

# Solar thermal power generation theory and technology

What is solar thermal power generation?

Harnessing solar energy for electric power generation is one of the growing technologies which provide a sustainable solution to the severe environmental issues such as climate change, global warming, and pollution. This chapter deals with the solar thermal power generation based on the line and point focussing solar concentrators.

Which thermodynamic cycle is used for solar thermal power generation?

Rankine, Brayton, and Stirling cycle are commonly used thermodynamic cycles for solar thermal power generation. The integration of thermal energy storage and hybridization of solar thermal energy systems with conventional power generation systems improves the performance and dispatchability of the solar thermal systems.

How do solar thermal power plants work?

Solar thermal power plants are composed of three processes: collection and conversion of solar radiation into heat, conversion of heat to electricity, and thermal energy storage to mitigate the transient effects of solar radiation on the performance of the system.

How do solar thermal technologies produce electricity?

This high temperature is achieved by concentrating solar radiation on the receiver, and these technologies are known as concentrating solar power (CSP) technologies. Hence, the electricity generation by solar thermal technologies involves the collection and concentration of solar radiation in the form of heat and its conversion into electricity.

What is solar thermal energy?

Solar thermal energy (STE) innovation has been promoted as one of the most encouraging sources for low-carbon, nonpetroleum derivative energy creation. The interest for clean energy is solid, and the move from nonrenewable energy to renewable energy sources is the next stage to eliminating the world's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

How to integrate solar thermal energy systems with industrial processes?

The integration of solar thermal energy systems with the industrial processes mainly depends on the local solar radiation, availability of land, conventional fuel prices, quality of steam required, and flexibility of system integration with the existing process.

HTF is a crucial factor in a solar thermal power plant as it directly influences the tube receiver efficiency, determines the type of thermodynamic cycle and the performance it can acquire, as well as the thermal energy storage technology that must be adopted. Till now, the operating temperature of a solar thermal power plant is

mainly limited by the thermal stability ...

profit of sun power and ... that after our stores of oil and coal are exhausted the human race can receive unlimited power from the rays of the sun." Frank Schuman, New York Times, 1916 . INTRODUCTION . The historical evolution of Solar Thermal Power and the associated methods of energy storage into a high-tech green technology are described ...

As an important form of clean energy generation that provides continuous and stable power generation and is grid-friendly, concentrated solar power (CSP) has been developing rapidly in recent years.

The key advantage of solar thermal power generation technology when compared with PV technology is the lower cost of thermal storage compared with battery storage. In trough plants, the mineral oil can be used for sensible thermal storage. Solar salt, a 60-40% mixture of sodium and potassium nitrate, has been used for central receiver plants. Several ...

The regulation capacity of concentrating solar power (CSP) plants can rival that of conventional thermal units. CSP plants can participate in peak load and frequency regulations timely and deeply, which improves the flexibility of the power system. Thus, CSP is a promising renewable energy generation technology. Based on

As an important part of a new type of renewable energy, solar power generation has a well-developed prospect and is valued by all the countries in the world. The research status and future development arrangement of solar power generation technology in various countries around the world are investigated. The principles, applications, advantages ...

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In recent years, the Chinese government has promulgated numerous policies to promote the PV industry. As the largest emitter of the greenhouse gases (GHG) in the world, China and its policies on solar and other renewable energy have a global impact, and have gained attention worldwide [9] this paper, we concentrated on studying solar PV power ...

In a solar thermal power generation system, solar radiation is collected by using various types of solar concentrator or solar ponds [31]. This solar energy is converted into thermal energy (heat) by increasing temperature of the fluid (heat transfer mediums). This heated fluid may be directly used in any of the thermodynamic power cycles such ...

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for design, performance analysis, and economic assessments. Addressing the significance of power generation from solar thermal energy, the book covers ...

According to thermodynamic theory, ... the combination of solar power generation and evaporation technology has provided an encouraging method and potential for solving the global energy shortage and water pollution challenges and has attracted extensive attention and research (see Fig. 13). Recently, Zhou's team [12], [15] proposed a power hybrid ...

Solar thermal power technologies have been listed as the frontiers in the National middle & long-term Scientific and Technological Development Plan Guideline (2006-2020) which was issued by the State Council of China, the Medium and Long Term Development Plan for Renewable Energy which was released by NDRC, the 12th Five-year Plan for National Energy Science and ...

In addition, a comparison is made between solar thermal power plants and PV power generation plants. Based on published studies, PV-based systems are more suitable for small-scale power ...

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Concentrating solar power (CSP) systems, concentrate solar radiation in various ways and then convert it to other forms (largely thermal), with final end use usually being as electricity or alternatively as high-temperature heat or chemical fuels. Storage of energy as heat to better match intermittent solar input to demand, is now almost always included.

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