

Zero-Carbon Emission Power Generation Technologies



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Sandia's National Security Mission

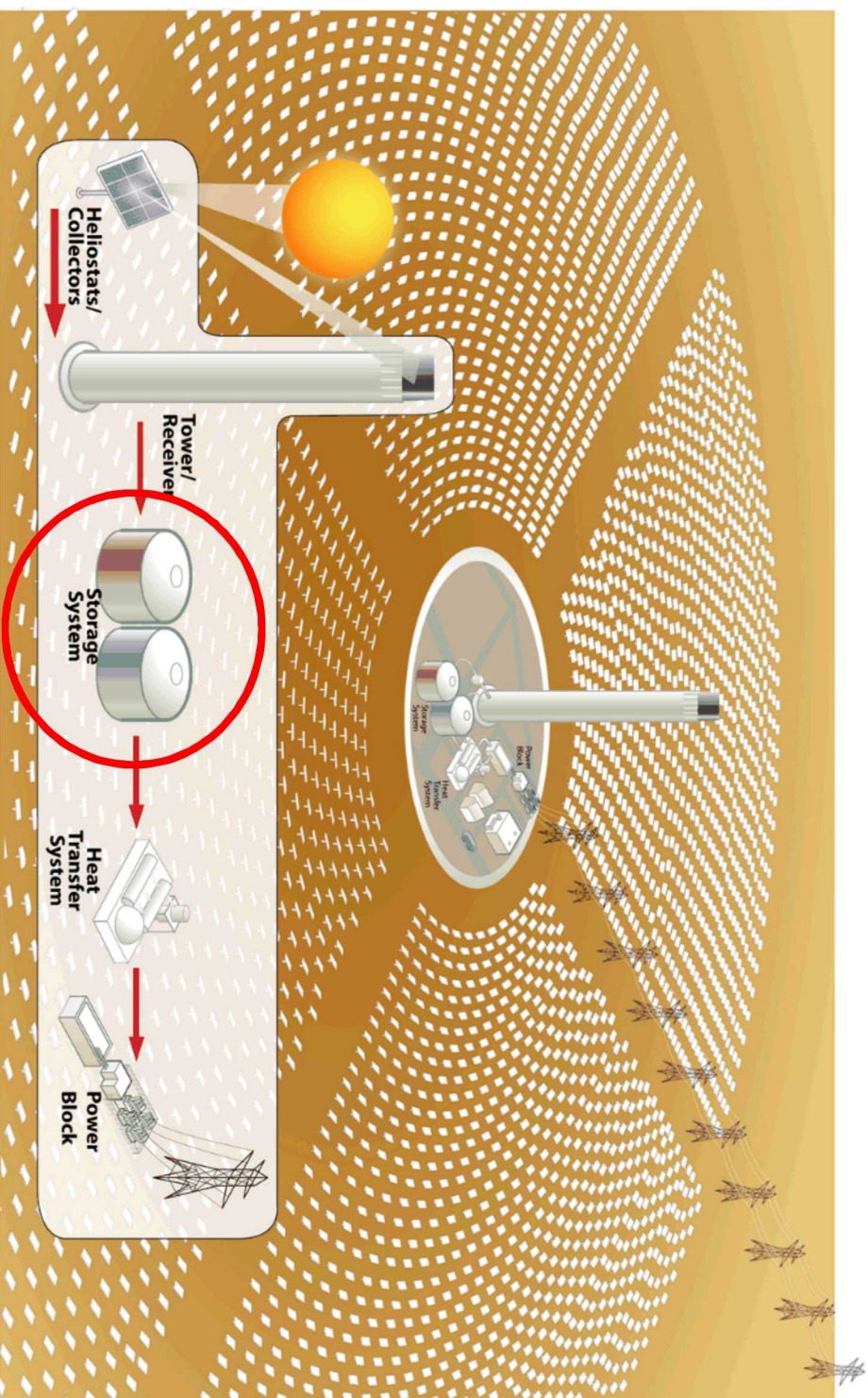
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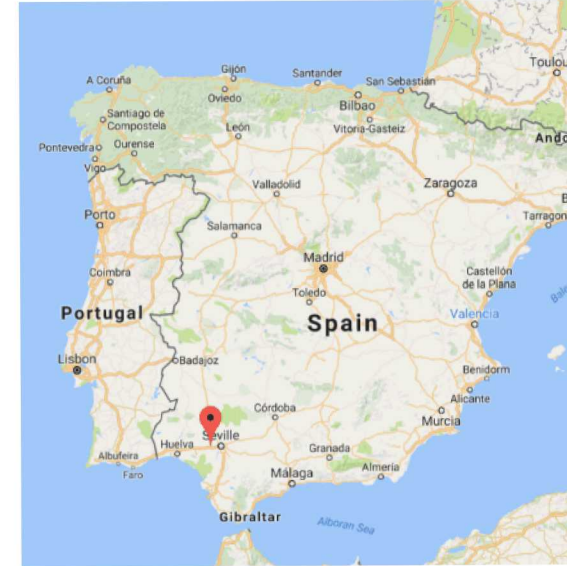
CSP and Thermal Energy Storage

- Concentrating solar power uses mirrors to concentrate the sun's energy onto a receiver to provide heat to spin a turbine/generator to produce electricity
- **Hot fluid can be stored as thermal energy efficiently and inexpensively** for on-demand electricity production when the sun is not shining



PS10 and PS20 (Seville, Spain)

- First commercial power tower plants in the world (2007, 2009)
- 11 MW and 20 MW
- Saturated steam
 - 250 C, 45 bar steam, wet cooling



Ivanpah Solar Power Tower

California (near Las Vegas, NV)

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com>



Three towers, 392 MWe, superheated-steam at 540 C, 160 bar, air-cooled (2014)



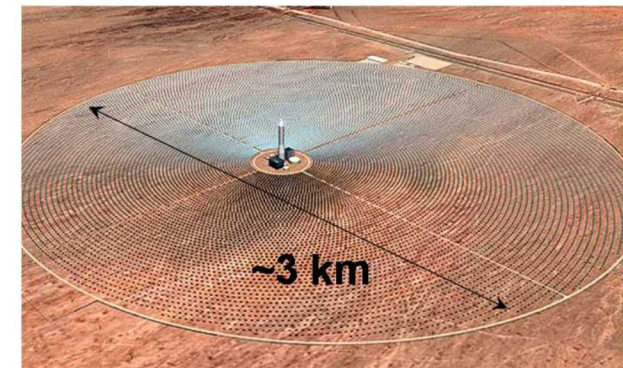
Gemasolar

(near Seville, Spain)



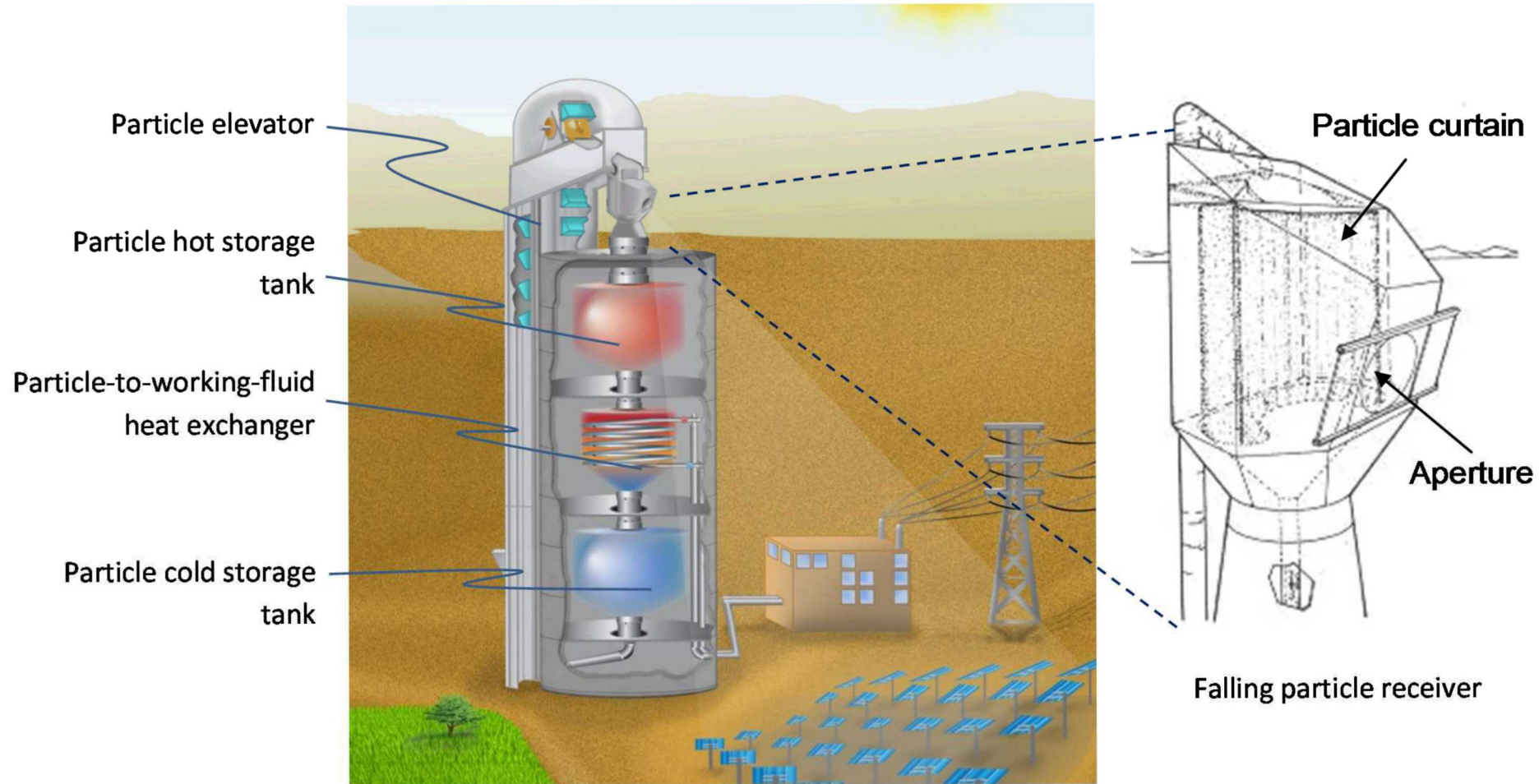
- 1st commercial power tower (19 MW) in the world with “24/7 dispatchable energy production” (15 hours of thermal storage using molten salt), wet cooling. Commissioned in May 2011.

Crescent Dunes Tonopah, Nevada



110 MWe, 570 C molten-salt, 10 hours of storage, hybrid air-cooled condenser (2015)

High Temperature Falling Particle Receiver

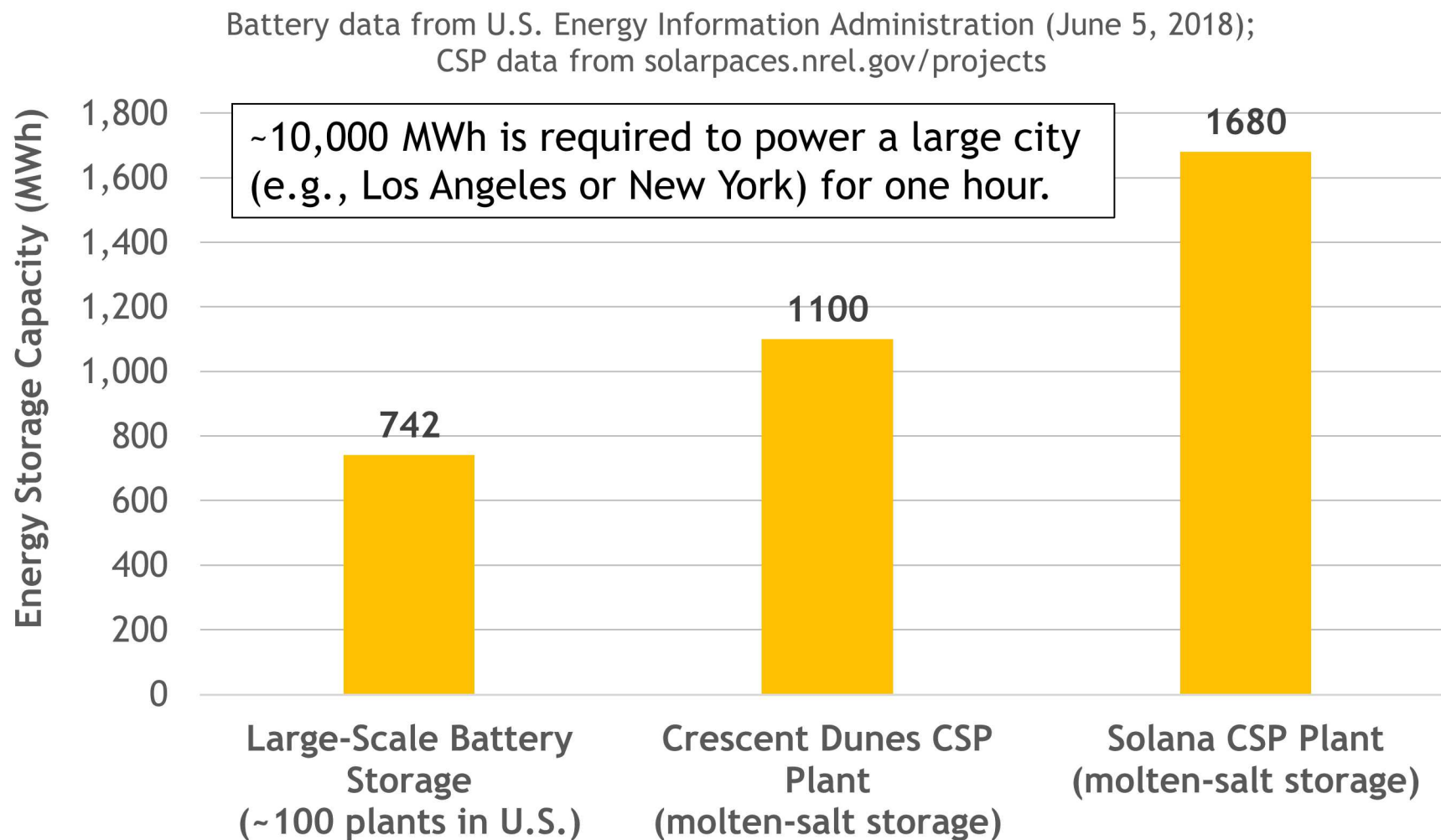


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Comparison of Large-Scale Battery and Thermal Energy Storage Capacity in the U.S.



Solana Generating Station



280 MW parabolic trough plant
Phoenix, AZ (Gila Bend)
Started 2013



futureenergyweb.es



6 hours of molten-salt storage
heated from ~300 - 400 C
(1.7 GWh)

Types of Thermal Energy Storage

- Sensible (single-phase) storage
 - Use temperature difference to store heat
 - Molten salts (nitrates $<600\text{ C}$; carbonates, chlorides $700 - 900\text{ C}$)
 - Solids storage (graphite, concrete, ceramic particles), $>1000\text{ C}$
- Phase-change materials
 - Use latent heat to store energy (e.g., molten salts, metallic alloys)
- Thermochemical storage
 - Converting solar energy into chemical bonds to store energy (e.g., decomposition/synthesis, redox reactions)



Molten-salt storage tanks at Solana CSP plant in Arizona. Credit: Abengoa



Falling particles for direct solar heating



Energy Storage R&D at Sandia

Hydrogen Storage

Hydrogen and Fuel Cells program is developing technologies to accelerate large-scale deployment of hydrogen storage.



Thermal Storage

Sandia's Concentrating Solar Power (CSP) program is developing molten salt thermal storage systems for grid-scale energy storage.



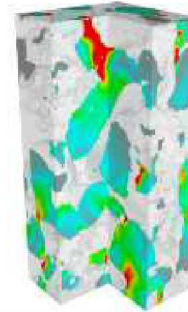
Battery Materials

Sandia has a large portfolio of R&D projects related to advanced materials to support the development of lower cost energy storage technologies including new battery chemistries, electrolyte materials, and membranes.



Systems Modeling

Sandia is performing research in a number of areas on the reliability and safety of energy storage systems including simulation, modeling, and analysis, from cell components to fully integrated systems.



Systems Analysis

Sandia has extensive infrastructure to evaluate megawatt-hour class energy storage systems in a grid-tied environment to enable industry acceptance of new energy storage technologies.



Cell & Module Level Safety

Sandia has exceptional capabilities to evaluate fundamental safety mechanisms from cell to module level for applications ranging from electric vehicles to military systems.



Power Conversion Systems

Leveraging exceptional strengths in power electronics, Sandia has unique capabilities to characterize the reliability of power electronics and power conversion systems.



Grid Analytics

Analytical and multi-physics models to understand risk and safety of complex systems, optimization, and efficient utilization of energy storage systems in the field.



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Wide ranging R&D covering energy storage technologies with applications in the grid, transportation, and stationary storage

Sandia Hydrogen R&D

Sandia provides deep, quantitative understanding and a scientific basis for...

Materials – for hydrogen production, storage and utilization

Safety – risk analysis and the creation of risk-informed standards

Hydrogen Production from Renewables



Advanced water-splitting materials and technologies for large-scale H₂ production

Hydrogen-Materials Compatibility

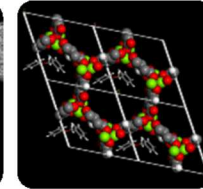
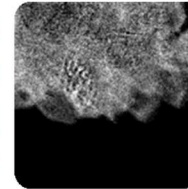


Low-cost, hydrogen-compatible materials and the science basis for their qualification

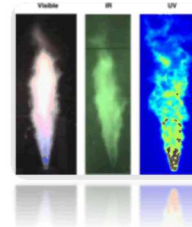


Hydrogen Storage Materials and Solutions

Discovering the behavior and performance of solid storage materials



Hydrogen Fueling Infrastructure



H₂ release behavior and risk assessment to define the safety envelope for storage & delivery

Technologies for Non-Vehicle Applications

Marine and rail applications



Fuel Cells



Membrane systems for enhanced electrochemical performance

Comparison of Energy Storage Options

	Energy Storage Technology					
	Solid Particles	Molten Nitrate Salt	Batteries	Pumped Hydro	Compressed Air	Flywheels
Levelized Cost ¹ (\$/MWh _e)	10 - 13	11 - 17	100 - 1,000	150 - 220	120 - 210	350 - 400
Round-trip efficiency ²	>98% thermal storage ~40% thermal-to-electric	>98% thermal storage ~40% thermal-to-electric	60 - 90%	65 - 80%	40 - 70%	80 - 90%
Cycle life ³	>10,000	>10,000	1000 - 5000	>10,000	>10,000	>10,000
Toxicity/ environmental impacts	N/A	Reactive with piping materials	Heavy metals pose environmental and health concerns	Water evaporation/consumption	N/A	N/A
Restrictions/ limitations	Particle/fluid heat transfer can be challenging	< 600 °C (decomposes above ~600 °C)	Very expensive for utility-scale storage	Large amounts of water required	Unique geography required	Only provides seconds to minutes of storage

¹Ho, C.K., A Review of High-Temperature Particle Receivers for Concentrating Solar Power, *Applied Thermal Energy*, 2016; Kolb, G.J., Ho, C.K., Mancini, T.R., Gary, J.A., 2011, Power Tower Technology Roadmap and Cost Reduction Plan, SAND2011-2419, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM; Akhil et al., 2015, DOE/EPRI Electricity Storage Handbook in Collaboration with NRECA, SAND2015-1002, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM. For solid particles and molten salt, we assume a 30 - 50% thermal-to-electric conversion efficiency and 10,000 lifetime cycles for the thermal-to-electric storage and conversion systems; the cost includes the storage media (bulk ceramic particles and sodium/potassium nitrate salts ~\$1/kg with $\Delta T = 400$ °C and 9 hours of storage), tanks, pumps/piping/valves, other parts and contingency, and the power block at \$1000/kW_e with 19 operating hours per daily cycle (including 9 hrs of storage) and 90% availability. For batteries, cost is based on sodium-sulfur, vanadium-redox, zinc-bromine, lead-acid, and lithium-ion batteries capable of providing large-scale electricity.

²Roundtrip efficiency defined as ratio of energy in to energy retrieved from storage; Djajadiwinata, E. et al., 2014, Modeling of Transient Energy Loss from a Cylindrical-Shaped Solid Particle Thermal Energy Storage Tank for Central Receiver Applications, Proceedings of the ASME 8th International Conference on Energy Sustainability, 2014, Vol 1.; Siegel, N.P., 2012, Thermal energy storage for solar power production, Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews-Energy and Environment, 1(2), p. 119-131.; <http://energymag.net/round-trip-efficiency/>

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