



Solar power generation flexibility



Overview

Various strategies to enhance flexibility in future power networks are examined, such as advanced energy storage technologies, demand response programs, grid expansion and interconnection, sophisticated forecasting methods, and adaptive power generation. The solution lies in changing how and when electricity is consumed, stored, and moved. In the European Union, value cannibalization reduced renewable energy producer revenues by over \$14 billion in 2025. Tackling daily and weekly volatility will have the most impact but is also the most challenging. Given the intermittent nature of renewable energy, this paper explores key aspects of flexibility, including generation, demand-side, and grid flexibility, and their roles in sustaining grid stability. Flexibility includes power regulation and operational reserves, which have historically depended on thermal power plants. On top of dispatchable power generators, there are new sources of flexibility. To understand the need for flexibility in the generation fleet, it is useful to examine the different grid operating time frames, which can be divided into regulation, load following, and unit commitment. In light of the European Electricity Market Design Reform (Regulation (EU) 2024/1747), Member States are now tasked to perform a periodical flexibility needs.



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