

Can a geospatial model predict energy storage capacity across the Nepal Himalayas?

In this study, we configured a geospatial model to identify the potential of PSH across the Nepal Himalayas under multiple configurations by pairing lakes, hydropower projects, rivers, and available flat terrain, and consequently estimate the energy storage capacity.

Why should we study pumped storage systems in Nepal Himalayas?

Nepal Himalayas provide an ideal testbed to study pumped storage systems given high topographic gradients, large flow fluctuations, and prevalent energy demand patterns.

Does Nepal have a potential for off-river hydro storage?

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Could hydrogen be used to store and transport energy in Nepal?

Hydrogen production in Nepal is unlikely to be significant. Hydrogen or hydrogen-rich chemicals such as ammonia could be used to store and transport energy in Nepal. However, this is unlikely to occur because the efficiency is very low compared with those of batteries, pumped hydro and thermal storage, which unavoidably translates into high costs.

How much hydro storage is needed in Nepal?

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Is PSH a viable hydropower system in the Nepal Himalayas?

A few studies (e.g., , , ) exist on the potential of PSH in the Nepal Himalayas, but much fewer than the traditional run-of-river hydropower schemes , , , .

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Nepal's unique topography presents an opportune environment for the implementation of pumped hydro storage, effectively transforming the landscape into a natural "water battery" for efficient energy management.

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This report--Policy and Regulatory Environment for Utility-Scale Energy Storage: Nepal--is part of a series investigating the potential for utility-scale energy storage in South Asia. This report, focused on Nepal, is the third in a series of country-specific evaluations of policy and regulatory environments for energy storage in the region.

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The approaches around building climate resilient hydropower infrastructure, expanding energy storage through pumped hydro facilities, and addressing local barriers to development could have broader applicability.

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