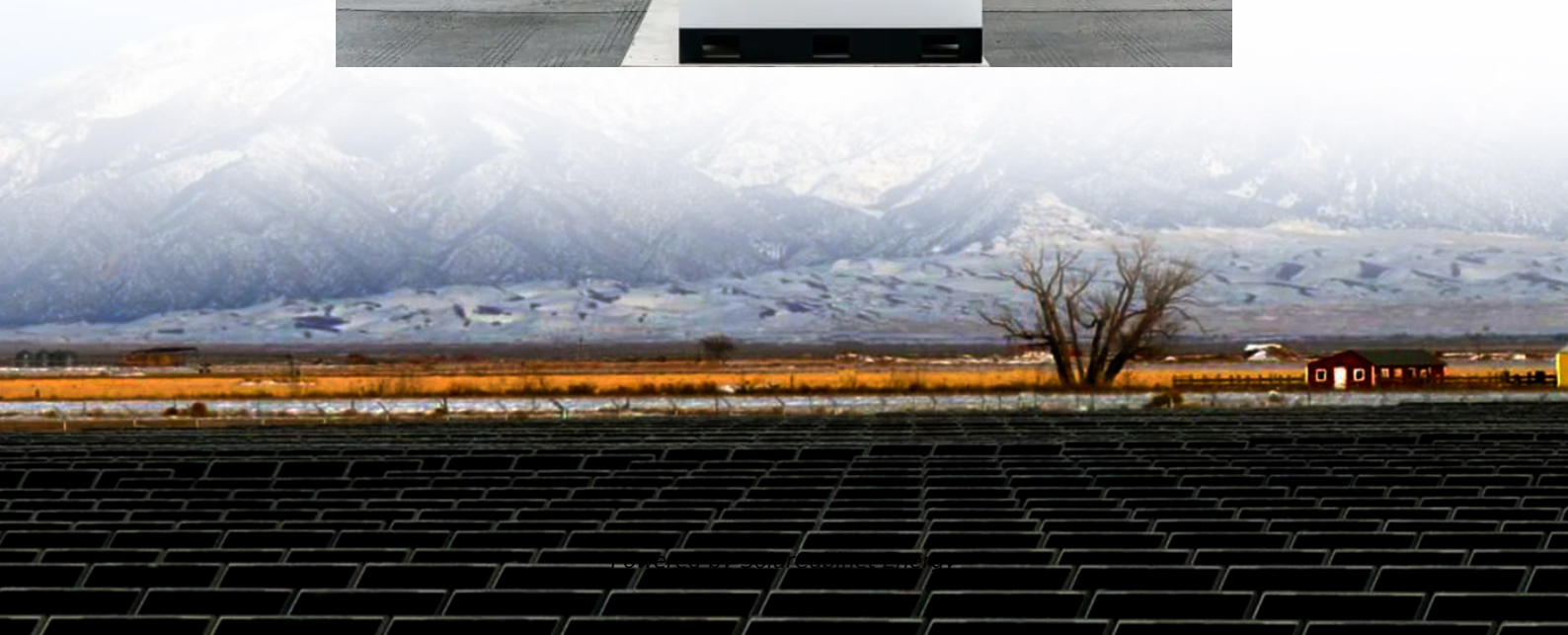


Photovoltaic battery modules in the European Union





Overview

Could a 5% battery capacity ensure optimal integration of PV in Europe?

A 5% battery capacity level could ensure optimal integration of PV in Europe. The varying level of RES curtailment could be handled by 5% battery capacity. Country heterogeneity is observed in the optimal level of batteries. Batteries can ease the strong cannibalisation effect of PV plants.

Where do PV modules come from?

Overall, the EU is heavily dependent on PV imports from China, where 91% of the global commissioned manufacturing facilities are situated. In contrast, the EU, US and India each count for a respective share of 1%. The cost of producing a PV module is estimated to be about 60% higher in the European Union than in China.

What is the production capacity of PV in the EU?

The current EU PV manufacturing capacity for ingots and wafers is below 1 GWp, below 3 GWp for cells and for modules, with indications that actual production in 2023 was around 2 GWp for the latter. Overall, the EU is heavily dependent on PV imports from China, where 91% of the global commissioned manufacturing facilities are situated.

How many GWP can a PV system produce in the EU?

Research on PV on transport infrastructure (roads and railways) has shown that the potential installed capacity in the EU is 401 GWp, translated into 280 TWh ⚡ 391 TWh depending on the PV technology employed (monofacial vs. bifacial PV modules). The above-mentioned electricity generations cover between 11 % and.

What percentage of PV modules are produced in China?

In module production China accounted for 78 % of the global production (crystalline and thin-film) with four of the top five companies being based in



China and producing 52 % of the global PV modules.

Should the EU supply chain be able to supply PV components?

As the overall global demand for PV components is growing even faster than in the EU and trade frictions can occur, precaution is required to avoid a fallout of international supply chain disruptions on the deployment of PV in the EU. To hedge such a risk, the EU value chain should be able to supply at least 25-35 % of the EU market.



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