



The relationship between new energy storage and lithium



Overview

On the lithium-ion front, companies like Hithium have already launched the world's first native 8-hour lithium-ion energy storage system. Meanwhile, flow battery technologies saw explosive growth in 2024, and overall progress in that space continues to accelerate. At a January 30 press conference held by China's National Energy Administration, new data revealed a striking milestone: by the end of 2025, the country's installed new-type energy storage capacity reached 136 million kilowatts (3.51 billion kWh)—a more than 40-fold increase compared to the end of 2020. This report builds on the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's Storage Futures Study, a research project from 2020 to 2022 that explored the role and impact of energy storage in the evolution and operation of the U.S. The Storage Futures Study examined the potential impact of energy storage on the power sector. The domination of lithium-ion batteries in energy storage may soon be challenged by a group of novel technologies aimed at storing energy for very long hours. Lithium compounds are also an attractive alternative as lithium supply has also attracted wide attention higher than the renewable electricity cost (Fig. 1). With demand for energy storage soaring, what's next for batteries—and how can businesses, policymakers, and investors.



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