

What is solar-thermal energy storage (STES)?

Among various technologies of solar energy utilization, solar-thermal energy storage (STES) technologies are widely studied to counter the mismatch between supply and energy demand as solar energy is intermittent and weather-dependent [5,6,7].

Why is solar heat storage important?

Solar heat storage technology is urgently needed to harness intermittent solar energy to directly drive widespread heat-related applications. However, achieving high-efficiency solar heat storage remains elusive due to the loss of heat to the surroundings, especially through radiative processes.

Which technology is best for concentrated solar power heat storage?

The chemical storage technology is also promising, but is even less developed than the latent heat one for concentrated solar power heat storage. Some studies have claimed that ammonia and the SnO_x/Sn reactions may be the most suitable ones, but much more investigation is still needed. [9].

What is high temperature thermal energy storage?

Of all components, thermal storage is a key component. However, it is also one of the less developed. Only a few plants in the world have tested high temperature thermal energy storage systems. In this context, high temperature is considered when storage is performed between 120 and 600 °C.

Can a light-adaptive shutter boost solar heat storage?

Based on the self-folding film, we propose a light-adaptive shutter (LAS) concept to boost solar heat storage (Figure 1 B). Under sunlight during the daytime, the film folds and opens the LAS, and solar radiation is harvested by absorbers and then stored in phase change materials (PCMs).

What is a solar heat storage device?

The solar heat storage devices were composed of PCM and solar radiation absorbers. The PCM consisted of Cu foam and PEG1000, which were assembled by vacuum impregnation of the Cu foam with molten PEG1000 at 176 °C in a vacuum oven for 2 h, as has been previously reported. [50] Subsequently, the obtained PCM was tightly stacked in a graphite container.

The present work proposes integrating a high-temperature thermochemical energy storage cycle to boost the solar contribution in solar combined cycles. The main ...

Solar-thermal conversion has emerged as a vital technology to power carbon-neutral sustainable development of human society because of its high energy conversion efficiency and increasing global heating consumption need [1-4]. Latent heat solar-thermal energy storage (STES) offers a promising cost-effective solution to

overcome intermittency of solar ...

However, it is difficult to implement long-term storage because of the sensitive phase-transition to environment temperature. Here, we report a high-energy organic phase change composite (PCC) by introducing long-chain azobenzene molecule (AZO) into low-cost tetradecyl alcohol (TA) for light-regulated solar energy storage and release. The photo ...

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The main feature of the plant is the possibility of storing solar energy at a very high temperature and releasing it on demand to drive the combined cycle in the absence of solar radiation. ... (theoretically up to 100%) since high-temperature energy storage was proposed, while solar-to-electric efficiency was found in the range of 20-25% for ...

High-temperature storage concepts in solar power plants can be classified as active or passive ... Sensible heat technologies are in light blue while thermochemical and latent heat are represented by dark blue and pink, respectively. ... Organic compounds are limited to low temperature thermal energy storage while inorganic compounds are ...

From current reports, it can be known that the high temperature end of conventional solar energy storage molten salt is about 900 K (Song et al., 2020, Liu et al., 2016). Therefore, compared with the conventional TPV system that uses combustion and solar radiation as heat source, in the molten salt energy storage-STPV integrated system, the ...

The other category is high-temperature solar heat storage (>500°C) with solar concentration, which is mainly used in concentrated solar power plants. 43 In this work, we focused on improving the performance of low-temperature solar heat storage. While the solar heat storage systems using the self-folding LAS were effective in the experiments we performed, ...

Effects of different solar irradiation intensities varying from 0.39 ~ 1.05 W/cm² are further investigated, and the solar-thermal energy storage efficiency during phase change is defined as follows [40]: (3) $\eta = \frac{m \cdot \Delta H_{\text{Pirr}}}{S \cdot (t_{\text{onset}} - t_{\text{endset}})}$ where, η means the solar-thermal energy storage efficiency during phase change process driven by the light, m ...

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