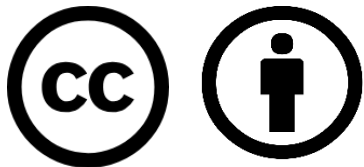


# Energy Storage

## Shipboard Power System Fundamentals

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# Essential Questions

What components can comprise an Energy Storage subsystem?

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What functions can an energy storage subsystem provide?

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What are the considerations for centralized vs decentralized energy storage?

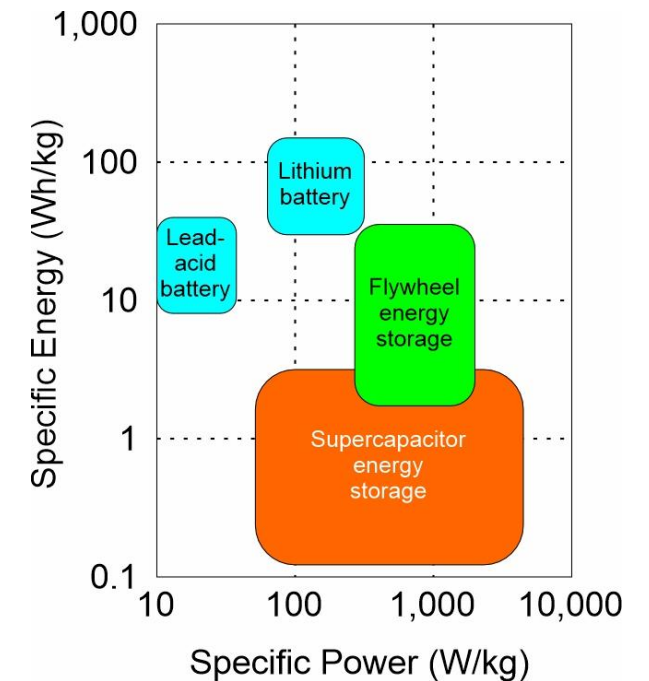
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How are the power and energy requirements for energy storage determined?

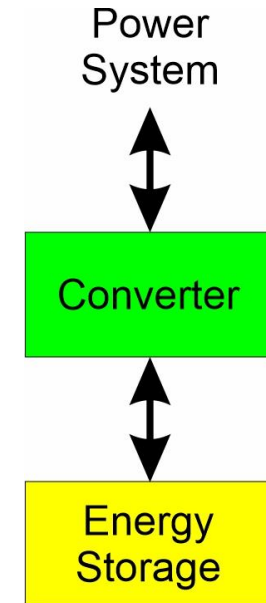
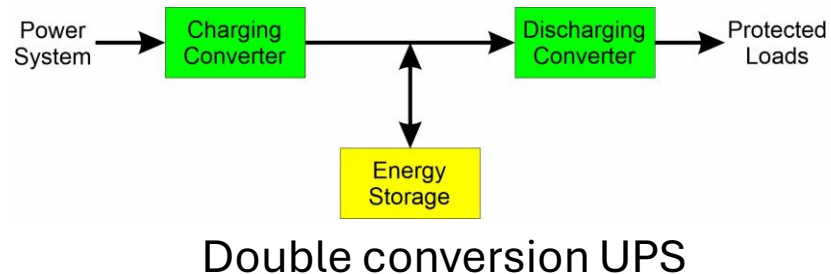
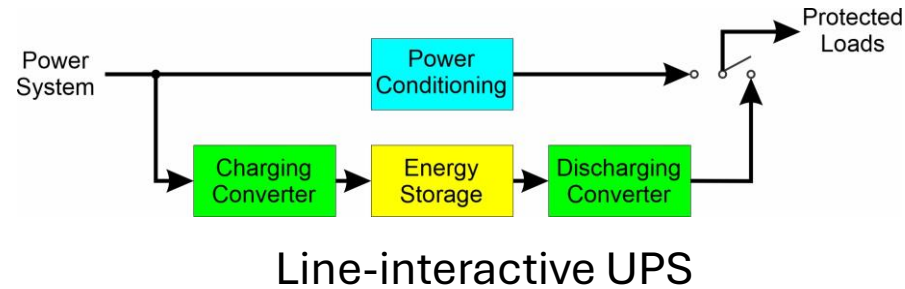
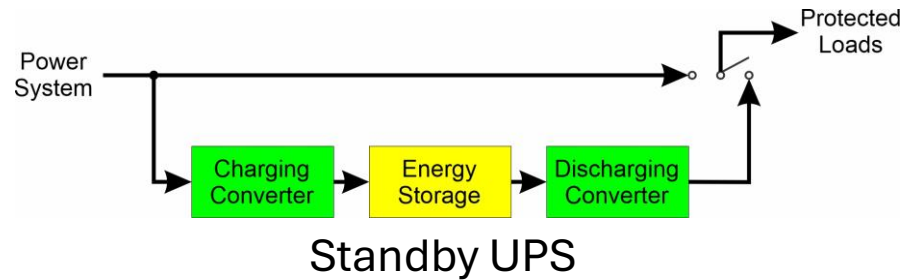
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# Possible components of an energy storage subsystem

- Storage device
  - Batteries
  - Flywheels
  - Supercapacitors
- Power electronic converters
  - Charging Converter
  - Discharging Converter
  - Power Conditioning
- Transfer Switch



# Energy storage system architectures



# Definitions

- Discharge and charge rates
  - C-Rate: 1C is charge/discharge rate corresponding to fully charging or discharging in one hour. 2C is twice the 1C rate and roughly corresponds to fully charging or discharging in  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour.
  - Charging and discharging may have different C-Rates.
- Rated energy capacity
  - Amount of electrical energy that can be provided by energy storage when new and when discharging at a specified C-Rate.
- State of charge (SOC)
  - Fraction of the rated energy capacity that the energy storage can provide. Fully charged has a SOC of 1.0; Fully discharged has a SOC of 0
- State of health (SOH)
  - Fraction of the life remaining before energy storage has reached its end of life.
  - End of life is usually defined when the actual energy capacity has degraded to a specified (typically 80%) percentage of the rated energy capacity.

# Definitions (continued)

- Reconfiguration time ( $t_1$ )
  - Maximum time to reconfigure the electrical distribution system or to clear faults without bringing on additional generation capacity.
  - Corresponds to the maximum time that a load could experience power quality outside of steady-state interface requirements due to circuit breakers clearing faults, or transients from circuit breakers changing the configuration of the electrical distribution system
  - Usually less than 2 seconds; depends on technology implemented in circuit breakers and other circuit protection components
- Generator start time ( $t_2$ )
  - Maximum time to bring the slowest standby generator set online
  - Usually between 10 seconds and 5 minutes.

# Definitions (continued)

- Zonal survivability
  - Zonal survivability is achieved if damage to one or two adjacent zones does not result in service interruptions in undamaged zones.
- Compartment survivability
  - Compartment survivability incorporates provisions to quickly recover electrical power to undamaged critical loads in damaged zones that can be energized safely.

# Energy Storage Functions

- ESM-F1: Provide power of requisite power quality to loads during short term power disruptions of up to the reconfiguration time ( $t_1$ ).
- ESM-F2: Provide power of requisite power quality to loads during power disruptions of up to the generator start time ( $t_2$ ).
- ESM-F3: Provide power for the emergency starting of generator sets.
- ESM-F4: Provide load leveling for pulsed loads, generator sets with slow dynamics, and generator sets operating near their capacity.
- ESM-F5: Provide primary power with or without other generator sets online.



# Centralized vs Decentralized energy storage

- Centralized Energy Storage
  - Generally connected to the main power generation and distribution bus.
  - Serves many loads.
  - Can fulfill ESM-F2, ESM-F4, ESM-F5, and possibly ESM-F3.
  - Usually configured as an energy storage system.
- Decentralized Energy Storage
  - Serves only a few loads.
  - Can fulfill ESM-F1, ESM-F2, ESM-F3 and some applications of ESM-F4.
  - Usually configured as an UPS.

# Determining Energy Storage Requirements:

## Types of studies

- UPS vs fast circuit breaker studies (ESM F-1)
  - Trade-off use of UPS with slow circuit breakers against use of fast circuit breakers with minimal UPS.
- Standby generator start simulations (ESM F-2)
  - Trade-off centralized energy storage with decentralized energy storage to provide power to loads after a generator set trips offline and before the standby generator comes online.
- Reserve power studies (ESM F-2)
  - Study examines use of energy storage for cases where load exceeds online generation capacity and additional generation has not yet come online.
- Dark ship start simulation (ESM F-2 and ESM F-3)
  - Determines if the system is capable of restarting following loss of all online generator sets, but before energy storage is depleted.

# Determining Energy Storage Requirements:

## Types of studies (continued)

- Load-leveling study (ESM-F4)
  - Examines support of sources (such as fuel cells) that are not capable of fast enough dynamic response to achieve power quality requirements.
  - Examines the benefit of enabling generator sets to operate near their power rating by providing power when the load temporarily exceeds generator set rated power.
  - Examines compensating for pulsed loads by providing the deviation (either sourcing or sinking) around the average power for the pulsed load.
- Zonal and compartment survivability analysis (ESM-F5)
  - Examines sufficiency of energy storage to achieve zonal and compartment survivability
- Endurance energy calculations (ESM-F5)
  - Calculated required power and energy of energy storage to achieve a specified endurance requirement.
  - Based on a variation of the methods in DPC 200-1 for calculation the endurance fuel requirements for a ship.