

## European Solar Energy Storage

# Internal structure of steam energy storage tank



## Overview

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Similar to the storage concepts discussed previously, steam accumulators use a liquid medium to store sensible heat. Thus, the name steam accumulator could be misleading; in fact, hot liquid water is used as the storage medium.

The embodiment of the invention provides a steam energy storage tank, which belongs to the technical field of steam engineering. The steam energy storage tank comprises a tank body.

Abstract The paper concentrates on the design of a sensible thermal energy storage system. In a process plant, steam is used to create vacuum in a pressure vessel.

6.1.8 Isolated radial loads on the tank shell, such as those caused by heavy loads on platforms and elevated walkways between tanks, shall be distributed by rolled structural sections, plate ribs, or built-up members. What is a dry steam storage tank?

According to [Goldstern1963], dry steam storage tanks with volumes up to 3000 m<sup>3</sup> have been built for maximum steam pressures of 1.2 bar. To avoid the pressure drop during discharge, the bell accumulator with variable storage volume was developed. Similar to a gasometer used to store low-pressure natural gas, the bell floats on a water reservoir.

How does a steam accumulator differ from a tank storage system?

Steam accumulators also differ in operating behavior from two tank storage concepts; most systems deliver steam at sliding pressure during discharge, and exergetic efficiency is limited. There is a strong dependence between storage density and the pressure reduction that is possible during discharge.

How much steam can be stored in a dry storage tank?

For low steam pressures, there is the possibility of direct storage of superheated steam, but the low storage density of steam requires large volumes. According to [Goldstern1963], dry steam storage tanks with volumes up to 3000 m<sup>3</sup> have been built for maximum steam pressures of 1.2 bar.

How does steam storage differ from other liquid media storage concepts?

Unlike the other storage concepts using liquid media, the heat transfer medium (usually steam) often undergoes a phase change during the charging and discharging process. The cost structure of steam storage also differs from the typical cost structure of most other liquid media storage concepts.

What is a thermally insulated storage vessel?

The thermally insulated storage vessel is typically 80–95% filled with liquid water, with the remaining volume occupied by saturated steam [Fig. 5.1]. During discharge, saturated steam is removed from the upper part of the tank.

What is the storage capacity of dry steam at low pressure?

Since the volume-specific storage capacity of dry steam at low pressure is in the range of 0.3 kW/m<sup>3</sup>, direct steam storage has only been used for short-term buffering in the seconds range in steam networks.



Steam accumulation TES is based on a concept where wet steam from the solar field is fed into a steam buffer drum, which acts as an energy storage module (González-Roubaud et al., 2017).



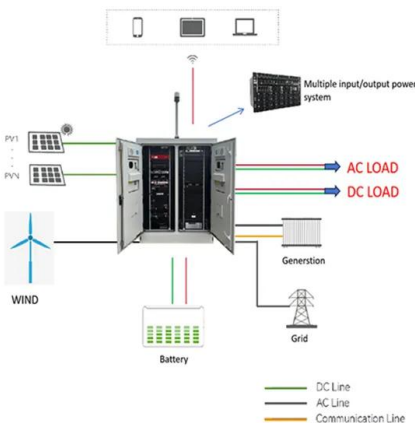
### Steam energy storage tank design

Presently, superheated steam plants are predominantly designed with thermal storage systems based on saturated steam accumulators, often referred to as "Ruth's tanks"



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## Steam energy storage tank structure

To improve the performance of the compressed air energy storage (CAES) system, flow and heat transfer in different air storage tank (AST) configurations are investigated using numerical simulations after the numerical model has been experimentally validated.



## **Internal structure of the energy storage tank**

Six models based on different fin configuration of the energy storage tank with phase change material were established. The fin structure of model 3 is designed by topology optimization method.

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