

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.

What is solar salt?

Solar Salt is an optimized mixture with regard to melting temperature, single salt costs and heat capacity. The minimum operation temperature of Solar Salt is typically set to 290 °C (limited by the liquidus temperature of about 250 °C plus a safety margin). The maximum operation temperature is about 560 °C, mainly defined by thermal stability.

Why are molten salts used in energy technologies?

Salts have typically high melting ranges, and molten salts are often used in energy technologies due to their reasonable thermodynamic properties at their melting temperatures. A more detailed discussion of molten salt chemistry and behavior can be found in section 2 of this work.

What are molten salt systems?

Molten salt systems involve many radiological and chemistry challenges. Many unique technologies have been designed for molten salt systems. The technology readiness level for power cycle coupling is lower for molten salt systems. The primary uses of molten salt in energy technologies are in power production and energy storage.

Which salts are suitable for power production?

However, these salts may have other undesirable fluid properties, such as the high melting point of NaF-ZrF<sub>4</sub> and the high vapor pressure of KF-ZrF<sub>4</sub>. Chloride salts are another category of candidate salt that have been considered for power production.

Are solar rays a good alternative to molten salt?

And although a handful of other concentrating solar plants around the world use solar rays to heat water directly into steam, it is much more volatile than molten salt and cannot be easily stored, Ho explains.

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