Svalbard and Jan Mayen solar electric energy systems

Where are Svalbard and Jan Mayen located?
The islands are located north and northwest of Norway,within the southern limits of Arctic sea ice -- the northernmost point of Svalbard is within a 620 mi (1,000 km) of the North Pole. Svalbard is approximately 24,570 square mi (63,000 square km); Jan Mayen is approximately 145 square mi (373 square km).

How big is Svalbard compared to Jan Mayen?
Svalbard is approximately 24,570 square mi (63,000 square km); Jan Mayen is approximately 145 square mi (373 square km). Svalbard is an island group consisting of nine main islands: Spitsbergen (the largest), Nordaustlandet, Barentsoya, Edgeoya, and smaller islands, plus the small island of Bjornoya further to the south.

What is the population of Svalbard and Jan Mayen in 2021?
Svalbard and Jan Mayen had a population of 2,939 in January 2021. There were 1,542 internet usersin January 2021.

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The area potentially concerned stretches from Svalbard to Jan Mayen Island, covering 280 000 square kilometers of Arctic seabed. Despite protests and warnings from environmental organizations, scientists and many politicians, Norway has decided to go ahead with the project.

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With an electricity price on Svalbard that is three times higher than in mainland Norway, installing PV on Svalbard is a good investment with an expected average payback time of less than eight years, according to Halvorsen.

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