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# **Solar photovoltaic power generation encounters thunderstorm**



## Overview

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Rapidly moving clouds during thunderstorms cause swift changes in light intensity, leading to significant fluctuations in the PV system's output power. This unstable power output can impact grid stability by causing surges and may also damage grid-connected equipment.

**Abstract**—The impact of extreme weather events on photovoltaic (PV) performance was studied by comparing the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration database on severe weather with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's PV Fleet database on continuous PV performance. We identified 170 systems. Storing capabilities, tougher modules, and real-time data are the new frontline in solar's fight against extreme weather.

Alex Roedel and Jyoti Jain, NexTracker The global climate crisis is reshaping the way we think about energy resilience. Total array loss from Hurricane Maria. Photo from Gerald Robinson, Lawrence. NREL's Dirk C. Jordan, Kirsten Perry, Robert White, Josh Parker, Byron McDanold and Chris Deline report on research revealing the long-term consequences of hail, wind and other weather phenomena on PV production

Terrestrial photovoltaics has its origins in the late 1970s and early 1980s. As extreme weather events become more frequent and severe, and global PV capacity continues to grow rapidly, understanding and addressing weather-related risks. It is recommended to disconnect the photovoltaic power generation system during thunderstorm weather, primarily for the following reasons:

1. Avoid Lightning Strike Damage Lightning may strike components, mounting structures, or wiring of the PV system. If struck, the powerful surge current passing.

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### Assessing the Impacts of Extreme Weather Events on Photovoltaic

Previous media and research have heavily focused on PV systems that were destroyed during extreme weather, but this work demonstrates that these systems are in the minority, and solar ...

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### The Solar Industry Is Getting Smarter About Storm Defense

In the aftermath of Hurricane Milton in October 2024, footage of solar projects ravaged by tornadoes spread across social media, raising questions about PV's resilience to extreme weather .



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### Extreme weather impact on PV--resilience lessons for long-term

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Despite these long-term challenges, PV can provide extensive backup power and save lives when infrastructure is damaged by extreme weather events. Finally, although this study is limited to events ...

## Extreme Weather and PV Performance

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## Solar PV systems under weather extremes: Case studies, ...

This paper establishes a framework for integrating resilience into all facets of solar PV system design and operation, thereby ensuring the long-term sustainability, efficiency, and efficacy of ...

## Should the Photovoltaic Power Generation System Be Disconnected ...

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## How Does Weather Affect PV System Degradation and Performance?



Solar photovoltaic (PV) systems are built to last for decades, but exposure to the elements and minor losses in energy production can accumulate over time.

### Operational and Economic Impacts of Extreme Weather on PV Power ...

IEA PVPS has published a new Task 13 report examining the operational and economic impacts of extreme weather on photovoltaic power plants. As extreme weather events become more frequent ...



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### Severe Weather Resilience in Solar Photovoltaic System Design

Covers how on-site solar photovoltaic (PV) systems can be made more resilient to severe weather events.

### Extreme Weather and PV Performance

We identified 170 systems that were immediately impacted by weather events. These severe weather events

lead to a median loss of only 1% of annual production.



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