

# **Power system energy storage operation**





## Overview

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Why do we need energy storage?

Because power systems are balanced at the system level, no dedicated backup with energy storage is needed for any single technology. Storage is most economical when operated to maximise the economic benefit of an entire system. Don't we need storage to reduce curtailment?

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Can energy storage technology be used in power systems?

With the advancement of new energy storage technologies, e.g. chemical batteries and flywheels, in recent years, they have been applied in power systems and their total installed capacity is increasing very fast. The large-scale development of REG and the application of new ESSs in power system are the two backgrounds of this book.

Where is storage located in a power plant?

Storage can be located at a power plant, as a stand-alone resource on the transmission system, on the distribution system and at a customer's premise behind the meter. Do wind and solar need storage?

All power systems need flexibility, and this need increases with increased levels of wind and solar.

What is dedicated energy storage?

Dedicated energy storage ignores the realities of both grid operation and the performance of a large, spatially diverse renewable energy source. Because power systems are balanced at the system level, no dedicated backup with energy storage is needed for any single technology.



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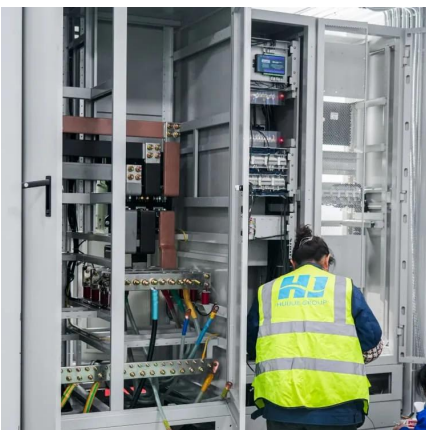
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