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# Large batteries for energy storage



## Overview

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What are battery energy storage systems?

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Why is battery storage so important?

Electrification, integrating renewables and making grids more reliable are all things the world needs. However, these can't happen without an increase in energy storage. Battery storage in the power sector was the fastest growing energy technology commercially available in 2023 according to the IEA.

How does a battery energy storage system work?

The direct current generated by the batteries is processed in a power-conversion system or bidirectional inverter to output alternating current and deliver to the grid. At the same time, the battery energy storage systems can store power from the grid when necessary 24, 25.

Why do we need a battery energy-storage technology (best)?

BESTs are increasingly deployed, so critical challenges with respect to safety, cost, lifetime, end-of-life management and temperature adaptability need to be addressed. The rise in renewable energy utilization is increasing demand for battery energy-storage technologies (BESTs).

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