

# China Energy Storage Technology Process Institute Compressed Air Energy Storage

How can compressed air energy storage improve the stability of China's power grid?

The intermittent nature of renewable energy poses challenges to the stability of the existing power grid. Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES) that stores energy in the form of high-pressure air has the potential to deal with the unstable supply of renewable energy at large scale in China.

What is CAES (compressed air energy storage)?

Recently, a major breakthrough has been made in the field of research and development of the Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES) system in China, which is the completion of integration test on the world-first 300MW expander of advanced CAES system marking the smooth transition from development to production.

Where is a 100 mw compressed air energy storage system located?

A 100 MW compressed air energy storage system in Zhangjiakou, China. The Institute of Engineering Thermophysics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences has switched on a 100 MW compressed air energy storage (CAES) plant in Zhangjiakou, in China's Hebei province.

Is China ready to commercialize energy storage?

China is currently in the early stage of commercializing energy storage. As of 2017, the cumulative installed capacity of energy storage in China was 28.9 GW, accounting for only 1.6% of the total power generating capacity (1777 GW), which is still far below the goal set by the State Grid of China (i.e., 4%-5% by 2020).

What is compressed air energy storage?

Compressed air energy storage is derived from gas turbine technology, and the concept of using compressed air to store electric energy dates back to the 1940s. The principle of a traditional CAES plant is described as follows (Fig. 1a).

What percentage of energy storage systems are installed in China?

According to statistics data from Zhiyan Consulting, an industry research institute in Beijing, by the end of 2020, CAES accounted for only 0.2 per cent of the global energy storage market, and only 0.03 per cent in China. However, energy storage systems totalling 4,000MW were installed in 2021, according to a March report in People's Daily.

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As assistant director of the IET Dr. Chen Haisheng shared with China Science Daily, CAES technology originates from traditional gas turbine energy storage technology. During low energy use periods, the system's electric motor will drive an air compressor to compress air and store it in a container, thereby converting electric energy into ...

Chinese developer ZCGN has completed the construction of a 300 MW compressed air energy storage (CAES) facility in Feicheng, China's Shandong province. The company said the storage plant is the...

The China Energy Storage Alliance (CNESA) noted a number of advantages with non-afterburning compressed air energy storage power generation technology. They include high capacity, long life cycles ...

By summarizing the current status of CAES technology, the working principles, challenges, and solutions of different CAES technologies are analyzed, which is provided for the development of CAES technology through research.

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As renewable energy production is intermittent, its application creates uncertainty in the level of supply. As a result, integrating an energy storage system (ESS) into renewable energy systems could be an effective ...

The successful development of the 300MW compressed air expander stands as a significant milestone in domestic compressed air energy storage domain. Not only does it mark a turning point for advanced compressed air energy technology, but it also propels the nation's capabilities to unprecedented height. This



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CAES is a relatively mature energy storage technology that stores electrical energy in the form of high-pressure air and then generates electricity through the expansion of high-pressure air when needed. It has many advantages such as high reliability, low energy storage cost, flexible layout, and negligible environmental impact [4].

As a mechanical energy storage system, CAES has demonstrated its clear potential amongst all energy storage systems in terms of clean storage medium, high lifetime scalability, low self-discharge ...

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