

The difference between string and distributed energy storage





Overview

Should you choose a central or string inverter for energy storage?

As markets and technologies for inverters grow, so does the importance of choosing between central and string inverters for energy storage projects. Typically, central inverters have been the standard for commercial and utility-scale energy storage applications.

What is distributed energy storage?

Distributed energy storage is a solution for increasing self-consumption of variable renewable energy such as solar and wind energy at the end user site. Small-scale energy storage systems can be centrally coordinated by "aggregation" to offer different services to the grid, such as operational flexibility and peak shaving.

What is a string inverter?

As their name implies, central inverters centralize the project's energy through one conduit. String inverters use a distributed architecture, breaking the system down into smaller, multiple inverters and usually more than one DC bus. The concept behind string inverters should be familiar.

What is the difference between Central and string inverters?

The difference between central and string inverters, while simple, has profound implications for long-term project design, performance and safety. As their name implies, central inverters centralize the project's energy through one conduit.

Should energy storage aggregation be a trade-off between private and system benefits?

From modelling method perspective, this implies that models of the electricity system should account for the trade-offs between private and system benefits of energy storage aggregation. Yet it is unlikely that consumers will allow an



aggregator to control their resources at all unless they are paid a financial incentive to do so .

What is energy storage (EES)?

The terms EES, “electricity storage”, “energy storage”, and “storage” are interchangeably used in this paper for referring to technologies that can store electricity and discharge it back at a reasonable response time. Examples of such technologies include secondary electro-chemical batteries, flow batteries, pumped hydropower storage (PHS), etc.



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