

Could thermal energy storage save summer heat?

Image showing heat loss from a house. New research on thermal energy storage could lead to summer heat being stored for use in winter. Credit: Active Building Centre, Swansea University Funding to research thermal energy storage that could cut bills and boost renewables.

What is seasonal thermal energy storage?

Generally speaking, seasonal thermal energy storage can be used by storing summer heat for winter use or storing winter cold for summer use, i.e., summer heat for winter use and winter cold for summer use. Common seasonal heat storage includes seasonal sensible heat storage, seasonal latent heat storage, and seasonal thermochemical heat storage.

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.

Is direct seasonal thermal energy storage based on long-term heat storage?

Direct seasonal thermal energy storage is more complicated because of the large number of PCMs storage units installed inside the tank and the high cost of heat insulation. Therefore, most of the current direct latent heat storage is based on short-term heat storage, and very few studies are aimed at long-term heat storage. Fig. 2.

What are the different types of seasonal heat storage?

Common seasonal heat storage includes seasonal sensible heat storage, seasonal latent heat storage, and seasonal thermochemical heat storage. Among them, both sensible and latent heat are used to store solar energy directly in the material.

What is a warm-temperature seasonal heat store?

Warm-temperature seasonal heat stores can be created using borehole fields to store surplus heat captured in summer to actively raise the temperature of large thermal banks of soil so that heat can be extracted more easily (and more cheaply) in winter.

On the right are heat exchangers that transfer heat between storage in The Well and Enwave's district energy system. On the left are chillers that pre-cool the water in the spring to charge The ...

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This study evaluates the techno-economics of replacing an air-source heat pump (ASHP) system with a solar seasonal thermal energy storage (STES) system for space heating in Hangzhou, China.

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OverviewSTES technologiesConferences and organizationsUse of STES for small, passively heated buildingsSmall buildings with internal STES water tanksUse of STES in greenhousesAnnualized geo-solarSee alsoThere are several types of STES technology, covering a range of applications from single small buildings to community district heating networks. Generally, efficiency increases and the specific construction cost decreases with size. UTES (underground thermal energy storage), in which the storage medium may be geological strata ranging from earth or sand to solid bedrock, or aquifers. UTES technologies include:

sensible heat storage (SSHS) and identify the role of that in energy transition. To achieve this aim, different technologies and applications of seasonal sensible heat storage were firstly ...

