

# Solar energy storage hybrid projects in the United States

Are PV+storage hybrids better than standalone storage plants?

By the end of 2021, there were more GW of battery capacity installed in PV+storage hybrids (2.2 GW) than as standalone storage plants (1.8 GW). The difference is even starker in energy terms, with PV+storage plants hosting twice as much battery capacity as standalone storage plants (7 GWh vs. 3.5 GWh, respectively).

Will hybrid solar plants reach commercial operations?

While many of the plants proposed in the queues will not ultimately reach commercial operations, the depth of interest in hybrid plants--especially PV+storage--is notable, particularly in certain regions. For example, in CAISO, 97% of all solar capacity and 45% of all wind capacity in the queues is proposed as a hybrid.

Will solar power a hybrid plant in 2022?

Solar dominates these proposed plants as well: at the close of 2022, there were 457 GW of solar capacity proposed as a hybrid (representing ~48% of all solar capacity in the queues), most typically pairing PV with battery storage.

How many PV+storage hybrids were added in 2022?

Last year was another strong year for PV+storage hybrids in particular: 59 of the 62 hybrids added in 2022 were PV+storage. As of the end of 2022, there was roughly as much storage capacity operating within PV+storage hybrid plants as in standalone storage plants (~4 GW each).

How much storage capacity does a PV+storage hybrid plant have?

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Do hybrid PV+storage plants provide energy arbitrage & resource adequacy?

Hybrid plant configurations reflect their primary use cases: The relatively high average storage ratio and duration of PV+storage plants suggest that storage is providing resource adequacy (i.e., capacity firming) and energy arbitrage (i.e., shifting power sales from lower- to higher-priced periods) capabilities to PV+storage plants.

Adding battery storage is one way to increase the value of solar. Deployment of 52 new PV+battery hybrid plants set a record with 5.3 GW installed in 2023. Our public data file tracks ...

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The Edwards & Sanborn solar-plus-storage project in California is now fully online, with 875MWdc of solar PV and 3,287MWh of battery energy storage system (BESS) capacity, the world's largest. The 4,600-acre project in ...

generation resources. Hybrid power plants typically combine solar or wind (or other energy sources) with co-located storage. Just as cost declines drove last decade's wind and solar ...

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By the end of 2019, there were at least 367 GW of solar plants in the nation's queues; 102 GW (~28%) of this capacity was proposed as a hybrid, most typically pairing PV with battery ...

At the end of 2020, over 450 GW of solar . and solar plus storage projects had applied for interconnection to the bulk power system - or 54 ... Pipeline of utility-scale PV projects in the ...

Solar-plus-storage accounted for 66 of the plants added in 2023 and represents 288 of the 469 hybrid plants commissioned to date in the United States. Arizona (16) and ...

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