

What is the future of energy storage?

Storage enables electricity systems to remain in balance despite variations in wind and solar availability, allowing for cost-effective deep decarbonization while maintaining reliability. The Future of Energy Storage report is an essential analysis of this key component in decarbonizing our energy infrastructure and combating climate change.

Can a power plant be converted to energy storage?

The report advocates for federal requirements for demonstration projects that share information with other U.S. entities. The report says many existing power plants that are being shut down can be converted to useful energy storage facilities by replacing their fossil fuel boilers with thermal storage and new steam generators.

Is storage-capacity a new technology?

Many states are now setting storage-capacity targets, and in 2018 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued Order 841, which integrates stored energy into the wholesale electricity market. "There's been a recognition that this is a technology whose time has come," Jason Burwen, of the American Clean Power Association, told me.

Can low-cost long-duration energy storage make a big impact?

Exploring different scenarios and variables in the storage design space, researchers find the parameter combinations for innovative, low-cost long-duration energy storage to potentially make a large impact in a more affordable and reliable energy transition.

Should energy storage be co-optimized?

Storage should be co-optimized with clean generation, transmission systems, and strategies to reward consumers for making their electricity use more flexible. Goals that aim for zero emissions are more complex and expensive than net-zero goals that use negative emissions technologies to achieve a reduction of 100%.

Why is energy storage important in a decarbonized energy system?

In deeply decarbonized energy systems utilizing high penetrations of variable renewable energy (VRE), energy storage is needed to keep the lights on and the electricity flowing when the sun isn't shining and the wind isn't blowing -- when generation from these VRE resources is low or demand is high.

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