

# The case of solar thermal power generation

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.

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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 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.

Do solar thermal power plants come out of the experimental stage?

It is observed that the solar thermal power plants have come out of the experimental stage to commercial applications. Case studies of typical 50 MW solar thermal power plants in the Indian climatic conditions at locations such as Jodhpur and Delhi is highlighted with the help of techno-economic model.

Is solar thermal power generation better than solar PV?

In the world of renewable power generation technologies, solar thermal power generation faces stiff competition from solar PV and wind energy systems. The latter two systems are not just more technologically mature, but also cheaper than the former.

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.

The objective of the design is to produce 10 MWe electric power by adopting a solar thermal power generation plant which suitable with Indonesia condition. In this preliminary design, it is ...

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A solar concentrator is a device designed to focus and concentrate solar radiation, and its application can be both in the generation of solar thermal energy and in the generation of solar ...

In the case of CSP, the technology's ability to produce large-scale generation is an advantage for regions that utilize a centralized electricity distribution system. Although abundant, many aspects of sunlight can cause problems for the use ...

In this context, solar thermal energy has attracted the interest of the industry in recent years. A thermal energy storage system (TES) allows a concentrating solar power ...

Solar Battery Bank: This is a storage unit for electricity, proving useful during times of low solar power generation. ... In the case of solar thermal and photovoltaic systems, we typically see ...



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