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Part 1: Terminology and general aspects

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62932 relates to flow battery energy systems (FBES) used in electrical energy storage (EES) applications and provides the main terminology and general aspects of this technology, including terms necessary for the definition of unit parameters, test methods, safety and environmental issues.

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3.1 Terms and definitions

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3.1.1

ambient temperature

environmental temperature around a flow battery energy system

3.1.2

auxiliary energy

energy consumed by all the auxiliary equipment and components of a flow battery and of a flow battery energy system

Note 1 to entry: The equipment and components include, but are not limited to, battery management system, battery support system, fluid circulation system.

3.1.3

battery management system

BMU

Electronic system associated with a flow battery energy system which monitors and/or manages its state, calculates secondary data, reports that data and/or controls its environment to influence the flow battery energy system's performance and/or service life

Note 1 to entry: The function of the battery management system can be fully or partially assigned to the battery pack and/or to equipment that uses flow battery energy store systems.

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