



Trillion-dollar energy storage is still soaring

What is the future of energy storage?

Global installed energy storage is on a steep upward trajectory. From just under 0.5 terawatts (TW) in 2024, total capacity is expected to rise ninefold to over 4 TW by 2040, driven by battery energy storage systems (BESS). Last year saw a record-breaking 200 gigawatt-hours (GWh) of new BESS projects coming online, a growth rate of 80%.

Is China entering a new era of energy storage demand?

Mainland China accounts for most of the global energy storage demand, driven in the near term by regional requirements for new utility-scale wind and solar projects to include energy storage capacity. However, the Chinese market is entering an era of change.

Should energy storage be removed from energy grid connection?

For energy storage, the new Chinese policy emphasized the need to remove energy storage as a prerequisite for renewable energy project grid connection, a requirement that has been a major driver for battery build. Nonetheless, BNEF still expects strong demand for batteries, as the policy doesn't explicitly require mandates to stop.

How big will a battery energy storage system be in 2024?

After record growth in 2024, U.S. battery energy storage systems (BESS) could grow from more than 26 gigawatts (GW) of capacity--enough to power 20 million homes--to anywhere from 120 GW to 150 GW by the end of 2030, depending on the range of projections.

How much will Global Grid spending be in 2024?

After stagnating around USD 300 billion per year since 2015, spending is expected to hit USD 400 billion in 2024, driven by new policies and funding in Europe, the United States, China, and parts of Latin America. Advanced economies and China account for 80% of global grid spending.

How much will the power sector invest in solar in 2024?

Power sector investment in solar photovoltaic (PV) technology is projected to exceed USD 500 billion in 2024, surpassing all other generation sources combined. Though growth may moderate slightly in 2024 due to falling PV module prices, solar remains central to the power sector's transformation.



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