



New energy storage development on the grid side

Why are energy storage systems being added to the grid?

Historic amounts of energy storage, primarily lithium-ion battery systems, are being added to the U.S. grid, driven by a need to balance renewable generation and to meet load growth, including from data centers.

Why do we need a grid-scale energy-storage system?

Under some conditions, excess renewable energy is produced and, without storage, is curtailed^{2,3}; under others, demand is greater than generation from renewables. Grid-scale energy-storage (GSES) systems are therefore needed to store excess renewable energy to be released on demand, when power generation is insufficient⁴.

Are battery energy-storage technologies necessary for grid-scale energy storage?

The rise in renewable energy utilization is increasing demand for battery energy-storage technologies (BESTs). BESTs based on lithium-ion batteries are being developed and deployed. However, this technology alone does not meet all the requirements for grid-scale energy storage.

How can energy storage improve grid stability & reliability?

Furthermore, grid-scale storage solutions such as pumped hydro storage and compressed air energy storage (CAES) can boost grid stability and reliability by storing renewable energy for longer periods.

What is grid-scale storage?

Grid-scale storage refers to technologies connected to the power grid that can store energy and then supply it back to the grid at a more advantageous time - for example, at night, when no solar power is available, or during a weather event that disrupts electricity generation.

What types of battery technologies are being developed for grid-scale energy storage?

In this Review, we describe BESTs being developed for grid-scale energy storage, including high-energy, aqueous, redox flow, high-temperature and gas batteries. Battery technologies support various power system services, including providing grid support services and preventing curtailment.



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