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## Overview

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Battery storage power plants and  (UPS) are comparable in technology and function. However, battery storage power plants are larger. For safety and security, the actual batteries are housed in their own structures, like warehouses or containers. As with a UPS, one concern is that electrochemical energy is stored or emitted in the form of (DC), while electric power networks are usually operated with (AC). For this reason, additional are needed to connect the battery storage power plants to the high voltage network. This kind of power electronics include , commonly used in  (HVDC) transmission. Various accumulator systems may be used depending on the power-to-energy ratio, the expected lifetime and the costs. In the 1980s, lead-acid batteries were used for the first battery-storage power plants. During the next few decades, nickel–cadmium and sodium–sulfur batteries were increasingly used. Since 2010, more and more utility-scale battery storage plants rely on lithium-ion batteries, as a result of the fast decrease in the cost of this technology, caused by the electric automotive industry. are mainly used. A 4-hour  at 175 MW / 700 MWh opened in 2024.  are still used in small budget applications.

Most of the BESS systems are composed of securely sealed , which are electronically monitored and replaced once their performance falls below a

given threshold. Batteries suffer from cycle ageing, or deterioration caused by charge–discharge cycles. This deterioration is generally higher at and higher . This aging causes a loss of performance (capacity or voltage decrease), overheating, and may eventually lead to critical failure (electrolyte leaks, fire, explosion). Sometimes battery storage power stations are built with  in order to conserve battery power. Flywheels may handle rapid fluctuations better than older battery plants. BESS  typically include lifetime limits on energy throughput, expressed as number of charge–discharge cycles. Lead-acid batteries, as a first-generation technology, are generally used in older BESS systems. Some examples are 1.6 MW peak, 1.0 MW continuous battery was commissioned in 1997. Compared to modern rechargeable batteries, lead-acid batteries have relatively low . Despite this, they are able to supply high . However, non-sealed produce hydrogen and oxygen from the aqueous electrolyte when overcharged. The water has to be refilled regularly to avoid damage to the battery; and, the inflammable gases have to be vented out to avoid explosion risks. However, this maintenance has a cost, and recent batteries such as  do not have such an issue. offer a long lifespan with minimal maintenance, high energy density, and low , which makes them ideal for modern utility-scale BESS applications. A drawback of some types of lithium-ion batteries is fire safety, mostly ones containing cobalt. The number of BESS incidents has remained around 10–20 per year (mostly within the first 2–3 years of age), despite the large increase in number and size of BESS. Thus has decreased. Failures occurred mostly in controls and , while 11% occurred in cells. Examples of BESS fire accidents include individual modules in 23 battery farms in in 2017 to 2019, a in ,  the fire and subsequent explosion of a battery module in , and the cooling liquid incidents and fire at the .  This resulted in more research in recent years for mitigation measures for fire safety. By 2024, the has become another significant type for large storages due to the high availability of its components, and higher safety compared to nickel-based Li-ion chemistries. An LFP-based energy storage system that was installed in on (the highest alpine lodge in ) and operated since 2016 without a safety incident. Alternatively, are increasingly being considered for BESS applications. Compared to lithium-ion batteries, sodium-ion batteries have somewhat lower cost, better safety characteristics, and similar power de.

Since they do not have any mechanical parts, battery storage power plants offer extremely short control times and start times, as little as 10 ms. They can therefore help dampen the fast oscillations that occur when electrical power networks are operated close to their maximum capacity or when grids suffer anomalies. These instabilities – fluctuations with periods of as much as 30 seconds – can produce peak swings of such amplitude that they can cause regional blackouts. Some of the parameters are voltage, frequency and phase. A properly sized battery storage power plant can efficiently counteract these

oscillations; therefore, applications are found primarily in those regions where electrical power systems are operated at full capacity, leading to a risk of instability. However, some batteries have insufficient control systems, failing during moderate disruptions they should have tolerated. Batteries are also commonly used for  for periods of up to a few hours. A more recent use is strengthening transmission, as long power lines can be operated closer to their capacity when batteries handle the local difference between supply and demand. Storage plants can also be used in combination with an intermittent renewable energy source in .

While the energy storage capacity of grid batteries is still small compared to the other major form of grid storage, with 200 GW power and 9000 GWh energy storage worldwide as of 2025 according to  , the battery market is catching up very fast in terms of power generation capacity as price drops.  As of May 2025, China's cumulative BESS installations are reported at 106.9 GW and 240.3 GWh, with global battery storage deployment of nearly 9 GWh in April 2025. Developments in Germany are closely monitored by  site battery-charts.de, reporting in September 2025 15 GW and 22 GWh mostly in over 2 million home-based systems, while 1.84 Mio. registered Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) in Germany have an estimated energy capacity of over 115 GWh. Relative to 2010, batteries and photovoltaics have followed roughly the same downward price curve due to . Cells are the major cost component, costing 30-40% of a full system. By mid-2025, China passed 100 GW batteries (164 GW total storage). At the end of 2024, China had 62 GW / 141 GWh of battery power stations. In 2020, China added 1,557 MW to its battery storage capacity, while storage facilities for  projects accounting for 27% of the capacity, to the total 3,269 MW of electrochemical energy storage capacity. The United States installed 12.3 GW / 37.1 GWh of batteries in 2024. In 2022, US capacity doubled to 9 GW / 25 GWh. At the end of 2021, the capacity grew to 4,588 MW.  The 2021 price of a 60 MW / 240 MWh (4-hour) battery installation in the United States was US$379/usable kWh, or US$292/nameplate kWh, a 13% drop from 2020.  In 2010, the United States had 59 MW of battery storage capacity from 7 battery power plants. This increased to 49 plants comprising 351 MW of capacity in 2015. In 2018, the capacity was 869 MW from 125 plants, capable of storing a maximum of 1,236 MWh of generated electricity. By the end of 2020, the battery storage capacity reached 1,756 MW.  The US market for storage power plants in 2015 increased by 243% compared to 2014. In June 2024 the capacity was 4.6 GW of power and 5.9 GWh of energy in the United Kingdom. In 2022, UK capacity grew by 800 MWh, ending at 2.4 GW / 2.6 GWh. As of May 2021, 1.3 GW of battery storage was operating, with 16 GW of projects in the pipeline potentially deployable over the next few years.  As of the end of 2024, Europe had reached 61 GWh of install.

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