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Overview

June 2025 marked the highest-ever solar electricity production in the EU, reaching 45 TWh, a significant 22% increase from June 2024's 37 TWh. On peak heatwave days, solar power delivered up to 50 GW in Germany alone, meeting 33-39% of the country's electricity demand. This tracker monitors the Horizon Europe's financial contribution to both mitigating climate change (e. , regarding floods, droughts, spatial planning and better governance . Researchers at ETH Zurich have developed a thermal trap that can absorb concentrated sunlight and deliver heat at over thousand degrees Celsius. In the experiments, it reached a temperature of 1050 degrees Celsius and glowed at . Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) technologies are an essential part of the global transition toward renewable energy.

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Solar Energy at High Temperature

Development of innovative elements for solar thermal energy electricity and process heat production: receivers with new thermal fluids, new types of high-temperature storage systems, combinations of

Using solar energy to generate heat at high temperatures

Researchers at ETH Zurich have now demonstrated, in the lab, a way to make these industries independent of fossil fuels. Using solar radiation, they have engineered a device that can

Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) with High-Temperature Storage for

Among the most promising advancements in CSP is the integration of high-temperature storage systems with thermophotovoltaic (TPV) generation. This approach has the potential to

How much extreme weather events have affected European power

Droughts/heatwaves impact Central EU solar PV by +4.1% and cold waves -4.5%. Extreme weather events (EWE) can affect energy supply, particularly when energy systems are

Thermal Energy Storage in Concentrating Solar Power Plants: A

The NEXT-CSP research project (High temperature concentrated solar thermal power plan with particle receiver and direct thermal storage) aimed to validate an industrial pilot plant

Concentrated Solar energy storage at Ultra-high temperatures

SUNSON (Sun's Son) is an ambitious European project aiming to develop a new generation of ultra-compact and efficient concentrated solar power (CSP) systems capable of operating at temperatures

Low-Pressure Steam Generation with Concentrating Solar Energy and

To increase their use in high and low irradiance regions, a novel solar thermal system developed by the EU-ASTEP project that could achieve a temperature of up to 400 ?C was introduced.

Understanding high temperatures and solar power generation

Even though higher solar insolation results in higher solar PV energy generation, extremely high temperatures actually have a negative impact on solar PV energy generation.

Effect of 2023 European Heatwave on Photovoltaic Energy

This research work also assesses how the sudden rise of temperature, which affected the masses across the European and Mediterranean mainland's during the summer 2023, affected the energy

European Heatwaves: Accelerating the Solar Energy Revolution

During the 2025 heatwave, solar energy production soared, demonstrating resilience and reliability amidst adverse conditions. June 2025 marked the highest-ever solar electricity production

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