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Energy storage methods for solar power stations in the capital



Overview

This article systematically compares six major solar energy storage methods, lithium-ion batteries, redox flow batteries, compressed air energy storage, thermal energy storage, hydrogen energy storage, and pumped-hydro energy storage, to determine which is most suitable for large-scale integration with solar energy systems. Can storage systems be integrated into solar power stations?

In addition, the cost reduction of solar power, and similar trends in storage technologies like lithium-ion batteries (28), brings an opportunity to integrate storage systems into solar power stations.

Should energy storage be integrated with large scale PV power plants?

As a solution, the integration of energy storage within large scale PV power plants can help to comply with these challenging grid code requirements 1. Accordingly, ES technologies can be expected to be essential for the interconnection of new large scale PV power plants.

What is energy storage system?

The energy storage system could play a storage function for the excess energy generated during the conversion process and provide stable electric energy for the power system to meet the operational needs of the power system and promote the development of energy storage technology innovation.

What are energy storage power stations?

On the grid side, specialized energy storage power stations will replace traditional thermal power plants to provide peak and frequency regulation functions and ensure the safety of the power grid operation.

Are energy storage services economically feasible for PV power plants?

Nonetheless, it was also estimated that in 2020 these services could be

economically feasible for PV power plants. In contrast, in , the energy storage value of each of these services (firming and time-shift) were studied for a 2.5 MW PV power plant with 4 MW and 3.4 MWh energy storage. In this case, the PV plant is part of a microgrid.

Which energy storage options should be used in future grid codes?

While flow batteries could be an alternative option, Lithium-Ion or flywheel energy storage could also be used, specially in those particular cases where very high power is required (e.g. very large photovoltaic power plants). Black start is also one of the candidates to be required in the future grid codes.

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