



System design for utility-scale solar PV and Battery Energy Storage Systems

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Tropenas Company (independent engineering firm) with expertise in

- Engineering for utility-scale renewable energy and storage facilities,
- Continuous improvement of affordable, robust, resilient systems,
- Solar PV, energy storage systems, substations, etc.

Typical renewable energy projects:

- Interconnection application drawings and support,
 - IFC Electrical, mechanical and civil permit drawings,
 - Component and system value engineering,
 - Advice on feasibility, procurement, project implementation and oversight.
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- Professional Engineering Licenses in 28 states:
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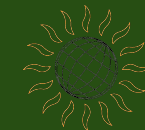
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Agenda - Utility-scale PV and BESS Design

- Example 18 MW 1-Axis Tracker
- Factors driving PV and BESS (continuous improvement / pricing)
- Module selection drivers
- Inverter selection
- What factors should you consider when selecting sites?
- Review of PV Geometry
- Bifacial modules impact on layout
- System Modeling
- Layout examples Fixed Tilt, Ballasted Landfills, 1-Axis tracking
- DC coupled Storage
- AC couple Storage

Ask Questions along the way.



EXAMPLE OF ENGINEERING PROJECTS IN THE UNITED STATES

Our Typical Focus is on Large Project Solar Design and Engineering Permit Drawings

Typical Scope:

- Interconnection Application Support
- Layout
- Electrical Permit PV system design,
- Civil Permit Drawings and
- MV Interconnections
- Plant Controls / Fiber / SCADA / PLC

Tropenas Team Value Engineering Approach:

- Meetings of 3: Engineering, Purchasing and Construction Operations
- Focus on Value and Robustness prior to drawing release
- Feedback loop from construction oversight and post project follow-up

Typical Project: 18 MW in MD

Background Photo: A Representative Engineering Project Profile

18 MW, Hebron, MD

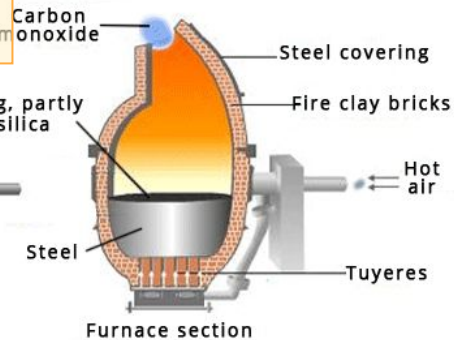
- PV Engineering: Bill Novak, P.E.
- Interconnection: Charles Cunha, P.E.
- Contractor: Confidential
- ATI Racking
- (5) Inverter Skids
- 57,000 + Modules
- 25KV Interconnection



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Continuous Improvement Comparison of Steel and Solar

Steel 167yrs



Tropenas Process (1894): Air blown across the surface of the molten metal from tuyères on the side of the vessel rather than the bottom.



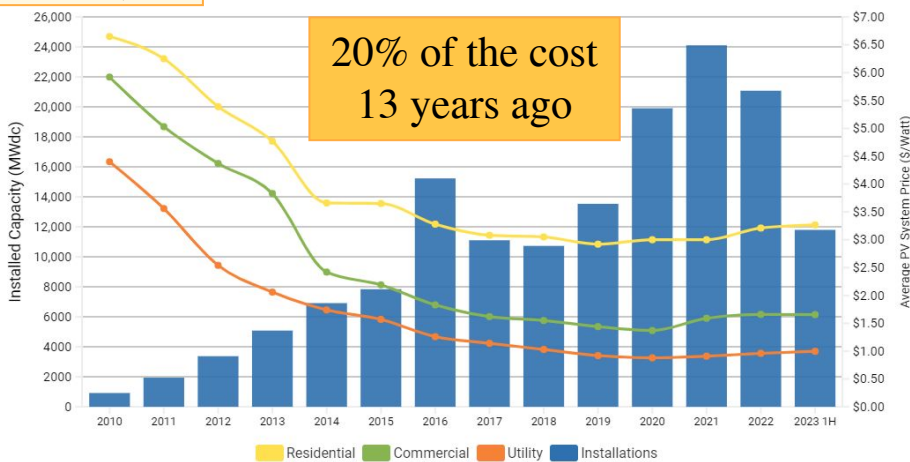
Oxygen converter process
2021 \$1742/ton to
2023 \$760/ton

Bessemer Process 1856
\$100/ton to \$50/ton 1875
\$ 18/ton 1890s

20% of the cost
over ~15 years

Solar

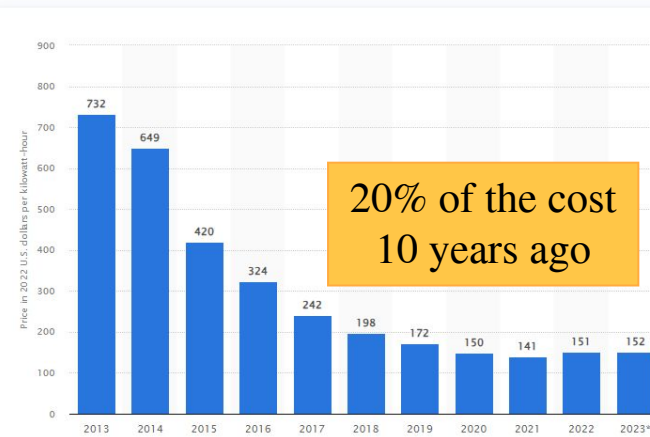
U.S. Solar PV Pricing Trends & Deployment Growth



20% of the cost
13 years ago

BESS

Lithium-ion battery price worldwide from 2013 to 2022, (in U.S. dollars per kilowatt-hour)



20% of the cost
10 years ago

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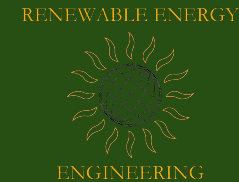
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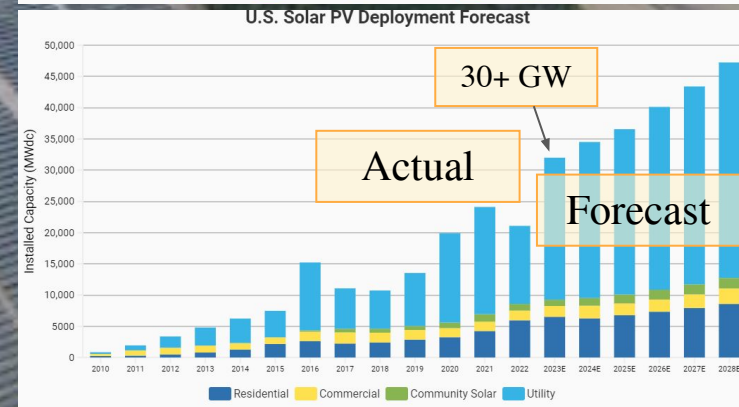
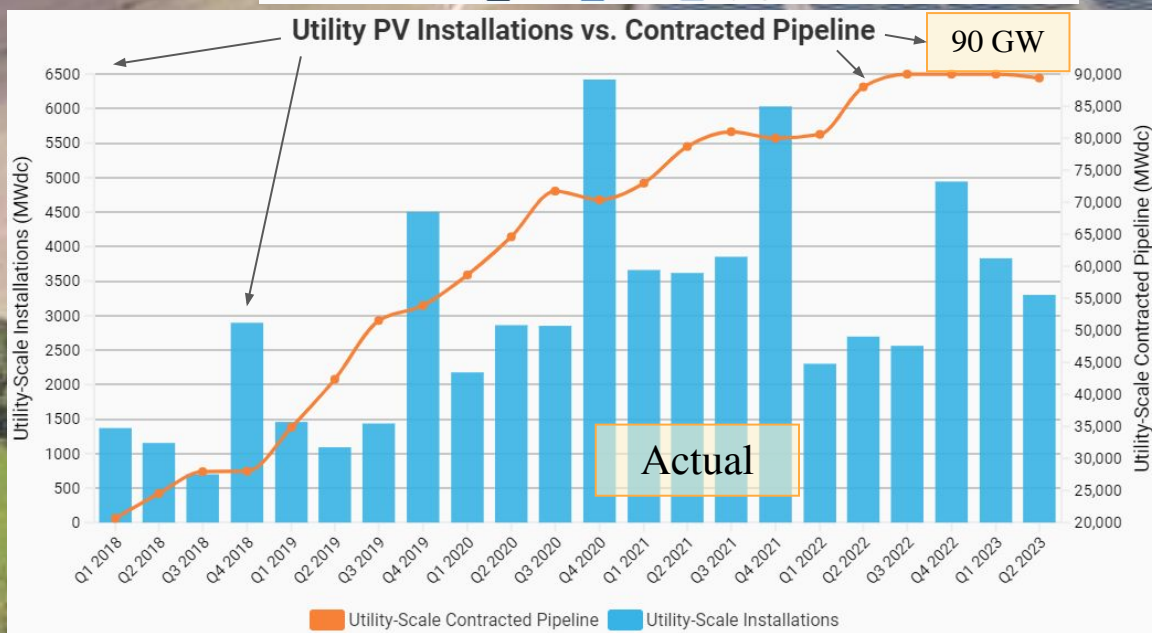
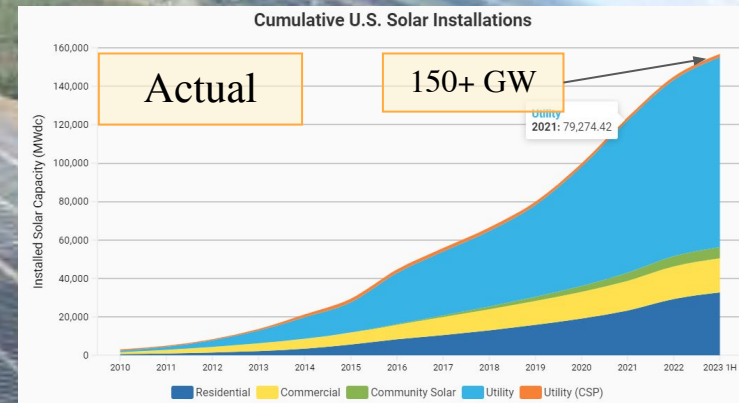
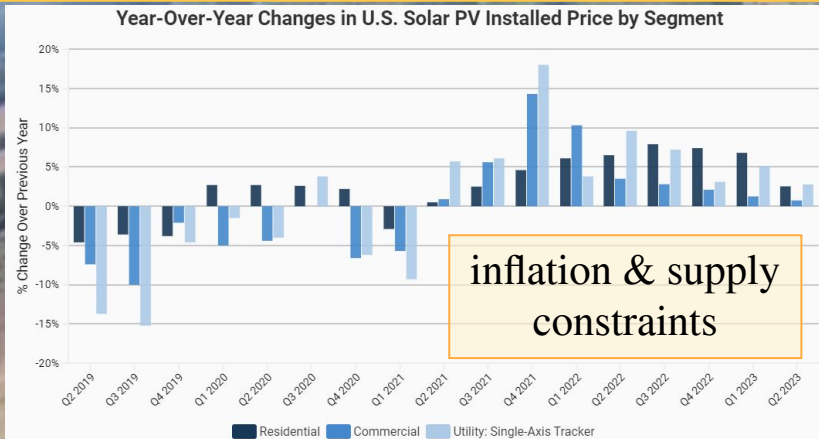
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Inflationary pressures on solar & Utility PV installations



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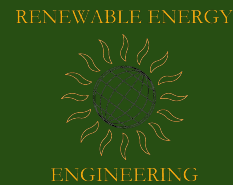
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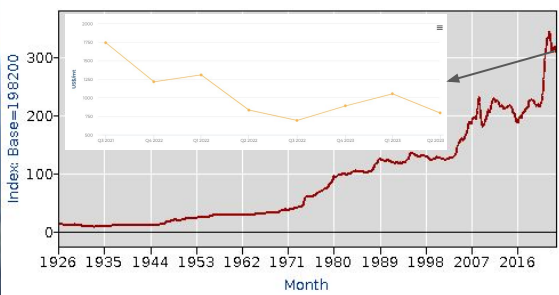
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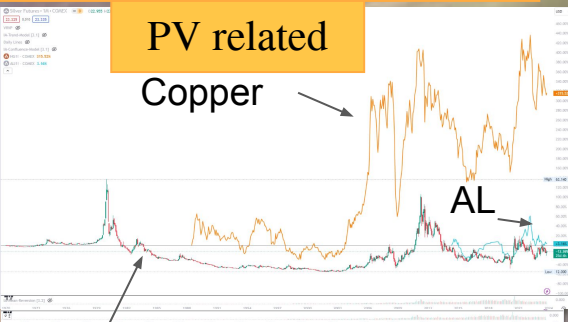
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Value Engineering & Price of related commodities



PPI of Steel 1926 to present



PV related

Copper

AL

Silver 1970 to present
\$63 peak, \$12 low, \$23 current

Copper 1988 to present
\$5.3 peak, \$1 low, \$3.7 current

Aluminum 2014 to present
\$3930 peak, \$1706 low, \$2246



Lithium 5/21 to present
\$77 peak, \$16 low, \$22 current



Cobalt 12/20 to present
\$32 peak, \$12 low, \$16 current

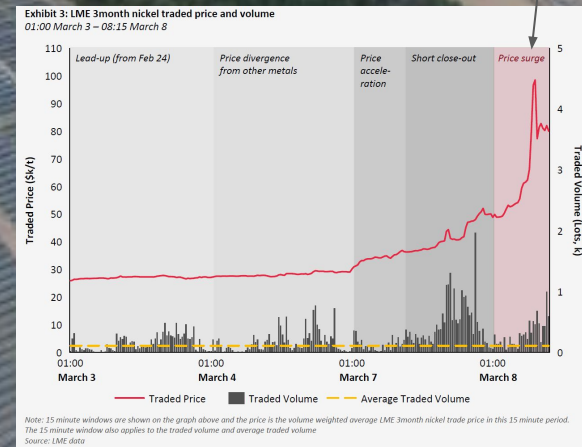


Nickel prices have soared since the start of 2022

Nickel open prices, US dollars per tonne

In March 2022, nickel prices reached \$48,201 per tonne, the highest in over a decade

BESS related



Nickel 3/4 -3/8/2022
\$101 peak, \$27 low, \$18 current

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PV / BESS Design

MODULE SELECTION DRIVES DESIGN

Terminology

OC = Open Circuit SC = Short Circuit

mp = max power Voc = Voltage Open Circuit

Vmp = Voltage Max Power Isc = Short Circuit Current

Imp = Maximum Power Current



PV Module - Thin Film Example

MODULE SELECTION DRIVES DESIGN

Series 7 TR1.

Electrical Specifications

MODEL TYPES: FS-7XXXX-TR1 (XXX = NOMINAL POWER)
RATINGS AT STANDARD TEST CONDITIONS (1000W/m², AM 1.5, 25°C)²

Nominal Power ³ (-0/+5%)	P _{MAX} (W)	505	510	515	520
Efficiency (%)	%	18.1	18.3	18.4	18.6
Cell Efficiency (%)	%	18.9	19.1	19.3	19.5
Voltage at P _{MAX}	V _{MAX} (V)	182.5	183.4	184.3	185.2
Current at P _{MAX}	I _{MAX} (A)	2.77	2.78	2.80	2.81
Open Circuit Voltage	V _{OC} (V)	223.9	224.5	225.0	225.6
Short Circuit Current	I _{SC} (A)	3.01	3.02	3.03	3.04
Maximum System Voltage	V _{SYST} (V)	1500 ⁵			
Limiting Reverse Current	I _R (A)	5.0			
Maximum Series Fuse	I _F (A)	5.0			

RATINGS AT NOMINAL OPERATING CELL TEMPERATURE OF 45°C (800W/m², 20°C air temp)

Normal Power	P _{MAX} (W)	378.1	381.8	385.6	389.4
Voltage at P _{MAX}	V _{MAX} (V)	168.8	169.7	170.6	170.8
Current at P _{MAX}	I _{MAX} (A)	2.24	2.25	2.26	2.28
Open Circuit Voltage	V _{OC} (V)	211.9	212.4	212.9	213.5
Short Circuit Current	I _{SC} (A)	2.44	2.44	2.45	2.45

MECHANICAL DESCRIPTION

Length	2300mm
Width	1216mm
Area	2.80m ²
Module Weight	39.7kg
Leadwire ⁶	2.5mm ² , 650mm (+) & Bulkhead (-)
Connectors	TE Connectivity PV4-S or alternate
Junction Box	IP68 Rated
Bypass Diode	N/A
Cell Type	Thin film CdTe semiconductor, up to 268 cells



Series 7 TR1.

505-540 Watt Thin Film Solar Module

Series 7 TR1 thin film solar modules combine First Solar's thin film technology with an optimized structural design to deliver improved efficiency, enhanced installation velocity, and unmatched lifetime energy performance for large/utility-scale PV projects.

More Lifetime Energy per Nameplate Watt

- Industry's best (0.3%/yr) warranted degradation rate (>89% power output after 30 years)
- Superior temperature coefficient, spectral and shading response

Unmatched Quality and Reliability

- End-to-end manufacturing process for globally consistent quality
- Tested and certified to IEC standards and beyond
- Durable glass/glass construction
- Immune to and warranted against power loss from cell cracking
- 30-year Linear Performance Warranty
- 12-year Limited Product Warranty

Optimized Module Design

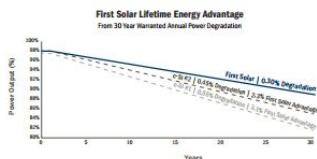
- Optimized back rail mount design enhances installation velocity
- Frameless design improves soiling and snow shedding
- Dual junction box design reduces wire management complexity and cost

Industry's Most Eco-efficient PV Solution

- Industry leading carbon footprint, water footprint and energy payback time
- Globally available PV module recycling services

America's Solar Company

- Designed, responsibly sourced, and manufactured in the USA



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Cell Efficiency (%)	%	18.9	19.1	19.3	19.5	19.7	19.9	20.1	20.3	
Voltage at P _{MAX}	V _{MAX} (V)	182.5	183.4	184.3	185.2	186.0	186.9	187.8	188.7	
Current at P _{MAX}	I _{MAX} (A)	2.77	2.78	2.80	2.81	2.82	2.84	2.85	2.86	
Open Circuit Voltage	V _{OC} (V)	223.9	224.5	225.0	225.6	226.1	226.7	227.2	227.7	
Short Circuit Current	I _{SC} (A)	3.01	3.02	3.03	3.04	3.04	3.05	3.06	3.06	
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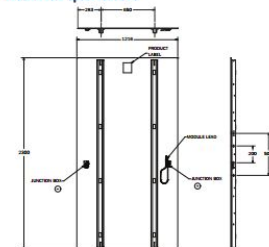
RATINGS AT NOMINAL OPERATING CELL TEMPERATURE OF 45°C (800W/m², 20°C or temperature, AM 1.5, 1m/s wind speed)²

Normal Power	P _{MAX} (W)	378.1	381.8	385.6	389.4	393.2	396.8	400.6	404.4
Voltage at P _{MAX}	V _{MAX} (V)	168.8	169.7	170.6	170.8	171.7	172.5	173.4	174.3
Current at P _{MAX}	I _{MAX} (A)	2.24	2.25	2.26	2.28	2.29	2.30	2.31	2.32
Open Circuit Voltage	V _{OC} (V)	211.9	212.4	212.9	213.5	214.0	214.5	215.0	215.5
Short Circuit Current	I _{SC} (A)	2.44	2.44	2.45	2.45	2.46	2.47	2.47	2.48

TEMPERATURE CHARACTERISTICS

Module Operating Temperature Range	(°C)	-40 to +85
Temperature Coefficient of P _{MAX}	%/°C	-0.32%/°C (Temperature Range: 25°C to 75°C)
Temperature Coefficient of V _{OC}	%/°C	-0.25%/°C
Temperature Coefficient of I _{SC}	%/°C	+0.64%/°C

Mechanical Specifications



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Junction Box	IP68 Rated
Bypass Diode	N/A
Cell Type	Thin film CdTe semiconductor, up to 268 cells
Frame Material	Galvanized steel
Front Glass	Heat strengthened
Back Glass	Heat strengthened
Encapsulation	Laminate material with edge seal
Frame to Glass Adhesive	Silicone
Lead Rating	2400Pa

PACKAGING INFORMATION

Model Type	Modules Per Pack	Packs per 53' Container
FS-7XXXX-TR1	46	10



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PV / BESS Design

MODULE SELECTION DRIVES DESIGN

Orientation of the PV modules

For a fixed tilt system, face it towards true south and at the same angle of your latitude. This gives maximum year long power output.

For those smaller sites, you can increase the angle by another 15 degrees for winter and decrease by 15 degrees for summer.

Or, use trackers. Most utility-scale projects use single axis trackers.





PV / BESS Design

INVERTER SELECTION INFLUENCES DESIGN

**Inverters come in all sorts of sizes and voltages, both DC in and AC out
Inverter efficiency will affect your final array or field power output
Choose your inverter kW size for your system, but keep in mind system reliability.**

You do not want to put all your power through one inverter.

Is your system stand alone, grid tie, or a hybrid? Carefully choose your inverter for your application.



PV / BESS Design

INVERTER SELECTION INFLUENCES DESIGN



When there is enough voltage produced by the array, the inverter turns itself on and the voltage output will synchronize with the utility voltage, within the inverter limits, and as the input DC voltage increases, the output voltage stays the same, but the power output increases. The turn-on voltage is user programmable within a predetermined amount. UL 1741 type inverters have all the utility interface protection built in.

PV / BESS Design

INVERTER SELECTION INFLUENCES DESIGN



The inverters have a min and max voltage input, a max current input, a peak efficiency, and an ambient temperature range.

Don't forget to shade these if you want to put them in the desert. Also, don't run them hard in the high-heat areas. Inverters have an altitude rating, mount these in the mountains and then you derate them like HV breakers.



Evolution of Smart Inverters

SMART INVERTER

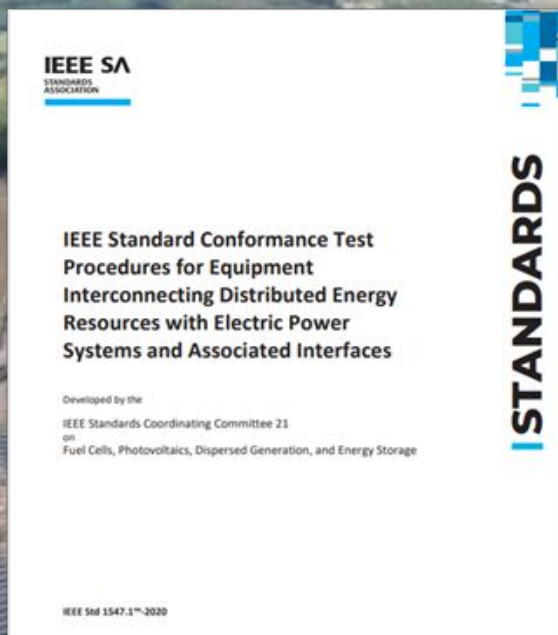
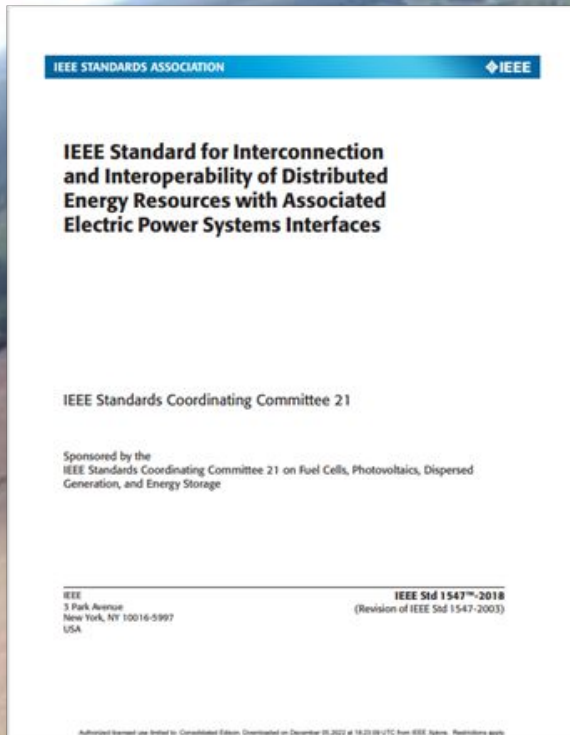
Inverters of the past would only be capable of feeding power from generators like solar directly to the grid. Newer smart inverters have been developed to operate in both directions and can now dynamically respond to any abnormal grid conditions. By doing so, they increase the overall safety, reliability, and security for the entire system. Through sophisticated sensing and power electronics, smart inverters make decisions autonomously on how to best keep the grid stable and reliable. These devices are growing in importance as distributed energy resources (DERs) such as solar, fuel cells, and batteries continue to proliferate.

Most importantly, smart inverters dynamically provide grid support during voltage and frequency disturbances, and offer the capability for secure communications with other local or utility controllers. For instance, during an abnormally high or low voltage or frequency event, instead of immediately going offline, a smart inverter can be programmed to rapidly switch into standby mode and “ride through” the event, turning off only if the disturbance lasts longer than anticipated. This allows DERs to help maintain the balance between load and generation, while also allowing customers to continue exporting for longer.

In addition to riding through voltage and frequency disturbances, smart inverters can also improve the reliability of the grid by producing or absorbing reactive power along with real power. By tuning the reactive power levels on the grid, smart inverters can help suppress some of the large voltage fluctuations DERs create on the system and avoid unintended impacts to utility and customer equipment.



Standards



UL1741 and A, B Supplements Equipment Standard

- Provides the basis for UL listing of an inverter
- UL 1741SB inverters uses 1547.1 testing
- Covers inverter construction, ratings, markings, and protection

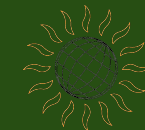
The latest UL 1741 Supplement B (SB), added in 2021, conforms to the testing requirements set forth in the 2020 revision to 1547.1. With the release of UL 1741 SB, manufacturers can now produce UL1741 SB listed inverters. By doing so, this ensures devices have been tested according to the latest IEEE standards, and can safely provide the required grid-support functionality.

IEEE 1547-2018
Interconnection Requirements

- System requirements for voltage and frequency
- System protection & grounding
- Operation of DERs as an island

IEEE 1547.1-2020
System Testing Requirements

- System testing for voltage and frequency responses
- Device surge current testing
- Harmonics testing
- Islanding testing

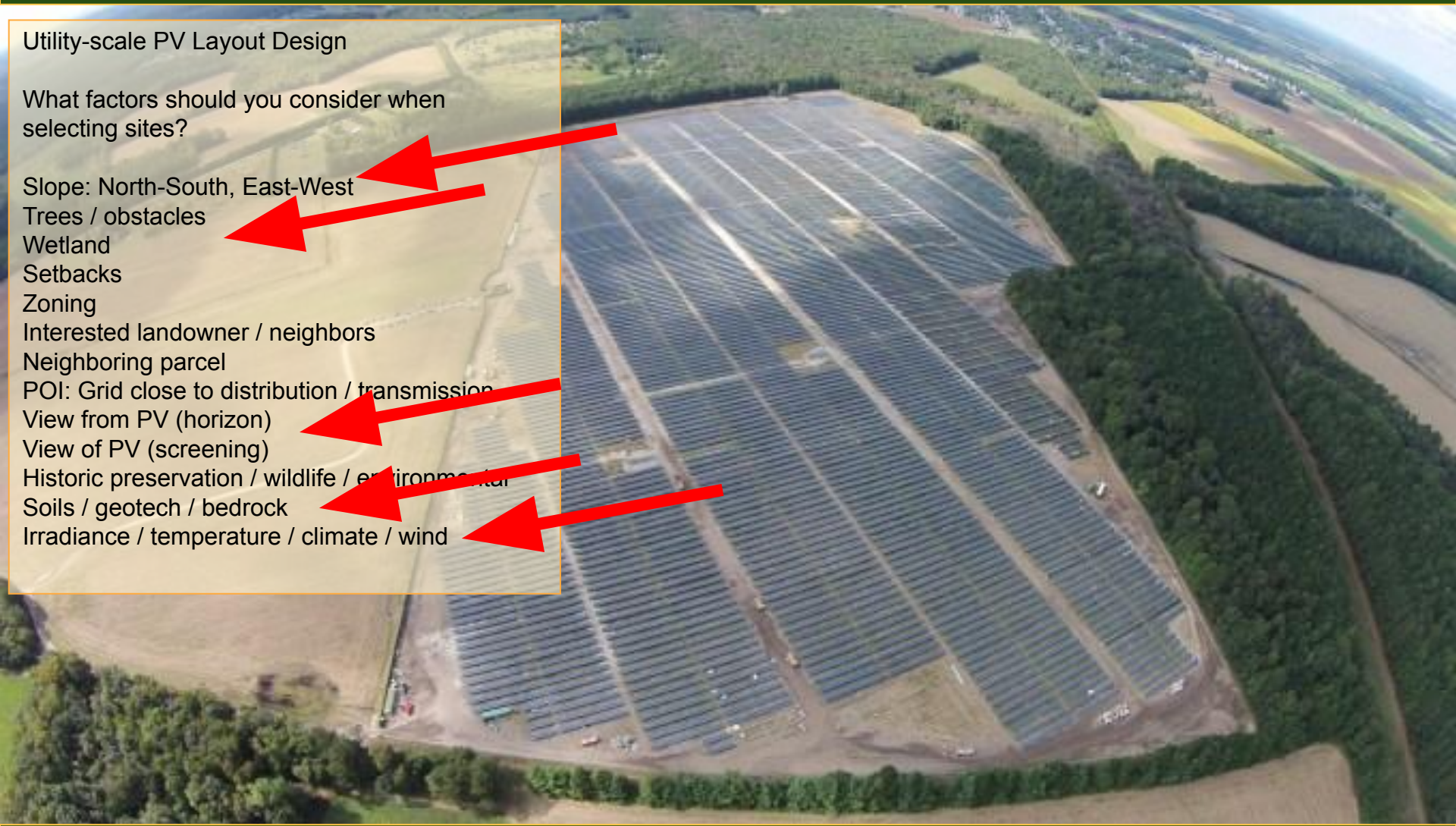


Site factors

Utility-scale PV Layout Design

What factors should you consider when selecting sites?

- Slope: North-South, East-West
- Trees / obstacles
- Wetland
- Setbacks
- Zoning
- Interested landowner / neighbors
- Neighboring parcel
- POI: Grid close to distribution / transmission
- View from PV (horizon)
- View of PV (screening)
- Historic preservation / wildlife / environmental
- Soils / geotech / bedrock
- Irradiance / temperature / climate / wind





Site factors

Keys to Good PV Site Selection:
Goal: Select a site that will maximize the amount of electricity that the solar PV system can generate during periods that are aligned with the utilities payment structure.

PV source factors impact on layout:

- The amount of sunlight that the site receives
- The slope of the site
- The presence of trees or other obstructions (near obstructions)
- Horizon height locations (far obstructions)
- Surface Albedo (Reflection from ground grass, rock, water, etc.)

Utility payments impact on layout:

- Time of day rates
- Seasonal rates

Racking impact on layout:
Solar Panel Orientation

- Fixed Tilt (more density)
- Single Axis Tracking
- Bifacial Single Axis Tracking

Civil impact on layout:

- Wetlands
- Setbacks
- Drainage
- Soil / Rock
- Stability, Soil Mechanics, etc.
- Grading

Development impact on layout:

- Availability
- The cost of the land
- Permitting and Environmental
- Aesthetics
- Zoning regulations
- Fire Codes

Electrical impact on layout:

- Proximity to Interconnection
- Soil Thermal Properties
- "Squareness"



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Site Selection and Layouts can have significant impact on overall cost:

	Q3 2021 US Utility Scale Average Targets (\$/Wdc)					Comments / Risk / Opportunities
	Low Target	Aggressive Target	% of Total	High Target	High vs. Aggressive	
Supply Chain, OH, Margin	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.27	24%	\$ 0.33	23%	Misc. items to be split depending on development structure
Design, Engineering & Permitting	0.04	0.04	3%	0.07	94%	Civil, Electrical, Structural designs for permitting
Direct Labor	0.12	0.13	12%	0.16	24%	Subject to inflation and local availability
Structural BOS	0.13	0.14	13%	0.24	70%	Subject to inflation and local design conditions
Electrical BOS / DC Electrical BOS	0.06	0.06	5%	0.10	64%	Subject to inflation and lead times
Inverter / Inverter & AC subsystem	0.03	0.04	3%	0.04	14%	Subject to inflation and component shortages / lead times
Module	0.41	0.45	40%	0.49	9%	Subject to inflation, shipping and tariff structures. LT Supply Agreement.
Total	\$ 1.07	\$ 1.13	100%	\$ 1.44	27%	
10% Budget Contingency	0.11	0.11		0.14		
Recommended Budget	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.24		\$ 1.58		

7.5 MW dc / 5 MW ac Project, (\$ 000) BUDGETARY ESTIMATE

	Low Target	Aggressive Target	% of Total	High Target
Supply Chain, OH, Margin	\$ 2,036	\$ 2,036	24%	\$ 2,505
Design, Engineering & Permitting	275	275	3%	533
Direct Labor	926	975	12%	1,208
Structural BOS	1,007	1,060	13%	1,800
Electrical BOS / DC Electrical BOS	427	449	5%	735
Inverter / Inverter & AC subsystem	262	275	3%	314
Module	3,104	3,404	40%	3,704
Total	\$ 8,037	\$ 8,475	100%	\$ 10,798
10% Budget Contingency	804	848		1,080
Recommended Budget	\$ 8,841	\$ 9,323		\$ 11,878

Note: Tax Credits have not been deducted from above.



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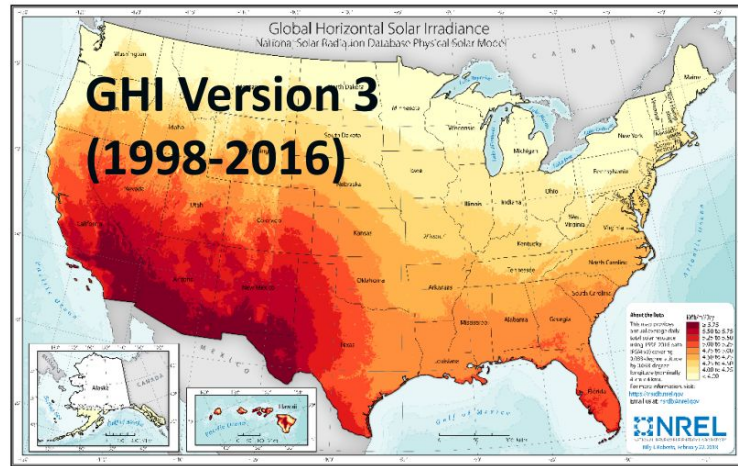
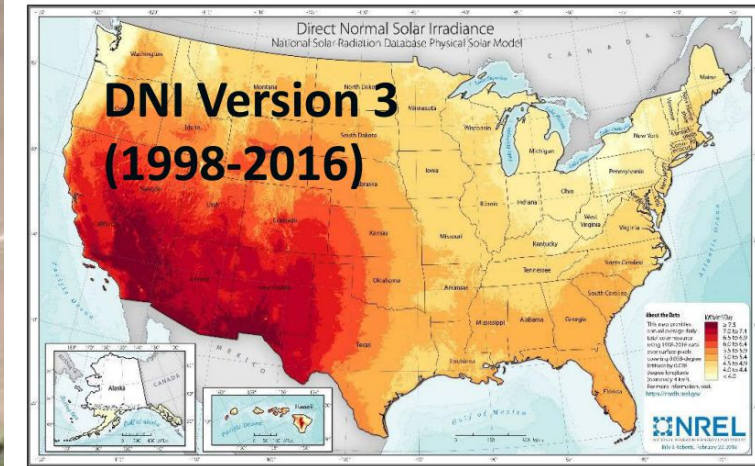
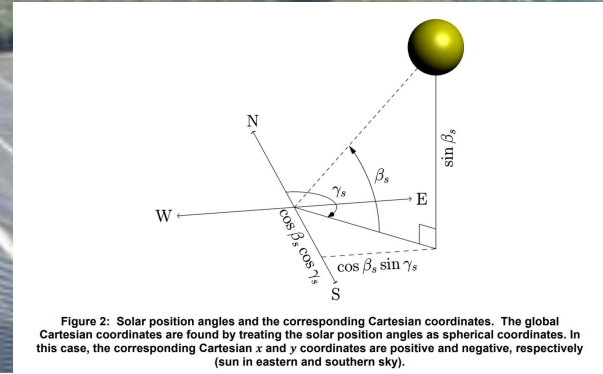
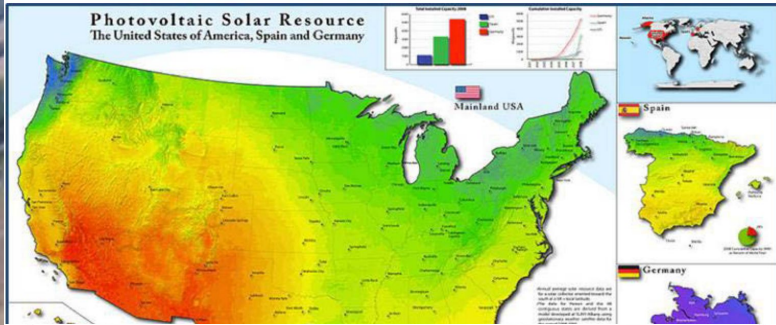
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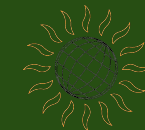
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Review of PV Irradiance and Geometry





Review of PV Geometry

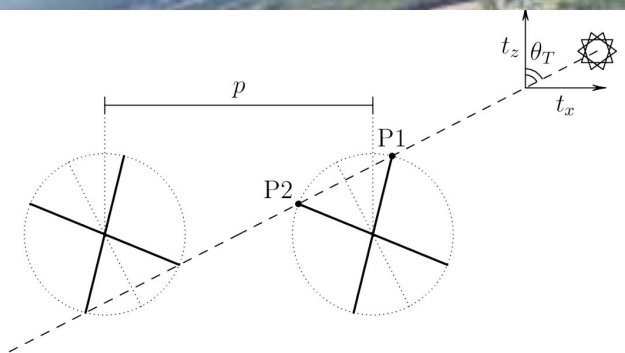
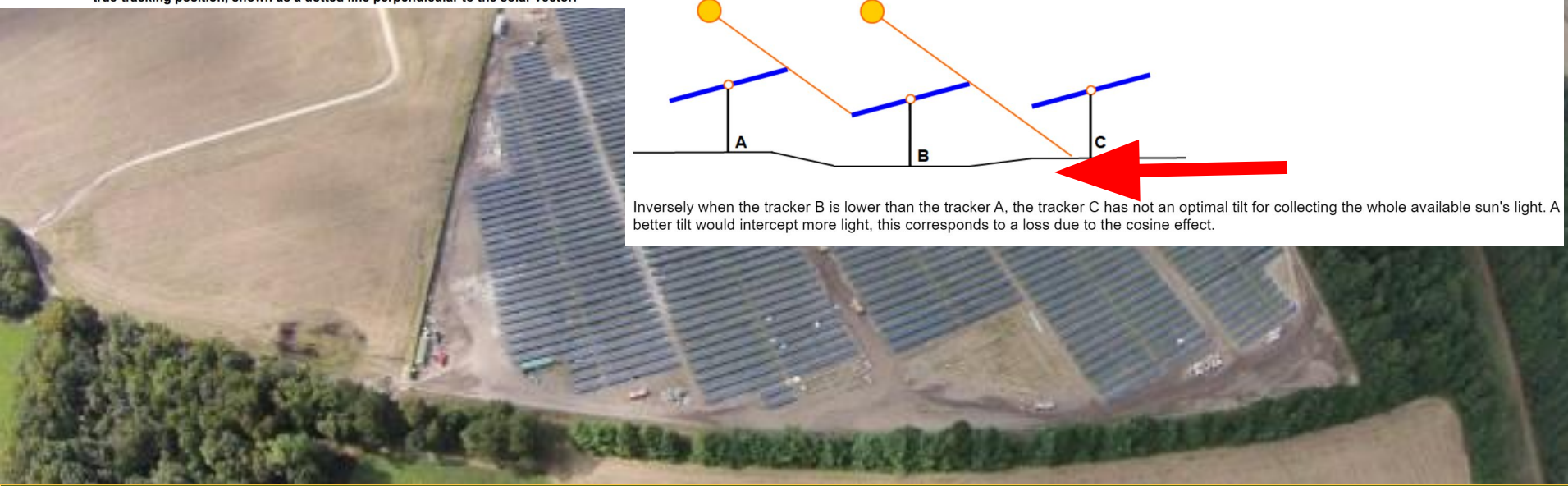
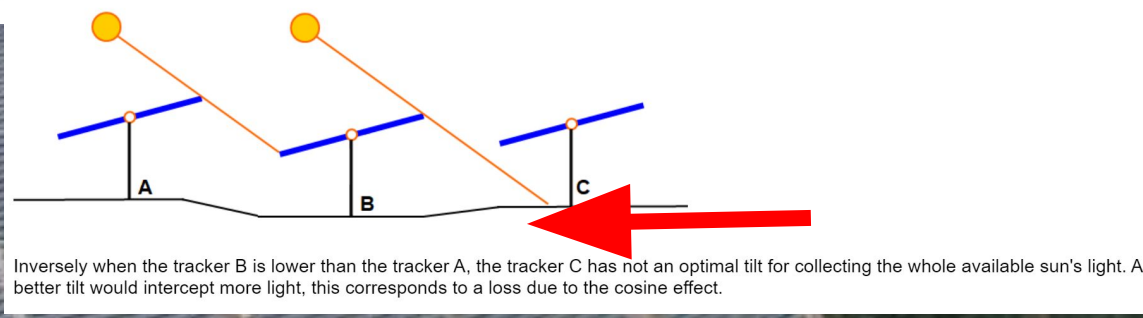
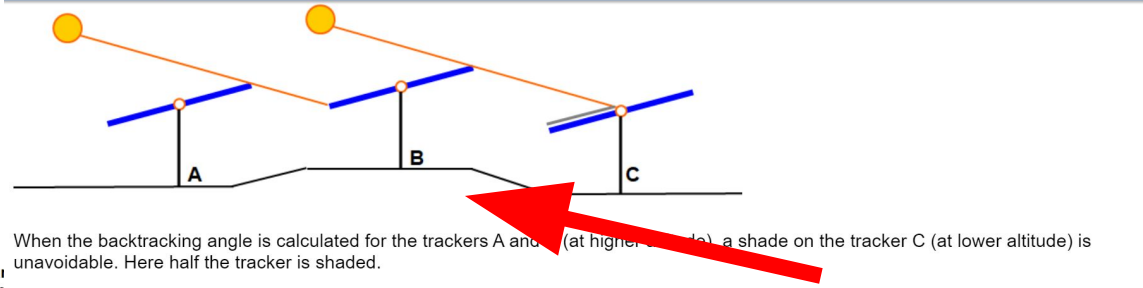


Figure 7. Cross-section of two adjacent tracker rows. The tracker axes point into the page and are not visible in this 2D diagram. The two optimal positions P1 and P2 eliminate row to row shading. P1 and P2 expose the same cross section to beam irradiance and are symmetrical around the true-tracking position, shown as a dotted line perpendicular to the solar vector.

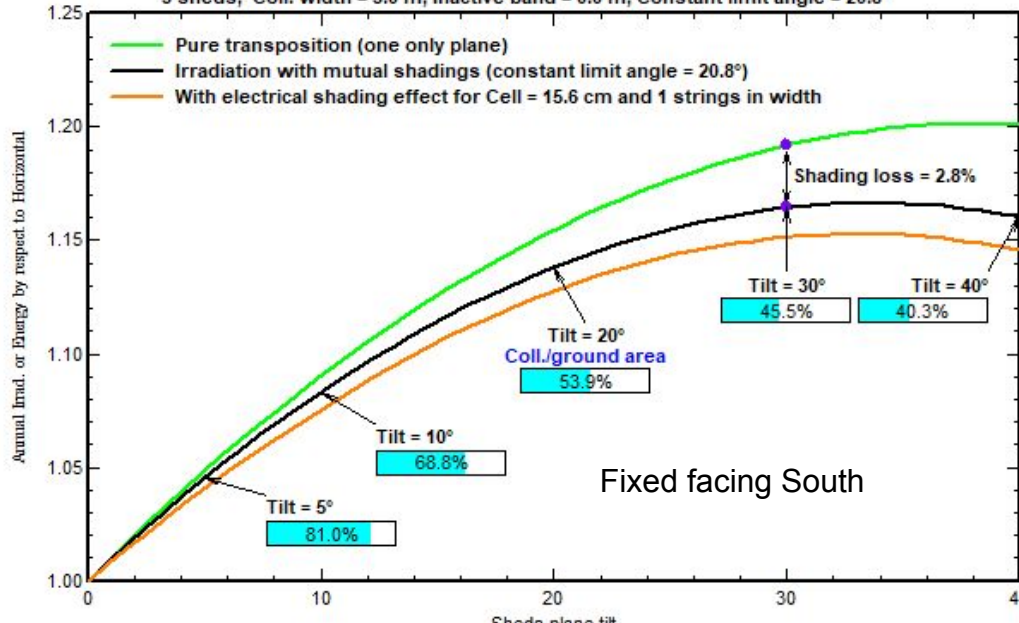
Backtracking on a hill



Simulation of PV Geometry

Shed tilt optimisation At Albany, Array orientation = 0°

3 sheds, Coll. width = 3.0 m, Inactive band = 0.0 m, Constant limit angle = 20.8°



Fixed facing South

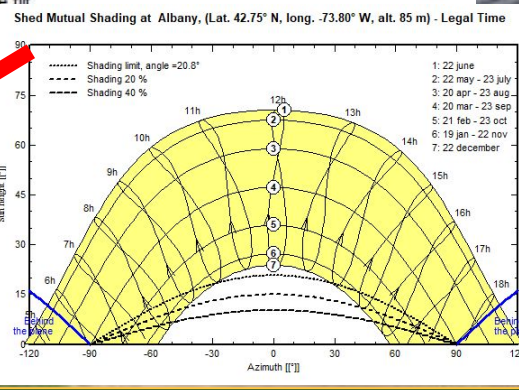
Visualisation / Optimisation of sheds

Shading limit angle: 20.8°
Ground coverage ratio: $A(\text{coll}) / A(\text{ground}) = 0.45$

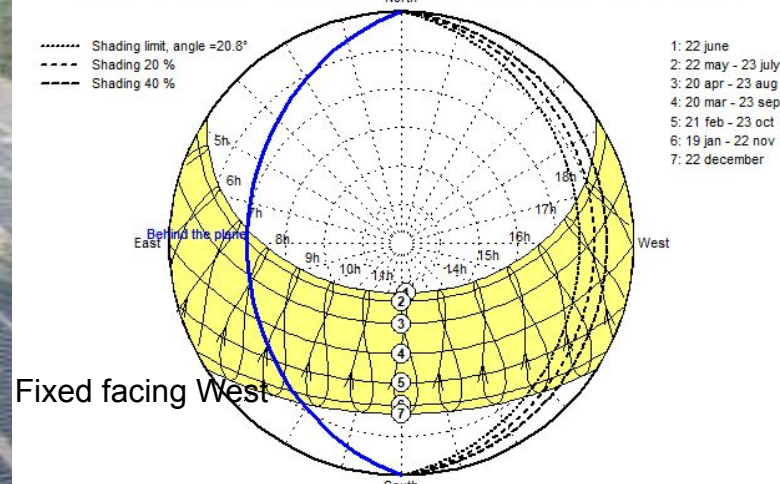
Sheds: Pitch 6.60 m, Collector band width 3.00 m, Top inactive band 0.02 m, Bottom inactive band 0.02 m

Orientation: Tilt 30.0, Azimuth 0.0

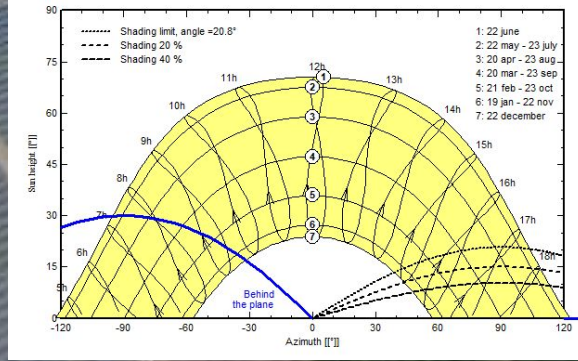
Buttons: Show Optimisation, Shading Graph, Close



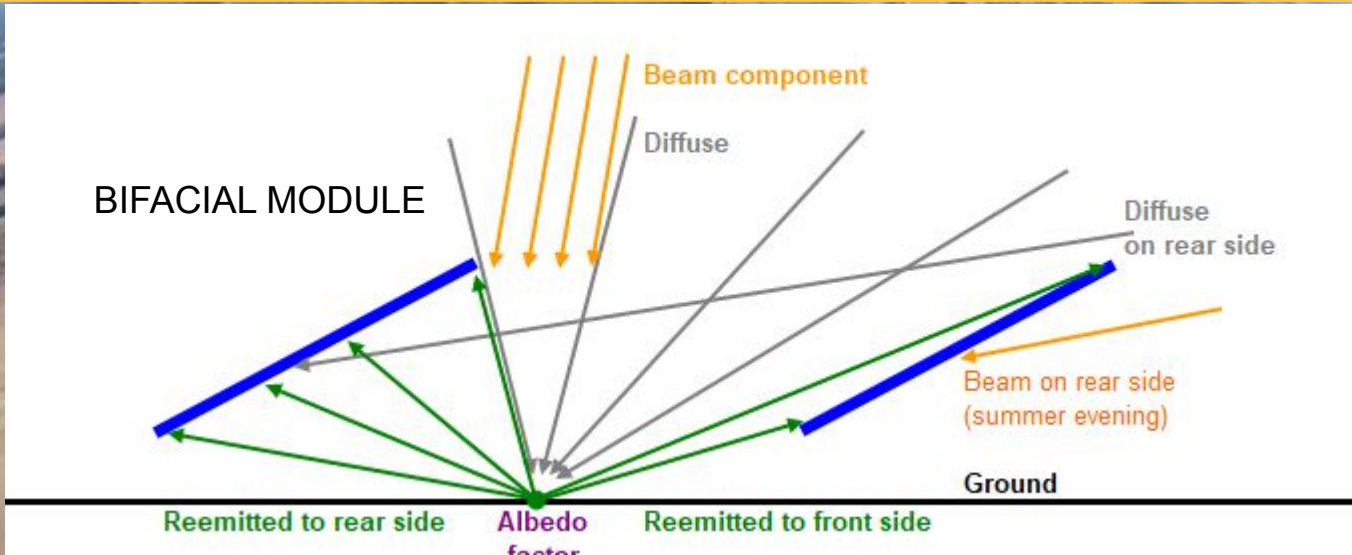
Shed Mutual Shading at Albany, (Lat. 42.75° N, long. -73.80° W, alt. 85 m) - Legal Time



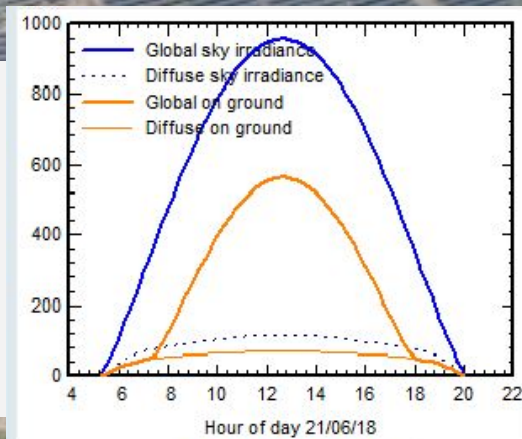
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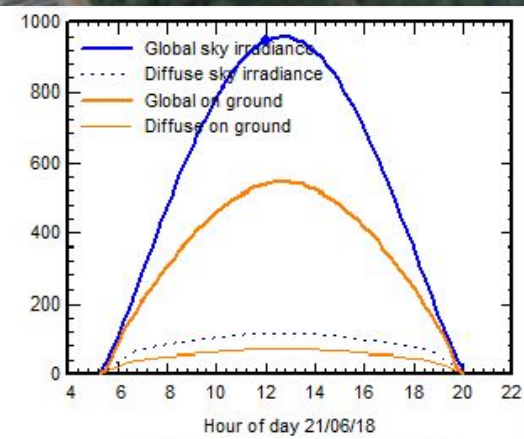
Simulation of bifacial modules



A Tracking Strategy tends to optimize the trapping of the sun's rays; therefore there is less beam irradiance reaching the ground.
 In June, the beam fraction on ground is 44% with tracking, and 60% with sheds systems.



Tracking system



Shed system 25° south

Simulation of PV - Shading angles

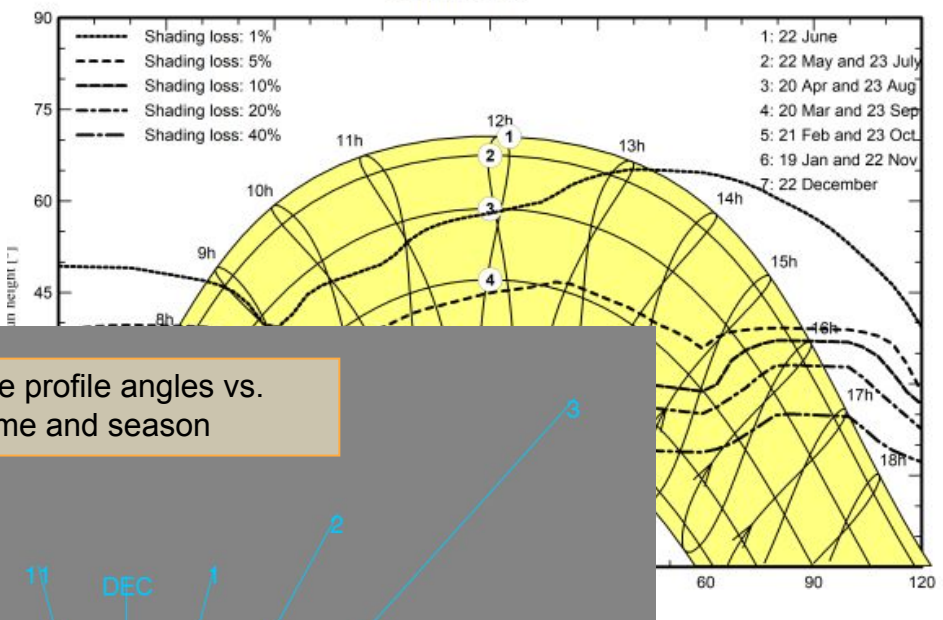


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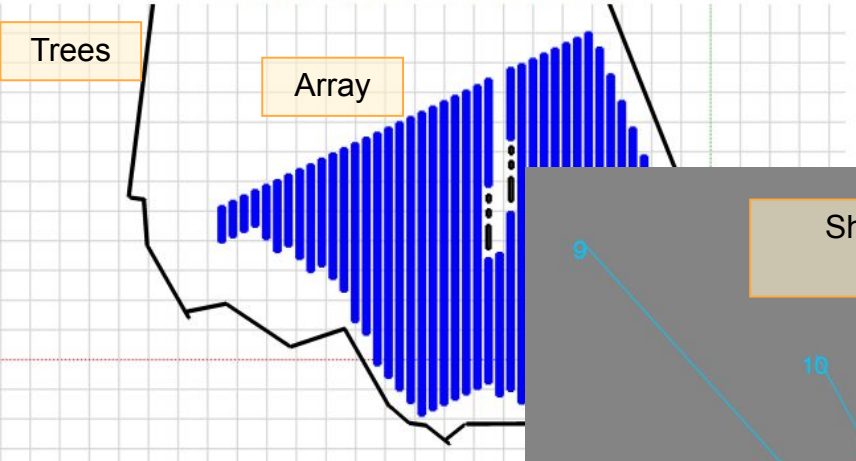


Iso-shadings diagram
 Orientation #1

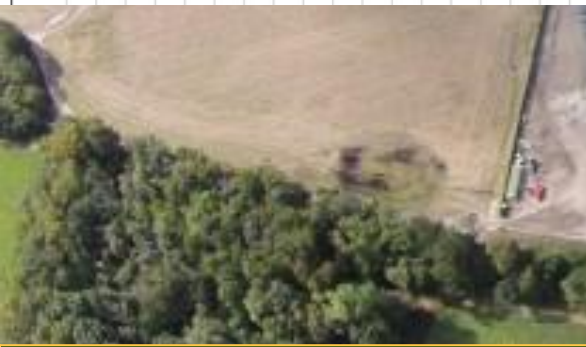
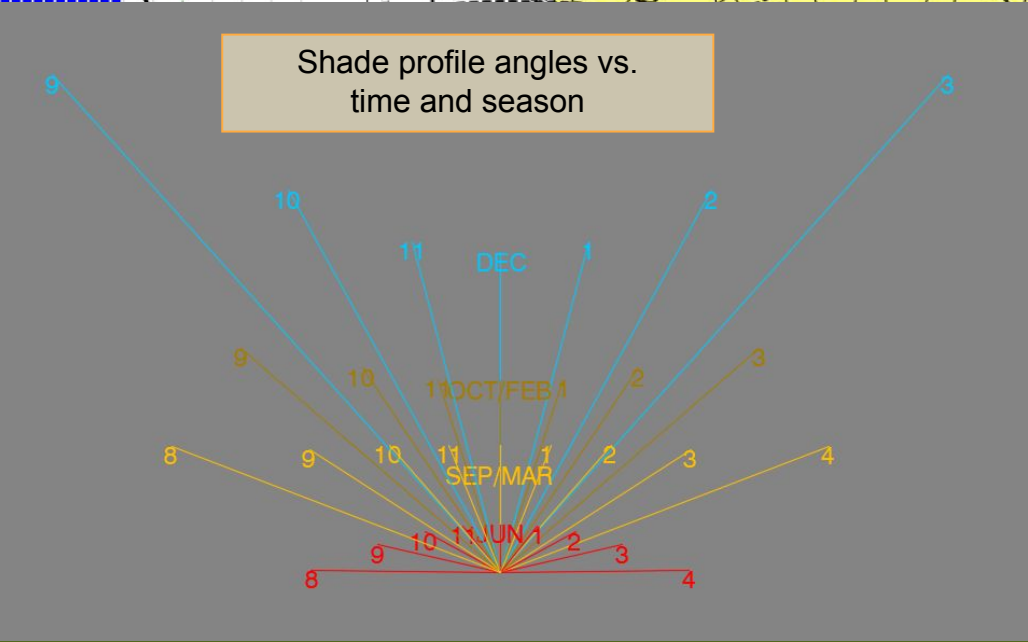


Near shadings parameter

Perspective of the PV-field and surrounding shading scene



Shade profile angles vs. time and season





PV design - Conductors

Electrical impact on layout:

- Proximity to Interconnection
- Soil Thermal Properties
- "Squareness"

NEC code vs. simulations
Direct bury, conduit, free air

310.60 ARTICLE 310 — CONDUCTORS FOR GENERAL WIRING

Table 310.15(B)(16) (formerly Table 310.16) Allowable Ampacities of Insulated Conductors Rated Up to and Including 2000 Volts, 60°C Through 90°C (140°F Through 194°F), Not More Than Three Current-Carrying Conductors in Raceway, Cable, or Earth (Directly Buried), Based on Ambient Temperature of 30°C (86°F)^a

Size AWG or kcmil	Temperature Rating of Conductor [See Table 310.104(A).]					Types TBS, SA, SIS, FEP, FEPB, MR, RHH, RHW-2, THHN, THHW, THW-2, THWN-2, USE-2, XHH, XHHW, USE, XHHW-2, ZW-2	Types TW, UF	Types TH, THH, THN, THHN, THHW, THW, THWN, THWN-2, USE, USE-2, XHH, XHHW, USE, XHHW-2, ZW-2
	60°C (140°F)	75°C (167°F)	90°C (194°F)	60°C (140°F)	75°C (167°F)			
COPPER								
18**	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—
16**	—	—	18	—	—	—	—	—
14**	15	20	25	—	—	—	—	—
12**	20	25	30	15	—	—	—	—
10**	30	35	40	25	—	—	—	—
8	40	50	55	35	—	—	—	—
6	55	65	75	40	—	—	—	—
4	70	85	95	55	—	—	—	—
3	85	100	115	65	—	—	—	—
2	95	115	130	75	—	—	—	—
1	110	150	145	85	—	—	—	—
1/0	125	150	170	100	—	—	—	—
2/0	145	175	195	115	—	—	—	—
3/0	165	200	225	130	—	—	—	—
4/0	195	230	260	150	—	—	—	—
250	215	255	290	170	—	—	—	—
300	240	285	320	195	—	—	—	—
350	260	310	350	210	—	—	—	—
400	280	335	380	225	—	—	—	—
500	320	380	430	260	—	—	—	—
600	350	420	475	285	—	—	—	—
700	385	460	520	315	—	—	—	—
750	400	475	535	320	—	—	—	—
800	410	490	555	330	—	—	—	—
900	435	520	585	355	—	—	—	—
1000	455	545	615	375	—	—	—	—
1250	495	590	665	405	—	—	—	—
1500	525	625	705	435	—	—	—	—

Size AWG or kcmil	Temperature Rating of C			Types TW, UF	Types TH, THH, THN, THHN, THHW, THW, THWN, THWN-2, USE, USE-2, XHH, XHHW, USE, XHHW-2, ZW-2
	60°C (140°F)	75°C (167°F)	90°C (194°F)		
COPPER					
250	215	255	290	—	—
300	240	285	320	—	—
350	260	310	350	—	—
400	280	335	380	—	—
500	320	380	430	—	—
ALUMINUM OR COPPER-CLAD ALUMINUM					
250	170	205	230	—	—
300	195	230	260	—	—
350	210	250	280	—	—
400	225	270	305	—	—
500	260	310	350	—	—



Ohms Law Formulas				
Known Values	Resistance (R)	Current (I)	Voltage (V)	Power (P)
Current & Resistance	---	---	$V = I \times R$	$P = I^2 \times R$
Voltage & Current	$R = \frac{V}{I}$	---	---	$P = V \times I$
Power & Current	$R = \frac{P}{I^2}$	---	$V = \frac{P}{I}$	---
Voltage & Resistance	---	$I = \frac{V}{R}$	---	$P = \frac{V^2}{R}$
Power & Resistance	---	$I = \sqrt{\frac{P}{R}}$	$V = \sqrt{P \times R}$	---
Voltage & Power	$R = \frac{V^2}{P}$	$I = \frac{P}{V}$	---	---

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Interconnection design
Voltage, Current and Power

Identifying Interconnection Voltages by
Counting Utility Line Porcelain Insulators

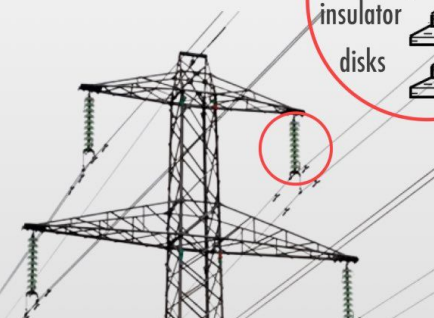
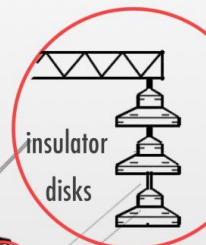


3: 34.5 kV 10: 115kV 7: 115 kV

IDENTIFYING THE VOLTAGE LEVEL BY NUMBER OF INSULATOR DISCS

Discs Line Voltage
 (kV)

3	34.5
4	69
6	115
8	138
11	161
14	230
15	287
18	345
23	360
24	400
34	500
44	600
59	750
60	765

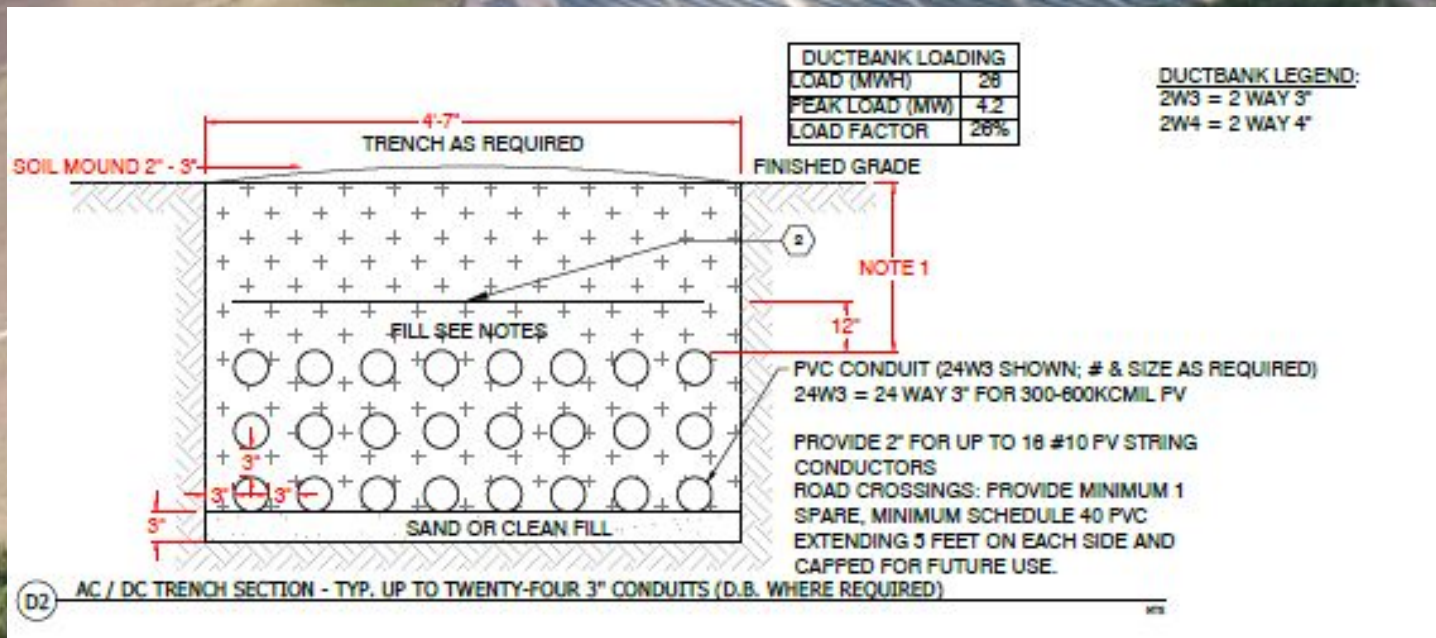


Line kV	Current (A)	Power (MVA)
34.5	600	36
69	600	72
115	600	120
138	600	143
161	600	167
230	600	239
287	600	298
345	600	359
500	600	520

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PV / BESS Design

Trench calculations





PV / BESS Site Design



BIRD AND BAT BOXES

These will be located around the perimeter of the site to encourage bats to roost and birds to nest.



WILDFLOWER MEADOWS

The land around and beneath the solar panels will be sown with native wildflowers and grasses to support habitats for bees and other pollinators.



EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

We organize trips to the solar farm so children from local schools can learn about science, technology and energy generation.



SHEEP GRAZING

The land around the solar panels will be maintained where economically feasible by sheep grazing in winter, after the meadows have seeded, to keep land in food production.



BEEHIVES

Beehives on the solar farm will provide pollination services to support local farmers and agriculture.

PV w/
DC coupled BESS



9 MWh BESS
8.3 MW DC
5 MW AC
11.3 GWh



Example simulations 1-Axis Tracker - NY

Project: **5 MWac**

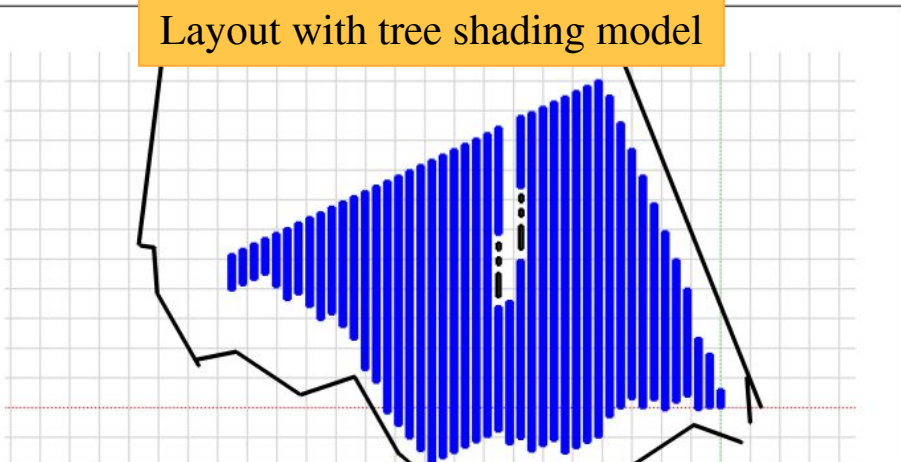
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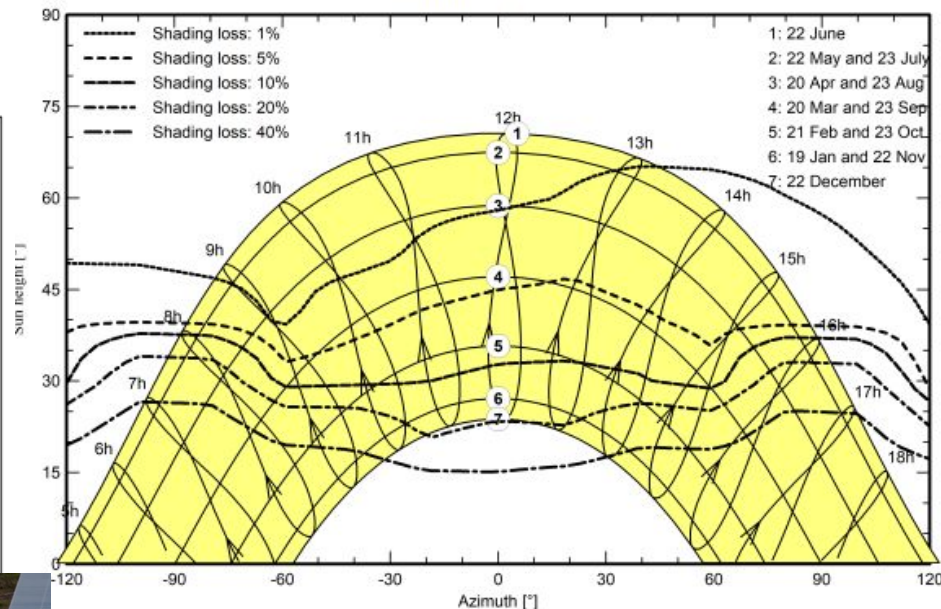
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Layout with tree shading model



Iso-shadings diagram

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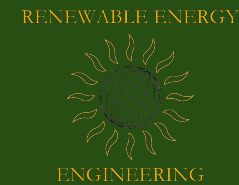


Shading Losses by season / time





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Example simulations 1-Axis Tracker - NY

Project: **5 MWc**

Variant: 550W FS3005K 0 **5 MWc** g trees

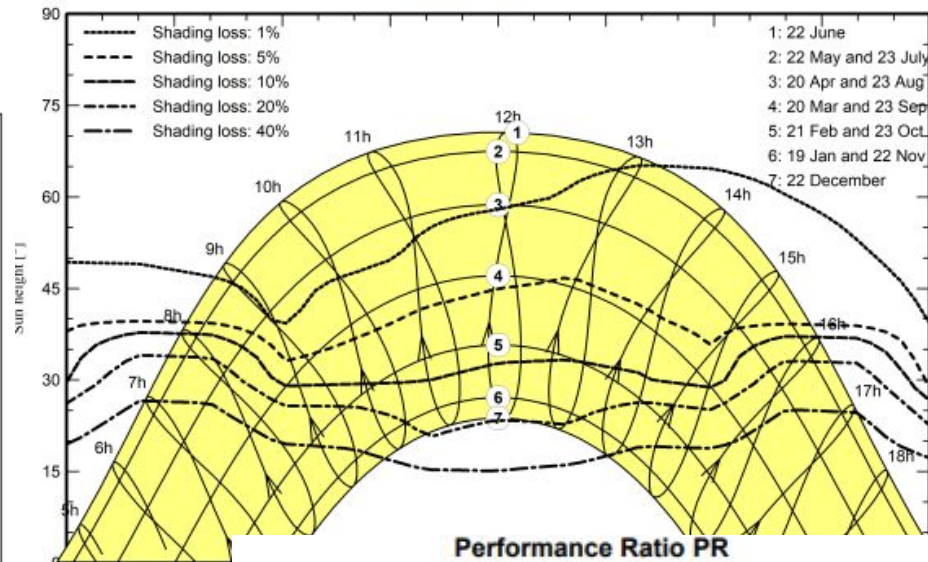
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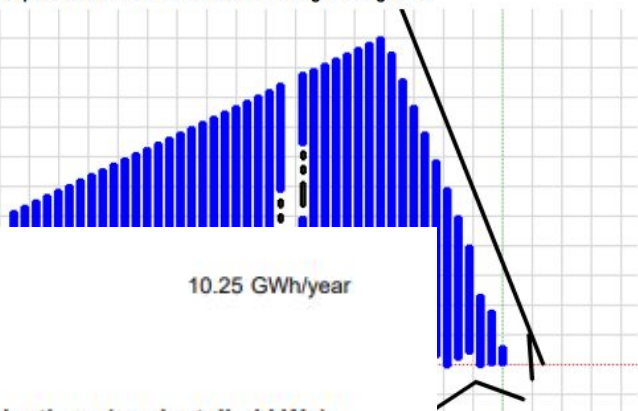
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Orientation #1



Near shadings parameter

Perspective of the PV-field and surrounding shading scene



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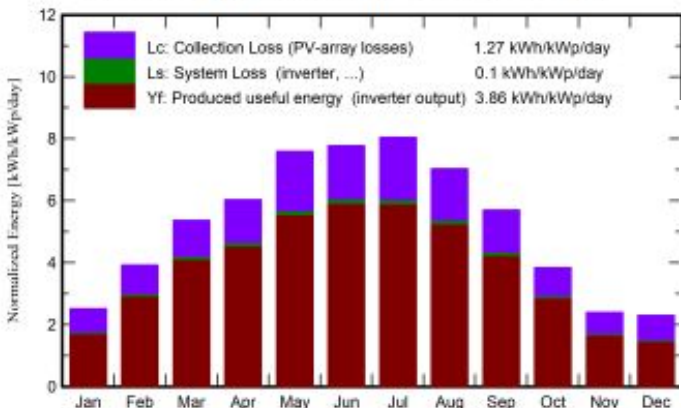
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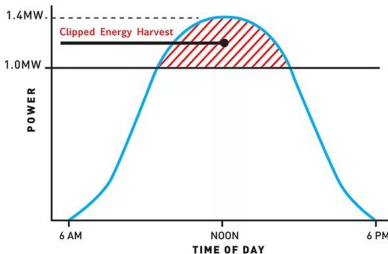
Produced Energy

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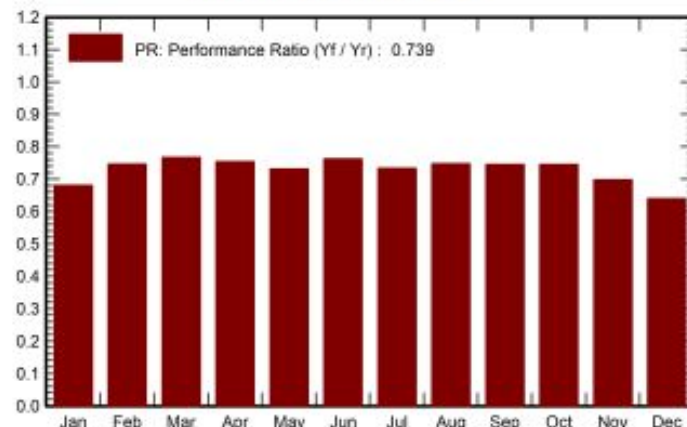
Normalized productions (per installed kWp)



DC coupled storage



Performance Ratio PR



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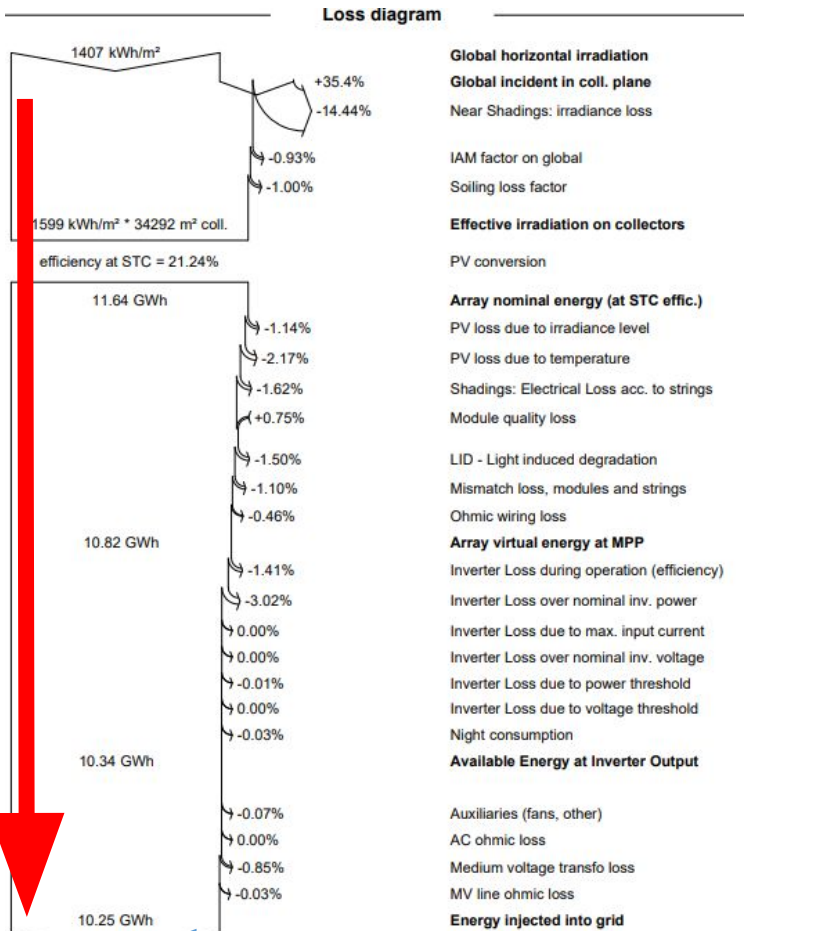
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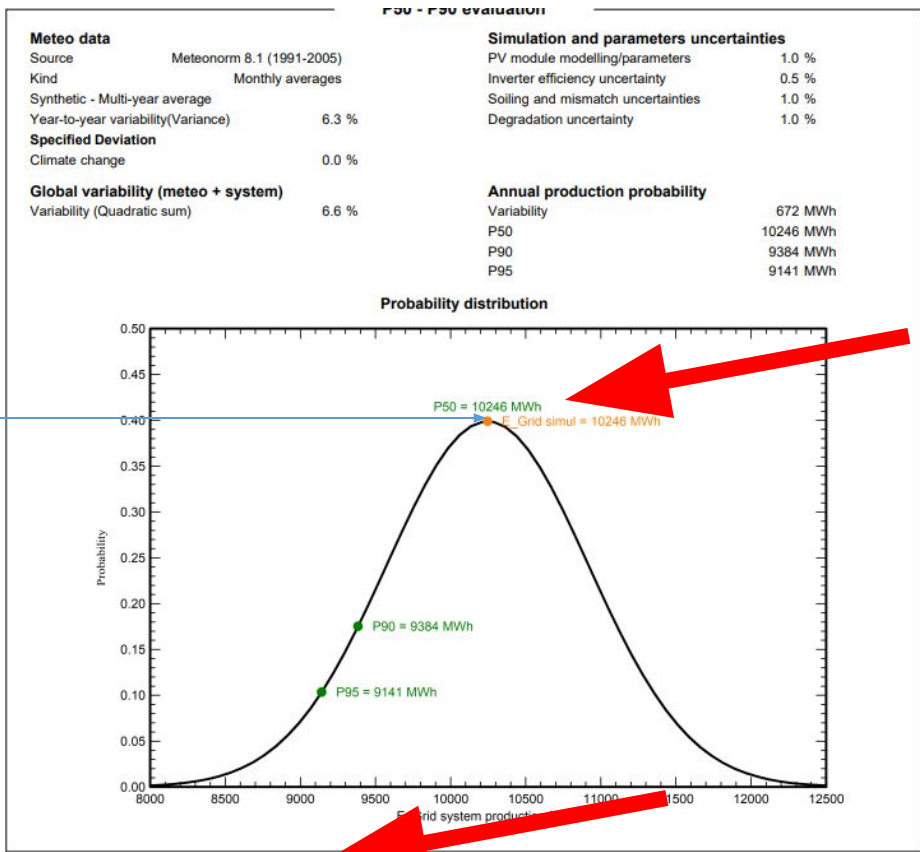


Example simulations 1-Axis Tracker - NY

Representative Modeling Profile: Year 1 target generation for a 5MWac Project



Example Losses

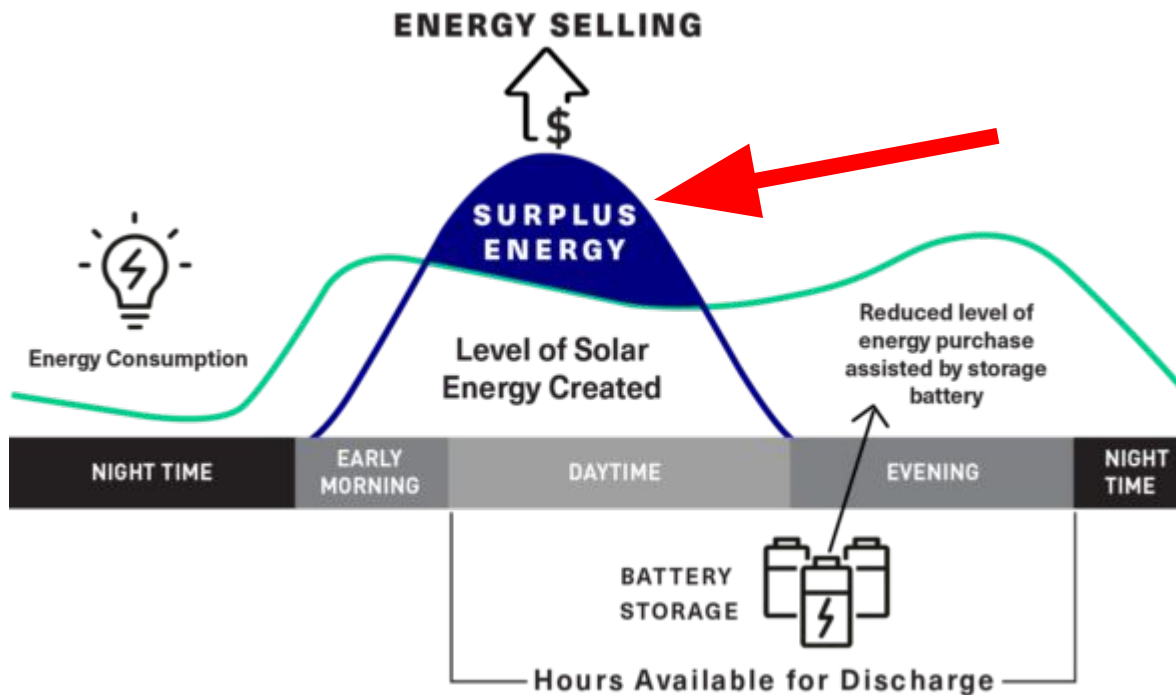


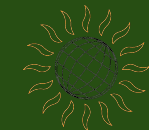
Probability distributions of first year generation

NOTE: Models based on preliminary assumptions.

BESS

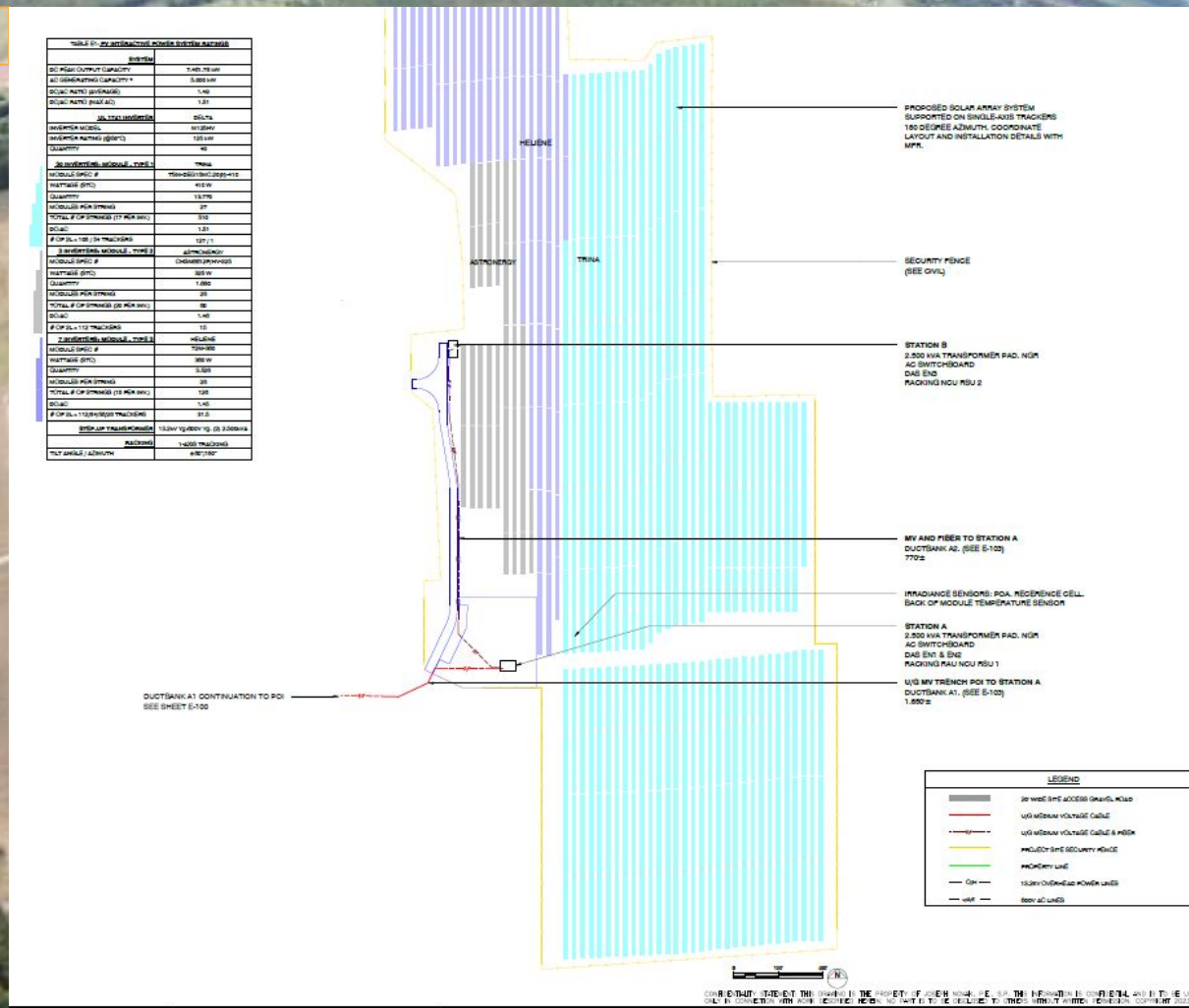
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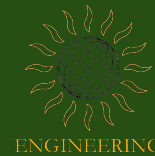




Example Layout (not square)

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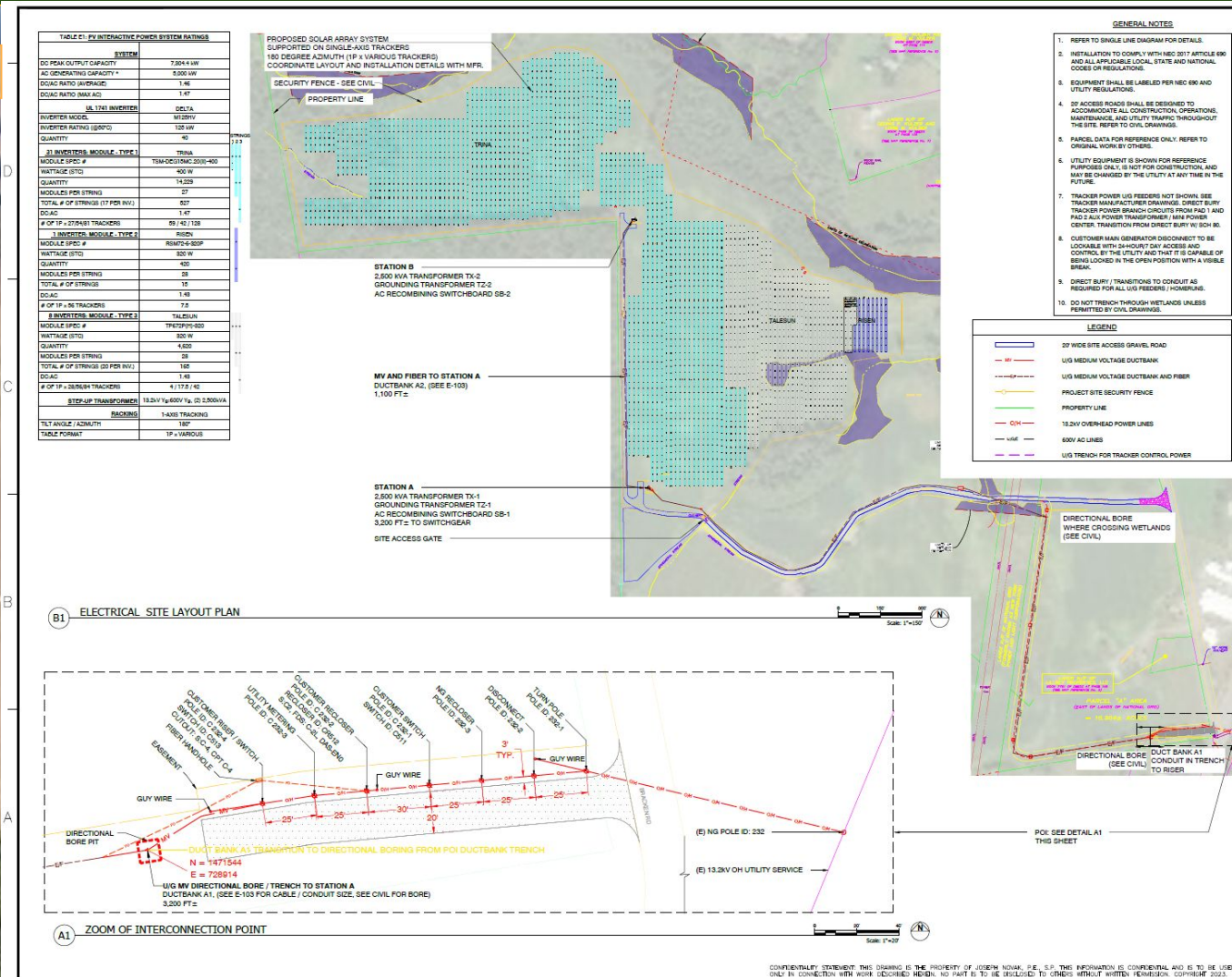




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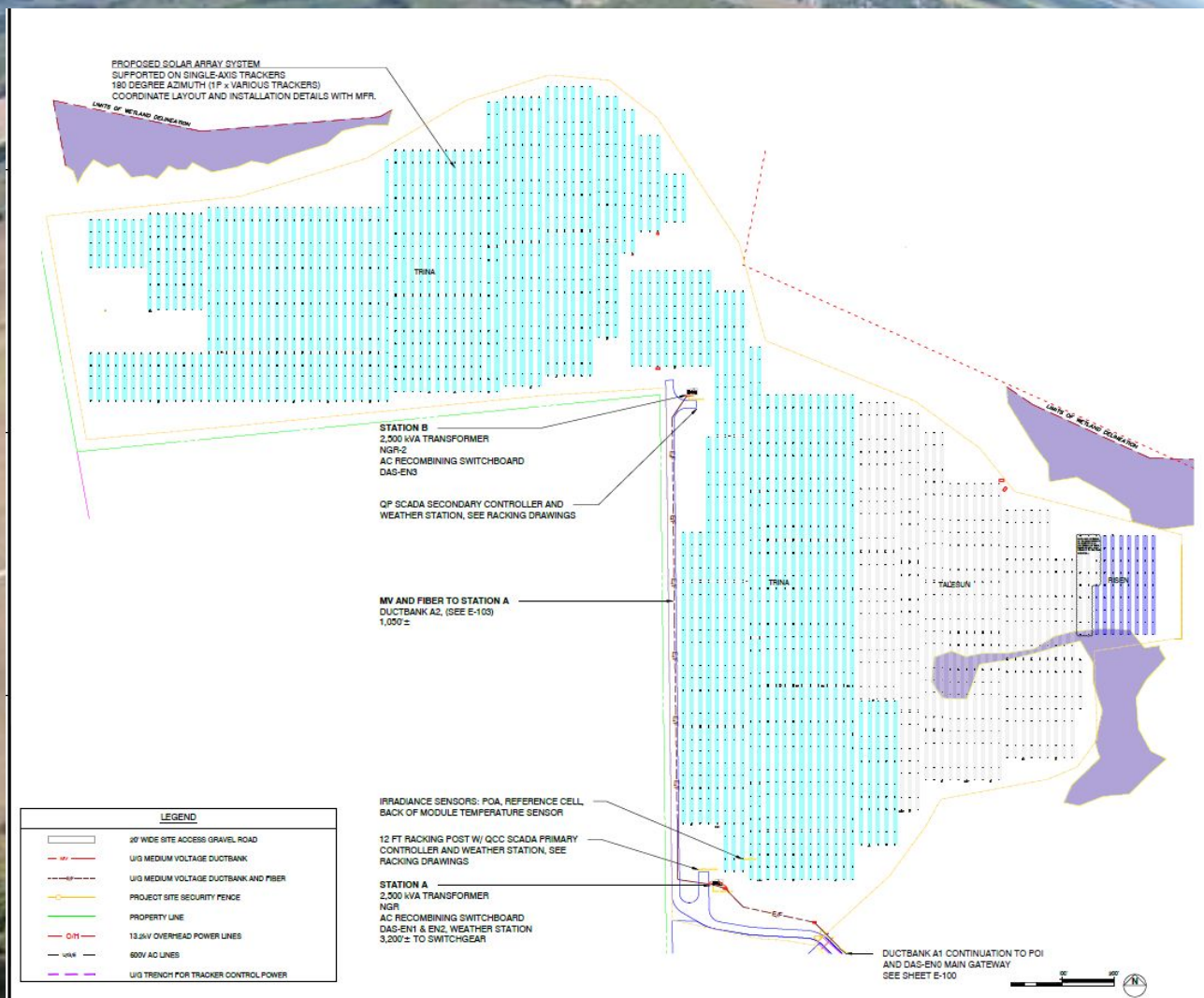
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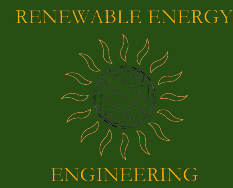
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Example Layout 2 (Multiple modules)

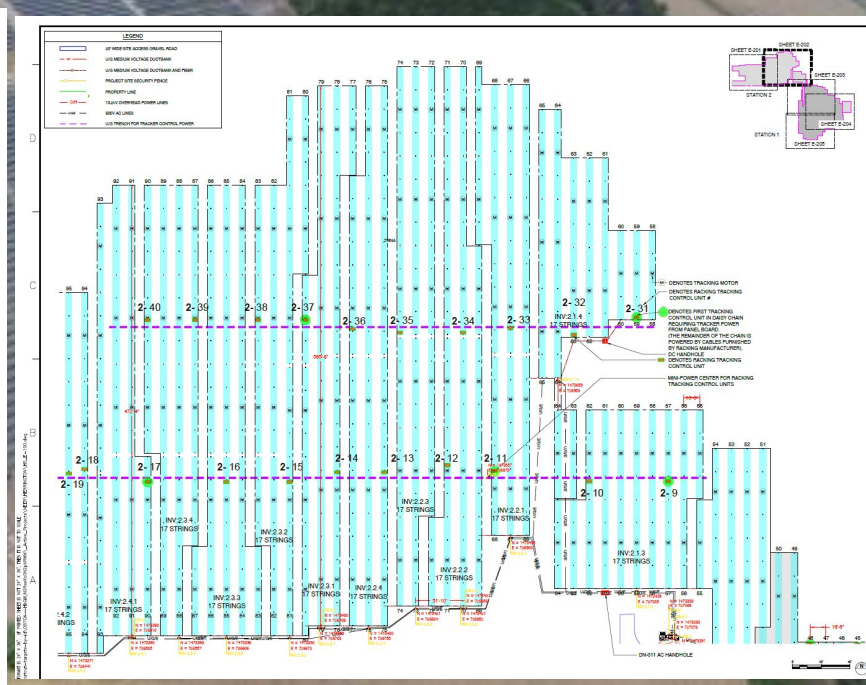
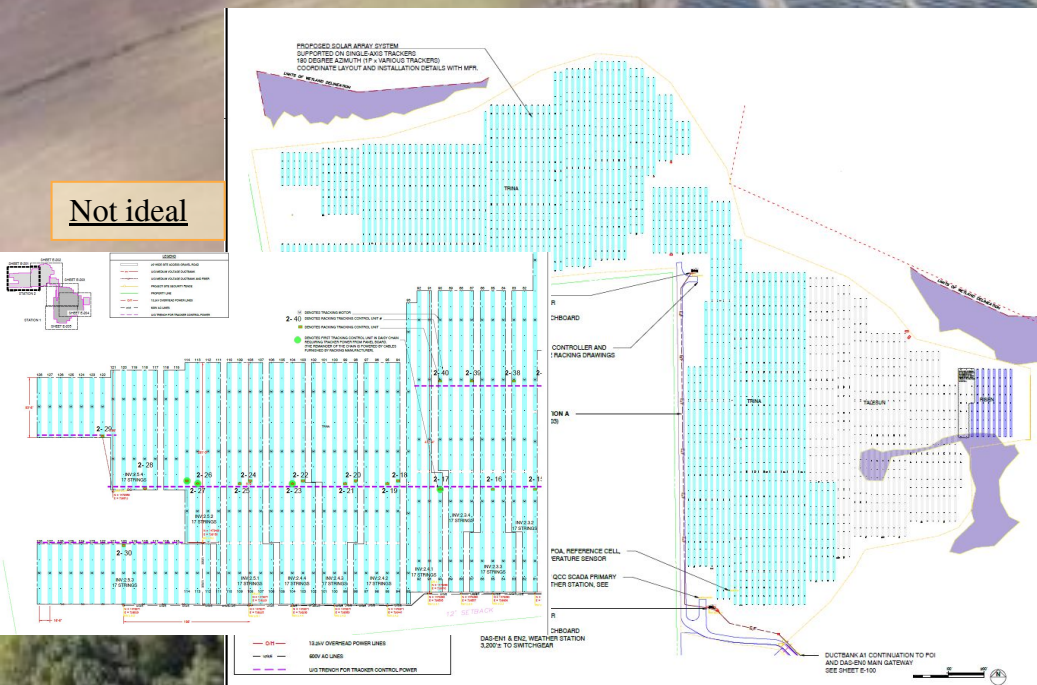




Example Layout 3 Optimizing conductors

PAD 2: AC INVERTER / COMBINER FEEDER SCHEDULE

SLD ID	FROM	TO	# PARALLEL	FEEDER	FEEDER X 125%	OC PD TRIP	AMPACITY		CF	CORRECTED FEEDER AMPACITY	CONDUIT	CONDUCTORS	CABLE TYPE	WIRE VOLTAGE	ONE WAY LENGTH	R/1000'	VOLTAGE DROP	TOTAL VOLTAGE DROP	CONDUIT FILL
							75C (A)	90 C (A)											
3	P2.1	SB-2	2	540	675	600A*	680	770	.97	747	TWO 4" PVC / D.B.	EA. WITH THREE #600 AL & ONE #1 CU G	1KV/RHW-2 D.B.	600	30	0.0353	0.1%	1.3%	24%
3	P2.2	SB-2	2	540	675	600A*	680	770	.97	747	TWO 4" PVC / D.B.	EA. WITH THREE #600 AL & ONE #1 CU G	1KV/RHW-2 D.B.	600	290	0.0353	0.8%	1.1%	24%
3	P2.3	SB-2	2	540	675	600A*	680	770	.97	747	TWO 4" PVC / D.B.	EA. WITH THREE #600 AL & ONE #1 CU G	1KV/RHW-2 D.B.	600	443	0.0353	1.2%	1.5%	24%
3A	P2.4	SB-2	4	540	675	600A*	1240	1400	.97	1358	FOUR 4" PVC / D.B.	EA. WITH THREE #500 AL & ONE #1 CU G	1KV/RHW-2 D.B.	600	646	0.0424	1.1%	1.5%	19%
3A	P2.5	SB-2	4	540	675	600A*	1240	1400	.97	1358	FOUR 4" PVC / D.B.	EA. WITH THREE #500 AL & ONE #1 CU G	1KV/RHW-2 D.B.	600	933	0.0424	1.5%	2.1%	19%
2A	INV 2.1.1	P2.1	1	135	169	150A*	230	260	.97	252	2.5" PVC / D.B.	WITH THREE #300 AL & ONE #6 CU G	1KV/RHW-2 D.B.	600	947	0.0707	2.6%	2.7%	30%
2	INV 2.1.2	P2.1	1	135	169	150A*	205	230	.97	223	2.5" PVC / D.B.	WITH THREE #250 AL & ONE #6 CU G	1KV/RHW-2 D.B.	600	189	0.0847	0.6%	0.7%	30%
2	INV 2.1.3	P2.1	1	135	169	150A*	205	230	.97	223	2.5" PVC / D.B.	WITH THREE #250 AL & ONE #6 CU G	1KV/RHW-2 D.B.	600	93	0.0847	0.3%	0.4%	30%



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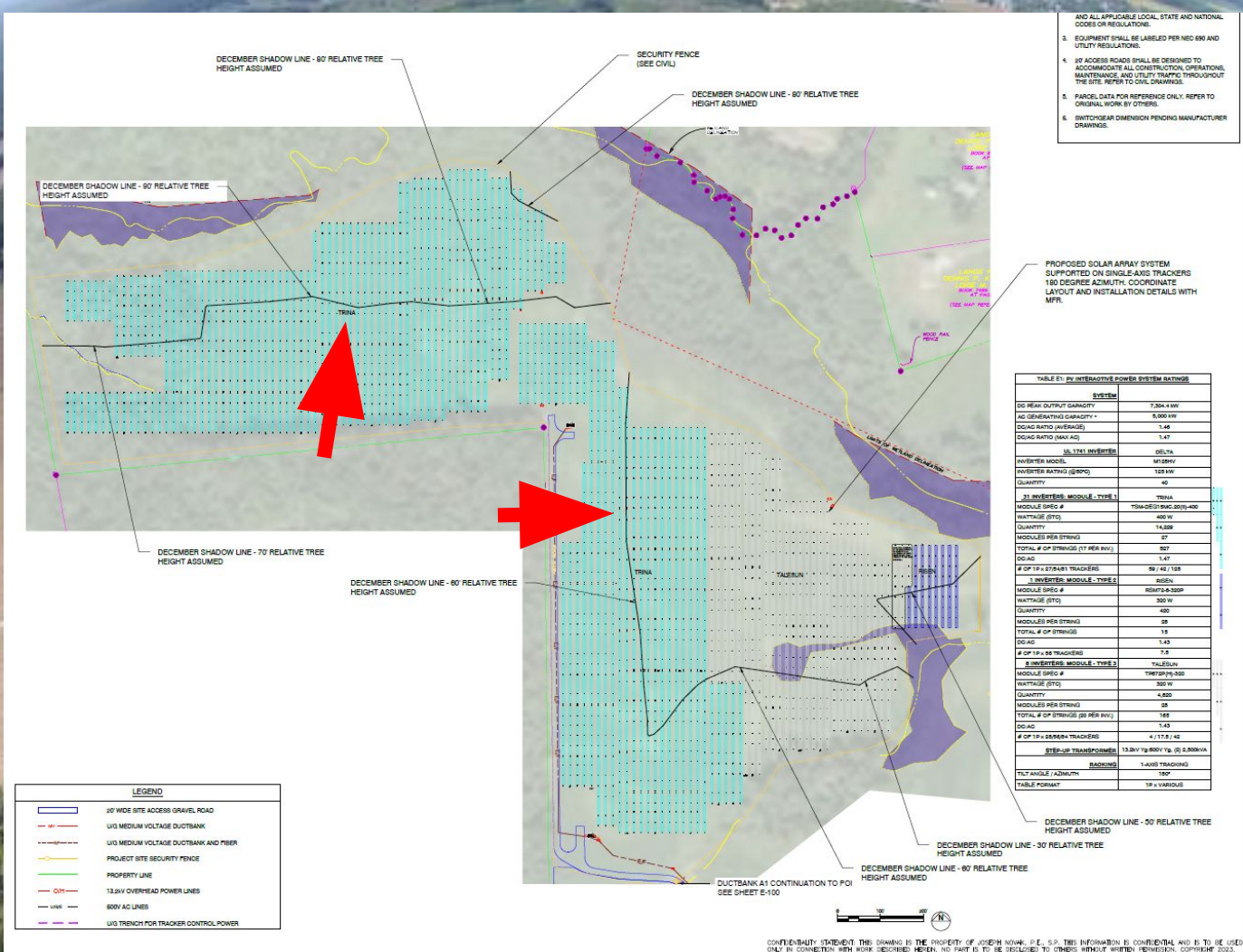
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Example Layout 3 Tree shading



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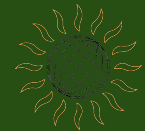
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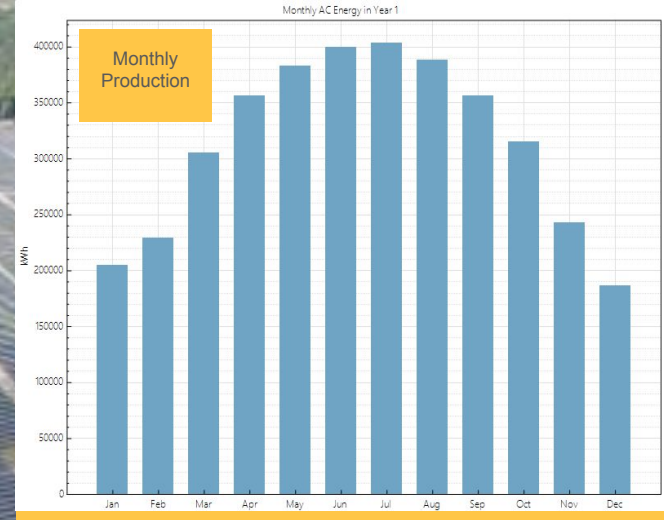
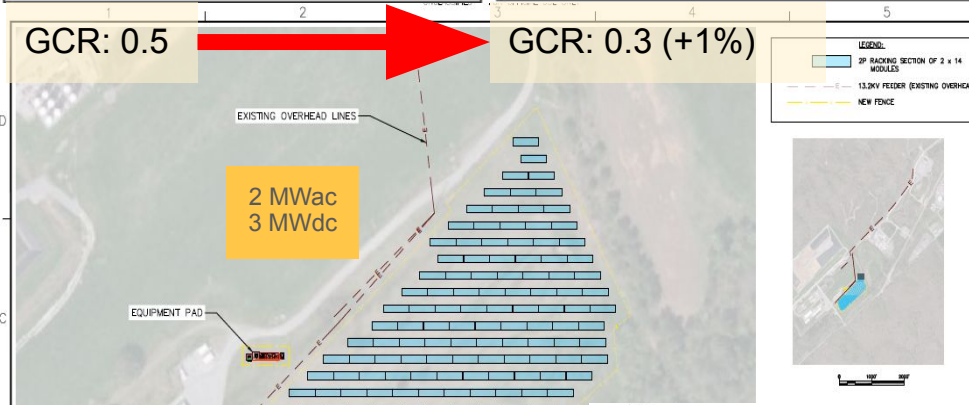


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Example Layouts Fixed Tilt - Ballasted Landfills

Metric	Value	Metric	Value
Annual AC energy in Year 1	3,770,235 kWh	Annual AC energy in Year 1	3,812,809 kWh
DC capacity factor in Year 1	14.4%	DC capacity factor in Year 1	14.6%
Energy yield in Year 1	1,263 kWh/kW	Energy yield in Year 1	1,277 kWh/kW
Performance ratio in Year 1	0.70	Performance ratio in Year 1	0.71

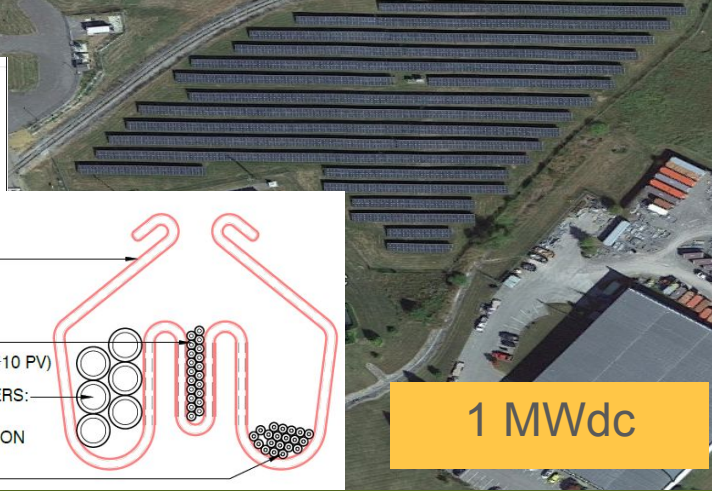
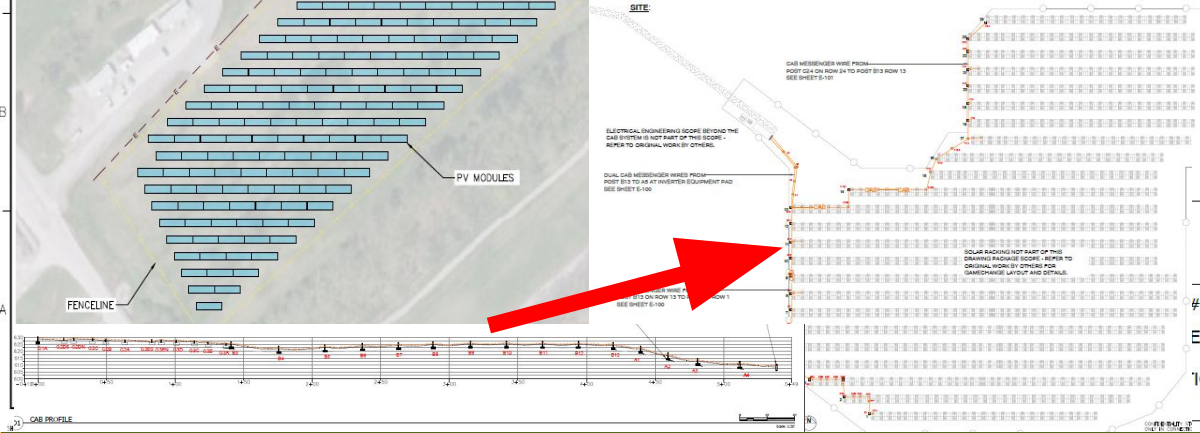


Conceptual values only, plus or minus 20%

Category	Value
Normal POA (Incidence) (kW)	29,564,023
Normal DC electricity (kW)	8,205,162
Net DC electricity (kW)	8,076,266
Gross AC electricity (kW)	8,265,887
Net AC electricity to grid (kW)	8,270,269

Losses

- Shading: 1.08%
- Solar: 0%
- Reflection (SRP): 0.58%
- Ground-reflected loss: 2.20%
- Module rear shading: 0%
- Soiling: 0%
- Optical-electrical mismatch: 0.65%
- Wire: 0%
- Module inverter loss (DC): 0.64%
- Inverter MPPT clipping: 0.20%
- Module mismatch: 0%
- Diodes and connections: 0.1%
- DC wiring: 0.1%
- Tracking error: 0%
- Transformer: 0%
- AC power capacitor: 0%
- AC availability and customer: 0%
- Inverter power clipping: 1.08%
- Inverter power consumption: 0.14%
- Inverter efficiency consumption: 0.02%
- Inverter efficiency: 1.64%
- AC wiring: 1%
- Transformer loss: 0%
- Transmission loss: 0%
- AC availability and customer: 0%



1 MWdc

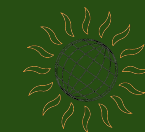
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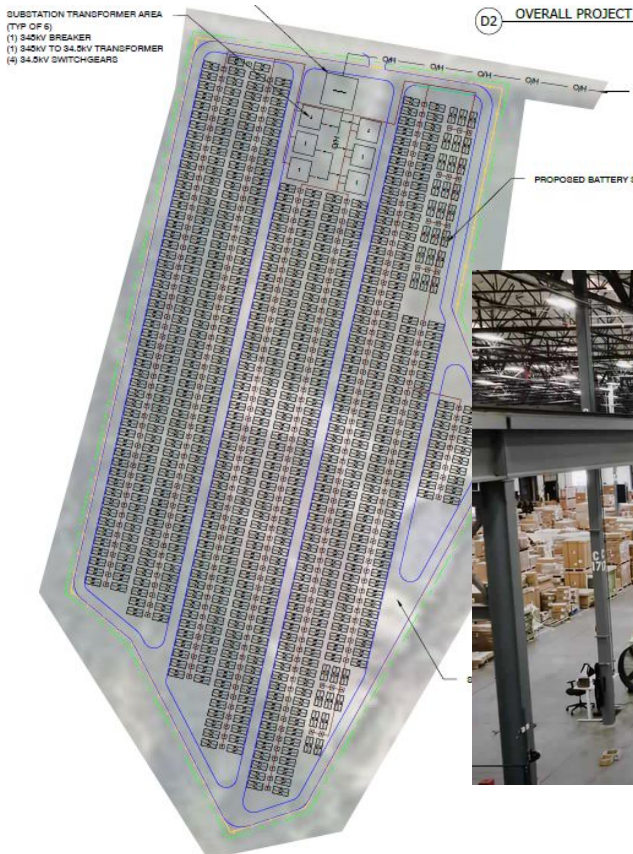
BESS

AC coupled storage





Example AC coupled BESS



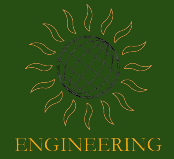
AC coupled storage
4.5 GWh

AC coupled storage
5.6 GWh



10,000 Megapack 2XLs / year
1 Megapack every 68 minutes
5GWh Deployed
40 GWh facility capacity

A1 ELECTRICAL SITE LAYOUT PLAN
Scale: 1"=100'



Example Layouts Fixed Tilt - US Navy

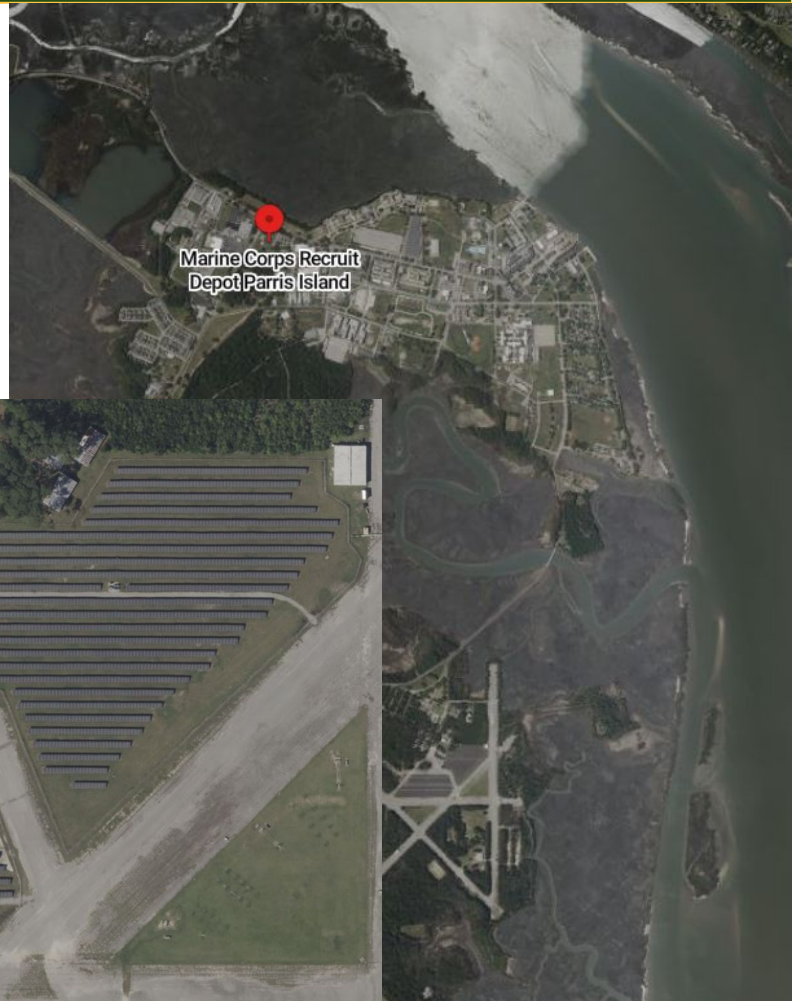
7 MWdc



Parking canopies



Fixed Tilt



Site overview



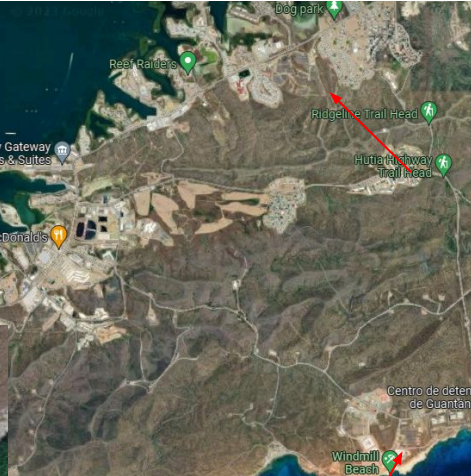
System design for utility-scale solar PV and Battery Energy Storage Systems

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Ballasted landfill

Ballasted - rock

Fixed tilt - piles



Thank you!

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