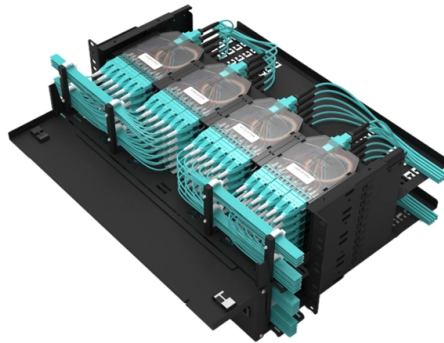


Investment Costs of Energy Big Data Center



Overview

The capex costs of data-centers are typically \$10M/MW, with opex costs dominated by maintenance (c40%), electricity (c15-25%), labor, water, G&A and other. But with future demand uncertain, investors will need to make calculated decisions. Amid the AI boom, compute power is emerging as one of this decade's most critical resources. In data. A new report from the IEA assesses how the relationship between energy and artificial intelligence (AI) is evolving rapidly, drawing on the latest data and analysis and close tracking of technological and economic developments in the AI sector. Building on the IEA's landmark Energy and AI report. However, a recent report from SemiAnalysis, a semiconductor research firm, argued that the expansion of data centers is only part of the story, and claimed that market design and policy decisions play a greater role in these energy price increases than AI infrastructure growth alone. A 30MW data-center must generate \$100M of revenues for a 10% IRR, while an AI data-center in 2025+ may need to charge \$10/EFLOP of compute. The International Energy Agency (IEA) projects that data center electricity consumption could double by 2030, potentially reaching 600-800 TWh annually.



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