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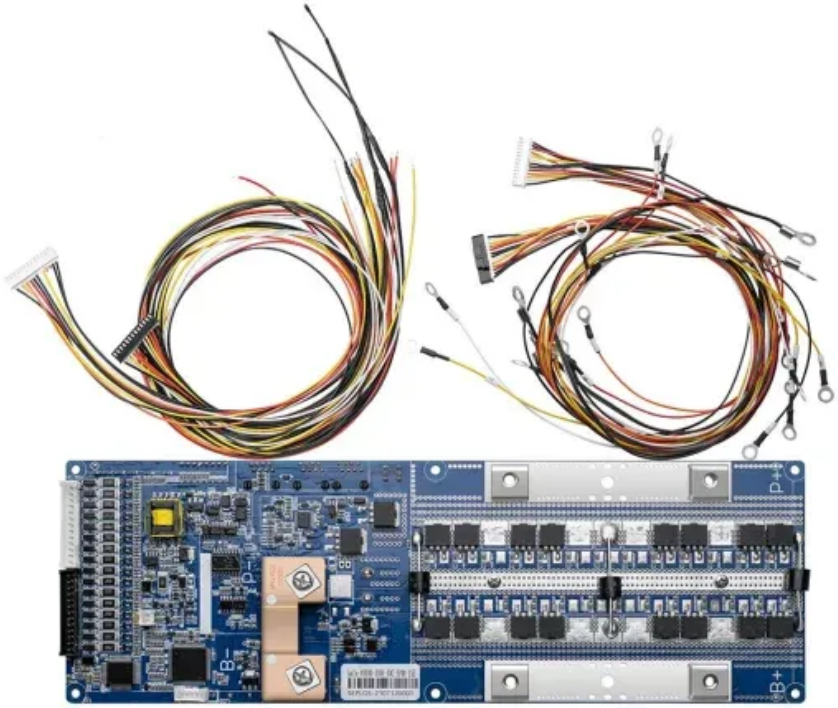

Overview

In 2024, solar photovoltaics (PV) were, on average, 41% cheaper than the lowest-cost fossil fuel alternatives, while onshore wind projects were 53% cheaper. Onshore wind remained the most affordable source of new renewable electricity at USD 0. 034/kWh, followed by solar PV at USD. Each year, the U. Department of Energy (DOE) Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO) and its national laboratory partners analyze cost data for U. These benchmarks help measure progress toward goals for reducing solar electricity costs. This paper presents average values of levelized costs for new generation resources as represented in the National Energy Modeling System (NEMS) for our Annual Energy Outlook 2025 (AEO2025) Reference case. While the data shows that it is always cheapest to produce electricity from fully depreciated facilities, renewable energy can nevertheless compete in. 2024 ATB data for utility-scale solar photovoltaics (PV) are shown above, with a base year of 2022. The Base Year estimates rely on modeled capital expenditures (CAPEX) and operation and maintenance (O&M) cost estimates benchmarked with industry and historical data.

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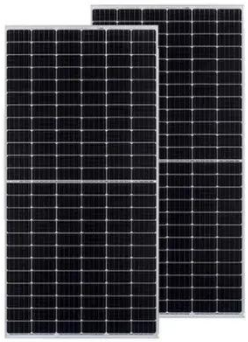

Utility-Scale PV , Electricity , 2024 , ATB , NLR

PV projections in the 2024 ATB are driven primarily by CAPEX cost improvements but also by improvements in energy yield, operating cost, and cost of capital (for the Market + Policies Financial Assumptions Case).

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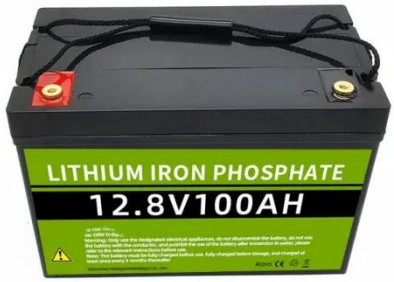
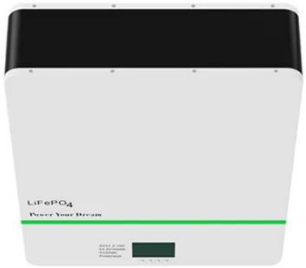


Chart: The Cost of Energy , Statista

This chart shows the levelized cost of energy generation by source (in U.S. dollar per MWh).

Solar photovoltaic panel prices

Solar photovoltaic module prices refer to the cost of the solar panel itself, and do not include installation or other system components. Prices are compiled from three sources: Nemet (2009) for 1975 ...



Cost of electricity by source

As per the 2021 analysis of Solar Power Generation Costs in Japan, module unit prices fell sharply. In 2018, the average price was close to 60,000 yen/kW, but by 2021 it is estimated at 30,000 yen/kW, so cost is ...

Levelized Costs of New Generation Resources in the Annual Energy

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