

# Southern solar energy cross-seasonal heat storage

What is seasonal thermal energy storage (STES)?

The applications of seasonal thermal energy storage (STES) facilitate the replacement of fossil fuel-based heat supply by alternative heat sources, such as solar thermal energy, geothermal energy, and waste heat generated from industries.

Can solar thermal energy be used for cross-seasonal heating?

The increase in the tank temperature at the end of the heating period was beneficial for shortening the duration of the heat storage period for the following year. The feasibility of utilizing solar thermal energy and cascaded phase change heat storage for cross-seasonal heating has been demonstrated in this study.

What are heat storage methods for solar-driven cross-seasonal heating?

Heat storage methods for solar-driven cross-seasonal heating include tank thermal energy storage (TTES), pit thermal energy storage (PTES), borehole thermal energy storage (BTES), and aquifer thermal energy storage (ATES) 14, 15, 16. As heat storage volume increases, hot water preparation costs and heat loss per unit volume decrease.

Does seasonal thermal energy storage provide economic competitiveness against existing heating options?

Revelation of economic competitiveness of STES against existing heating options. Seasonal thermal energy storage (STES) holds great promise for storing summer heat for winter use. It allows renewable resources to meet the seasonal heat demand without resorting to fossil-based back up. This paper presents a techno-economic literature review of STES.

What is seasonal/long-term heat storage?

The concept of seasonal/long-term heat storage presents great opportunities for making the utmost use of solar energy. Stored "excess" heat can compensate for the heat shortage when necessary. Seasonal storage offers the possibility that solar energy can cover all the heating loads without an extra heating system.

Can thermochemical seasonal energy storage system be used for solar district heating?

The present article explored the potential of the thermochemical seasonal energy storage system using MgO/Mg (OH)<sub>2</sub> system for solar district heating applications in China. The solar district heating model with thermochemical seasonal energy storage system, including the parabolic trough solar collector and a chemical reactor, has been built.



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