

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.

Is solar thermal energy a suitable solution for process heat applications?

Heat energy is preferred as compared to electrical energy to meet the energy requirement of various applications in the process industries. Therefore, the solar thermal energy system is considered to be one of the attractive solutions for producing thermal energy for process heat applications.

What is solar thermal energy augmentation?

Solar heat augmentation for existing fossil fuel power plants is one of the important cost-effective applications for solar thermal systems. Similarly, the solar thermal energy systems can be easily integrated with existing process industries to supply heat to either water pre-heating/steam generation.

How do solar thermal technologies produce electricity?

This high temperature is achieved by concentrating solar radiation on the receiver, and these technologies are known as concentrating solar power (CSP) technologies. Hence, the electricity generation by solar thermal technologies involves the collection and concentration of solar radiation in the form of heat and its conversion into electricity.

When was solar thermal technology invented?

The power generation for commercial applications using solar thermal technologies was started in 1985. In the present scenario, solar thermal technologies are getting more attention among other renewable energy technologies as it has high reliability and dispatchability because of its low-cost storage capability.

What is solar thermoelectric generation?

Solar radiation is one potential abundant and eco-friendly heat source for this application, where one side of the thermoelectric device is heated by incident sunlight, while the other side is kept at a cooler temperature. This is known as solar thermoelectric generation.

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