

# Coal power generation and energy storage





## Overview

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Can thermal energy storage improve the flexibility of coal-fired power plants?

At present, large-scale energy storage technology is not yet mature.

Improving the flexibility of coal-fired power plants to suppress the instability of renewable energy generation is a feasible path. Thermal energy storage is a feasible technology to improve the flexibility of coal-fired power plants.

Are energy storage technologies a viable solution for coal-fired power plants?

Energy storage technologies offer a viable solution to provide better flexibility against load fluctuations and reduce the carbon footprint of coal-fired power plants by minimizing exergy losses, thereby achieving better energy efficiency.

Why should we convert coal-fired power plants into energy storage systems?

For instance, in the United States, converting coal-fired power plants into energy storage systems provides economic benefits, including reduced decommissioning costs, job preservation, enhanced grid reliability, and smoother integration of renewable energy.

Can coal power plants be converted into energy storage and zero-carbon data centers?

This paper investigates a retrofitting strategy that turns coal power plants into thermal energy storage (TES) and zero-carbon data centers (DCs). The proposed capacity expansion model considers the co-locations of DCs, local renewable generation, and energy storage with the system-level coal retirement and retrofitting.



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