

# Geothermal energy and solar energy coupled power generation

Can geothermal energy be used as a power source?

Geothermal energy is widely distributed in the world, but most of it comprises medium- to low-temperature geothermal resources, which are not suitable for geothermal steam power generation and hot dry rock power generation. Therefore, in the future, flash power generation and ORC power generation will be widely used in geothermal power generation.

What are the different types of geothermal energy sources?

At the same time, waste oil and gas wells and poly-generation power generation are summarized. Geothermal energy is widely distributed in the world, but most of it comprises medium- to low-temperature geothermal resources, which are not suitable for geothermal steam power generation and hot dry rock power generation.

Are geothermal and solar power systems mutually beneficial?

In particular, hybrids of geothermal and solar power systems (e.g. photovoltaic and concentrated solar power) have been shown to be mutually beneficial and a promising combination of renewable energy sources.

Is there a synergy between geothermal and solar energy modes?

It was found that there is no synergy between geothermal and solar energy modes on a design power comparison basis. Specifically, the hybrid plant produces 29% less net power than the combined single energy mode plants.

How can geothermal and solar power systems be improved?

The quality of both geothermal and solar energies may be upgraded by optimizing the hybrid configurations and by heating up the low-temperature geothermal fluids with solar energy. Hybrid solar-geothermal systems may perform better than stand-alone geothermal or solar power systems in terms of economic profit and thermal efficiency.

What is geothermal energy?

Geothermal energy (GE) is thermal energy stored within the ground. One of the advantages that make GE more reliable than solar and wind energy is that it is available all year regardless of weather conditions, whereas solar and wind energy sources are variable.

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