

Why is energy storage important?

Energy storage is a potential substitute for, or complement to, almost every aspect of a power system, including generation, transmission, and demand flexibility. Storage should be co-optimized with clean generation, transmission systems, and strategies to reward consumers for making their electricity use more flexible.

Why is storage important in a building?

Storage sited at buildings can serve as important resources to promote grid reliability and flexibility, increase renewable penetration, and increase energy resilience. Current thermally driven loads make up more than 45% of the annual electrical energy consumed on-site in residential and commercial buildings (Figure 1).

What is thermal energy storage?

Thermal energy storage is used particularly in buildings and industrial processes. It involves storing excess energy - typically surplus energy from renewable sources, or waste heat - to be used later for heating, cooling or power generation. Liquids - such as water - or solid material - such as sand or rocks - can store thermal energy.

What is the future of energy storage?

Storage enables electricity systems to remain in balance despite variations in wind and solar availability, allowing for cost-effective deep decarbonization while maintaining reliability. The Future of Energy Storage report is an essential analysis of this key component in decarbonizing our energy infrastructure and combating climate change.

Is thermal energy storage a building decarbonization resource?

NREL is significantly advancing the viability of thermal energy storage (TES) as a building decarbonization resource for a highly renewable energy future. Through industry partnerships, NREL researchers address technical barriers to deployment and widespread adoption of TES in buildings.

What is thermal energy storage R&D?

BTO's Thermal Energy Storage R&D programs develop cost-effective technologies to support both energy efficiency and demand flexibility.

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