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Will China's first large-scale compressed air energy storage project be commercialized?

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Could a cavern be China's first underground energy storage project?

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Why should energy storage technology be developed?

Therefore, supporting energy storage technology must be developed to smoothen the grid input and improve the consumption level of renewable energy. Compressed air storage energy (CAES) technology uses high-pressure air as a medium to achieve energy storage and release in the power grid.

Are flexible sealed CAES tunnels airtight?

However, the current airtightness calculations for flexible sealed CAES tunnels often ignore the process of high-pressure air penetration and accumulation in the lining and surrounding rock after passing through FSL. Consequently, the tunnel airtightness cannot be accurately assessed.

What is underground gas storage?

Different from pumped storage power stations, which have special geographical and hydrological requirements, CAES technology has urgent and huge development potential in areas rich in renewable energy [2,3]. Underground gas storage is an important component of large-scale CAES power stations. At present, underground gas storage has two main types.

Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES) is a commercial, utility-scale technology that is suitable for providing long-duration energy storage. Underground air storage caverns are an important part of CAES. In this paper, an analytical solution for calculating air leakage and energy loss within underground caverns were proposed.

Compressed air energy storage (CAES) is considered one of the critical technological approaches to bridging the gaps between clean electricity production and electricity demand. An in-situ air storage test in a shallow buried underground cavern was introduced to understand better the connection and mutual influence between

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Compressed air energy storage (CAES) is one of the many energy storage options that can store electric energy in the form of potential energy (compressed air) and can be deployed near central power plants or distribution centers. In response to demand, the stored energy can be discharged by expanding the stored air with a turboexpander generator.

Method Artificial underground cavern gas storage facilities largely freed compressed air energy storage power plants from the reliance on specific geological ...

[6] Ishihata T 1997 Underground compressed air storage facility for CAES-GT power plant utilizing an airtight lining International Society of Rock Engineering 5 17-21. Google Scholar [7] Jiang Z M, Li P, Zhao H B et al 2020 Compressed air energy storage performance of shallow buried underground gas storage test study Rock and Soil Mechanics 41 ...

The core principle of compressed air energy storage [13] is to utilize surplus electricity generated from renewable energy sources to compress air into large-scale storage facilities bsequently, during periods of peak energy demand, the compressed air is released (or supplemented with natural gas for combustion) to drive turbines for electricity generation, ...

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To solve this problem, large-scale energy storage technology could be used, and compressed air energy storage (CAES) is a promising large-scale energy storage technology (Mahlia et al., 2014; Luo et al., 2015). CAES technology realizes storage and release of energy in power grid through high-pressure air medium and converts intermittent energy ...

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With the widespread recognition of underground salt cavern compressed air storage at home and abroad, how to choose and evaluate salt cavern resources has become a key issue in the construction of gas storage. ...

Lined rock cavern at shallow depth is identified as a promising alternative and cost-effective solution for air storage of large-scale compressed air energy storage (CAES) plant. To better understand the thermodynamic process of the compressed air in the underground cavern and the response of the surrounding rock during air charging and discharging phases, ...

Compressed air energy storage (CAES) is a large-scale energy storage technology that can overcome the intermittency and volatility of renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind energy. Although abandoned mines can be reused for underground CAES of large scale, their feasibility requires further investigations. This study performs a comparative study on the ...

Mechanical responses induced by temperature and air pressure significantly affect the stability and durability of underground compressed air energy storage (CAES) in a lined rock cavern. An analytical solution for evaluating such responses is, thus, proposed in this paper. The lined cavern of interest consists of three layers, namely, a sealing layer, a concrete lining and ...

According to the modes that energy is stored, energy storage technologies can be classified into electrochemical energy storage, thermal energy storage and mechanical energy storage and so on [5, 6]. Specifically, pumped hydro energy storage and compressed air energy storage (CAES) are growing rapidly because of their suitability for large-scale deployment [7].

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Gotthard base tunnel, Biasca, Switzerland ... where the principles can be easily configured for the storage of high pressure air. An artificial gas field is formed by injecting high pressure gas into the permeable rock displacing the water and creating a variable volume gas store. ... Compressed air energy storage is a large-scale energy ...

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Introduction Compressed air energy storage (CAES) is a technology for storing electrical energy on a large scale, only second to pumped storage in terms of scale. The gas storage device is an important component of CAES. The gas storage facilities of compressed air energy storage power plants that have been put into commercial operation domestically and ...

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Large-scale energy storage technology has garnered increasing attention in recent years as it can stably and effectively support the integration of wind and solar power generation into the power grid [13, 14]. Currently, the existing large-scale energy storage technologies include pumped hydro energy storage (PHES), geothermal, hydrogen, and compressed air energy ...

Among the different ES technologies available nowadays, compressed air energy storage (CAES) is one of the few large-scale ES technologies which can store tens to hundreds of MW of power capacity for long-term applications and utility-scale [1], [2]. CAES is the second ES technology in terms of installed capacity, with a total capacity of around 450 MW, representing ...

The proposed energy storage system uses a post-mine shaft with a volume of about 60,000 m<sup>3</sup> and the proposed thermal energy and compressed air storage system can be characterized by energy capacities of 140 MWh at a moderate pressure of 5 MPa. Important features of the system that determine high values of electric energy storage efficiency, in ...

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Airtightness evaluation of compressed air energy storage (CAES) salt caverns in bedded rock salt ... CAES technology provides large-scale clean energy storage of electric energy and enhances the spatio-temporal structure of power generation and utilization. ... When the permeability of the interlayer is lower than 1 × 10<sup>-18</sup> m<sup>2</sup>, the ...

Compressed air energy storage in artificial caverns can mitigate the dependence on salt cavern and waste mines, as well as realize the rapid consumption of new energy and the "peak-cutting and valley-filling" of the power grid. At the same time, the safety and stability of the surrounding rock of gas storage has attracted extensive ...

To investigate the influence of the fatigue effect of salt rock on the long-term stability of the compressed air

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energy storage power plant, the numerical simulation method was used to analyze the long-term stability of the energy storage under the conditions of the fatigue effect is considered (the creep-fatigue interaction of salt rock stratum is considered) and not ...

The widespread use of renewable clean energy (such as hydropower, solar energy, and wind energy) requires a large-scale energy storage system to regulate the mismatch between energy demand and supply. Compressed air energy storage (CAES) technology as an emerging large-scale energy storage can solve the temporal and spatial mismatch in grid ...

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