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# What is flywheel battery energy storage



## Overview

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A flywheel energy storage system is a mechanical device used to store energy through rotational motion. When excess electricity is available, it is used to accelerate a flywheel to a very high speed. 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 a flywheel energy storage system (fess)?

A flywheel energy storage system stores energy mechanically rather than chemically. It operates by converting electrical energy into rotational kinetic energy, where a heavy rotor (the flywheel) spins at high speed within a vacuum chamber.

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.

Can a flywheel store energy?

A project team from Graz University of Technology (TU Graz) recently developed a prototype flywheel storage system that can store electrical energy and provide fast charging capabilities. Flywheels are considered one of the world's oldest forms of energy storage, yet they are still relevant today.

How does a flywheel energy storage device work?

When this energy needs to be retrieved, the rotor transfers its rotational

energy back to a generator, effectively converting it into usable electrical energy. The anatomy of a flywheel energy storage device.

How does a flywheel work?

Here's a breakdown of the process: **Energy Absorption:** When there's surplus electricity, such as when the grid is overproducing energy, the system uses that excess power to accelerate the flywheel. This energy is stored as kinetic energy, much like how the figure skater speeds up their spin by pulling in their arms.

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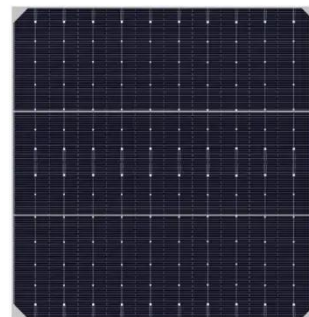
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