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Overview

Which energy storage technologies are included in the 2020 cost and performance assessment?

The 2020 Cost and Performance Assessment provided installed costs for six energy storage technologies: lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries, lead-acid batteries, vanadium redox flow batteries, pumped storage hydro, compressed-air energy storage, and hydrogen energy storage.

What are energy storage technologies?

Energy storage technologies, store energy either as electricity or heat/cold, so it can be used at a later time. With the growth in electric vehicle sales, battery storage costs have fallen rapidly due to economies of scale and technology improvements.

What are the different types of energy storage costs?

The cost categories used in the report extend across all energy storage technologies to allow ease of data comparison. Direct costs correspond to equipment capital and installation, while indirect costs include EPC fee and project development, which include permitting, preliminary engineering design, and the owner's engineer and financing costs.

How much does gravity based energy storage cost?

Looking at 100 MW systems, at a 2-hour duration, gravity-based energy storage is estimated to be over \$1,100/kWh but drops to approximately \$200/kWh at 100 hours. Li-ion LFP offers the lowest installed cost (\$/kWh) for battery systems across many of the power capacity and energy duration combinations.

Are innovative storage technologies the future of energy?

With demand for clean, reliable and efficient energy continuing to climb, companies pioneering innovative storage technologies have a spotlight shone

on them to ensure the future and success of the energy landscape.

How much does a non-battery energy storage system cost?

Non-battery systems, on the other hand, range considerably more depending on duration. Looking at 100 MW systems, at a 2-hour duration, gravity-based energy storage is estimated to be over \$1,100/kWh but drops to approximately \$200/kWh at 100 hours.

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