

How do Carnot batteries store electricity?

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Can old coal mines be converted into gravity batteries?

Old coal mines can be converted into "gravity batteries" by retrofitting them with equipment that raises and lowers giant piles of sand. Underground Gravity Energy Storage system: A schematic of different system sections. (Credit: JD Hunt et al., *Energies*, 2023)

Can Carnot batteries be used in power plants?

The researchers said that old coal power plants are perfect places to install Carnot batteries, as they can reuse some of the existing infrastructure, such as steam turbines, boilers, and heat exchangers. They also said that Carnot batteries can provide grid stability using conventional generators instead of inverters.

How much would a deeper mine cost compared to a lithium-ion battery?

A deeper mine would not only produce and store more energy, but would also be more cost effective. Energy storage costs vary from \$1 to \$10 per kilowatt-hour for UGES, the authors calculate, downright cheap compared to lithium-ion batteries, which currently cost about \$150/kWh. Battery prices continue to fall as chemistries improve, however.

a retired coal mine, once echoing with the clangs of pickaxes, now silently housing cutting-edge energy storage batteries. Sounds like science fiction? It's already happening. As the world ...

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