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Solar Thermal Power Generation Series Articles



Overview

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.

Can solar thermal power plants be integrated with conventional power plants?

Solar thermal power plants have enormous potential to be integrated with the existing conventional power plants. The integration of CSP systems with conventional power plants increases the efficiency, reduces the overall cost, and increases the dispatchability and reliability of the solar power generation system.

How to compare the different solar thermal power generation systems?

To compare the different solar thermal power generation systems, some key characteristics/parameters are important to analyze the performance of the power generation system. Some of those parameters are discussed as follows: Aperture is the plane of entrance for the solar radiation incident on the concentrator.

How can solar thermal components reduce the cost of electricity generation?

Advancements in the design of the solar thermal components improve the performance and consequently reduce the cost of electricity generation. This chapter discusses all the available CSP technologies and highlights the various design and operational parameters on which the overall efficiency of the solar power plants depends.

When were solar thermal power plants invented?

Solar thermal power plants are not an innovation of the last few years.

Records of their use date as far back as 1878, when a small solar power plant made up of a parabolic dish concentrator connected to an engine was exhibited at the World's Fair in Paris . In 1913, the first parabolic trough solar thermal power plant was implemented in Egypt.

What is solar thermoelectric generation?

Solar radiation is one potential abundant and eco-friendly heat source for this application, where one side of the thermoelectric device is heated by incident sunlight, while the other side is kept at a cooler temperature. This is known as solar thermoelectric generation.

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Chip-scale solar thermal electrical power generation

There is an urgent need for alternative compact technologies that can derive and store energy from the sun, especially the large amount of solar heat that is not effectively used for power generation.

Solar parabolic dish collector for concentrated solar thermal

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Poulliklas et al. (2010) reviewed installation of solar dish technologies in Mediterranean regions for power generation. Loni et al. reviewed solar dish concentrator performance with different ...



Thermodynamic analysis of a novel concentrated solar power ...

1 ??· Photovoltaic power is generated only during the day, thereby not matching the demand for electricity in the evening. Thus, for the CSP to be economically ready to compete in ...

Solar Thermoelectricity for Power Generation

In this review, the different designs of solar

thermoelectric generators are examined within the context of thermoelectric elements, optical concentrators, solar absorbers, and other techniques to enhance their performance.



Modeling of a solar thermal power generation plant for the

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