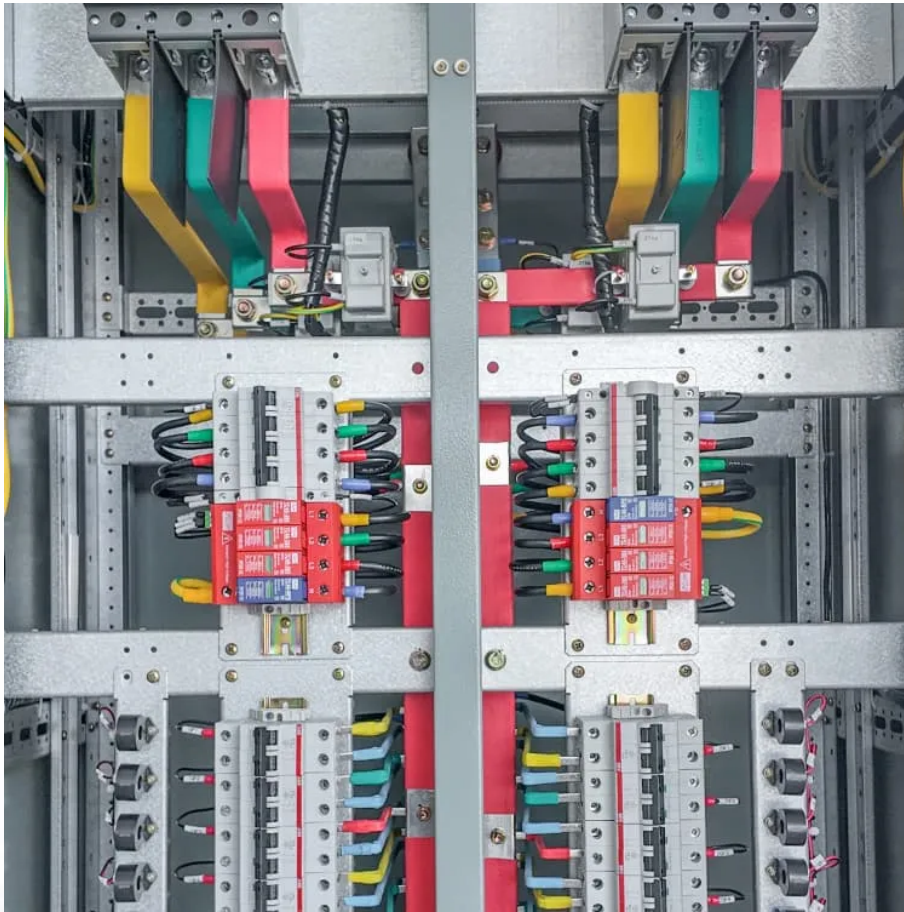


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# Energy storage project profit price



## Overview

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The profit margins for energy storage projects can fluctuate considerably, as several interconnected factors such as local energy prices, installation costs, and the return on investment (ROI) linked to power purchase agreements create a complex financial landscape. How can energy storage be profitable?

Where a profitable application of energy storage requires saving of costs or deferral of investments, direct mechanisms, such as subsidies and rebates, will be effective. For applications dependent on price arbitrage, the existence and access to variable market prices are essential.

Is energy storage a profitable business model?

Although academic analysis finds that business models for energy storage are largely unprofitable, annual deployment of storage capacity is globally on the rise (IEA, 2020). One reason may be generous subsidy support and non-financial drivers like a first-mover advantage (Wood Mackenzie, 2019).

Why do energy storage projects need project financing?

The rapid growth in the energy storage market is similarly driving demand for project financing. The general principles of project finance that apply to the financing of solar and wind projects also apply to energy storage projects.

What is a energy storage revenue stream?

The revenue stream describes the type of income a storage facility can generate from its operation. Table 1 provides a list and description of eight distinct applications derived from previous reviews on potential applications for energy storage (Castillo and Gayme, 2014; Kousksou et al., 2014; Palizban and Kauhaniemi, 2016).

Are electricity storage technologies a viable investment option?

Although electricity storage technologies could provide useful flexibility to modern power systems with substantial shares of power generation from

intermittent renewables, investment opportunities and their profitability have remained ambiguous.

How do business models of energy storage work?

Building upon both strands of work, we propose to characterize business models of energy storage as the combination of an application of storage with the revenue stream earned from the operation and the market role of the investor.

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