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Investment in compressed air energy storage in abandoned coal mines

Can abandoned coal mines be used as compressed air storage space?

Fan et al. proposed a hybrid wind energy-CAES system using roadways of abandoned coal mines as compressed air storage space, and conducted service potential analyses of roadway for various roadway depths and different permeability of concrete lining and surrounding rock.

Can ibcaes improve the performance of energy storage in abandoned mines?

To improve the performance of energy storage in underground space of abandoned mines, a novel scheme of isobaric compressed air energy storage (IBCAES) is proposed (as shown in Fig. 1) [, , , ,].

What are the patterns of energy storage in abandoned mines?

The patterns of energy storage in underground space of abandoned mines include mainly pumped hydro storage (PHS) and compressed air energy storage (CAES)[,,,].

Can abandoned coal mine facilities be used to generate energy?

Thus, the abandoned mine facilities are efficiently used to generate both electrical and thermal renewable energy. Fig. 5. Combined design of underground energy storage systems (UPHES and CAES) and geothermal utilization in an abandoned underground coal mine.

Can abandoned mines be used for energy storage?

Closed mines can be used for the implementation of plants of energy generation with low environmental impact. This paper explores the use of abandoned mines for Underground Pumped Hydroelectric Energy Storage (UPHES), Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES) plants and geothermal applications.

Why are abandoned coal mines a good investment?

In addition, the underground geology is known in detail and the cost is reduced, since the voids have been already excavated and there is a large surface area available for the installations. In fact, abandoned coal mines have been efficiently used for natural gas and CO 2 storage [66,67].

As such, there is a global need for other forms of low-cost long-term energy storage. Conventional compressed air energy storage is an attractive option in terms of energy density, time scale and power, but is currently not employed due to low round-trip efficiency and high storage vessel costs [9], [10], [11].

The analysis shows that, (1) There is a large amount of usable space in abandoned coal mines, and eight reuse modes of underground space in abandoned coal mines have been summarized: agricultural and forestry land, construction land, site greening, watershed utilization, water-heat combination, wetland park, mine park, and space reuse. (2) The research on CAES in ...

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Compressed air energy storage technology CAES is a high concentration, scalable and high capacity energy storage that uses high pressure air to store energy during off-peak hours (Budt et al., 2016). When demand is high, the CAES unit reverses the storage process, allowing air to decompress as it passes through turbines, and feed the grid in less than 15 minutes.

Compressed air energy storage (CAES)has the advantages of low construction cost, small equipment footprint, long storage cycle and environmental protection. Exploring the ...

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It is anticipated that utilizing the underground space in abandoned mines to build and operate pumped-storage hydroelectricity (PSH) plants can reduce capital investment and geological constraints. However, there are currently few detailed investigations into techno-economic feasibility except for conceptual studies. In this paper, an underground coal mine in ...

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cluding heat [20] and compressed air energy storage [21]. Suc-cessful redevelopment of an abandoned mine will likely rely on an energy storage technology (or combination of technologies) suited to the particular site. A new gravity energy storage technology using suspended weights has been proposed by the UK company Gravitricity. In-

Accordingly, building compressed air energy storage (CAES) plants along the roadways of abandoned coal mines can serve as a viable energy storage method while repurposing these mines.

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