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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.

Are molten salt towers the next-generation technology for solar thermal power?

Mark Mehos, thermal systems group manager at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), says molten salt towers akin to SolarReserve's are "the next-generation technology" for solar thermal power. Plants without storage may never be able to compete with PV, says Mehos.

Can molten salt storage be used as a peaking power plant?

Drost proposed a coal fired peaking power plant using molten salt storagein 1990 112. Conventional power plant operation with a higher flexibility using TES was examined in research projects (e.g.,BMWi funded projects FleGs 0327882 and FLEXI-TES 03ET7055).

Is molten salt cheaper than a solar PV farm?

Mehos bases his belief on prices that SolarReserve and other project developers are quoting for electricity from new plants, and the knowledge that a CSP tower with eight or 10 hours of molten salt storage is currently much cheaperthan a solar PV farm with an equivalent amount of lithium-ion batteries.

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 collectorthat creates steam and the energy storage mechanism, however, is that it eliminates the need for expensive heat exchangers to go between different fluids.

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