

# Energy storage fluid

Can liquid metals be used as heat transfer fluids in thermal energy storage?

The use of liquid metals as heat transfer fluids in thermal energy storage systems enables high heat transfer rates and a large operating temperature range (100°C to >700°C, depending on the liquid metal). Hence, different heat storage solutions have been proposed in the literature, which are summarized in this perspective.

What are liquid metal thermal energy storage systems?

Liquid metal thermal energy storage systems are capable of storing heat with a wide temperature range and have, thus, been investigated for liquid metal-based CSP systems 3,4 and in the recent past also been proposed for industrial processes with high temperature process heat. 5

What is the energy content of a storage fluid?

For a storage fluid which is thermally stratified with a linear temperature profile in the vertical direction, the energy content can be shown with Eqs. (9.72) and (9.82) to be where  $T_t$  and  $T_b$  are the storage-fluid temperatures at the top and bottom of the linearly stratified storage tank, respectively.

What is energy storage & how does it work?

Sensible energy storage technologies include the use of liquid molten salt stored at nearly 600°C in large insulated tanks, which can be dispatched when needed to heat a working fluid in a heat engine (steam Rankine cycle or Brayton cycle) to generate electricity.

Can nanofluids be used in thermal energy storage systems?

This review offers a comprehensive overview of nanofluids and their applications in thermal energy storage systems, discussing their thermal properties, heat transfer mechanisms, synthesis techniques, and application in latent heat storage systems.

What type of heat transfer fluid is used in a heat storage system?

For the discharge process (H<sub>2</sub>P), steam, organic and CO<sub>2</sub> Rankine cycles, Brayton cycles or Stirling engines are used. 69 In comparison with gases as heat transfer fluids, the use of liquid metals in the heat storage system enables an efficient heat transfer to a secondary medium in the power cycle, for example, gas or steam.



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