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Icelandic Flywheel Energy Storage



Overview

First-generation flywheel energy-storage systems use a large steel flywheel rotating on mechanical bearings. Newer systems use carbon-fiber composite rotors that have a higher tensile strength than steel and can store much more energy for the same mass. Overview Flywheel energy storage (FES) works by accelerating a rotor () to a very high speed and maintaining the energy in the system as . When energy is extracted from the system, the flywheel's r.

A typical system consists of a flywheel supported by connected to a . The flywheel and sometimes motor-generator may be enclosed in a to reduce fricti.

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 10 , up to 10 , cycles.

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