

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%.

Why is the energy storage sector growing?

The energy storage sector has seen remarkable growth in recent times due to the demand and supply in technology that drives clean energy solutions.

What drives energy storage project development?

Globally, energy storage project development is increasingly driven by the utility-scale segment, with mandates and targeted auctions driving gigawatt-hour projects in markets like China, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Australia and Chile.

What are the challenges in energy storage?

There are also challenges in materials synthesis, battery safety, and other aspects that require more personnel and time to solve related problems. Overall, mechanical energy storage, electrochemical energy storage, and chemical energy storage have an earlier start, but the development situation is not the same.

How can research and development support energy storage technologies?

Research and development funding can also lead to advanced and cost-effective energy storage technologies. They must ensure that storage technologies operate efficiently, retaining and releasing energy as efficiently as possible while minimizing losses.

Why is energy storage research important?

It helps the academic and business communities understand the research trends and evolutionary trajectories of different energy storage technologies from a global perspective and provides reference for stakeholders in their layout and selection of energy storage technologies.



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