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Flywheel energy storage to save electricity





Overview

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 the largest flywheel energy storage system in the world?

Image: Shenzhen Energy Group. A project in China, claimed as the largest flywheel energy storage system in the world, has been connected to the grid. The first flywheel unit of the Dinglun Flywheel Energy Storage Power Station in Changzhi City, Shanxi Province, was connected by project owner Shenzhen Energy Group recently.

Are flywheel energy storage systems a viable alternative to batteries?

This mismatch between supply and demand necessitates effective energy storage solutions. While batteries have been the traditional method, flywheel energy storage systems (FESS) are emerging as an innovative and potentially superior alternative, particularly in applications like time-shifting solar power.

Why should you use a flywheel for solar power?

Moreover, flywheels can store and release energy with minimal losses, particularly when used for short-duration storage (on the order of minutes to a few hours). This makes them ideal for solar power applications where energy needs to be stored during the day and discharged in the evening.

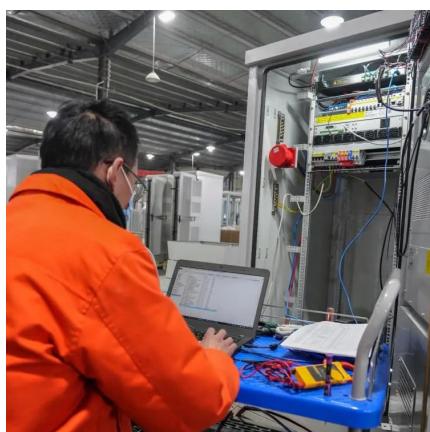


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