

Are microgrids in rural areas sustainable?

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Why are microgrids becoming more popular in developing countries?

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Are micro-grid solutions viable for the electrification of rural communities?

The techno-economic investigations carried out in the literature show that micro-grid solutions can be technically viable for the electrification of rural communities. Studies have shown that DC, AC or hybrid technologies can be configured such that the load demand in rural areas is served.

What is a microgrid system?

Authors' own work. The microgrid system comprises several integrated components that, together, guarantee the supply of energy to a rural home under variable conditions of resource availability. The biomass generator serves as the main backup source, providing energy during periods of low photovoltaic generation or high demand.

Given this scenario, hybrid microgrids that combine photovoltaics (PV), biomass, and electrochemical storage (BESS) are being promoted as an alternative to improve service continuity, reduce ...

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This chapter presents different methods and tools for microgrid optimal investment and planning problem, focusing on specific methodological aspects addressing the challenges of rural microgrids design. ...

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