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Overview

What is liquid air energy storage?

Liquid air energy storage (LAES) is a technology that converts electricity into liquid air by cleaning, cooling, and compressing air until it reaches a liquid state. This stored liquid air can later be heated and re-expanded to drive turbines connected to generators, producing electricity.

Could liquid air energy storage be a low-cost option?

New research finds liquid air energy storage could be the lowest-cost option for ensuring a continuous power supply on a future grid dominated by carbon-free but intermittent sources of electricity.

Are liquid air energy storage systems economically viable?

“Liquid air energy storage” (LAES) systems have been built, so the technology is technically feasible. Moreover, LAES systems are totally clean and can be sited nearly anywhere, storing vast amounts of electricity for days or longer and delivering it when it’s needed. But there haven’t been conclusive studies of its economic viability.

Could liquid air unlock a new opportunity for long-duration energy storage?

The world’s most available substance could unlock a new opportunity for long-duration energy storage. Liquid air refers to air that has been cooled to low temperatures, causing it to condense into a liquid state. Credit: Waraphorn Aphai via Shutterstock.

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 is liquid air energy storage gaining traction?

Among them, liquid air energy storage (LAES) is gaining traction for its geographical flexibility and long-term potential. Promising long-lasting, long-duration energy storage (LDES) and scalability without pollution or geographic constraints, LAES was first proposed in 1977 but shelved due to technical and financial challenges.

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