

Can software tools be used for valuing energy storage?

Taking advantages of the knowledge established in the academic literature and the expertise from the field, there are efforts from multiple parties (e.g., national laboratories, utilities, and system integrators) in developing software tools that can be used for valuing energy storage.

Why is energy storage valuation important?

net positive benefit that meets the return on investment criteria, no further analysis is required. Therefore, as the application space for ESSs grows, energy storage valuation is of a particular interest of many energy storage stake holders (e.g., ESS owners, system operators, regulators, and researchers).

How do you evaluate energy storage technologies?

Evaluating technical merits (e.g. cost, efficiencies, lifetime, and duration) of different energy storage technologies considering various aspects such as material, structure, chemical process, and manufacturing. Optimization and evaluation for the grid and end-user applications are not provided.

How do you categorize energy storage services?

Another approach for categorizing storage services is by the governing rate tariff or market rules. This results in three categories: behind-the-meter (BTM) applications, front-of-the-meter (FTM) applications (e.g., market areas), and operation in a vertically integrated utility. A summary of energy storage applications is given in Table 1.

How does cost analysis affect energy storage deployment?

While all deployment decisions ultimately come down to some sort of benefit to cost analysis, different tools and algorithms are used to size and place energy storage in the grid depending on the application and storage operating characteristics (e.g., round-trip efficiency, life cycle).

Do energy storage systems affect the prices of different services?

It is assumed that the energy storage systems are not large enough to affect the prices of different services. Built-in databases for load and prices and financial analysis engines are also available in some of these tools.

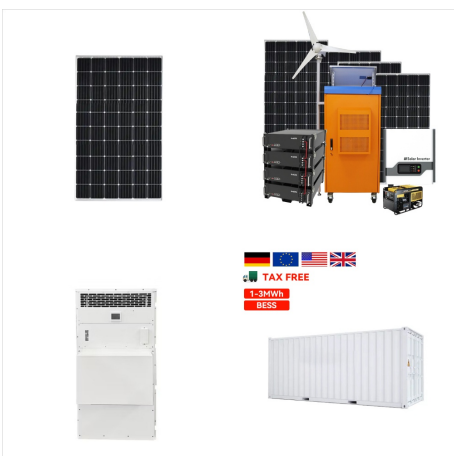
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Phases of Storage Valuation 1. Grid Services
???Defined Grid Services ???Technical and Benefit
Calculation 2. Use Cases ???Direct benefits of
combined grid services ???Approximate storage
lifetime cost-effectiveness 3. Grid Impacts
???Indirect impacts of storage deployment
???Environmental impacts 4. Business Cases
???Real world value to decision-



As the application space for energy storage systems (ESS) grows, it is crucial to value the technical and economic benefits of ESS deployments. Since there are many analytical tools in this space, this paper provides a review of these tools to help the audience find the proper tools for their energy storage analyses.



used for valuing energy storage. The main purpose of such tools is to reduce the technical difficulties for the stakeholders thereby reducing the barriers to the broader deployment of ESSs. Examples of these tools include the Storage Value Estimation Tool (StorageVET) by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), QuEst???Energy

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QuEST 2.0 distinguishes itself in the crowded space of energy storage analytics tools by offering a unified platform rather than a collection of individual tools. While there are numerous tools ???

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