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Overview

What is solar panel degradation?

Solar panel degradation comprises a series of mechanisms through which a PV module degrades and reduces its efficiency year after year. Aging is the main factor affecting solar panel degradation, this can cause corrosion, and delamination, also affecting the properties of PV materials.

How often does solar panel degradation occur?

While PV technology has been present since the 1970s, solar panel degradation has been studied mainly in the last 25 years. Research Institutes like NREL have estimated that appropriate degradation rates of solar panels can be set at 0.5% per year with current technology. What is the impact of solar panel degradation on your PV system?

How does aging affect solar panels?

Aging is the main factor affecting solar panel degradation, this can cause corrosion, and delamination, also affecting the properties of PV materials. Other degrading mechanisms affecting PV modules include Light-Induced Degradation (LID), Potential-Induced Degradation (PID), outdoor exposure, and environmental factors.

Why do solar panels deteriorate so much in the first year?

However, depending on the quality of solar panels, it could be as low as 0.25%. The reason there is a higher degradation rate in the first year can be explained by a phenomenon called light-induced degradation (LID).



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