

Can vertical bifacial photovoltaics be used in Europe?

The study investigates the potential of vertical bifacial photovoltaics (PV) adoption in the European electricity market. It shows that with up to 50% deployment, curtailment levels could be reduced, system costs lowered by around 3.8 billion Euros, and gas consumption decreased by nearly 12%.

What is a PV system in Belgium?

In Belgium, most PV systems are grid-connected distributed systems on buildings. Thanks to the declining prices of PV, some ground-mounted systems were built in 2017, but it is still a small market segment. The same happened with floating PV installations. The main off-grid systems are road signs with dynamic display.

Are vertical PV installations transforming the electricity mix in the EU?

When examining the transformation of the overall electricity mix in the EU, varying impacts are observable based on the different capacities of vertical PV installations. The model output clearly shows an increase in solar generation by 2% and 3.6% in 2030 and 2040, respectively (Reference PV scenario).

Do vertical bifacial systems reduce peak PV production?

The results show, that favouring vertical bifacial systems reduces peak PV production, and ensues a production profile that covers a larger number of hours, which helps solar-based production maintain higher market value.

How does vertically oriented PV deployment affect the cost of power systems?

Furthermore, it is noteworthy that the rising proportion of vertically oriented PV deployment results in a decrease in the total cost of the power system: In the 2040 Reference PV scenario, there is a decrease of 3 billion Euros when increasing the vertical module share to 50%.

What is vertical bifacial PV?

The proposed deployment options, such as vertical bifacial PV, create added value of the PV production to extend the production time of PV electricity to periods where it is more valuable to the consumers and easier to be dispatched.

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Vertically mounted bifacial modules may be an option to provide sufficient area for the plants and their maintenance in combination with a PV system giving specific energy yields comparable to standard flat roof

systems.

Abstract: In this paper, the performances of the two bifacial agrivoltaic systems is compared in Grembergen, Belgium: a fixed vertical set-up and a dynamic single axis tracker. A novel tracking algorithm is presented, including crop specific critical periods and time dependent economic electricity values.

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The study reveals that the VBPV system significantly outperforms both a vertically mounted monofacial PV (VMPV) system and a conventional tilted monofacial PV (TMPV) system in energy...

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The vertical agrivoltaic setup consists of three vertical rows of 12 bifacial PV modules of 455 Wp (Phono Solar PS445M5GFH-24/TH, bifaciality factor of 0.7). The 12 modules were arranged in landscape in two horizontal levels on top of each other.

Our analysis considers a patented mooring and vertical PV system that allows the VBPV structure to align with the prevailing wind direction to shed wind loads, and our numerical analysis explores the potential of VBPV applied to Catania in Italy and Nigg Bay in the United Kingdom.

To evaluate the performance of the vertical installations, we established an experimental system incorporating multiple BiPV panels in a vertical layout. This framework facilitates long-term monitoring of panel performance under various realistic conditions.

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