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Should CSP continue to push down solar power costs?

However, given that the global average costs of power generation from solar PV and onshore wind are now reaching fossil fuel cost parity, CSP must continue pushing down costs despite recent record project tariffs. New component technologies, especially for TES, are critical for attaining cost competitiveness.

How much will capital cost reduce by 2025?

In the near term, some projections show increasing costs while others show substantial declines, with cost reductions by 2025 of -3% to 36%. The cost projections developed in this work utilize the normalized cost reductions across the literature, and result in 16-49% capital cost reductions by 2030 and 28-67% cost reductions by 2050.

Which energy storage technologies are included in the 2020 cost and performance assessment?

The 2020 Cost and Performance Assessment provided installed costs for six energy storage technologies: lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries, lead-acid batteries, vanadium redox flow batteries, pumped storage hydro, compressed-air energy storage, and hydrogen energy storage.

What are the cost forecasts used in IESO's 2022 P2D study?

The cost forecasts used in this module are updated from the values that were used in the IESO's 2022 P2D study and are based on the 2023 NREL ATB report. NREL provides capital cost projections for wind generation and both utility-scale and distribution-scale installations of solar and storage.

Are utility scale resource capital costs lower than distributed resource costs?

Utility scale resource capital costs are lower than distributed resource costs, due primarily to economies of scale, but it is worth noting that distributed resources can be strategically sited to provide additional value to the system by deferring or avoiding investment in transmission or distribution infrastructure (as recently demonstrated)

How do IESO forecast the cost of new renewable resources?

The IESO currently bases most of its forecasts for the cost of new renewable resources on the US National Renewable Energy Laboratory's (NREL) Annual Technology Baseline (ATB) report<sup>1</sup>. The ATB is an annual survey of resource cost projections that is a common reference point for both industry and academic studies.



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