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West Africa Wind Solar and Storage Power Station



Overview

The power generation mixes for 2015 in Fig. 1a were based on historical data^{30,32} adapted to allocate electricity exports to the generating country. The targets for renewable resources in Fig. 1b were t.

Is hydropower flexible for integrating solar and wind energy in West Africa?

Assessing hydropower flexibility for integrating solar and wind energy in West Africa using dynamic programming and sensitivity analysis. Illustration with the Akosombo reservoir, Ghana For the first time, acceptable S&W integration levels in Ghana is shown. A 20% penetration of S&W can be fully integrated by flexible hydropower operations.

What is the West African renewable power database (warpd)?

The database of the present and future hydro, solar and wind power projects in West Africa developed for this work is named the West African Renewable Power Database (WARPD). It combines information from existing databases, scientific papers, technical project descriptions, newspaper articles and tender documents for future projects.

Can smart management of hydropower plants support grid integration in West Africa?

We demonstrate that smart management of present and future hydropower plants in West Africa can support substantial grid integration of solar and wind power, limiting natural gas consumption while avoiding ecologically harmful hydropower overexploitation.

Could solar PV dominate the electricity supply in Sub-Saharan Africa?

On the other hand, the daily variability stemming from solar PV fits well with the usage of a short-term storage. Based on a least-cost analysis, Barasa et al. (2018) suggested that solar PV and wind energy with some complement from HP could dominate the electricity supply in Sub-Saharan Africa countries.

Can solar & wind power save Ghana's energy demand?

For instance, the solar/wind contribution of 28 TWh yr⁻¹ to total RE generation under the middle bound of the power pool scenario can directly avoid 28 TWh yr⁻¹ of electricity from natural gas, roughly Ghana's expected on-grid power demand by 2030 (ref. 30).

What percentage of West Africa's electricity is generated by hydropower?

Hydropower provides 20% of West Africa's electricity with the remainder mostly generated from natural gas and oil 30, and thus currently accounts for nearly all of its RE. In a few countries, hydropower dominates the generation mix (Fig. 1a).

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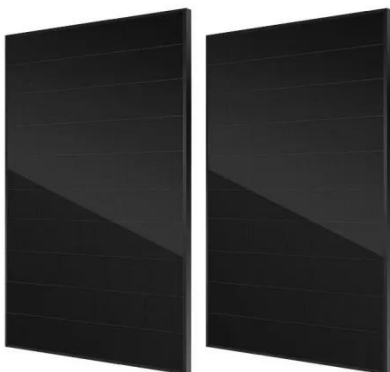


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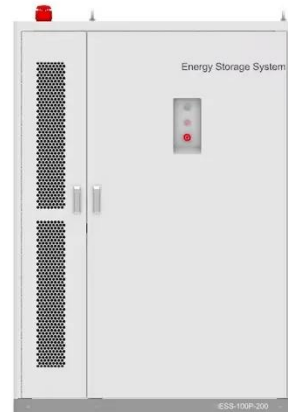
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