

How big is China's energy storage capacity?

At the end of the first half, power storage capacity in China surpassed 100 GW, reaching 103.3 GW, a 47 percent year-on-year increase. New energy storage systems now account for nearly 50 percent of the total, with lithium battery storage maintaining a dominant position in this sector, said Li.

What is a battery energy storage system?

A Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) secures electrical energy from renewable and non-renewable sources and collects and saves it in rechargeable batteries for use at a later date. When energy is needed, it is released from the BESS to power demand to lessen any disparity between energy demand and energy generation.

Why is China a leader in battery storage?

This growth, driven by China's swift expansion in battery storage and other energy solutions, cements its role as a leader in the sector, said Li Chenfei, senior manager of CNESA.

Which energy storage systems are being commercialised in China?

In addition to lithium-ion batteries, China is commercialising other types of energy storage systems. This includes the compressed air energy storage (CAES) technology, which consists of two stages.

How ambitious is China's battery storage plan?

The plan is ambitious compared to analyst expectations. BloombergNEF forecasts all of China to have about 96 gigawatts of battery storage by 2030, just behind the U.S. with a fleet of 99 gigawatts. Under a five-year plan released this week, China is aiming to accelerate the commercialization and deployment of storage systems.

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Li added that China's dominance in energy storage technology, particularly in battery cell production, places it in a leading position to shape global storage standards. At the end of the first half, power storage capacity in China surpassed 100 GW, reaching 103.3 GW, a 47 percent year-on-year increase.

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