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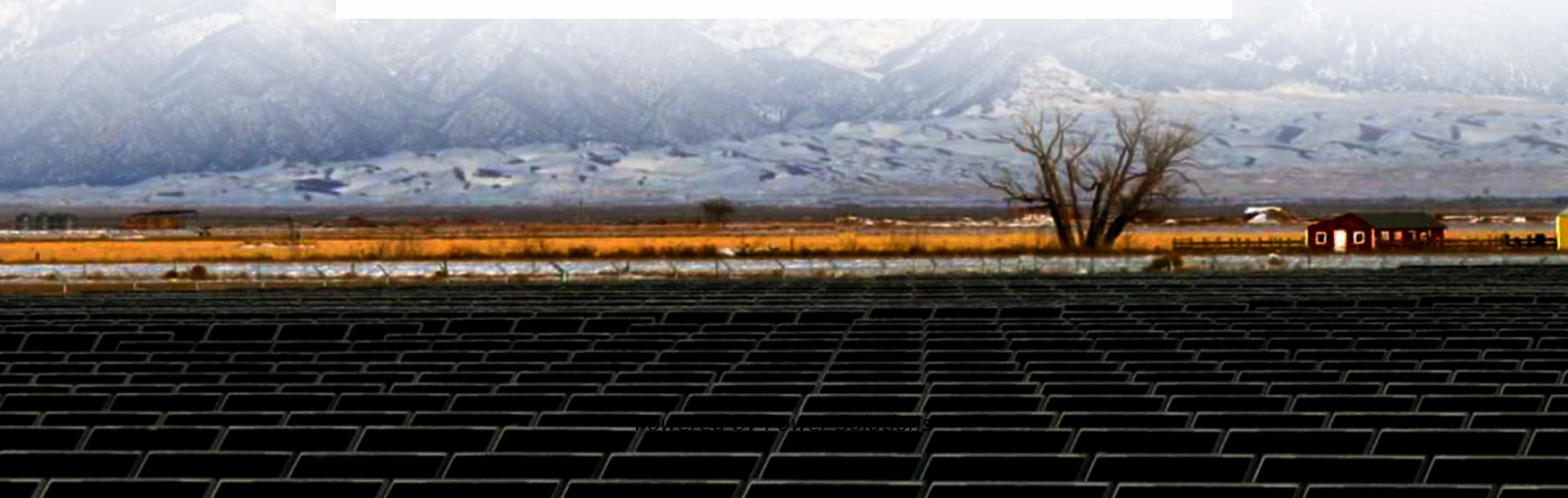

Overview

The 2025 World Hydropower Outlook, released today by the International Hydropower Association, reveals strong global momentum for hydropower development, led by a sharp rise in pumped storage hydropower (PSH) – long considered the “water battery” of the energy sector. The global hydropower development pipeline now exceeds 1,075 GW, including 600GW of pumped storage and 475GW of conventional projects. China continues to dominate global hydropower development, with 14.4GW of new capacity added in 2024, including 7.75GW of PSH. Africa more than doubles the previous. This report on accelerating the future of pumped storage hydropower (PSH) is released as part of the Storage Innovations (SI) 2030 strategic initiative. The objective of SI 2030 is to develop specific and quantifiable research, development, and deployment pathways to achieve the targets identified. Global hydropower development is entering a new phase, with the latest IEA Renewables 2025 report forecasting both steady growth in conventional capacity and a sharp rise in pumped storage installations as systems adapt to record levels of variable renewable generation. Between 2025 and 2030. IWP&DC gives an insight into key developments across Australia, Canada, Greece, India, the UK, and the US. Recent developments in pumped storage hydropower. (Credit: Nareeta Martin on Unsplash) Scientists at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and Oak Ridge National Laboratory in the US. Hydropower generation in Europe surged to its highest level in a decade in 2024, reaching 680 terawatt-hours (TWh), as the continent experienced exceptional rainfall and accelerated its transition toward renewables, according to the 2025 World Hydropower Outlook released yesterday by the. Additionally, pumped-storage hydropower represents 97 percent of all energy storage in the United States, offering the flexibility and reliability the electricity grid needs to deliver affordable clean energy to American homes and businesses. So what does the future of hydropower look like?

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Global resource potential of seasonal pumped hydropower storage for

The potential of seasonal pumped& nbsp;hydropower& nbsp;storage (SPHS) plant to fulfil future energy storage requirements is vast in mountainous regions. Here the authors show that ...

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Both reservoir and pumped storage hydropower are flexible sources of electricity that can help system operators handle the variability of other renewable energy such as wind power and photovoltaic ...

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So-called pumped storage, rather than conventional dams, is emerging as the future of deriving electricity from water's gravitational qualities.

Solar and wind power generation systems with pumped hydro storage

1. Introduction Despite their large energy potential, the harmful effects of energy generation from fossil fuels and nuclear are widely acknowledged. Therefore, renewable energy (RE) sources ...

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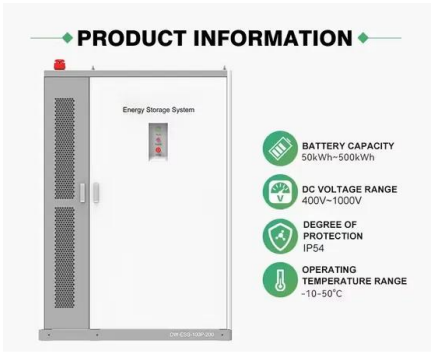

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Hydropower contributes approximately 16 % to the global electricity generation portfolio, making it a significant source of renewable electricity [2]. Beyond its role in energy provision, ...

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Hydropower development in 2024 continued on an upward trajectory, with positive signals emerging, particularly for pumped storage. A total of 24.6GW of hydropower capacity was added in 2024 - a ...

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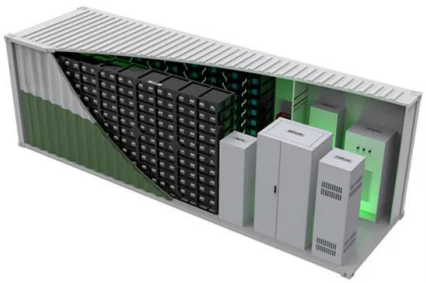

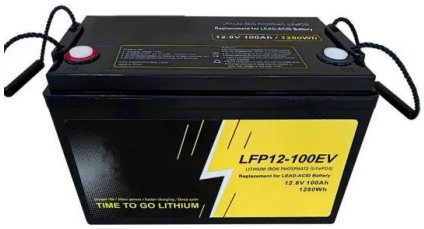

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