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Flywheel Energy Storage in Manchester UK



Overview

What is a flywheel energy storage system?

Flywheel energy storage systems are an ingenious way to store electricity in the form of kinetic energy. The flywheel, in simple terms, is essentially a mechanical battery. It works by using electricity to accelerate a rotor to a high speed, transferring the electrical power into rotational energy and storing it.

Can a new flywheel make the UK energy system greener?

New flywheel technology can make this process greener. Researchers in the Energy Institute at the University of Sheffield are pioneering a dynamic energy storage system to better balance the UK electricity grid, leading to fewer power cuts, more efficient energy use and a more sustainable energy system for the UK.

What is the cost of Flywheel storage?

The cost of a 25-kWh Flywheel storage system ranges from \$4,015 to \$7,400. The cost of battery storage is from \$3,972 to \$8,700. The efficiency of a Flywheel system is 73 percent compared with 65 percent for a battery system.

What is the UK's largest hybrid battery-flywheel storage system?

The hybrid system, having been first tested in Ireland, is now installed at the University of Sheffield's grid testing facility at Willenhall near Wolverhampton. It comprises a 2MW/1MWh battery and a 600Kw / 10kWh flywheel system making it the largest hybrid battery-flywheel storage system in the UK.

What is flywheel technology?

Flywheel technology represents an environmentally friendly alternative to chemical batteries and can be used to overcome the limitations of intermittent renewable energy sources. Beyond batteries – the energy storage solution of the future.

Are flywheels a viable alternative to grid energy storage?

Standalone flywheels for grid energy storage are an emerging technology, and although there have been some trials around the world, the reliability of the systems have either not been successful or the installation costs have been prohibitive for commercialisation.

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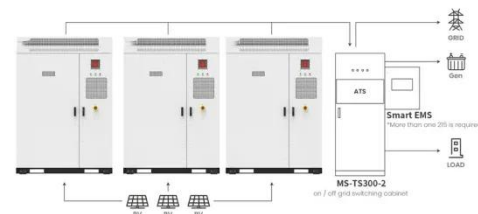
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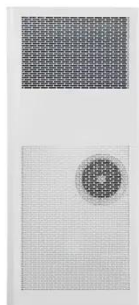
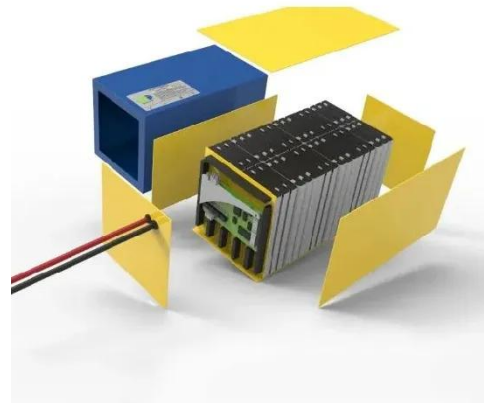
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