

# **Photovoltaic plus energy storage and specialized expertise**





## Overview

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Is energy storage a viable option for utility-scale solar energy systems?

Energy storage has become an increasingly common component of utility-scale solar energy systems in the United States. Much of NREL's analysis for this market segment focuses on the grid impacts of solar-plus-storage systems, though costs and benefits are also frequently considered.

Can energy storage be coupled with PV?

With more than 45 GW of utility-scale PV projects in the pipeline at the beginning of 2021, the US is on track to grow total utility-scale PV capacity to over 100 GW by 2024. Here we will examine the coupling of energy storage with PV by comparing three principle methods: AC-coupled, DC-coupled, and Reverse DC-coupled configurations.

What are the advantages of a DC-coupled PV system?

Advantages of the DC-coupled approach include lower installation costs by reducing necessary equipment (one set of inverters, MV switchgear and other balance of plant costs), higher efficiency than AC-coupled systems, and increased PV energy generation — from clipping recapture and low-voltage harvesting.

What is DC-coupled solar plus storage?

DC-coupled solar plus storage also allows for increasing the panel to inverter (DC/AC) ratio to much higher levels than solar only plants. For more details on the DC-coupled power system for solar plus storage, please refer to Dynapower's DC-Coupled Solar Plus Storage white paper. Figure 7: DC-Coupled Solar Plus Storage.

How does solar-plus-storage affect energy systems?

Solar-plus-storage shifts some of the solar system's output to evening and night hours and provides other grid benefits. NREL employs a variety of



analysis approaches to understand the factors that influence solar-plus-storage deployment and how solar-plus-storage will affect energy systems.

Can NREL optimize energy storage operation for utility-scale solar-plus-storage systems?

NREL researchers developed an open-source model to optimize energy storage operation for utility-scale solar-plus-storage systems in both alternating-current-coupled (left) and direct-current-coupled (right) configurations.



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Solar-plus-Energy-Storage Plants. Supported by flexible energy storage and other advanced technologies as well as innovative policy mechanisms, efforts can be made to optimize the ...

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Energy Storage allows bulk energy shifting of solar generation to take advantage of higher PPA rates in peak periods, or to allow utilities to address daily peak demand that falls outside ...

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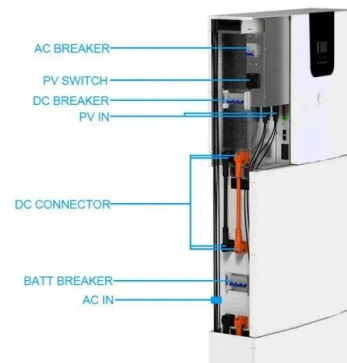
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## [JinkoSolar, AIS GmbH Partner on 66.5MWh Solar-Storage Project](#)

JinkoSolar, the global leading PV and ESS Supplier, recently held the signing ceremony with AIS GmbH Germany, officially initiating the delivery of a 66.5MWh photovoltaic ...

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To reduce greenhouse gas emissions, resilience hubs may be powered by clean energy technologies, including solar photovoltaics (PV) and battery energy storage systems (BESS).

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## **Solar-Plus-Storage 101**

. What's a solar-plus-storage system? Many solar-energy system owners are looking at ways to connect their system to a battery so they can use that energy at night or in ...

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