

# Medium and low temperature energy storage

What are sensible and latent thermal energy storage?

Sensible, latent, and thermochemical energy storages for different temperatures ranges are investigated with a current special focus on sensible and latent thermal energy storages. Thermochemical heat storage is a technology under development with potentially high-energy densities.

What is a thermal energy storage system?

By heating (or cooling) a storage medium, thermal energy storage systems (TES) store heat (or cold). As a result, further energy supply is not required, and the overall energy efficiency is increased. In most cases, the stored heat is a by-product or waste heat from an industrial process, or a primary source of renewable heat from the sun.

How can thermal energy storage be achieved?

Thermal energy storage can be achieved through 3 distinct ways: sensible; latent or thermochemical heat storage. Sensible heat storage relies on the material's specific heat capacity.

Which components are developed for latent thermal energy storage systems?

Furthermore, components for latent thermal energy storage systems are developed including macroencapsulated PCM and immersed heat exchanger configurations. For material development the following key points can be concluded.

What are the different types of thermal energy storage systems?

Thermal energy storage (TES) systems store heat or cold for later use and are classified into sensible heat storage, latent heat storage, and thermochemical heat storage. Sensible heat storage systems raise the temperature of a material to store heat. Latent heat storage systems use PCMs to store heat through melting or solidifying.

What is a heat storage medium (SHS)?

SHS (Figure 2 a) is the simplest method based on storing thermal energy by heating or cooling a liquid or solid storage medium (e.g., water, sand, molten salts, or rocks), with water being the cheapest option. The most popular and commercial heat storage medium is water, which has a number of residential and industrial applications.

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Shape-stable phase change materials (ss-PCMs) are extensively applied in renewable energy storage. The core for realizing high latent heat and good thermal stability of ss-PCMs is the designation of suitable ...

For medium temperatures (400-500 K), far fewer PCMs have been developed, with only a few high-melting-point paraffin waxes, fatty acids, and hydrates. The low thermal conductivity of these materials requires good ...

At Fraunhofer ISE, storage systems are developed from material to component to system level. Sensible, latent, and thermochemical energy storages for different temperatures ranges are investigated with a ...

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