



# Battery cabinet costs fall

Do projected cost reductions for battery storage vary over time?

The suite of publications demonstrates wide variation in projected cost reductions for battery storage over time. Figure ES-1 shows the suite of projected cost reductions (on a normalized basis) collected from the literature (shown in gray) as well as the low, mid, and high cost projections developed in this work (shown in black).

When are battery cost projections updated?

In 2019, battery cost projections were updated based on publications that focused on utility-scale battery systems (Cole and Frazier 2019), with updates published in 2020 (Cole and Frazier 2020), 2021 (Cole, Frazier, and Augustine 2021), and 2023 (Cole and Karmakar 2023).

Are lithium ion batteries expensive?

Lithium-ion batteries are the most popular due to their high energy density, efficiency, and long life cycle. However, they are also more expensive than other types. Prices have been falling, with lithium-ion costs dropping by about 85% in the last decade, but they still represent the largest single expense in a BESS.

Why is a Bess battery so expensive?

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What factors influence Bess prices battery technology?

**Key Factors Influencing BESS Prices Battery Technology:** Lithium-ion batteries dominate the market, particularly Lithium Iron Phosphate (LFP) and Nickel Manganese Cobalt (NMC) chemistries. LFP has become more popular than the other due to its lower cost and longer lifespan.

Why are battery system costs expressed in \$/kWh?

By expressing battery system costs in \$/kWh, we are deviating from other power generation technologies such as combustion turbines or solar photovoltaic plants where capital costs are usually expressed as \$/kW. We use the units of \$/kWh because that is the most common way that battery system costs have been expressed in published material to date.

Lithium-ion (Li-ion) EV battery prices have decreased dramatically over the past few years, mainly due to the fall in prices of critical battery metals: Lithium, cobalt and nickel. For example, the ...

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