

The future of solar power generation and energy storage





Overview

US Energy Information Administration (EIA) data released on November 25 and reviewed by the SUN DAY Campaign reveal that, during the first nine months of 2025 and for the past year, solar and battery storage have dominated growth among competing energy sources, while fossil fuels and nuclear power have stagnated. What is the future of energy storage?

Storage enables electricity systems to remain in balance despite variations in wind and solar availability, allowing for cost-effective deep decarbonization while maintaining reliability. The Future of Energy Storage report is an essential analysis of this key component in decarbonizing our energy infrastructure and combating climate change.

Why is solar power important?

Solar power has become more affordable and efficient and, combined with storage solutions, will play a vital role in the global clean energy transition.

What is solar and ESS development?

PV and ESS development that promotes integrated energy solutions that enhance grid stability, enable energy independence and ensure that renewable power can be utilized whenever needed. As adoption grows, this synergy between solar and storage will play a pivotal role in creating a clean energy future.

What is energy storage & why is it important?

Energy storage solutions are crucial to unlocking the full value of PV systems, as they address the inherent variability of solar energy generation. While solar panels generate electricity during the day, ESS addresses the variability by storing surplus energy for use during cloudy periods or at night.



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Storage Enables Deep Decarbonization of Electricity Systems
Recognize Tradeoffs Between "Zero" and "Net-Zero" Emissions
Invest in Analytical Resources and Regulatory Agency Staff
Long-Duration Storage Needs Federal Support
Reward Consumers For More Flexible Electricity Use
Energy storage is a potential substitute for, or complement to, almost every aspect of a power system, including generation, transmission, and demand flexibility. Storage should be co-optimized with clean generation, transmission systems, and strategies to reward consumers for making their electricity use more flexible. See more on [energy.mit](#) Department of Energy [PDF]



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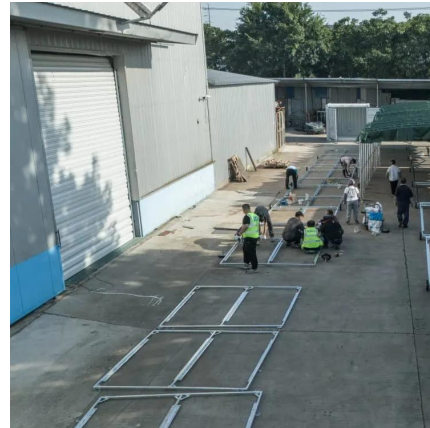


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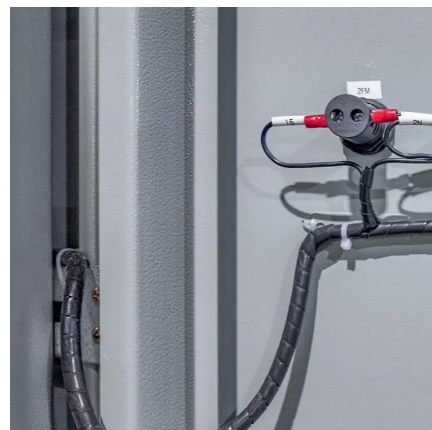


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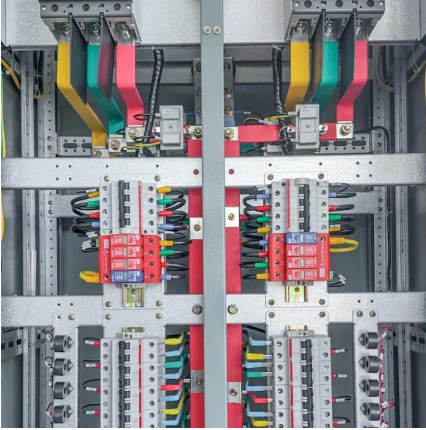
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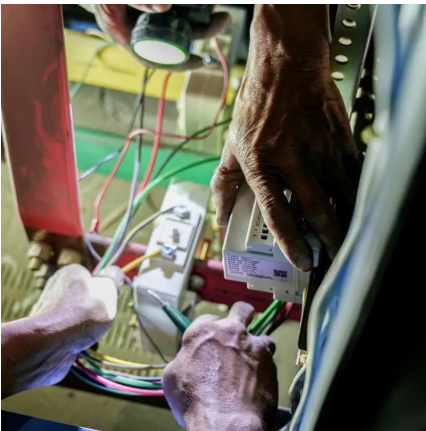




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