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How much does flywheel energy storage cost to generate electricity



Overview

Are flywheel energy storage systems economically feasible?

Equipment cost distribution for the flywheel energy storage systems. FESSs are used for short-duration power applications. Therefore, power capital cost (\$/kW) could be a useful parameter to compare the economic feasibility of energy storage systems for similar power applications.

How can flywheels be more competitive to batteries?

The use of new materials and compact designs will increase the specific energy and energy density to make flywheels more competitive to batteries. Other opportunities are new applications in energy harvest, hybrid energy systems, and flywheel's secondary functionality apart from energy storage.

Are flywheel energy storage systems a good alternative to electro-chemical batteries?

Electro-chemical ESSs can be used in short-duration services , , but they suffer from a short lifetime and the need to dispose of toxic materials , . Flywheel energy storage systems (FESSs) are a promising alternative to electro-chemical batteries for short-duration support to the grid .

What is the power rating of a flywheel energy storage system?

Utility-scale energy storage systems for stationary applications typically have power ratings of 1 MW or more . The largest flywheel energy storage is in New York, USA by Beacon Power with a power rating of 20 MW and 15 min discharge duration .

How much does a steel rotor flywheel cost?

The steel rotor flywheel has a lower capital cost and levelized cost of storage. The costs of composite and steel rotor flywheels are \$190 and \$146/MWh, respectively. Flywheel energy storage systems are increasingly being considered as a promising alternative to electro-chemical batteries for short-

duration utility applications.

How much does a flywheel power converter cost?

The costs of a power converter for composite and steel flywheels are \$49,618 and \$52,595, respectively. The cost difference is due to the difference in rated power, 100 kW for the composite flywheel and 108 kW for the steel flywheel.

Fig. 5. Equipment cost distribution for the flywheel energy storage systems.

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