
Solar energy storage heats up

How can solar energy be stored?

Hot air cannot be stored, and thus solar energy may be stored by means of another medium. This medium is often divided into two types: sensible thermal storage (e.g. sand, granite, gravel, concrete) or latent thermal storage (e.g. paraffin wax, hydrate salts, lauric acid, acetamide).

How do solar energy systems work?

In the system they are developing, low-cost renewable electricity is used to compress air for storage during the day, while concentrated solar power feeds a thermal energy storage system. When energy demand is high, the thermal energy is used to heat the compressed air as it is released from storage to drive turbines.

How does solar energy affect thermal energy storage?

Solar energy's contribution is limited by intermittency, causing fluctuations in thermal energy conversion and reducing useful output. Thermal energy storage (TES) systems are designed to capture and retain solar energy collected during daylight hours for later use, particularly during limited and absent sunlight exposure.

What is solar thermal energy storage?

Sensible and latent thermal energy storage systems efficiencies over 90 %. Solar thermal energy storage is considered one of the key technologies for overcoming the intermittency of solar energy and expanding its applications to power generation, district heating and cooling, and industrial heat supply.

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