



Power batteries as energy storage





Overview

Battery storage has many uses in power systems: it provides short-term energy shifting, delivers ancillary services, alleviates grid congestion and provides a means to expand access to electricity. Breakthroughs in battery technology are transforming the global energy landscape, fueling the transition to clean energy and reshaping industries from transportation to utilities. With demand for energy storage soaring, what's next for batteries—and how can businesses, policymakers, and investors. Battery storage capacity in the power sector is expanding rapidly. Over 40 gigawatt (GW) was added in 2023, double the previous year's increase, split between utility-scale projects (65%) and behind-the-meter systems (35%). After a historic 2025, when global BESS capacity surpassed 250 GW and overtook pumped hydropower, momentum is set to accelerate in 2026.



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Batteries are a fast-growing secondary electricity source for the grid

Battery energy storage systems provide electricity to the power grid and offer a range of services to support electric power grids.



What is battery storage? , National Grid

Battery storage, or battery energy storage systems (BESS), are devices that enable energy from renewables, like solar and wind, to be stored and then released when the power is needed most.

Electricity Storage , US EPA

Storing electricity can provide indirect environmental benefits. For example, electricity storage can be used to help integrate more renewable energy into the electricity grid.



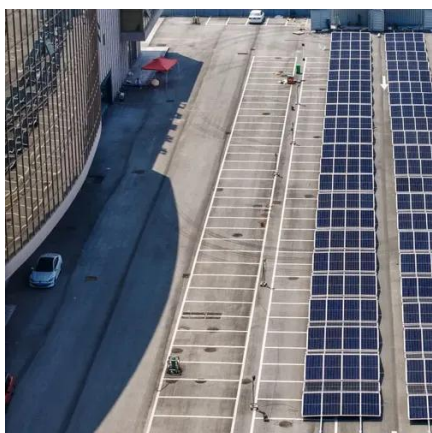
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Batteries can help store energy for when it's needed by utility systems -- and EV batteries could serve as a readily available and widely distributed source of this storage.



[Advancing energy storage: The future trajectory of lithium-ion battery](#)

The application of lithium-ion batteries in grid energy storage represents a transformative approach to addressing the challenges of integrating renewable energy sources into the power grid.



[Battery Energy Storage Systems: Key to Renewable Power Supply ...](#)

When renewable power production exceeds demand, batteries store excess electricity for later use, therefore allowing power grids to accommodate higher shares of renewable energy and ...

Battery Storage , ACP



Li-ion batteries have been deployed in a wide range of energy-storage applications, ranging from energy-type batteries of a few kilowatt-hours in residential systems with rooftop photovoltaic arrays to ...



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U.S. Grid Energy Storage Factsheet

Electrical Energy Storage (EES) systems store electricity and convert it back to electrical energy when needed. 1 Batteries are one of the most common forms of electrical energy storage.





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