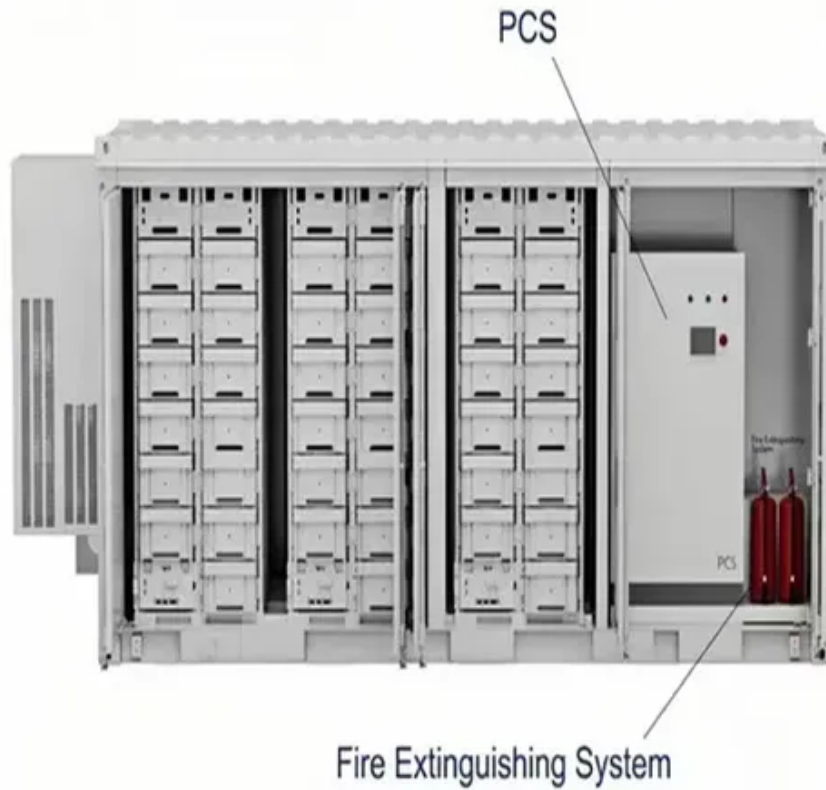




# Case study of hail damaging photovoltaic panels





## Overview

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This study examines the effects of hailstorms on photovoltaic (PV) modules, focussing on damage mechanisms, testing standards, numerical simulations, damage detection techniques, and mitigation strategies. A comprehensive review of the recent literature (2017–2025), experimental results, and case. Abstract — Hail poses a significant threat to photovoltaic (PV) systems due to the potential for both cell and glass cracking. This work experimentally investigates hail-related failures in Glass/Backsheet and Glass/Glass PV modules with varying ice ball diameters and velocities. 2mm thickness, with thicker glass successfully reducing or nullifying hail damage that destroys thinner alternatives. In the first installment of this two-part series on hail loss prevention, I presented the results. Post-event forensic investigations indicate that hail stow protocols successfully prevented widespread physical damage at several utility-scale solar farms exposed to very severe hail. More in detail, it analyses the impact of specific field conditions such as the tilting of a module or the incidence angle respect to an iceball or.



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