



Advanced Energy Storage Initiative Program Project Review Meeting

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Prime Recipient: Carbon Solutions LLC

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Sub-Recipient: Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis. Lead: Peter Schubert, Professor of Engineering

Location: Bloomington, IN and Indianapolis, IN

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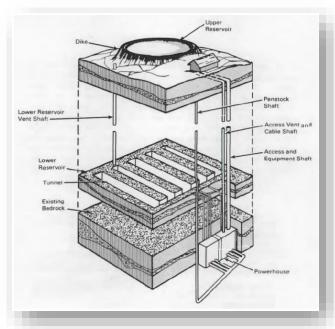
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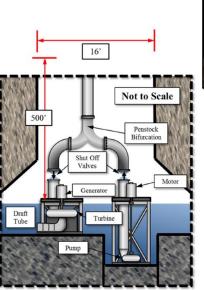
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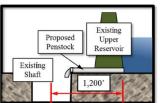
Objectives

Advance the commercialization of the nation's first PSHAUM energy storage technology



Early concept for underground PSH. Source: Allen et al., PNL Report 5142, 1984





Concept for underground PSH using abandoned coal mine Source: Witt et al., ORNL Report TM-2015/559, 2015

Address key technical knowledge gaps:

- Uncertainties in the performance of abandoned underground mines as lower reservoirs for pumped-storage hydropower systems.
- Prototype engineering design and techno-economic assessment.

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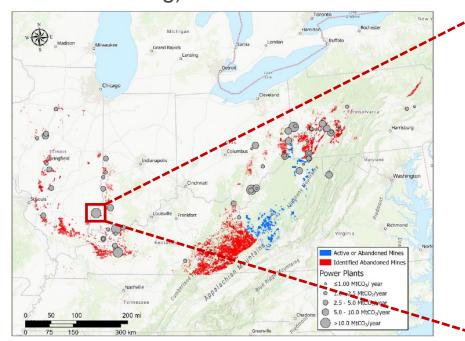
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Address key deployment/commercialization gaps:

- National screening analysis for optimal siting of fossil-integrated PSHAUM.
- Targeted engagement with potential customers and project developers (via IP licensing).



Map of northeastern US showing initial results from site screening for a six-state region. Identified 61 fossil power plant facilities as candidates for PSHAUM technology.



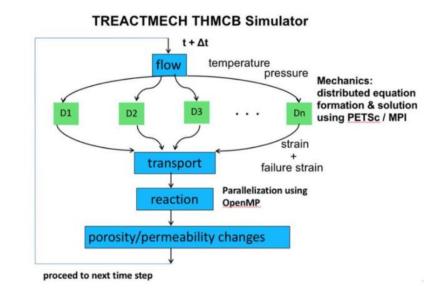
Duke Energy's Gibson Station is a top-tier candidate in Indiana: long expected lifespan, CCUS potential, 3,000 acre upper reservoir (~55 GL) and ~75 GL mine void volume at 244 m depth (800 ft)

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Progress to date:

- Task 1: PSHAUM Concept Design Feasibility Study: Suitability of AUM as lower reservoir
 - Compiling data from candidate sites in IN and PA for parameterizing reservoir models.
 - Evaluation and selection of thermal-hydrological-mechanical-chemical (THMC) simulators underway.
 - LANL's FEHM and PFLOTRAN and LBNL's TReactMech top candidates.
- Task 2: Techno-economic Analysis of Prototype System
 - Acquired HydroHelp 5 software to assist with engineering design and cost calculations/sensitivities.
 - Evaluating key parameters and assumptions of pre-feasibility estimates for a 200 MW concept system (~ \$1,460/kW CAPEX and \$90/kWh LCOS).
- · Task 3: National Screening Analysis for Optimal Siting
 - Fossil power plant data compiled. Filtering underway for expected plant lifespan. Underground mine data compilation underway.
- Task 4: Early Phase Commercialization Effort
 - Engagement with CONSOL, Southern Company, DTE, Duke and Peabody



Bill of Materials					
Number	Description	Specs		Cost	
1	Fencing	10 ft. razor wire around perimeter of 205 acres	\$	500,000	
2	Reservoir	200 acres and 35 ft. deep w/vol of 2.28 B gal.	\$	15,000,000	
3	Stainless Steel piping	5ft diameter at 500 ft length (x2)	\$	14,800,000	
4	Rooms	10ft by 10 ft room	\$	3,000,000	
5	Pelton Turbine	40 ft. diameter able to produce 200MW	\$	70,000,000	
6	Mine	600 acre mine	\$	10,000,000	
7	Pump Stage 1	440,000 gpm	\$	25,000,000	
8	Pump Stage 2	440,000 gpm	\$	25,000,000	
9	STIR-425 Filter	20 filters plus other expenses	\$	13,000,000	
10	RD6536 skid and Shotcrete	10 skids with parts plus shotcrete mix	\$	113,187,227	
11	Labor	All the miners to Engineers	\$	2,300,000	
	TOTAL COST			291,787,227	

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