

Can rail-based mobile energy storage help the grid?

In this Article, we estimate the ability of rail-based mobile energy storage (RMES)--mobile containerized batteries, transported by rail among US power sector regions--to aid the grid in withstanding and recovering from high-impact, low-frequency events.

Is rail-based energy storage a viable way to ensure reliability?

A study from the U.S. Department of Energy's Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Berkeley Lab) finds that rail-based mobile energy storage is a feasible way to ensure reliability during exceptional events. Previous research has shown that, in theory, rail-based energy storage could play a role in meeting the country's daily electricity needs.

How does advanced rail energy storage work?

Advanced rail energy storage (thus "ARES") can absorb that excess energy, using it to power electric trains that pull giant slabs of concrete up a gentle slope. In effect, the trains convert the excess electricity to potential energy.

What are the development directions for mobile energy storage technologies?

Development directions in mobile energy storage technologies are envisioned. Carbon neutrality calls for renewable energies, and the efficient use of renewable energies requires energy storage mediums that enable the storage of excess energy and reuse after spatiotemporal reallocation.

Could rail-based mobile energy storage work in New York State?

The study points to New York State, with its robust freight capacity and current transmission constraints between upstate clean energy generation and downstate load centers, as an example of where rail-based mobile energy storage could work well.

Can containerized batteries be transported by rail between power-sector regions?

Nature Energy 8, 653-654 (2023) Cite this article Transporting containerized batteries by rail between power-sector regions could aid the US electric grid in withstanding and recovering from disruption.

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Storage is an increasingly important component of electricity grids and will play a critical role in maintaining reliability. Here the authors explore the potential role that rail-based mobile energy storage could play in providing back-up to the US electricity grid. Maintaining reliability is increasingly challenging for electric grids as they endure more frequent extreme ...

The paper, "Leveraging rail-based mobile energy storage to increase grid reliability in the face of climate uncertainty," was published recently in the journal Nature Energy. A Ready Resource in Freight Rail. The idea for the study came to Amol Phadke, a Berkeley Lab staff scientist and co-author of the study, while he was watching a long ...

Among several hybrid locomotive configurations, a 670 kW fuel cell stack with 60-90 kWh of energy storage and a load-leveling control approach is the most effective one in terms of overall efficiency [66]. When comparing a standalone FC locomotive, the hybrid locomotive performs better than a solo FC locomotive, using 30% less fuel and ...

2.6 Hybrid energy-storage systems. The key idea of a hybrid energy-storage system (HESS) is that heterogeneous ESSes have complementary characteristics, especially in terms of the power density and the energy density . The hybridization synergizes the strengths of each ESS to provide better performance rather than using a single type of ESS.

Advanced Rail Energy Storage (ARES) has developed a breakthrough gravity-based technology that will permit the global electric grid to move effectively, reliably, and cleanly assimilate renewable energy and provide significant stability to the grid. ARES stores energy by raising the elevation of mass against the force of gravity, and recovers ...

The mobile energy storage system will then give a battery charging and discharging plan based on the logistics information fed back from the transportation system, while comparing the effect of peak shaving and valley filling on the urban load. The first and second optimization stages cycle back and forth, ultimately achieving a balance between ...

There is a wide array of energy storage technologies but, at the same time, they are needed in different applications and in each of them they must meet different requirements. ... First, electrolyte production is relatively simple, inexpensive, and mobile. Second, electrolyte cross-contamination would only necessitate recharging, and the ...

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Governments have recently been dedicating relevant funds to cope up with the inevitable transition to sustainable mobility aiming for a greener transportation sector. This scenario is backed up by the deteriorating global energy crisis, which is predicted to hasten the transition to sustainable energy. Focus has been given to railway systems being globally considered as a ...

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For the broader use of energy storage systems and reductions in energy consumption and its associated local environmental impacts, the following challenges must be addressed by academic and industrial research: increasing the energy and power density, reliability, cyclability, and cost competitiveness of chemical and electrochemical energy ...

To date, various energy storage technologies have been developed, including pumped storage hydropower, compressed air, flywheels, batteries, fuel cells, electrochemical capacitors (ECs), traditional capacitors, and so on (Figure 1 C). 5 Among them, pumped storage hydropower and compressed air currently dominate global energy storage, but they have ...

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During emergencies via a shift in the produced energy, mobile energy storage systems (MESSs) can store excess energy on an island, and then use it in another location without sufficient energy supply and at another time [13], which provides high flexibility for distribution system operators to make disaster recovery decisions [14].

Electrified railways are becoming a popular transport medium and these consume a large amount of electrical energy. Environmental concerns demand reduction in energy use and peak power demand of railway systems. Furthermore, high transmission losses in DC railway systems make local storage of energy an increasingly attractive option. An ...

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