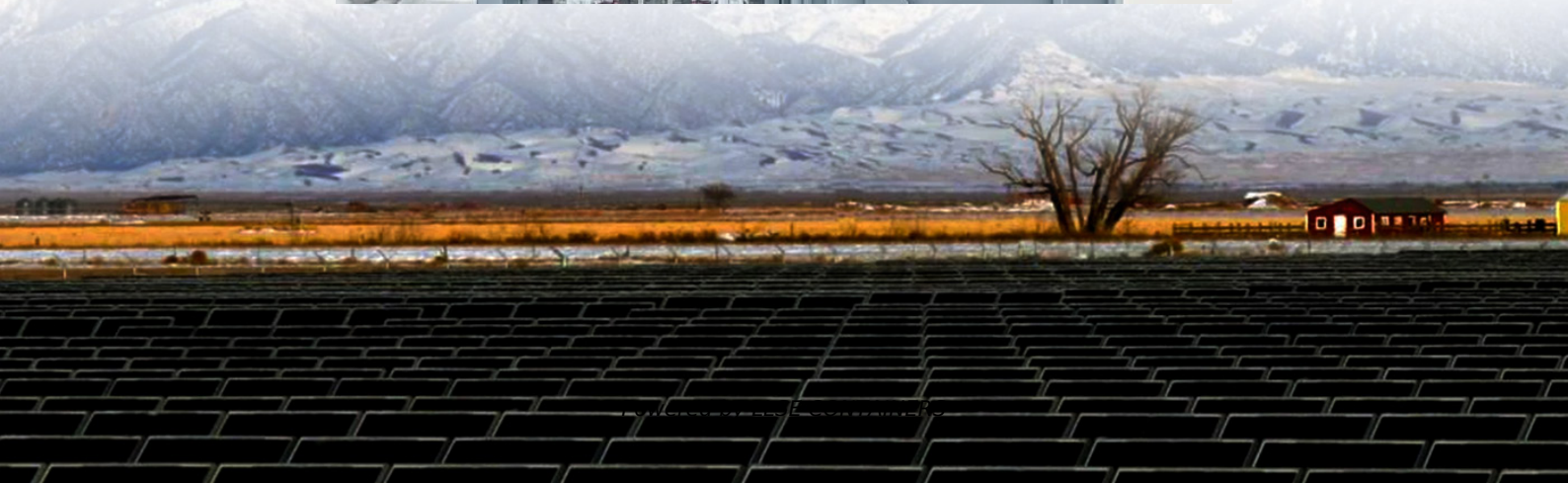


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## Overview

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How long does a grid need to store electricity?

First, our results suggest to industry and grid planners that the cost-effective duration for storage is closely tied to the grid's generation mix. Solar-dominant grids tend to need 6-to-8-h storage while wind-dominant grids have a greater need for 10-to-20-h storage.

How is energy and power capacity optimized in a candidate storage plant?

Energy and power capacity of candidate storage plants are unconstrained and optimized by the model from the perspective of the grid, such that the model may build storage of any duration and size in each load zone.

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.

Is energy storage flexible?

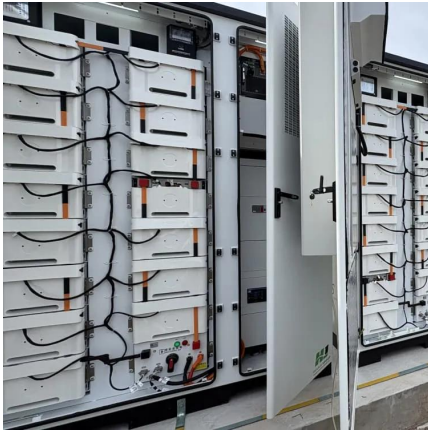
There are many sources of flexibility and grid services: energy storage is a particularly versatile one. Various types of energy storage technologies exist, addressing flexibility needs across different time scales. What are the benefits of storage?

Storage shifts energy in time.



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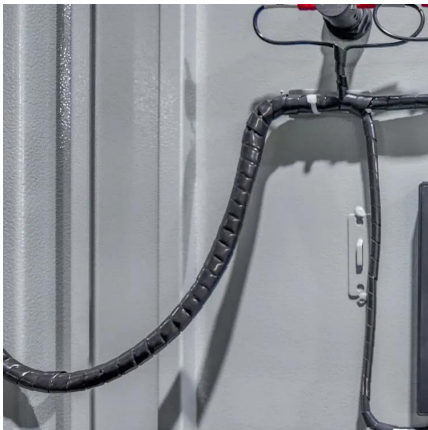
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