

What is photovoltaic-thermoelectric (PV-Te) conversion?

Abstract Photovoltaic-thermoelectric (PV-TE) conversion is a promising method for power generation, which converts solar power into electricity using the photovoltaic (PV) effect of solar cells and simultaneously generates electricity by the Seebeck effect of the thermoelectric (TE) device based on the waste heat of solar cells.

What is a solar-thermoelectric generator?

An ingenious solar-thermoelectric (STE) generator device, based on the synergistic function of the thermoelectric (TE) and PTC effects, has gained popularity as a prospective strategy for converting solar power into electric energy because of its safety, noiselessness, and robustness.

How does a radiative cooler work in a solar cell?

In the nighttime, the temperature of the radiative cooler is passively reduced due to the radiative cooling and a temperature difference between the radiative cooler and solar cell occurs and the heat flux extracted from the ambient air is also transferred from the solar cell to radiative cooler, which induces the power generation of the TE device.

What is a radiative cooler?

The radiative cooler integrated into this configuration needs to have high solar reflectivity and strong thermal emission, such as photonic emitter and metamaterials. In the daytime, solar irradiance is reflectively concentrated on the solar cell for PV conversion due to the high reflective effect of the concentrator.

How a solar cell is used for Te power generation?

Besides, the waste heat of solar cell is used for TE power generation and the remaining heat is dissipated to the environment simultaneously by convection and the cold universe by radiative cooling, which indicates that the direction of heat flux passing through the TE device is from the solar cell to the radiative cooler.

Can a radiative cooling TE device generate power in day and night?

Ishii et al. constructed a radiative cooling TE device for all-day continuous power generation by adding a solar reflective emitter on the top of the TE device. Outdoor testing results showed that the proposed device can generate voltage in the day and night continuously without dropping to zero.

solar power systems have offered a wide variety of electricity generation approaches, including photovoltaics [8-10] and solar thermal power systems [11,12], the ability of generating ...

The objective of the present invention is to provide: a reflecting mirror for solar thermal power generation which is reduced in the self-weight and has excellent reflectance and bending...

OverviewCurrent technologyComparison between CSP and other electricity sourcesHistoryCSP with thermal energy storageDeployment around the worldCostEfficiencyCSP is used to produce electricity (sometimes called solar thermoelectricity, usually generated through steam). Concentrated solar technology systems use mirrors or lenses with tracking systems to focus a large area of sunlight onto a small area. The concentrated light is then used as heat or as a heat source for a conventional power plant (solar thermoelectricity). The solar concentrators use...

Numerical simulation of solar-thermal-electric power-generating windows for practical application. ... strongly suppressing its highly reflective properties. ... devices reach a ...

Photovoltaic device is highly dependent on the weather, which is completely ineffective on rainy days. Therefore, it is very significant to design an all-weather power generation system that ...

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The thermoelectric power generation device comprises an integrated radiative cooling unit, a thermoelectric generator, a support structure, a receiver, a greenhouse cavity, a ...

Thick glass mirrors with a protective coating against the weathering have made the place in the solar thermal power plant. However, the use of the glass mirror is limited to only the flat surface ...

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The efficiency of photovoltaic (PV) solar cells can be negatively impacted by the heat generated from solar irradiation. To mitigate this issue, a hybrid device has been developed, featuring a solar energy storage and cooling layer integrated ...



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