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Will China's first large-scale compressed air energy storage project be commercialized?

A state-backed consortium is constructing China's first large-scale compressed air energy storage (CAES) project using a fully artificial underground cavern, marking a major step in the technology's commercialization.

What is compressed air energy storage (CAES)?

Among the different ES technologies, compressed air energy storage (CAES) can store tens to hundreds of MW of power capacity for long-term applications and utility-scale. The increasing need for large-scale ES has led to the rising interest and development of CAES projects.

Can abandoned mines be used as compressed air storage systems?

Underground space in abandoned mines may be used as compressed air storage systems for CAES plants. The simplified schematic diagram of the CAES system is shown in Figure 1. The compressor and turbine facilities are installed above the ground, while the compressed air reservoir is underground.

What is a compressed air energy storage project?

A compressed air energy storage (CAES) project in Hubei, China, has come online, with 300MW/1,500MWh of capacity. The 5-hour duration project, called Hubei Yingchang, was built in two years with a total investment of CNY1.95 billion (US\$270 million) and uses abandoned salt mines in the Yingcheng area of Hubei, China's sixth-most populous province.

How to reduce air leakage in abandoned underground mines?

To reduce air leakage, two different sealing layers, FRP, and steel, have been employed in the present study. The air temperature and pressure fluctuations are estimated for both FRP and steel sealing layers. Figure 1. Schematic diagram of compressed air energy storage (CAES) system in abandoned underground mines.

Can compressed air energy storage improve the profitability of existing power plants?

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