

# The hazards of compressed air energy storage

What are the disadvantages of a compressed air storage system?

With a rough estimate of 80% of U.S territory being geologically suitable for CAES, it has the potential to be a leading system within the storing of compressed air energy . One of the main disadvantages associated with this type of storage system is the need for the heating process to cause expansion.

What is compressed air energy storage (CAES)?

Compressed air energy storage (CAES) is an effective solution for balancing this mismatch and therefore is suitable for use in future electrical systems to achieve a high penetration of renewable energy generation.

What happens when compressed air is removed from storage?

Upon removal from storage, the temperature of this compressed air is the one indicator of the amount of stored energy that remains in this air. Consequently, if the air temperature is too low for the energy recovery process, then the air must be substantially re-heated prior to expansion in the turbine to power a generator.

Why do compressed air energy storage systems have greater heat losses?

Compressed air energy storage systems may be efficient in storing unused energy, but large-scale applications have greater heat losses because the compression of air creates heat, meaning expansion is used to ensure the heat is removed [1]. Expansion entails a change in the shape of the material due to a change in temperature.

Do real gas characteristics affect compressed air energy storage systems?

The effect of real gas characteristics on compressed air energy storage systems has also been investigated in literature. The application of isobaric capacity was utilised in this investigation.

Where can compressed air energy be stored?

The number of sites available for compressed air energy storage is higher compared to those of pumped hydro [1]. Porous rocks and cavern reservoirs are also ideal storage sites for CAES. Gas storage locations are capable of being used as sites for storage of compressed air .

As a promising technology, compressed air energy storage in aquifers (CAESA) has received increasing attention as a potential method to deal with the intermittent nature of ...

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