



INSTITUT FÜR
ENERGIETECHNIK UND
THERMODYNAMIK

Institute for Energy Systems and Thermodynamics

Thermal Electricity Storage

Stefan Thanheiser, TU Wien

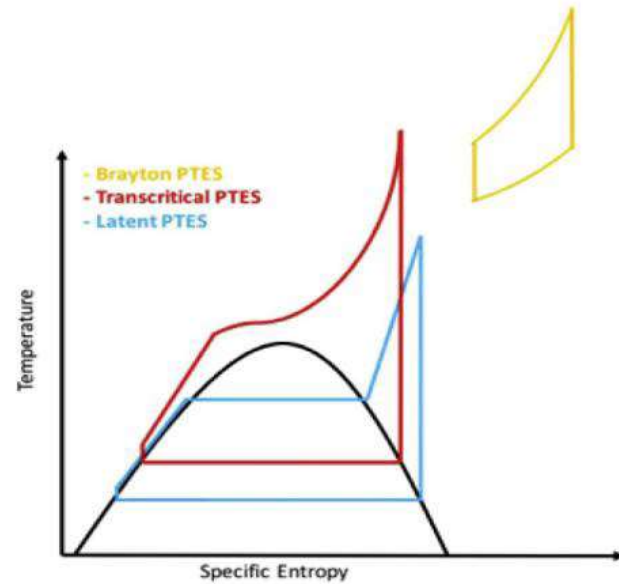
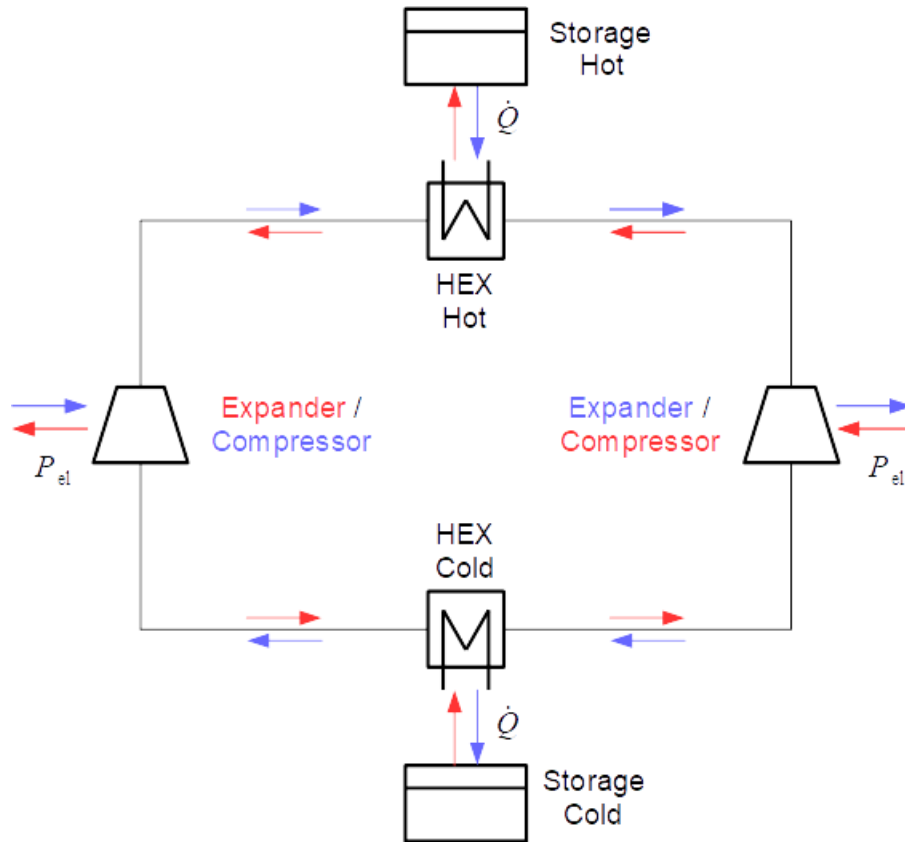
- Why energy storage?
- Types energy storage:
 - Electro-thermal
 - 2-tank / active
 - 1-tank / passive
- VGBE study: scope and conclusions

More flexibility:

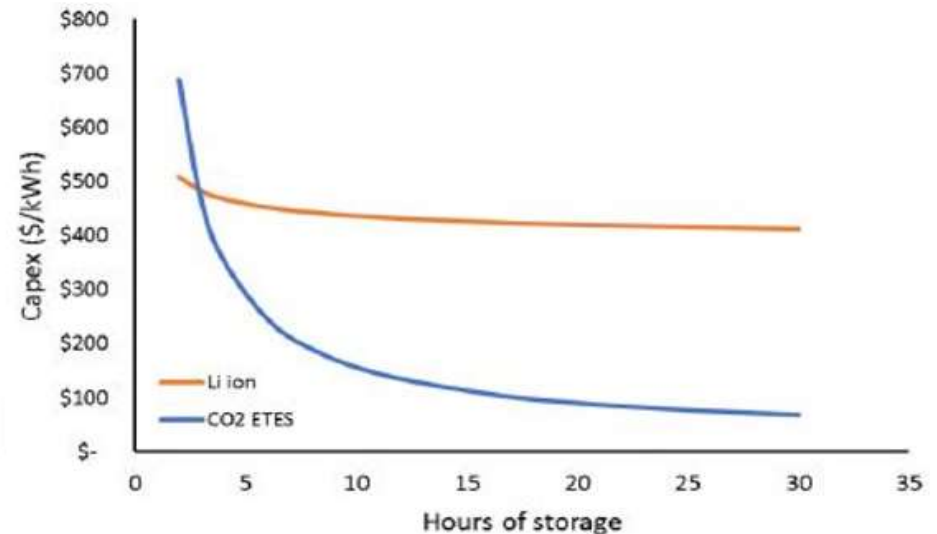
- Keep power plant at constant load
- Reduce minimum turbine load
- Cover peaks

Reduce emissions:

- Refit / only use renewables, reuse plant infrastructure



- Reversible heat pump \leftrightarrow Rankine cycle
- Electricity is stored as thermal energy
- Advantages:
 - Electricity in – electricity out
 - High round trip efficiencies (RTE)
 - Economies of scale
- Disadvantages:
 - Working fluid is sCO₂



- RTE 51-65%
- Water is hot SM, ice cold SM

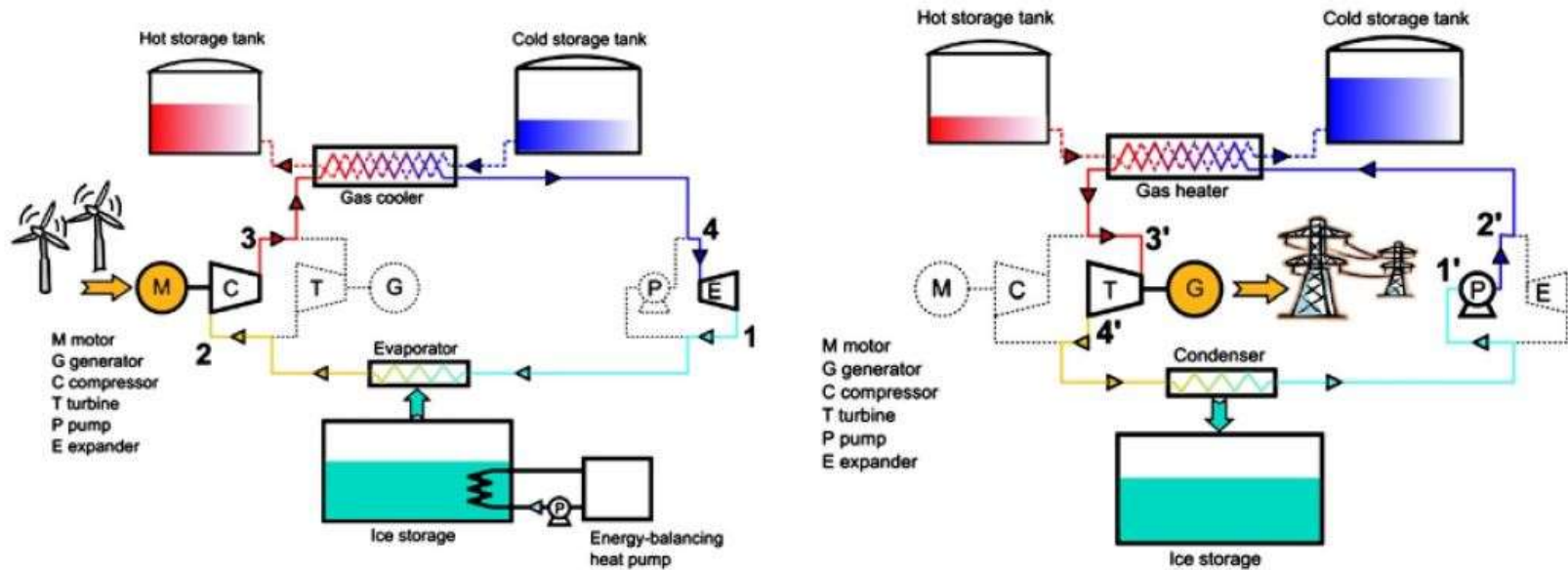
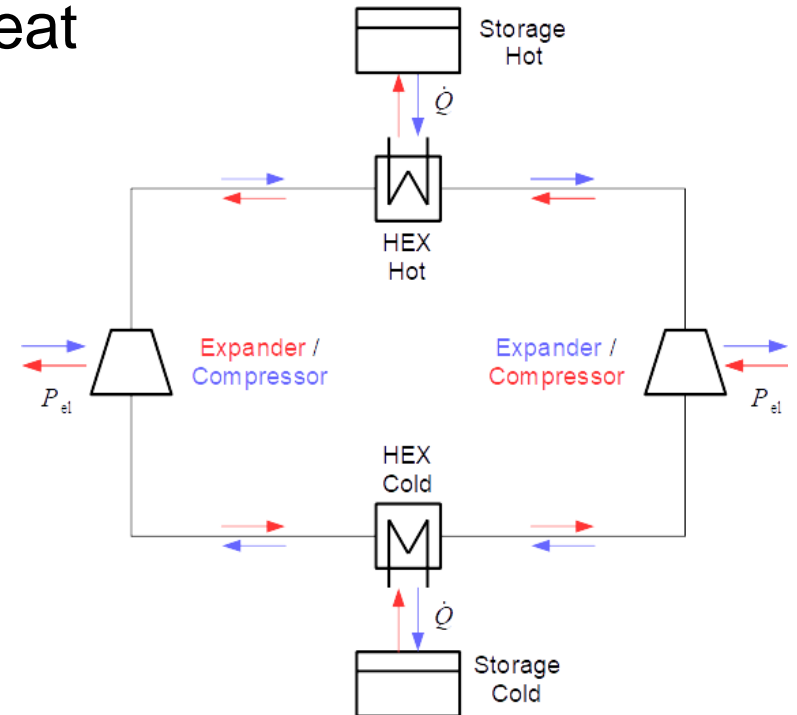
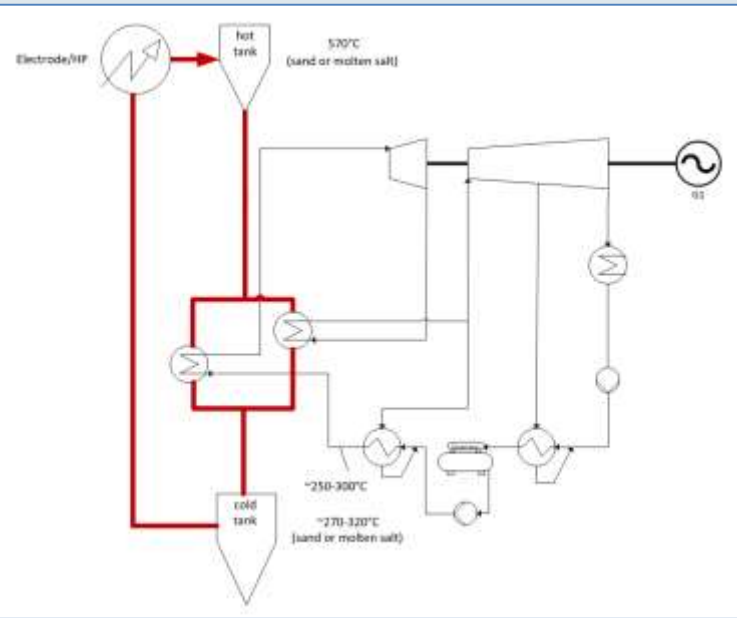


Figure 3.42: Sample plant layout during charging (left) and discharging (right) mode. [15]

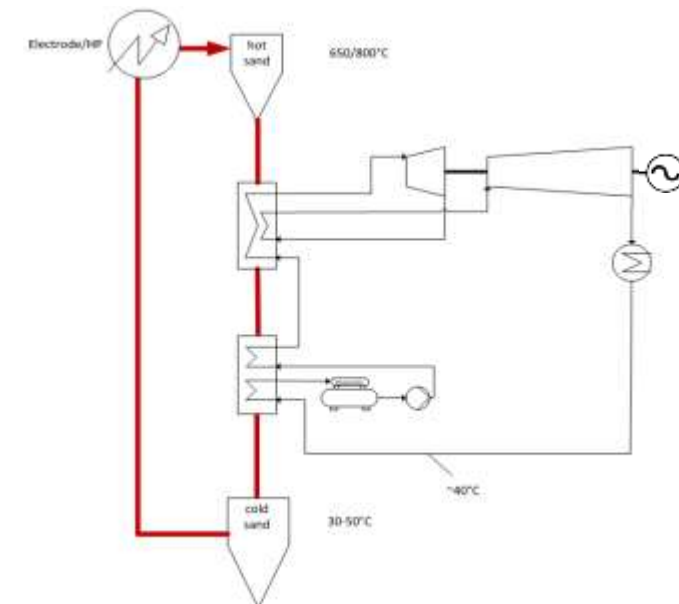
- Compressor is main source of heat in ETES
- Can be replaced with:
 - Steam from plant
 - Electrodes → “TSPP”
- “Cold storage” = environment
- Hot storage:
 - 1 or 2 tanks (active / passive)
 - Different materials





Molten salt

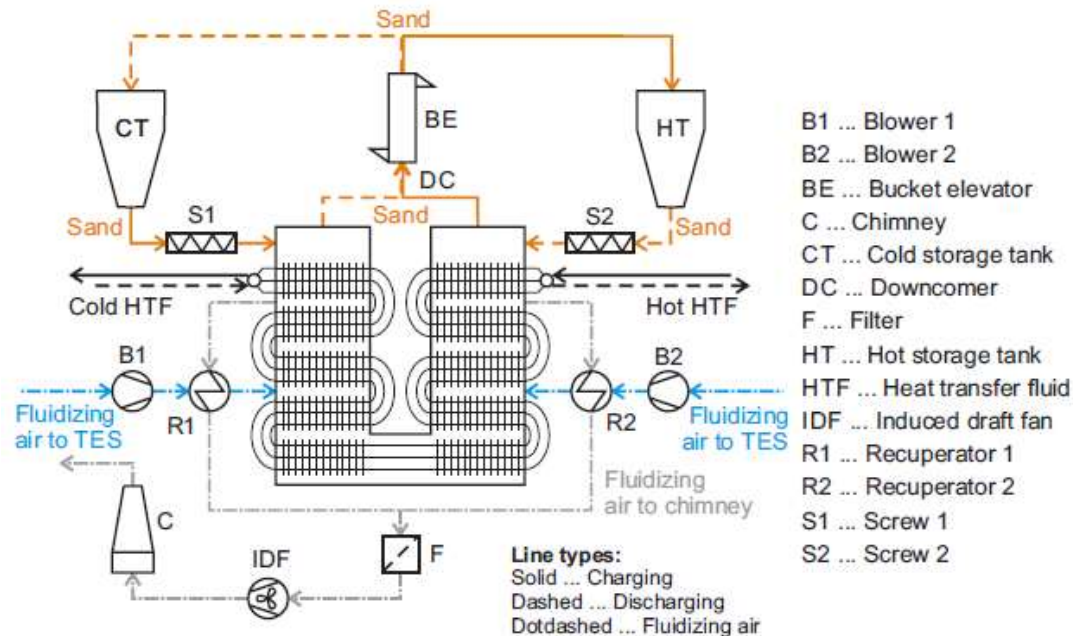
- 60% NaNO_3 , 40% KNO_3 (“solar salt”)
- Range $240^\circ\text{C} - 560^\circ\text{C}$
- Feedwater heating required
- State of the art in CSP
- High cost: 700-1000 €/t



Sand (sandTES)

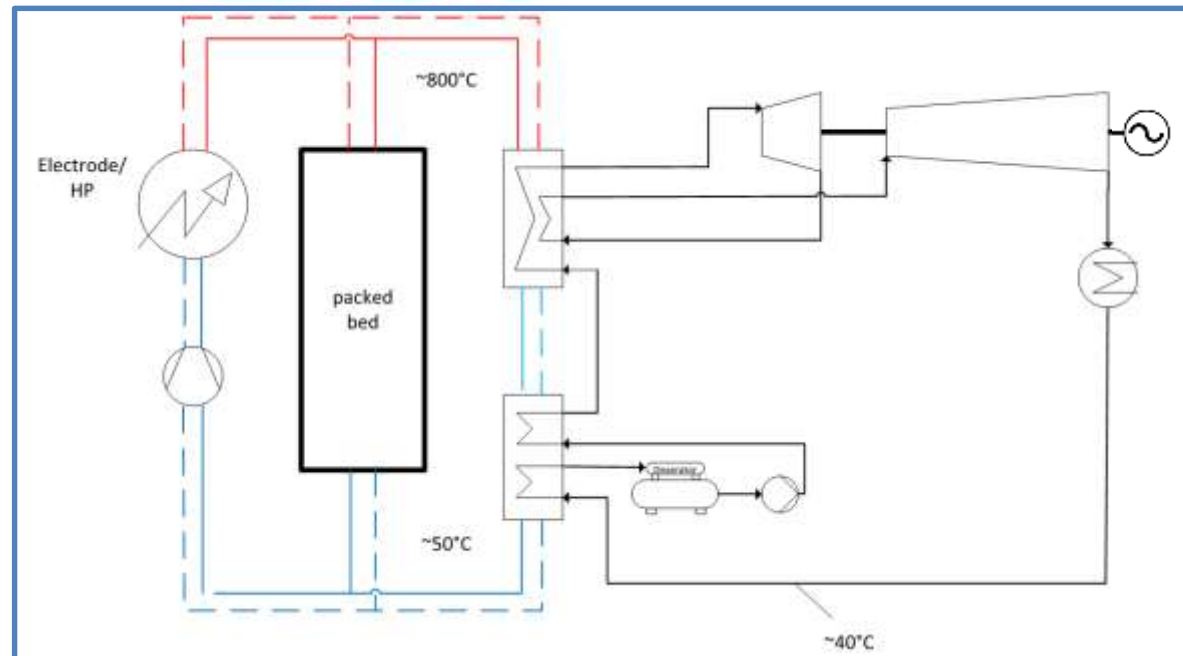
- SiO_2 sand
- Range $20^\circ\text{C} - 850^\circ\text{C}$
- No feedwater heating required
- Lower TRL
- Low cost: 40 €/t

- Developed by TU Wien, licensed to Andritz
- Fluidized bed heat exchangers
- Particle conveyors
- Auxiliary power required for fluidization and conveying



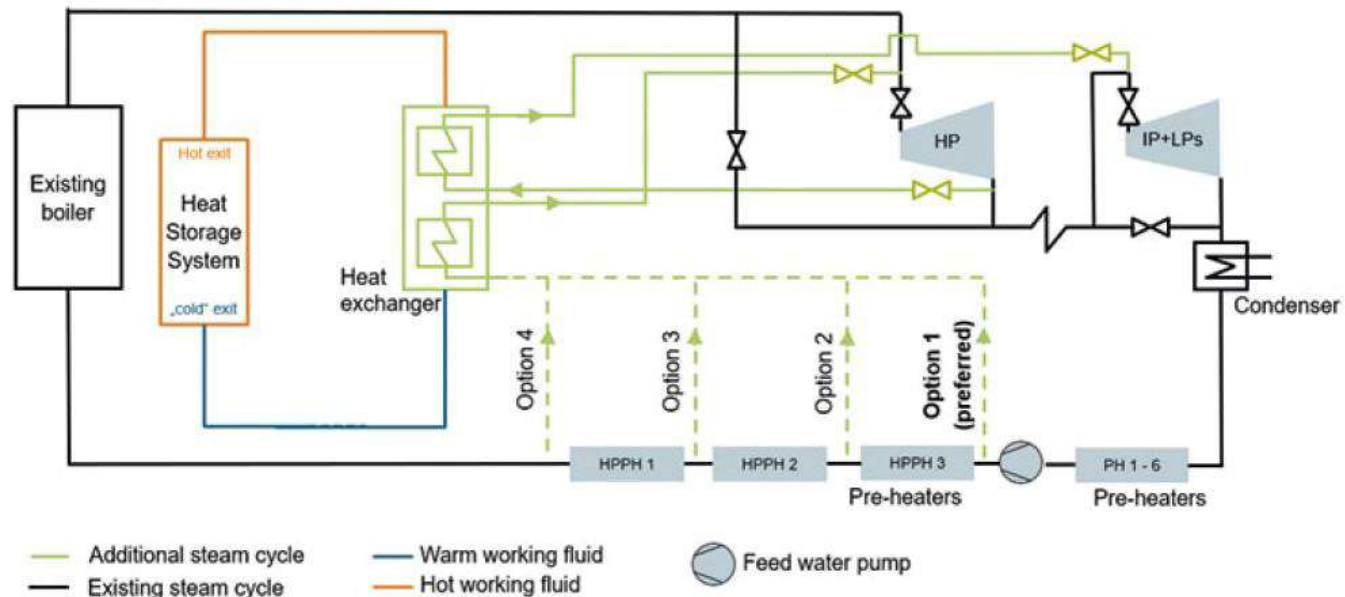
Packed bed regenerator

- Rocks as storage material
- High operating range
- No feedwater heating required
- Simple system, high TRL
- Thermal ratcheting, hysteresis and self discharging issues

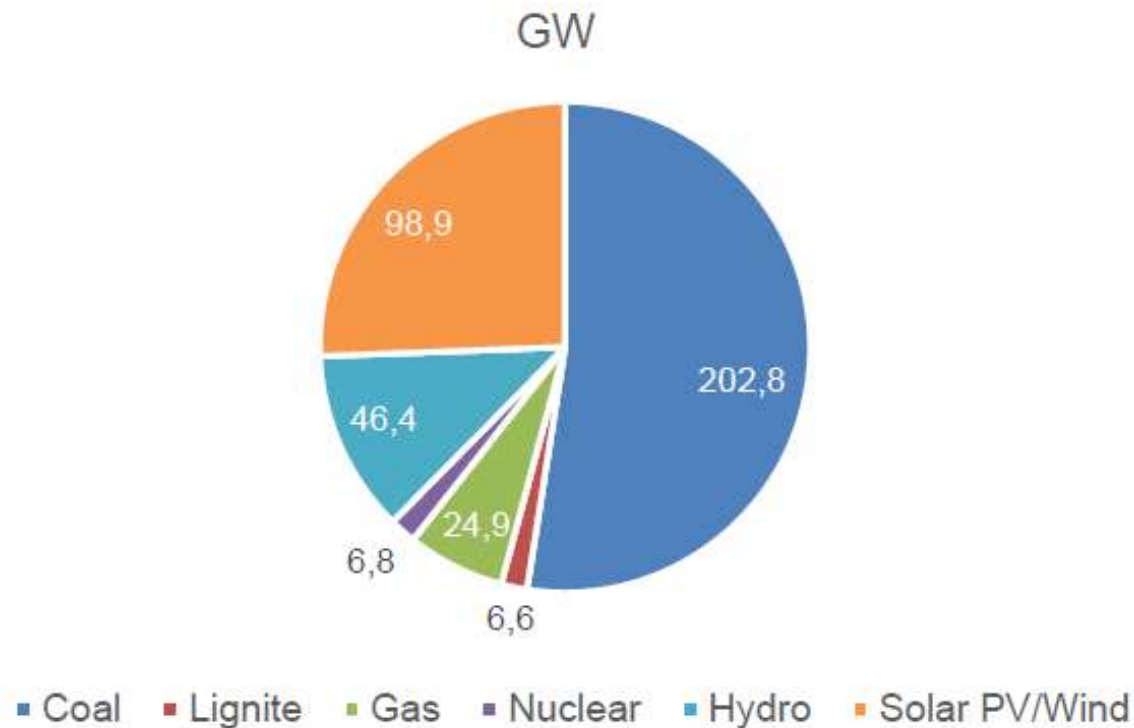


Siemens Gamesa

- 1.5 MWe output @ 750°C
- 130MWh storage at 800°C
- Storage efficiency 95%, RTE 45%
- 24 h cycle
- Heated electrically



- Analysis and assessment of TSP technologies
- Assessment of retrofitting potential in India



- Heat2Heat2Power achieves RTE of 80%, Power2Heat2Power 45%
- Beneficial to have TES do feedwater preheating
- Multi-hour and large-scale electricity storage solution
- Re-use of existing infrastructure, competencies of Indian industry and expertise
- Provision of heat and process steam in addition to electricity – especially important for captive power plants
- Savings on decommissioning costs

- Power plants with an operating time of about 8 to 15 years are appropriate candidates for a TSP retrofit within the next five to eight years
- Costs are comparable to batteries
- There is an enormous retrofitting capacity of about 67GW

