

Is solar energy a future energy resource?

The utilization of renewable energy as a future energy resource is drawing significant attention worldwide. The contribution of solar energy (including concentrating solar power (CSP) and solar photovoltaic (PV) power) to global electricity production, as one form of renewable energy sources, is generally still low, at 3.6%.

Which solar power technologies can be used for sustainable electric power generation?

In this article, different solar power technologies have been reviewed which can be utilized for the global sustainable electric power generation. Major emphasis has been on solar photovoltaic (PV) and concentrated solar power (CSP) technologies. Their types, mechanism, efficiency and cost factors have been discussed.

What is the contribution of solar energy to global electricity production?

While the contribution of solar energy to global electricity production remains generally low at 3.6%, it has firmly established itself among other renewable energy technologies, comprising nearly 31% of the total installed renewable energy capacity in 2022 (IRENA, 2023).

What is solar power?

Solar power is the conversion of sunlight into electricity, either directly using photovoltaic (PV), or indirectly using concentrated solar power (CSP). The research has been underway since very beginning for the development of an affordable, inexhaustive and clean solar energy technology for longer term benefits.

How has solar energy generating capacity changed since 2009?

Photovoltaic (PV) solar energy generating capacity has grown by 41 per cent per year since 2009. Energy system projections that mitigate climate change and aid universal energy access show a nearly ten-fold increase in PV solar energy generating capacity by 2040.

Can solar power meet future US energy demand?

A comparative study of the potential contribution of solar electric power in form of photovoltaics to meet future US energy demand with the projected volume of oil estimated to be available in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is presented by Byrne et al.

The Future of Solar Energy considers only the two widely recognized classes of technologies for converting solar energy into electricity -- photovoltaics (PV) and concentrated solar power (CSP), sometimes called solar thermal) -- in their ...



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