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Energy storage involves converting energy from forms that are difficult to store to more conveniently or economically storable forms. Some technologies provide short-term energy storage, while others can endure for much longer. Bulk energy storage is currently dominated by hydroelectric dams, both conventional as well as pumped.

Why is energy storage important?

Energy storage is growing in importance in our green energy future. Renewable energy is often intermittent, meaning that it must be stored when it's produced for use later when it is needed. Advances in energy storage may reduce the cost of electricity and the carbon footprint of energy production. [What Is Energy Storage and Why Is It Important?](#)

What is a battery energy storage system?

A battery energy storage system (BESS) is an electrochemical storage system that allows electricity to be stored as chemical energy and released when it is needed. Common types include lead-acid and lithium-ion batteries, while newer technologies include solid-state or flow batteries.

How does energy storage work?

The so-called battery "charges" when power is used to pump water from a lower reservoir to a higher reservoir. The energy storage system "discharges" power when water, pulled by gravity, is released back to the lower-elevation reservoir and passes through a turbine along the way.

What is thermal energy storage?

Thermal energy storage (TES) can be found at solar-thermal electric power plants that use concentrating solar power (CSP) systems. Such systems use concentrated sunlight to heat fluid, such as water or molten salt. While steam from the fluid can be used to produce electricity immediately, the fluid can also be stored in tanks for later use.

Where is energy stored?

Similar to power-to-liquid and power-to-gas concepts, energy may be stored in solid materials, for example in metals such as Iron, Aluminium and non-metallic materials such as Sulfur. Energy in the form of electricity or solar heat is stored chemically and can be released on-demand.

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