

# Solar and wind energy Svalbard and Jan Mayen

What is the difference between Svalbard and Jan Mayen?

Svalbard is an archipelago in the Arctic Ocean under the sovereignty of Norway, but is subject to the special status granted by the Svalbard Treaty. Jan Mayen is a remote island in the Arctic Ocean; it has no permanent population and is administered by the County Governor of Nordland.

Where are Svalbard and Jan Mayen located?

The islands are located north and northwest of Norway, within the southern limits of Arctic sea ice -- the northernmost point of Svalbard is within a 620 mi (1,000 km) of the North Pole. Svalbard is approximately 24,570 square mi (63,000 square km); Jan Mayen is approximately 145 square mi (373 square km).

What is the Internet penetration rate in Svalbard and Jan Mayen?

The Internet penetration rate in Svalbard and Jan Mayen was 63.0 percent of the total population at the start of 2022. 66 percent of the population, or an additional 4.3 percent, used the internet between 2021 and 2022.

Do snowdrifts affect solar power plants in polar climates?

In this study we show that snowdrifts pose a significant challenge for solar power plants in Polar climates as they can grow to cover the plant, resulting in reduced power production and an imposed mechanical load on the PV arrays.

How polar climate affect bifacial solar power production?

The Polar climate has several favourable characteristics for solar power production, namely the effect of increased solar cell voltage with decreasing temperature, and high-albedo providing significant amounts of ground-reflected irradiance which can be utilized by bifacial solar panels (Frimannslund et al., 2021).

Svalbard and Jan Mayen, with their unique geographical and environmental characteristics, offer promising opportunities for emerging industries and investment prospects. [...]

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This paper assesses the correlation between wind and solar power on different timescales in four different locations in Northern Norway and Svalbard. For all locations complementary characteristics of wind and solar power are found, however, the strength of the correlation is highly variable for each location and for the different timescales.

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