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Athens new compressed air energy storage



Overview

Air4NRG is a European project developing innovative isothermal compressed air energy storage (I-CAES) technology to enhance renewable energy storage, reduce reliance on critical raw materials, and promote Europe's energy independence. What is compressed air energy storage (CAES)?

Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES) offers potential, but faces challenges including poor efficiency and reliance on fossil fuels. In this context, the EU-funded Air4NRG project aims to improve long-term energy storage. Specifically, it targets over 70 % round-trip efficiency, sustainability, and integration with the grid.

Is compressed air energy storage a viable alternative?

Current long-term energy storage is mainly provided by Pumped-Storage Hydroelectricity (PSH). Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES) has appeared for decades as a credible alternative but its poor energy efficiency, the need of fossil fuels and the use of existing underground cavities as storage reservoirs have limited its development.

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

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Where can compressed air be stored?

Current CAES systems store compressed air in either above or below-ground artificial structures such as saline aquifers, salt caverns, and hard rock caves. Furthermore, underwater storage systems and offshore are rapidly advancing and undergoing testing , .

Are hybrid compressed air energy storage systems feasible in large-scale applications?

6.1. Technical performance of the hybrid compressed air energy storage systems The summarized findings of the survey show that the typical CAES systems are technically feasible in large-scale applications due to their high energy capacity, high power rating, long lifetime, competitiveness, and affordability.

Which energy storage technology has the lowest cost?

The “Energy Storage Grand Challenge” prepared by the United States Department of Energy (DOE) reports that among all energy storage technologies, compressed air energy storage (CAES) offers the lowest total installed cost for large-scale application (over 100 MW and 4 h).

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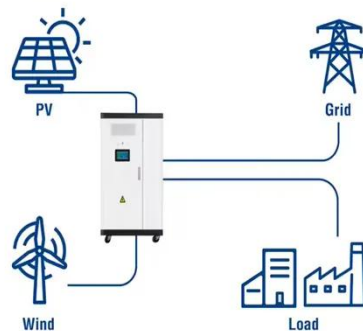
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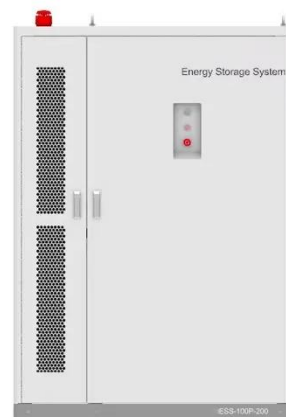
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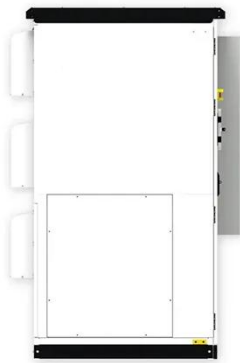
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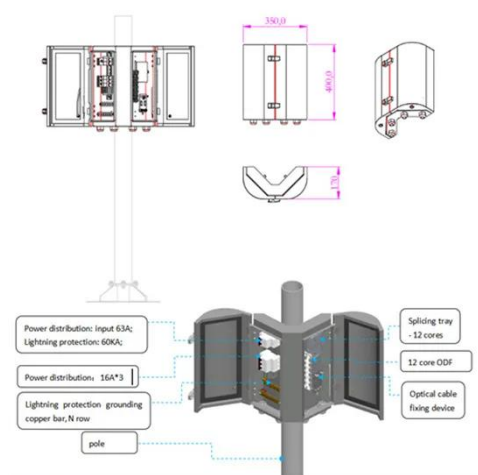
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