

HyMATE

Hydrogen Mitigation System



The thermal oil used as heat transfer fluid (HTF) in solar power plants degrades over time, resulting in a constant **build-up of hydrogen**. This poses a risk to the receivers. Once their built-in getters reach the maximum capacity, **heat losses increase dramatically (x4)**. This phenomenon occurs much earlier than expected – typically within just 7 to 12 years of plant operation.

Within a few years, over 50% of the solar field can be affected, resulting in a **20% drop in annual power output**. Costly receiver repairs or replacements become mandatory, severely impacting both maintenance costs and plant performance.



Infrared image of hot parabolic trough receivers

The Solution

Our hydrogen mitigation system **HyMATE** provides a **permanent solution** to this problem. The fully automated system **continuously removes hydrogen** from the HTF and **monitors its concentration**. Key benefits include:

- Highly effective hydrogen reduction (over 95%)
- · Immediate effect within a few days
- · Automatic real-time monitoring of hydrogen levels
- · Easy to install and operate
- · Environmentally friendly, as only water is released



Yearly progression of hydrogen concentration in HTF

Smart Design - Complete Service - Full Guarantee



Easy to install, simple to operate

- · Containerized solution: Fully preassembled and tested before shipment
- Turnkev system: Clear interfaces, swift installation, immediate operation
- · Modular design: Highest system availability, reduced spare parts
- · Top quality: Made, tested, and certified in Germany
- Carefree operation: Automated system with full-service maintenance contracts
- · Guaranteed low hydrogen levels

Cost Assessment

Previously available methods for reducing hydrogen in HTF lack the effectiveness of HyMATE:

- Operation at lower HTF temperature: Reduces hydrogen formation at the cost of reduced turbine performance
- Venting: Removes hydrogen only partly with constant costs for nitrogen replacement and filters
- HTF refining: Reduces hydrogen formation, but requires high initial and continous treatment efforts

None of these methods are sufficient to avoid the problem, and they are significantly more expensive!





- Venting
- Refined HTF
- Refined HTF and venting
- HyMATE



Example case: Potential for higher profits for a 100 MW plant with storage

Average H₂-concentration for a 100 MW plant with different mitigation measures

Expert recommendations:

The 2020 CSP Best Practices Study by well-known experts ranks hydrogen management as a top priority for parabolic trough plants. It recommends the installation of a hydrogen removal system to extract hydrogen efficiently.

Protect your receivers with HyMATE and maintain the performance of your plant throughout its lifetime!



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