



BESS energy storage battery price trend

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What are base year costs for utility-scale battery energy storage systems?

Base year costs for utility-scale battery energy storage systems (BESSs) are based on a bottom-up cost model using the data and methodology for utility-scale BESS in (Ramasamy et al., 2023). The bottom-up BESS model accounts for major components, including the LIB pack, the inverter, and the balance of system (BOS) needed for the installation.

How much does Bess cost?

The cost of BESS has fallen significantly over the past decade, with more precipitous drops in recent years: This is nearly a 70% reduction in three years, owing to falling battery pack prices (now as low as \$60-70/kWh in China), increased deployment, and improved efficiency.

Why is Bess so expensive compared to a lithium-ion battery?

A big driver of the fall in BESS costs will be a decline in the costs of the battery cells and packs themselves, which can make up half the cost of a lithium-ion BESS.

Which Bess systems are highlighted in the 2024 battery report?

Two interesting BESS systems highlighted in the 2024 Battery Report are Virtual Power Plants (VPPs) and Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G). A VPP involves the coordinated charge or discharge of stationary energy storage assets to act as a larger BESS asset on the grid.

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