

## Photovoltaic panel distribution system design atlas

How has distributed photovoltaics impacted power system planners & operators?

Rapid growth of distributed photovoltaics (DPV) has upended how power system planners and operators think about electricity grids. Falling costs of solar electricity have made on-site generation and consumption a low-cost option for access to new, clean power globally.

## What is the Global Solar Atlas?

The World Bank's ESMAP has created a free web-based tool--the Global Solar Atlas-- that can help identify potential sites for solar power generation virtually anywhere in the world. The tool enables users to determine solar energy potential for a specific site, how much electricity will be generated, and in what time frame.

Do distributed photovoltaic systems contribute to the power balance?

Tom Key, Electric Power Research Institute. Distributed photovoltaic (PV) systems currently make an insignificant contribution to the power balance on all but a few utility distribution systems.

Can inverter-tied storage systems integrate with distributed PV generation?

Identify inverter-tied storage systems that will integrate with distributed PV generation to allow intentional islanding (microgrids) and system optimization functions (ancillary services) to increase the economic competitiveness of distributed generation. 3.

Are distributed photovoltaics a threat to electric power systems?

Rapid growth of distributed photovoltaics (DPV) has upended how engineers traditionally think about electric power systems. Consumers now increasingly generate their own power and feed it to the grid. Poorly managed DPV poses distinct risksfor power systems as penetration increases.

Do energy storage subsystems integrate with distributed PV?

Energy storage subsystems need to be identified that can integrate with distributed PVto enable intentional islanding or other ancillary services. Intentional islanding is used for backup power in the event of a grid power outage, and may be applied to customer-sited UPS applications or to larger microgrid applications.

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