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Abstract

Rapid electrification, large-scale renewable integration, and distributed energy architectures demand energy storage and power management systems capable of delivering high efficiency, operational safety, and long-term reliability under dynamic conditions. Conventional empirical control strategies and purely data-driven models lack sufficient physical interpretability to address nonlinear electrochemical behavior, coupled thermal effects, mechanical stress evolution, and degradation-driven performance decline. This book chapter presents a comprehensive synthesis of physics-based innovations that integrate multiphysics modeling, degradation-aware analysis, nonlinear stability evaluation, digital twin frameworks, and physics-informed artificial intelligence within advanced energy storage infrastructures. Electrochemical–thermal–mechanical coupling mechanisms governing batteries, supercapacitors, and fuel cells are examined through unified conservation-based formulations to enable accurate state estimation, safety prediction, and lifecycle optimization. Converter-integrated storage dynamics and nonlinear stability characteristics are analyzed to strengthen physics-constrained power management strategies under grid-connected and microgrid environments. Real-time digital twin architectures incorporating secure cyber-physical monitoring enhance predictive diagnostics and resilience against operational disturbances and malicious intrusions. Physics-informed machine learning frameworks embedded with governing equations further improve predictive robustness while preserving model transparency in safety-critical applications. The presented framework establishes an integrated pathway toward scalable, interpretable, and reliability-oriented energy management systems aligned with next-generation sustainable infrastructure requirements. By bridging first-principles modeling with intelligent control and secure monitoring architectures, this work advances the development of resilient energy ecosystems suitable for electrified transportation, renewable-dominated grids, and high-performance storage deployments.

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Introduction

The global transition toward low-carbon energy infrastructure has accelerated deployment of renewable generation, electrified transportation, and distributed power architectures [1]. Solar photovoltaic arrays, wind farms, microgrids, and hybrid energy hubs increasingly dominate modern electrical networks, replacing centralized fossil-fuel systems that previously operated under predictable load patterns [2]. Variable renewable output introduces rapid fluctuations in voltage, frequency, and power quality, demanding advanced energy storage systems capable of dynamic response and high operational resilience [3]. Parallel growth in electric mobility, aerospace electrification, and portable high-density electronics further elevates performance expectations for storage technologies [4]. High energy density, rapid charge–discharge capability, minimal degradation, and robust safety margins represent fundamental requirements across these applications [5]. Conventional modeling and control approaches, largely based on empirical correlations or simplified equivalent circuits, provide limited insight into the coupled physical mechanisms governing device behavior [6]. Electrochemical reactions, ionic transport, electronic conduction, thermal diffusion, and mechanical stress evolution interact across multiple scales, generating nonlinear responses that challenge traditional control strategies [7]. Accurate understanding of these interactions requires physics-based frameworks grounded in conservation laws, reaction kinetics, and thermodynamic principles [8]. Such frameworks enable systematic evaluation of internal processes that directly influence efficiency, reliability, and lifecycle performance in advanced energy systems [9].

Energy storage technologies including lithium-ion batteries, supercapacitors, hydrogen fuel cells, and emerging solid-state configurations operate through fundamentally distinct yet mathematically related physical principles [10]. Lithium-ion systems rely on reversible intercalation reactions governed by diffusion within porous electrodes and charge transfer across electrolyte interfaces [11]. Supercapacitors emphasize electrostatic charge accumulation and rapid ion migration within high-surface-area materials, enabling high power density under short time scales [12]. Fuel cells convert chemical energy directly into electrical output through coupled electrochemical oxidation and reduction processes involving gas diffusion and membrane proton transport [13]. Each technology exhibits unique degradation pathways such as solid–electrolyte interphase growth, electrode cracking, membrane dehydration, or catalyst poisoning [14]. Coupled thermal behavior strongly influences reaction rates, transport coefficients, and material stability, shaping long-term durability and safety [15]. Comprehensive multiphysics modeling integrates these coupled phenomena into unified formulations, enabling predictive capability across operating regimes characterized by dynamic loads, temperature gradients, and aging effects [16]. Such analytical rigor supports informed material selection, architecture optimization, and performance forecasting under realistic service conditions [17].