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INTRODUCTION

117 The purpose of this terminology document is to provide terms and definitions for all the
118 publications under the responsibility of TC 120, that standardizes electrical energy storage
119 systems (EES systems) including unit parameters, test methods, planning, installation, safety
120 and environmental issues. An EES system includes any type of grid-connected energy storages
121 which can both store electrical energy and provide electrical energy (from electricity to
122 electricity).

123 All TC 120 normative documents are subject to revision, this part of IEC 62933 will be revised
124 together with other TC 120 publications in order to avoid mismatches.

125 From the technical point of view, an EES system can be a complex multi-stage system with
126 several possible energy conversions. Each stage is made by components well standardized
127 (e.g. transformers, power conversion systems) or innovative components (e.g. new types of
128 batteries). Several IEC product standards give definitions necessary for the understanding of
129 certain terms used for these components. The International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV,
130 IEC 60050, <http://www.electropedia.org>), the IEC Glossary (<http://std.iec.ch/glossary>) and the
131 ISO Online Browsing Platform (OBP, <http://www.iso.org/obp>) allow online access to this
132 information. This document completes the need for precise terminology by giving definitions
133 necessary at the system level.

134 Without a strong standardization of EES system terminology, focal terms can have a different
135 meaning in EES systems related to different storage technologies. This aspect is critical also
136 from the market point of view, it impacts economics and this can become a barrier for tender
137 processes. The correct comparison among different options is fundamental, therefore basic
138 terms and definitions impact economic decisions.

139 Terms and definitions have been harmonized with the IEV, the OBP, the IEC Glossary and other
140 IEC documents as far as possible. Definitions not included in this terminology document may
141 be found elsewhere in other IEC documents.

142 The use of abbreviated terms has been optimized: on the one hand to avoid tedious repetition
143 and on the other hand to avoid confusion. A minimum set of abbreviated terms was identified
144 and used in the definitions, the other terms are written out in full spelling when needed. The
145 widely accepted abbreviated terms are:

146 EEES – EES System – Electrical energy storage system;

147 EES – Electrical energy storage;

148 POC – Point of connection.

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1 Scope

156 This part of IEC 62933 defines terms applicable to electrical energy storage (EES) systems
157 including terms necessary for the definition of unit parameters, test methods, planning,
158 installation, operation, environmental and safety issues.

159 This terminology document is applicable to grid-connected systems able to extract electrical
160 energy from an electric power system, store energy internally, and provide electrical energy to
161 an electric power system. The step for charging and discharging an EES system may comprise
162 an energy conversion.

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2 Normative references

165 The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content
166 constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies.
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168 amendments) applies.

169 IEC 60050-631, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 631: Electrical energy storage*
170 *systems* (available at <http://www.electropedia.org>)

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3 Terms and definitions for EES systems classification

173 The following terms and definitions apply.

3.1 Fundamental concepts

3.1.1

electrical energy storage

177 EES

178 electrical *installation* (IEV 826-10-01) able to absorb electrical energy, to store energy for a
179 certain duration and to provide electrical energy

180 EXAMPLE An installation that absorbs electrical energy to produce hydrogen by electrolysis, stores the hydrogen,
181 and uses that gas to produce electrical energy is an electrical energy storage.

182 Note 1 to entry: The term “electrical energy storage” can also be used to indicate the activity that an installation,
183 described in the definition, carries out when performing its functions.

184 Note 2 to entry: The term “electrical energy storage” shall not be used to designate a grid-connected installation,
185 for which *electrical energy storage system* (IEV 631-01-02) is the appropriate term.

186 Note 3 to entry: Energy conversion processes can be included during energy absorption, storage or release.

187 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-631:2023, 631-01-01 modified – As clearly stated from its NP stage, IEC
188 60050-631:(2023) is based on IEC 62933-1 ED 1, therefore this IEC 62933-1 ED 2 is offering
189 several improvements]

190 **3.1.2**

191 **electrical energy storage system**

192 EES system

193 EESS

194 grid-connected *installation* (IEV 826-10-01) with defined electrical boundaries, comprising at
195 least one electrical energy storage, which extracts electrical energy from an *electric power*
196 *system* (IEV 601-01-01), stores this energy internally in some manner and provides electrical
197 energy to an electric power system, including grid-connection works and which can include civil
198 engineering works, energy conversion equipment and related ancillary equipment

199 Note 1 to entry: The EES system is controlled and coordinated to provide services to the *electric power system*
200 (IEV 601-01-01) operators or to the electric power system users.

201 Note 2 to entry: In some cases, an EES system can require an additional non-electrical energy source during its
202 discharge, providing more energy to the electric power system than the energy it stored. A compressed air energy
203 storage (CAES) is a typical example where additional thermal energy is required.

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207 **3.1.3**

208 **utility grid**

209 part of an *electric power network* (IEV 601-01-02) that is operated by a system operator within
210 a defined area of responsibility

211 Note 1 to entry: A utility grid is normally used for electricity transfer from or to grid users or other grids. The grid
212 users can be electricity producers or consumers. The area of responsibility is fixed by relevant legislation or
213 regulation.

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216 several improvements]

217 **3.1.4**

218 **grid-connected**, adj

219 connected to an *electric power system* (IEV 601-01-01)

220 **3.1.5**

221 **islanded grid**

222 part of an electric power system that is electrically disconnected from the remainder of the
223 interconnected electric power system but remains energized from the local electric power
224 sources

225 **3.1.6**

226 **load profile**

227 line graph illustrating the variation in loads over a specific time

228 **3.2 EES systems classification**

229 **3.2.1**

230 **battery energy storage system**

231 BESS

232 electrical energy storage system where the accumulation subsystem is a battery storage
233 subsystem

234 EXAMPLE *Flow battery energy system* (IEC 62932-1:2019, 2.17), *lithium ion battery* (IEC 62281:2012, 3.17) energy
235 storage system and lead acid battery energy storage system are different types of battery energy storage systems.

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239 **3.2.2**
240 **capacitor energy storage system**
241 CESS
242 electrical energy storage system with the accumulation subsystem based on *capacitors* (IEV
243 151-13-28)

244 Note 1 to entry: Usually, capacitor energy storage systems are based on *supercapacitors* (IEV 114-03-03).

245 **3.2.3**
246 **flywheel energy storage system**
247 FESS
248 electrical energy storage system with the accumulation subsystem based on flywheels

249 Note 1 to entry: A flywheel is a mechanical device where rotational kinetic energy is stored.

250 **3.2.4**
251 **low voltage EESS**
252 EES system designed to be connected to a *low voltage* (IEV 601-01-26) primary POC

253 **3.2.5**
254 **medium voltage EESS**
255 EES system designed to be connected to a *medium voltage* (IEV 601-01-28) primary POC

256 **3.2.6**
257 **high voltage EESS**
258 EES system designed to be connected to a *high voltage* (IEV 601-01-27) primary POC

259 **3.2.7**
260 **residential EESS**
261 EES system designed for *residential customer* (IEV 617-02-05), excluding commercial,
262 industrial or other professional users

263 Note 1 to entry: A residential EES system is normally compliant to the applicable standards for residential devices
264 (e.g. electromagnetic compatibility).

265 **3.2.8**
266 **commercial EESS**
267 EES system designed for commercial or industrial customer or other professional users

268 Note 1 to entry: A commercial and industrial EES system is normally compliant to the applicable standards for
269 commercial or industrial devices (e.g. electromagnetic compatibility).

270 **3.2.9**
271 **utility EESS**
272 EES system which is integrated into the utility grid and serving solely to ensure safe and reliable
273 operation of the *electric power network* (IEV 601-01-02)

274 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-631:2023, 631-01-05 modified – As clearly stated from its NP stage, IEC
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276 several improvements]

277 **3.2.10**
278 **self-contained EES system**
279 EES system whose components have been matched and partially or totally assembled at the
280 factory and that is shipped in one or more *containers* (IEC 62686-1:2015, 3.1.2), that are ready
281 to be installed in the field

282 **3.2.11**283 **stationary EES system**

284 EES system that, once installed and placed into service, is not intended to be moved from one
285 place to another

286 [SOURCE: IEC 60601-1:2012, 3.118 modified – Original definition has been particularized for
287 the EES system]

288 **3.2.12**289 **mobile EES system**

290 movable EES system

291 EES system mounted on a vehicle capable of being moved on a railway or road, to be connected
292 to primary POC at sites where temporary basis connection is planned

293 Note 1 to entry: *portable* (IEV 151-16-47) concept cannot be applied to a grid connection installation like the EES
294 system, therefore mobile EES system cannot include such situation.

295 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-811:2017, 811-36-05 modified – Original definition has been
296 particularized for the EES system and note to entry has been added]

297 **3.2.13**298 **hybrid EES system**

299 EES system with accumulation subsystem compose by different storage technologies

300 EXAMPLE An example of a hybrid EESS would be one that incorporates *batteries* (IEV 482-01-04) and
301 *supercapacitors* (IEV 114-03-03).

302 **3.3 EES systems long-duration application**303 **3.3.1**304 **long-duration application**

305 energy intensive application

306 EES system application with long charge and discharge phases at variable powers

307 Note 1 to entry: Reactive power exchange with the *electric power system* (IEV 601-01-01) can be present along
308 with the *active power* (IEV 131-11-42) exchange.

309 Note 2 to entry: Long-duration application are generally not very demanding in terms of step response performances
310 but there are cases where high step response performances are required.

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314 **3.3.2**315 **active power flow control, <for an EES system>**

316 long-duration application of an EES system used to compensate partially or totally the *active*
317 *power* (IEV 131-11-42) flow in a determined subsection of an *electric power system* (IEV 601-
318 01-01)

319 EXAMPLE Load shaving or levelling or shifting are active power flow controls.

320 Note 1 to entry: Active power flow control can require hours of continuous EES system charge or discharge.

321 **3.3.3**322 **feeder current control, <for an EES system>**

323 long-duration application of an EES system used to maintain the current in a certain grid branch
324 within defined limits through *active power* (IEV 131-11-42) exchange with the *electric power*
325 *network* (IEV 601-01-02)

326 EXAMPLE Congestion relief is a feeder current control.

327 Note 1 to entry: Theoretically, feeder current control can also be realised by *reactive power* (IEV 131-11-44)
 328 exchange. Because of typical distribution feeder characteristics such as the resistance-to-reactance ratio (R/X), the
 329 *active power* (IEV 131-11-42) exchange is practically more effective in most cases.

330 3.3.4

331 **renewable energy resources generation firming**

332 long duration application of an EES system used to decouple renewable energy source
 333 generation and energy consumption for a specific time by absorbing energy in periods with a
 334 surplus of energy generation and by provision of energy in periods with a surplus of energy
 335 consumption

336 3.3.5

337 **peak shaving**

338 limitation of the power consumption from the power grid to a maximum value by providing the
 339 power exceeding the maximum value from other active power sources

340 3.3.6

341 **allowed charging time**

342 time period when an EES system is allowed to charge the accumulation subsystem in the peak
 343 shaving application

344 3.3.7

345 **allowed discharging time**

346 time period when an EES system is allowed to discharge the accumulation subsystem in the
 347 peak shaving application

348 3.3.8

349 **fluctuation reduction of consumption**

350 reduction of power oscillation of power consumption at the grid connection point by absorbing
 351 the active power of the grid by EES systems at low power demand phases and by feeding in
 352 additional active power by EES systems at high power demand phases

353 3.4 EES systems short-duration application

354 3.4.1

355 **short-duration application**

356 power intensive application

357 EES system application demanding in terms of step response performances and with frequent
 358 charge and discharge phase transitions or with *reactive power* (IEV 131-11-44) exchange with
 359 the *electric power system* (IEV 601-01-01)

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363 3.4.2

364 **grid frequency control**

365 power frequency control

366 frequency support

367 frequency regulation

368 short-duration application of an EES system used for the stabilization of the *electric power*
 369 *system* (IEV 601-01-01) frequency through *active power* (IEV 131-11-42) exchange

370 Note 1 to entry: The balancing of temporal variations of grid frequency occurs typically over time periods of the
 371 order of seconds to minutes.

372 3.4.3

373 **nodal voltage control**

374 voltage support

375 short-duration application of an EES system used for the stabilization of the voltage at the
 376 primary POC or neighbouring nodes through active or reactive power exchange

377 Note 1 to entry: *Reactive power* (IEV 131-11-44) is generally used in HV and MV grids, *active power* (IEV 131-11-
378 42) in LV grids, depending of the resistance-to-reactance (R/X) ratio of the relevant lines.

379 3.4.4

380 **power quality event mitigation**

381 short-duration application of an EES system used to mitigate conducted disturbances in *electric*
382 *power systems* (IEV 601-01-01) such as short supply interruptions, voltage dips, voltage swells,
383 voltage and currents harmonics, transient overvoltages, rapid voltage changes, etc. through
384 active or reactive power exchange with the *electric power network* (IEV 601-01-02)

385 Note 1 to entry: The mitigation of *power quality* (IEV 617-01-05) events, except supply interruptions and harmonics,
386 occurs typically over time periods of the order of milliseconds to seconds. Power quality events are described in IEC
387 TS 62749:2015.

388 Note 2 to entry: In power quality event mitigation, active and reactive power exchange can be intended also in
389 relation to harmonics and interharmonics.

390 Note 3 to entry: Theoretically a supply interruption can have a long duration, but practically most of them have a
391 duration ≤ 1 minute. The mitigation of events with duration > 1 minute is defined as outage mitigation.

392 3.4.5

393 **reactive power flow control**

394 short-duration application of an EES system used to compensate partially or totally the *reactive*
395 *power* (IEV 131-11-44) flow in a determined subsection of an *electric power system* (IEV 601-
396 01-01)

397 EXAMPLE Power factor adjustment of loads, normally obtained by capacitor banks, is a reactive power flow control.

398 3.4.6

399 **fast frequency response**

400 fast frequency control

401 short duration application of an EES system used to slow down the frequency change rate of
402 the *electric power system* (IEV 601-01-01) during sudden failures and reduce the amplitude of
403 the transient frequency difference, through the capability to actively support grid frequency by
404 discharging or charging very fast (e.g. within 100 ms)

405 3.4.7

406 **fluctuation reduction**

407 power smoothing

408 short duration application of an EES system used to reduce power oscillation fluctuation of
409 power generation units (especially renewable energy sources) with regard to their *point of*
410 *connections* (IEV 617-04-01) absorbing active power at times of high generation output and by
411 feeding in additional active power at times of low generation output

412 3.4.8

413 **power oscillation damping**

414 POD

415 short duration application of an EES system used to restrain power oscillations in one or more
416 connected AC *electric power networks* (IEV 601-01-02) by active or reactive power flow control

417 Note 1 to entry: Low frequency power oscillation range is typically from 0,1 Hz to 2 Hz.

418 3.4.9

419 **primary frequency control**

420 primary frequency regulation

421 short duration application of an EES system used to stabilize the *electric power system* (IEV
422 601-01-01) frequency on a steady state value through the capability to respond to a measured
423 frequency deviation

424 Note 1 to entry: Generally, the primary frequency control is automatically activated by the primary control system
425 within a few seconds from the measured frequency deviation and fully activated within less than a few minutes.

426 **3.4.10**
 427 **secondary frequency control**
 428 secondary frequency regulation
 429 short duration application of an EES system used to restore system frequency to the nominal
 430 system frequency usually following a primary frequency regulation

431 Note 1 to entry: Generally, the secondary frequency control is manually or automatically activated between 30 s up
 432 to 15 min from the primary frequency regulation completion.

433 **3.4.11**
 434 **voltage sag mitigation**
 435 voltage dip mitigation
 436 short duration application of an EES system used to compensate the voltage drop during a
 437 specified time and for a predefined maximum power, when a voltage sag occurred at the primary
 438 POC

439 Note 1 to entry: The power quality events are described in IEC TS 62749. Voltage dip and voltage sag are frequently
 440 used as synonyms.

441 **3.5 EES systems hybrid and emergency application**

442 **3.5.1**
 443 **hybrid application**
 444 EES system application demanding in terms of step response performances but with frequent
 445 and long discharge phases at variable discharge power

446 Note 1 to entry: Emergency use cases, e.g. with uninterruptible power supplies, are included in this application
 447 class.

448 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-631:2023, 631-01-08 modified – As clearly stated from its NP stage, IEC
 449 60050-631:2023 is based on IEC 62933-1 ED 1, therefore this IEC 62933-1 ED 2 is offering
 450 several improvements]

451 **3.5.2**
 452 **outage mitigation**
 453 back-up power
 454 hybrid application of an EES system used to provide electrical energy during a specified time
 455 and for a pre-defined maximum power, during which the main electrical energy supply is not
 456 available at the primary POC

457 Note 1 to entry: Theoretically a supply interruption can have a long duration, practically most part of them have a
 458 duration ≤ 1 minute. The mitigation of events with duration ≤ 1 minute is defined as *power quality* (IEV 617-01-05)
 459 event mitigation. Power quality events are described in IEC TS 62749:2015.

460 **3.5.3**
 461 **back-up power supply**
 462 provision of power to all internal loads connected to user side equipment during a specified
 463 time period without relying on an external power source in the event of electrical grid outage

464 **3.5.4**
 465 **black start capability**
 466 capability of the EES system to start the *electric power system* (IEV 601-01-01) only with
 467 internal energy resources

468 **3.5.5**
 469 **emergency load**
 470 set of devices and equipment that should be operated during electrical grid outage

471 **3.5.6**
 472 **emergency support**
 473 provision of power to emergency loads within a specified time and duration without relying on
 474 an external power source in the event of electrical grid outage