High-altitude lightning energy storage

Can lightning be absorbed and converted to useful energy?
Absorbing lightning and converting it to useful energy would be an extraordinary challenge,Kirtley explains. It would require complex capture and storage facilities and distribution systems that in the end would unlikely yield enough energy to justify their expense.

Can lightning capture energy?
"The challenge of capturing energy from lightningis that while there may be a billion joules of energy,it's mainly being used up in the lightning strike itself," he says. "The bright light and the loud thunder that humans observe is most of the energy being used up - so in some respects,it's a little too late by the time it hits the ground.

Is lightning a viable energy source?
"And even if you had the right equipment set up,there's no guarantee that lightning will hit it every second anyway." When compared to other natural energy sources,lightning is definitely not as viableto harvest. Prof. Fletcher says solar and wind power are king when it comes to providing reliable,clean energy.

Can lightning power a house?
"The typical house in the U.S. has 100 amp service or about 28 horsepower," says Kirtley. Unfortunately,relying on lightning bolts to power our hair dryers,TVs,and refrigerators would be far from cost effective. The problem is that the energy in lightning is contained in a very short period of time,only a few microseconds.

How much energy does a lightning strike produce?
The average lightning strike contains about 1 million joules,enough energy to fry the founding father in his boots. "The typical house in the U.S. has 100 amp service or about 28 horsepower," says Kirtley. Unfortunately,relying on lightning bolts to power our hair dryers,TVs,and refrigerators would be far from cost effective.

How much electricity does a lightning strike cost?
But even at 1 million joules,the typical lightning strike contains only about ¼ of a kilowatt-hour of power,which is not enough to make much difference on our electric bill. "We currently buy electricity at the cost of about 20 cents a kWh," he says. "The amount of energy from a lightning bolt would be worth only about a nickel."

According to specific geographic and climatic features, the GW82/1500 and GW77/1500 high altitude wind turbines were selected for the project. In April this year, Goldwind"s first two high altitude 1.5 MW prototypes were successfully connected to the grid in Xi Tie Mountains of Qinghai Province and became operational.

Gao et al. [66] designed a strategy to convert electrical energy into potential energy on a HALE aircraft driven by solar cells and Li-S battery, and three stages of the flight are: (1) charging battery and climbing flight to a high altitude; (2) descending flight by gravitational gliding; and (3) discharging the battery and level flight at the ...

A high altitude atmospheric energy storing apparatus having a new structure, which is conceived to store the energy of low-temperature air located at high altitude in the sky and utilize it as needed, is provided. The high altitude atmospheric energy storing apparatus includes an air tank adapted to store air, an air supply pipe provided such that it extends in a vertical direction and ...

achieving green, energy-saving, and environmentally friendly road lighting. Solar energy is a clean and renewable energy source. With the continuous development of solar photovoltaic power generation technology and energy-saving LED lighting technology, solar LED street lamps have been widely used in road lighting [1-2].

The present invention is realized by apparatus and methods for harvesting, storing, and generating energy by permanently placing a large rigid buoyant platform high in the earth"s atmosphere, above clouds, moisture, dust, and wind. Long, strong and light tethers can connect the buoyant structure to the ground which can hold it in position against wind forces.

Constructing a state-of-the-art energy conversion and storage facility in such conditions would be enormously difficult. Distributing that energy to more populous areas would add even more logistic and economic challenges. Kirtley remains hopeful that the challenges of lightning capture -- if not its economic feasibility -- will one day be met.

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The E2 pulse has effects similar to lightning. The E3 pulse may induce currents in long-distance ... continued. Rapid introduction of solar and wind generation of electricity, microgrids, and utility-scale energy storage may offer potential resilience benefits, but could also introduce new vulnerabilities. ... High-Altitude Electromagnetic ...

When designing high-voltage electrical systems intended to be located at altitudes exceeding 1000 m it is imperative to know the effects of the atmospheric conditions on the specific components ...

This was incorporated into a simulation of the solar cycle with random storms, and power generation of photovoltaics (PV) and Ion Power were simulated as feeding into a smart grid. Because Ion Power collects the most energy at ...

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The present invention relates to a high-altitude atmospheric energy storage device which has a new structure capable of storing energy of air located in a high altitude so as to utilize the energy as necessary. According to the present invention, the high-altitude atmospheric energy storage device comprises: an air tank (10) capable of storing air; an air supply pipe (20) vertically ...

This illustrates the modular, distributed and redundant nature of high altitude gravity energy storage, ... Though not shown or discussed platform modules have systems to handle static electricity and lightning. There are instrumentation systems to monitor the electrical, structural, buoyancy systems, gas leakage, fire environmental pressure ...

The location and exposure of the cold energy storage system can affect the likelihood and severity of lightning strikes. For example, systems that are located in high-altitude areas, near bodies ...

The present invention relates to a high altitude atmospheric energy storage device of a new structure that enables energy of air located above a high altitude to be stored and utilized as needed, comprising: an air tank that enables air to be stored; an air supply pipe provided to extend in an up-down direction, the lower end of the air supply pipe being connected to the air ...

Prosumers in high-altitude areas possess diversified energy supply systems with electricity and oxygen. In the energy transition process, some scholars have started to focus on hydrogen as an option to enhance the flexibility of prosumers [6].However, the global application of power-to-hydrogen (P2H) in prosumers has not been comprehensively studied.

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