

What is underground thermal energy storage?

Underground thermal energy storage, derived from indigenous sources within the earth, is a clean, renewable energy source. Compared with wind energy, solar battery energy and other renewable energy sources, the biggest advantage of underground thermal energy storage is the stable and continuous output of energy.

Should underground thermal energy storage be included in a future energy system?

Thus, a future energy system design should incorporate underground thermal energy storage (UTES) to avoid this temporal mismatch and emphasize thermal applications. Such a basis of design would introduce new methods of energy arbitrage, encourage adoption of geothermal systems, and decrease the carbon intensity of society.

What are underground thermal energy storage systems (UTES)?

Due to their large storage capacity, underground thermal energy storage systems (UTES) offer good conditions for seasonal heat storage. By storing heat during periods of surplus energy (e.g. in summer) and utilizing it in winter, energy systems can be made significantly more efficient.

What are the different types of underground thermal energy storage?

Out of these, ATES and BTES are the most used forms of underground thermal energy storage, while CTES is rarely used commercially. ATES systems use groundwater to inject and extract thermal energy from and to the aquifer. The efficiency of this system depends on the size of the aquifer.

This article will analyze underground thermal energy storage from aspects such as its characteristics, usage scenarios, energy distribution, operating mechanism and principles.

Solar thermal power plants currently operate in the 300 °C to 570 °C range; therefore, if we intend to use a geological substrate as thermal power source for heat storage unit, the substrate ...

This paper focuses on the technique of storing heat energy in the ground, known as borehole thermal energy storage (BTES), via borehole heat exchangers (BHE), which are designed ...

UTES techniques are becoming increasingly sophisticated. These methods of storage can range from simple seasonal storage for residential structures in a grouted borehole array (BTES), to ...

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Solar heat of asphalt or concrete areas is extracted by integrated absorber pipes. The heat is stored in an underground geothermal energy storage (heating soil &#gt; 77&#176;F). This seasonal ...

Long-term or seasonal heat storage in particular plays a key role in integrating renewable or low

(zero)-emission sources such as solar thermal energy, heat from combined heat and power generation, ...

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Borehole thermal energy storage (BTES) emphasizes the integration of phase-change materials (PCMs) with renewable energy. Energy piles (EPs) serve as a critical key link between ...

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