

# Solar power generation technology and its development

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, in-exhaustive and clean solar energy technology for longer term benefits.

When was solar energy invented?

In 1893, the photovoltaic (PV) effect was discovered; after many decades, scientists developed this technology for electricity generation. Based on that, after many years of research and development from scientists worldwide, solar energy technology is classified into two key applications: solar thermal and solar PV.

What is the progress made in solar power generation by PV technology?

**Highlights** This paper reviews the progress made in solar power generation by PV technology. Performance of solar PV array is strongly dependent on operating conditions. Manufacturing cost of solar power is still high as compared to conventional power. **Abstract**

What is the future of solar energy?

Power generation by fossil-fuel resources has peaked, whilst solar energy is predicted to be at the vanguard of energy generation in the near future. Moreover, it is predicted that by 2050, the generation of solar energy will have increased to 48% due to economic and industrial growth [13,14].

What are the future prospects of solar energy?

4. Future prospects of solar technology Solar energy is one of the best options to meet future energy demands since it is superior in terms of availability, cost effectiveness, accessibility, capacity, and efficiency compared to other renewable energy sources, ..

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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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