

## European Solar and Energy Storage Solutions

# What are the consequences if the switch cabinet does not store energy



## Overview

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The switch inherently does not store energy; rather, it toggles connections that facilitate or disrupt current flow. However, in the context of smart switches and electrical systems, several factors determine the energy storage aspect.

An electronic switch, such as a transistor, employs semiconductor materials to regulate current flow but does not store energy. The differentiation in function is critical for understanding why switches alone cannot serve as storage solutions.

If you manage to switch it off without much of a spark, it will do one of these two things (or both): The inductor will oscillate with its parasitic capacitance. The parasitic resistances (and other factors, like radio emission) will decay the oscillation rather quickly.

The key point here is that without an air gap an inductor will saturate if you try to put any current through it so inductance will fall and you can't store any energy. What happens if an inductor has no resistance?

Even an ideal inductor has capacitances associated with it and you will see  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot L \cdot i^2$  energy redistributed into  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot C \cdot V^2$  energy. If there is little or no resistance you will see oscillations as energy is dissipated over longer than a resonance cycle - in the form of electromagnetic radiation if no other means exists.

What happens if a switch is not handled properly?

These events are called quenches, and they can do permanent damage if not handled properly. Even better, because the switch cannot throw infinitely fast, there will be finite lengths of time during which one contact is arbitrarily close to the other, so the voltage gradient arbitrarily high.

What is an example of a stored energy in an inductor?

A fine example of the stored energy of an inductor used to generate a useful voltage, is the ignition coil in petrol engines.

Why does a coil store no energy?

This is not an equilibrium configuration and then, since the electrons in the metal are free to move, the charges redistribute in the wire, nullifying the potential difference. Now the coil stores no energy. So where did the energy go?

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What happens if there is no heat loss in a superconductor?

This is because all of the electrons are behaving as one wave (wave function) in the superconducting regime. If there is no heat loss this will cont. forever. In reality, electron standing wave on the string will damp out eventually. It will behave like an antenna and it will radiate its initial energy as an EM wave.

What happens when a switch reaches a 1000 Volt voltage?

Well, almost. When the voltage across the opening switch reaches several 1000 volts, the air between the contacts of the switch gets ionized and becomes an electrical conductor. According to "Electrical breakdown - Gases" air begins to break down at 3000 V/mm. You will actually see and hear a spark in the switch.

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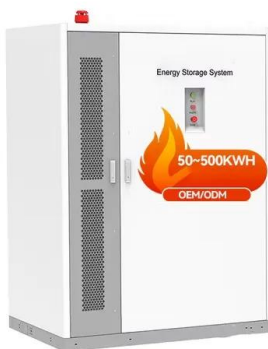


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method to rectify an AC wave, but it is not the most efficient. Diodes are relatively efficient switches; they can switch on and off quickly with minimal power loss. The only problem with ...



### electromagnetism

This field is often big enough to push the electrons out of the metal and across the air gap in the switch, creating a spark. (The energy is finite but the power is very high.) magnetic field has the ability to store energy. ...

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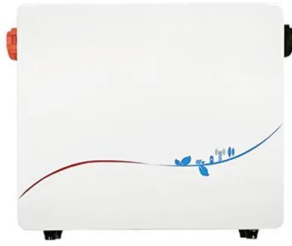
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