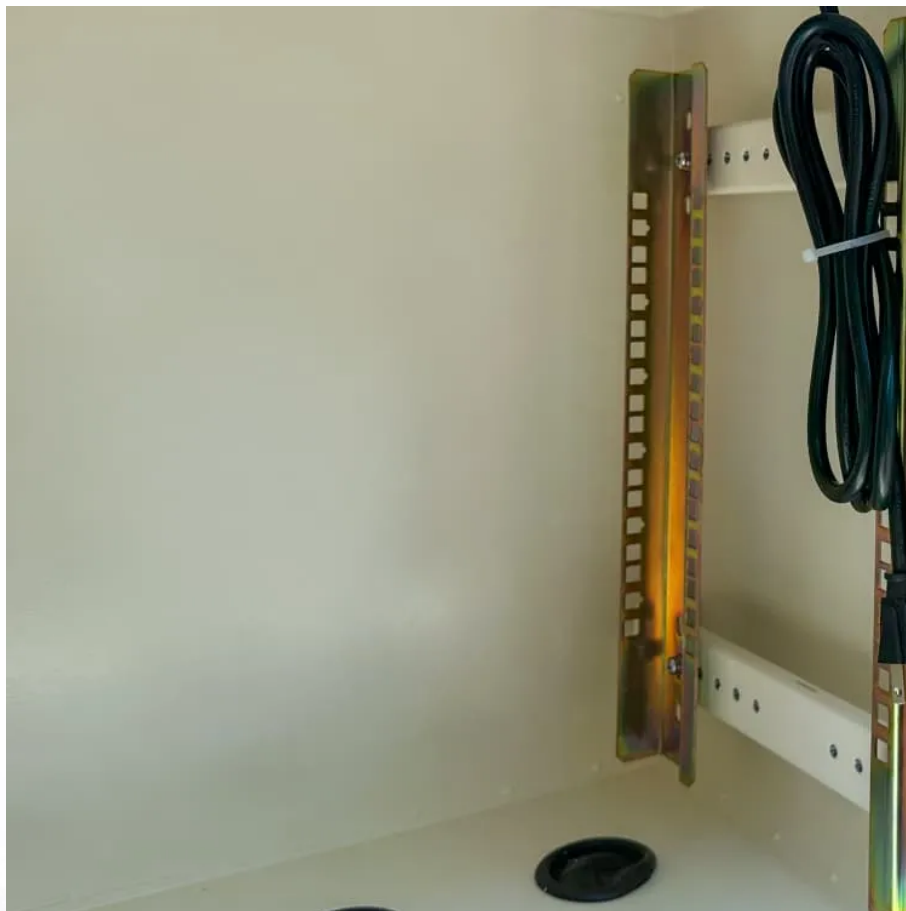


Advantages of CSP energy storage





Overview

What is concentrated solar power (CSP) & thermal energy storage (TES)?

Concentrated solar power (CSP) is a promising technology to generate electricity from solar energy. Thermal energy storage (TES) is a crucial element in CSP plants for storing surplus heat from the solar field and utilizing it when needed.

How effective are CSP plants?

The effectiveness of CSP plants lies in their capabilities to store large amounts of thermal energy that are collected during the day using thermal energy storage, allowing the plant to store this energy and dispatch it during the night.

How does CSP work?

CSP technology produces electricity by concentrating and harnessing solar thermal energy using mirrors. At a CSP installation, mirrors reflect the sun to a receiver that collects and stores the heat energy. That heat is used to power an engine or turbine that is connected to an electricity generator.

How efficient is a CSP system?

The solar-to-electricity efficiency of a CSP system depends on many factors, including the type of CSP system, the receiver, and the engine. Most concentrated solar power technologies will have an efficiency somewhere between 7 and 25 percent.

Can solar energy make CSP more affordable?

SETO is working to make CSP even more affordable, with the goal of reaching \$0.05 per kilowatt-hour for baseload plants with at least 12 hours of thermal energy storage. In September 2021, DOE released the Solar Futures Study, a report that explores the role of solar energy in achieving these goals as part of a decarbonized U.S. electric grid.

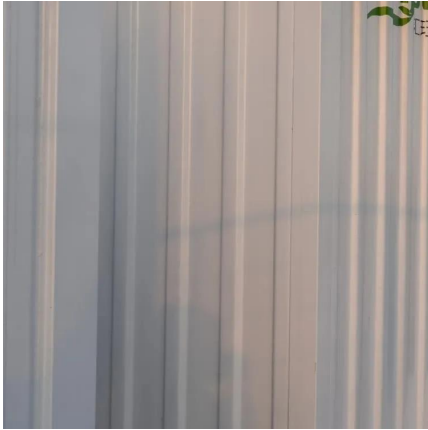


How effective is CSP technology in generating electricity?

CSP technology can generate electricity with high capacities in wide areas worldwide with total solar to electricity efficiency reached more than 16%. By comparing around 143 CSP projects worldwide with 114 in operation, 20 now non-operational or decommissioned, and 9 under construction to begin operations in 2022 and 2023.



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