

# Underground soil energy storage

What is underground thermal energy storage?

Rajandrea Sethi, in Encyclopedia of Energy Storage, 2022 The expression Underground Thermal Energy Storage (UTES) identifies shallow geothermal systems where heat from external sources (solar thermal collectors, industrial processes, combined heat and power systems) is stored seasonally into the ground to be used during periods of higher demand.

Are solar energy storage systems underground?

The experience of USTES applications worldwide in recent years shows that most of the solar energy seasonal storage projects have significant economic, social and environmental benefits. However, the key part of solar energy storage system is underground.

Why is the underground a good place to store thermal energy?

The underground is suitable for thermal energy storage because it has high thermal inertia, i.e. if undisturbed below 10-15 m depth, the ground temperature is weakly affected by local above ground climate variations and maintains a stable temperature [76,77,78].

What is underground seasonal thermal energy storage (UTES)?

Conclusion Underground seasonal thermal energy storage (USTES) has received extensive attention all over the world with the development of renewable energy heating technology. The USTES can effectively solve the mismatch between the 'source' side and the 'load' side of the renewable energy heating system.

What is underground heat storage?

Ibrahim Dincer, Marc A. Rosen, in Exergy Analysis of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning, 2015 Underground heat storage, or underground thermal energy storage (UTES), has a storing temperature range from around 0 °C to up to 40-50 °C. This operating temperature range is suitable for heating and cooling applications in HVAC.

What is the difference between ground source heat pump and underground thermal energy storage?

In ground source heat pump systems the heat exchange between energy geostructures and the surrounding ground should be maximised. In contrast in underground thermal energy storage systems the heat exchange between energy geostructures and the surrounding ground should be minimised to preserve heat storage.

This study reports the performance of a demonstrated 2304 m<sup>2</sup> solar-heated greenhouse equipped with a seasonal thermal energy storage system in Shanghai, east China. This energy storage system utilises 4970 m<sup>3</sup> of underground soil to store the heat captured by a 500 m<sup>2</sup> solar collector in non-heating seasons through U-tube heat exchangers. During ...

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Among technologies developed since the late 1970s, the use of underground spaces as an energy storage medium - Underground Thermal Energy Storage (UTES) - has been investigated and closely ...

Energy geo-structures are fabricated by integrating heat exchange pipes into underground structures, including energy tunnels, energy piles and energy diaphragm walls, etc., which can extract the ...

Soil Carbon Sequestration by Switchgrass: Potential and Management: Mark Liebig: U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service: Forest Management Practices to Optimize Soil Carbon Storage: Importance of Soil Carbon and Below-Ground Biomass on Greenhouse Gas Balance in Willow Biomass Crops: Tim Volk: State University of New York ...

The proposed technology, called Underground Gravity Energy Storage (UGES), can discharge electricity by lowering large volumes of sand into an underground mine through the mine shaft. ... The soil compactor is applied to the sand piles to allow dump trucks to drive in the sand piles and increase their stability. Equation (1) represents the ...

The current work presents an analysis and evaluation of the performance of an underground soil-based thermal energy storage system for solar energy storage, coupled with a combined heat and power generation system. A combined PV-Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) system is utilized to fulfil heating and electricity needs of a housing project in Odense ...

Pit thermal energy storage (PTES) is an artificial (man-made) underground storage technology with a depth of 5-15 m (Lee, 2013). The top surface is at ground level, being sealed by a fixed or floating lid. The inclined sidewalls ease the need for a supporting structure and form the storage volume along with the bottom of the evacuated pit without further construction.

A high-rise building just above the energy storage structure may lead to failure of soil, which in turn deforms the underneath tunnel significantly. Further, it has been concluded that the construction of superstructure even with raft foundation should be strictly checked to avoid any underground disaster.

Soil energy is a sustainable way of cooling and heating buildings in an ecologically sound manner. The most commonly applied type of soil energy is cold-heat storage (CHS). ... open and closed systems. Underground energy storage is applied in office buildings, hospitals, in cultivation under glass, in the heating of railway switches, in homes ...

ogy for geologic energy storage is still undergoing research and development (Crotogino and others, 2017; Matos and others, 2019), although several industrial-sized underground storage projects are already operating in the United States and world-wide (fig. 1). Geologic energy storage methods may be divided into three broad categories:

Underground thermal energy storage (UTES) provides large scale (potentially >10 GWh) storage capacity

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per site that is difficult to achieve with other heat storage technologies, and benefits from a typically lower range of storage costs (Persson et al., 2014).

This Special Issue on the "Techniques and Applications of Underwater and Underground Energy Storage Systems" aims to publish original research papers and review articles on various aspects of this field, including, but not limited to, novel concepts, systems, and components, energy efficiency, techno-economic analysis, system integration ...

This review initially presents different thermal energy storage methods including different underground thermal energy storage (UTES) and defines the short- and long-term usages of such systems. ... The central concept behind BTES is injecting or extracting heat to or from underground layers of rock and soil and using their thermal energy ...

Thermal energy storage (TES) technologies, including sensible (Hasnain, 1998), latent (Sharma et al., 2009) and thermo-chemical (Haider and Werner, 2013), are the strategic and necessary components for the efficient utilization of renewable energy sources and energy conservation. Among these energy storage technologies, STES have been well developed due ...

A detailed understanding of soil temperature in underground energy engineering is a major concern in designing a high-efficient and less cost-operated underground soil energy system (e.g. ground ...

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