

Off-grid transaction conditions for foldable containers





Overview

The global cost of repositioning containers is enormous and foldable containers have been proposed as one way to address the problem. This study investigates foldable shipping containers from the shipper an.

How will foldable containers affect exporters?

Despite the increase in operational complexity, one foreseeable impact of foldable containers is that the availability of empty containers for exporters should logically improve, since carriers would find it cheaper to rebalance stocks of foldable containers between IPI locations, as represented in Leg F of Fig. 2.

What is a foldable solar container?

Foldable solar containers merge two mature technologies: lightweight foldable solar panels and ISO shipping containers. The systems, CDS Solar states, are standard containers with inverters, controllers, batteries, and hinged panel arrays built into them, which open while in use and fold up into a compact form to ship.

How many foldable containers are needed for the Inland network?

Out of a total of about 5000 containers, an estimated fleet and critical mass of just 695 foldable containers are required for the inland network under study (and the rest of the containers being conventional ones), with a 71% load factor on the back haul.

What are the benefits of foldable containers?

The purported benefits of foldable containers are numerous (if not yet proven). They are said to be able to not just reduce transportation costs, congestion and carbon footprint, but also alleviate space constraints at seaports (e.g. Konings and Thijs, 2001, Bandara et al., 2015).



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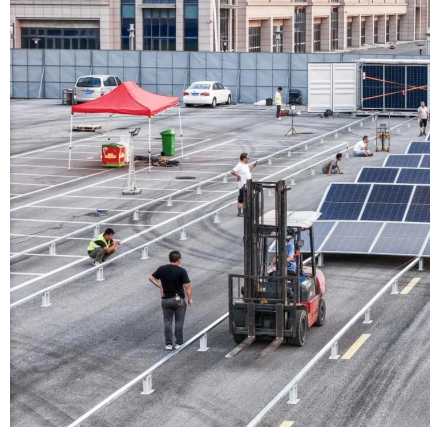


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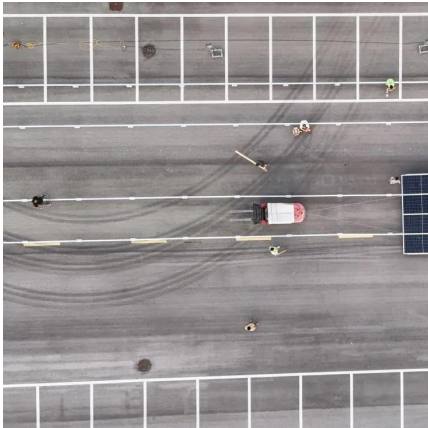
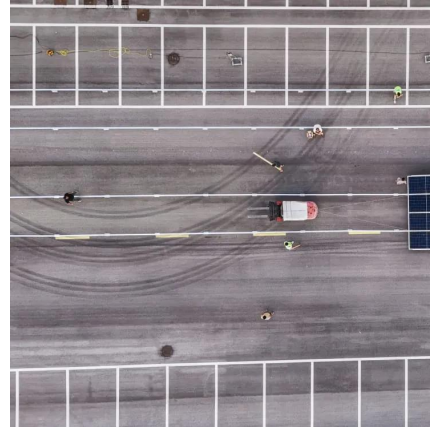
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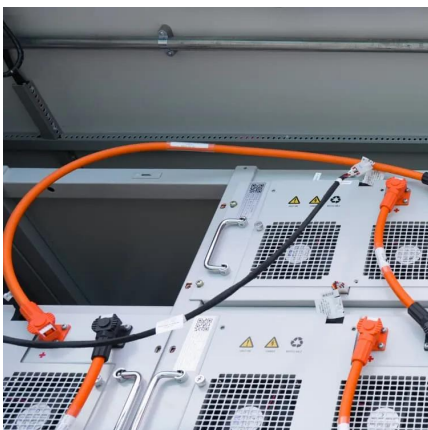
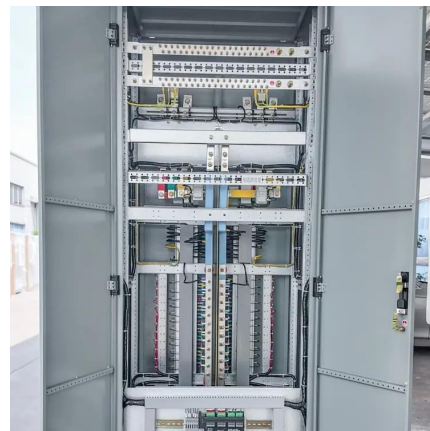


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