

Can solar energy be stored in liquid form?

A group of researchers have developed a way to store solar energy in a liquid form that will be capable of creating electricity on-demand, as well as store the energy for a whopping 18 years. Reported first by BGR, the technology has actually been in development for several years now.

How is solar energy stored?

The liquid chemical makes it possible to store and transport the stored solar energy and release it on demand, with full recovery of the storage medium. The process is based on the organic compound norbornadiene that upon exposure to light converts into quadricyclane.

Can a solar thermal fuel store energy from the Sun?

The solar industry has been snagged on this branch for a while, but in the past year alone, a series of four papers has ushered in an intriguing new solution. Scientists in Sweden have developed a specialised fluid, called a solar thermal fuel, that can store energy from the sun for well over a decade.

How does Liquid solar energy storage work?

When the solution comes in contact with the sunlight, the atoms inside it rearrange and change the shape, turning the molecule to turn into an energy-rich isomer. Fusing the liquid solar energy storage solution with a thermoelectric generator -- an ultra-thin chip -- researchers could re-harness the power.

Can a chemical fluid convert solar energy into energy?

A research team from Chalmers University of Technology in Gothenburg, Sweden, has shown that it is possible to convert the solar energy directly into energy stored in the bonds of a chemical fluid - a so-called molecular solar thermal system.

Can solar energy be reused?

The liquid is then pumped back into the solar thermal collector to be reused. So far the researchers have put the fluid through this cycle more than 125 times without significant damage to its molecular structure. Moth-Poulsen has calculated that, at its peak, the fuel can store up to 250 watt-hours of energy per 2.2 lb (1 kg).

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