

Advances in parabolic trough solar power technology

What is parabolic trough solar?

Parabolic trough solar technology is the most proven and lowest cost large-scale solar power technology available today, primarily because of the nine large commercial-scale solar power plants that are operating in the California Mojave Desert.

What are the advantages of parabolic trough technology?

One of the potential advantages of parabolic trough technologies is the ability to store solar thermal energy for use during non-solar periods. Thermal storage also allows the solar field to be oversized to increase the plant's annual capacity factor.

Can parabolic trough solar power compete with fossil-fuel power plants?

Parabolic trough solar power technology appears to be capable of competing directly with conventional fossil-fuel power plants in mainstream markets in the relatively near term.

Does Abengoa Solar have a parabolic trough CSP plant?

Abengoa Solar had built the largest parabolic trough CSP plant with DSG technology, which opened in the spring of 2009 at the Solucar Platform. DSG technology in CSP plants with parabolic trough collector system eliminates the demand for an intermediate HTF.

How do parabolic trough power plants work?

Parabolic trough power plants operate similar to other large Rankine steam power plants except that they harvest their thermal energy from a large array of solar collectors. Existing plants operate when the sun shines and shut down or run on fossil backup when the sun is not available.

How can we build a competitive parabolic trough industry?

Develop the technology that is needed to build a competitive parabolic trough industry for the US utility market. Focus on collector technologies that could be deployed in the 2010 - 2013 time frame. Develop the next generation of lower-cost parabolic trough technologies that can compete on an equal footing with conventional power generation.

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A parabolic-trough collector (PTC) is a linear-focus solar collector, basically composed of a parabolic-trough-shaped concentrator that reflects direct solar radiation onto a ...

Heat collector elements or solar receiver tubes are a key element in the development and performance of parabolic trough collector technology. They are responsible ...

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The Parabolic trough is the most mature technology to generate heat at temperatures up to 400 °C for solar thermal electricity or process heat applications. For ...

Parabolic trough systems represent the most commercially and technically developed technology for concentrated solar power [1] [2] [3]. Several research initiatives are ...

Solar energy is a renewable resource that has the potential to provide a lifetime supply of energy. Parabolic trough solar collectors are a type of solar thermal collector that can ...

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technologies. Recent advances in parabolic trough solar technology and organic Rankine power cycle technology have made the possibility of a small parabolic trough plant ...

The availability of storage capacity plays an important role for the economic success of solar thermal power plants. For today's parabolic trough power plants, sensible ...

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Mojave (CA): 280 MW gross parabolic trough plant under construction Europe 681 MW PS10 & PS20 (11 and 20 MW), the first two commercial solar power towers in operation worldwide 11 ...

Parabolic troughs are one of the lowest-cost solar-electric power options available today and have significant potential for further cost reduction. Nine parabolic trough plants, ...

Among solar thermal power technologies, parabolic trough concentrator (PTC) solar power systems have gained prominence, accounting for about 75% of solar power capacity due to their mature technology. However, one significant ...

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This paper provides an assessment of the cost of power for parabolic trough solar power technology for

large-scale grid-connected power applications, for both near-term and ...

Solar parabolic trough. Power Tower systems use a circular field array of heliostats (large individually-tracking mirrors) to focus sunlight onto ... the most mature solar ...

In single-axis tracking technology, the conventional parabolic trough collector is the mainstream established technology and is under continued development but is soon to face ...

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