

Transfer distance of flywheel energy storage





Overview

Flywheel energy storage (FES) works by accelerating a rotor (flywheel) to a very high speed and maintaining the energy in the system as rotational energy. When energy is extracted from the system, the flywheel's rotational speed is reduced as a consequence of the principle of conservation of energy; adding energy to the system correspondingly results in an increase in the speed of the rotor. Main componentsA typical system consists of a flywheel supported by a bearing and connected to a motor-generator. The flywheel and sometimes motor-generator may be enclosed in a vacuum chamber to reduce friction.

Compared with other ways to store electricity, FES systems have long lifetimes (lasting decades with little or no maintenance; full-cycle lifetimes quoted for flywheels range from in excess of 10⁴, up to 10⁵, cycles).

In the 1950s, flywheel-powered buses, known as *flywheel buses*, were used in *London* and *Paris* and there is ongoing research to make flywheel systems that are smaller, lighter, cheaper and have longer lifetimes.

How does a flywheel energy storage system work?

Flywheel energy storage uses electric motors to drive the flywheel to rotate at a high speed so that the electrical power is transformed into mechanical power and stored, and when necessary, flywheels drive generators to generate power. The flywheel system operates in the high vacuum environment.

How long does a flywheel energy storage system last?

Flywheel energy storage systems have a long working life if periodically maintained (>25 years). The cycle numbers of flywheel energy storage systems are very high (>100,000). In addition, this storage technology is not affected by weather and climatic conditions. One of the most important issues of flywheel energy storage systems is safety.

Can small applications be used instead of large flywheel energy storage systems?

Small applications connected in parallel can be used instead of large flywheel



energy storage systems. There are losses due to air friction and bearing in flywheel energy storage systems. These cause energy losses with self-discharge in the flywheel energy storage system.

How kinetic energy is transferred in and out of a flywheel?

In flywheels, kinetic energy is transferred in and out of the flywheel with an electric machine acting as a motor or generator depending on the charge/discharge mode. Permanent magnet machines are commonly used for flywheels due to their high efficiencies, high power densities, and low rotor losses .

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.

What are the disadvantages of Flywheel energy storage systems?

In addition, this storage technology is not affected by weather and climatic conditions . One of the most important issues of flywheel energy storage systems is safety. As a result of mechanical failure, the rotating object fails during high rotational speed poses a serious danger. One of the disadvantages of these storage systems is noise.



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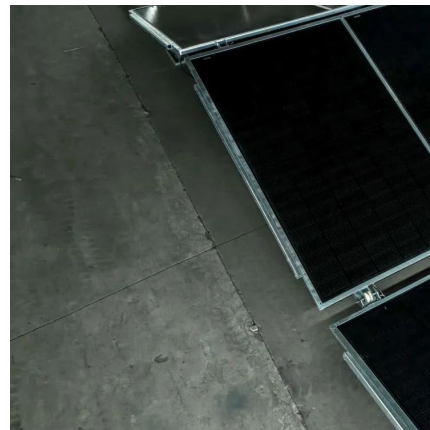


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