

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.

Where will energy storage be deployed?

energy storage technologies. Modeling for this study suggests that energy storage will be deployed predominantly at the transmission level, with important additional applications within urban distribution networks. Overall economic growth and, notably, the rapid adoption of air conditioning will be the chief drivers

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.

What is thermal energy storage?

Thermal energy storage is used particularly in buildings and industrial processes. It involves storing excess energy - typically surplus energy from renewable sources, or waste heat - to be used later for heating, cooling or power generation. Liquids - such as water - or solid material - such as sand or rocks - can store thermal energy.

Why is energy storage important?

Energy storage is a potential substitute for, or complement to, almost every aspect of a power system, including generation, transmission, and demand flexibility. Storage should be co-optimized with clean generation, transmission systems, and strategies to reward consumers for making their electricity use more flexible.

Why do we need a co-optimized energy storage system?

The need to co-optimize storage with other elements of the electricity system, coupled with uncertain climate change impacts on demand and supply, necessitate advances in analytical tools to reliably and efficiently plan, operate, and regulate power systems of the future.

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