

# Uganda seasonal energy storage

Does seasonal thermal energy storage provide economic competitiveness against existing heating options?

Revelation of economic competitiveness of STES against existing heating options. Seasonal thermal energy storage (STES) holds great promise for storing summer heat for winter use. It allows renewable resources to meet the seasonal heat demand without resorting to fossil-based back up. This paper presents a techno-economic literature review of STES.

How many people in Uganda have electricity?

Around 50 % of the country's population have access to any form of electricity and about 24 % have access to electricity for more than 4 hours per day (Tier 1). Uganda has many renewable energy resources that can be used for energy production and the provision of energy services.

How much solar energy does Uganda have?

The average solar radiation is 5.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/day, with the current solar data showing that solar energy is high throughout the year with a variation (minimum month /maximum month) of only about 20 % maximum. Geothermal energy potential in Uganda is estimated at 450 MW.

What percentage of Uganda's energy is renewable?

The remaining 41 % is met by the biomass supply according to representatives of the Uganda National Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Alliance (UNREEA). Solar energy in Uganda has the highest adoption rate among all renewable energy options.

Why is seasonal energy storage important?

Energy storage at all timescales, including the seasonal scale, plays a pivotal role in enabling increased penetration levels of wind and solar photovoltaic energy sources in power systems.

Can grid-integrated energy storage reshape seasonal fluctuations?

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charcoal. Due to seasonal variations, some households find themselves switching between firewood and the typically costlier charcoal. This is particularly evident during the rainy season when drying wood becomes more challenging. Installing wood drying and storage facilities could help mitigate the challenges of "fuel-hopping"

The systems include batteries, hydrogen production and storage, and thermal energy storage, achieving an SSR of 89%, around twice the SSR of a system with no energy storage. The results also reveal that hydrogen storage is required to reach SSR levels exceeding 60% and that its capacity increases with increasing VRES and storage availability.

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The deployment of diverse energy storage technologies, with the combination of daily, weekly and seasonal storage dynamics, allows for the reduction of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions per unit energy provided. In particular, the production, storage and re-utilization of hydrogen starting from renewable energy has proven to be one of the most ...

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