

# Introduction to Trough Solar Thermal Power Generation

What is parabolic trough solar collector?

Parabolic Trough Solar Collector (PTSC) is one of the more concentrated solar thermal collectors used for solar energy conversion, i.e. both in industrial heat process and power generation.

Which trough is used in solar power plants?

Most of the commercially available PTC solar power plants use parabolic concentrators of the aperture with 5.77 m (Eurotrough). However, recently large aperture PTC such as SkyFuel trough of 6 m and Ultimatetrough 7.5 m is under development for reducing the cost of the solar field.

Which solar power plant uses parabolic trough technology?

The Ivanpah Solar Power Facility (392 MW) is the world's second largest CSP plant and uses solar power tower technology without heat storage. The remaining two CSP projects have the same installed capacity of 280 MW and use parabolic trough technology. One of them is located in California and the other in Arizona.

Which concentrating solar trough is the cheapest?

Among the concentrating solar collectors, the parabolic trough is the most developed, cheapest, and widely used for large-scale applications in harnessing solar energy. However, it is not yet cheaper than conventional fossil fuels, and improvements and developments in the PTC are a must.

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.

Which technologies are used in the first step of solar thermal power generation?

The technologies used in the first step are mirrors or reflectors in various configurations. These configurations of the mirrors or reflectors of CSP give the names of most solar thermal power-generating technologies. There are four main configurations: parabolic trough, parabolic dish, linear Fresnel reflector, and solar tower.

Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) is a rapidly growing renewable energy source with excellent predictability and dispatchability [ ] spite financial problems experienced by certain CSP ...

This study aims to present the state-of-the-art of parabolic trough solar collector technology with a focus on different thermal performance analysis methods and components used in the fabrication of collector together with different ...

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Solar electric generation systems (SEGS) currently in operation are based on parabolic trough solar collectors using synthetic oil heat transfer fluid in the collector loop to ...

1 Introduction. Global share of electricity generation from renewable sources has been increasing significantly for last few decades (in 2015 contribution is about 25.3%) ...

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1. Introduction The Integrated Solar Combined Cycle Power Plant (ISCC) has been introduced in the power generation sector as a technology with the potential to help reduce the costs of ...

Abstract: The principle, structure and characters of the trough solar thermal generation system were introduced. The status and development trend of the solar concentrator, receiver, ...

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