

Solar thermal power generation and heat storage device

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What is a hybrid solar energy storage system?

An international research team led by Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya in Barcelona created a hybrid device combining molecular solar thermal (MOST) energy storage with silicon-based photovoltaic energy. The researchers say it is the first hybrid device that combines a silicon solar cell with an innovative storage system.

Can a molecular thermal power generation system store and transfer solar power?

The generator can produce, as a proof of concept, a power output of up to 0.1 nW (power output per unit volume up to 1.3 W m^{-3}). Our results demonstrate that such a molecular thermal power generation system has a high potential to store and transfer solar power into electricity and is thus potentially independent of geographical restrictions.

How efficient is a solar energy storage system?

The solar thermal energy storage efficiency? experiment of the MOST system has been determined to reach up to 2.3%, representing the highest recorded efficiency to date. Additionally, the inclusion of the MOST system as a non-heating temperature stabilizer with optical filter effect can further enhance the efficiency of the PV cell.

Can a molecular solar thermal system be combined with a PV cell?

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How does a molecular solar thermal system work?

This layer employs a molecular solar thermal (MOST) energy storage system to convert and store high-energy photons--typically underutilized by solar cells due to thermalization losses--into chemical energy. Simultaneously, it effectively cools the PV cell through both optical effects and thermal conductivity.

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Incorporating the heat storage device with a solar thermal collector is a promising solution. It has enormous applications, and efficient use of the energy storage device facilitates economic perspective too. Solar heat can be stored in sensible and latent forms . Sensible heat storage is more straightforward and in use for a long period for a wide range of applications. In ...

For the residential consumers, electricity is the most important energy demand in most parts of the world. With regards to the generation of electricity, Fig. 1 presents a vision for satisfying the global electricity demand in 2050 with various energy sources [16] this vision, the solar energy based systems are predicted to occupy the highest share by the year 2050.

In the research paper "Hybrid solar energy device for simultaneous electric power generation and molecular solar thermal energy storage, available in Joule, the team explains the MOST system is...

hybrid device combining a molecular solar thermal (MOST) energy storage system with PV cell. The MOST system, made of elements like carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, fluorine, and nitrogen, avoids the need for rare materials. It serves as an optical filter and cooling agent for the PV cell, improving solar energy utilization and addressing the ...

The solar simulator provided heat to the hot-side ... all prepared devices exhibit remarkable cyclic stability during the solar thermal power generation process, across various solar irradiation intensity values (Figure S10). The impact of irradiation intensity on the power output behavior for all devices has also been systematically discussed (Figure S11). As illustrated in ...

This work presents a promising approach to effectively convert and store clean solar power into electrical energy, enabling practical applications of STE generator devices in ...

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