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Why are battery system costs expressed in \$/kWh?

By expressing battery system costs in \$/kWh, we are deviating from other power generation technologies such as combustion turbines or solar photovoltaic plants where capital costs are usually expressed as \$/kW. We use the units of \$/kWh because that is the most common way that battery system costs have been expressed in published material to date.

How do you convert kWh costs to kW costs?

The \$/kWh costs we report can be converted to \$/kW costs simply by multiplying by the assumed 4-hour duration (e.g., a \$300/kWh, 4-hour battery would have a power capacity cost of \$1200/kW). To develop cost projections, storage costs were normalized to their 2024 value such that each projection started with a value of 1 in 2024.

What are battery cost projections for 4-hour lithium-ion systems?

Battery cost projections for 4-hour lithium-ion systems, with values relative to 2024. The high, mid, and low cost projections developed in this work are shown as bold lines. Published projections are shown as gray lines. Figure values are included in the Appendix.



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