

Overview

Rapid growth of intermittent renewable power generation makes the identification of investment opportunities in energy storage and the establishment of their profitability indispensable. Here we first present.

What are business models for energy storage?

Business Models for Energy Storage Rows display market roles, columns reflect types of revenue streams, and boxes specify the business model around an application. Each of the three parameters is useful to systematically differentiate investment opportunities for energy storage in terms of applicable business models.

What is a profit model for energy storage?

Operational Models: From "peak-valley arbitrage" to "carbon credit monetization," the profit models of commercial and industrial energy storage are becoming increasingly diversified. These new models not only provide investors and users with more choices and opportunities but also drive the continuous development of energy storage technology.

How many business models are there for energy storage technologies?

Figure 1 depicts 28 distinct business models for energy storage technologies that we identify based on the combination of the three parameters described above. Each business model, represented by a box in Figure 1, applies storage to solve a particular problem and to generate a distinct revenue stream for a specific market role.

How can energy storage be profitable?

Where a profitable application of energy storage requires saving of costs or deferral of investments, direct mechanisms, such as subsidies and rebates, will be effective. For applications dependent on price arbitrage, the existence and access to variable market prices are essential.

Are business models for energy storage unprofitable or ambiguous?

The main finding is that examined business models for energy storage given in the set of technologies are largely found to be unprofitable or ambiguous.

What is a business model for storage?

We propose to characterize a “business model” for storage by three parameters: the application of a storage facility, the market role of a potential investor, and the revenue stream obtained from its operation (Massa et al., 2017).

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