

Hydropower Energy Storage Project





Overview

What is pumped hydro energy storage?

Pumped hydro energy storage (PHES) is not a new idea but its potential utility is becoming more compelling. Arup has assessed, designed and delivered pumped storage hydropower, dams and tunnels throughout the world. Find out more.

Why do we need pumped storage hydropower?

The worldwide growth in variable renewable energy sources like wind and solar is increasing the need for energy storage solutions, especially pumped storage hydropower.

Can pumped storage hydropower be used in areas that are not practical?

Forms of PSH that are seawater-based, small-scale or based at former mining sites could potentially mitigate some of these impacts and enable PSH development in areas where it is not currently practical. Pumped storage hydropower stores energy and provides services for the electrical grid.

What is pumped storage hydropower (PSH)?

Pumped storage hydropower (PSH) is a type of hydroelectric energy storage. It is a configuration of two water reservoirs at different elevations that can generate power as water moves down from one to the other (discharge), passing through a turbine. The system also requires power as it pumps water back into the upper reservoir (recharge).



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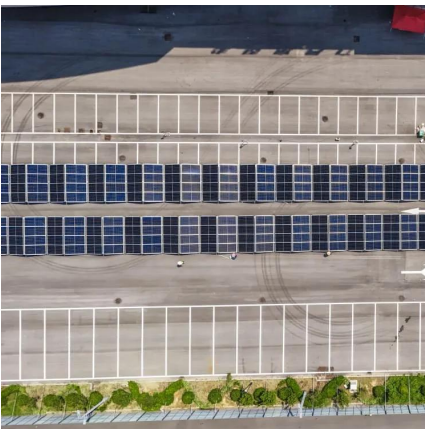
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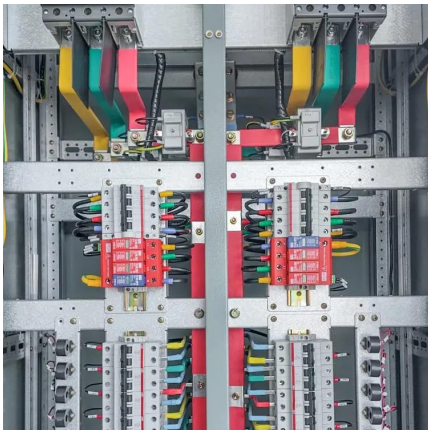
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