

# Intermittent solar power generation

Does aggregation affect the intermittency of solar power generation?

The aim of this article is to address the fundamental scientific question on how the intermittency of solar power generation is affected by aggregation, which is of great interest in the wider power and energy community and would have profound impacts on the solar energy integration into the energy supply and Net-Zero Implementation.

What is intermittency of solar energy?

It is well recognized internationally that the intermittency of solar energy is a fundamental technical/economic barrier which limits the penetration level of solar power in the energy supply.

What is intermittent renewable power?

Intermittent renewable power mainly refers to onshore and offshore wind power, and solar PV including centralized and distributed solar PV. This study does not include hydropower in the later analysis as it can be seen as a fixed generation form in the energy system ( X. L. Zhao et al., 2022 ).

Why is a solar intermittency important?

Understanding the nature of this intermittency is important to make informed decisions regarding solar power plants, size and location, transmission and distribution systems planning, as well as thermal generation units and electricity markets operations.

What are the technical challenges with solar and wind generation?

One of main technical challenges with the use of solar and wind generation is that both are reliant on intermittent natural sources of energy that are independent of load demand or control of the grid operator . Integration of intermittent power generation sources can potentially impact the power system negatively .

Why is intermittent renewable generation important?

Intermittent renewable generation also creates extra costs for balancing the system as a result of high ramping-up and ramping down requirements for base-load power plants, and reducing (constraining off) the amount of power generated by conventional power plants .

They study in a static framework the optimal electric mix with intermittent renewable sources, and contrast it with the mix chosen by agents in a decentralized economy where the retailing price of electricity does not vary with its availability. ... With intermittency, day-electricity generation by solar power plants becomes uncertain. We ...

In the UK, we achieved our highest ever solar power generation at 10.971GW on 20 April 2023 - enough to power over 4000 households in Great Britain for an entire year. 2 and 3 . ... Because electricity generation from natural sources like solar or wind energy can be intermittent, there are a variety of solutions for providing

clean energy ...

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Entrance of intermittent renewable power energy sources has brought in benefits mainly associated with emission reduction to help the climate change cause and ...

Wind energy is an increasingly important renewable resource in today's global energy landscape. However, it faces challenges due to the unpredictable nature of wind speeds, resulting in intermittent power generation. This intermittency can disrupt power grid stability when integrating doubly fed induction generators (DFIGs). To address this challenge, we propose ...

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The efficiency ( $\eta_{PV}$ ) of a solar PV system, indicating the ratio of converted solar energy into electrical energy, can be calculated using equation [10]:  $\eta_{PV} = P_{max} / P_{inc}$  where  $P_{max}$  is the maximum power output of the solar panel and  $P_{inc}$  is the incoming solar power. Efficiency can be influenced by factors like temperature, solar irradiance, and material ...

Thus, compressed air and hydraulic pumping are relevant storage options to address the concerns that raise electricity generation with intermittent solar and wind energy resources in the region. Currently, only two power plants with compressed air storage are operational worldwide (110 MW in the USA and 290 MW in Germany), compared with about a ...

This study aims to minimize power generation cost, which consists of investment cost, operation cost, and emissions reduction benefit. The investment cost is multiplied by the ...

The impacts of the large-scale deployment of intermittent renewables--wind and solar--on conventional generation technologies, as well as on the power grid, was the topic of a report released by the MIT Energy ...

The current power generation shift from carbon-intensive energy sources towards carbon-neutral, intermittent sources such as wind and solar continues to be a priority throughout the EU. This transition has consequences for the efficient design of power markets. Jan Bouckaert, Oxera Associate and Professor of Economics at the University of Antwerp, and Geert Van Moer, PhD ...



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Solar power generation has gained worldwide attention due to high potentiality and effortless energy conversion process. ... The power output from intermittent wind and solar power plants need to ...

It doesn't matter that wind and solar power are intermittent: the need for base-load power is a myth. ... compares the economics of two new alternative hypothetical generation systems for 2030: ...

The complexity of electric power system is gradually increasing due to a number of reasons, including high power demand and intermittent power generation from renewable energy sources (RESs), in addition to its well-known large scale, several dynamic/static states and difficult interfaces among components. Effective management and control of

The carbon neutrality target shows the Chinese government's determination to reduce emissions, but difficulties should also be noted. As installed capacity continues to grow, generation technologies mature, and there is a broad consensus in society about intermittent renewable energy generation, the actual W& S growth will always be much more optimistic than ...

Besides having a predictable generation pattern, other measures are being used to tackle the problem. For example, Iberdrola is "evaluating its wind projects for where a co-located and co-interconnected solar project would increase capacity factor as well as decrease sub-hourly intermittency."

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A general consensus is that an energy system which aims to integrate intermittent renewable energy sources must have a well-established energy storage system to complement it and reduce the impact of intermittent generation, by storing excess energy for use on demand. Intermixing Solar and Wind Energy

smart EV charging, storage, and distributed generation. Solar and wind generation have grown from less than 1% of U.S. installed capacity to 14% in 20 years.<sup>1</sup> Wind and solar are considered intermittent generation because production varies with wind conditions or daylight. With the U.S. targeting net-zero electricity by 2035,<sup>2</sup> our

Solar is intermittent due to the day/night cycles and variable weather conditions. However solar power can be forecast somewhat by time of day, location, and seasons. The challenge of integrating solar power in any given electric utility ...

A thorough characterization of the global solar power intermittency and its response to climate change using the LOLP is a fundamental starting point to assess the future ...

The intermittent generation patterns, characteristic of solar and wind energy, can lead to fluctuations that impact these parameters, posing potential risks to the integrity of power systems. One notable concern is the

potential for voltage fluctuations resulting from rapid changes in solar or wind output.

This issue arises due to the intermittent nature of solar power generation, which causes voltage fluctuations in distribution networks. To address this, the reconciliation of PVs into the power generation system can be achieved through the use of advanced technology and control systems.

The underestimate of the solar power generation, leading to power wastage, should be penalized and therefore it (C PS ) can be formulated as follows:  $C_{PS} = c_{ps} * f_{s(p_s \text{ \> PPS})} * [E(p_s \text{ \> PPS}) - PPS]$  (13) where  $c_{ps}$ ,  $f_{s(p_s \text{ \> PPS})}$  and  $E(p_s \text{ \> PPS})$  are the penalty cost coefficient of underestimate in solar power generation, the ...

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