

Can liquid metals be used as heat transfer fluids in thermal energy storage?

The use of liquid metals as heat transfer fluids in thermal energy storage systems enables high heat transfer rates and a large operating temperature range (100 °C to >700 °C, depending on the liquid metal). Hence, different heat storage solutions have been proposed in the literature, which are summarized in this perspective.

Can heat transfer from hot gas to storage material?

When electrically heated to around 700 °C, they transfer their heat to storage materials such as steel, volcanic rock or slag. "However, the heat transfer from the hot gas to the storage material is far from being efficient," says Dr. Klarissa Niedermeier from KIT's Institute for Thermal Energy Technology and Safety.

Can a latent heat storage material be used as a heat transfer fluid?

Using latent heat storage material (Table 4) can lead to higher storage densities by making use of the high melting enthalpies at the melting point. In the literature, aluminum silicon and sodium chloride have been proposed as phase change material for heat storage with liquid metals as heat transfer fluids.

What type of heat transfer fluid is used in a heat storage system?

For the discharge process (H₂P), steam, organic and CO₂ Rankine cycles, Brayton cycles or Stirling engines are used. In comparison with gases as heat transfer fluids, the use of liquid metals in the heat storage system enables an efficient heat transfer to a secondary medium in the power cycle, for example, gas or steam.

Can a liquid-metal heat storage system store 100 kilowatt-hours of heat?

The system at KIT is designed to store 100 kilowatt-hours of heat and has been tested on the laboratory scale at temperatures of up to 400 °C so far. "This is the world's liquid-metal heat storage system of this kind with such a capacity. We want to show that the principle works and that it has great potential," says Klarissa Niedermeier.

This article first characterizes the thermal properties of Rf. Results show a specific heat capacity of 0.67-0.97 kJ/(kg °C) within 20-380 °C, with stable thermal properties ...

ing Thermal Oil (TO) as Heat Transfer Fluid (HTF) up to about 393 °C; indirect Thermal Energy Storage (TES) is used with a molten salt mixture--namely the "solar salt", a mixture of NaNO₂

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PCMs is usually divided into three types according to chemical composition: (1) Inorganic PCMs: mainly

include crystal hydrate salt, molten salt, metal and alloy, etc. Crystal ...

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Heat transfer fluids are the lifeblood of heat transfer systems, ensuring efficient and reliable thermal energy transfer. Selecting the right heat transfer fluid is crucial for optimal system ...

In concentrating solar power systems, for instance, molten salt-based thermal storage systems already enable a 24/7 electricity generation. The use of liquid metals as heat transfer fluids in thermal energy storage systems ...

This publication, by contrast, will give an overview of the state of the art of liquid-metal based heat storage and propose pathways to future advances and application fields. The perspective is ...

tank volume is less than for a conventional "two-tank" molten salt storage system; the need for a second heat transfer fluid (i.e. the molten salt) with heat exchangers is avoided, simplifying the

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