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Solar energy stores heat in summer and uses it in winter



Overview

Winter heating is energy intensive, but it is possible to save up warmth over summer and release it over winter. Several seasonal heat storage systems are already in use. For example, it is also used to cool homes, relying on systems that store the winter “coolness” and reuse it during the summer months. Countries such as Denmark, Germany and Canada are particularly interested in storing thermal energy this way. In winter months or cloudy days, solar output drops significantly, while demand for heating and lighting often rises. This mismatch creates a challenge: how can excess energy captured in sunny days be stored for use in winter? We are still a far cry from a sustainable energy supply: in 2014, 71 percent of all privately-owned apartments and houses in Switzerland were heated with fossil fuels, and 60 percent of the hot water consumed in private households is generated in this way.

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Solar energy and natural cold heat can be efficiently utilized through seasonal thermal energy storage, and the consumption of electricity and fossil fuels can be reduced.

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How to store summer heat for the winter

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Storing thermal solar energy from summer to winter

In other words, a considerable amount of fossil energy could be saved if we were able to store heat from sunny summer days until wintertime and retrieve it at the flick of a switch.

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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 ...

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"This method enables solar energy to be stored in the form of chemical energy from the summer until the wintertime," says Fumey.

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Seasonal thermal energy storage

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 STES technologies
 Conferences and organizations
 Use of STES for small, passively heated buildings
 Small buildings with internal STES water tanks
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There 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:

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An educational resource that explains seasonal thermal energy storage: its purpose, its principles and gives a few international examples.

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How to store and use summer heat in winter

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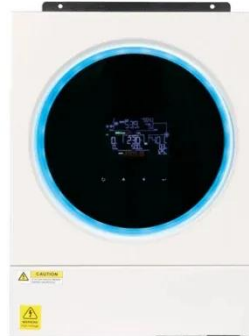
Seasonal Solar Thermal Energy Storage System

The seasonal heat storage technology stores the surplus solar energy in spring, summer, and autumn and releases it for



large-scale regional centralized heating and hot water supply in winter.

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