

FLYWHEEL ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM

Why Flywheels?

- A flywheel is an electro-mechanical energy storage device, which has a planned life 3 times greater than the International Space Station (ISS) Nickel Hydrogen battery.
- FESS is designed to provide more functionality and capacity than the ISS Nickel Hydrogen battery.

	FESS	Battery/Electronics
Power	4.1 kW	4.1 kW
Peak Power	5.5 kW	5.5 kW
Energy Storage	5.5 kWhr	4.6 kWhr
Contingency Power	2 orbits	1 orbit
Life Expectancy	15 years	5-6 years

In addition, the FESS provides important benefits:

■ Significant life cycle cost savings

- Reduced logistics (up-mass & down-mass)
- Reduced maintenance (EVA- IVA Hr/Yr)

■ Operations advantages

- Higher round trip efficiency
- Known state-of-charge
- Offer more flexibility in charge/discharge profiles
- Doubled contingency power (energy)

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Aerospace Flywheel Components

A flywheel is a device that stores energy in the form of kinetic (rotating) mass and delivers electrical energy on demand.

Motor/Generator

High-speed, high-efficiency
permanent magnet synchronous DC motor

Radial Magnetic Bearings

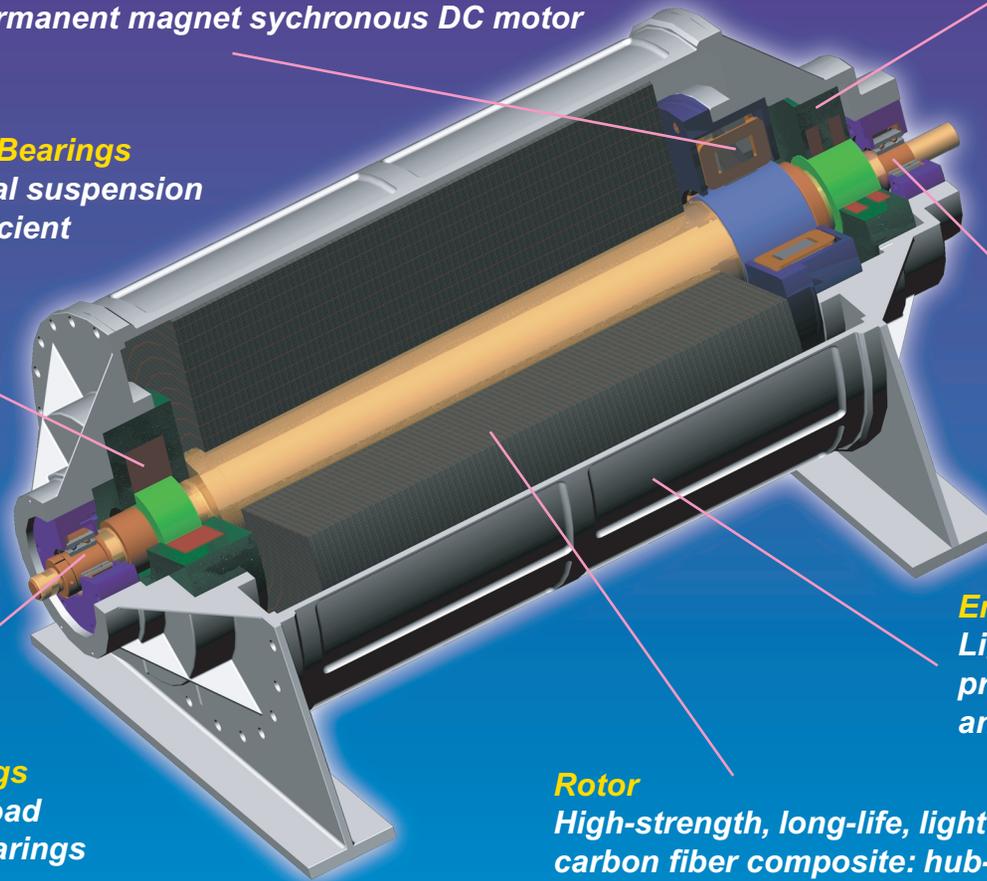
High-magnetic flux, efficient
homopolar magnetics

Combination Magnetic Bearings

Provides radial and axial suspension
High-magnetic flux, efficient
homopolar magnetics

Touchdown Bearings

High-speed, high-load
mechanical ball bearings



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Enclosure

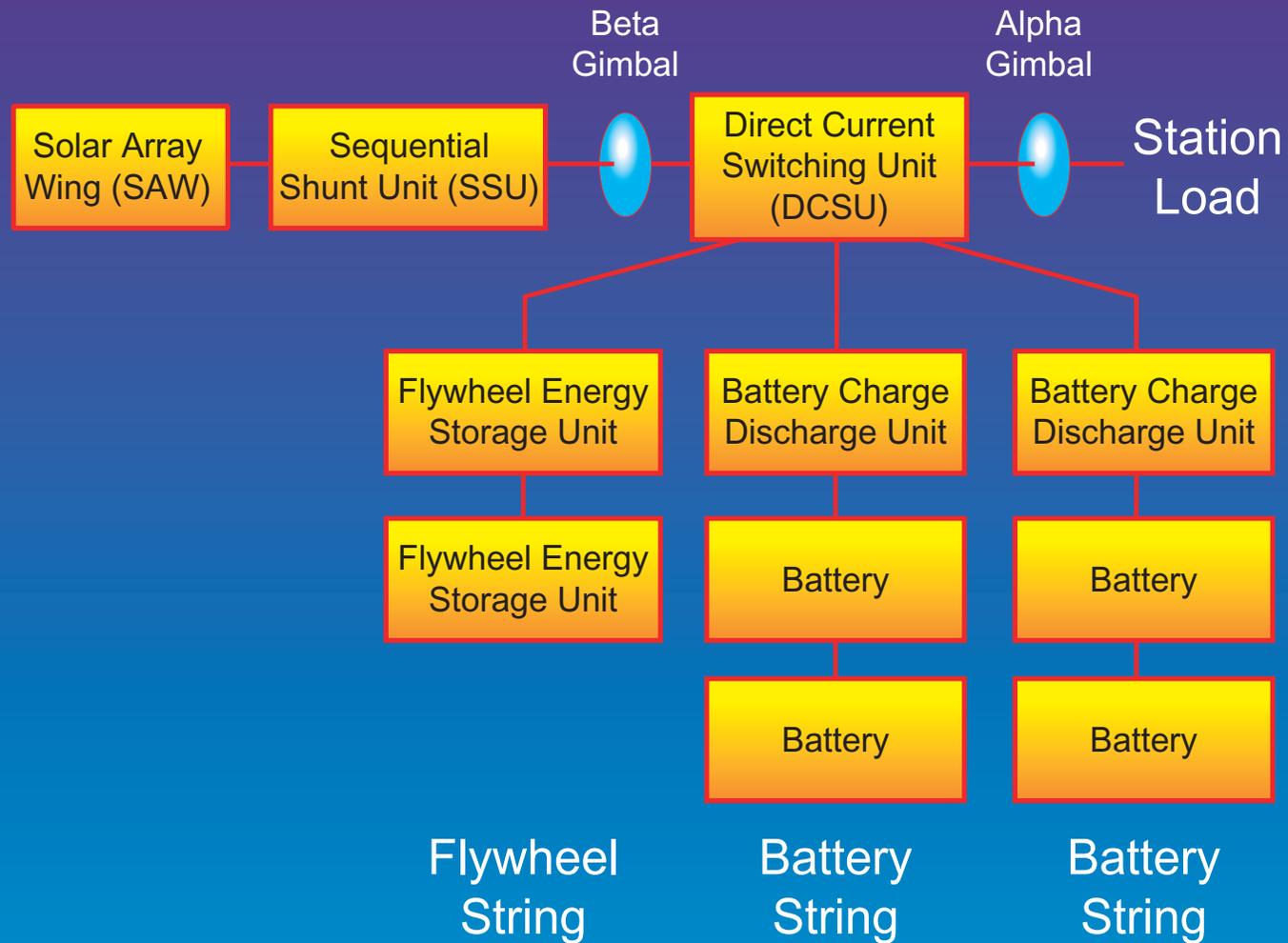
Lightweight aluminum housing
provides spacecraft mechanical
and thermal interface

Rotor

High-strength, long-life, lightweight
carbon fiber composite: hub-rim assembly

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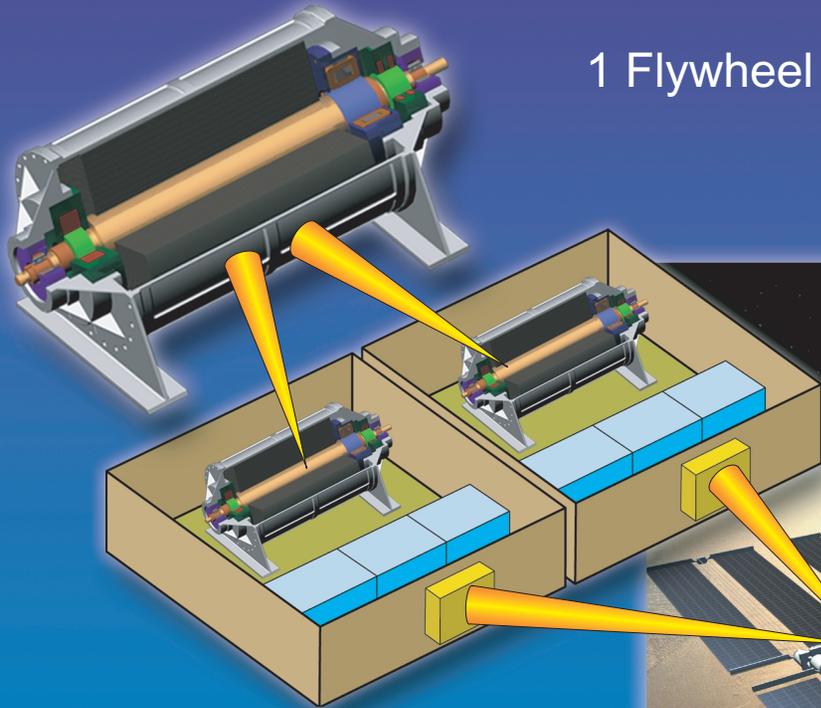
ISS Electrical Power System with one FESS Installed



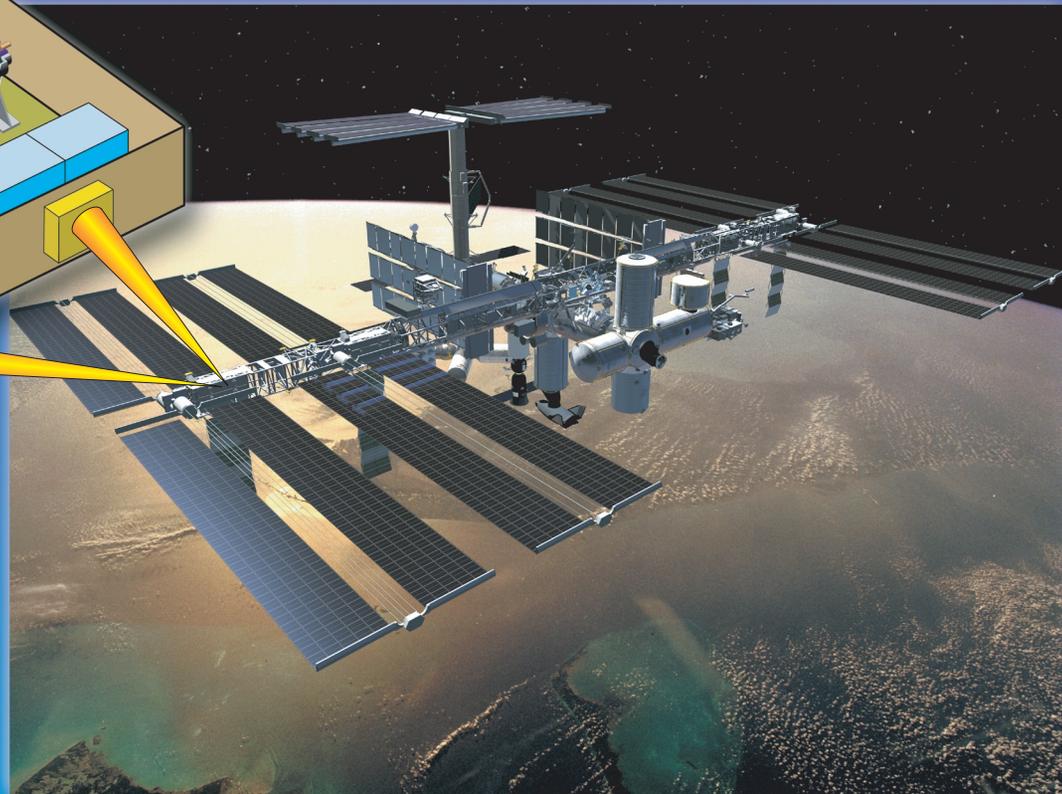
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FESS Architecture

1 Flywheel Module + 1 Set of Electronics =
Flywheel Energy Storage Unit (FESU)



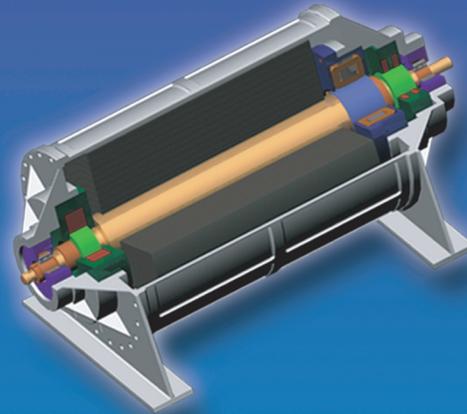
2 Flywheel Energy Storage
Units (FESU's)=
Flywheel Energy
Storage System (FESS)



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Long Life and Reduced Costs

FESS Replaces 3 Battery Systems Over the Life of Space Station Resulting in Direct Replacement Cost Savings of \$260M with additional Savings in Launch and EVA Costs



15 Years

