# When can we store energy



### Why do we need energy storage?

As the cost of solar and wind power has in many places dropped below fossil fuels, the need for cheap and abundant energy storage has become a key challenge for building an energy system that does not emit greenhouse gases or contribute to climate change.

### What is the future of energy storage?

Storage enables electricity systems to remain in balance despite variations in wind and solar availability, allowing for cost-effective deep decarbonization while maintaining reliability. The Future of Energy Storage report is an essential analysis of this key component in decarbonizing our energy infrastructure and combating climate change.

#### How can energy be stored?

Energy can also be stored by making fuelssuch as hydrogen, which can be burned when energy is most needed. Pumped hydroelectricity, the most common form of large-scale energy storage, uses excess energy to pump water uphill, then releases the water later to turn a turbine and make electricity.

#### Can energy storage help stabilize energy flow?

Energy storage projects can help stabilize power flowby providing energy at times when renewable energy sources aren't generating electricity--at night,for instance,for solar energy installations with photovoltaic cells,or during calm days when wind turbines don't spin. How long can electric energy storage systems supply electricity?

#### What is energy storage & how does it work?

Today's power flows from many more sources than it used to--and the grid needs to catch up to the progress we've made. What is energy storage and how does it work? Simply put, energy storage is the ability to capture energy at one time for use at a later time.

## Should energy storage be cheaper?

In fact, when you add the cost of an energy storage system to the cost of solar panels or wind turbines, solar and wind are no longer competitive with coal or natural gas. As a result, the world is racing to make energy storage cheaper, which would allow us to replace fossil fuels with wind and solar on a large scale.

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