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Pond solar power generation



Overview

A solar pond is a pool of saltwater which collects and stores solar thermal energy. The saltwater naturally forms a vertical salinity gradient also known as a "halocline", in which low-salinity water floats on top of high-salinity water. The layers of salt solutions increase in concentration (and therefore density) with depth.

When the sun's rays contact the bottom of a shallow pool, they heat the water adjacent to the bottom. When water at the bottom of the pool is heated, it becomes less dense than the cooler water above it, and .

The energy obtained is in the form of low-grade heat of 70 to 80 °C compared to an assumed 20 °C ambient temperature. According to the (see), the maximum theoretical efficiency of a cycle that uses heat from a .

The largest operating solar pond for electricity generation was the pond built in Israel and operated up until 1988. It had an area of 210,000 m² and gave an electrical output of 5 MW. India was the first Asian country to have established a solar pond in .

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- The approach is particularly attractive for rural areas in . Very large area collectors can be set up for just the cost of the clay or plastic pond liner. • The accumulating crystals have to be removed and can be a valuable by-product and a maintenance.

Further research is aimed at addressing the problems, such as the development of membrane ponds. These use a thin permeable membrane to separate the layers without allowing salt to pass through.

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solar pond, any large human-made body of salt water that collects and stores solar energy, thereby providing a sustainable source of heat and power. Although research on the practical ...



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Salinity gradient solar ponds hybrid systems for power ...

With the integration of salt gradient solar pond hybrid systems, a maximum lower convective zone (LCZ) temperature of 90 °C, more than 50 % energy/exergy efficiency, and power generation of up to

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Fig. 4 shows the relationship between the solar

pond thermal powers with electricity production. The electricity production is directly related to solar thermal power production. Fig 4 Variation

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