

What is a flywheel and how does it work?

A flywheel is an onboard energy recovery and storage system that is durable, efficient, and environmentally friendly. It works by storing energy in a rotating mechanical device, the flywheel. The temperatures of the flywheel and its housing can be influenced by the friction-induced windage losses in the air-gap of a high-speed rotating flywheel.

Is flywheel energy storage a viable energy storage technology?

Flywheel energy storage is currently considered a viable energy technology for energy storage due to its large instantaneous power and high energy density. It offers an onboard energy recovery and storage system which is durable, efficient, and environmentally friendly.

What is flywheel kinetic energy recovery system?

A Flywheel Kinetic Energy Recovery System (KERS) is a form of a mechanical hybrid system in which kinetic energy is stored in a spinning flywheel. This technology is being trialled by selected bus, truck, and mainstream automotive companies. Flywheel storage systems can supply instantaneous high power for short periods of time.

Why do enclosed flywheels produce heat?

The rotation of an enclosed flywheel creates a complex air flow within the air-gap, resulting in heat generation due to frictional losses. The flow characteristics depend on the flywheel speed, outer rim surface roughness, air-gap size, and properties of the working fluid.

What is the thermal boundary condition of a flywheel case?

The thermal boundary condition for the flywheel case was set to convection with a free stream temperature of 24 °C and a heat transfer coefficient of 30 W/m<sup>2</sup>. This replicates the overall thermal boundary condition of the flywheel case during the experiments. The thermal properties of different flywheel components are listed in Table 4.

What are the boundary conditions for a flywheel assembly?

The boundary conditions for each zone in the CFD analysis of the flywheel assembly are listed in Table 5. The initial temperature of the assembly was set to 24 °C and the solution convergence criteria for velocity, continuity and turbulence  $k-\epsilon$  residuals were set to be  $10^{-6}$  and for energy to be  $10^{-8}$ .

Thanks to the unique advantages such as long life cycles, high power density and quality, and minimal environmental impact, the flywheel/kinetic energy storage system (FESS) is gaining steam recently.

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characteristics, has a variety of applications, including for uninterrupted power supplies and renewable energy grids. The heat produced by the system as a result of power loss has a significant negative impact on the long-term stability in a vacuum environment. This ...

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FESSs employ the principles of rotational kinetic energy storage, offering a reliable and high-efficiency method for energy storage and retrieval [4]. A flywheel rotor is a mechanical ...

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