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Overview

What are the merits of energy storage systems?

Two primary figures of merit for energy storage systems: Specific energy
Specific power Often a tradeoff between the two Different storage
technologies best suited to different applications depending on power/energy
requirements Storage technologies can be compared graphically on a Ragone
plot Specific energy vs. specific power.

What is an energy storage system?

An energy storage system (ESS) for electricity generation uses electricity (or some other energy source, such as solar-thermal energy) to charge an energy storage system or device, which is discharged to supply (generate) electricity when needed at desired levels and quality. ESSs provide a variety of services to support electric power grids.

How do integrated system tests measure energy storage performance?

Integrated system tests are applied uniformly across energy storage technologies to yield performance data. Duty-cycle testing can produce data on application-specific performance of energy storage systems. This chapter reviewed a range of duty-cycle tests intended to measure performance of energy storage supplying grid services.

What are the applications of energy storage systems on the grid?

The various applications for energy storage systems (ESSs) on the grid are discussed in Chapter 23: Applications and Grid Services. A useful analogy of technical performance is miles per gallon (mpg) in internal combustion engine vehicles.

What is energy storage performance testing?

Performance testing is a critical component of safe and reliable deployment of energy storage systems on the electric power grid. Specific performance tests

can be applied to individual battery cells or to integrated energy storage systems.

What is the power capacity of a battery energy storage system?

As of the end of 2022, the total nameplate power capacity of operational utility-scale battery energy storage systems (BESSs) in the United States was 8,842 MW and the total energy capacity was 11,105 MWh. Most of the BESS power capacity that was operational in 2022 was installed after 2014, and about 4,807 MW was installed in 2022 alone.

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