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# 110 ELECTRICAL ENERGY STORAGE (EES) SYSTEMS –

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## 112 Part 4-2: Assessment of the environmental impact of battery failure 113 in an electrochemical based storage system

### 114 1 Scope

115 This part of IEC 62933 defines the requirements for evaluating and reporting of the  
116 negative impact on the environment caused by the failure of a cell, flow cell, battery  
117 or flow battery in the accumulation subsystem of the battery energy storage system  
118 (BESS).

119 The mainstream batteries currently used in BESS are classified in this document  
120 according to the type of their electrolyte. These electrolyte types are aqueous, non-  
121 aqueous or solid.

122 In flow batteries, the aqueous electrolyte contains additionally the dissolved  
123 electrochemically active species and recirculates from external storage volumes  
124 through the flow cells.

125 The environmental impacts directly caused by the failure of other components of  
126 the BESS are not within the scope of this standard.

127 IEC TS 62933-4-1 outlines notions concerning environmental issues pertaining to  
128 electrical energy storage systems. These notions relate to product life cycle, system  
129 aspects and the nature of electrical energy storage technology.

### 130 2 Normative references

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132 their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only  
133 the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced  
134 document (including any amendments) applies.

135 IEC 62933-1: *Electrical energy storage (EES) systems – Part 1: Vocabulary*

136 IEC TS 62933-4-1: *Electrical energy storage (EES) systems – Part 4-1: Guidance  
137 on environmental issues – General specification*

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### 139 3 Terms, definitions, abbreviated terms and symbols

#### 140 3.1

##### 141 cell

142 basic functional unit, consisting of an assembly of electrodes, electrolyte, container,  
143 terminals and usually separators, that is a source of electric energy obtained by  
144 direct conversion of chemical energy

145 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-482:2004/AMD1: 2016, 482-01-01, modified – Note has been  
146 deleted.]

#### 147 3.2

##### 148 flow cell

149 secondary cell characterized by the spatial separation of the electrodes and the  
150 movement of the energy storage fluids

151 [SOURCE: IEC 62932-1 3.1.14]

- 152 **3.3**  
153 **flow battery**  
154 two or more flow cells electrically connected including all components for use in an  
155 electrochemical energy storage system
- 156 **3.4**  
157 **battery**  
158 one or more cells fitted with devices necessary for use, for example case, terminals,  
159 marking and protective devices
- 160 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-482:2004/AMD1: 2016, 482-01-04]
- 161 **3.5**  
162 **battery system**  
163 assembly of cells or flow cells installed on racks or in cabinets with associated  
164 electrical, electromechanical, environmental control components and ready to  
165 operate
- 166 **3.6**  
167 **battery management system**  
168 **BMS**  
169 electronic system associated with a battery which has functions to control current  
170 in case of overcharge, overcurrent, overdischarge and overheating and which  
171 monitors and/or manages the battery's state, calculates secondary data, reports  
172 that data and/or controls its environment to influence the battery's safety,  
173 performance and /or service life
- 174 [SOURCE: IEC 62619:2022 ED 2. 3.12]
- 175 **3.7**  
176 **failure** <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/8eccdf4b-b469-4bab-bc1e->  
177 loss of ability of the cell, flow cell, battery or flow battery to perform as required.  
178 This failure results in a fault of the accumulation subsystem and by derivation, of  
179 the BESS
- 180 [Source IEC 60050-192:2015, 192-03-01 – modified - replaced item with the cell,  
181 flow cell, battery or flow battery and added sentence: This failure results in a fault  
182 of the accumulation subsystem and by derivation, of the BESS]
- 183 **3.8**  
184 **failure cause**  
185 set of circumstances that leads to failure
- 186 Note 1 to entry: A failure cause can originate during specification, design, manufacture, installation,  
187 operation or maintenance of an item
- 188 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-192: 2015, 192-03-11.]
- 189 **3.9**  
190 **environment**  
191 the surroundings in which the BESS exists, including air, water, land, natural  
192 resources, flora, fauna, humans and their interrelations
- 193 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-904:2014, 904-01-01, modified with added term BESS]



194 **3.10**  
 195 **system integrator**  
 196 entity that specializes in planning, coordinating, building, implementing and testing  
 197 of systems

198 **3.11**  
 199 **manufacturer**  
 200 entity that actually produces the specified item and owns the manufacturing process  
 201 by which it was created

202 **3.12**

203 **Abbreviated terms**

204 BESS battery energy storage system  
 205 EES electrical energy storage  
 206 LFP lithium iron phosphate  
 207 LTO lithium titanium oxide  
 208 MSDS material safety data sheet  
 209 NCA nickel cobalt aluminium oxide  
 210 NMC nickel manganese cobalt oxide  
 211 PCS power conversion system  
 212 POC point of connection  
 213 SDS safety data sheet  
 214

215 **4 General**

216 The environmental impact of a battery failure depends on the battery type, design  
 217 and structures. The document provides guidance and requirements how to identify  
 218 the potential impacts on the environment when the battery of an electrochemical  
 219 energy accumulation system fails.

220 **5 Failure of the electrochemical accumulation system in a BESS**  
 221 **resulting in environmental issues**

222 **5.1 General**

223 A failure is defined in this standard as a loss of ability of the cell, flow cell, battery  
 224 or flow battery to perform as required. This failure results in a fault of the  
 225 accumulation subsystem and, by derivation, can result also in a failure of the BESS  
 226 with possibly environmental issues.

227 The environment is defined as the surroundings in which the BESS exists, including  
 228 air, water, land, natural resources, flora, fauna, humans and their interrelations.

229 For the present document, only those failure-inducing causes shall be considered  
 230 if the ensuing cell(s), flow cell(s), battery (batteries) or flow battery(ies) failure(s)  
 231 negatively impact the environment in and surrounding the BESS.

232 The failures shall represent mainstream failures as observed with the concerned  
 233 electrochemistry and state-of-the-art designs.

234 The operation, under conditions licensed by the local authorities, of the BESS  
 235 including its batteries, shall be considered to occur without any negative  
 236 environmental impact.

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238 The failure causes of cell(s), flow cell(s), battery(ies) or flow battery(ies) to be  
239 considered are the result of:

240 *i)* internal causes such as a fault developing due to weakness of materials  
241 or of an assembly or divergent chemical or electrochemical reactions.

242 or

243 *ii)* external causes such as a fault developing due to a failure of ancillary  
244 equipment, unfavourable environmental conditions or loss of essential  
245 parameters, data and functions needed for safe operation.

246 Ancillary failures of BESS components resulting for example in a fire in a power  
247 conversion system (PCS) or a leakage of refrigeration fluid from an air conditioning  
248 system are not assessed within this standard for their negative impact on the  
249 environment.

## 250 5.2 Classification of BESS Types

251 The BESS types are categorized in Table 1, according to IEC 62933-5-2, into five types  
252 based on the specific features of the installed electrochemical storage system i.e., the  
253 installed battery type and its electrolyte.  
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255 **Table 1 – Classification of BESS types**

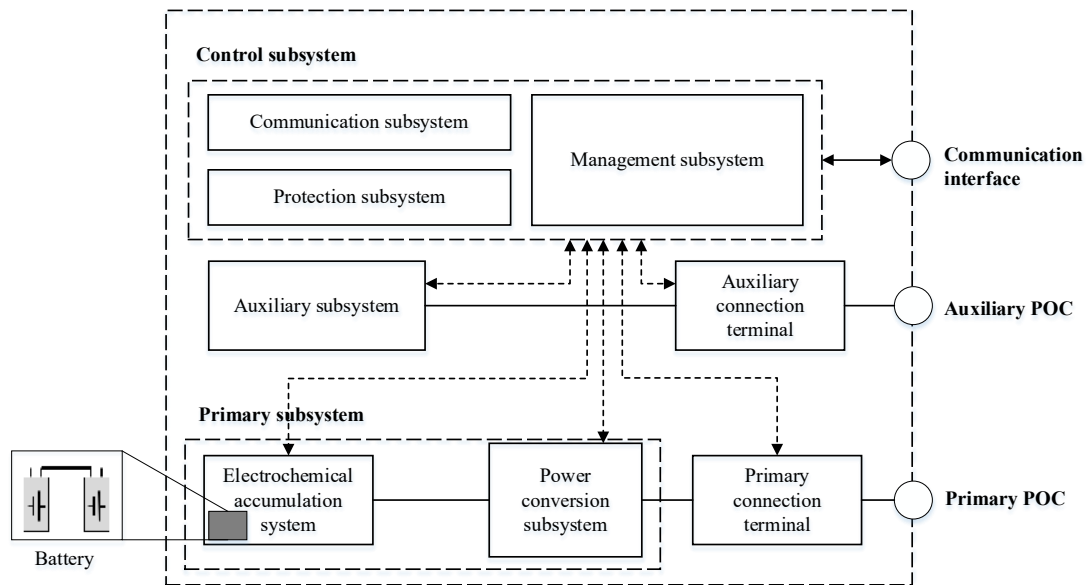
BESS type designation	Distinguishing design features
C-A	Cell with non-aqueous electrolyte (e.g., Li-ion)
C-B	Cell with aqueous electrolyte (e.g., Pb acid, NiMH)
C-C	Cell with solid electrolyte and operating above 250°C or defined as HT (high temperature) cell (e.g., NaS, NaNiCl)
C-D	Cell with aqueous but recirculating electrolyte or defined as Flow cell (e.g., V5+/V2+)
C-Z	Cell with any other electrochemical couple, electrolyte and energy storage concept or combinations thereof. (e.g., Li metal with solid electrolyte, electrochemical double layer capacitors)

256 The classification of the battery types used in a BESS and reported in Table 1 is  
257 subject to evolutions as advances in battery technology bring changes in  
258 electrolytes and cell designs.

259 The attributes of a BESS type designation, based on the installed battery and  
260 reported in the environmental impact assessment document, is only informative in  
261 nature. It does not release the system integrator and battery manufacturer carrying  
262 out the environmental impact assessment of a battery failure according to this  
263 document, from considering all features of the battery or flow battery of the BESS  
264 at hand.

265 **5.3 Schematic view of the component groups in a BESS**

266 An example of the control and primary subsystem of the BESS is shown in Figure  
 267 1 with the location of the battery highlighted. This figure is related to IEC TS 62933  
 268 4-1 Figure 1.

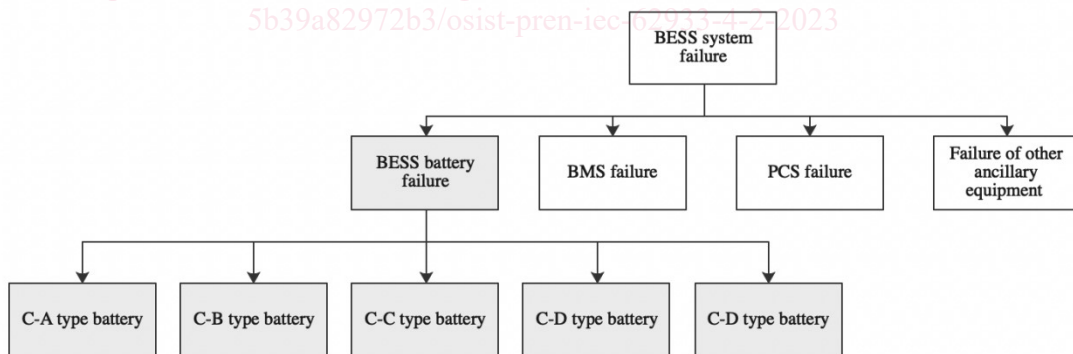


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270 **Figure 1 – Example of a BESS structure with the location of electrochemical**  
 271 **accumulation system and its battery highlighted**

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273 The document defines the assessment of the environmental impact of the failure of  
 274 the battery only, as highlighted in Figure 2.



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276 **Figure 2 – The failure sites within the scope of the document**  
 277 **(shaded in grey)**

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