

Lowest cost energy storage model





Overview

Generally, pumped hydro storage is recognized as one of the most cost-effective methods for large-scale energy storage. Other affordable options include compressed air energy storage (CAES) and emerging technologies like iron-air batteries. Could liquid air energy storage be a low-cost option?

New research finds liquid air energy storage could be the lowest-cost option for ensuring a continuous power supply on a future grid dominated by carbon-free but intermittent sources of electricity.

Is low-cost storage the key to renewable electricity?

“Low-cost storage is the key to enabling renewable electricity to compete with fossil fuel generated electricity on a cost basis,” says Yet-Ming Chiang, a materials science and engineering professor at MIT. But exactly how low?

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What are base year costs for utility-scale battery energy storage systems?

Base year costs for utility-scale battery energy storage systems (BESSs) are based on a bottom-up cost model using the data and methodology for utility-scale BESS in (Ramasamy et al., 2023). The bottom-up BESS model accounts for major components, including the LIB pack, the inverter, and the balance of system (BOS) needed for the installation.

How much does energy storage cost?

Chiang, professor of energy studies Jessika Trancik, and others have determined that energy storage would have to cost roughly US \$20 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for the grid to be 100 percent powered by a wind-solar mix. Their analysis is published in Joule. That’s an intimidating stretch for lithium-ion batteries, which dipped to \$175/kWh in 2018.

Why is energy storage more expensive than alternative technologies?



High capital cost and low energy density make the unit cost of energy stored (\$/kWh) more expensive than alternatives technologies. Long duration energy storage traditionally favors technologies with low self-discharge that cost less per unit of energy stored.

Which energy storage technology is most cost-effective?

“CAES is very competitive and on a \$/kWh basis,” Ashfaq concluded. “Pumped hydro storage) and CAES are the most cost-effective energy storage technologies, as they offer the lowest cost in \$/kWh for long-term storage. For short-duration storage, however, lithium-ion performs best.” This content is protected by copyright and may not be reused.



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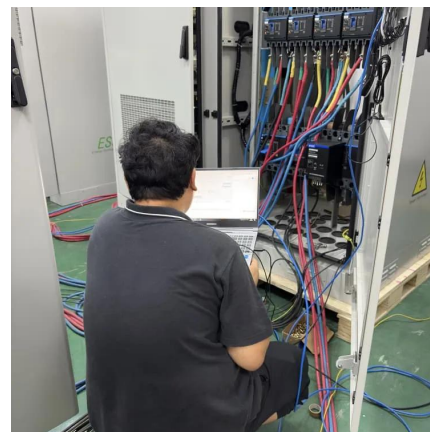


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As with utility-scale BESS, the cost of a residential BESS is a function of both the power capacity and the energy storage capacity of the system, and both must be considered when estimating ...

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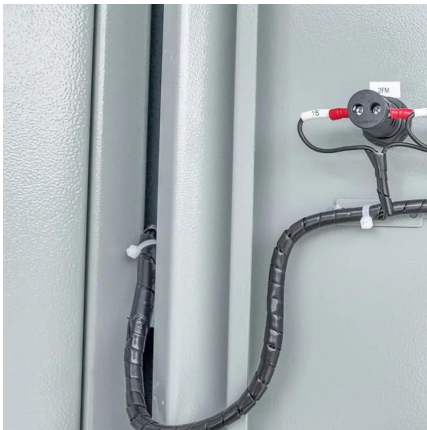
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