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As renewable energy generation depends on climatic conditions, it may not always be available when it’s most needed while excess power can be wasted – to address this issue, energy storage technologies, including batteries, have been developed over the past few years.

Lead acid, lithium-ion (Li-ion), nickel cadmium (NiCd or NiCad), nickel iron (NiFe) and flow batteries are most commonly used for storing solar energy – however, lead acid and lithium-ion batteries are most popular choices.

Not only energy companies, automobile manufacturers such as Tesla and Mercedes are also developing batteries that can store solar power and run the vehicles for long distances.

Tesla, specifically, is looking in to the use of materials outside cobalt, a metal key to the production of batteries but one that as yet has no means of ethical sourcing en masse, as a means for creating its products.

ABB offers a range of battery energy storage systems for solar applications, including residential applications such as its photovoltaic inverter that allows storing of unused energy produced during the day.

In February 2018, the Government of South Australia has partnered with Tesla to build which it claims to be the world"s largest “virtual power plant” to help reduce energy bills.

The project involves installation of a network of solar and battery systems for at least 50,000 home across the state to work together forming a virtual power plant.

In December 2017, Equinor had placed an order with Younicos for the delivery of a 1 MW/1.3 MWh energy storage system for the 30 MW Hywind floating offshore wind farm in Scotland.

In May 2018, it was selected by residential solar provider Vivint Solar for supply of LG Chem RESU batteries as energy storage system for household use in California.

At the time of launch, it was stated that the Fluence"s first project would be the supply of the lithium-ion battery storage plant, a 100 MW/400 MWh installation in Long Beach, California, US.

It will also be involved in a number of other projects, including a 40MW storage project for San Diego Gas & Electric, a microgrid project for Enel on the Mediterranean island of Ventotene, and six energy storage projects being installed across Germany.

The future of the energy storage industry is brimming with opportunities and challenges, but one thing is

certain: the companies at the forefront of this revolution are poised to play a pivotal role in shaping the energy landscape of tomorrow. As the world transitions towards a more sustainable and resilient energy future, the innovations and solutions pioneered by these trailblazers will be instrumental in unlocking the full potential of renewable energy sources and ensuring a reliable, efficient, and clean energy supply for generations to come.

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