

What is energy return on investment (EROI)?

Energy return on investment (EROI) has been widely used as a metric indicator in energy studies. Fundamentally, it is the ratio of the energy output of a system or a technology to the energy invested in building and operating that system or technology.

What is the relationship between EROI and net energy?

The relation of EROI to net energy is non-linear (i.e., the "net energy cliff"), and consequently its impact can potentially be misjudged.

Does EROI decrease net energy for society?

The typical results of our study are consistent with the findings of King et al. 19 that applied IAMs to investigate EROI and indicated a decrease in net energy for society. The technology level EROIs for solar and wind technologies are increasing over time while the reverse situation is observed for fossil fuelled power plants 19.

How is EROI calculated?

The Energy Return on Energy Investment (EROI) of photovoltaics is calculated by dividing the total energy output by the energy input (Eq. (2)). The EROI of PV ranges from 6 to 12, making it directly comparable to that of conventional thermal electricity without CCS (4-24). When instead calculated according to the often employed formula,  $EROI_{PE-eq} = \text{Total Energy Output} / \text{Energy Input Before Taxes}$  (Eq.

How does EROI affect energy consumption?

The decrease in the EROI of the system has implications for the rest of the system: in order to satisfy the same level of final net energy consumption, the system needs to process more energy and materials. As reported in section 2.3, this phenomenon is modelled in MEDEAS-W through a function of overdemand (EROI FC).

Which energy sources have a lower EROI standard (EROI<sub>st</sub>)?

On the one hand, those RES with a higher potential (i.e. wind, solar) have been generally found to have lower EROI standard (EROI<sub>st</sub>) than fossil fuels, especially when incorporating the energy costs of dealing with intermittency.

Some studies calculate national and global EROI estimates using national or multi-regional EEIOA 4, while most EROI assessments for wind and solar technologies rely on LCA. ...

Thailand to evaluate the energy return on investment (EROI) of mini-hydro and solar PV systems designed in a mini-grid configuration. Few studies have compared the energy ...

This is a review of the literature available on data for the EROI (prior to this special issue) of the following 12

sources of fuel/energy: oil and natural gas, coal, tar sands, shale oil, nuclear, wind, solar, hydropower, ...

BP Solar; BP Geothermal, Biomass & Other; BP Carbon Dioxide Emissions. ... The Energy Return on Energy Invested (ERoEI or EROI) of any energy gathering system is a measure of that system's efficiency. The concept ...

Energy policy and investors should not favor wind, solar, biomass, geothermal, hydro, nuclear, gas, or coal but should support all energy systems in a manner which avoids ...

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An EROI sum of at least seven is required to be considered a viable and profitable energy source, while an EROI score of seven represents a break-even point. Energy Inputs and Outputs. The EROI function measures relative inputs ...

Some analyses calculate an EROI for solar PV of 60:1 or higher, while some calculate a much lower EROI, in one recent case, less than 1:1. The casual observer could be forgiven for ...

Sgouridis et al. [58], build a global energy model dynamically accounting for the up-front energetic costs of solar CSP, solar PV and wind based on standard EROI values from ...

We propose a grid cell approach to estimate the evolution of the EROI of wind and solar energy with increasing production. On a spatial discretisation, we assess for each grid ...

We herein provide revised EROI calculations for PV electricity in Switzerland, adopting both conventional and "extended system boundaries, to contrast with their results, ...

We contribute to this debate by estimating the current global average energy return on energy invested (EROI) for the five RES technologies with the highest potential of electricity generation...

A recent paper by Ferroni and Hopkirk (2016) asserts that the ERoEI (also referred to as EROI) of photovoltaic (PV) systems is so low that they actually act as net energy sinks, rather than ...

of energy on EROI is to close the loop, that is to use the system output energy as the investment energy for the next generation system. In the case of geothermal energy that ...

Ten studies made estimates of the EROI of wind power, both from conventional on-shore and off-shore wind turbines [46,49,50,64,66,68,69,70,71,72]. Smaller (<1 MW) micro-wind turbines were ...

By Charles J. Barnhart, Michael Dale, Adam R. Brandt, and Sally M. Bensonab The authors present a

theoretical framework to calculate how storage affects the energy return on energy investment (EROI) ratios of wind ...

A study by Weissbach et al. found that “nuclear, hydro, coal, and natural gas power systems (in this order) are significantly more effective than photovoltaic and wind power by an order of one magnitude.” EROI is ...

Challenges of Wind Power. Wind power must compete with other low-cost energy sources. When comparing the cost of energy associated with new power plants, wind and solar projects are now more economically ...

As described in the preceding section, rapid solar PV and wind power capacity expansion, along with their enabling technologies, leads to declining EROI at higher VRE ...

Hereby, this study expands the newly developed Excel-based LUT-EROI model (LUT stands for Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology) to study global systemwide ...

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