

Is pumped storage hydropower a valuable energy storage resource?

March 2021 While there is a general understanding that pumped storage hydropower (PSH) is a valuable energy storage resource that provides many services and benefits for the operation of power systems, determining the value of PSH plants and their various services and contributions has been a challenge.

How much energy does a pumped storage hydropower plant hold?

This is about 170 times more energy than the global fleet of pumped storage hydropower plants can hold today - and almost 2 200 times more than all battery capacity, including electric vehicles. Pumped storage hydropower plants will remain a key source of electricity storage capacity alongside batteries.

How many pumped storage plants are there?

There are 43 PSH projects in the U.S.¹ providing 22,878 megawatts (MW) of storage capacity². Individual unit capacities at these projects range from 4.2 to 462 MW. Globally, there are approximately 270 pumped storage plants, representing a combined generating capacity of 161,000 (MW)³.

Do pumped storage energy efficiencies degrade over time?

Current pumped storage round-trip or cycle energy efficiencies often exceed 80% and do not degrade over the lifetime of the equipment, comparing very favorably to other energy storage technologies.

Will pumped storage capacity increase by 2030?

Global pumped storage capacity from new projects is expected to increase by 7% to 9 TWh by 2030. With this growth, pumped storage capacity will remain significantly higher than the storage capacity of batteries, despite battery storage (including electric vehicles) expanding more than tenfold by 2030.

What percentage of US energy storage is pumped storage?

PSH provides 94% of the U.S.'s energy storage capacity and batteries and other technologies make-up the remaining 6%.⁽³⁾ The 2016 DOE Hydropower Vision Report estimates a potential addition of 16.2 GW of pumped storage hydro by 2030 and another 19.3 GW by 2050, for a total installed base of 57.1 GW of domestic pumped storage.

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