

What is a hybrid energy system in Antarctica?

Many national Antarctic programmes (NAPs) have adopted hybrid systems combining fossil fuels and renewable energy sources, with a preference for solar or wind depending on the specific location of the research station and previous experiences with certain technologies.

What makes Antarctica a good place to store energy?

A room full of classic lead-acid batteries enables the station to store energy for times when demands exceeds the current energy production. While the renewable energy systems that power the station are reliable and continuously checked, even in the harsh conditions of Antarctica, two generators were installed for security and backup.

Why is energy security important in Antarctica?

Energy security is vital for research stations in the Antarctic. Energy is required to support essential needs, such as heating, fresh-water supply, and electricity, which are critical for survival under harsh environmental conditions.

Are there alternative energy sources in Antarctica?

Interest in alternative energy sources in Antarctica has increased since the beginning of the 1990s [1, 6]. In 1991, a wind turbine was installed at the German Neumayer Station. One year later, in 1992, NASA and the US Antarctic Program tested a photovoltaic (PV) installation for a field camp.

Are Antarctica's research stations using wind to generate electricity?

Wind-energy use is becoming increasingly prevalent at Antarctica's research stations. The present study identified more than ten research stations that have been using wind to generate electricity. The installed wind capacity, as identified by the study, is nearly 1500 kW of installed capacity.

Can co-generation be used in Antarctica?

A study conducted for the Brazilian Comandante Ferraz Antarctic Station explored the potential of co-generation and a combination of different renewable energy sources, observing the greatest potential for wind energy, followed by solar PV panels (covering only 3.3% of total annual consumption if placed on walls; de Christo et al. 2016).

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The present study maps the current use of renewable energy at research stations in Antarctica, providing an overview of the renewable-energy sources that are already in use or have been tested in the region.

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