

### **SolarMax Energy Systems**

# Low-cost wind solar and energy storage





#### **Overview**

Do storage technologies add value to solar and wind energy?

Some storage technologies today are shown to add value to solar and wind energy, but cost reduction is needed to reach widespread profitability.

Is solar storage more valuable than wind?

Storage is more valuable for wind than solar in two out of the three locations studied (Texas and Massachusetts), but across all locations the benefit from storage is roughly similar across the two energy resources, in terms of the percentage increase in value due to the incorporation of optimally sized storage.

Does storage increase the value of a solar or wind plant?

Storage can increase the revenue generated by a solar or wind plant, but it also increases the capital costs of the plant. Here we optimize both the discharging behaviour, as done above, and the storage system size, to maximize the value of the electricity generation.

Why do wind and solar systems cost so much?

Geophysical constraints on the variability of wind and solar resources are a substantial driver of system costs owing to the need to oversize VRE capacities or deploy adequate storage to avoid infrequent, long-duration outages as well as compensate for seasonal resource variability.

What is low-cost storage?

Low-cost storage can play a pivotal role by converting intermittent wind and solar energy resources, which fluctuate over time with changes in weather, the diurnal cycle, and seasons 12, to electricity on demand that can be sold when most profitable, thereby increasing the value and attractiveness of these technologies to investors 13, 14.



Is low-cost storage the key to renewable electricity?

"Low-cost storage is the key to enabling renewable electricity to compete with fossil fuel generated electricity on a cost basis," says Yet-Ming Chiang, a materials science and engineering professor at MIT. But exactly how low?



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# Significant Energy Storage Capacity Additions Keep Costs

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Energy storage and renewable resources have driven nearly all recent capacity growth in ERCOT. Energy storage, solar, and wind, represented almost 50% of ERCOT's power mix by the end ...

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Uncover more realistic prices of solar and wind energy and understand the implications for the future of renewable electricity generation.

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renewable energy according to our research, ranked by least to most expensive: Solar, standalone -- \$32.78 per ...

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