

New Energy Data Center Photovoltaics



Article Overview

Photovoltaics (PV) are increasingly powering data centers on-site, helping operators reduce carbon footprints, improve energy reliability, and meet sustainability targets.

Overview of Solar Integration in Data Centers

Data centers are among the most energy-intensive facilities, and operators are actively adopting on-site solar PV systems to decarbonize operations and reduce reliance on the grid . Solar panels convert sunlight into electricity, which can either directly power the data center or charge battery storage systems for continuous supply, addressing intermittency issues . Many operators also integrate solar tracking systems to maximize energy capture throughout the day .

Examples of Deployment

- Rooftop and facade installations are common in Europe and Asia. For instance, Penta Infra has solar PV at about half of its sites, while nLighten deployed a 4,500 sqm rooftop system in Milton Keynes, UK, generating up to 500 kW .
- Equinix installed a 1 MW rooftop system at its ME1 facility in Melbourne, Australia, with additional 800 kW across other sites .
- Digital Realty operates 19 sites with behind-the-meter solar totaling 9.8 MW, with plans for further expansion .
- Global tech giants like Meta, Microsoft, and Amazon have signed large-scale solar deals, often exceeding hundreds of megawatts, sometimes paired with grid-scale batteries to ensure reliable power



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