

Solar energy storage projects in South America





Overview

What is the largest battery storage project in South America?

One of the largest battery storage projects in South America is being built in the Chilean Atacama desert. It complements the existing 220 MW PV power plant Diego de Almagro Sur operated by the electric utility company Colbún S.A. Since 2022, the plant has been supplying the region with solar power using SMA technology.

How is solar energy stored in Latin America?

“Solar power is stored in a grid-supportive manner and is used 24/7 to stabilize the grid. This underscores SMA's commitment to the expansion of a sustainable and secure energy supply in Latin America.” The large-scale storage system is being built in the commune of Diego de Almagro in the Atacama region.

Why is solar energy important in South America?

The sun resource is one of the more abundant sources of renewable energies that stands out in South America, especially in the Atacama Desert. In this context, South American countries concentrated solar power (CSP) facilities and achieving carbon neutrality for the year 2050. As a result, solar energy facilities in the region.

What technologies are used in the solar energy industry in South America?

In the scientific literature reviewed exists a gap considering the implementation of Industry 4.0 technologies in the solar energy industry in South America, such as (i) sensors, (ii) IoT, (iii) cloud computing, (iv) data analytics, (v) artificial intelligence, and (vi) digital twins, among others.



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