

# Solar energy can generate electricity using thermal energy

Using solar thermal technology to generate electricity is most popular for large, utility-scale solar projects. In this process, mirrors focus the heat from the sun onto a collector, where a ...

Active solar technologies use electrical or mechanical devices to actively convert solar energy into another form of energy, most often heat or electricity. Passive solar technologies do not ...

Solar energy is commonly used for solar water heaters and house heating. The heat from solar ponds enables the production of chemicals, food, textiles, warm greenhouses, swimming pools, ...

Concentrating Solar Thermal Power Plants Linear Concentrating Systems Solar Power Towers Solar Dish-Engines Solar dish-engine systems use a mirrored dish similar to a very large satellite dish. To reduce costs, the mirrored dish is usually made up of many smaller flat mirrors formed into a dish shape. The dish-shaped surface directs and concentrates sunlight onto a thermal receiver, which absorbs and collects the heat and transfers it to an engine genera... See more on eia.gov Published: Sep 25, 2024

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.mc_vtvc_meta_row{color:var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary);height:var(--mai-smtc-padding-car
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.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area .mc_vtvc_meta_row .mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel::before,#serpvidans.vsacf
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.mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel::before{content:" ? "}#serpvidans.vsacf .mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
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.b_title{padding-left:0}.vsacf .b_title
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.vsb_tr_c.va_tt{margin:0}#serpvidans.vsacf .vtbc .mv_vtvc_play,#serpvidans.vsacf .vtbc
.mv_vtvc_play_ext{position:static}#serpvidans.vsacf .va_tt
.mc_vtvc_ban_lo{display:block}#serpvidans.vsacf
.mc_bc{width:auto;border-radius:var(--smtc-ctrl-badge-sm-corner);padding:var(--smtc-padding-ctrl-text-side)
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ems{display:none}#serpvidans.vsacf a.vsb_tr_t{color:var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary)}.vsacf
.va_tt .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc_th_dock.rmoverlay{height:36px}.vsacf .va_tt .vsb_tr_chd

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.mc_vtvc_th_dock{height:92px;background:linear-gradient(180deg,var(--bing-smtc-background-ctrl-fade-on-image-stop-0) 0%,var(--mai-smtc-background-ctrl-on-image-rest) 100%)}.vsacf .va_tt a.vsb_tr_t{padding:0 0;font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-body-2-alt-strong)}.vsacf .va_tt .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta,.vsacf .va_tt .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_title{color:var(--mai-smtc-foreground-ctrl-on-image-rest)}.vsacf span.vcmt_ctt{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-caption2);margin:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-xx-small) 0 0;height:16px}#serpvidans.vvsacf .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc_tot .mc_vtvc_title strong{font-size:14px;line-height:20px;display:unset}#serpvidans.vvsacf .va_tt .b_sldrp .slide:not(:first-child){margin-left:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-small)}#serpvidans.vvsacf .va_tt .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_title{white-space:normal;display:-webkit-box;-webkit-line-clamp:2;-webkit-box-orient:vertical}#serpvidans.vvsacf .b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer .b_CompactExpansion{background-color:var(--bing-smtc-background-ctrl-neutral-rest);display:flex;justify-content:center;align-items:center;gap:4px;width:fit-content;height:auto;padding:8px 12px}#serpvidans.vvsacf .b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer .b_CompactExpansion .b_CompactExpansionBtnText{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-caption1-strong);color:var(--bing-smtc-foreground-content-brand-rest)}#serpvidans.vvsacf .b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer .b_CompactExpansion .b_arrow{display:flex;margin:0;height:auto}#serpvidans.vvsacf .b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer .b_CompactExpansion .b_arrow path#Shape{fill:var(--bing-smtc-foreground-content-brand-rest)}#serpvidans.vvsacf .b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer::after{content:"";position:absolute;width:100%;bottom:20px;left:0;height:1px;border-radius:1px;background:var(--smtc-stroke-ctrl-on-neutral-rest)}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns{box-shadow:none;padding:12px 20px 0}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .vasac{padding:unset;margin:0}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .vsa .b_attribution{padding-bottom:0}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .cardless .salink{margin:0}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc{margin-top:10px}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta{display:flex;flex-direction:column;justify-content:space-between;margin:0 10px 4px 12px}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_channel{color:#111}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel,#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{color:#666}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{bottom:0;height:unset}.b_dark .vsa.cardless .mc_vtvc{background-color:unset}.mmtitle>a{display:block}.mc_fh{height:100%;border-radius:6px}.mc_tc_bs{overflow:hidden}.mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta { padding: 12px 16px 16px 16px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_w { height: 112px; margin-top: -0px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_title { height: 44px; line-height: 22px; margin-bottom: 0px; margin-top: 0px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_block_area { height: 40px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc .vtmu, .mmlist .mc_vtvc .vtpl { bottom: 120px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc_th_dock { height: 112px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc_th .cico { height: 131px; } .mc_vtvc{background-color:#fff;box-shadow:0 0 0 1px
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0.1923C13.2355%209.62986%2012%2010.3524%2012%2011.4997V20.5C12%2021.6472%2013.2355%202
2.3698%2014.2354%2021.8073L22.2356%2017.3073C23.2551%2016.7339%2023.2551%2015.2661%2022.
2357%2014.6926L14.2354%2010.1923Z%22%20fill%3D%22white%22%20fill-opacity%3D%220.9%22%2
F%3E%0D%0A%3C%2Fsvg%3E)}.mmlist .mc_vtvc{margin:10px 1px 0}.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_con_rc{display:flex}.cardless .mmlist .mc_vtvc_con_rc{height:112px}.mmlist .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta{display:flex;flex-direction:column;justify-content:space-between;margin:0 10px 4px
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.vtpl{bottom:8px}.cardless .mmlist .mc_vtvc{box-shadow:none}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_center_play{width:32px;height:32px}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_title{font-size:16px;color:unset}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_meta_row{line-height:20px}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{padding-bottom:2px;color:#666}.cardless.mmlist .mc_vtvc_th,.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_th .cico,.cardless.mmlist .mc_vtvc_th div.rms_img{border-radius:6px}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_th{height:111px}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_htc{border-radius:6px;overflow:hidden}#serpvidans.vasac.cardless{box-shadow:none}.cardless.m
mmlist .mc_bc{padding:2px 8px;line-height:14px;border-radius:2px;font-weight:normal}.mmlist
.mc_vtvc: hover
.mc_vtvc_title{text-decoration:underline}.mc_vtvc_meta{box-sizing:border-box;display:inline-block;line-hei
ght:18px;position:relative;width:100%}.mc_vtvc_meta_block{bottom:0;position:absolute;width:100%}.mc_v
tvc_meta_row{line-height:16px;font-size:11px;height:17px;overflow:hidden;text-overflow:ellipsis;white-spac
e:nowrap}.mc_vtvc_meta_row a{display:inline-block}.mc_vtvc_meta_row
a:hover{text-decoration:underline}.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{position:relative}.mc_vtvc_meta_block,.mc_v
tvc_meta_block a{color:#444}.b_dark
.mc_vtvc_meta_block{color:#edebe9}.mc_vtvc_meta_row>:nth-of-type(n+2)::before{content:"
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.mc_vtvc_meta_row .mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel::before{content:">"}
.mc_vtvc_kmt_title{line-height:18px;padding-bottom:4px;font-weight:bold;color:#00809d;text-transform:u
ppercase;font-size:11px}.mc_vtvc_kmt,.mc_vtvc_con_rc.onhov .wkmt
.mc_vtvc_meta_row,.mc_vtvc_con_rc.onhov .wkmt .tbc_tt{display:none}.mc_vtvc_con_rc.onhov .wkmt
.mc_vtvc_title{max-height:18px;margin-bottom:18px;overflow:hidden}.mc_vtvc_con_rc.onhov.mmsts
.mc_vtvc_title{visibility:hidden}.mc_vtvc_con_rc.onhov
.mc_vtvc_kmt{display:block}.mc_vtvc_kmt_content
.b_factrow{line-height:17px;font-size:11px;max-height:34px;overflow:hidden;text-overflow:ellipsis;padding:
0 16px 0 0;color:#444}.mc_vtvc_meta

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.b_videocard .video_metadata .video_source{color:#767676}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard
.video_metadata_container,#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .video_metadata_container
.video_metadata>h3{width:100%}@media(max-width:1362.9px){#serpvidansrr
.mmgrid>div{width:168px;height:206px}#serpvidansrr .mmgrid>div .cico,#serpvidansrr .mmgrid>div .cico
.rms_img{width:168px;height:100px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta{padding:12px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_title{height:32px;line-height:16px;margin-bottom:16px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{height:34px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc_meta_row{line-height:15px;font-size:13px;height:15px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{padding-bottom:4px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc .vtmu,#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.vtpl{bottom:114px}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .videoPlayer,#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard
.videoPlayer .cico,#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .videoPlayer .cico
.rms_img{width:343px!important;height:194px!important;margin-right:0}}@media(max-width:1274.9px){#s
erpvidansrr .mmgrid>div{width:124px;height:164px}#serpvidansrr .mmgrid>div .cico,#serpvidansrr
.mmgrid>div .cico .rms_img{width:124px;height:76px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta{padding:8px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_title{height:32px;line-height:16px;margin-bottom:12px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{height:28px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc_meta_row{line-height:13px;font-size:11px;height:13px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{padding-bottom:2px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc .vtmu,#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
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.videoPlayer .cico,#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .videoPlayer .cico
.rms_img{width:256px!important;height:144px!important;margin-right:0}#serpvidansrr .maskthumb
.mc_bc_w{padding:8px 4px 4px 8px}#serpvidansrr.withsplitline
.mmgrid>div:nth-last-child(1),#serpvidansrr.withsplitline
.mmgrid>div:nth-last-child(2){margin-bottom:24px}#serpvidansrr.withsplitline .mmgrid{border-bottom:1px
solid #ecec;#ecec;margin-bottom:16px}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard
.video_metadata{max-width:auto;padding:12px 16px}#serpvidansrr #vidans2
.b_videocard{margin-bottom:12px;box-shadow:0 0 1px rgba(0,0,0,.05),0 2px 3px
rgba(0,0,0,.1);border-radius:6px}#serpvidansrr .b_rich{padding-top:0}#serpvidansrr #vidans2
.videoPlayer{border-radius:6px 6px 0 0;overflow:hidden}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard
.video_metadata>h3{white-space:nowrap;overflow:hidden;text-overflow:ellipsis;-webkit-line-clamp:1;line-he
ight:15px;height:15px;font-size:13px;color:#000;margin-bottom:20px;font-family:"Arial",Helvetica,Sans-Seri
f;font-style:normal;display:block}#serpvidansrr.vsarr1stbig #vidans2 .b_videocard .video_metadata
.actionmenu{display:none}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .video_summary,#serpvidansrr #vidans2
.b_videocard .video_source{line-height:15px}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .videoPlayer
.vtbc{right:0}.vrhc line.nhvpv .pffvi,.vrhc line.nhvpv[data-tps="S"] .pffvt,.vrhc line.nhvpv[data-tps="M"]
.pffvt,.vrhc line.nhvpv[data-tps="L"] .pffvt{display:inline-flex}.vrhc line.nhvpv .vrhtc.pffv
.vrhol{display:none}.vrhc line.nhvpv .vrhtc.pffv
.player_ol{background:var(--mai-smtc-background-ctrl-on-image-hover);transition:background-color
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.5s;display:flex;align-items:center;justify-content:center;padding:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small);gap:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small);box-sizing:border-box}.mc_vtvc_th img{transition:all .3sease-out}.nhvpv+.mc_vtvc_th
img{transform:scale(1.1)}.smtplayerhtml5{height:100%;width:100%;overflow:hidden}.smtplayerhtml5
video{min-height:100%;min-width:100%}.smtplayerhtml5
.videoplaying{background-color:#000}.smtplayerhtml5.hide{display:none}.pffvt{display:none;color:var(--mai
i-smtc-foreground-ctrl-on-image-rest);font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-subtitle2-strong)}.pffvi{mask:url(/rp/ui
07wU6K7FR_inzG7DRbP1i8fGo.svg)
center
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:20px;flex-shrink:0;align-self:flex-start}[data-tps="L"]
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.hide{display:none}.vrhot{white-space:nowrap;text-overflow:ellipsis;overflow:hidden;display:inline-block;po
sition:absolute;max-width:240px;height:18px;line-height:14px;margin-left:8px;top:10px;left:0;right:0;border-
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nter}.vrhol.icons_1 .vrhot{margin-right:27px}.vrhol.icons_2 .vrhot{margin-right:49px}.vrhol.icons_3
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div{position:absolute}.vpb
nt{width:0;background:#fff}.vpb
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ve;display:inline-block}.vol.hide,.vol
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nt{position:absolute;bottom:0}.vol
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nt .volsliderHandle.hide{display:none}.volsliderHandle
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yLhEVU.svg) no-repeat}.vm{background:url(/rp/fsX-ZVd03wB2TL0vmQJxSp4U9vs.svg)
no-repeat}.vl{background:url(/rp/YXYMPC1Rry_XJGc7Yg8lR4B2eEs.svg)
no-repeat}.vf{background:url(/rp/NoslR4amKts1zYxWy3laZN3HRk.svg)
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.vt_vp,.vrhc.mousefollow
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vh_fadein{from{opacity:0}to{opacity:1}}.vrhc.not(.hide){animation:vh_fadein 250ms}.vrhc line
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line.fullsize{height:100%}.vrhc,.vrhc:hover,.vrhc.link,.vrhc.active,.vrhc.visited{color:#000;text-decoration:no
ne}.vrhc.vrh_clc{cursor:pointer}a.hover-anchor{display:block;height:100%;width:100%;text-decoration:none
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LIBRARY1.8K viewsSep 15, 2024Watch full
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.b\_clearfix.b\_overflow{line-height:var(--mai-smtc-padding-card-default)}.b\_wikiRichcard\_noHeroSection

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.tab-head{display:flex;justify-content:center;align-items:center}#b\_results .b\_wikiRichcard

.tab-head:has(tab-navr){width:fit-content}#b\_results .b\_wikiRichcard .tab-head

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This energy can be used to generate electricity or be stored in batteries or thermal storage. Below, you can find resources and information on the basics of solar radiation, photovoltaic and concentrating ...

Solar thermal-electric power systems collect and concentrate sunlight to produce the high temperatures needed to generate electricity. All solar thermal power systems have solar energy ...

Solar thermal power plants use the sun's rays to heat a fluid, from which heat transfer systems may be used to produce steam. The steam, in turn, is converted into mechanical energy in a turbine and into ...

Unlike photovoltaic cells that convert sunlight directly into electricity, solar thermal systems convert it into heat. They use mirrors or lenses to concentrate sunlight onto a receiver, which in turn heats a water ...

Thermal solar power plants use lenses to concentrate sunlight and heat a fluid. Later, the system uses this fluid to produce steam that drives turbines connected to power generators. If you ...

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There are two main ways of generating energy from the sun. Photovoltaic (PV) and concentrating solar thermal (CST), also known as concentrating solar power (CSP) technologies. PV converts sunlight ...

On this page, we focus on the heat or thermal energy from the Sun. Watch the animated video below to learn how the Sun's thermal energy can be used to generate electricity or heat homes.

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