

# Large-capacity energy storage system design protocol

How are grid applications sized based on power storage capacity?

These other grid applications are sized according to power storage capacity (in MWh): renewable integration, peak shaving and load leveling, and microgrids. BESS = battery energy storage system, h = hour, Hz = hertz, MW = megawatt, MWh = megawatt-hour.

What is a battery energy storage system?

A battery energy storage system (BESS) is an electrochemical device that charges (or collects energy) from the grid or a power plant and then discharges that energy at a later time to provide electricity or other grid services when needed.

What is the power capacity for energy storage within the grid?

The power capacity for energy storage within the grid currently sits at 125 GW (the majority of which is in the form of pumped hydro plants), which is about 3% of global power capacity. Additional energy storage within the grid would allow many more plants to run closer to full capacity and reduce energy losses during electricity transmission.

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One energy storage technology in particular, the battery energy storage system (BESS), is studied in greater detail together with the various components required for grid-scale operation. The advantages and disadvantages of different commercially mature battery chemistries are examined.

Are grid-scale battery energy storage systems safe?

Despite widely known hazards and safety design of grid-scale battery energy storage systems, there is a lack of established risk management schemes and models as compared to the chemical, aviation, nuclear and the petroleum industry.

Are batteries a viable energy storage technology?

Batteries have already proven to be a commercially viable energy storage technology. BESSs are modular systems that can be deployed in standard shipping containers. Until recently, high costs and low round trip efficiencies prevented the mass deployment of battery energy storage systems.



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