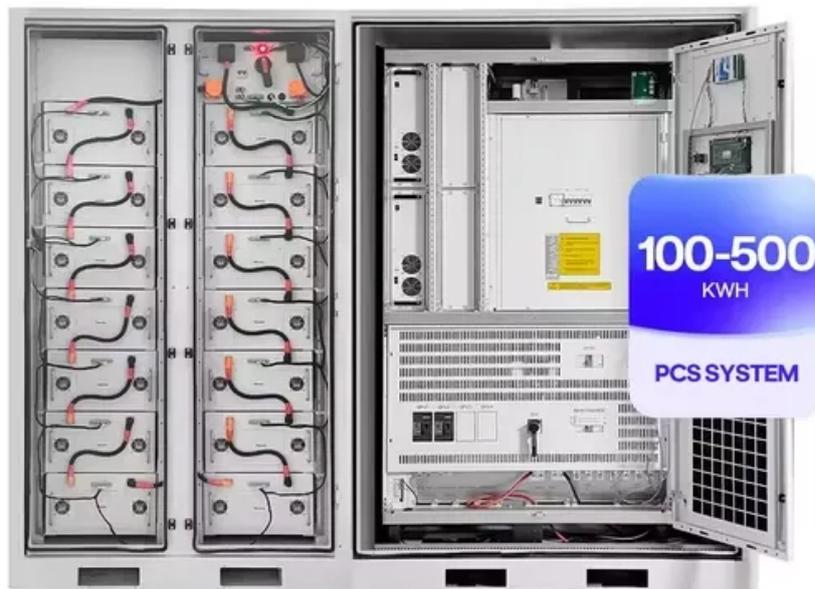


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Flywheel energy storage application cost



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.

Does a flywheel storage system need a bottom-up research?

However, almost no bottom-up research has been done, i.e., research that considers the technical parameters to size the components of a flywheel storage system, estimate cost parameters based on the design, and provide a probable distribution of the total investment cost and levelized cost of storage.

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 .

What are flywheels used for?

Flywheels are used as intermediate energy storage systems for transport applications such as automobiles. Flywheel storage energy systems are more commonly used in Formula 1 cars and hybrid vehicles. However, manufacturers such as Maruti Suzuki have adopted this technology for passenger vehicles also.

Do flywheels perform well in large-scale applications?

There is a scarcity of research that evaluates the techno-economic performance of flywheels for large-scale applications. Evaluating the capital cost, levelized cost of storage, and scale factor is crucial to make an informed

decision in future development and deployment of the technology.

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.

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