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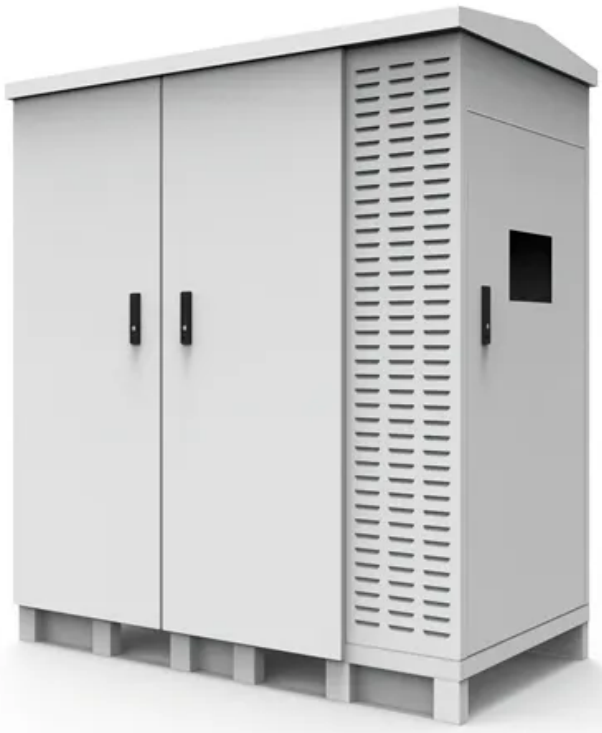
Is there a difference in voltage between monocrystalline and polycrystalline solar panels



Overview

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The main difference between the two technologies is the type of silicon solar cell they use: monocrystalline solar panels have solar cells made from a single silicon crystal. In contrast, polycrystalline solar panels have solar cells made from many silicon fragments melted together.

Several types of solar panels are available on the market, including monocrystalline, polycrystalline and thin-film panels, each with different performance characteristics and price points.

Although monocrystalline have higher efficiency rates, the difference between mono and polycrystalline cells isn’t that big. Most polycrystalline PV cells have efficiencies between 13% to 16%, which is still a very good ratio and it’s expected to get only higher in the future.

We’ll break down the key differences between monocrystalline and polycrystalline solar panels, focusing on what really matters, like performance, cost, and how long they last.

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