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Overview

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What do you need to know about energy storage?

Energy demand and generation profiles, including peak and off-peak periods. Technical specifications and costs for storage technologies (e.g., lithium-ion batteries, pumped hydro, thermal storage). Current and projected costs for installation, operation, maintenance, and replacement of storage systems.

Are mechanical energy storage systems cost-efficient?

The results indicated that mechanical energy storage systems, namely PHS and CAES, are still the most cost-efficient options for bulk energy storage. PHS and CAES approximately add 54 and 71 €/MWh respectively, to the cost of charging power. The project´s environmental permitting costs and contingency may increase the costs, however.

What is the cheapest energy storage system?

In terms of TCC (total capital cost), underground CAES (with 890 €/kW) offers the most economical alternative for bulk energy storage, while SMES and SCES are the cheapest options in power quality applications. However, the cost data for these electro-magnetic EES systems are rather limited and for small-scale applications.

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