

Battery Energy Storage Systems: Utility Scale Applications and Technologies

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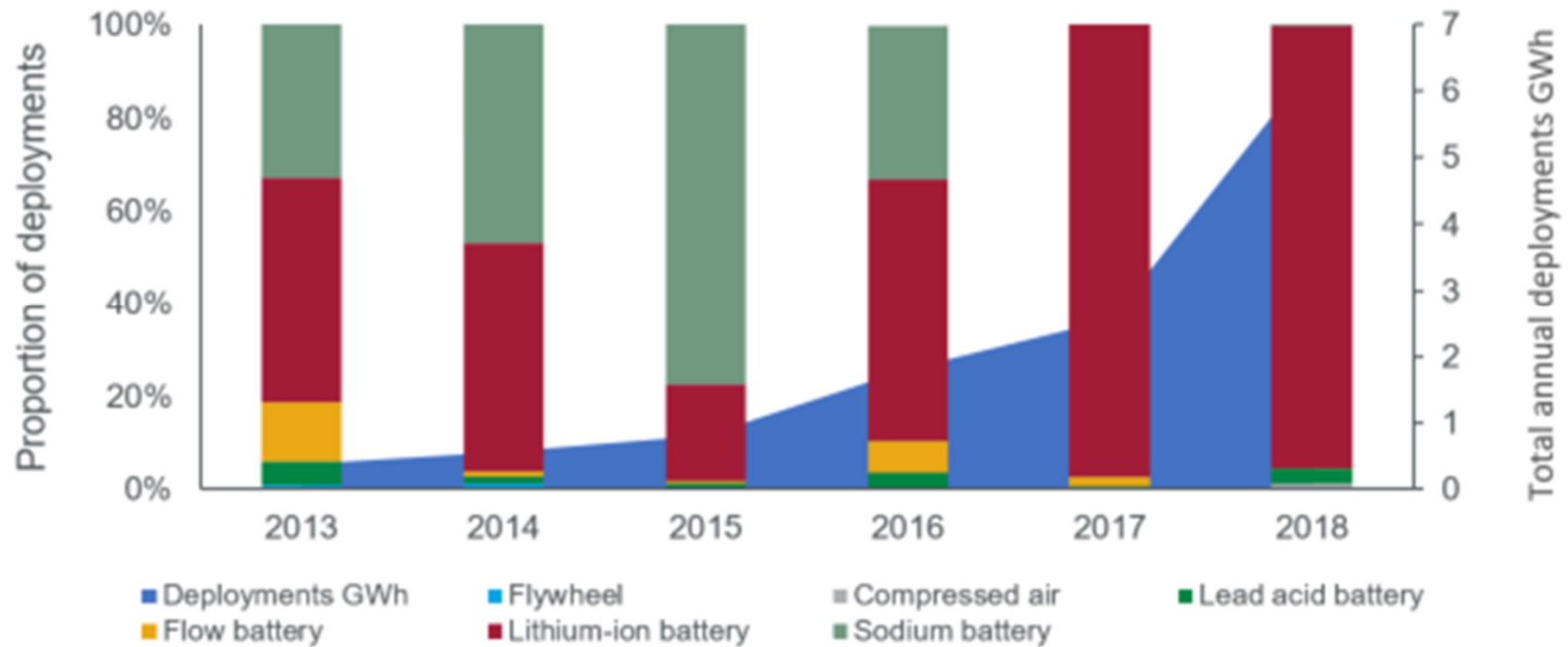
Utility Scale BESS Use Cases

		Use Case Description
In-Front-of-the-Meter	1 Wholesale	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Large-scale energy storage system designed for rapid start and precise following of dispatch signal. Variations in system discharge duration are designed to meet varying system needs (i.e., short-duration frequency regulation, longer-duration energy arbitrage⁽¹⁾ or capacity, etc.)<ul style="list-style-type: none">To better reflect current market trends, this report analyzes one-, two- and four-hour durations⁽²⁾
	2 Transmission and Distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Energy storage system designed to defer or avoid transmission and/or distribution upgrades, typically placed at substations or distribution feeders controlled by utilities to provide flexible capacity while also maintaining grid stability
	3 Wholesale (PV+Storage)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Energy storage system designed to be paired with large solar PV facilities to better align timing of PV generation with system demand, reduce solar curtailment and provide grid support

Source: Lazard's LCOS Analysis – Version 6.0

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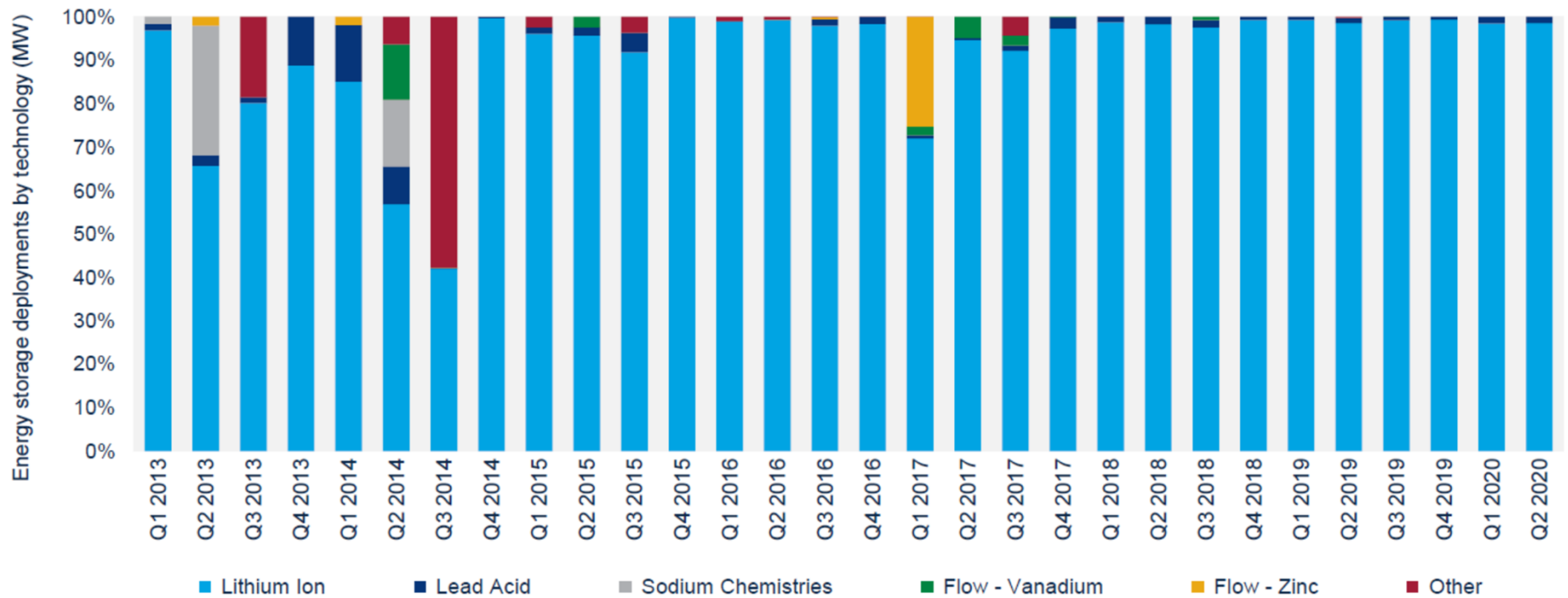
Storage Technology Deployed



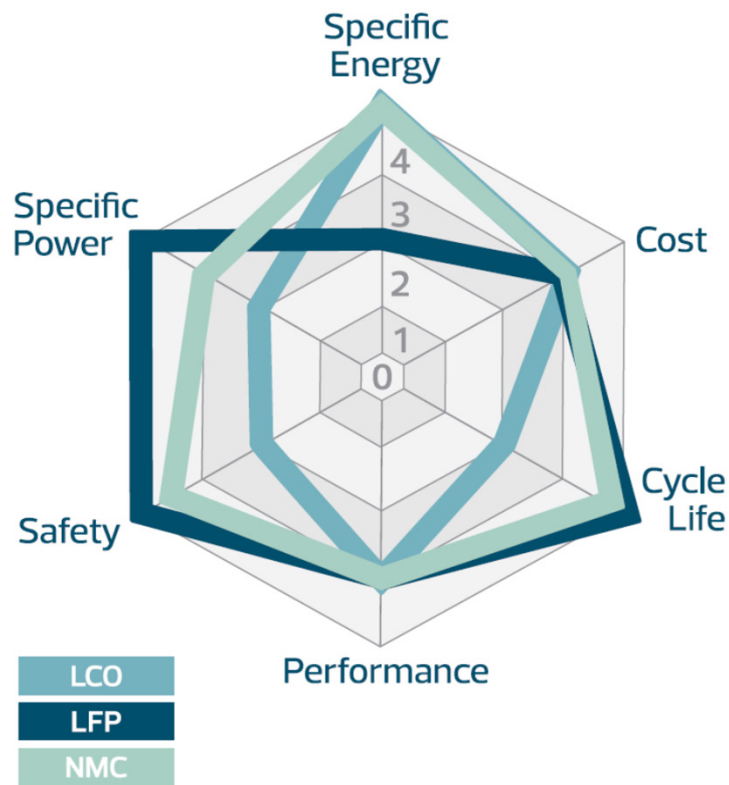
Source: Wood Mackenzie 2019.11.26 Post

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Battery Technology – Lithium Ion



Battery Chemistries



LCO (Lithium Cobalt Oxide)	LFP (Lithium Iron Phosphate)	NMC (Lithium Nickel Manganese Cobalt)
Moderate Safety	✓ Excellent Safety	Moderate Safety
Moderate Cycle life	✓ Excellent Cycle life	Excellent Cycle life
Good Power	✓ Excellent Power	Good Power
Good Cost	✓ Good Cost	Good Cost
Excellent Energy	✓ Moderate Energy	Excellent Energy



Safest Chemistry uses chemically stable LFP which does not exhibit the energetic thermal runaway that metal oxide lithium ion cells experience

Ref: InCell Academy

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Buildings, Containers, and Cabinets



Racks, Strings and Banks

CELL: 2.5-4.0V



MODULE: 40-100V



RACK/STRING: 600-1500V



Rack: Mechanical Integration of Cells and Modules
String: Electrical Integration of Cells and Modules
Bank/Array: DC bus containing multiple strings in parallel

Typical System – 20' Container

CELL



MODULE



RACK



CONTAINER

Key Features

- Typical Layout
- ~ 10 racks per 20ft container
- Multiple lift points either side
- DC collection boxes
- DC / AC Cables for stacks
- HVAC units
- Lighting and receptacles
- AC Panel
- Fire Suppression system



(Exterior)



(Interior)

Typical System – 40' Container

CELL



MODULE



RACK



CONTAINER

Key Features

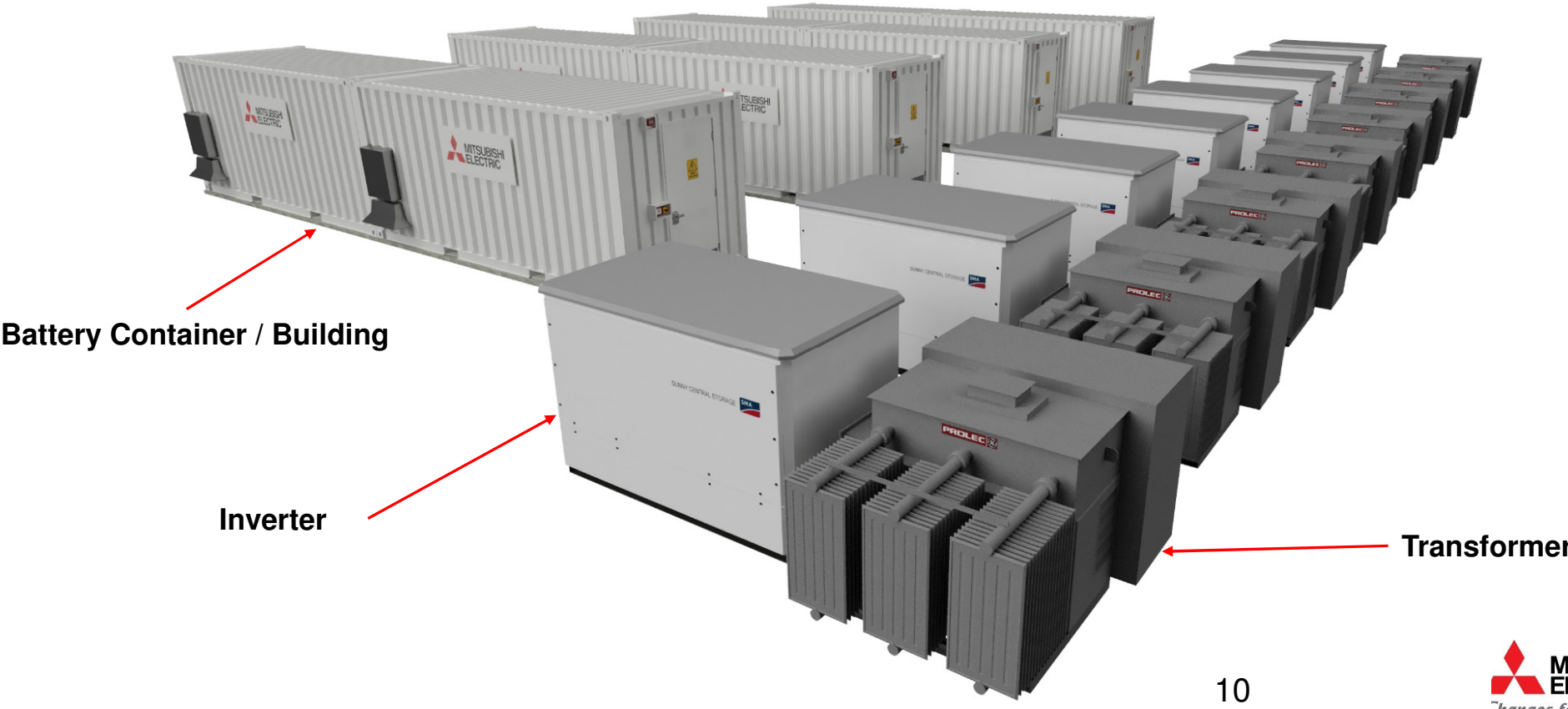
- Typical Layout
- ~ 20 racks per 40ft container
- External access to stacks
- Multiple lift points either side
- DC collection boxes
- DC / AC Cables for stacks
- HVAC units
- Lighting and receptacles
- AC Panel
- Fire Suppression system



(Exterior)

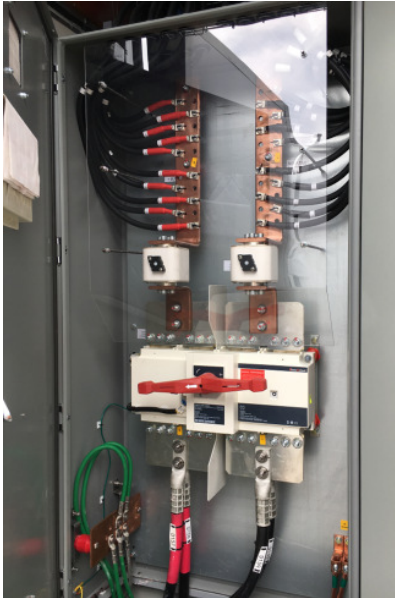
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Typical System Layout

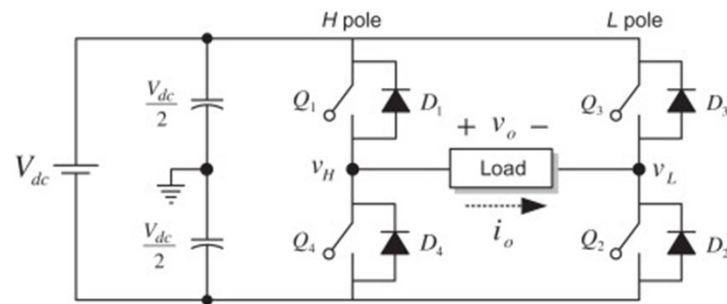


Grid Integration

DC Collection

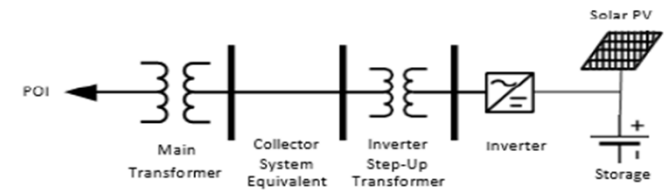


AC/DC Conversion

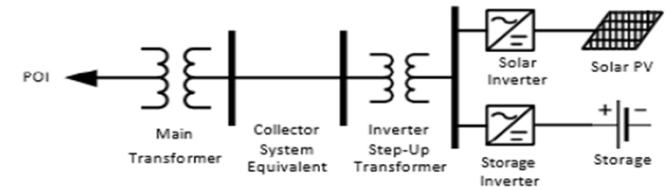


AC Collection

DC Connected



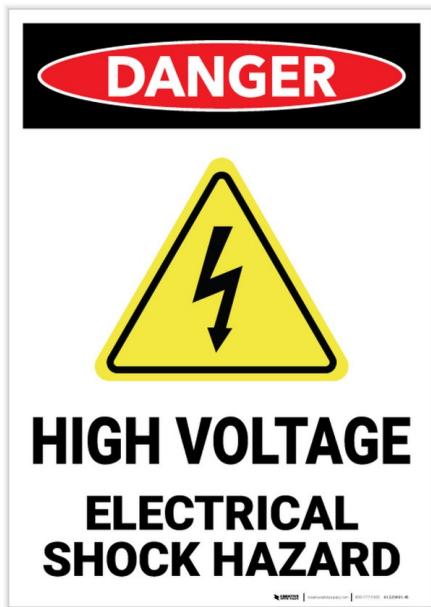
AC Connected at Inverter Step-up Transformer Low-Side



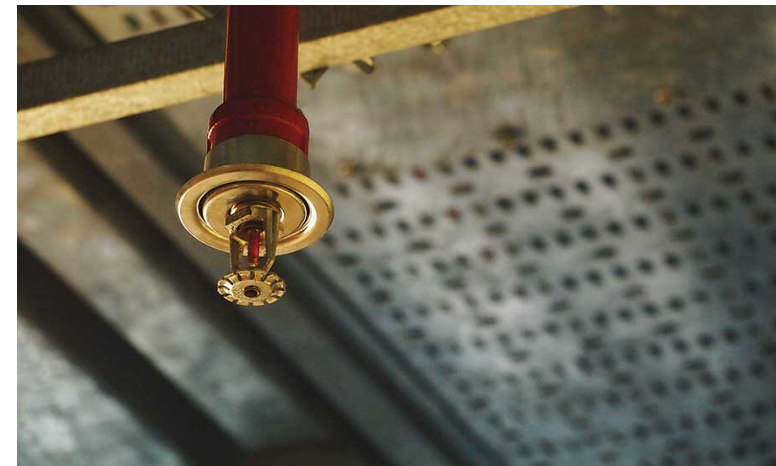
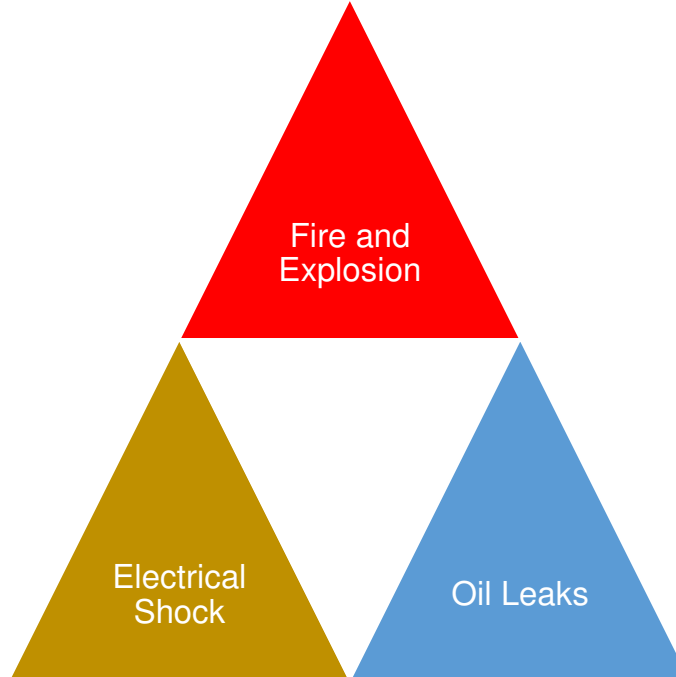
Source: Georgia Transmission, Sang-Hoon Kim, in Electric Motor Control

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Lithium-Ion BESS Hazards



UL9540a
NFPA 855



Battery Safety Standards

UL9540 – Standard for Energy Storage Systems and Equipment. Updated in 2020.

UL9540a – Test Method for Evaluating Thermal Runaway Fire Propagation for UL9540 systems and components. Updated in 2019.

UL1973 – Standard for Batteries for use in stationary, vehicle, auxiliary power and light electrical rail applications. Focus on components. Updated in 2018.

NFPA855 – Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage System which provides minimum requirements for mitigating the relevant hazards. Updated in 2020.

UL9540a Test Method

UL9540a tests UL9540 systems and referenced by NFPA855.

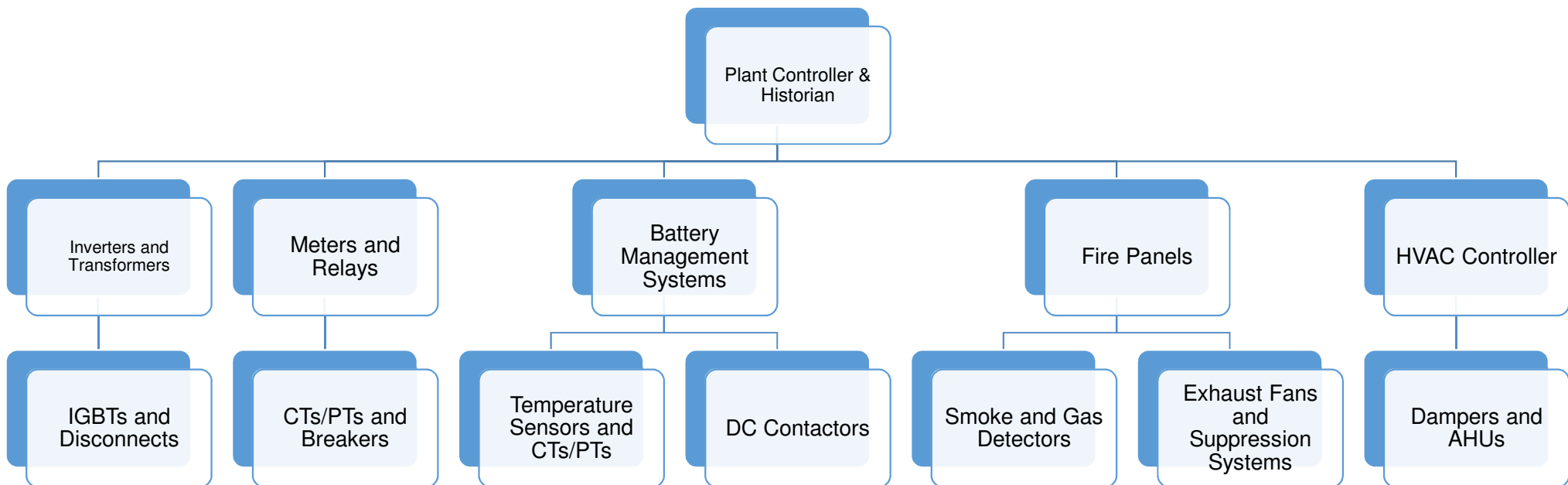
Level	Activities
Cell	Develop cell thermal runaway initiation technique and characteristics including gas composition
Module	Determine propagation behavior within module and thermal energy release outside of the module.
Unit	Open test configuration of unit to unit fire spread with heat release rate and gas analysis to determine potential for explosion
Installation	Closed room test configuration of unit to unit fire spread with fire mitigation equipment



Source: UL 9540A Test Method Brings Clarity to Industry and Code Authorities

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Controls and Monitoring



SCADA and ISO/RTO Integration

Communication Protocols

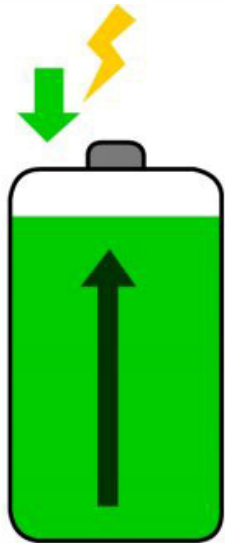
- Modbus
- DNP3
- OPC UA/DA

Points List Specifications

- MESA-DER DNP3 Map
- SunSpec/MESA-Device Modbus Map
- Customer Defined Interface

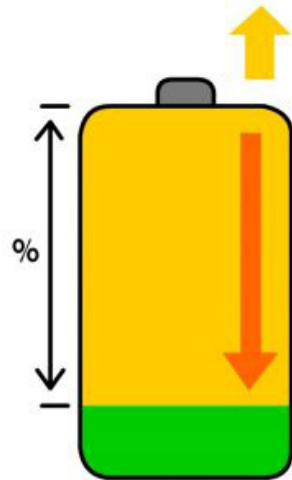


Round Trip Efficiency and Self Discharge



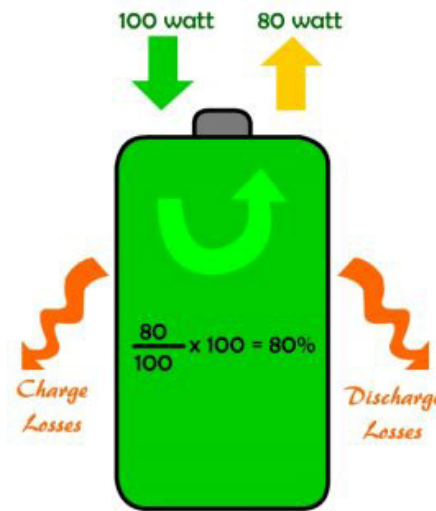
State of charge (SoC)

The current state of a battery.



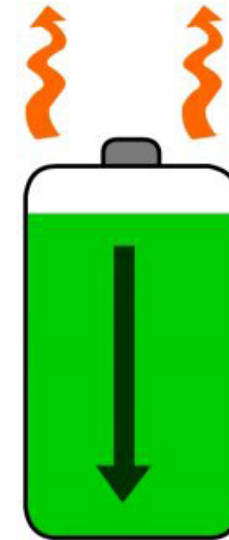
Depth of discharge (DoD)

The amount of a battery's capacity that has been used. Most manufacturers will specify a maximum DoD for optimal performance related to lifetime of the battery after repeated use.
A fully discharged battery will have shorter reusable lifespan.



Round-trip efficiency

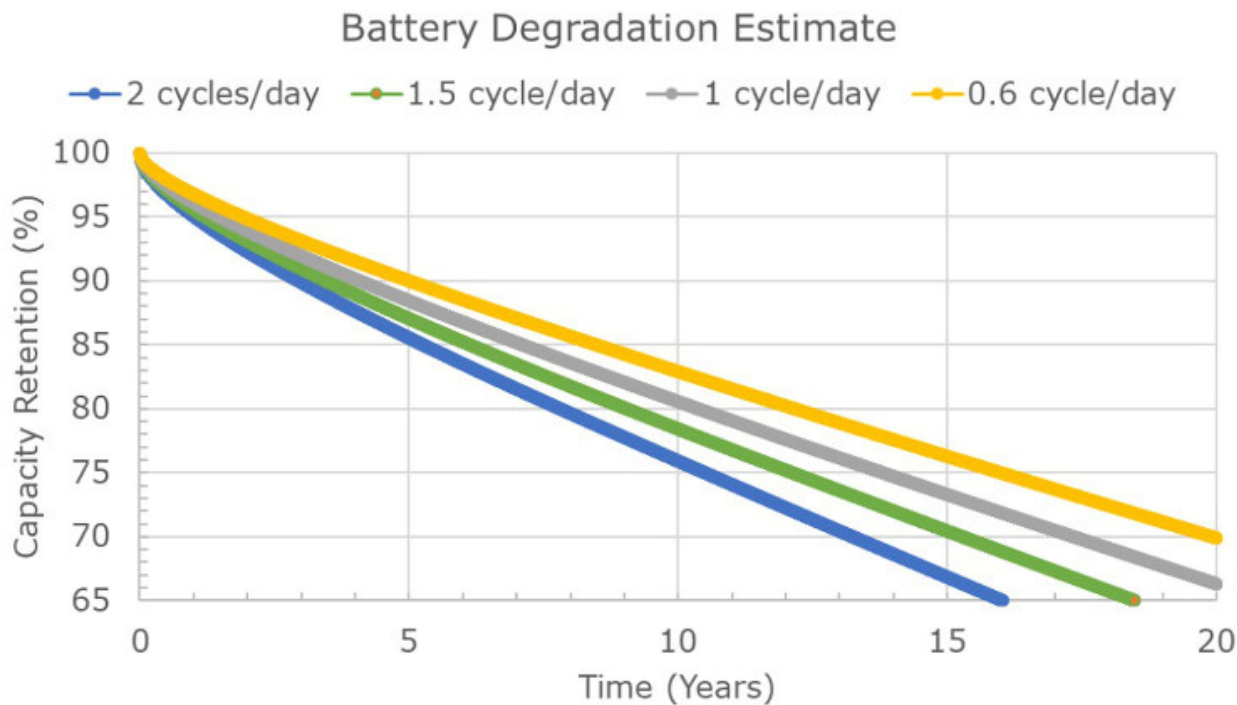
The ratio of the energy recovered from the energy storage device and the energy input into the device. Losses includes heat loss.



Self Discharge Rate

Self-discharge decreases the shelf life of batteries and causes them to initially have less than a full charge when actually put to use.

Capacity Retention and Degradation

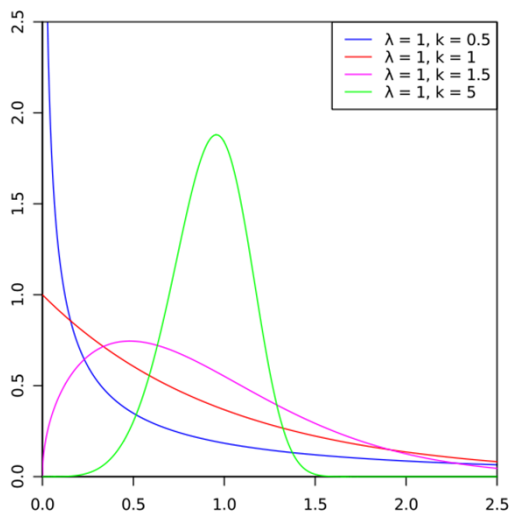


A cycle here is defined as a kWh discharged per kWh installed.

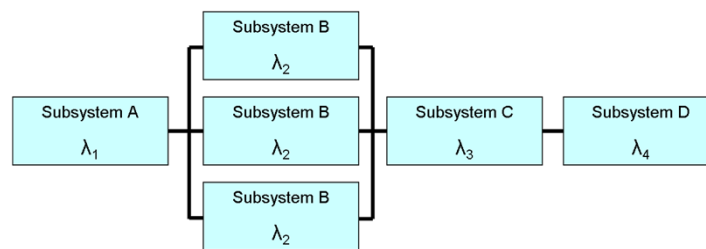
For example, a 10 kWh battery operating at 2 cycles per day would discharge 20 kWh each day. Useful life varies significantly by cell type.

Availability and Reliability

Failure Rate



Operational Redundancy



Time to Repair



Energy Storage – System Design

What basic information does MEPPI need to quote a system?

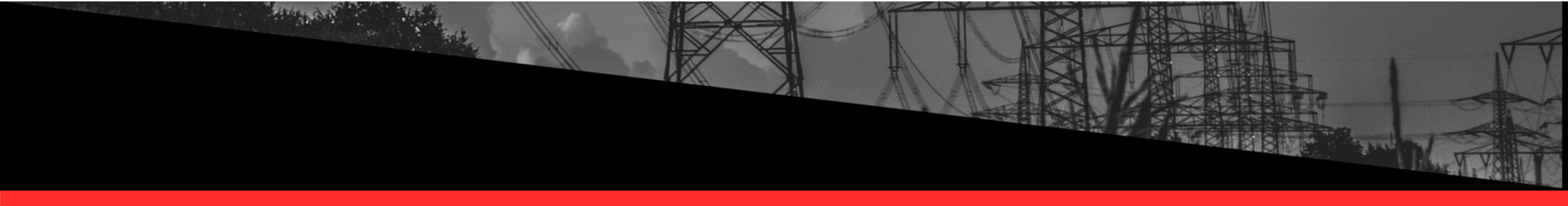
- Application
- Location
- Power (MW)
- Energy (MWh) or Duration (hours)
- Are these ratings at beginning or end of life?
- How often is the system being used?
- What is the life expectancy of the system?

Please note that each answer impacts design, equipment selection, and cost!

Final Thoughts

- Lithium-ion will remain dominant in near term
- Safety starts with the battery cell [LFP is preferred]
- NFPA-855 is under active development and review
- DC protection is still evolving from PV to batteries
- Augmentation strategies not usually guaranteed
- Need to be confident turnkey solution provider can deliver

How can MEPPi help you?



Thank You! Questions?

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