



Analysis of different storage technologies in the Spain NECP for 2030

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Operational flexibility

- Ability of the system to withstand to the uncertainty and variability in generation and electricity demand, while maintaining the desired reliability at an affordable cost

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Which aspects of operational flexibility can be measured?

- Variation of the (net) power demand at **short-term horizon**
- Upward and downward **hourly ramps**

MW/h

- **Balance between generation and demand**
- **Operating reserves**
- **Firmness:** contribution of each unit during the critical peak (net) demand hours

MW

- Variation of the (net) **energy demand** at different time horizons
- **Daily, weekly, and seasonal** variations

MWh

Phases in measuring operational flexibility

1. **Dimensioning.** Establishing a flexibility product margin

Ratio between product availability and product requirement = $\frac{\text{max operational flexibility available}}{\text{max operational flexibility requirement}}$

2. **Operational flexibility.** Run a cost-driven model and determines how all the flexibility products are covered

Flexible technologies

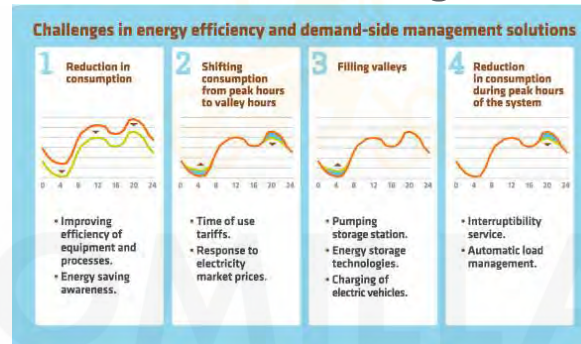
CCGT



Storage hydro



Demand side management



EV



Pumped-hydro storage



Solar thermal - CSP



Battery



Inflexible technologies

Solar PV



Wind



Key questions

Is there enough flexible power?

Which is the contribution of each technology to each flexibility product?

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Spanish NECP 2030

- Peak demand **47.8 GW**
- Installed capacity **154.4 GW**
- Annual demand **263 TWh**

Nuclear	3,050
CCGT	24,560
Run of River Hydro	3,640
Storage Hydro	10,972
Open Loop Pumped-Hydro Storage	2,683
Close Loop Pumped-Hydro Storage	3,300
Close Loop Pumped-Hydro Storage (additional)	3,566
Batteries (additional)	2,500
Wind Onshore	27,370
Wind Onshore (additional)	21,180
Wind Offshore (additional)	200
Solar PV	15,550
Solar PV (additional)	22,854
Solar Thermal	2,300
Solar Thermal (additional)	5,000
Others renewable	1,730
Others non-renewable	3,980

Dimensioning Upward and Downward Hourly Ramps

	2019	2019	2030	2030		
	Down	Up	Down	Up	Min	Max
Demand	-3,659	5,389	- 3,874	5,706		
Wind	-1,882	2,069	- 4,131	4,541		
Solar PV	-1,610	1,618	-11,880	11,941		
Net Demand	-4,203	5,633	-10,326	12,615		
CCGT	-3,369	3,180			-6,000	6,000 1
Storage Hydro	-1,425	1,430			-2,885	2,963 2
Pumped-Hydro Storage (pumping)	-1,804	2,326			-3,819	3,747 3
Pumped-Hydro Storage (turbining)	- 972	1,373				
Solar Thermal	- 840	1,321				

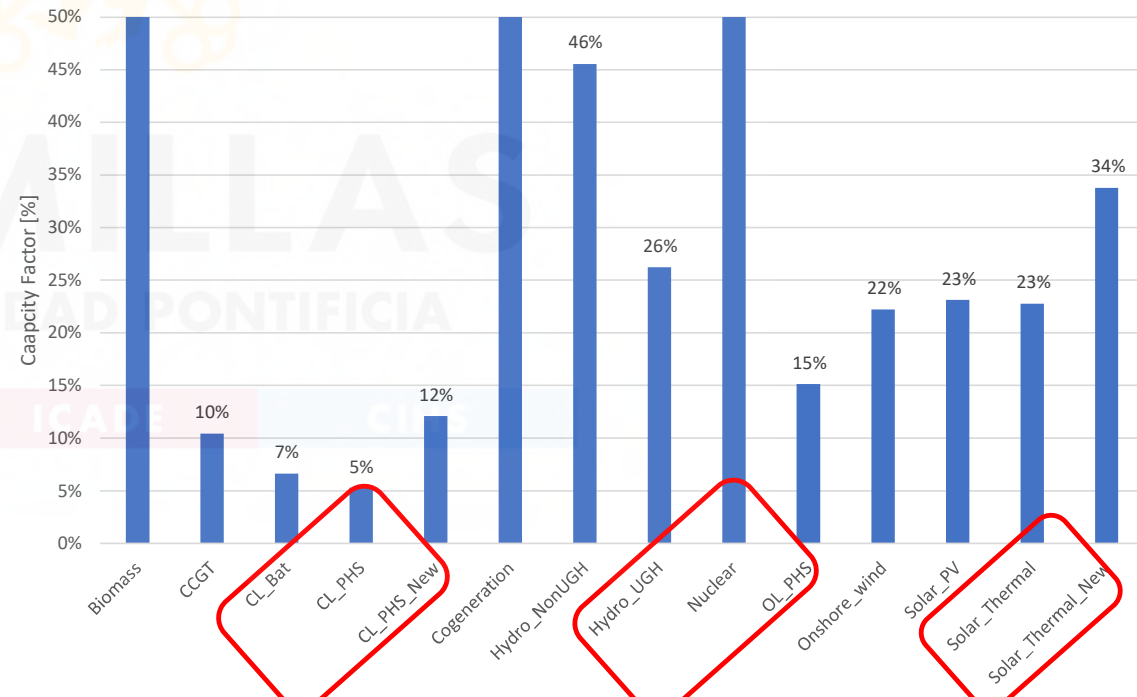
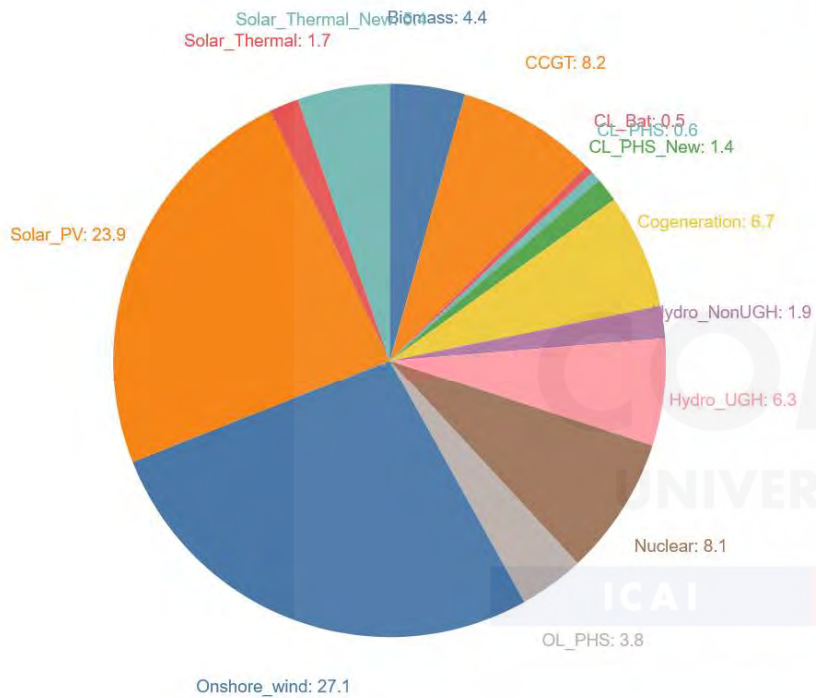
1 Assuming 20 CCGT units committed out of 50 installed

2 Quantiles 0.5-99.5% of downward and upward hourly ramps. They can be provided in any type of hydrologic year

3 Minimum and maximum downward and upward hourly ramps

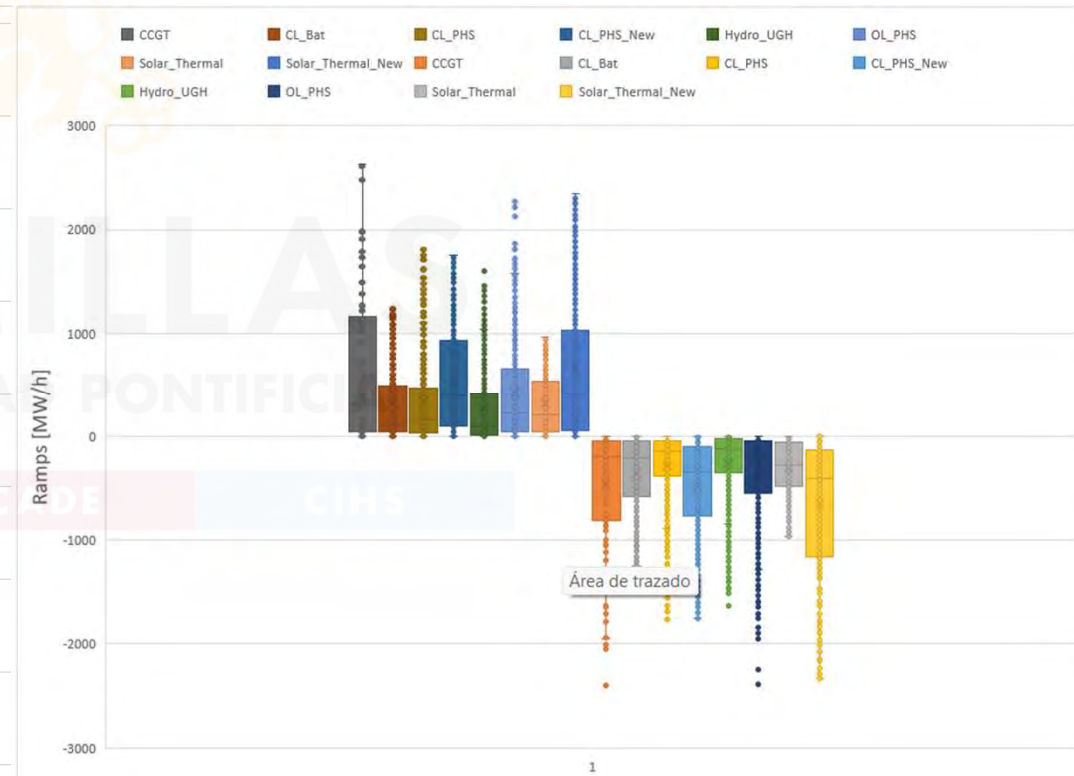
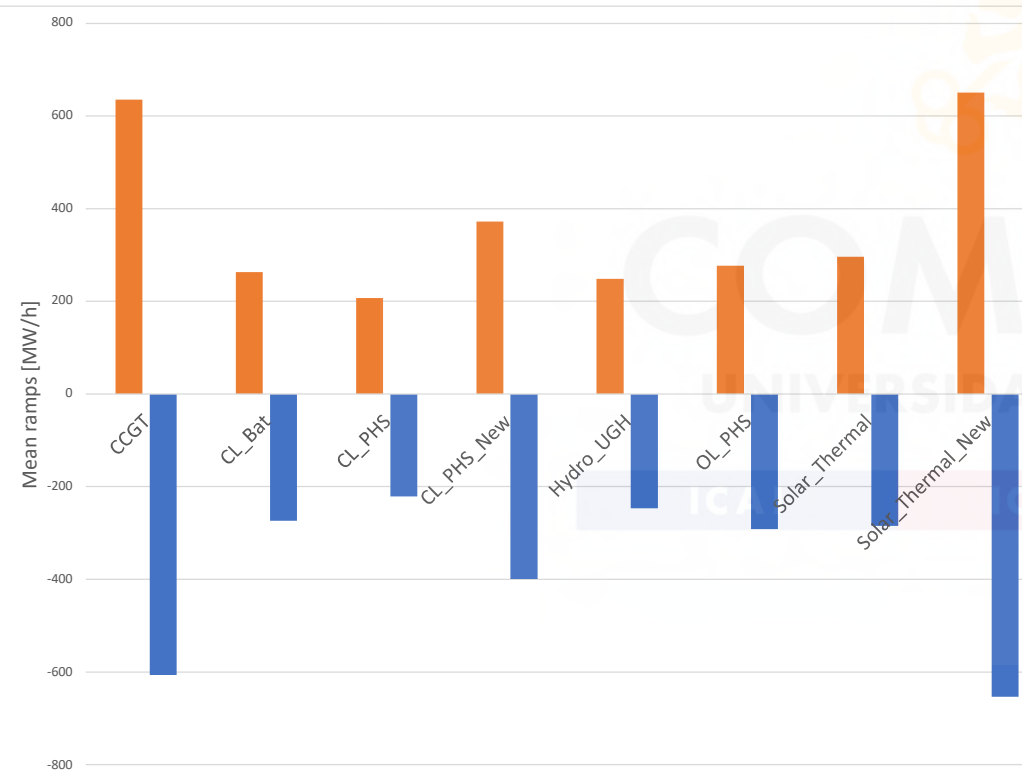


Cost-based system operation



Flexibility at operation

Mean and boxplot of up/down ramps

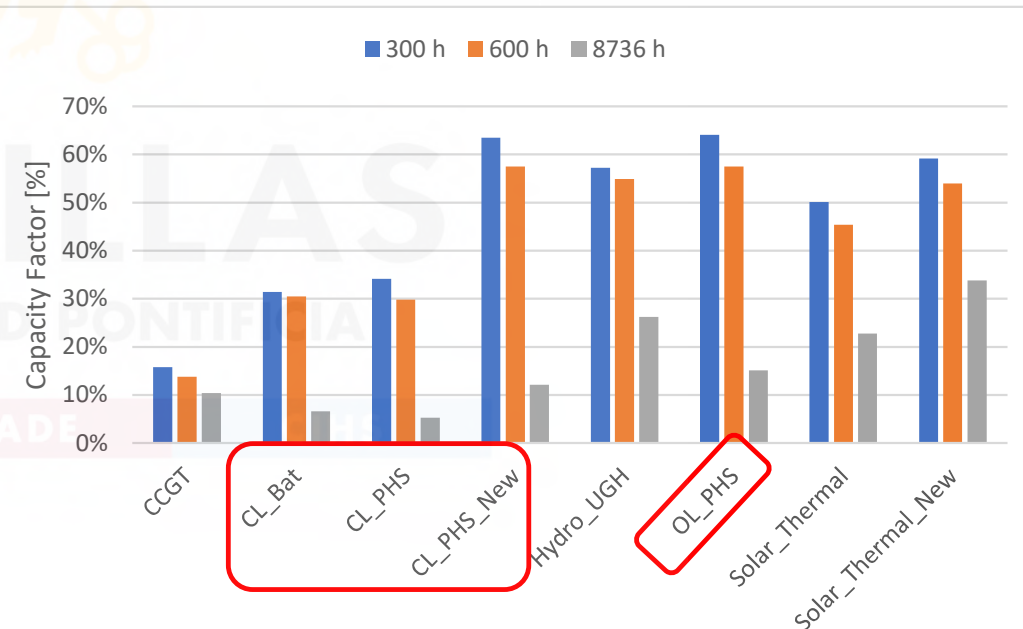
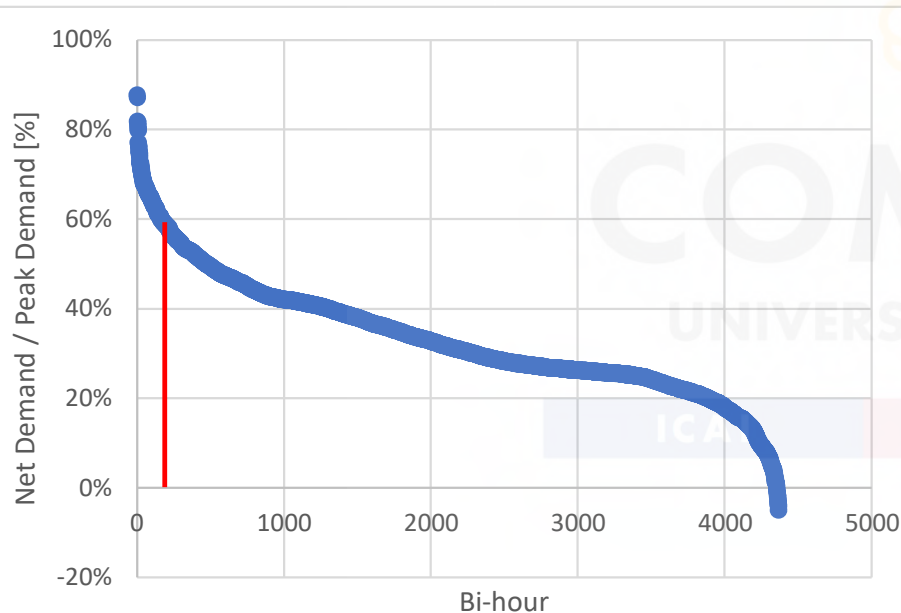


Flexibility at operation

Capacity factor

ELCC – Approximation-based method

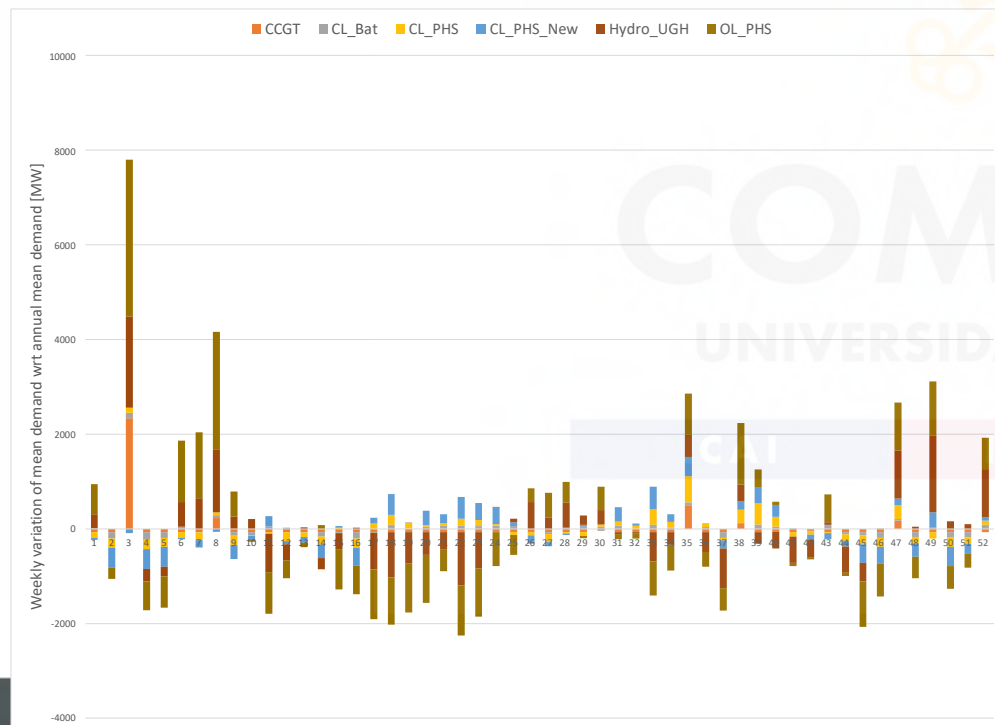
Capacity factors of the technologies at **peak hours of net demand**



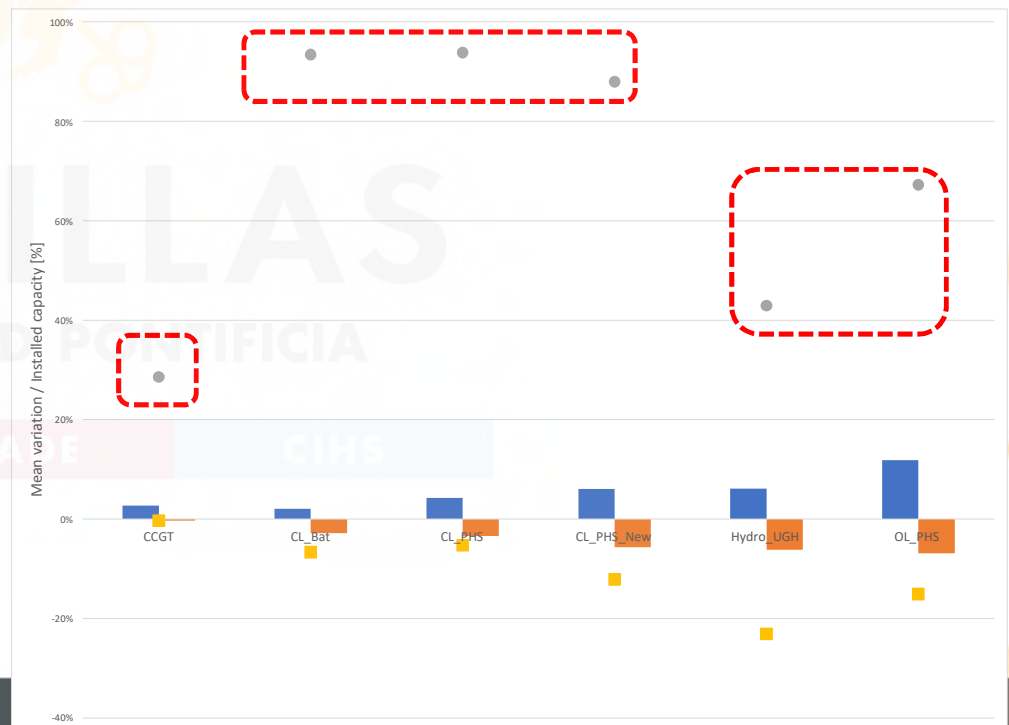
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Weekly variation of the energy demand

Contribution of each technology to the weekly variation of the demand with respect to the mean annual demand



Mean variation of the technology with respect to the installed capacity



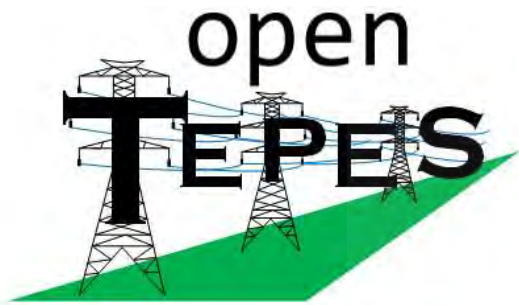
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Conclusions

- Upward and downward ramps of the net demand increase dramatically in 2030 due to high wind and solar share
- Ramps are approximately evenly provided by different flexible technologies, but with large dispersion
- Although the annual capacity factors of the storage technologies is <20%, they strongly increase to >50% in critical net demand hours. High contribution to the system firmness
- Ratio of the contribution of different flexible technologies with respect to the installed capacity to the weekly variation of the demand can be very high and reach almost 100% for storage technologies

Projects analyzing Spanish NECP for 2030

- [Impact of the electric vehicle in the electricity markets in 2030](#) developed for **Repsol**, aims at analyzing the impact on the electricity markets of the mainland Spanish system of the high penetration of electric vehicles in a 2030 scenario.
- [Analysis of the expansion and operation of the Spanish electricity system for a 2030-2050 time horizon](#), developed for **Iberdrola**, aims at evaluating the potential and role that each generation, storage and consumption technology can play in the future mix of the Spanish electricity system.
- [Assessment of the storage needs for the Spanish electric system in a horizon 2020-2050 with large share of renewables](#), developed for the **Instituto para la Diversificación y Ahorro de la Energía (IDAE)**, aims at assessing, from a technical and economic point of view, the daily, weekly and seasonal storage needs for the Spanish electricity system in the 2020-2050 horizon.
- [MODESC – Platform of innovative models for speeding the energy transition towards a decarbonized economy](#), developed for the **Ministry of Science and Innovation**, aims at developing of a global platform that integrates innovative energy simulation and impact assessment models that allow speeding the decarbonization of the electricity system including the electrification of the energy demand.
- [Improving energy system modelling tools and capacity](#), developed for the **European Commission**, aims at improving the description of the Spanish energy system in model TIMES-SINERGIA, from the technologies considered or a higher time resolution to the detailed modeling of the power sector, such as the inclusion of transmission constraints.



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<https://opentepes.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html>



[GitHub - IIT-EnergySystemModels/openTEPES: Open Generation, Storage, and Transmission Operation and Expansion Planning Model with RES and ESS \(openTEPES\)](#)

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