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Efficiency and cost of compressed air energy storage





Overview

How much does compressed air energy storage cost?

Our base case for Compressed Air Energy Storage costs require a 26c/kWh storage spread to generate a 10% IRR at a \$1,350/kW CAES facility, with 63% round-trip efficiency, charging and discharging 365 days per year.

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.

Why do we need compressed air energy storage systems?

Conclusions With excellent storage duration, capacity, and power, compressed air energy storage systems enable the integration of renewable energy into future electrical grids. There has been a significant limit to the adoption rate of CAES due to its reliance on underground formations for storage.

What is the difference between compressed air and compressed carbon dioxide energy storage?

Compared to compressed air energy storage system, compressed carbon dioxide energy storage system has 9.55 % higher round-trip efficiency, 16.55 % higher cost, and 6 % longer payback period. At other thermal storage temperatures, similar phenomena can be observed for these two systems.



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