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Overview

How big is battery energy storage in the UK?

Currently in the UK, there is 1.6 GW of operational battery storage capacity mostly with 1-hour discharge duration, i.e. 1:1 ratio of energy to power, GWh to GW. The maximum installed volume of PHS is 25.8 GWh with 2.74 GW of capacity, a much higher ratio. In recent years, there has been a surge in the pipeline of battery energy storage projects.

What if the UK has a strong energy storage industry?

If the UK establishes a strong domestic energy storage industry, it can export storage capacity and technologies. Storage would reduce the UK's dependence on costly, polluting and uncertain fossil fuel imports. Great Britain currently has 2.8 gigawatts (GW) of LDES across four Pumped Storage Hydro (PSH) facilities in Scotland and Wales.

What is long-duration electricity storage (LDEs)?

Long-Duration Electricity Storage (LDES) refers to energy storage systems that can store and release electricity for long periods, typically eight hours or more. These systems help balance the supply and demand of electricity, especially when using renewable energy sources like wind and solar, which can be unpredictable.

How can electricity be stored?

Electricity can be stored in a variety of ways, including in batteries, by compressing air, by making hydrogen using electrolysers, or as heat. Storing hydrogen in solution-mined salt caverns will be the best way to meet the long-term storage need as it has the lowest cost per unit of energy storage capacity.

Why is battery storage important in the UK?

As the UK intensifies its focus on decarbonising the electricity system, timely

grid access for battery storage will be essential to support renewable energy integration, grid stability and meeting emission reduction targets. Related questions you can explore with Ask NCE, our new AI search engine.

How can electricity storage help manage supply and demand?

As we head towards a net zero system, electricity storage will play a vital role in helping manage supply and demand. There are various electricity storage technologies with different technical and commercial characteristics that can serve this purpose, with a wide range of outcomes for their future deployment.

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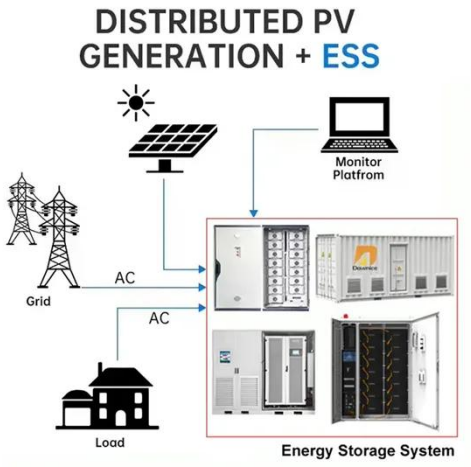

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