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Overview

Congestion-based curtailment arises when the transmission network cannot accommodate all generated power, while load-based curtailment occurs when available renewable generation exceeds demand during periods of low consumption. Most practitioners are familiar with the curtailment of variable renewable energy (VRE) resources like wind and solar photovoltaics as a reduced production of power relative to what would be available from the wind and solar resource. This curtailed energy is the diference between the total. Globally, renewable power capacity is projected to increase almost 4 600 GW between 2025 and 2030 – double the deployment of the previous five years (2019-2024). Growth in utility-scale and distributed solar PV more than doubles, representing nearly 80% of worldwide renewable electricity capacity. EPIcenter affiliates Gaurav Doshi and Matthew Oliver's article in The Energy Forum discusses the why grid operators occasionally curtail wind and solar output when transmission capacity is insufficient or demand is low, and the economic and environmental impacts of these decisions.

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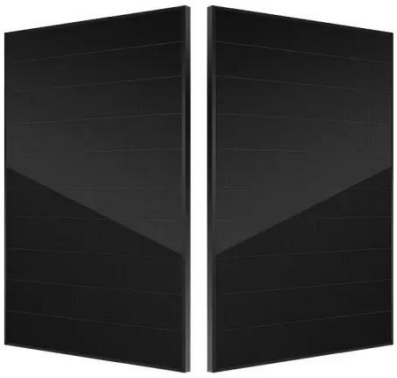

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As the penetration level of renewable energy sources (RESs) increases, the output power of RESs needs to be curtailed to balance the power supply and load demand.

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