The grid abandons energy storage

Is the grid a balancing act?
The reality is a far more precarious balancing act. The grid is a real-time network where electricity generation must constantly match consumption. This system has served us for a century,but its lack of storage capacity is a critical vulnerability,especially as we transition to intermittent renewable energy sources.

How does the electricity grid work?
It's a common misconception that the electricity grid operates like a vast reservoir of power,storing energy and delivering it on demand. The reality is a far more precarious balancing act. The grid is a real-time network where electricity generation must constantly match consumption.

Why is energy storage oversupply a problem?
The expansion is driven mainly by local governments and lacks coordination with new energy stations and the power grid. In some regions, a considerable storage oversupply could lead to conflicts in power-dispatch strategies across timescales and jurisdictions, increasing the risk of system instability and large-scale blackouts.

Is excessive energy storage a problem?
Spyros Foteinis highlights the acknowledged problem that an insufficient capacity to store energy can result in generated renewable energy being wasted (Nature 632, 29; 2024). But the risks for power-system security of the converse problem -- excessive energy storage -- have been mostly overlooked.

Despite massive renewable investments, poor grid integration and underused storage systems have exposed deep inefficiencies in China's energy-storage rollout.

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Those storage systems, which will use cheaper lithium iron phosphate batteries, will be used to power data centers and help buffer demand on the electric grid.

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