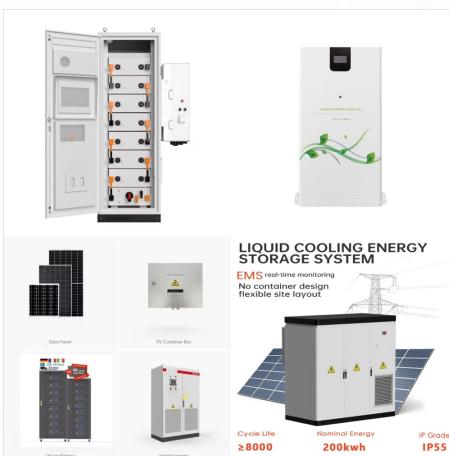


Increasingly, however, electricity storage is needed to accommodate the rising share of variable renewable power generation like sun or wind. If these technologies are ever to dominate our electricity mix, large-scale energy storage needs to be deployed ~~a??~~ and fast: Some 310 GW of storage capacity will be required by 2050 in China, India, US and



3. Thermal energy storage. Thermal energy storage is used particularly in buildings and industrial processes. It involves storing excess energy ~~a??~~ typically surplus energy from renewable sources, or waste heat ~~a??~~ to be used later for heating, cooling or power generation. Liquids ~~a??~~ such as water ~~a??~~ or solid material - such as sand or rocks



Instead of storing energy in compressed air, it can also be stored in liquid air. This is done using excess renewable energy to power a liquefier, which cools and compresses air into a liquid form at -196°C. This is then stored in a tank until it is needed, at which point it can be released, heated and turned into a gas that powers electricity



The need for renewable energy innovation has never been greater. In its 2023 report, *Fostering Effective Energy Transition*, the World Economic Forum says that 95% of countries have improved their total Energy Transition Index score over the past decade, but there has been only "marginal growth" in the past three years. Discover.



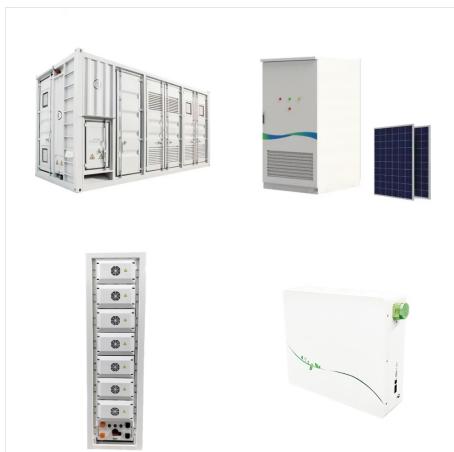
To meet our Net Zero ambitions of 2050, annual additions of grid-scale battery energy storage globally must rise to an average of about 120 GW annually between now and 2030. Regulations and policies in developing countries do not incentivize the adoption of battery energy storage systems, but a new framework developed by the World Bank's



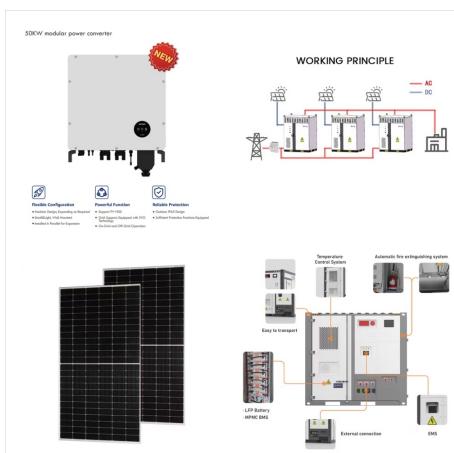
IKEA, the world's biggest furniture brand, is branching out into selling renewable energy to households, starting with home market Sweden in September. Ingka Group, the owner of most IKEA stores worldwide, said households would be able to buy affordable renewable electricity from solar and wind parks, and track their usage through an app.



Green hydrogen could be a critical enabler of the global transition to sustainable energy and net zero emissions economies. There is unprecedented momentum around the world to fulfil hydrogen's longstanding potential as a clean energy solution. Dr Emanuele Taibi lays out where things with hydrogen stand now and how it can help to achieve a?|



How This Ultra-Thin Chip Can Store Solar Energy For 18 Years. The World Economic Forum is an independent international organization committed to improving the state of the world by engaging business, political, academic and other leaders of society to shape global, regional and industry agendas. Incorporated as a not-for-profit foundation in



Trap and release solar power on demand. A research team from Chalmers University of Technology in Gothenburg made a prototype hybrid device with two parts. It's made from silica and quartz with tiny fluid channels cut into both sections. The top part is filled with a liquid that stores solar energy in the chemical bonds of a molecule.



Electricity Grids and Secure Energy Transitions says that 80 million km of grids will need replacing or adding by 2040 - the equivalent of all the grids currently in use today. Changes in how grids are operated and regulated will also be vital, while annual investment will also need to double by 2030.

"The recent clean energy progress we have