

## SolarTech Power Solutions

# Distributed energy storage cabinet investment



## Overview

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What is distributed energy storage?

The introduction of distributed energy storage represents a fundamental change for power networks, increasing the network control problem dimensionality and adding long time-scale dynamics associated with the storage systems' state of charge levels.

What are the key features of a energy distribution system?

Methodology/results: We employ a stylized model that captures essential features of an energy distribution system, including convex costs, stochastic demand, storage efficiency, and line losses. Using dynamic programming, we optimize storage operations and derive value function properties that are key to analyzing the storage investment decisions.

Do power distribution networks provide aggregated flexibility?

Note to Practitioners—The increasing integration of renewable energy resources has stimulated the need for aggregated flexibility provided by power distribution networks (PDNs).

Is centrally stored energy a better option for inventory pooling?

Operationally, centrally stored energy offers more flexibility, which is consistent with the conventional understanding of inventory pooling. However, we find that localized storage often emerges as the preferred option at the investment stage under various circumstances.

Why is energy storage important?

Energy storage is essential for creating a cleaner, more efficient, and resilient electric grid. Additionally, these projects will provide meaningful benefits to Disadvantaged Communities and Low-to-Moderate Income New Yorkers. Energy storage is essential to a resilient grid and clean energy system.

Should energy storage be included in the electric grid?

Integrating storage in the electric grid, especially in areas with high energy demand, will allow clean energy to be available when and where it is most needed. As New York continues to invest and build a cleaner grid, energy storage will allow us to use existing resources more efficiently and phase out the dirtiest power plants.

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