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Hybrid Renewable-Fossil Fuel Energy Systems

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Dear Colleagues,

Renewable generator power output fluctuations force conventional fossil-fuel-based power units to provide compensating power in order to maintain the overall system balance. At present, wind or solar fluctuations are mostly mitigated by the large-scale distribution of conventional generators or by quick ramping storage systems, such as hydropower units. Thus, quick ramping generators (such as gas turbines) are forced to deviate, most of the time, far from their maximum efficiency condition (i.e., minimum operating cost). Storage technologies could handle the unsteadiness of renewable sources with smaller fossil fuel plant capacity while still providing a fast response.

The goal of this Special Issue is to cover all the aspects related to these aspects, focusing on technologies, optimized off-design operational and/or management strategies or applications.

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