

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.

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.

Can heat storage transform coal-fired power plants?

This article provides a review of the research on the flexibility transformation of coal-fired power plants based on heat storage technology, mainly including medium to low-temperature heat storage based on hot water tanks and high-temperature heat storage based on molten salt.

Can energy storage systems be integrated with fossil power plants?

Several studies have been reported in the literature, particularly on power plant system modeling, and integration of sensible and latent heat-based energy storage systems with fossil power cycles. Liquid air energy storage (LAES) is another form of energy storage that has been proposed for integration with fossil power plants.

How do we decarbonize the coal-fired power sector in China?

Wei, N. et al. Decarbonizing the coal-fired power sector in China via carbon capture, geological utilization, and storage technology. *Environ. Sci. Technol.* 55, 13164-13173 (2021). Wei, Y.-M. et al. A proposed global layout of carbon capture and storage in line with a 2 °C climate target.

Can CCUS Technology be retrofitted to coal plants?

This study presents a project-level systematic assessment of the potential of retrofitting CCUS technology to coal plants through the selection of power plants, geological site screening, and techno-economic evaluation of deployment with a focus on site suitability and source-sink matching.



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