# Frontiers in Energy Storage: Next Generation Al Workshop

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#### **Frontiers in Energy Storage Workshop**

Hosted at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory on April 16, 2024

(hybrid format, 59 in-person and 189 virtual attendees)

#### • Agenda highlights:

- Invited talks on national lab capabilities
- Invited talks from industry and consultants
- Panel discussion on markets and deployment
- "Lightning talks" on technical topics
- Breakout discussions and report-outs







#### **Future of Energy Storage – Key Questions**

- How can AI accelerate the discovery of new energy storage materials?
- What role can AI play in managing and optimizing energy storage systems?
- How can AI influence policy and market decisions in energy storage?



#### **AI for Storage Materials Development**

- Challenge: Finding and optimizing new materials for energy storage is slow and labor-intensive.
- Solution: AI models analyze vast datasets to predict the properties of new materials quickly and accurately.
- Examples: AI-accelerated design of new battery materials and rapid validation frameworks that can predict long-term performance.



ROVI modeling of redox flow batteries



#### **AI for Grid Operations**

- **Challenge:** Managing complex energy systems with many distributed resources (like solar panels and electric vehicles).
- **Solution:** Al-driven models improve the efficiency and lifespan of storage assets through predictive maintenance and operational optimization.
- **Example:** Digital twins simulate and optimize real-time grid operations.



Urban digital twins



Digital twins for building and integrated energy systems



## **Al for Policy and Valuation**

- Challenge: Making informed decisions in a complex and rapidly changing market.
- **Solution:** Al provides insights into market trends, informs regulatory strategies, and helps evaluate the economic viability of new technologies.
- Example: AI models forecast energy market dynamics and optimize investment strategies.



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### **Workshop Findings**

- Data is foundation for all AI/ML models
  - Enhance data availability, ensure interoperability, and establish secure data-sharing protocols.
- Collaboration between sectors is necessary for innovation
  - Foster partnerships between academia, industry, and government to share knowledge and resources.
- **Trust** in AI systems must be established before implementation
  - Develop explainable AI tools, ensure transparency in decision-making, and address security concerns.
- Education of all stakeholders is necessary for adoption
  - Educate the public, policymakers, and industry stakeholders about Al's potential and limitations in energy storage.