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Underground pumped storage hydroelectricity (UPSH) plants using open-pit or deep mines can be used in flat regions to store the excess of electricity produced during low-demand energy periods. It is essential to consider the interaction between UPSH plants and the surrounding geological media.

The paper presents two cases to demonstrate these two modes, showcasing how closed mine sites can be effectively repurposed for PSH implementation. The surface mode repurposes the closed open-pit as lower reservoir, while a natural lake or artificial excavation serves as the upper reservoir.

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Closed mines can be used for the implementation of plants of energy generation with low environmental impact. This paper explores the use of abandoned mines for Underground Pumped Hydroelectric Energy Storage (UPHES), Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES) plants and geothermal applications.

This work aims at the economic evaluation of a semi-underground pumped hydro storage power plant erected in an abandoned open-pit mine. For the exploratory model-based analysis, we develop and apply both a simple deterministic and a stochastic net present value (NPV) approach, the latter of which uses a Monte Carlo simulation to account for ...

UGES generates electricity when the price is high by lowering sand into an underground mine and converting the potential energy of the sand into electricity via regenerative braking and then lifting the sand from the mine to an upper reservoir using electric motors to store energy when electricity is cheap.

The optimized capacity configuration of the standard pumped storage of 1200 MW results in a levelized cost of energy of 0.2344 CYN/kWh under the condition that the guaranteed power supply rate and the new energy absorption rate are both  $\geq 90\%$ , and the study on the factors influencing the regulating capacity of pumped storage concludes that the ...

Repurposing a closed mine as lower reservoir is a cost-effective way for the construction of pumped storage hydropower (PSH) plant. This method can eliminate the expenses of mine reclamation, reservoir construction, and land acquisition, resulting in significant cost savings and benefits for the PSH project, known as the PSH benefit. The construction of PSH ...

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The construction of a pumped storage hydropower plant (PSHP) in an abandoned open-pit mine is a potential alternative to green mining and energy storage, which can increase the utilization rate of renewable energy and develop residual resources of abandoned mines. Dynamic surface subsidence affected by combined underground and open-pit mining ...

Compressed air energy storage (CAES) is a term used to describe an energy storage technique that involves compressing air using electric power during the electricity grid's off-peak time, sealing it at a rather high pressure for example: in caves, abandoned oil and gas wells, mines, settled underwater gas storage tanks, or unused gas and oil ...

In order to solve the potential safety hazards, waste of space resources and energy reserve safety caused by the abandoned open-pit pits in China, a new model for comprehensive utilization of abandoned open-pit pits is explored, and a comprehensive utilization direction of pumped storage and oil storage at the bottom of open-pit pits is proposed. The detailed process and key ...

The 75-acre mine pit, which reaches a depth of more than 200m below ground level, was created for mining operations in the mid-20th century and closed in the late 1970s. Since then, the pit has been filled with a combination of rain and groundwater. ... The power station will have an energy storage capacity of 3.6GWh which, once commissioned ...

Underground spaces in coal mines can be used for water storage, energy storage and power generation and renewable energy development. In addition, the Chinese government attached great importance to the reuse of abandoned mines as well as the transformation of coal enterprises and has introduced a series of supporting policies [[23], [24], ...

Pumped storage originates from hydro generator technology, and as an energy storage technology, is commonly used as an auxiliary power service, such as peak shaving, frequency and phase regulation, emergency backup, and maintain the stability of the grid.

At GoldFields' Agnew gold mine in Western Australia, EDL Energy constructed what the company says is the largest hybrid renewable energy microgrid. The mine, which was previously grid connected, now has 46MW generating capacity from a combination of solar (4MW), five wind turbines (18MW total), battery storage (13MW) and a gas-fired power ...

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With the continued transformation of the energy structure, more and more coal mines have been abandoned. The construction of underground pumped storage power stations using abandoned coal mines not only solves

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the problem of renovating abandoned coal mines, but also ensures a high level of photovoltaic and wind integration.

Another way to store energy is to use gravity. If you use electricity to push something up a hill, you've given it gravitational potential energy and you can get that energy back by letting the thing roll back down the hill. If you do this with water, you've got the basis of what's called a "pump storage hydroelectric system", and this is what engineers have been able to do in

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As an energy basin, the Yellow River basin is a key demonstration area to promote energy system reform in China. There are a large number of abandoned mines in the Yellow River basin, which provide a new idea to build pumped storage power stations using abandoned mines (PSPSuM) for renewable energy storage.

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