

Flywheel energy storage rotor inertia





Overview

How does a flywheel energy storage system work?

The flywheel energy storage system mainly stores energy through the inertia of the high-speed rotation of the rotor. In order to fully utilize material strength to achieve higher energy storage density, rotors are increasingly operating at extremely high flange speeds.

What size rotor is used in a flywheel energy storage system?

The shown unit features a rotor with a full-size 400 mm outer diameter but axial height scaled to 24% of the full-scale design with 1.0 kWh nominal capacity. Figure 1. Cutaway schematic of a flywheel energy storage system for experimental research. Inset shows the actual device [16].

What is the most destructive flywheel energy storage system failure?

Among them, the rupture of the flywheel rotor is undoubtedly the most destructive flywheel energy storage system failure. Therefore, in the design process of flywheel rotor, it is necessary to fully evaluate the operation safety of flywheel energy storage system based on the material, size, and speed of the rotor.

How much energy can a flywheel store?

The small energy storage composite flywheel of American company Powerthu can operate at 53000 rpm and store 0.53 kWh of energy . The superconducting flywheel energy storage system developed by the Japan Railway Technology Research Institute has a rotational speed of 6000 rpm and a single unit energy storage capacity of 100 kW·h.



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