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Is energy storage flexible?

There are many sources of flexibility and grid services: energy storage is a particularly versatile one. Various types of energy storage technologies exist, addressing flexibility needs across different time scales. What are the benefits of storage? Storage shifts energy in time.

Why do we need energy storage?

Because power systems are balanced at the system level, no dedicated backup with energy storage is needed for any single technology. Storage is most economical when operated to maximise the economic benefit of an entire system. Don't we need storage to reduce curtailment?

Where is storage located in a power plant?

Storage can be located at a power plant, as a stand-alone resource on the transmission system, on the distribution system and at a customer's premise behind the meter. Do wind and solar need storage? All power systems need flexibility, and this need increases with increased levels of wind and solar.

What is dedicated energy storage?

Dedicated energy storage ignores the realities of both grid operation and the performance of a large, spatially diverse renewable energy source. Because power systems are balanced at the system level, no dedicated backup with energy storage is needed for any single technology.

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