

# Investment cost of flywheel energy storage project in the united states

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.

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.

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.

Are battery technologies more economical than flywheels?

Looking at the results from this perspective shows that battery technologies are less economical when a storage technology is being selected for a large power capability rather than energy. With that noted, Li-ion technology and the zinc-hybrid cathode are only slightly higher in cost than flywheels on an annualized \$/kW basis.

What is the largest flywheel energy storage?

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. Utility-scale flywheel storage is typically used for frequency regulation to maintain grid frequency by matching electricity supply and demand for a short period, usually 15 min.



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