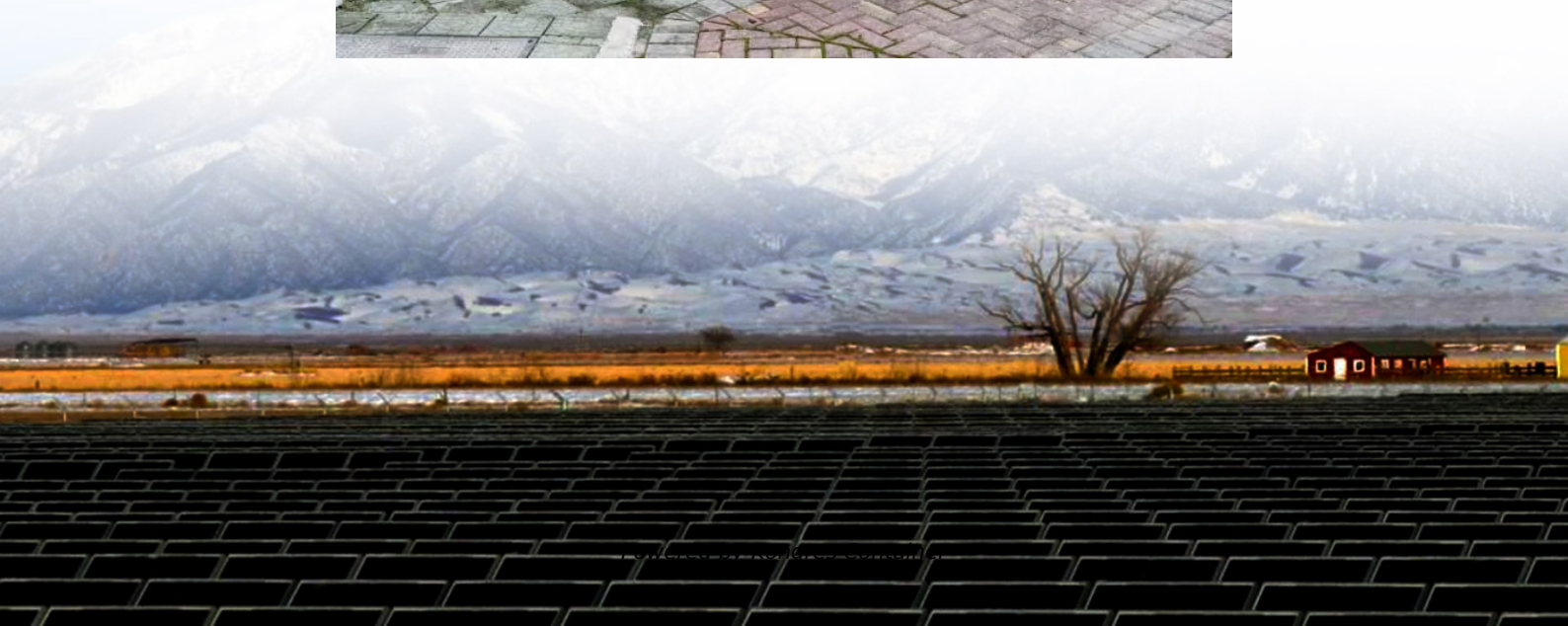


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Overview

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Battery prices collapsing, grid-tied energy storage expanding From July 2023 through summer 2024, battery cell pricing is expected to plummet by over 60% (and potentially more) due to a surge in EV adoption and grid expansion in China and the U.S.

Battery prices have fallen over 90% in the past 15 years and will continue to fall as production costs decline and emerging battery technologies mature. EVs will be the most economical.

Around the beginning of this year, BloombergNEF (BNEF) released its annual Battery Storage System Cost Survey, which found that global average turnkey energy storage system prices had fallen 40% from 2023 numbers to US\$165/kWh in 2024.

The global market for lithium-ion batteries is expected to remain oversupplied through 2028, pushing prices downward, as lower electric vehicle production targets in the U.S. and Europe. Are battery cell prices falling?

We are in the midst of a year-long acceleration in the decline of battery cell prices, a trend that is reminiscent of recent solar cell price reductions. Since last summer, lithium battery cell pricing has plummeted by approximately 50%, according to Contemporary Amperex Technology Co. Limited (CATL), the world's largest battery manufacturer.

Will US energy storage growth slow down in 2026?

That means costs in 2026 would return back to 2024 levels which could slow

down the growth in US energy storage deployments, but the analyst says that even so, BNEF anticipates that the momentum of the country's energy storage industry and growth in deployments would remain strong.

Will grid-tied energy storage grow in 2024?

Looking back thirty or forty years, the costs of both batteries and solar panels have decreased by 99% or more for their base units. Driven by these price declines, grid-tied energy storage deployment has seen robust growth over the past decade, a trend that is expected to continue into 2024.

Why did battery prices fall 20% in 2024?

In 2024, global average battery prices fell 20% to \$115 per kWh, driven by excess production capacity in China and burgeoning low-cost battery chemistries like lithium iron phosphate. In 2025 these conditions will persist and aided by low lithium prices, will continue to put downward pressure on battery prices.

Will a 60% tariff increase energy storage costs?

"What we found is that with the 60% tariff, the cost [of a turnkey energy storage system] increases by 60% compared to 2025, so this is quite a big cost jump if the US actually decided to do so," Kikuma says.

Will energy storage grow to 6 times the current level?

The IEA report comes against the backdrop of an international goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions enough to keep planetary warming below 1.5 degrees Celsius. To meet the goals laid out for 2030 at the COP28 United Nations climate summit, energy storage overall must grow to six times the current storage levels by 2030.

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