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Overview

Can electrical energy storage help decarbonize the power sector?

Electrical energy storage could play an important role in the deep decarbonization of the power sector by offering a new, carbon-free source of operational flexibility in the power system, improving the utilization of generation assets, and facilitating the integration of variable renewable energy sources (i.e., wind and solar power) , .

Does energy storage deliver value?

In a case study of a system with load and renewable resource characteristics from the U.S. state of Texas, we find that energy storage delivers value by increasing the cost-effective penetration of renewable energy, reducing total investments in nuclear power and gas-fired peaking units, and improving the utilization of all installed capacity.

Do investors underestimate the value of energy storage?

While energy storage is already being deployed to support grids across major power markets, new McKinsey analysis suggests investors often underestimate the value of energy storage in their business cases.

What is the cost-benefit of energy storage?

Cost-benefit of energy storage: system value of 10-h energy storage capacity for different carbon emissions goals and minimum and maximum current estimated cost of pumped-hydro storage systems (~30 year life) for comparison.

How does energy storage reduce electricity generation costs?

Energy storage helps reduce average electricity generation costs primarily by increasing the utilization of the least-expensive low-carbon resource, which in our analysis are wind and solar.

How do you value energy storage?

Valuing energy storage is often a complex endeavor that must consider different policies, market structures, incentives, and value streams, which can vary significantly across locations. In addition, the economic benefits of an ESS highly depend on its operational characteristics and physical capabilities.

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