

European Solar and Energy Storage Solutions

Villa solar power generation and insulation



Overview

Can combining insulation with PV reduce energy use in residential buildings?

We found combining appropriate insulation with PV can provide a cost-effective option to reduce net primary energy use in residential buildings. Savings from insulation alone varied from 3% (apartment complex) to 17% (single-family).

Are energy savings from roof insulation and PV generation equivalent?

The authors recognise that energy savings deriving from roof insulation and those from PV generation are not equivalent due to timing. Insulation ensures uniform savings throughout the day, while savings deriving from PV depend on solar radiation and day-hour.

How does energy cost affect the insulation level of a PV system?

The 100 €/t increase in energy cost increased the optimal insulation level by a single increment at the time of installing PV. As example, the very high insulation was selected in the apartment complex building, the extra high insulation level (6.32 RSI, with 240 mm of insulation) in the multi-family and single-family prototypes.

How much energy is saved by insulating a building?

As seen in Table 7, the savings derived from the high insulation level were 7.6% of total primary energy (all end uses) for the uninsulated case and 3.0% for the low insulation case. The total primary energy savings were 57.4% with optimal insulation and PV added when the building had no insulation at the beginning.

How much energy is saved by insulating a multi-family roof?

Savings from insulation and PV from primary energy were 63.1% when combined with electrical storage. In relation to the impact of shading, cooling was reduced by 11.3% (Table 6, 827 kWh/year savings) in uninsulated multi-

family roofs.

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