What is a zero-energy building?

A zero-energy building, also known as a zero net energy (ZNE) building, net-zero energy building (NZEB), or net zero building, is a building with zero net energy consumption. This means that the total amount of energy used by the building on an annual basis is roughly equal to the amount of renewable energy created on the site.

What are the cost-optimal options for designing a residential nearly zero energy building?

Consequently, the present study tries to identify the cost-optimal options for designing a residential nearly zero energy building in Kabul city, the capital and largest city of Afghanistan. In this regard, the optimal options are identified using energy simulation and non-dominated sorting genetic algorithm.

What is a typical residential nZEB in Kabul?

Based on the identified features, for a typical residential nZEB in Kabul city, which included architecture, building materials, and typical heating and cooling systems, the geometric and energy models of a typical residential building are developed (Fig. 4).

How to achieve net zero energy buildings?

To achieve net zero energy buildings, optimization of building energy efficiency typically considers the following: (1) lighting, (2) the walls and roof, (3) glazing, (4) heating, (5) ventilation, (6) air conditioning, (7) renewables (8) soft costs, and (9) the building usage and behaviours of the occupants.

Is there a zero energy standard for non-residential buildings?

Energy Build 148:58-73 Keltsch M, Lang W, Auer T (2017) Nearly zero energy standard for non-residential buildings with high energy demands--an empirical case study using the state-related properties of BAVARIA. Buildings 7:25

Are nearly zero energy buildings a viable solution?

Nearly zero energy buildings are viable solutions for reducing the dependency of the building sector on non-renewable energy sources and reducing the destructive environmental impacts of building sector during their operational period. Besides, nearly zero energy buildings are climate-specific.

Building or solar orientation, a key architectural design parameter, significantly influences energy consumption in buildings. Optimizing building orientation to harness passive ...

Energy poverty is a prominent global challenge to the energy system [1], casting a shadow over the region"s economic recovery and social development [2].Especially in plateau areas, rural households typically need to travel an average distance of 6-8 km to obtain fossil energy from retail outlets [3].Due to the prohibitive transportation costs for energy, residents ...

In addition to the urban area issues, Afghanistan imports energy from its neighbouring countries in order to

fulfil the energy demands of the people (CSO 2021).Biomass is still the dominant fuel source in both urban and rural Afghanistan. 93.4% of Afghanistan''s rural residents use solid fuels for cooking, and 92.3% of them use solid fuels for heating ...

A net-zero energy building (NZEB) is a residential or commercial building with greatly reduced energy needs. In such a building, efficiency gains have been made such that the balance of energy needs can be supplied with renewable energy technologies. Past work has developed a

In the United States, California and New York are more into the construction of net-zero buildings, thus contributing less than 10% of the total emissions in the U.S. To achieve efficient net-zero energy buildings, the first step is to follow the design standards to balance the net energy consumed to achieve efficient net-zero energy buildings.

38.1.2 Nearly Zero Energy Building (nZEB) "Nearly zero energy building" refers to a ZEB with nearly zero energy balance that is connected to the grid (nZEB). It can be concluded from this that the energy generated slightly outweighs the energy used. 38.1.3 Net Zero Energy Building (NZEB) "Net Zero Energy Building" is the term used to ...

technologies for zero-energy buildings during the past decade," Energy Build, vol. 128, pp. 198 ... "Afghanistan Energy Efficiency Policy," 2016. 25. Japan International Cooperation ...

toward improving building energy performance, with a focus on getting to very low energy buildings and targeting "zero" energy or emissions buildings. This report, intended for energy and buildings policy-makers, provides an overview of relevant definitions covering all types of zero energy or emissions buildings, regulatory pol-

(3) net-zero energy costs: the building"s owner(s) recoup the same money they paid to the utility company throughout the year; and (4) net-zero energy emissions: the emissionsfree transportation ...

Defining Zero Energy Buildings: DOE''s Recent Work with Stakeholders Success Story: Walgreens'' Zero Energy Store in Evanston Success Story: Lend Lease and Zero Energy Homes Toward Zero Energy Healthcare with Better Place International Q& A/ Discussion 3.

Notably, the Energy Efficiency indicator received the highest weighting (27.92% through AHP, 11.55% through SWARA), reflecting the significant need for building energy ...

Investigations into nearly zero energy building started around the 2000 [37].Presently, many analytical and numerical investigations are being championed mainly to ascertain the prospects of nearly zero energy building [38, 39].Key challenge that must be critically evaluated is an in-depth investigation into recent buildings from their energy ...

There is increasing world-wide interest in net-zero energy buildings (NZEBs) to reduce emissions. In this paper NZEBs are defined as buildings that generate at least as much energy as they consume on an annual basis when tracked at the building site [4]. The United Kingdom was the 1st country to mandate NZEBs on a large scale, with the goal of producing ...

4 · These insights are critical for establishing location-specific building regulations in Afghanistan, promoting energy-efficient design, and addressing the country's current trend of ...

Therefore, this study investigates the impact of building orientation on the energy performance of residential buildings across nine cities in Afghanistan, each ...

These sustainable buildings not only produce a surplus of energy, exceeding their own needs, but also cultivate communal agriculture, and offer quality employment opportunities ...

Although China is a developing country, its energy consumption has exceeded that of the USA and is now the highest in the world. The primary energy consumption in China reached 3.86 × 10 7 GWh in 2018, accounting for 22% of the world"s total primary energy consumption and being 1.42 times that of the USA (IEA, 2019). The energy consumption in the ...

2. Building performance metrics. According to the US Department of Energy (DoE), a zero-energy building was defined as the building that produces enough renewable energy to meet its own annual energy ...

A high-performance home that is so energy efficient that a renewable energy system could offset most or all the home's annual energy use. November 13, 2023 Health and Well-Being in a Zero Energy Ready Home

Zero energy buildings use renewable technologies such as solar and wind to produce energy while reducing the overall use of energy with highly efficient HVAC and lighting systems. The zero energy goal is gaining momentum and becoming more practical as the costs of alternative energy technologies decrease and the costs of traditional fossil ...

Factors Driving the Adoption of Zero Energy Buildings. The adoption of Zero Energy Buildings is on the rise, and several key factors are propelling this trend: Government Incentives. Governments at various levels are implementing policies and incentives to encourage the construction of ZEBs. These may include tax credits, grants, and favourable ...

Plug loads typically consume over one-third of commercial whole building energy. As buildings become more efficient, plug load energy has become a critical component in achieving aggressive energy targets and net zero status. The resources provided here can help building owners implement plug load energy reduction strategies and meet their plug ...

2 · A number of strategies are offered here to reduce the heating and cooling load in order to achieve

zero-energy buildings in the Middle East area, through an approach that uses integrated passive architecture and building materials. The research proposes a framework for zero-energy buildings in Middle East region based on a set of concepts.

Net-Zero Energy Building Examples. Several major net-zero buildings have caught the eye of developers and companies alike. The Unisphere in Maryland, USA, is a 135,000 square-foot building built in 2018 at the highest standard of sustainable net ...

Net Zero Energy Building (NZEB) Rating is applicable to Commercial, Industrial as well as Residential building projects those are able to off-set 100% annual grid energy use by renewable energy sources (either on-site and or off-site). These buildings include but not limited to offices, banks, IT parks, shopping malls, hotels, hospitals ...

1 · If you asked a builder about their current greatest challenge, you might hear "labor shortage" near the top of the list. Many builders are seeing trusted trade partners nearing retirement, and new people not entering the industry. This becomes even more pronounced when discussing high-performance homes with tight envelopes and innovative technologies and ...

The proportion of window area on a building façade is one of the key energy-saving design parameters affecting indoor thermal comfort, and the energy performance of a building.

Zero energy buildings use a combination of energy efficiency and renewable energy to produce as much energy as they use over the course of a year. By creating their own renewable energy, zero energy buildings lower operating and maintenance costs, help the environment, and increase resiliency during power outages. ...

2 · This study assesses the influence of building orientation and window-to-wall ratio (WWR) on energy performance of buildings in Kabul, Afghanistan. Employing BEopt& #8482; energy simulation software, the study investigated these parameters to identify their optimal...

Most buildings today use a lot of energy -- to keep the lights on, cool the air, heat water, and power personal devices. Even installing solar systems will not significantly counter the heavy energy load. There are, however, some buildings that strike a balance; or even tip the scales the other way! These are called zero energy buildings.

The end goal of Canada''s 2020 national model codes is that all new buildings will be built to net-zero energy-ready standards by 2030, a commitment the federal, provincial, and territorial governments, in consultation with Indigenous stakeholders, outlined in the 2016 Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change (PCF).. Read on for an overview of what net ...

This research is conducted to design typical energy-efficient and zero energy building strategies for Kabul City. The majority of people use unrefined fossil fuels for heating.



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