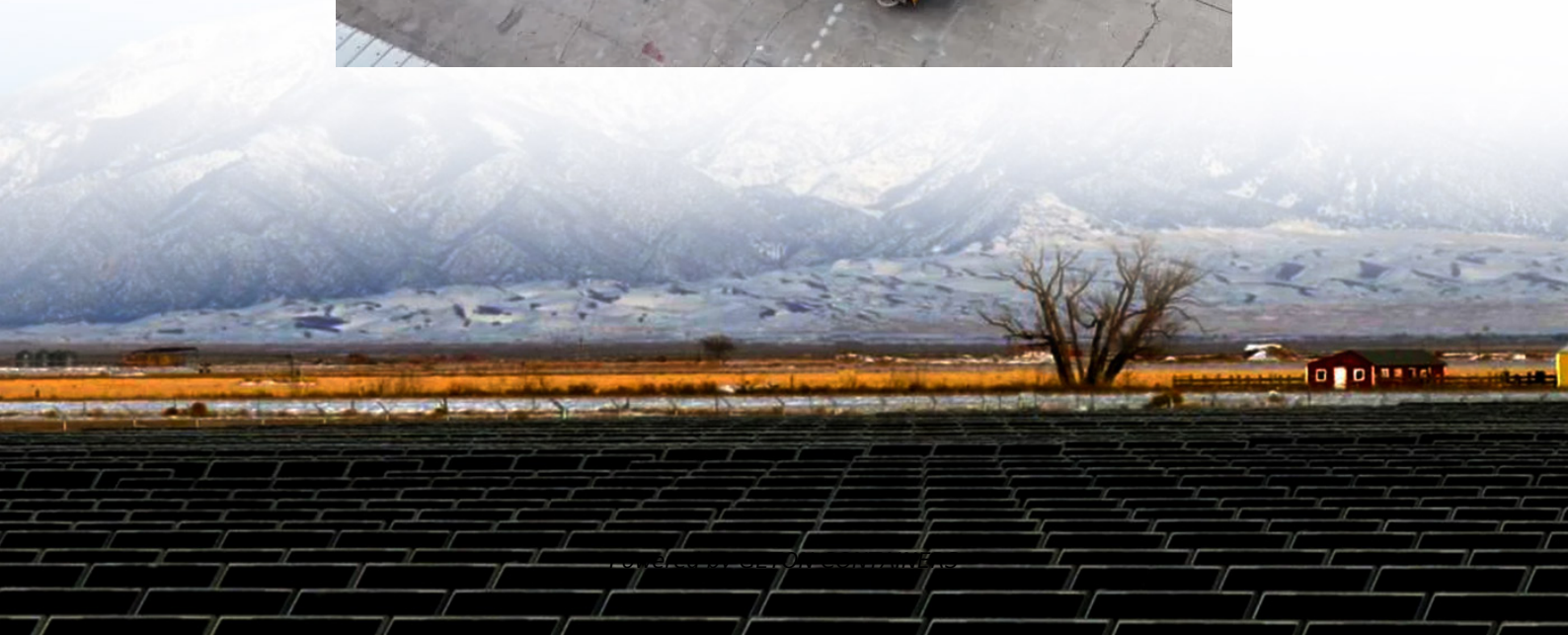


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Overview

What is solar thermal energy storage?

Sensible and latent thermal energy storage systems efficiencies over 90 %. Solar thermal energy storage is considered one of the key technologies for overcoming the intermittency of solar energy and expanding its applications to power generation, district heating and cooling, and industrial heat supply.

How does thermal energy storage work?

Thermal energy storage provides a workable solution to this challenge. In a concentrating solar power (CSP) system, the sun's rays are reflected onto a receiver, which creates heat that is used to generate electricity that can be used immediately or stored for later use.

Can thermal energy storage be used in power generation?

Thermal energy storage in power generation Compared to other renewable energy technologies, a significant advantage of concentrated solar power (CSP) technologies is their capacity to integrate with extensive thermal storage systems or hybrid subsystems [48, 49].

How underground space can be used for storing thermal energy?

There are different configurations available in which underground space can be utilized for storing thermal energy, which are aquifer storage, borehole storage, pit storage. Aquifer storage stores energy in the natural underground water reservoir and its surrounding porous matrix.



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