

Does seasonal thermal energy storage exist in Germany?

The paper presents an overview of the present status of research, development and demonstration of seasonal thermal energy storage in Germany. The brief review is focused on solar assisted district heating systems with large scale seasonal thermal energy storage.

What is thermal energy storage?

Thermal energy storages are applied to decouple the temporal offset between heat generation and demand. For increasing the share of fluctuating renewable energy sources, thermal energy storages are undeniably important. Typical applications are heat and cold supply for buildings or in industries as well as in thermal power plants.

Is low-temperature aquifer thermal energy storage possible in Germany?

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Why do we need thermal storage systems?

Thermal storage systems are a key technology for ensuring the flexible provision of heating and cooling. The expansion of renewable energies also requires the increased use of storage systems in order to provide heating and cooling in line with demand, cost-effectively and efficiently.

Why is energy storage important in Germany?

Balancing the rising share of intermittent renewables calls for new solutions and business models. In Germany, energy storage has experienced a dynamic market environment in recent years, particularly for providing ancillary services, and in home applications. This report sheds light on the important topic of energy storage.

What are aquifer thermal energy storage systems?

Aquifer thermal energy storage systems, i.e. water-bearing layers in the underground, are suited well for the seasonal storage and flexible use of heat and cold. Water has a high capacity of storing thermal energy. The surrounding rocks have an insulating effect.

Thermal storage systems are an obvious solution for these future energy scenarios, where a significant part of the national demand is in the form of heat. Characteristics of...

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One more example of a Zero Energy Building is the Nature Park Information Centre located in Germany. It has 110 m² of solar thermal collectors and one buffer storage of 22,000 L which cover the energy demand (Fig. 20 ... The integration of thermal storage systems in buildings is considered a relevant aspect to take into account in building ...

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Central solar heating plant with seasonal storage (CSHPSS) plants at places like Friedrichshafen, Hamburg and Hanover etc in Germany, implemented water tank seasonal thermal energy storage systems [13]. Fig. 10 shows an example of water tank type seasonal thermal energy storage system.

In Middle Europe seasonal thermal energy storage offers a great potential for substituting fossil fuels by utilization of waste heat from cogeneration heat and power plants (CHP) and of solar energy

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