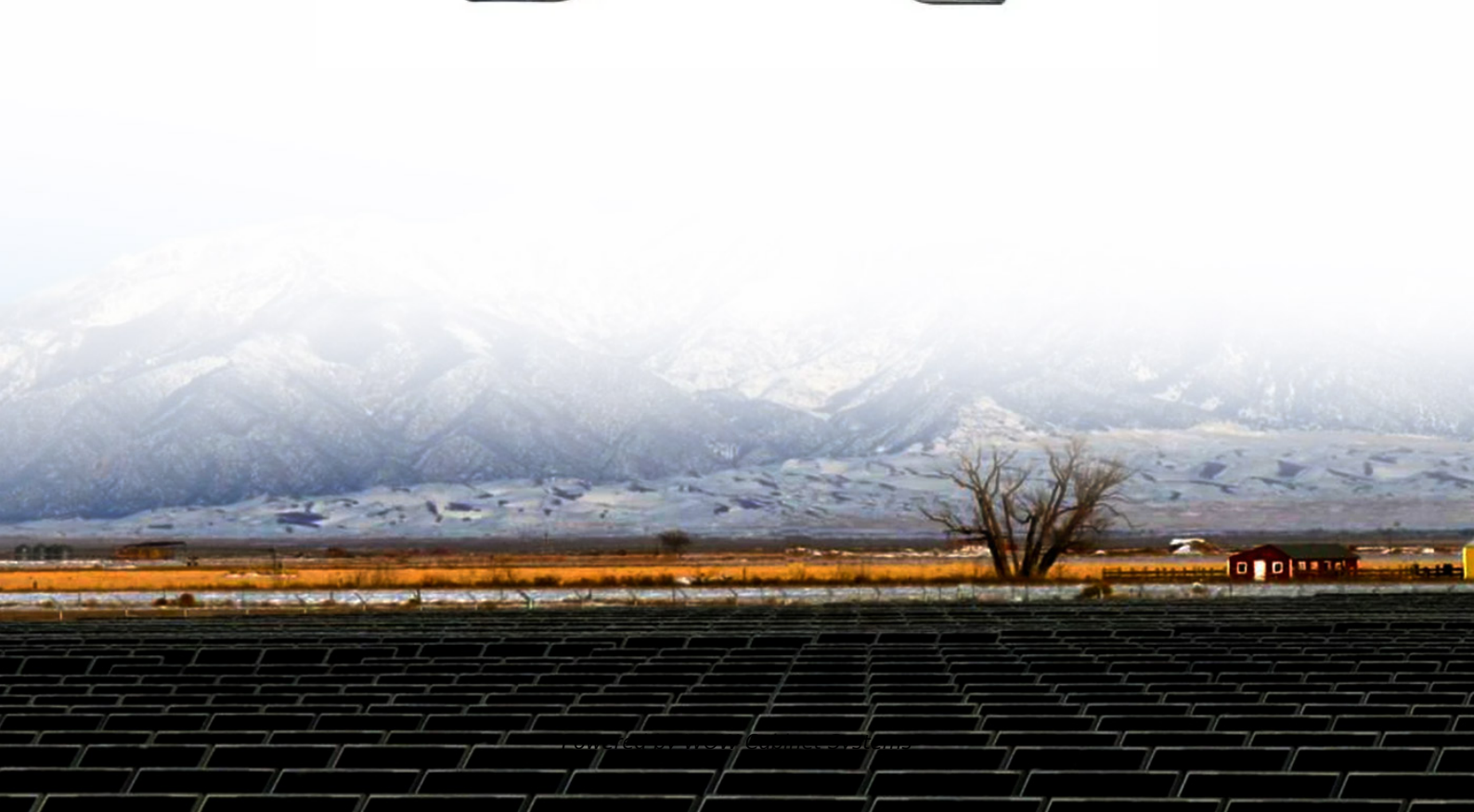


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## Overview

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Photovoltaic technology converts sunlight directly into electricity. These cells are often grouped into solar panels found on rooftops or solar farms. electric power sector totaled about 4,260 billion kilowatthours (BkWh) in 2025. In our latest Short-Term Energy Outlook (STEO), we expect U. 6% in 2027, when it reaches an annual total of 4,423 BkWh. The. China installed a record 315 GW (AC) of new solar capacity in 2025, lifting cumulative installed PV capacity to 1. 28. Solar energy refers to power harnessed from the Sun using advanced technology. Hydroelectric generation at scale dates back more than a century, and is still our largest renewable source - excluding traditional biomass, it still accounts for approximately half of renewable generation. 2 GW installed and is expected to continue to grow.

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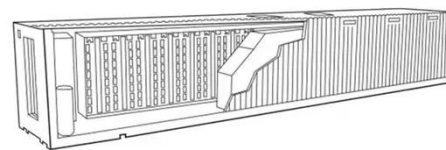
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