

# Underground compressed air energy storage problem

Can a positive experience from underground storage of natural gas be extrapolated to compressed air?

The positive experience gained from underground storage of natural gas cannot be directly extrapolated to compressed air storages because of the risk of reactions between the oxygen in the air and the minerals and microorganisms in the reservoir rock.

How is energy stored in compressed air?

In Germany, a patent for the storage of electrical energy via compressed air was issued in 1956 whereby "energy is used for the isothermal compression of air; the compressed air is stored and transmitted long distances to generate mechanical energy at remote locations by converting heat energy into mechanical energy" .

Is compressed air energy storage in aquifers a potential large-scale energy storage technology?

Compressed air energy storage in aquifers (CAESA) has been considered a potential large-scale energy storage technology. However, due to the lack of actual field tests, research on the underground processes is still in the stage of theoretical analysis and requires further understanding.

When did compressed air storage start?

The concept of large-scale compressed air storage was developed in the middle of the last century. The first patent for compressed air storage in artificially constructed cavities deep underground, as a means of storing electrical energy, was issued in the United States in 1948.

Can compressed air be used for energy storage?

Hydrostor, based in Toronto, Canada, has developed a new way of storing compressed air for large-scale energy storage. Instead of counting on a salt dome, the company makes a series of shafts that go several thousand feet underground, miners are then sent underground to hollow out a cavern that can be used for compressed air storage.

How efficient is underground energy storage?

Fig. 17 b shows the variation in underground energy storage efficiency. In both schemes, the overall efficiency is higher than 95.8%. The second scheme demonstrates improved performance throughout the cycle.

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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. An attractive feature of this ...

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flow and heat transport associated with underground compressed air energy storage (CAES) in lined rock caverns. Using the approach presented here, we carry out a parametric study to examine the influence of major design parameters on the air tightness of a concrete-lined rock cavern, such as the

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