

# White book on grid-connected storage

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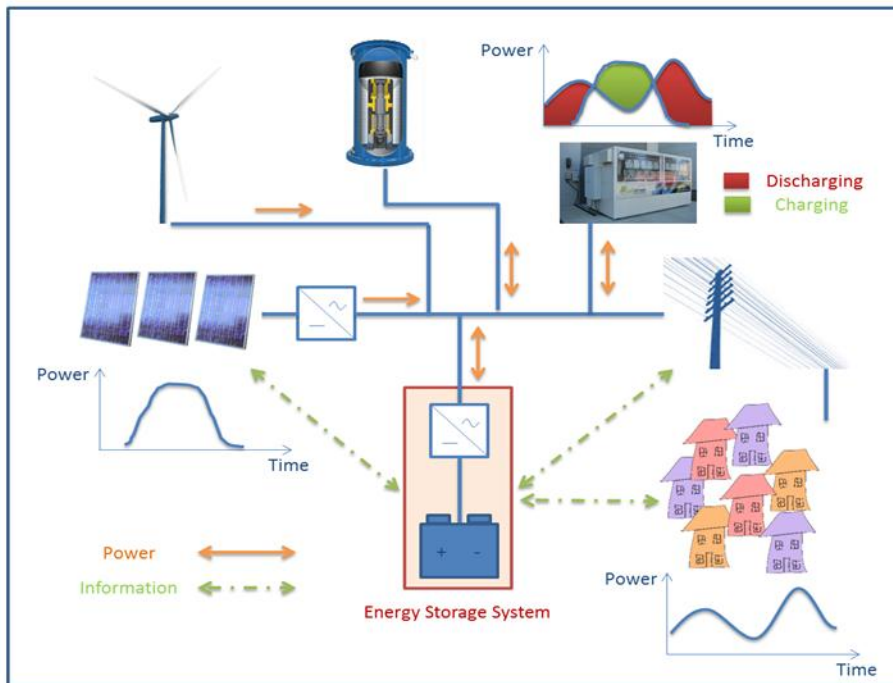
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- Elaboration process of the white book
- Overview of the different sections
- Follow-up actions

# Grid-connected storage: the DERlab approach

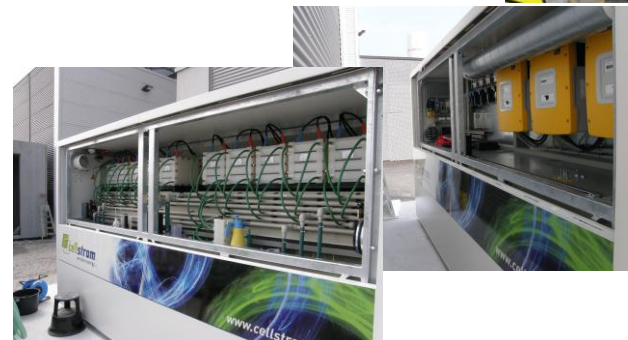
- Increased awareness of the need for storage in electricity networks: storage systems can act both as load and as power supply
- Very high potential for grid management and operation!
- Several studies about applications of storage in grids, demonstration projects



BUT...

It is a very complex issue:  
Lots of possible applications  
Location-dependent  
Different technologies

- Batteries
- Compressed air
- Pumped hydro
- ...



# Grid-connected storage: the DERlab approach

Studies generally take the “grid point of view”  
 But as seen from the “storage point of view”,  
 the storage solicitation is similar for many applications

Missing information:

- Requirements for storage
  - Procedures for selecting the best technology / system, sizing...
- ... Standards are needed!



contribution of DERlab through a **white book**

Value Chain	Application	Description
Generation & System-Level Applications	1 Wholesale Energy Services	Utility-scale storage systems for bidding into energy, capacity and ancillary services markets
	2 Renewables Integration	Utility-scale storage providing renewables time shifting, load and ancillary services for grid integration
T&D System Applications	3 Stationary Storage for T&D Support	Systems for T&D system support, improving T&D system utilization factor, and T&D capital deferral
	4 Transportable Storage for T&D Support	Transportable storage systems for T&D system support and T&D deferral at multiple sites as needed
	5 Distributed Energy Storage Systems	Centrally managed modular systems providing increased customer reliability, grid T&D support and potentially ancillary services
	6 ESCO Aggregated Systems	Residential-customer-sited storage aggregated and centrally managed to provide distribution system benefits
End-User Applications	7 C&I Power Quality and Reliability	Systems to provide power quality and reliability to commercial and industrial customers
	8 C&I Energy Management	Systems to reduce TOU energy charges and demand charges for C&I customers
	9 Home Energy Management	Systems to shift retail load to reduce TOU energy and demand charges
	10 Home Backup	Systems for backup power for home offices with high reliability value

T&D = Transmission and Distribution; C&I = Commercial and Industrial; ESCO = Energy Services Company; TOU = Time of Use

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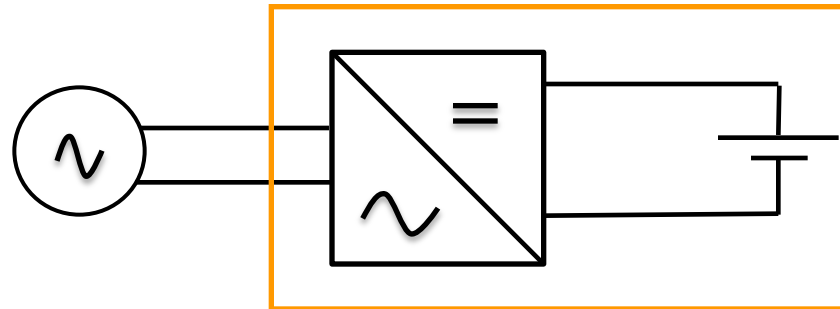
<b>Category 1 — Electric Supply</b>
1. Electric Energy Time-shift
2. Electric Supply Capacity
<b>Category 2 — Ancillary Services</b>
3. Load Following
4. Area Regulation
5. Electric Supply Reserve Capacity
6. Voltage Support
<b>Category 3 — Grid System</b>
7. Transmission Support
8. Transmission Congestion Relief
9. Transmission & Distribution (T&D) Upgrade Deferral
10. Substation On-site Power
<b>Category 4 — End User/Utility Customer</b>
11. Time-of-use (TOU) Energy Cost Management
12. Demand Charge Management
13. Electric Service Reliability
14. Electric Service Power Quality
<b>Category 5 — Renewables Integration</b>
15. Renewables Energy Time-shift
16. Renewables Capacity Firming
17. Wind Generation Grid Integration

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# Scope of the white book

## “Our definition” of a Grid-Connected Storage System

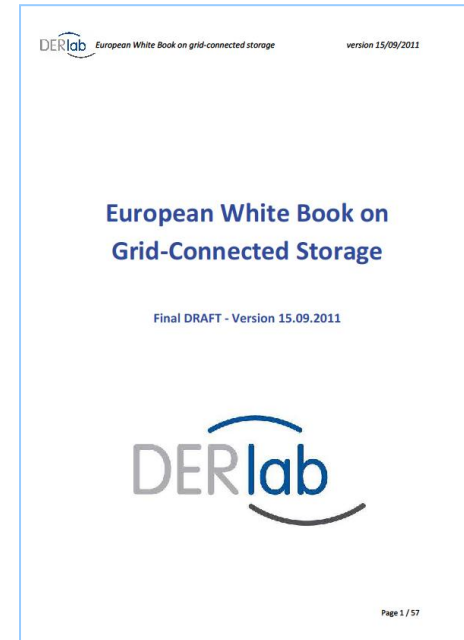
- Bidirectional device
- AC output (storage + converter if needed)
- Connection to the grid is permanent or not (EV)
- Controllable device
- Able to communicate



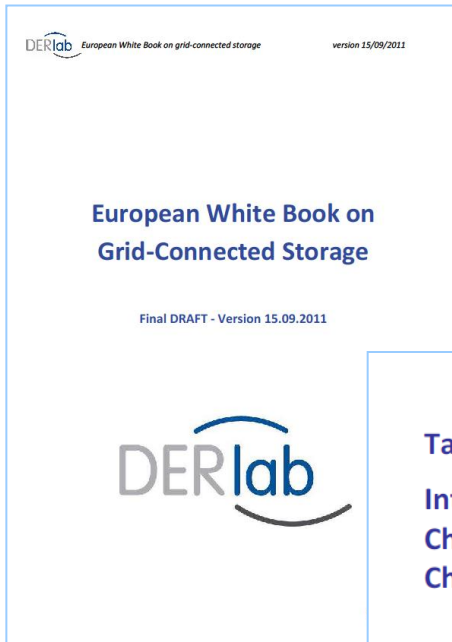
Limits for our study: connected to the distribution network  
(max. 35kV and 20MVA)

# Elaboration process

- Setup of a DERlab working group
- Agreement on approach, scope/limits, contents of the white book
- Organization of workshops
  - Prague, June 2009 (CIRED conference)
  - Berlin, November 2009 (IRES conference)
  - Berlin, November 2010 (IRES conference)
- Aim of these workshops
  - Presentation and discussion of our approach with industrials, network operators, research institutes...
  - Presentation and discussion of the draft white book
- Main authors:
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# Contents of the white book



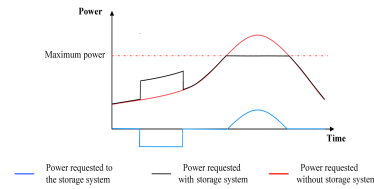
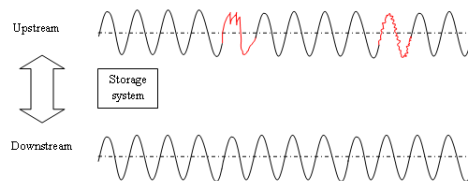
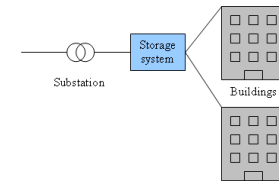
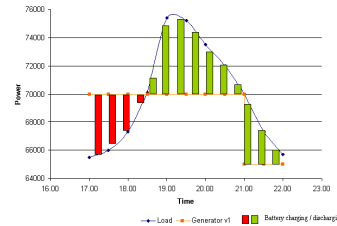
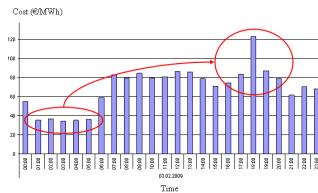
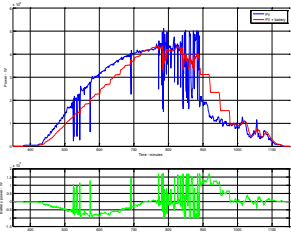
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# Ch.1 – Definition of application categories

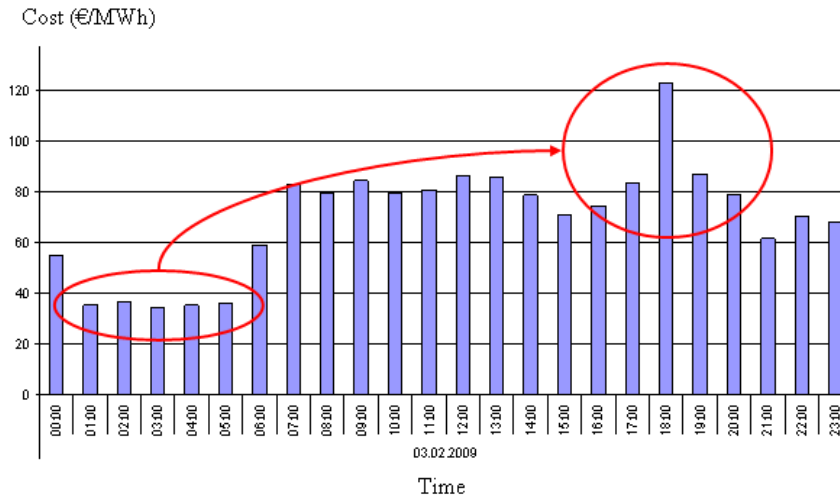
First step in the white book process: to clarify the different system configurations where a storage system could have a strong added value.

- Analysis of storage applications in grids
- Definition of three generic applications, by analyzing similarities in the storage solicitation

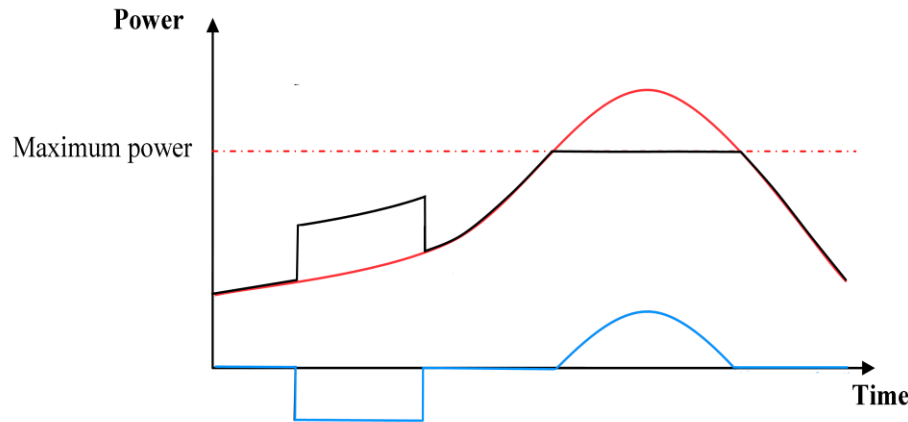


# Examples of storage applications in grids

Energy time shift



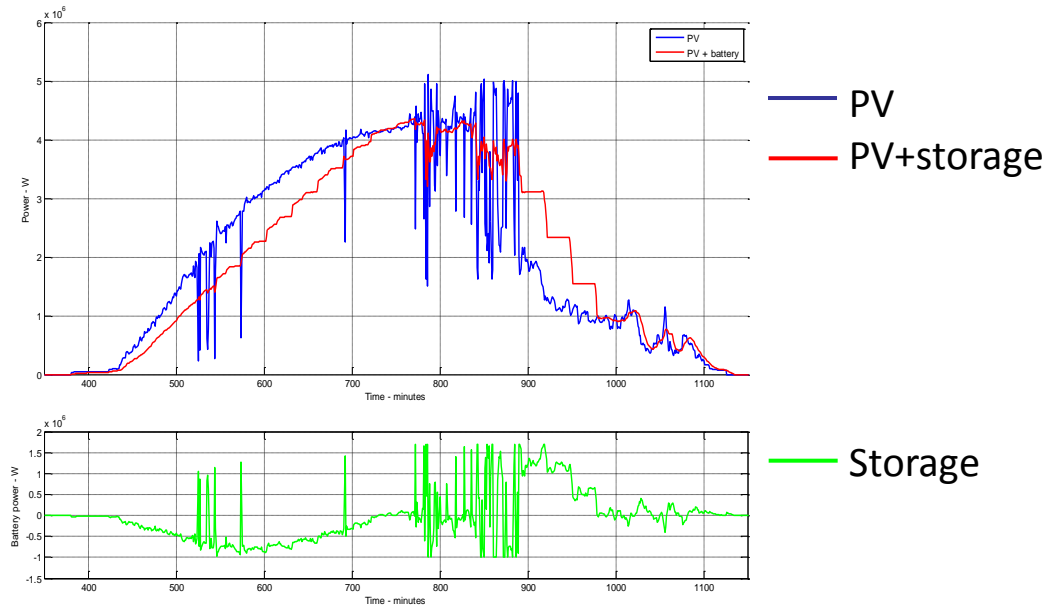
Peak shaving



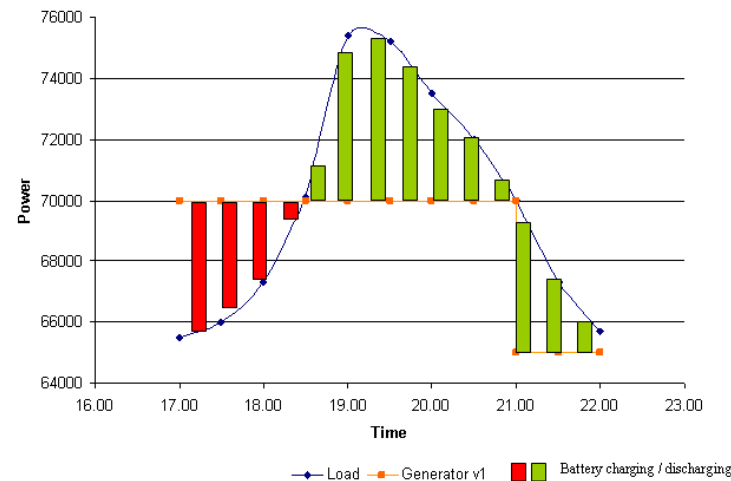
- Power requested to the storage system
- Power requested with storage system
- Power requested without storage system

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Integration of renewable energies (here PV)

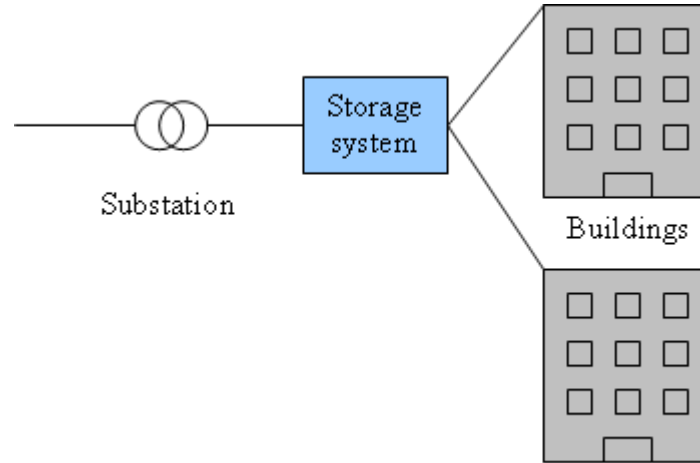


Load following

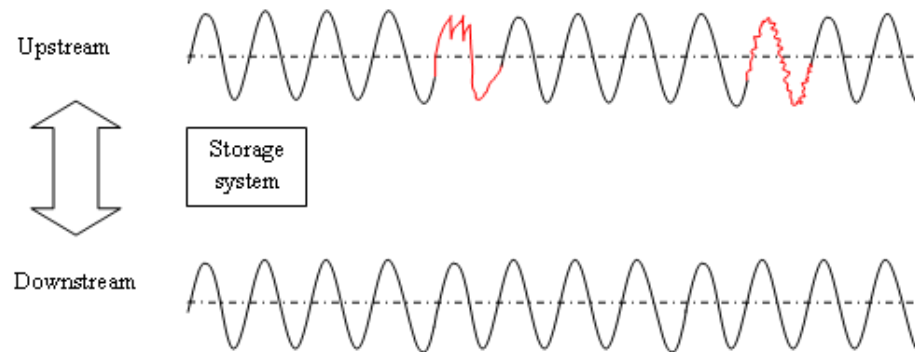


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Investment deferral



Power quality



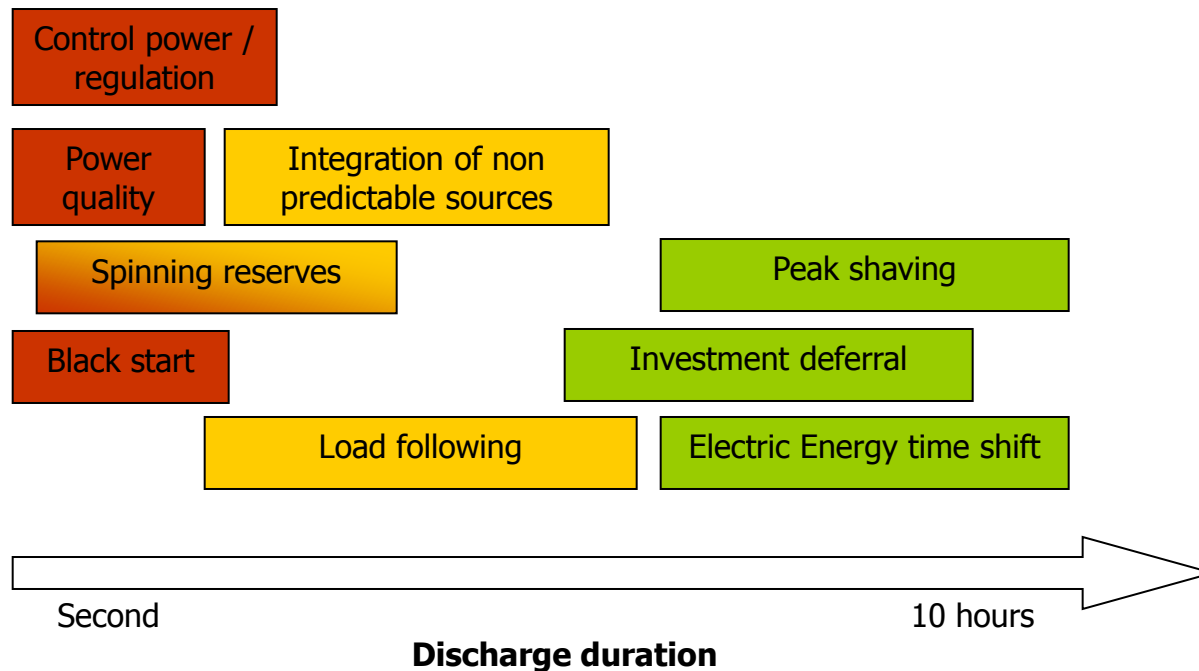
## "Grid point of view"

- location on the grid (e.g. end-user, distribution network...).
- amount of energy or power required (storage size)
- kind of service requested (energy, grid support...)
- added value to the grid

"Storage point of view" ⇒ **Solicitation of the storage**

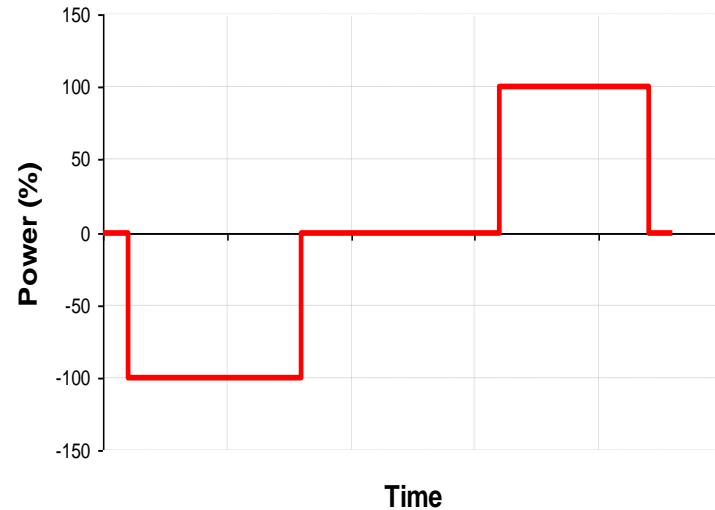
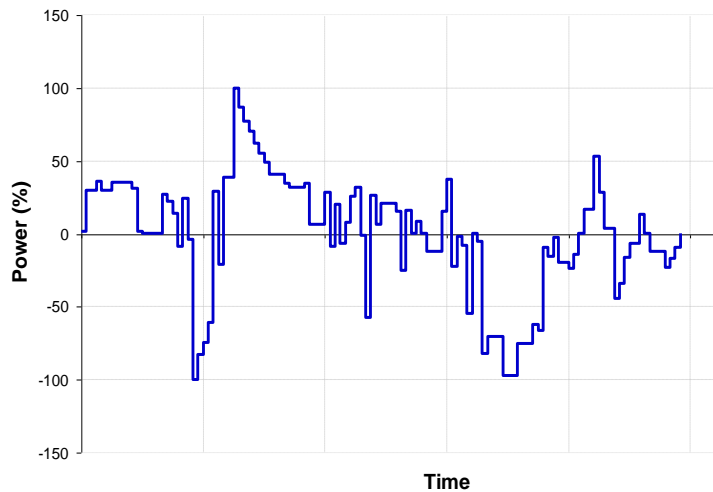
# Applications clustering / Methodology

First criterion: discharge duration



- Need (or not) of short response time (unscheduled discharge)
- High power or high energy storage systems abilities

Second criterion: power profile variability

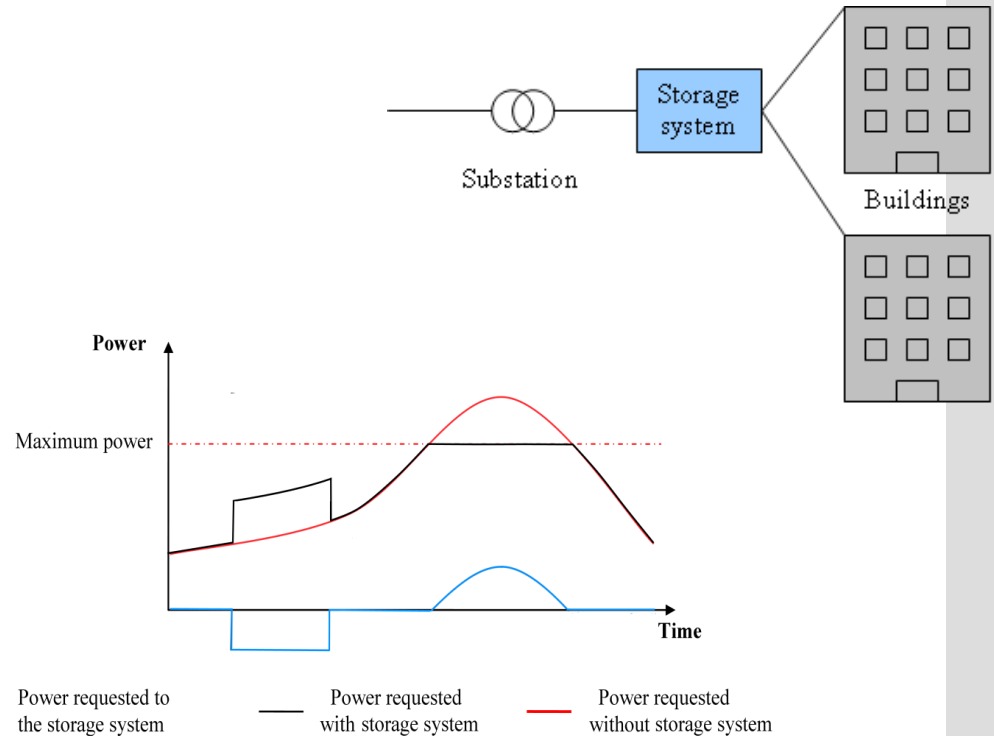
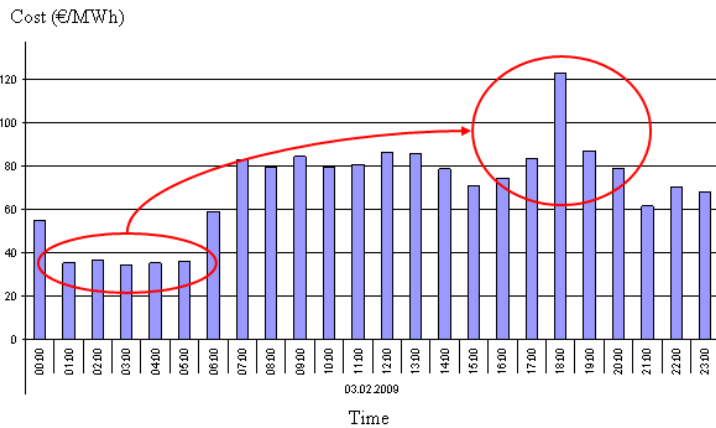


- Fast commutation between charge and discharge modes?

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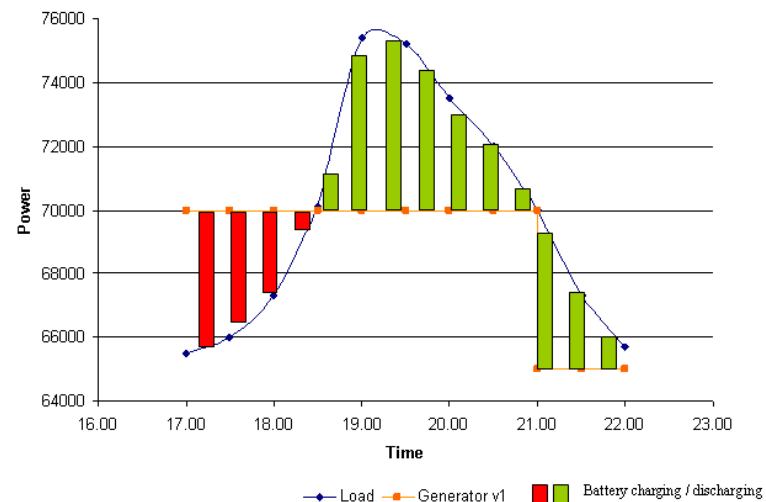
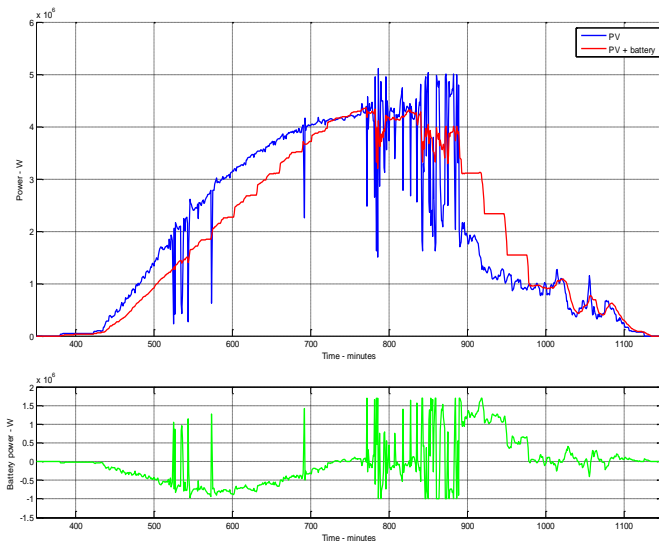
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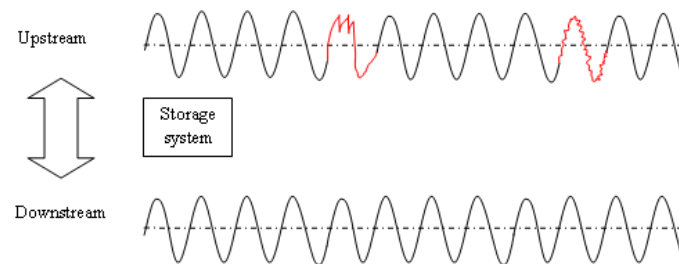
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## 3. Power quality support - FAST

a storage system is used to provide pulse power for ancillary grid services depending on grid conditions.



# Ch.2 – Characterization of categories

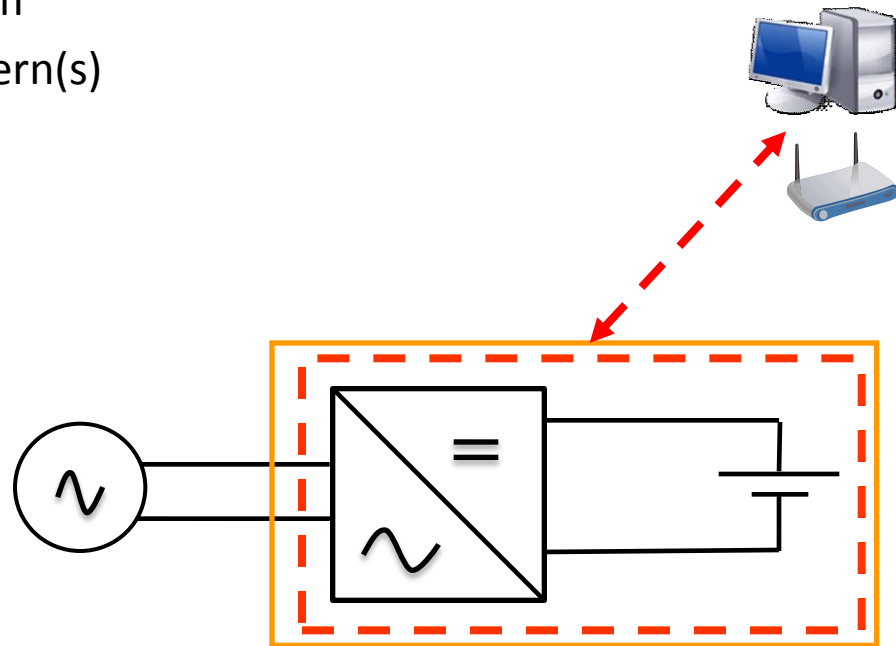
## Ch.3 – Measurements

For each of the 3 applications:

- What are the important criteria for the application?
- Propose methods to measure them
- Propose representative cycle pattern(s)

**Most important criteria:**

- Response time
  - Power rating
  - Energy rating
  - Energy efficiency
- ... of the **SYSTEM**



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## Ch.3 – Measurements

### What else to know?

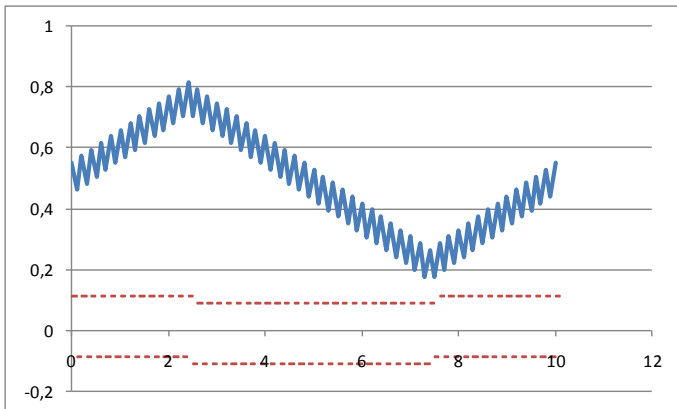
- Footprint, dimensions, weight
- Energy density (Wh/l), specific energy (Wh/kg) of the system
- Temperature dependency
  
- Calendar life vs cycle life
- Dynamic Performance
  
- Safety (Operational safety / Operator safety / EMC)
- Short-circuit behavior (Grid side & Internal (safety))
- Transportability
  
- Controls
- Communications – internal and external

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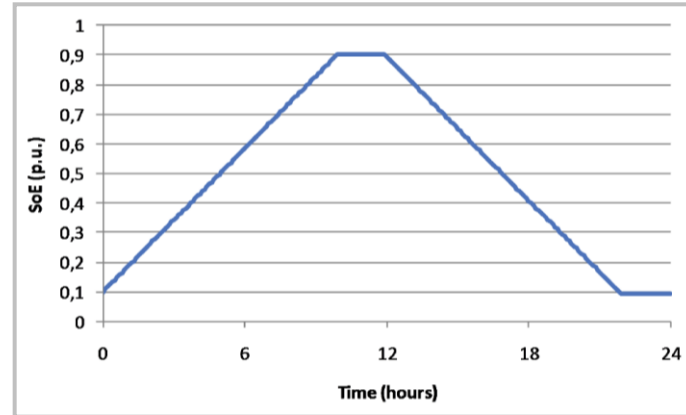
## Ch.3 – Measurements

Examples of representative cycle patterns

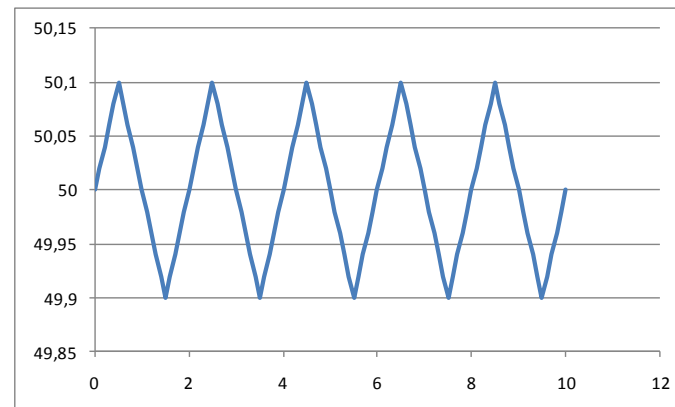
POWER (case of wind farm)



ENERGY (case of PV)



FAST



## Ch.2 – Characterization of categories

## Ch.3 – Measurements

### Important conclusions

- System level tests needed
- Interplay between components is complex
  - Inverter properties
  - Storage technology properties
- The combination makes the system!
  
- Test procedures are application/category dependent:
  - Measurement method can differ
  - Different importance / weight of the criteria

## Ch.4 – Economic aspects

For each case:

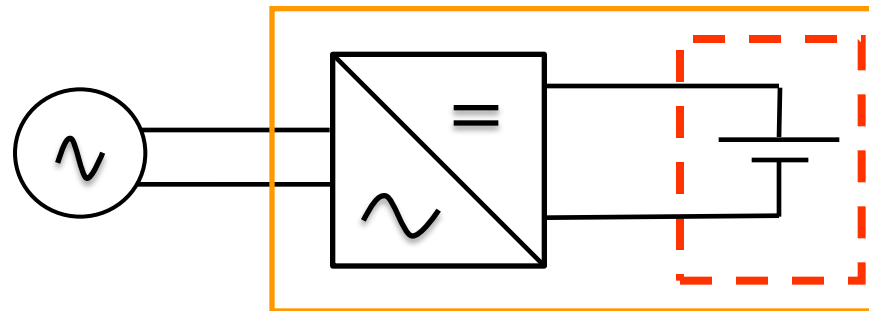
- Application Overview
- Technical Considerations
- Application Synergies
- Benefit : description and estimate

### Main conclusions

- Importance of the storage integration within a consistent commercial framework.
- A given storage system should be used for several applications (as seen from the grid), so the benefit is multiple.
- Present arrangements and mechanisms for pricing of distribution services do not treat DG and storage adequately and systematically.
- Technical and commercial arrangements dictate the accessibility of networks: rules are needed for both technical and commercial issues.

Different types of existing standards:

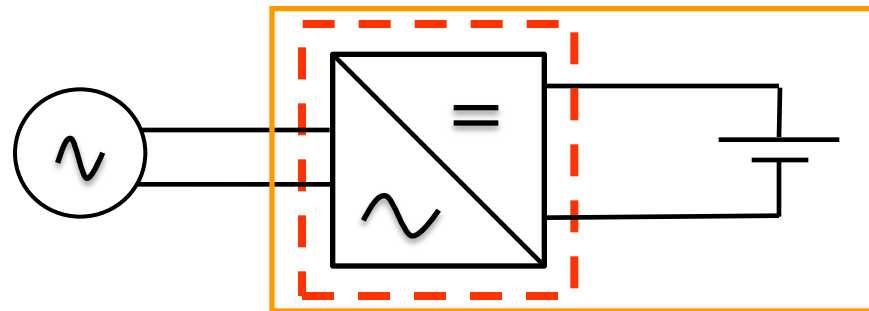
- Testing methods for **batteries**
  - IEC 60896: lead-acid batteries testing for stationary applications
  - IEC 60254: lead-acid batteries testing for “Small vehicle” applications
  - IEC 61427: lead-acid and nickel based batteries for Stand alone PV applications
  - EN 50342: lead-acid starter batteries



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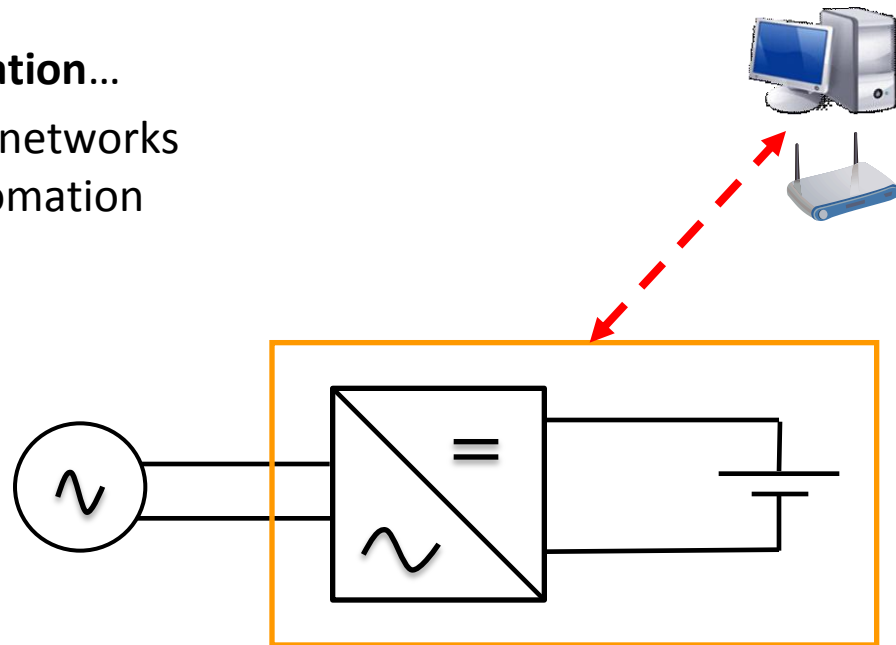
- Testing methods for **batteries**
- Testing methods for **power conversion / connection to the grid**
  - IEEE 1547: not specific to storage ; general guidelines for interconnection of DG to the grid and DG interconnection testing.
  - IEC 61727: PV connection to the grid (close to IEEE 1547).
  - IEC 61687: methods for measuring power conversion efficiency.



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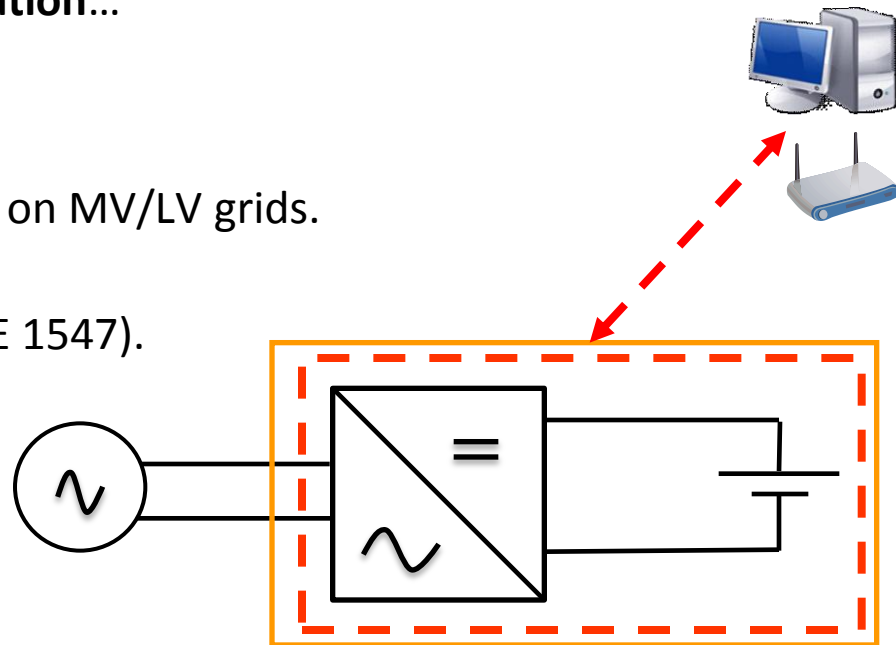
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  - IEC 61850-7-420: communication networks and systems for power utility automation
  - EN 50272: safety requirements for battery installations



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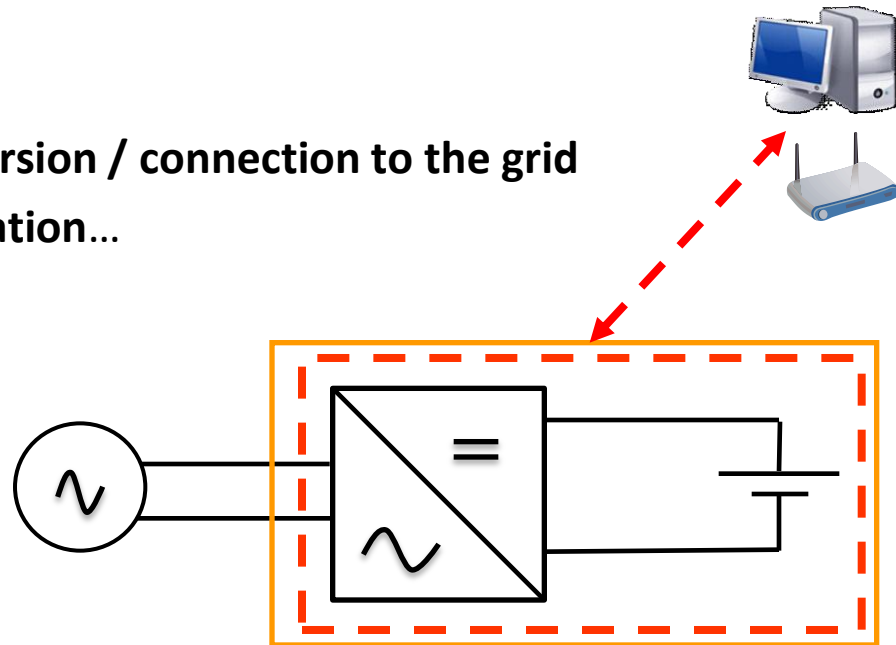
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- **Current efforts:**
  - IEC-TC8X, WG3: connection of DG on MV/LV grids.
  - Improvement and extension of already existing standards (eg IEEE 1547).
  - IEC TC 57: power systems control including EMS, SCADA



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- **Conclusion**

- Absence of a harmonized interconnection standard in Europe (storage systems and other DG): technical issues (plugs...), economical (metering), administrative (grid codes).

# Follow-up actions



## DERRI project (coordinated by RSE, Italy)

- Consortium of Research Infrastructures
- Objective: supporting the sustainable integration of RES and DER by developing common requirements, standards and quality criteria, as well as proposing test and certification procedures
- Main focus is on **Transnational Access**: opportunity offered to Researchers Groups of using free-of-charge selected experimental installations for making tests in the Distributed Energy Resources field
- Networking Activities & Joint Research Activities: to facilitate the access at the research infrastructures and to improve their availability and capability
- Joint Research Activity on Grid-Connected Storage
  - ➡ Clarify the performance criteria and the associated characterization methods for DER components to be connected to smart electricity grids, focusing on storage systems and large-scale RES inverters

More information: [www.der-ri.net](http://www.der-ri.net)

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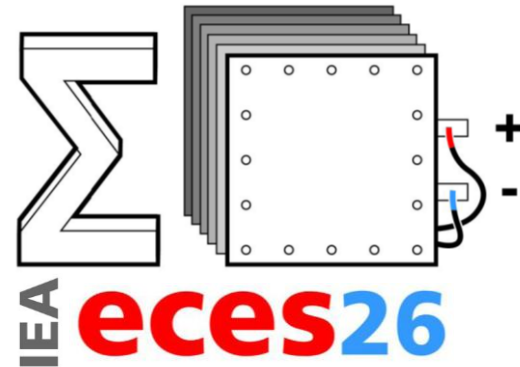
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ECES Program

Energy Conservation through Energy Storage

Newly created Annex 26

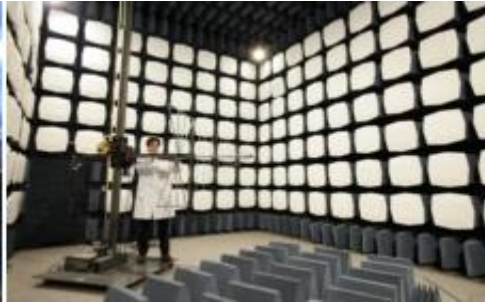
»Future Electric Energy Storage Demand«



- Main objective: develop a method / approach to calculate the **regional energy balancing demand** and to derive **regional storage demand** rasterizing the area and taking into account that there are competitive technical solutions.
- Two other important aspects:
  - Overview on the different **technical, economical and legal framework requirements** in the different countries.
  - **Typical operation modes for energy storages** and derived from this typical charge/discharge curves, needed for future standardizations and test procedures.

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