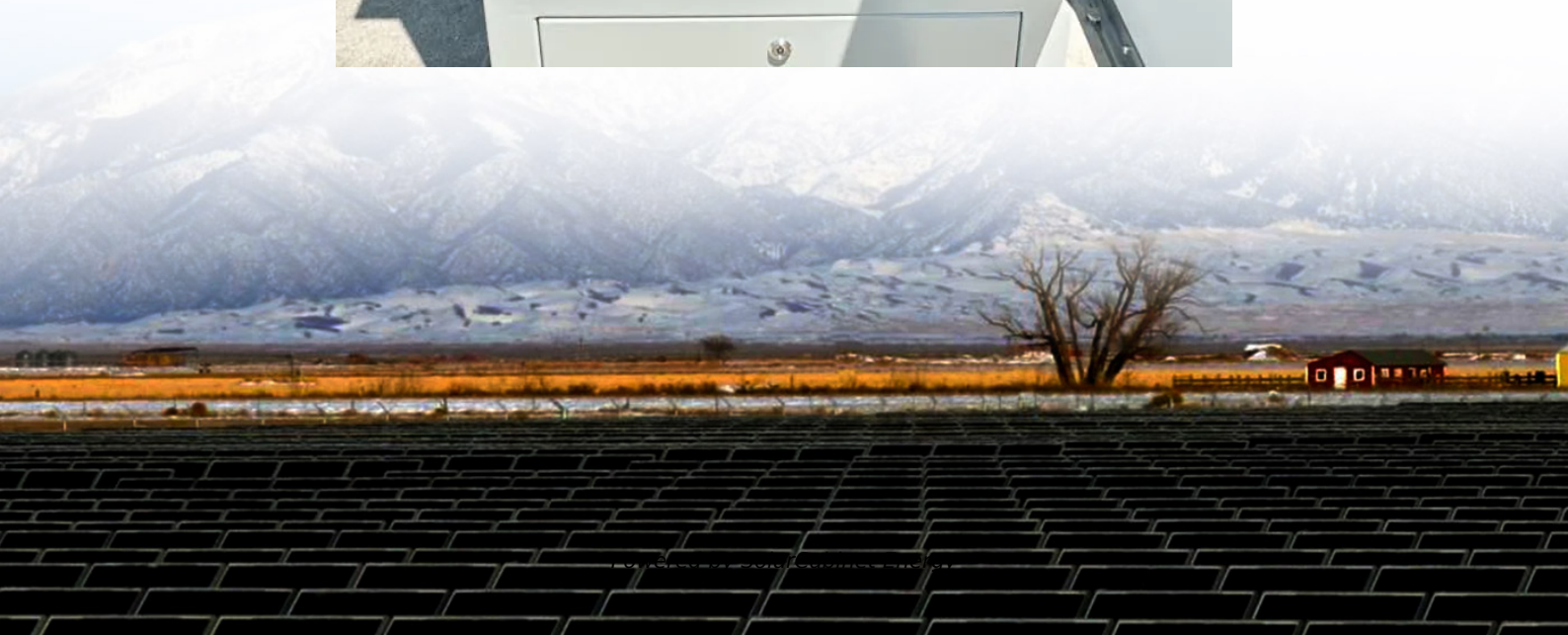


PV plus energy storage investment rate of return





Overview

Can a utility-scale PV plus storage system provide reliable capacity?

Declining photovoltaic (PV) and energy storage costs could enable “PV plus storage” systems to provide dispatchable energy and reliable capacity. This study explores the technical and economic performance of utility-scale PV plus storage systems. Co-Located?

AC = alternating current, DC = direct current.

How does independent PV + storage increase value?

Increases value by about 1% relative to independent PV + storage. In other periods (July 1 shown here), storage plant cannot be fully utilized because of the operation of the PV system. Combined output of independent PV + storage plant (left figure) is as high as 70 MW, which is possible because of the separate inverters.

How does a DC-coupled storage system affect PV output?

DC-coupled system (right figure)—with shared 50-MW inverter—must shift storage output to lower-price periods to accommodate PV output. DC-coupled system value decreases by about 1% relative to independent PV + storage system. Impacts of DC tightly coupled storage systems are more significant.

What is the average annual reduction rate for PV-plus-battery?

The average annual reduction rates are 1.3% (Conservative Scenario), 2.6% (Moderate Scenario), and 3.5% (Advanced Scenario). The utility-scale PV-plus-battery technology represents a DC-coupled system (described in the figure below), in which one-axis tracking PV and 4-hour lithium-ion battery (LIB) storage share a single bidirectional inverter.

Which PV system has the highest benefit/cost ratio?

In all cases the 30% ITC is applied to the PV portion of the system. Benefit/cost



ratios are calculated by dividing annualized benefits by costs. The PV-only system has the highest benefit/cost ratio. These results follow historical trends that have resulted in very limited deployment of PV plus storage systems.

How many MWh can a PV-plus-battery system store?

After accounting for state-of-charge and roundtrip efficiency constraints, the oversized battery component allows for 240 megawatt hours (MWh) of usable stored energy. The assumed relative sizing of the PV, battery, and inverter components is consistent with existing (but limited) data for online and proposed utility-scale PV-plus-battery systems.



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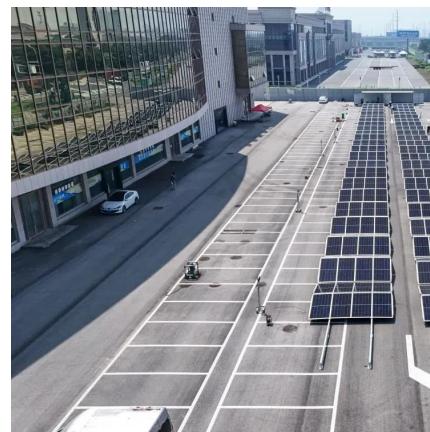


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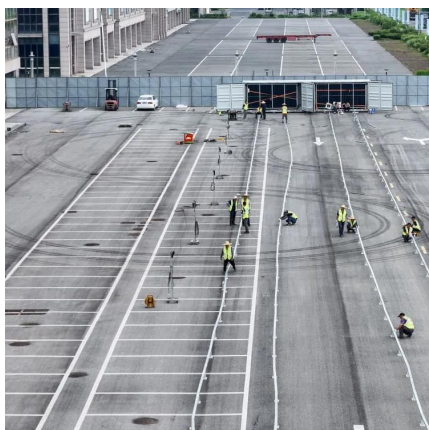


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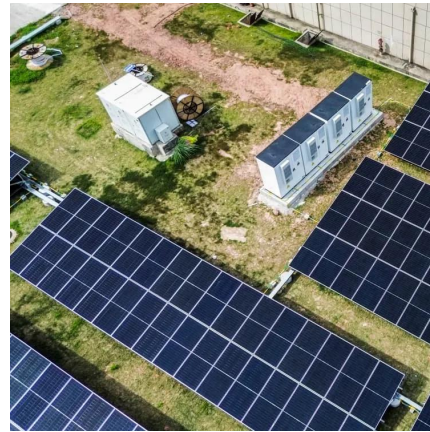
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