

Inertial wheel energy storage power generation





Overview

This technology converts electricity into rotational energy and stores it in spinning masses like flywheels, with applications ranging from stabilizing power grids to charging electric buses faster than you can say “kinetic coffee break”. Which energy storage technology provides inertia for power systems?

With a weighted score of 4.3, flywheels (with lithium-ion batteries a close second) appear as the most suitable energy storage technology to provide inertia for power systems.

Are energy storage technologies a viable alternative to inertia?

Energy storage technologies have emerged as a viable alternative to providing inertia through virtual inertia, i.e. inertia generated or simulated with power electronics and controls (Zhao and Ding, 2018, Zhang et al., 2019, Fang et al., 2017a).

Should energy storage be a virtual inertial source?

Incorporating energy storage as a virtual inertial source would require fundamental changes in grid operations and market design. Because grid rotational inertia is considered an inherent property of power generation, there is no market mechanism to include inertia generation as an ancillary service.

How does a flywheel energy storage system work?

Flywheel Energy Storage Systems (FESS) rely on a mechanical working principle: An electric motor is used to spin a rotor of high inertia up to 20,000-50,000 rpm. Electrical energy is thus converted to kinetic energy for storage. For discharging, the motor acts as a generator, braking the rotor to produce electricity.



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