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Why should we study pumped storage systems in Nepal Himalayas?

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

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Can pumped hydro be used to store energy in Nepal?

For several hours, overnight and seasonal storage, pumped hydro is much cheaper. Batteries and pumped hydro are complementary storage technologies. 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.

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