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London builds energy storage flywheel





Overview

Falcon Flywheels is an early-stage startup developing flywheel energy storage for electricity grids around the world. 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.

Could flywheels be the future of energy storage?

Flywheels, one of the earliest forms of energy storage, could play a significant role in the transformation of the electri-cal power system into one that is fully sustainable yet low cost.

What is the EFDA Jet Fusion flywheel energy storage system?

The EFDA JET Fusion Flywheel Energy Storage System is a 400,000kW energy storage project located in Abingdon, England, UK. The electro-mechanical energy storage project uses flywheel as its storage technology. The project was commissioned in 2006. The EFDA JET Fusion Flywheel Energy Storage System is owned by EFDA-JET (100%).

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.

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 a flywheel system?

A Flywheel System Configured for Electrical Storage rundown time. Standby power loss can be minimized by means of a good bearing system, a low electromagnetic drag MG, and internal vacuum for low aerodynamic drag. Given the electric flywheel does not need a shaft seal, a hermetically sealed casing can minimize the operation of the vacuum pump.



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