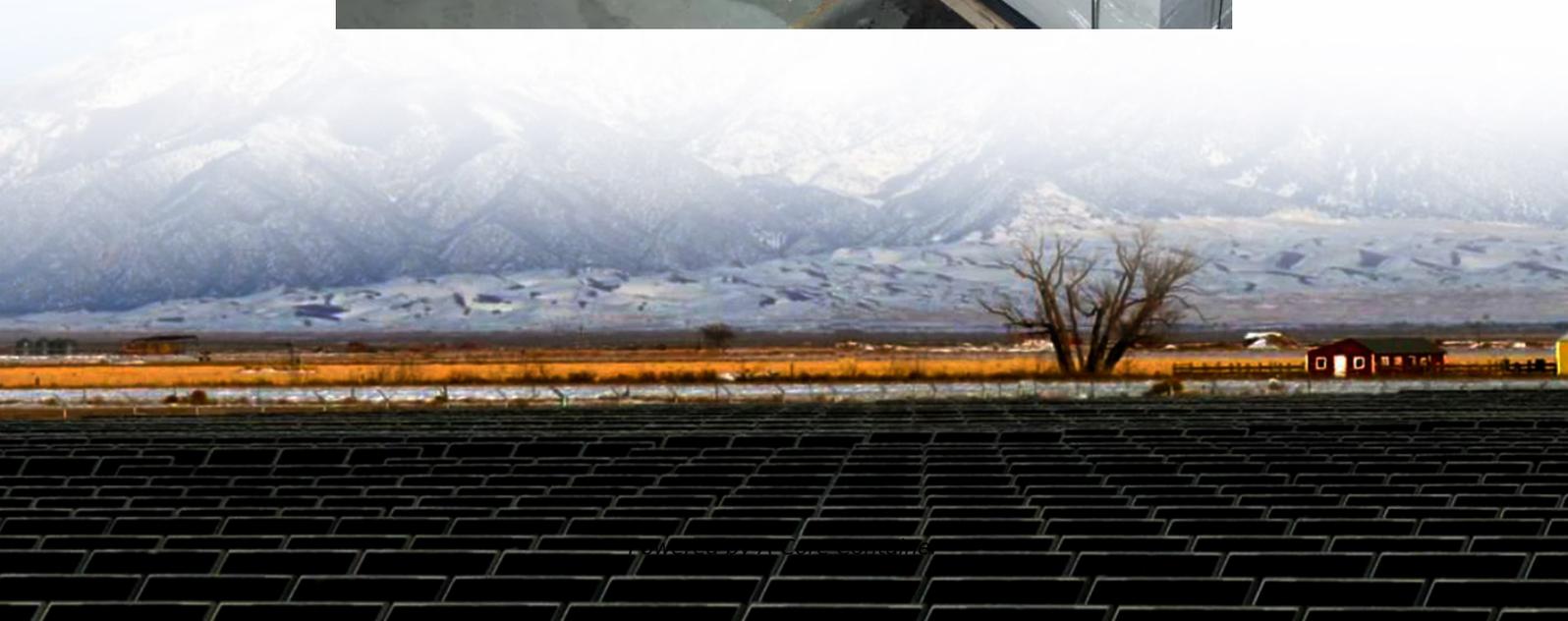


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Solar energy storage balance



Overview

How to balance the energy system?

To balance the energy system, storage (mostly electricity storage) is introduced first to a degree which results in no curtailment or power plant production (Variant 2 - labelled "100% storage"), meaning that the storage can fully balance the production of variable RES with the energy consumption. Fig. 3 shows the balancing cost of such a solution.

Why is storage important in a solar system?

Storage can act as either generation or consumption, helping to maintain the balance between supply and demand at different time scales. For example, storage can provide capacity which contributes to resource adequacy during stress periods on the system. It can provide diurnal load shifting to help balance the diurnal production profile of solar.

How does storage help us balance the grid?

Energy storage allows us to move energy through time, capturing it when we have too much and saving it for when we don't have enough. When we have excess electricity, perhaps on a really windy day, we don't want the extra energy to go to waste.

Can solar energy be used as a energy storage system?

Existing compressed air energy storage systems often use the released air as part of a natural gas power cycle to produce electricity. Solar power can be used to create new fuels that can be combusted (burned) or consumed to provide energy, effectively storing the solar energy in the chemical bonds.

What is energy storage & how does it work?

Sometimes energy storage is co-located with, or placed next to, a solar energy system, and sometimes the storage system stands alone, but in either configuration, it can help more effectively integrate solar into the energy

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Should solar energy be combined with storage technologies?

Coupling solar energy and storage technologies is one such case. The reason: Solar energy is not always produced at the time energy is needed most. Peak power usage often occurs on summer afternoons and evenings, when solar energy generation is falling.

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