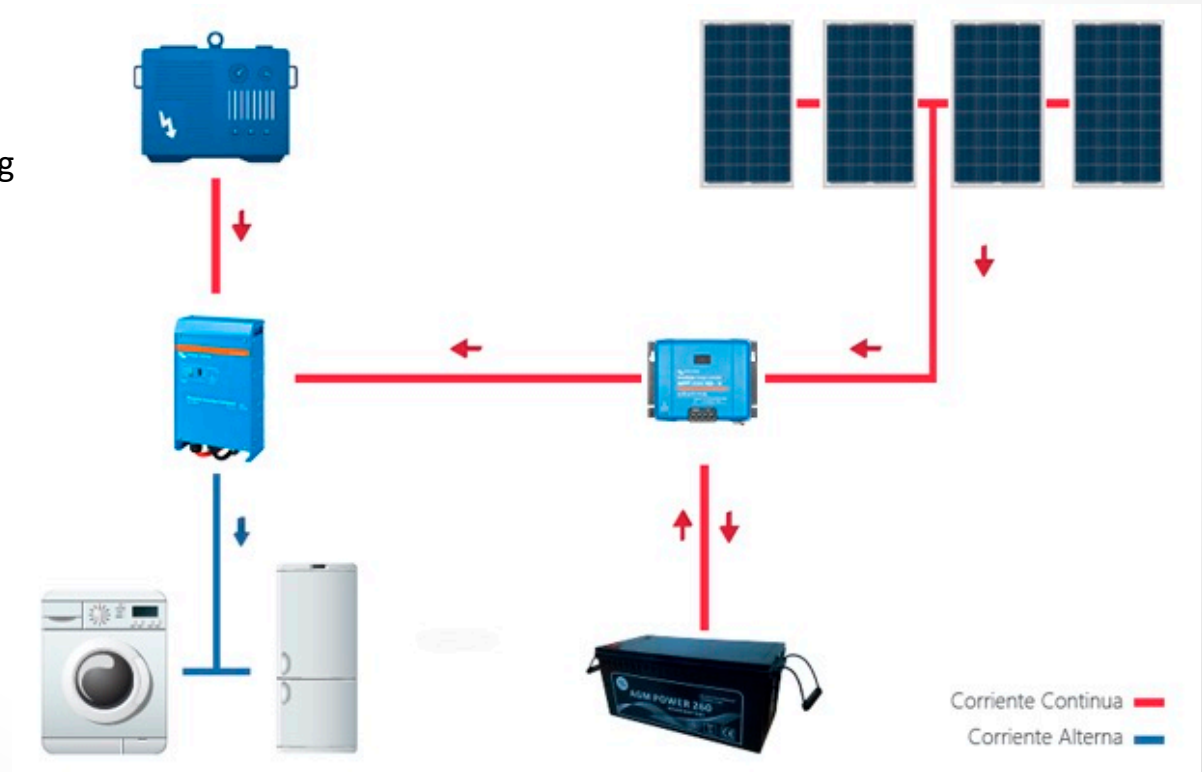
➤ Isolated installation

Photovoltaic installation without a network connection. The installation generates and stores energy for later use.

Generic isolated

They are formed by:

- Photovoltaic modules
- Cruise control/Maximizing
- Battery Bank
- Inverter/Charger
- Auxiliary generator



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Types of photovoltaic installations

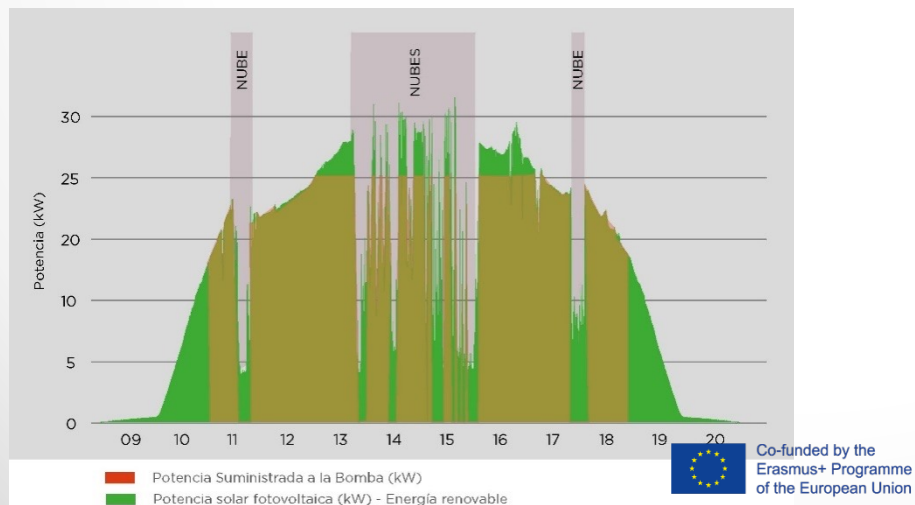
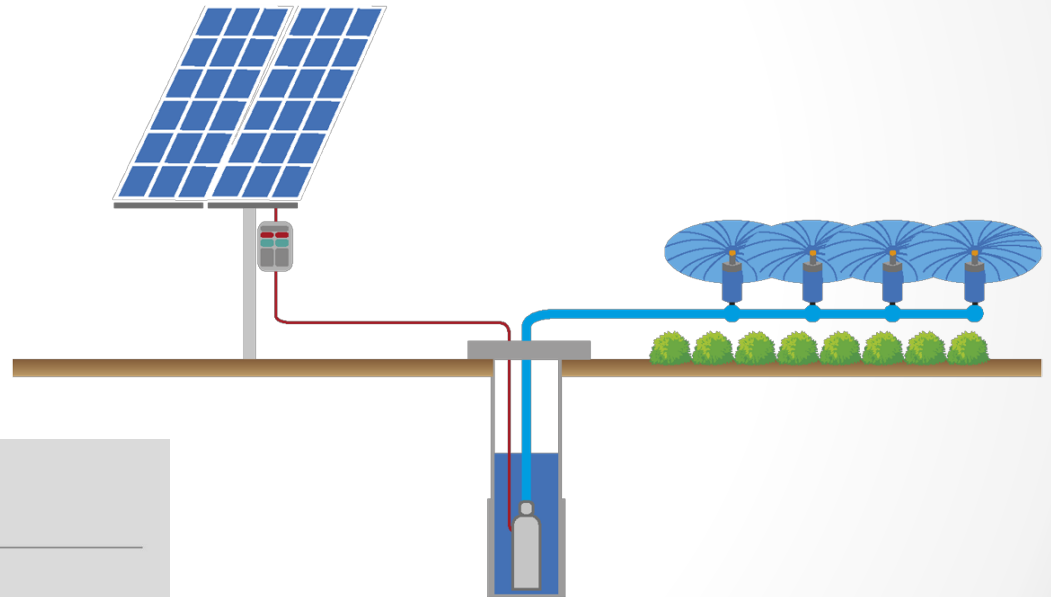
➤ Isolated installation

Photovoltaic installation without a network connection. The installation generates the energy for direct use in a water pump.

SOLAR pumping

They are formed by:

- Photovoltaic modules
- Variable Frequency Drive/controller
- Water Pump



Photovoltaic Solar Energy

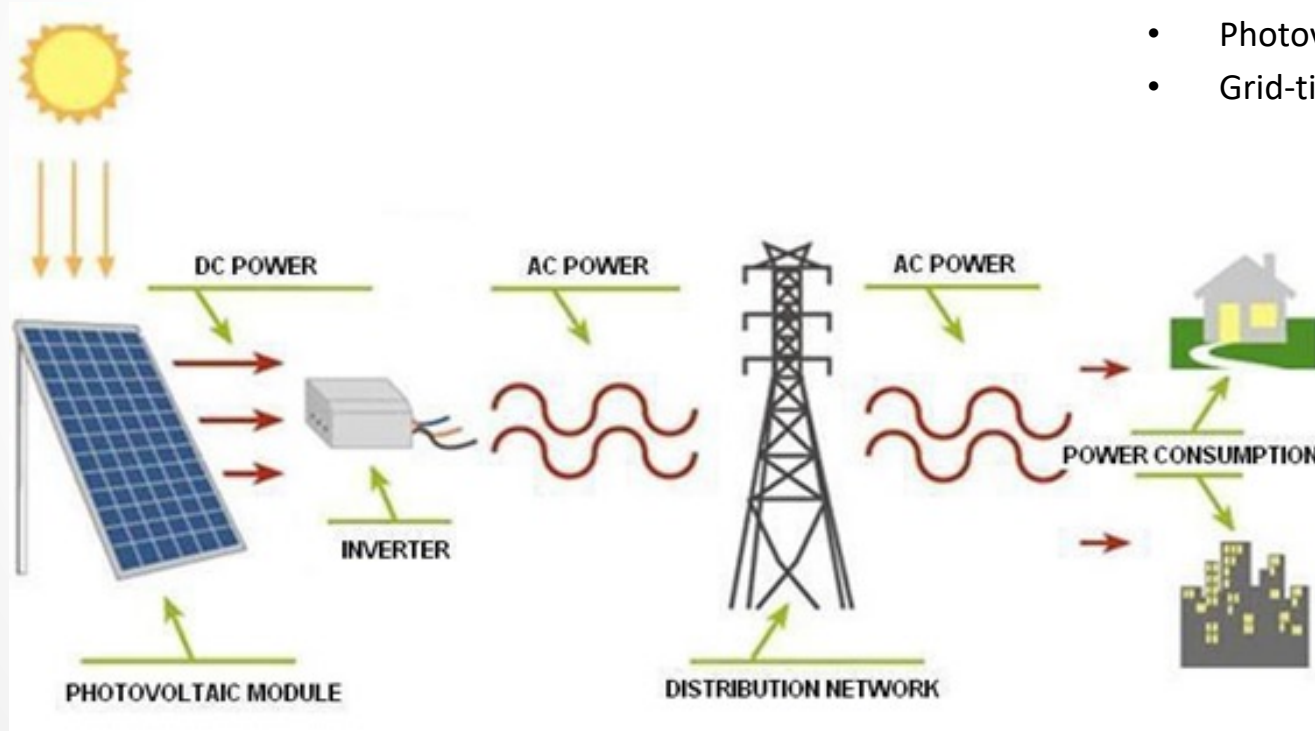
Types of photovoltaic installations

➤ Installation with a network connection

Photovoltaic installation which injects all the energy generated to the electricity distribution grid.

They are formed by:

- Photovoltaic modules
- Grid-tie inverters

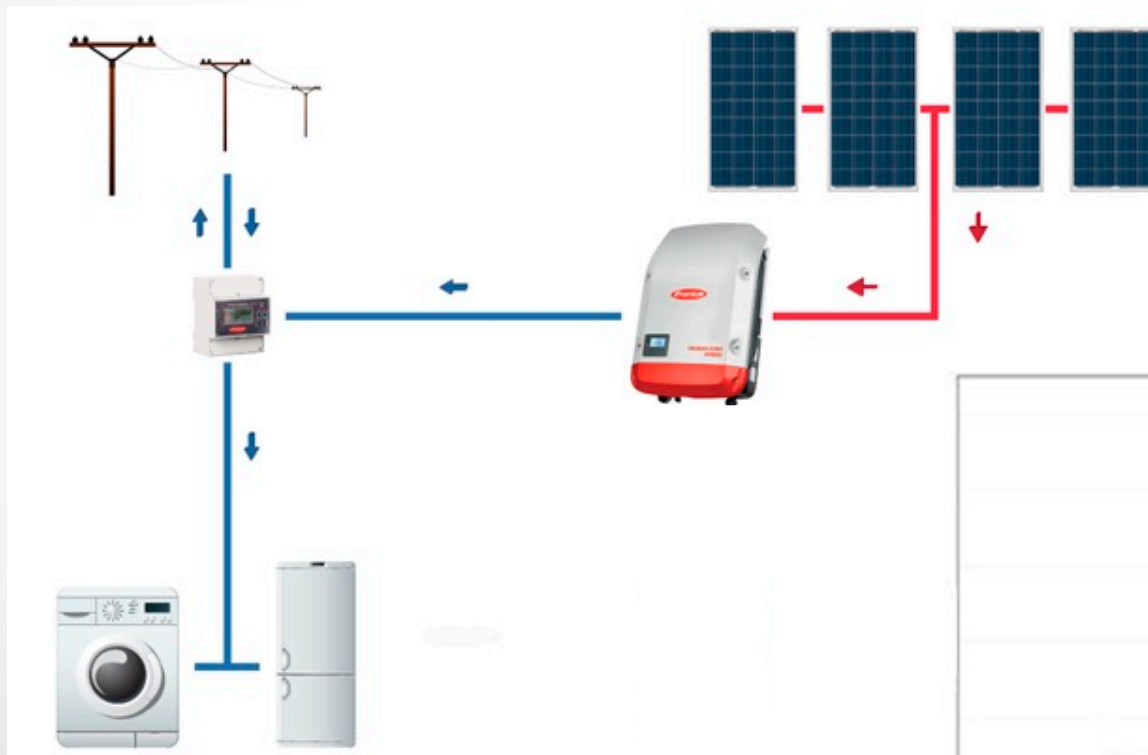


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Types of photovoltaic installations

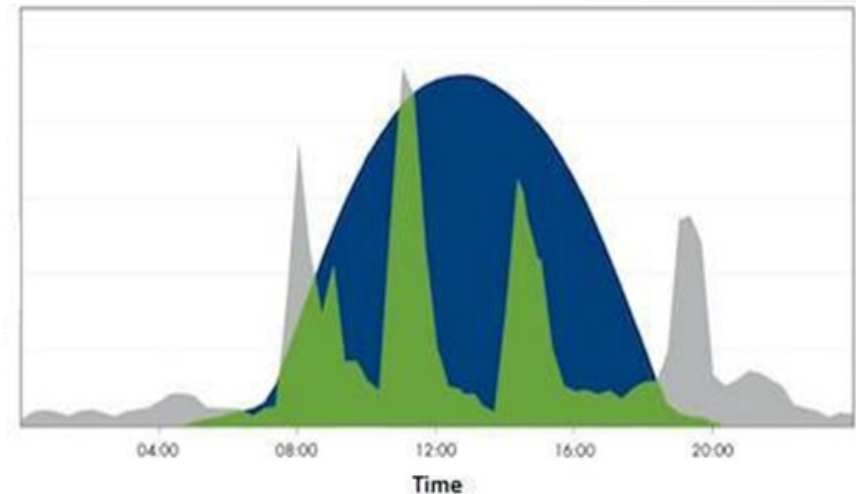
➤ Installation for self-consumption

Self-consumption without accumulation



They are formed by:

- Photovoltaic modules
- Grid-tie inverters
- Power Meter
- (Power Limiter)



Configurations:

- Instantaneous consumption
- Activation of consumption
- Power limitation



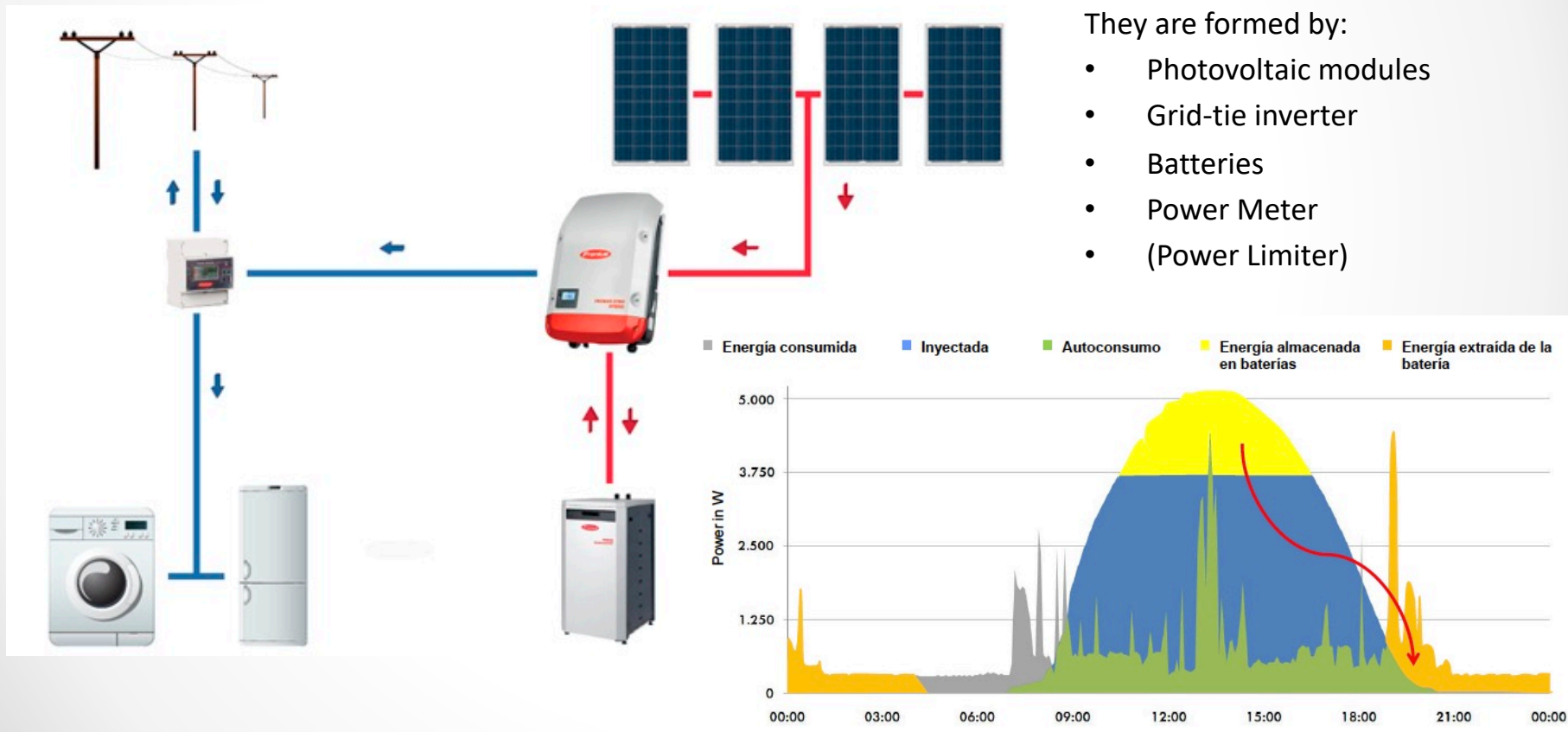
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Types of photovoltaic installations

➤ Installation for self-consumption

Self-consumption with accumulation

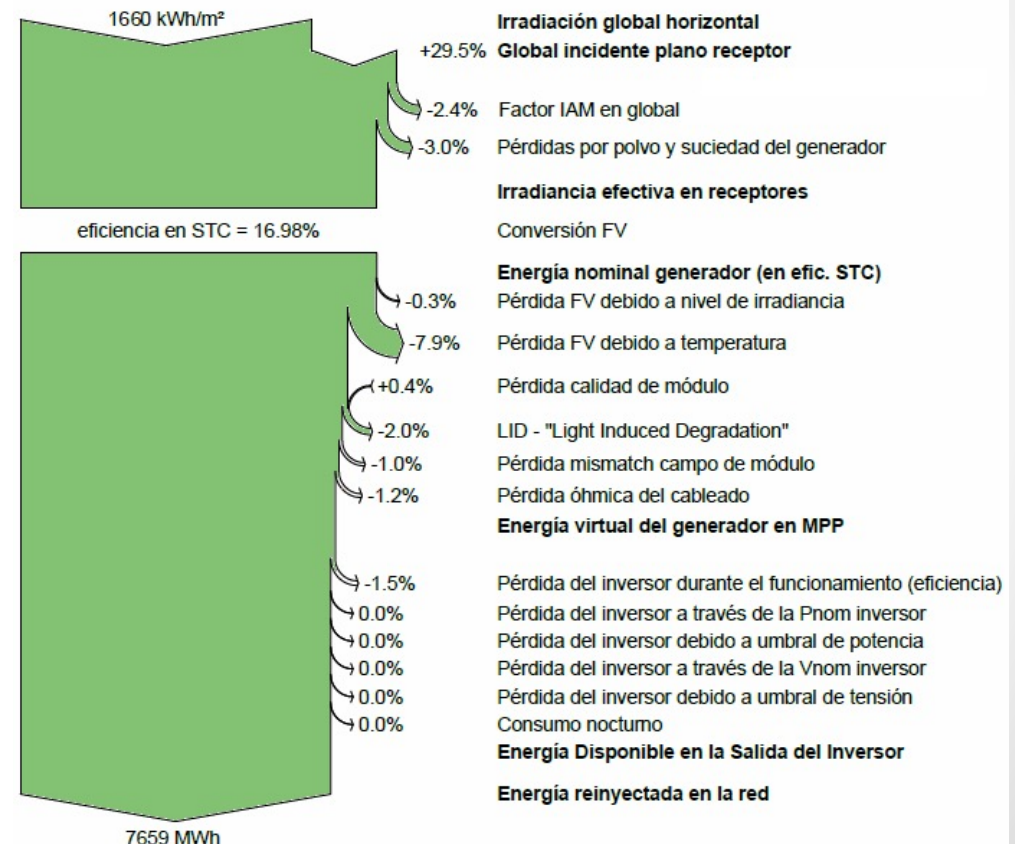


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General considerations SIZING AND INSTALLATION

➤ For optimum operation of the installation must take into account the following factors:

- Radiation
- Tilt and orientation
- Loss by shade
- Loss due to dirt.
- Temperature of the cell
- Efficiency of the equipment
- Deterioration of solar panels



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General considerations SIZING AND INSTALLATION

➤ Radiation

Radiation databases

PVGIS - European Commission



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Cursor: Selected: Select location! Elevation (m):

Use terrain shadows: ☒ Calculated horizon ☐ Upload horizon file

GRID CONNECTED

TRACKING PV

OFF-GRID

MONTHLY DATA

DAILY DATA

HOURLY DATA

TMY

PERFORMANCE OF GRID-CONNECTED PV

Solar radiation database*

PV technology*

Installed peak PV power [kWp]*

System loss [%]*

Fixed mounting options

Mounting position*

Slope [°]*

Azimuth [°]*

☐ PV electricity price

PV system cost (your currency)

Interest [%/year]

Lifetime [years]

Visualize results

Download csv

Address: Eg. Ispra, Italy Lat/Lon: Eg. 45.81 | Eg. 8.611

Last update: 17/05/2017 Top

PVGIS-5 base de datos de irradiación geoespacial

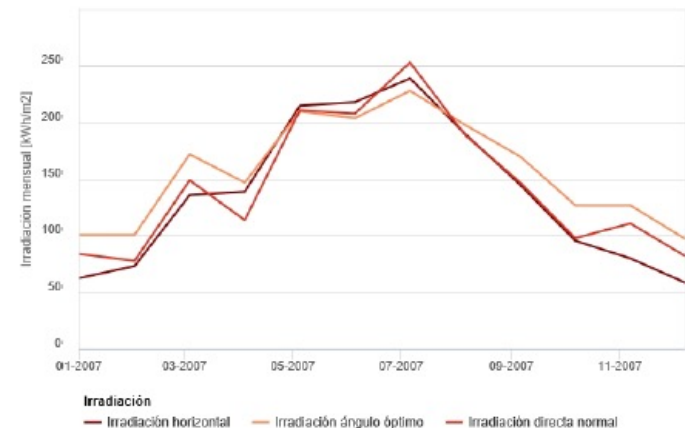
Datos proporcionados

Latitud/Longitud: 39.823, -0.249
Horizonte: Calculado
Base de datos: PVGIS-CMSAF
Año inicial: 2007
Año final: 2007

Variables incluidas en este informe:

Irradiación global horizontal: Si
Irradiación directa normal: Si
Irradiación global con el ángulo óptimo: Si
Irradiación global con el ángulo *: No
Ratio difusa/global: Si
Temperatura media: Si

Irradiación solar mensual

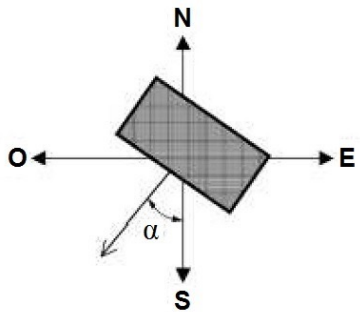


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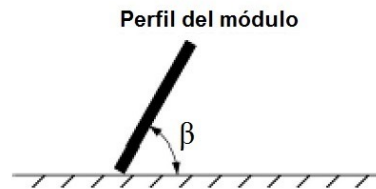
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General considerations SIZING AND INSTALLATION

➤ Tilt and Orientation



Representación del ángulo azimut



Inclinación del módulo fotovoltaico

Annual demand: $\beta_{Opt} = \phi - 10$

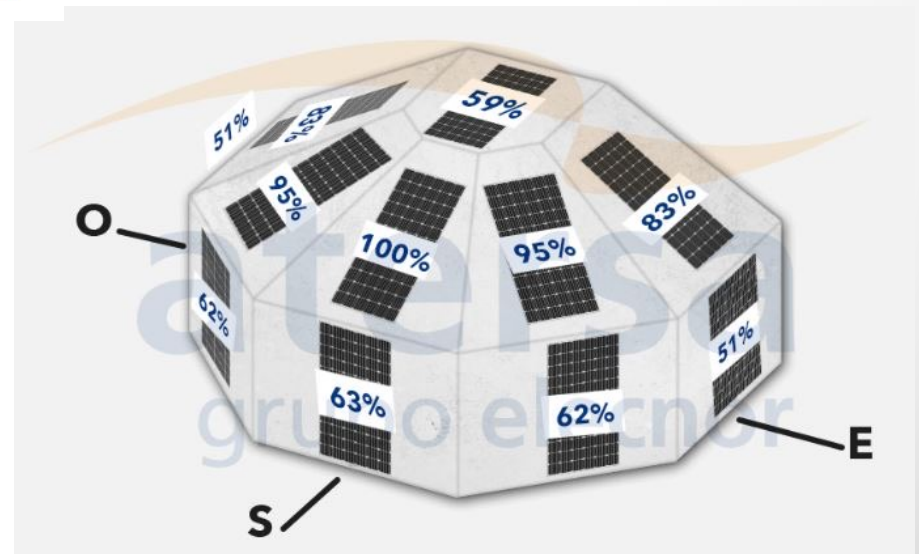
Summer demand: $\beta_{Opt} = \phi - 20$

Demand for winter: $\beta_{Opt} = \phi + 10$

β_{Opt} It is the optimum tilt angle and ϕ is the latitude of the location.

Optimal Orientation
South orientation (Azimuth: 0°)

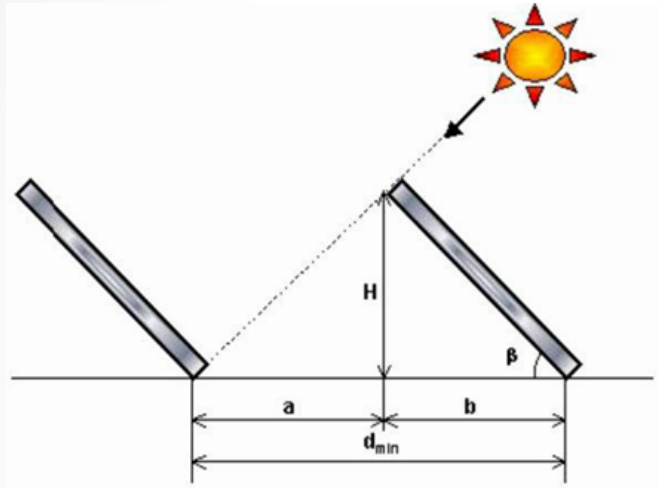
Optimum inclination Castellón
 30°



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General considerations SIZING AND INSTALLATION

➤ Losses by shadows

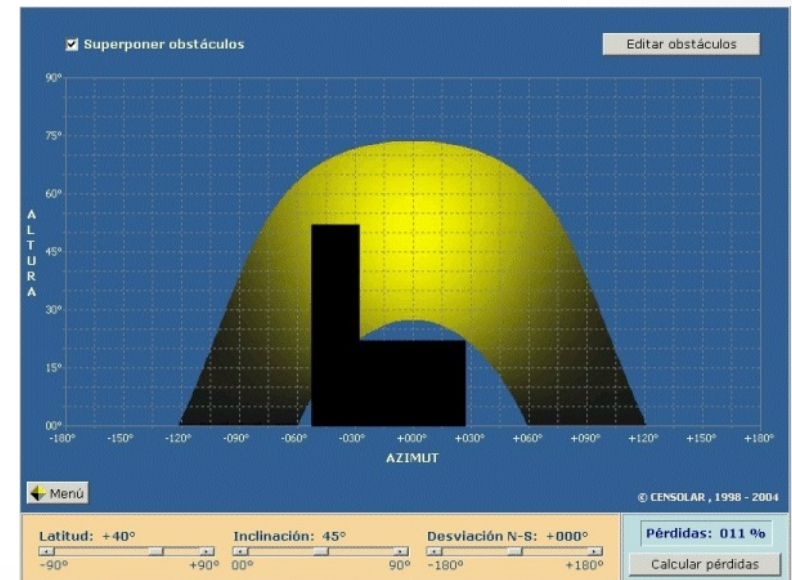


$$A = H / \tan(61^\circ - \text{altitude of the place})$$

December 21

Solar day with lowest height of the Year

4 central hours without shadows

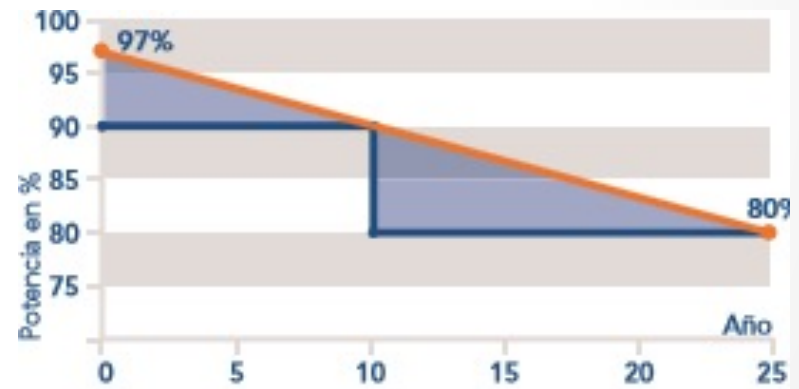


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General considerations SIZING AND INSTALLATION

➤ Other losses

- Loss due to dirt. ~3 %. You can reach 30%. Six-monthly cleaning is recommended
- Temperature of the cell ~8 %
- Efficiency of the equipment ~8 %
- Wiring losses ~1,2 %
- Deterioration of solar panels




Average yield of ~78%



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Calculation of production

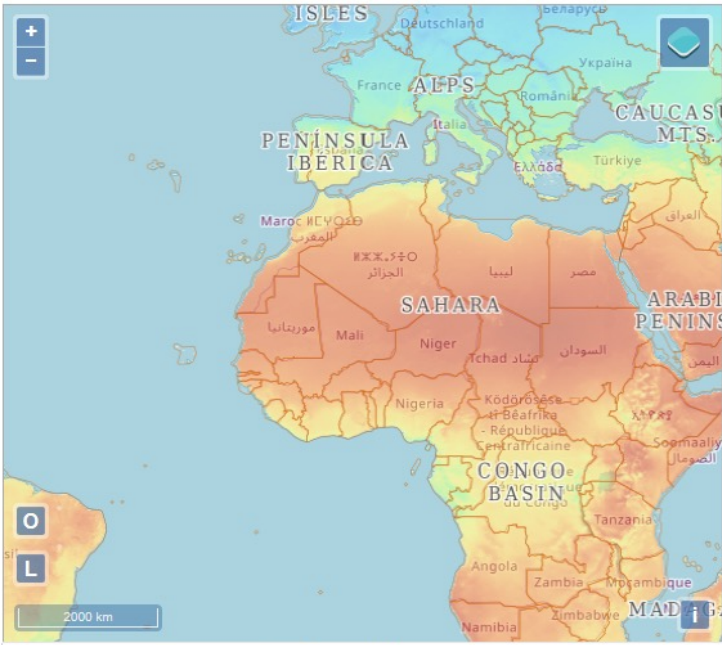
➤ PVGIS



PHOTOVOLTAIC GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM

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2000 km

Dirección: Lat/Lon:

Cursor:
Seleccionar localización!
Elevación (m):

Utilizar las sombras del terreno:
☒ Horizonte calculado
☐ Cargar archivo de horizonte

CONECTADO A RED

FV CON SEGUIMIENTO

FV AUTÓNOMO

DATOS MENSUALES

DATOS DIARIOS

DATOS HORARIOS

TMY

RENDIMIENTO DE UN SISTEMA FV CONECTADO A RED

Base de datos de radiación solar*

Tecnología FV*

Potencia FV pico instalada [kWp]*

Pérdidas sistema [%]*

Opciones de montaje fijo

Posición de montaje*

Inclinación [°]* ☐ Optimizar inclinación

Azimut [°]* ☐ Optimizar inclinación y azimuth

☐ Precio electricidad FV

Coste sistema FV [su divisa]

Interés [%/año]

Prototype demo

Arduino System

- A system that measures the humidity and temperature of the air and soil to control agricultural farms or greenhouses.



Prototype demo

Arduino System

- Calculation of photovoltaic solar system to supply the Energy requirements of the Arduino system.

CONSUMPTION OF ARDUINO SYSTEM:

Arduino System has an energy consumption of 70 mA with 3.3V. This mean a consumption energy of:

$$0.070 \text{ (A)} \times 3.3 \text{ (V)} = 0.231 \text{ Wh}$$

For one day, the consumption calculated of the arduino system is 1680 mAh with 3.3V, which mean a consumption energy of:

$$1.68 \text{ (Ah)} \times 3.3 \text{ (V)} = 5.55 \text{ Wh}$$

BATTERY: 2000 mAh (powerbank selected, higher than 1680 mAh), which gives a minimum autonomy of 1,2 days without sun energy.

PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR CELL: It is needed to generate a minimum of 5.55 Wh per day.

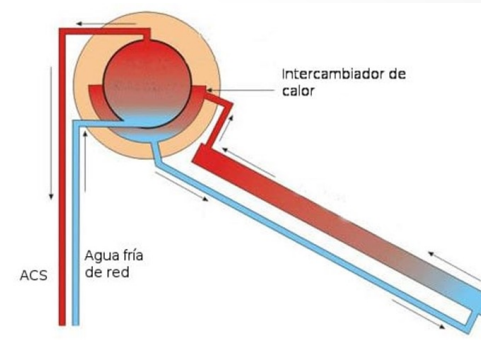
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In December, the worst month of irradiation, is produced by a 5 W PV cell an energy of 520 Wh per month. This mean a daily energy produced of 16.8 Wh. Higher than 5.55 Wh per day required by the system.

Prototype demo

Solar thermosiphon system

- Prototype of thermosiphon system to heat water from the sun Energy.





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