

Are solar chimney power plants a reliable source of renewable electricity?

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Author to whom correspondence should be addressed. This research presents a comprehensive review of solar chimney power plants (SCPP) as a reliable source of renewable electricity generation.

What is a solar chimney power plant?

Although solar chimney power plants are large-scale structures, they consist of three main parts. These are the collector where the solar radiation is transferred to the system, the high chimney causing the pressure difference, and the turbine that provides the power output.

What is solar chimney power plant (SCPP)?

Solar chimney power plant (SCPP) is one of the promising technologies to convert solar energy into carbon-free power generation. It has cost competitiveness, environment friendly and longer service life. Although remarkable advancements were achieved, commercialization aspect of the SCPP has not been established so far.

When did Solar chimneys start generating electricity?

Although the first application of solar chimney power plants was in the 1980s, theoretically, the idea was first accepted as the smoke jack designed by Leonardo Da Vinci in the 1450-1500s. However, the idea of generating electricity from solar chimneys was first put forward by Spanish engineer Isidoro Cabanyes in 1903.

How efficient is a solar chimney power plant?

In solar chimney power plants, the collector is the main element that transfers solar energy to the system. Therefore, the efficiency of the collector is significant. Although the collector's efficiency is influenced by its geometric parameters, it depends on the collector's material and harvested solar radiation.

How does a chimney design affect the performance of solar power plants?

The design parameters affect the performance of solar chimney power plants as much as the geometric parameters. This situation was understood from the slope of the collector. Similarly, the chimney design affects the performance of the system.

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Solar chimney power plant (SCPP) uses solar energy to heat the ambient air which when allowed to pass through a chimney runs a wind turbine that in turn runs a generator to produce electricity. ...

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the tall solar chimney for updraft power generation. The solar vortex engine (SVE) consists of solar air collector (SAC) and vortex ... Michaud 2006 [25] US patent US7086823 B2 Air power ...

A solar chimney power plant (SCPP) can be a suitable commercial electric power generator provided that its system performance is enhanced and construction cost reduced. ...