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Superconducting Energy Storage Project

Overview

ABB is developing an advanced energy storage system using superconducting magnets that could store significantly more energy than today's best magnetic storage technologies at a fraction of the cost.What is superconducting magnetic energy storage (SMES)?

Over time, this vision has evolved into two main technological pathways: Superconducting Magnetic Energy Storage (SMES) and superconducting flywheel energy storage systems. Both use superconducting materials but store energy in different physical forms (magnetic fields versus rotational motion).

What is a superconductor based energy storage system (SMES)?

One emerging technology using superconductors is an SMES (superconducting magnetic energy storage system) which stores energy in the magnetic field produced by a persistent current in a superconducting loop.

Are superconducting energy systems the future of energy?

As early as the 1960s and 70s, researchers like Boom and Peterson outlined superconducting energy systems as the future of energy due to their extremely low power losses. Over time, this vision has evolved into two main technological pathways: Superconducting Magnetic Energy Storage (SMES) and superconducting flywheel energy storage systems.

Can superconductors be used to build energy storage systems?

Abstract. Superconductors can be used to build energy storage systems called Superconducting Magnetic Energy Storage (SMES), which are promising as inductive pulse power source and suitable for powering electromagnetic launchers.

What is a superconducting energy storage system?

Superconducting energy storage systems store energy using the principles of

superconductivity. This is where electrical current can flow without resistance at very low temperatures. Image Credit: Anamaria Mejia/Shutterstock.com.

What are high-temperature superconducting magnetic energy storage systems (HTS SMEs)?

High-temperature superconducting magnetic energy storage systems (HTS SMES) are an emerging technology with fast response and large power capacities which can address the challenges of growing power systems and ensure a reliable power supply.

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