

# Monitoring snow accumulation on photovoltaic panels



## Overview

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Snow accumulation on photovoltaic (PV) panels can cause significant energy losses in cold climates. While drone-based monitoring offers a scalable solution, real-world challenges like varying illumination can hinder accurate snow detection. We previously developed a YOLO-based drone system for snow. With the rapid growth of solar across northern regions, the impact of snow shading on modules is a growing concern. Published estimates of energy losses range from 1 to 12 percent annually, with monthly losses as high as 100 percent, depending on location and weather conditions; in addition, snow. Snow load refers to the weight of accumulated snow and ice on a surface—in this case, solar panels. Harsh winters can both hinder the performance and potentially cause damage from snow on solar panels. While snow itself isn't inherently harmful to solar.

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### Assessment of the Impact of Snow Cover on Photovoltaic System

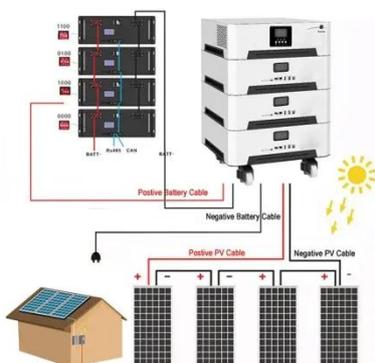
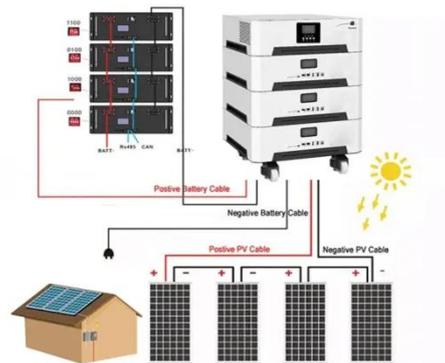
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