

The prospects of high-power concentrated solar power generation

What is concentrated solar power (CSP)?

Renewable energy plays a significant role in achieving energy savings and emission reduction. As a sustainable and environmental friendly renewable energy power technology, concentrated solar power (CSP) integrates power generation and energy storage to ensure the smooth operation of the power system.

Could concentrated solar power help in the energy transition?

We speak to Hyperlight Energy to learn how concentrated solar power's efficient and flexible characteristics could aid in the energy transition. The development of concentrated solar power has stalled in favour of photovoltaic cells, but it still offers opportunities. Credit: Darmau Lee.

Why are concentrated solar power plants gaining momentum?

Concentrated solar power plants (CSPs) are gaining momentum due to their potential of power generation throughout the day for base load applications in the desert regions with extremely high direct normal irradiance (DNI).

What is a concentrated solar power system?

In Concentrated Solar Power systems, direct solar radiation is concentrated in order to obtain (medium or high temperature) thermal energy that is transformed into electrical energy by means of a thermodynamic cycle and an electric generator.

What are the open challenges for the future of solar power?

Open challenges for the next future are summarized. Among the diverse technologies for producing clean energy through concentrated solar power, central tower plants are believed to be the most promising in the next years. In these plants a heliostat field collects and redirects solar irradiance towards a central receiver where a fluid is heated up.

How does concentrated solar power work?

The working principle of concentrated (or concentrating) solar power is very simple: direct solar radiation is concentrated in order to obtain high temperature (approximately between 500 and 1000 °C) thermal energy that is transformed into electrical energy.

Concentrated solar power plants are based on the conversion of sunlight into electricity using mirrors and tracking systems to focus a large area of sunlight into a small beam.

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Decreasing the levelized cost of renewable energy and improving the stability of power systems are the key requirements for realizing the sustainable growth of power production capacity. Concentrating solar power ...

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The authors identify several types of barriers: economic and financial (insufficient financing schemes and volatile energy prices), market (immature solar market and insufficient ...

High-power potential: the future of concentrated solar power. We speak to Hyperlight Energy to learn how concentrated solar power's efficient and flexible characteristics could aid in the energy transition.

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