

# The impact of cloud cover on solar power generation

How does cloud cover affect solar energy generation?

Yet, in a stark contrast to aerosol and panel soiling, cloud cover or advection can dramatically and intermittently affect incident solar radiation, resulting in unbalance between the load demand and PV energy generation, which poses a considerable risk to the stability of power grids [10, 11, 12].

Do clouds affect the performance of a solar generator?

Yet, the motion of clouds has a dramatic impact on the performance of a solar generator and thus need to be forecast to avoid undesired issues and costs. Due to changes in the cloud cover, it must be noted that some significant drops in PV generated power output can occur, in the range of up to 70% in a matter of 5 s [10, 11].

How to forecast PV power fluctuations due to cloud cover?

It is found that forecasting the irradiance and the cell temperature are the best approaches to forecast precisely PV power fluctuations due to the cloud cover. A combination of several sources of input data like satellite and land-based sky imaging also lead to the best results for very-short term forecasting. [10, 11, 12]

Introduction

Can cloud cover affect PV power output?

Due to changes in the cloud cover, it must be noted that some significant drops in PV generated power output can occur, in the range of up to 70% in a matter of 5 s [10, 11]. This may result in episodes of grid instability if not properly compensated. The cost of such weather-related power outages is far from negligible.

Does local cloud cover affect PV production forecasting?

This chapter presents a study on PV production forecasting for a single solar power plant, with a goal to explore the effect of local cloud cover through satellite imagery on the plants' production. The study's primary motivation is to gain insights in data most important for accurate production forecasting along with validating sources of data.

Does local cloud cover affect solar production forecasting for Vis power plant?

This study is an initial analysis of the effect of local cloud cover on solar production forecasting for Vis power plant. It was shown that even a crude representation of cloud mask images from EUMETSAT can greatly improve production forecasting in a best-case scenario.

While increased clear-sky radiation and reduced cloud cover go hand in hand in SSP1-2.6, the effect of a decrease in clear-sky radiation is outweighed by a decrease in cloud cover in SSP5-8.5, resulting in an increase ...

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