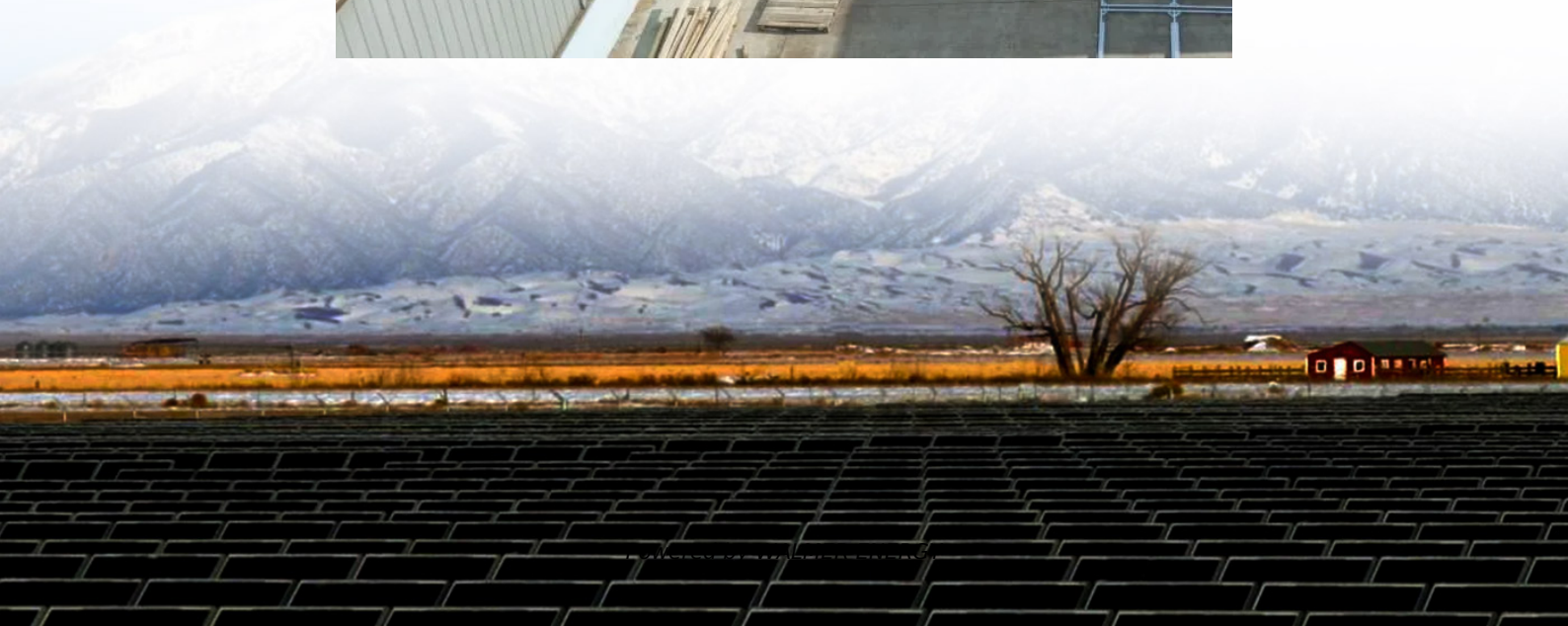


Three stages of flywheel energy storage





Overview

In FESSs, electric energy is transformed into kinetic energy and stored by rotating a flywheel at high speeds. An FESS operates in three distinct modes: charging, discharging, and holding. What is a flywheel energy storage system?

Fig. 1 has been produced to illustrate the flywheel energy storage system, including its sub-components and the related technologies. A FESS consists of several key components: (1) A rotor/flywheel for storing the kinetic energy. (2) A bearing system to support the rotor/flywheel.

What are the application areas of flywheel technology?

Application areas of flywheel technology will be discussed in this review paper in fields such as electric vehicles, storage systems for solar and wind generation as well as in uninterrupted power supply systems. Keywords - Energy storage systems, Flywheel, Mechanical batteries, Renewable energy.

1. Introduction.

How can flywheels be more competitive to batteries?

The use of new materials and compact designs will increase the specific energy and energy density to make flywheels more competitive to batteries. Other opportunities are new applications in energy harvest, hybrid energy systems, and flywheel's secondary functionality apart from energy storage.

How do flywheels store kinetic energy?

Beyond pumped hydroelectric storage, flywheels represent one of the most established technologies for mechanical energy storage based on rotational kinetic energy. Fundamentally, flywheels store kinetic energy in a rotating mass known as a rotor [1, 2, 3], characterized by high conversion power and rapid discharge rates.



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