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The capacity of energy storage power stations is getting bigger and bigger



Overview

The country's power storage capacity has steadily increased this year, with over 44 million kilowatts already in operation by the end of June, up 40 percent year-on-year, the energy authority said during a news conference in Beijing. Why do energy storage stations have different voltage levels?

The situation is further complicated by electrochemical-energy storage stations that operate at different voltage levels, hindering the suppression of fluctuations caused by inherently variable energy sources, such as wind and sunlight. Expansion of the capacity to generate energy must align with the capacity to store it.

Is excessive energy storage a threat to China's power system?

But the risks for power-system security of the converse problem — excessive energy storage — have been mostly overlooked. China plans to install up to 180 million kilowatts of pumped-storage hydropower capacity by 2030. This is around 3.5 times the current capacity, and equivalent to 8 power plants the size of China's Three Gorges Dam.

How big is China's energy storage capacity?

The cumulative installed capacity of new energy storage in China is expected to exceed 100 gigawatts (GW) by 2025, according to the Energy Storage Industry Research White Paper 2025 released by the Institute of Engineering Thermophysics on 10 April. The capacity is likely to surpass 200GW by 2030, more than double the 2024 level of 73.76GW.

What is the future of energy storage in China?

The new energy storage market in China has great development potential in the future. The cumulative installed capacity of new energy storage in China is expected to exceed 100 gigawatts (GW) by 2025, according to the Energy Storage Industry Research White Paper 2025 released by the Institute of Engineering Thermophysics on 10 April.

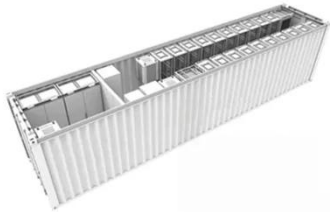
How many electrochemical energy storage stations are there?

There was a total of 1,473 operational electrochemical energy storage stations by the end of 2024, with a total installed capacity of 62.13GW/141.37GWh, according to data from the National Electrochemical Energy Storage Power Station Safety Monitoring Information Platform.

How much energy storage does China have in 2023?

By the end of 2023, China had completed and put into operation a cumulative installed capacity of new type energy storage projects reaching 31.4GW / 66.9GWh, with an average storage duration of 2.1 hours. The newly added installed capacity in 2023 was approximately 22.6GW / 48.7GWh, which is three times that for 2022 (7.3GW / 15.9GWh).

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