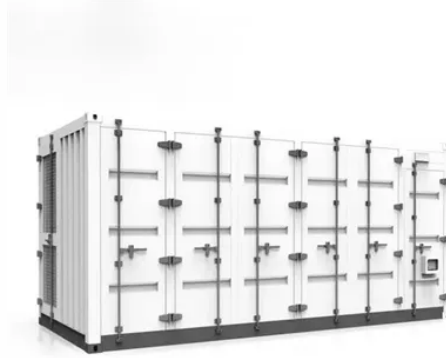




# Concentrated photovoltaic panel installation density



## Overview

When combined with plant metadata, these polygon areas allow us to calculate power (MW/acre) and energy (MWh/acre) density for each plant in the sample, and to analyze density trends over time, by fixed-tilt versus tracking plants, and by plant latitude and site irradiance. We use ArcGIS to draw polygons around satellite imagery of each plant within our sample and to calculate the area occupied by each polygon. In fact, graph (a) suggests that power density for tracking plants may even improve slightly at higher latitudes—perhaps because a lower sun angle reduces self-shading. This report is available at no cost from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) at [www.nrel.gov](http://www.nrel.gov). Mehos, Mark, Hank Price, Robert Cable, David Kearney, Bruce Kelly, Gregory Kolb, and Frederick Morse. Concentrating Solar Power Best Practices Study. Golden, CO: National. This Amonix system in Las Vegas, US, consists of thousands of small Fresnel lenses, each focusing sunlight to ~500X higher intensity onto a tiny, high-efficiency multi-junction solar cell. A Tesla Roadster is parked beneath for scale. This concentration of sunlight allows CPV systems to generate more electricity per square meter of solar panel compared to traditional. Cost Leadership vs. Grid Stability: PV dominates with LCOE of \$0.118/kWh, but CSP with thermal storage provides crucial grid stability services and 6-15 hours of dispatchable power that becomes increasingly valuable as renewable penetration grows.

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CPV systems are categorized according to the amount of their solar concentration, measured in "suns" (the square of the magnification). Low concentration PV are systems with a solar concentration of 2-100 suns. For economic reasons, conventional or modified silicon solar cells are typically used. The heat flux is typically low enough that the cells do not need to be actively cooled. For s...

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