

# New solar molten salt thermal power generation

What is molten salt storage in concentrating solar power plants?

At the end of 2019 the worldwide power generation capacity from molten salt storage in concentrating solar power (CSP) plants was 21 GWh el. This article gives an overview of molten salt storage in CSP and new potential fields for decarbonization such as industrial processes, conventional power plants and electrical energy storage.

Can molten salt storage be integrated in conventional power plants?

To diminish these drawbacks, molten salt storage can be integrated in conventional power plants. Applications the following Tab. 4. TES can also provide the services listed following section. pumped hydroelectric energy storage (without TES) . impact. Hence, massive electrical storage including a TES is volatile renewable electricity sources.

Can molten salt be used for energy storage?

Large tracking mirrors, called heliostats, follow the sun throughout the day, reflecting and concentrating sunlight onto the top of Crescent Dunes' central tower. Molten salt's physical and thermal properties make it a particularly good candidate for energy storage.

Can molten salt be used as an energy collector?

The benefit of using molten salt as both the energy collector that creates steam and the energy storage mechanism, however, is that it eliminates the need for expensive heat exchangers to go between different fluids.

What are the options for molten salt storage technology?

Options for the utilization of molten salt storage technology with three subsystems: power unit for charging (left); capacity unit for storage (middle); power generation unit for discharging (right) (Source: DLR). Table 2. Molten salt research topics on a component level in the CSP field. ture (CAPEX).

What is molten salt storage research?

Molten salt storage research topics on CSP system level. Molten salt storage sets the commercial standard in CSP plants at the time of writing. Major indicators to evaluate and compare storage systems are the capital cost of the TES system and the LCOE. Several other TES technologies are developed for CSP.

A schematic of a molten salt power tower system is shown in Figure 2. During operation, cold (285°C) molten salt is pumped from the cold salt tank through the receiver, where it is heated ...

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