

# The current status and key points of solar power generation technology

Is solar energy a future energy resource?

The utilization of renewable energy as a future energy resource is drawing significant attention worldwide. The contribution of solar energy (including concentrating solar power (CSP) and solar photovoltaic (PV) power) to global electricity production, as one form of renewable energy sources, is generally still low, at 3.6%.

How has solar PV technology changed in 2022?

It is seen that the global weighted-average LCOE of solar PV technology reduced by about 89 % from 0.445 USD/kWh in 2010 to 0.049 USD/kWh in 2022. It is noticeable that the LCOE of PV technology has dropped into the range of fossil fuel electricity costs since 2014.

What is the technical potential of solar power?

For solar power (solar PV and CSP), we updated the technical potential as the sum of 71 (utility-scale solar) and 72 (rooftop solar). We did not include a technical potential 57 for application of solar power on water ("floatovoltaics"), as this technology is still in early stages of development.

Why is PV technology the most attractive technology for power generation?

Through continual innovation in PV technology thereon, driven by energy poverty, global competition, and the need to curb greenhouse gas emission, presently PV technology has become the most commercially attractive technology for power generation, and has become an inseparable part of the global society.

Is solar energy a first step towards developing solar energy?

Through a detailed and systematic literature survey, the present review study summarizes the world solar energy status, including concentrating solar power and solar PV power, along with published solar energy potential assessment articles for 235 countries and territories as the first step toward developing solar energy in these regions.

Will solar energy become a dominant energy source before mid-century?

Regional economic and industrial development policy can resolve inequity, and can mitigate risks posed by resistance from declining industries 59. Without any further energy policy changes, solar energy appears to follow a robust trajectory to become the future dominant power source before mid-century.

The global installed solar capacity over the past ten years and the contributions of the top fourteen countries are depicted in Table 1, Table 2 (IRENA, 2023). Table 1 shows a tremendous increase of approximately 22% in solar energy installed capacity between 2021 and 2022. While China, the US, and Japan are the top three installers, China's relative contribution ...

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analyzes the main types of technology and the current situation of PV power generation, investigates the technical characteristics in terms of system architecture and application forms, and evaluates the trends.

Concentrating solar power (CSP) has received significant attention among researchers, power-producing companies and state policymakers for its bulk electricity generation capability,...

The differing attitudes toward solar power technology between developing and developed countries suggest a substantial research gap in the field of solar power generation materials. 3.3 Analysis of Institutions. The analysis of institutions, with a threshold set at 4, resulted in the plot depicted in Fig. 44.3.

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Fig. 2 illustrates a typical second generation CSP plant--a state-of-the-art commercial power tower CSP plant with a direct molten nitrate salt TES system [4] ch a CSP plant consists of four main parts--heliostats, a receiver tower, a molten salt TES system, and a power generation system. The sunlight is reflected by the heliostats to the central receiver on ...

For China, some researchers have also assessed the PV power generation potential. He et al. [43] utilized 10-year hourly solar irradiation data from 2001 to 2010 from 200 representative locations to develop provincial solar availability profiles was found that the potential solar output of China could reach approximately 14 PWh and 130 PWh in the lower ...

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This reprint, titled Recent Advancements in Sustainable Solar Photovoltaic Power Technology, presents significant works in the field of solar photovoltaic systems and critical issues in solar power generation technology, as well as the latest achievements and current problems in solar power generation technology and proposing corresponding ...

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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 ...

When comparing various environmentally friendly energy technologies, solar photovoltaic power generation stands out with its shortest energy source path, highest conversion efficiency, vast ...

Research on solar power generation over the last two decades has predominantly focused on third-generation solar cells, as illustrated in Fig. 8. This inquiry commenced with investigations into organic solar cells, dye-sensitized solar cells, and thin-film solar cells, with the bulk of research being published before 2015. During this period, the solar power system was ...

Through the identification and evolution of key topics, it is determined that future research should focus on technologies such as high-performance electrode material preparation for supercapacitors, lithium battery modeling and simulation, high-power thermal energy storage system research, study of lithium-sulfur battery polysulfides, research on solid electrolyte and ...

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