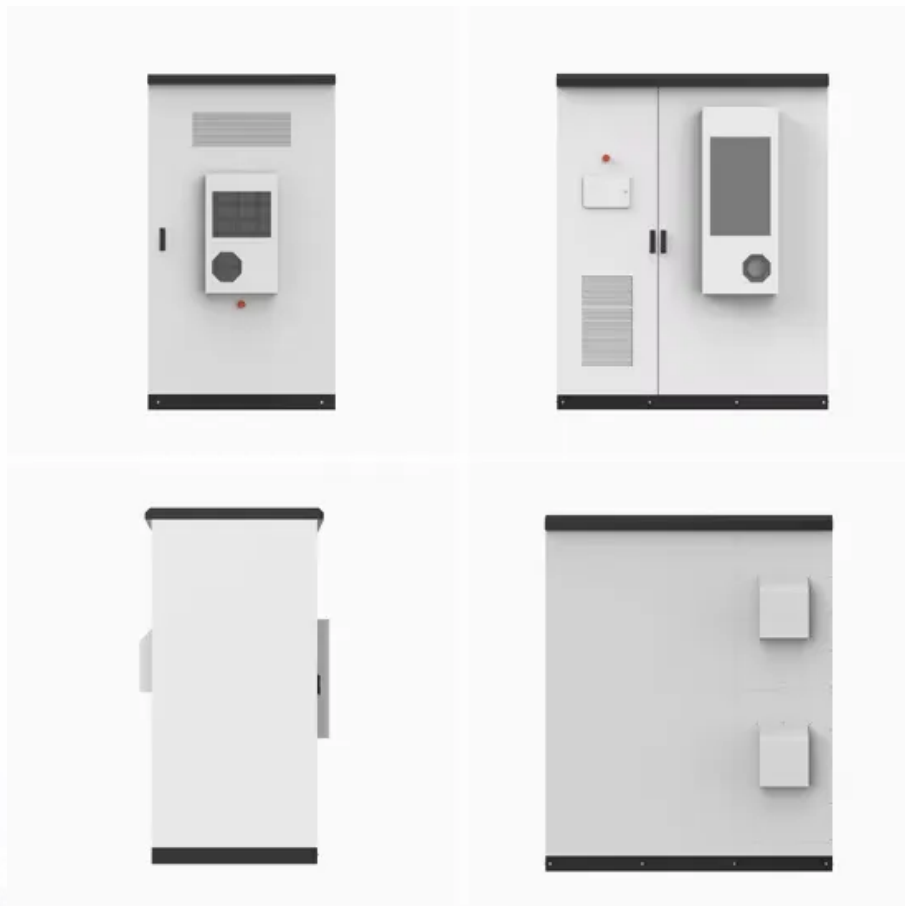


Solar Energy South Africa

Does solar power generation really have a future



Overview

What is the future of solar energy?

The Future of Solar Energy considers only the two widely recognized classes of technologies for converting solar energy into electricity — photovoltaics (PV) and concentrated solar power (CSP), sometimes called solar thermal) — in their current and plausible future forms.

Will solar power grow in 2030?

Renewables are set to contribute 80% of new power generation capacity to 2030 under current policy settings, with solar alone accounting for more than half of this expansion. However, this scenario takes into account only a fraction of solar's potential, according to the WEO analysis.

Are solar photovoltaics ready to power a sustainable future?

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Wind and solar can provide significantly more energy than the highest energy demand forecasts for 2050 and nearly ten times current electricity demand (299 TWh/year). The research shows up to 2,896 TWh a year could be generated by wind and solar, against the demand forecast of 1,500 TWh/year.

How has solar energy changed the world?

Solar energy started its journey in niche markets, like most innovations, supplying electricity to applications where little alternatives existed in space and remote locations 22. Since then, cumulative investments and sales, driven by past policy, have made its cost come down by almost three orders

of magnitude.

Why is solar power cheaper than other energy sources?

Making cells also takes energy, but solar power is fast making that abundant, too. As for demand, it is both huge and elastic—if you make electricity cheaper, people will find uses for it. The result is that, in contrast to earlier energy sources, solar power has routinely become cheaper and will continue to do so. Other constraints do exist.

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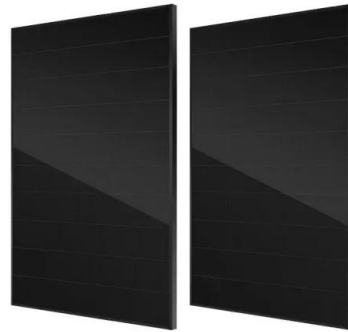


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