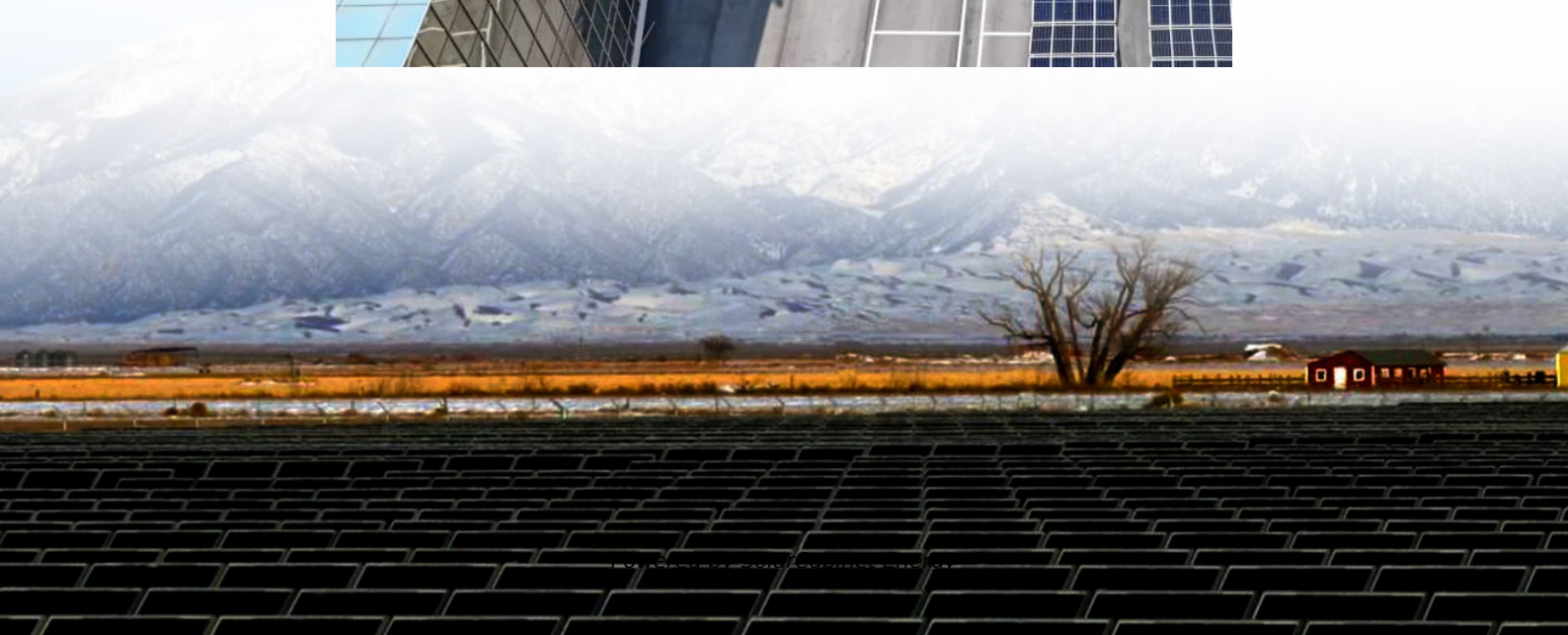
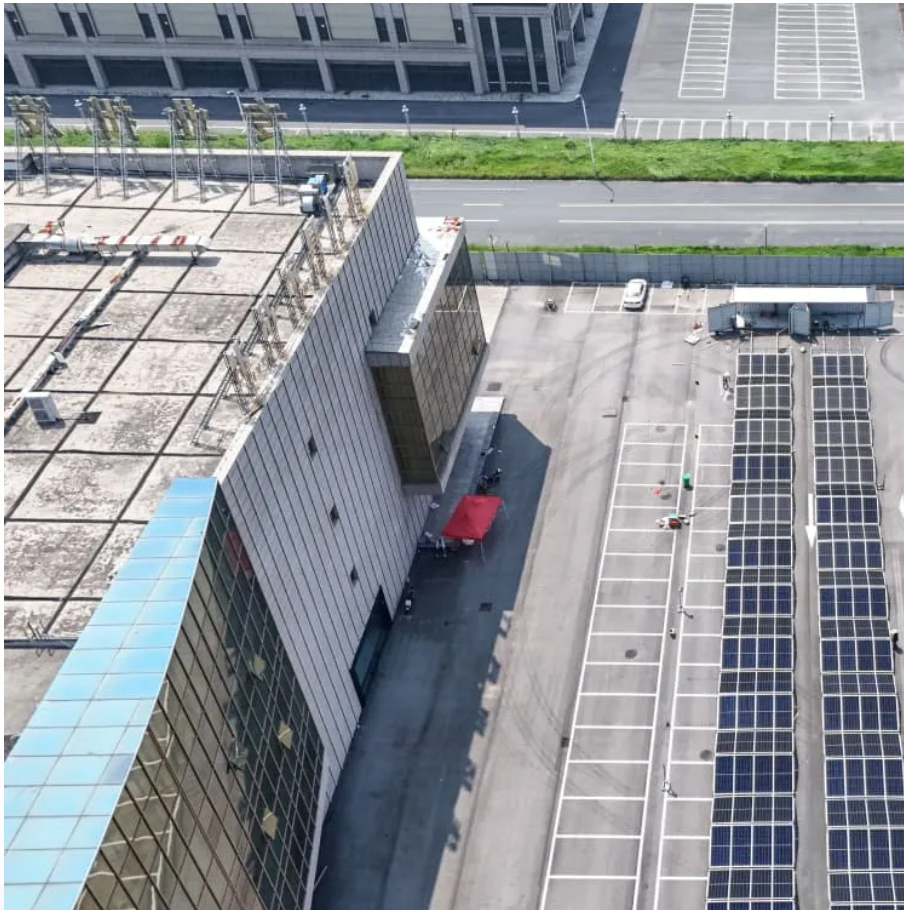


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Overview

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) publishes benchmark reports that disaggregate photovoltaic (PV) and energy storage (battery) system installation costs to inform SETO's R&D investment decisions. This year, we introduce a new PV and storage cost modeling approach. What is solar PV battery storage?

Solar batteries store the surplus energy produced during daylight for use during periods without sunlight (e.g. at night, during power outages). Considering the cost implications of your solar panel system means understanding the role and value of solar PV battery storage.

What factors affect solar PV battery storage costs?

The complexity of cost analysis for solar PV battery storage arises from its dependence upon a myriad of factors. Capacity and power, depth of discharge (DoD), and battery life with warranty are predominant amongst them. The battery's capacity directly influences solar PV battery storage costs.

How much does a PV system cost?

Our operations and maintenance (O&M) analysis breaks costs into various categories and provides total annualized O&M costs. The MSP results for PV systems (in units of 2022 real USD/kWdc/yr) are \$28.78 (residential), \$39.83 (community solar), and \$16.12 (utility-scale).

How does DoD affect the cost of solar PV battery storage?

The higher the DoD, the more usage you'll get from the battery before it requires replacement, thus influencing the cost. Battery Life and Warranty: A battery's life expectancy and the warranty provided by the manufacturer significantly affect the total cost of solar PV battery storage.

What tax credits are available for solar PV battery storage?

State and local government tax credits, and utility-sponsored programs can all



chip away at the initial investment required for solar PV battery storage. For instance, the Federal Investment Tax Credit (ITC), can provide significant savings – dropping the net cost of a solar energy system by 26%.

What makes a PV system a market price?

Market prices can include items such as smaller-market-share PV systems (e.g., those with premium efficiency panels), atypical system configurations due to site irregularities (e.g., additional land grading) or customer preferences (e.g., pest traps), and specific project requirements (e.g., unionized labor).



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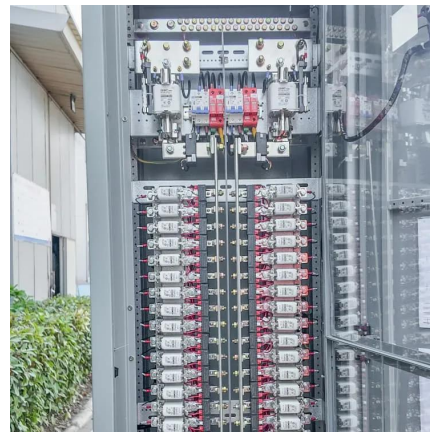


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