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Overview

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Are lead batteries sustainable?

Improvements to lead battery technology have increased cycle life both in deep and shallow cycle applications. Li-ion and other battery types used for energy storage will be discussed to show that lead batteries are technically and economically effective. The sustainability of lead batteries is superior to other battery types.

Can lead batteries be recycled?

A selection of larger lead battery energy storage installations are analysed and lessons learned identied. Lead is the most efcientlyrecycled commodity fi fi metal and lead batteries are the only battery energy storage system that is almost completely recycled, with over 99% of lead batteries being collected and recycled in Europe and USA.

Are lead batteries safe?

Safety needs to be considered for all energy storage installations. Lead batteries provide a safe system with an aqueous electrolyte and active materials that are not ammable.

What is a lead-acid battery?

The lead-acid (PbA) battery was invented by Gaston Planté more than 160 years ago and it was the first ever rechargeable battery. In the charged state, the positive electrode is lead dioxide (PbO_2) and the negative electrode is metallic lead (Pb); upon discharge in the sulfuric acid electrolyte, both electrodes convert to lead sulfate ($PbSO_4$).

How can battery engineering support long-duration energy storage needs?

To support long-duration energy storage (LDES) needs, battery engineering can increase lifespan, optimize for energy instead of power, and reduce cost requires several significant innovations, including advanced bipolar electrode designs and balance of plant optimizations.

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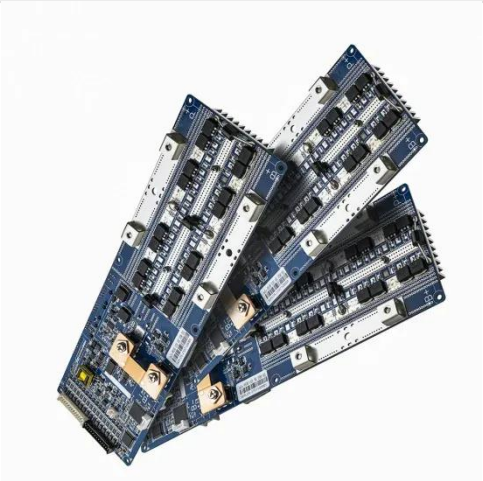

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