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The scale of energy storage participation frequency in the United Arab Emirates



Overview

What are future power generation scenarios for the United Arab Emirates (UAE)?

Future power generation scenarios for the United Arab Emirates (UAE) that emphasize solar photovoltaic (PV) and concentrated solar power (CSP) with thermal energy storage are analyzed at PV:CSP generation ratios of 1:1 to 4:1, and up to 50% renewable share.

Does the UAE have energy storage systems in the GCC region?

The UAE has installed most of the energy storage systems in the GCC region. In 2016, Abu Dhabi Water & Electricity Authority announced the deployment of around 108 MW of sodium-sulfur-based BESS with an individual capacity of around 4 MW and 8 MW at different locations to support their distribution network.

How much excess electricity will be generated in UAE in February?

At 40% renewable share in the PV:CSP 4:1 scenario, which may be the closest to current UAE future energy plans, monthly excess electricity generation ranges from 0 in July to 2.8 TWh (i.e., 21.4% of monthly demand) in February.

Is large-scale energy storage a viable option in the Middle East?

Until recently, large-scale energy storage was barely a consideration in the Middle East, where fossil fuels have long dominated power generation. With renewable energy projects expanding across the region, energy storage has started gaining traction.

What is the power sector in UAE 2014?

The UAE 2014 power sector is comprised of thermal power plants (i.e., simple and combined natural gas-fired cycles, steam cycles, diesel generators), solar PV, and solar CSP installations without TES (Fig. 2).

What is the potential for energy storage in Saudi Arabia?

The potential for energy storage in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) is significant, given the country's abundant resources and growing demand for energy. With a rapidly expanding population and economy, KSA is facing increasing energy demand.

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