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Flywheel energy storage transmission device



Overview

Flywheel energy storage is a mechanical energy storage technology with high power, fast response, high frequency and long life, which is suitable for transportation (rail transit [5-7], ship [8,9], automobile [10-13], aviation [14,15]), power grid quality management [16-19], wind power generation [20-22], and potential energy recovery of drilling rig [23]. 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.

What is flywheel technology?

Flywheel technology is a method of energy storage that uses the principles of rotational kinetic energy. A flywheel is a mechanical device that stores energy by spinning a rotor at very high speeds.

What is the difference between a flywheel and a battery storage system?

Flywheel Systems are more suited for applications that require rapid energy bursts, such as power grid stabilization, frequency regulation, and backup power for critical infrastructure. Battery Storage is typically a better choice for long-term energy storage, such as for renewable energy systems (solar or wind) or home energy storage.

What is flywheel energy storage fess technology?

The principle of flywheel energy storage FESS technology originates from aerospace technology. Its working principle is based on the use of electricity as the driving force to drive the flywheel to rotate at a high speed and store electrical energy in the form of mechanical energy.

Are flywheel energy storages commercially available?

Flywheel energy storages are commercially available (TRL 9) but have not yet experienced large-scale commercialisation due to their cost disadvantages in comparison with battery storages (higher investment, lower energy density). Another challenge is the comparably high standby loss in FESS caused by the magnetic drag of the motor-generator.

How can flywheels be more competitive to batteries?

The use of new materials and compact designs will increase the specific energy and energy density to make flywheels more competitive to batteries. Other opportunities are new applications in energy harvest, hybrid energy systems, and flywheel's secondary functionality apart from energy storage.

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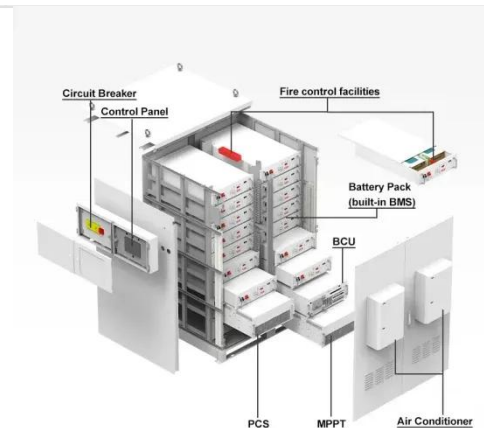


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