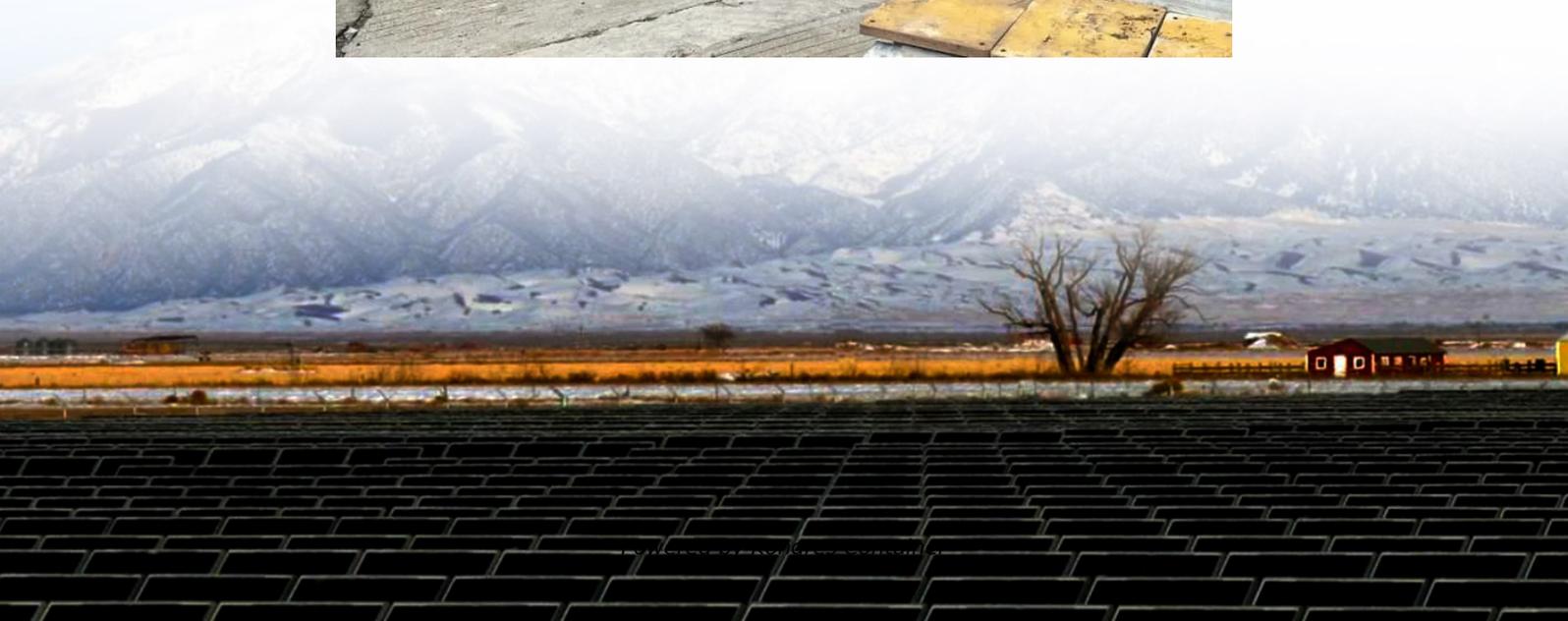


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Can grid-side energy storage achieve peak-valley arbitrage



Overview

Energy storage participants in electricity markets leverage price volatility to arbitrage price differences based on forecasts of future prices, making a profit while aiding grid operations to reduce peak demands. What is Peak-Valley arbitrage?

The peak-valley arbitrage is the main profit mode of distributed energy storage system at the user side (Zhao et al., 2022). The peak-valley price ratio adopted in domestic and foreign time-of-use electricity price is mostly 3–6 times, and even reach 8–10 times in emergency cases.

Are energy storage systems more cost-effective than batteries for Energy Arbitrage?

The retrofitted energy storage system is more cost-effective than batteries for energy arbitrage. In the context of global decarbonisation, retrofitting existing coal-fired power plants (CFPPs) is an essential pathway to achieving sustainable transition of power systems.

What is energy arbitrage?

Energy arbitrage means that ESSs charge electricity during valley hours and discharge it during peak hours, thus making profits via the peak-valley electricity tariff gap [14]. Zafirakis et al. [15] explored the arbitrage value of long-term ESSs in various electricity markets.

Is a retrofitted energy storage system profitable for Energy Arbitrage?

Optimising the initial state of charge factor improves arbitrage profitability by 16 %. The retrofitting scheme is profitable when the peak-valley tariff gap is >114 USD/MWh. The retrofitted energy storage system is more cost-effective than batteries for energy arbitrage.

Are grid-side ESSs profitable?

Turning to the energy arbitrage of grid-side ESSs, researchers have

investigated the profitability considering various technologies and electricity markets. Energy arbitrage means that ESSs charge electricity during valley hours and discharge it during peak hours, thus making profits via the peak-valley electricity tariff gap [14].

How does reserve capacity affect peak-valley arbitrage income?

However, when the proportion of reserve capacity continues to increase, the increase of reactive power compensation income is not obvious and the active output of converter is limited, which reduces the income of peak-valley arbitrage and thus the overall income is decreased.

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