

Solar Energy South Africa

Thoughts on solar thermal power generation



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.

How to choose a solar thermal power plant?

Solar thermal power plants for electricity production include, at least, two main systems: the solar field and the power block. Regarding this last one, the particular thermodynamic cycle layout and the working fluid employed, have a decisive influence in the plant performance. In turn, this selection depends on the solar technology employed.

How is solar energy used for solar thermal power generation?

The basic mechanism of conversion and utilization of solar energy for solar thermal power generation is available in the literature elsewhere. The main differences are found to be in the solar energy collection devices, working fluids, solar thermal energy storage and heat-exchanger, and suitable solar thermal power cycles.

What is solar thermal energy?

Solar thermal energy is a type of renewable energy harnessed from sunlight by solar thermal technologies. Solar thermal technology can be divided into two groups: concentrated solar power generation and solar heat applications.

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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.

Can thermal storage be integrated with a solar thermal power plant?

In the case of solar thermal systems, a study by Boukelia et al. investigated the integration of thermal storage with a solar thermal power plant.

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