

Solar thermal power generation research background

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.

What is solar thermal plant?

Solar thermal plant is one of the most interesting applications of solar energy for power generation. The plant is composed mainly of a solar collector field and a power conversion system to convert thermal energy into electricity.

How will solar thermal power plants affect the future electricity mix?

The rapid expansion of the capacities of solar thermal power plants and the grid services available as a result will enable growing proportions of photovoltaic (PV) and wind energy in the future electricity mix. Andasol 3 solar thermal power plant in the province of Granada, Spain. Image: Marquesado Solar 1.

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.

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 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.

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In this article, an extensive review of various solar thermal energy technologies and their industrial applications are presented. The following industries are covered: power generation, oil and gas, pulp & paper, textile, food processing & beverage, pharmaceutical, leather, automotive, and metal industries.

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For decentralized power generation, the solar thermal dish/Stirling system is the most cost-efficient option for every insolation level compared to diesel generators and photovoltaic systems, when no storage option is needed. This is, for example, the case for irrigation purposes in the agricultural sector, because irrigation can take place during daytime and is not needed ...

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