

# Methanol fuel energy storage

Why is methanol a good energy carrier?

The identified strengths of methanol as an energy carrier include its high volumetric energy density, the mature technology for producing it from hydrogen and carbon dioxide, and its broad applicability.

How much methanol can be stored in a tank?

A single 200,000 m<sup>3</sup> cylindrical tank with diameter 80 m and height 40 m can store 880 GWh of methanol. When combusted with pure oxygen in a transcritical Allam cycle turbine using carbon dioxide as the working fluid, up to 98% of the carbon dioxide from combustion can be captured with minimal effort, producing power at efficiencies of up to 66%.

How is methanol stored?

Methanol is stored as a liquid at ambient temperature and pressure, oxygen is stored as a liquid at -183 °C, and carbon dioxide is stored as a liquid at 7 bar and -50 °C; only hydrogen is stored as a gas (at 250 bar) while it is buffered before going into the methanol synthesis. Figure inspired by Baak et al. 8

Can methanol be used as a fuel?

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How efficient is hydrogen storage compared to methanol storage?

The round-trip efficiency for hydrogen storage at 38% is higher than for methanol storage with carbon cycling at 35%. Figure 2. Average electricity costs for systems based on wind and solar

Can methanol be used as a cyclic energy source?

Upcycling carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and intermittently generated renewable hydrogen to stored products such as methanol (MeOH) allows the cyclic use of carbon and addresses the challenges of storage energy density, size and transportability as well as responsiveness to energy production and demand better than most storage alternatives.

With respect to these observations, the chemical storage is one of the promising options for long term storage of energy. From all these previous studies, this paper presents a complete evaluation of the energy (section 2) and economic (section 3) costs for the four selected fuels: H<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and CH<sub>3</sub>OH. In this work, their chemical properties are presented, as ...

Methanol fuel is an alternative biofuel for internal combustion and other engines, either in combination with gasoline or independently. Methanol (CH<sub>3</sub>OH) is less expensive to sustainably produce than ethanol fuel,

although it is more toxic than ethanol and has a lower energy density than gasoline. Methanol is safer for the environment than gasoline, is an anti-freeze agent, ...

Ammonia is gaining attention as a marine fuel due to its carbon-free nature and comparable energy density to carbon-containing fuels like methanol and ethanol, making it a feasible alternative for maritime applications (Al-Aboosi et al. 2021; Hansson et al. 2020). Ammonia also offers advantages over hydrogen in terms of transportation and storage, ...

Clean methanol can play an important role in achieving net zero emission targets by decarbonizing the energy and chemical sectors. Conventionally, methanol is produced by using fossil fuel as raw material, which releases a significant amount of greenhouse gases (GHGs) into the environment. Clean methanol, which is produced by hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) from ...

For these reasons, the term "methanol economy" was suggested, with the aim of characterising a future economy in which methanol replaces fossil fuels as a means of energy storage, ground transportation fuel, and chemical base material. In 1986, Friedrich Asinger proposed methanol as the energy and chemistry raw material of the future.

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