

1. PV power equation

$$P_{PV} = P_{STC} \cdot \frac{G}{G_{STC}} \cdot [1 + \gamma(T_c - T_{STC})]$$

2. Cell temperature model

Cell temperature is not ambient temperature. It is estimated using **NOCT model**:

$$T_c = T_a + \frac{NOCT - 20}{800} \cdot G$$

3. Final combined equation

$$P_{PV} = P_{STC} \cdot \frac{G}{1000} \cdot \left[1 + \gamma \left(T_a + \frac{NOCT - 20}{800} G - 25 \right) \right]$$

Symbol	Meaning
T_a	Ambient temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)
$NOCT$	Nominal operating cell temperature ($\approx 45^{\circ}\text{C}$)
P_{PV}	Actual PV output power (W)
P_{STC}	Rated PV power at STC
G	Plane-of-array irradiance (W/m^2)
G_{STC}	STC irradiance
T_c	PV cell temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)
T_{STC}	STC temperature
γ	Power temperature coefficient

At STC:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{STC} &= G_{STC} \cdot A \cdot \eta_{ref} \\ P_{STC} &= 1000 \cdot A \cdot \eta_{ref} \end{aligned}$$

So efficiency and area are absorbed into the rated power.

4. Example

10 kW PV system

Irradiance = 800 W/m²

Ambient temperature = 30°C

NOCT = 45°C

$\gamma = -0.004 /^{\circ}\text{C}$

Step 1 – Cell temperature

$$T_c = 30 + \frac{45 - 20}{800} \cdot 800$$
$$T_c = 30 + 25 = 55^{\circ}\text{C}$$

Step 2 – Power

$$P_{PV} = 10 \cdot \frac{800}{1000} \cdot [1 - 0.004(55 - 25)]$$
$$P_{PV} = 8 \cdot [1 - 0.12] = 8 \cdot 0.88 = 7.04 \text{ kW}$$