Adiabatic Compressed Air Energy Storage in Context of the Markets

Policy Debate: Facilitating energy storage to allow fast growth of sustainable energy

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Current Status: Preparation of a Demo Site



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Why choosing Adiabatic Compressed Air?

Back in 2008 Pumped Hydro Storage looked very prosperous

- > Typical operational schemes switched from classic day-night-cycles to short and frequent operation patterns
- > The RES directive (2009/28/EC) fixed RES goals by country, hence technical storage potential could be determined, especially steep RES introduced ramping

The identified first estimation of storage potential indicated that available PHS potential would not be fully sufficient

- > RWE was involved in the European AA-CAES project and convinced of the technology
- > Adiabatic CAES seemed natural follower to PHS since:
 - Theoretical efficiency of 70% was closest to PHS, even comparable with old plants
 - Potential German sites were close to wind generation centers in the north
 - CAPEX was expected to come close to PHS with larger scale deployment



Central Storage is macro-economically useful, but faces micro-economic pressure due to market **<u>and</u>** regulation

- Market evolution did not reflect the estimated need of flexibility sufficiently in any bulk market
- Present energy only markets do not produce any business case for any new-built storage
- Consequently storage roll out is limited. Hence CAPEX-decline for A-CAES will be smaller as expected.
- Yet, maximising social economic benefits central storage is still option of choice, but only after 2030
- Current regulation focuses on local remedies, not on the system

Reference CASE Germany

Since 05/2013: Incentive for residential batteries limiting PV feedings to 60%



German EEX-Spot Market Prices 2011



Even demos must fully optimise economy!

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