

European Solar Energy Storage

Accelerate the promotion of pumped storage



Overview

Can pumped storage stations be used as energy storage support?

With China continuously scaling up the construction of integrated clean energy bases like “hydro-wind-storage” and new energy bases such as “Shagohuang”, pumped storage stations, especially variable-speed ones, will be more widely applied as energy storage support in regional grids (China Power, 2023).

What is pumped storage & why is it important?

Despite Pumped Storage providing around 90% of global long duration energy storage capacity, and having relatively small environmental footprints, there is little public awareness or understanding of what Pumped Storage is and why it is so essential to the energy transition.

Why is pumped storage hydropower station important?

The pumped storage hydropower station has always played an important role in promoting economic development and rural revitalization. As a clean energy base, it is an important power support and energy infrastructure that meets the direction of national investment.

What is pumped storage hydropower?

Pumped storage hydropower is recognized as the most mature technology, economically optimal, and most suitable for large-scale development as a regulating power and energy storage method (Central People’s Government of the People’s Republic of China, 2021b).

How are pumped storage costs borne by end users?

The capacity charges for pumped storage power and losses are incorporated into the unified accounting of operating expenses for local provincial-level grids and are then passed on to end users through the sale of electricity. This means that pumped storage costs can be borne by end users.

What are pumped storage units?

Characteristics of technology Traditional pumped storage units typically use synchronous motors, meaning the generator and turbine must maintain a constant speed to synchronize with the grid. Consequently, these units are referred to as fixed-speed units.

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Variable speed pumped storage units in China: Current status ...

The implementation of the national medium and long-term development plan for pumped storage hydropower is highlighted, pushing for the commencement of construction for large pumped storage hydropower stations included in the plan and with mature conditions.



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Global Alliance for Pumped Storage launches with the support of ...

"In a clean energy world dominated by solar PV, pumped storage is more important than ever. This group will accelerate pumped storage's adoption and enable governments to collaborate on the best practices to support pumped storage development.

The Development Process, Challenges and Prospects of ...

Fully understand the functions and functions of pumping storage, sort out the policy evolution and development process in the process of modernization of China's pumping storage, analyze



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Pumped storage development to play a bigger role in promoting ...

Despite being a latecomer in pumped storage development, China has managed to top the world in the sector following consistent efforts of more than 50 years, experts said on Tuesday.



About the 2025 Pumped Storage Forum

In 2025, the International Forum on Pumped Storage Hydropower will be the culmination of a year-long campaign on pumped storage to accelerate action on the unsung hero of the energy transition.

Global Alliance for Pumped Storage launches at COP29

By establishing a global commitment to PSH and setting bold targets for energy storage, we are laying the foundation for a greener, more resilient energy future--one that will serve generations to come."



Technology Strategy Assessment

DOE's Earthshot initiative aims to achieve a 90% reduction in the cost of long-duration energy storage (LDES) by 2030, while the Energy Storage Grand Challenge Roadmap calls for a levelized cost of storage (LCOS) target of \$0.05/kWh.



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