

Investment cost of a 50MW energy storage project





Overview

On average, the cost of lithium-ion batteries for large-scale storage applications can range from \$100 to \$300 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) of capacity. For a 50MW/50MWh system (assuming a 1-hour discharge duration), the battery cost alone could be between \$5 million and \$15 million. Are battery energy storage systems worth the cost?

Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) are becoming essential in the shift towards renewable energy, providing solutions for grid stability, energy management, and power quality. However, understanding the costs associated with BESS is critical for anyone considering this technology, whether for a home, business, or utility scale.

What is the financial model for the battery energy storage system?

Our financial model for the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) plant was meticulously designed to meet the client's objectives. It provided a thorough analysis of production costs, including raw materials, manufacturing processes, capital expenditure, and operational expenses.

How much does a battery project cost?

Developer premiums and development expenses - depending on the project's attractiveness, these can range from £50k/MW to £100k/MW. Financing and transaction costs - at current interest rates, these can be around 20% of total project costs. 68% of battery project costs range between £400k/MW and £700k/MW.

Are battery storage costs based on long-term planning models?

Battery storage costs have evolved rapidly over the past several years, necessitating an update to storage cost projections used in long-term planning models and other activities. This work documents the development of these projections, which are based on recent publications of storage costs.

Will additional storage technologies be added?



Additional storage technologies will be added as representative cost and performance metrics are verified. The interactive figure below presents results on the total installed ESS cost ranges by technology, year, power capacity (MW), and duration (hr).

What is a good round-trip efficiency for battery storage?

The round-trip efficiency is chosen to be 85%, which is well aligned with published values. Battery storage costs have evolved rapidly over the past several years, necessitating an update to storage cost projections used in long-term planning models and other activities.



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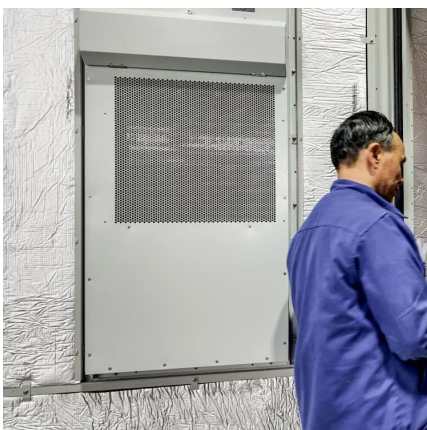
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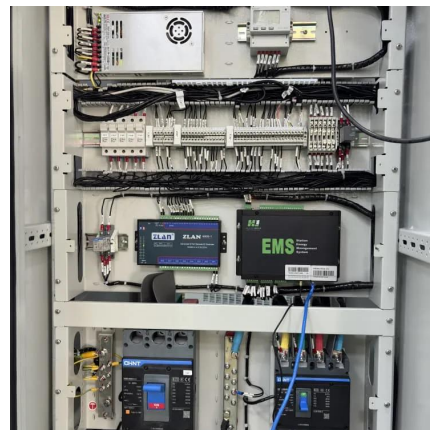
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