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1: Solar Power by Clay Farris Naff

*Solar Power (Fueling the Future) [Clay Farris Naff] on www.enganchecubano.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. Introduces the history and development of solar power and explains how it works before presenting a series of essays that discuss its viability in America and other nations and its possible uses in the future.*

Their predominant fuel, charcoal from trees, was scarce since they had stripped their forests in order to cook and heat their houses. Wood and charcoal were rationed, and olive groves needed protection from the citizenry. The Greeks addressed their energy shortage by carefully planning the layout of their cities to ensure that each house could take advantage of the sunshine in the way Socrates described. The combination of technology and enlightened government policy worked, and a crisis was avoided. Technologies for harnessing the thermal energy in sunlight have only continued to grow over time. Colonists in New England borrowed the ancient Greek homebuilding techniques to keep warm in the harsh winters. Simple passive solar water heaters, little more than a black-painted barrel, were sold commercially in the United States in the late 19th century. The hot water is stored in an insulated tank until needed. These days, a variety of sophisticated commercial systems are available for water and space heating in the home. Solar thermal systems are deployed throughout the world, with the largest installed base per capita found in Austria, Cyprus, and Israel. MaxPixel But modern solar truly starts in with the discovery of a practical way to make electricity from light: Bell Labs uncovered the fact that silicon could make a photovoltaic material. What is a solar cell? The most common type of solar cell is a semiconductor device made from siliconâ€”a cousin of the solid-state diode. The familiar solar panels are made from a number of solar cells wired together to create the desired output voltage and current. Those cells are surrounded by a protective package and topped with a glass window. In the language of solid state physics, a solar cell is formed from a p-n junction in a silicon crystal. When a photon enters the crystal, if it has enough energy, it may dislodge an electron from an atom, creating a new electron-hole pair. However, if a pathway is provided through an external circuit, the electrons can travel through it and light our homes along the way. When they reach the other side, they recombine with the holes. This process can continue as long as the Sun continues to shine. The band gap is a fixed property of the crystal material and its dopants. Those dopants are adjusted so that solar cells have a band gap close to the energy of a photon in the visible region of the spectrum. Photons come in fixed amounts of energy, which means their energy is quantized. It will simply heat the panel. Two infrared photons together will do no better, even if their combined energy would be enough to bridge the gap. A photon with excess energy an ultraviolet photon, for example will knock an electron loose, but the excess energy will also be wasted. Since efficiency is defined as the ratio of light energy striking the panel divided by electrical energy extractedâ€”and since much of this light energy will necessarily be wastedâ€”the efficiency can not be percent. The band gap of a silicon PV solar cell is 1. As can be seen from the diagram of the electromagnetic spectrum reproduced here, the visible spectrum lies just above this, so visible light of any color will produce electrical power. But this also means that for each photon absorbed, excess energy is wasted and converted into heat.

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2: Five Reasons Solar Will Power the Future â€“ Next City

Fueling the Future series makes a serious introduction at a middle primary level to this current topic. This review covers four of the five books in the series: Water and Geothermal Energy; Solar Energy; Nuclear Energy; and Fossil Fuels and Biofuels.

Sustainable Shipping Initiative Features: In the posts that follow, information will be provided on sustainable programs, cleaner fuels and renewable energy systems that are being utilized to power vessels as well as designs or devices that are being used to increase fuel efficiencies. Unlike other industries, the shipping industry has seen little scrutiny by regulators. Fortunately, a group of global companies have organized and created the Sustainable Shipping Initiative and 55 ports are participating in the World Ports Climate Initiative. Instead of waiting to see what regulators may have in store for them, the industry is being proactive and initiating programs to become more sustainable. To reward carriers for efforts to reduce emissions, WCPI has created an Environmental Ship Index to identify ships that perform at eco-friendly standards. Based on emissions reductions, a score is assigned. At participating ports, carriers can then enjoy reduced port fees. Los Angeles Port officials estimate that up to 30 percent of the ships calling at the Port are expected to qualify for the incentives. With that level of participation, it is anticipated that diesel particulate matter emissions will be cut by 16 tons within the first year. Meanwhile, here in Tidewater, The US port of Virginia is expanding its Green Operator GO program to provide incentives to ocean carriers that burn ultra low-sulfur fuel or use alternative power technology while their vessels are moored at port authority-owned terminals. Maersk Line will be the first ocean carrier calling on Virginia to take advantage of the incentive. The fuel-switch initiative will run for 13 months and involve 41 Maersk Line ships making more than port calls. The Sustainable Shipping Initiative represents a global integrated cross-industry group of shipping companies and key stakeholders like customers and financiers. Member Jacob Sterling, head of Climate and Environment for Maersk Line, recently noted that "Climate change is a huge challenge for all, and we believe that shipping is not only part of the problem, we can also be part of the solution". And Norfolk based Maersk has not just been talking the talk but walking the walk. They have tested an algae biodiesel product in one of their ships. At current fossil fuel prices, it may be some years before algae biofuel is competitive, but if environmental, economic and security benefits are factored in, it could be competitive now. As a renewable resource that consumes carbon as it grows and potentially water pollutants if grown at water treatment plants , algae biodiesel is considered carbon neutral. And DoT tests show that algae blends are cleaner burning than fossil fuels with reductions in particulate matter, sulfur, nitrogen and carbon. Some Navy vessels will be burning the fuel during its Green Fleet event this summer. Bigger and better ships are also being built. We could begin seeing some of these ships as early as next year. Delivery is to take place between Eco Industries Promote Sustainable Shipping technologies For eco friendly companies, sustainable shipping is integral to their business platform. With their success, the demand for sustainable transport has inspired the incorporation and reemergence of some noteworthy, if not surprising technologies. Some technologies can be readily adapted in existing vessels. Wind turbines, solar panels and even kites can easily be customized to conform to needed configurations. In Toyota began shipping the Prius to Long Beach on the Auriga Leader which was outfitted with solar panels and retrofitted to run on low sulfur diesel. Likewise, the Nissan Corporation, wanted cleaner transport for the all-electric Nissan Leaf. The Nichioh Maru , pictured, is an energy efficient car carrier that began operating in Japan in January. GE another company focusing on clean energy employed skysails on a vessel carrying equipment to Turkey pictured. The SkySails system still under development can reduce fuel consumption 10 to 35 percent annually and thereby reduce freight costs. Cargill a member of the Sustainable Shipping Initiative has contracted to test the technology this year. With a pro-active environmental policy, Stena Lines is pursuing improvement projects to save fuel and reduce emissions. Unlike the technologies already discussed, other innovations cannot be readily adapted for use on existing ships and require design and development. They adopted a unique towering wind rotor propulsion system called the Flettner drive developed and employed on a couple of vessels early in the 20th century. The result of their vision is the

E-Ship 1 s pictured below. In addition, the cargo ship utilizes a waste heat recovery system that spins a steam turbine that contributes to the Flettner propulsion drive. A lot of innovative concepts are emerging. More will will be highlighted in an upcoming post. Surprisingly, demand for sustainable transportation has also given new life to vintage sailing vessels. Trans Oceanic Wind Transport is a sailing freight transport company that offers a shipping solution to global warming and the energy challenge. The Fair Transport group consists of a fleet of 4 tall ships. View the fleet here. As of this writing, the Tres Hombres is back in Amsterdam after a recent Atlantic crossing that was delayed due to headwinds. The boat will depart again this month on another scheduled tour servicing ports in France, the UK and the Netherlands. Meanwhile, the Irene is now completing an Atlantic crossing. A Trans Oceanic Wind Transport label was recently created to promote all the products they ship and to provide tracking information to consumers of the product. By inputting a code at the TOWT website, product info such as name of the ship, the route and miles traveled are available. In addition to ferrying goods, they will take on passengers. For more information on their routes, the ships, etc. You can also follow them on Facebook. A blog of the New Dawn Traders voyage can be viewed here. The day journey following a route around the equator marked a number of major milestones. Making numerous stops around the globe, the boat generated a great amount of attention and served to educate the world about the potential of solar energy and clean shipping. Remarkably there are some relatively unknown yet worthwhile endeavors demonstrating more economically realistic solar propulsion technologies. Just last month, the Solar Star , built in Arizona, also completed a solar voyage. Granted, it was just a 10 day day mile trip through NY along the Erie Canal, but it too was fully powered by the sun. Like the PlanetSolar, the Solar Star sports a unique displacement Trimaran-shaped hull, also designed by a Kiwi, that readily moves through the water, offering little resistance. Another solar boat startup, Tamarack Electric Boat , based in Rome NY produces hybrid and fully solar pontoon vessels. Great Loop Solar Odyssey And in a matter of days, another adventurer, Jim Greer, plans to embark on his own solar odyssey: A Tour of the Great American Loop under solar power. For more information regarding the circular route, check out this Great Loop website. Jim and crew will depart from Clearwater Florida on a custom made solar powered boat rightly named Ra pictured below. The journey will be documented as they travel south to Fort Meyers and through the Okeechobee waterway and then north along the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and continuing along the circular route highlighted. There are numerous stops planned along the way, 3 in the region include Edenton, Portsmouth and Reedville. Chesapeake Bay "smart buoys" give real-time wind and weather information Bay boaters and beach goers have a new a tool available to determine local and up to date bay conditions: A network of 10 interpretive buoys located throughout the Bav. Meteorology air and water temperature, wind direction, speed, and gust, barometric pressure, relative humidity ; Currents direction and velocity ; Waves, significant height and period, maximum height, mean wave direction, wave direction spread and Water Quality chlorophyll-a, dissolved oxygen, water conductivity, water salinity and turbidity. The Susquehanna buoy also had a nitrate sensor added and phosphate, water level, and acoustic fish tag tracking could be potentially implemented in the future. In addition, the system provides voice narration for sites on the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail , the first water-based national trail in this country. According to a Virginian Pilot article, the company is planning to install 7 more turbines. Already approved by City planners, they hope to obtain approval from City Council today. This was achieved thorough a major design innovation: Instead of spinning a generator at the blade hub, this gearless turbine uses magnetized turbine blades to create a current at the faster moving blade tips as they revolve through copper coils lining the inner rim of the outer frame. See the windtronics website for more info. The quiet 6-foot diameter turbines spin at low wind speeds and are visible to wildlife. The net zero tasting room was constructed using locally sourced wood for framing and siding, while the wood floors were reclaimed from a barn on the site. Local food is featured in the tasting room and their wines are bottled in glass that weighs one third less than conventional bottles, saving resources used for manufacturing and shipping. For more information on DuCard and additional stewardship efforts, visit the DuCard website. With an advanced navigation system, the Kongsberg-Hydroid Remus system can be programmed to travel a specific route at designated speeds and changes can be made via satellite communication or relayed acousticly from a surface bouy. The device can collect data from all depths and be

fitted with a variety of sensors. One already planned study is mapping hypoxia in the Chesapeake Bay. The system will be delivered in March and will be available for charter. Click either map below to link to an interactive map that provides data on fuel type and location. The DOE site also allows you to plan a route based on your fueling reequirements.

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3: Los Angeles Times - We are currently unavailable in your region

Solar power is going to rule in the future and it is slowly being understood by the people. Many companies are investing huge amount of money and capital in the generation of solar energy and are captured safely inside the Solar panels.

Discontinuation[edit] The project was not continued with the change in administrations after the US Federal elections. The Office of Technology Assessment concluded that "Too little is currently known about the technical, economic, and environmental aspects of SPS to make a sound decision whether to proceed with its development and deployment. In addition, without further research an SPS demonstration or systems-engineering verification program would be a high-risk venture. This is, of course, an absolute requirement of space solar power. Pete Worden of NASA claimed that space-based solar is about five orders of magnitude more expensive than solar power from the Arizona desert, with a major cost being the transportation of materials to orbit. Worden referred to possible solutions as speculative, and which would not be available for decades at the earliest. Perform design studies of selected flight demonstration concepts. Evaluate studies of the general feasibility, design, and requirements. Create conceptual designs of subsystems that make use of advanced SSP technologies to benefit future space or terrestrial applications. Formulate a preliminary plan of action for the U. SERT proposed an inflatable photovoltaic gossamer structure with concentrator lenses or solar heat engines to convert sunlight into electricity. The program looked both at systems in sun-synchronous orbit and geosynchronous orbit. The increasing global energy demand is likely to continue for many decades resulting in new power plants of all sizes being built. The environmental impact of those plants and their impact on world energy supplies and geopolitical relationships can be problematic. Renewable energy is a compelling approach, both philosophically and in engineering terms. Many renewable energy sources are limited in their ability to affordably provide the base load power required for global industrial development and prosperity, because of inherent land and water requirements. Based on their Concept Definition Study, space solar power concepts may be ready to reenter the discussion. Solar power satellites should no longer be envisioned as requiring unimaginably large initial investments in fixed infrastructure before the emplacement of productive power plants can begin. Space solar power systems appear to possess many significant environmental advantages when compared to alternative approaches. The economic viability of space solar power systems depends on many factors and the successful development of various new technologies not least of which is the availability of much lower cost access to space than has been available ; however, the same can be said of many other advanced power technologies options. Space solar power may well emerge as a serious candidate among the options for meeting the energy demands of the 21st century. Dudenhoefer and Patrick J. This is the standard plan for this type of power. It is always solar noon in space and full sun. Collecting surfaces could receive much more intense sunlight, owing to the lack of obstructions such as atmospheric gasses , clouds , dust and other weather events. A collecting satellite could possibly direct power on demand to different surface locations based on geographical baseload or peak load power needs. Typical contracts would be for baseload, continuous power, since peaking power is ephemeral. This would be desirable for counteracting the effects of global warming. The SBSP concept also has a number of problems: Maintenance of an earth-based solar panel is relatively simple, but construction and maintenance on a solar panel in space would typically be done telerobotically. In addition to cost, astronauts working in GEO geosynchronous Earth orbit are exposed to unacceptably high radiation dangers and risk and cost about one thousand times more than the same task done telerobotically. The space environment is hostile; panels suffer about 8 times the degradation they would on Earth except at orbits that are protected by the magnetosphere. Space-based solar power essentially consists of three elements: It needs no protection from terrestrial wind or weather, but will have to cope with space hazards such as micrometeors and solar flares. Two basic methods of conversion have been studied: Most analyses of SBSP have focused on photovoltaic conversion using solar cells that directly convert sunlight into electricity. Solar dynamic uses mirrors to concentrate light on a boiler. The use of solar dynamic could reduce mass per watt. Microwave power transmission[edit] William C. Between and , Bill Brown was technical director of a JPL Raytheon program

that beamed 30 kW of power over a distance of 1 mile 1. NASA diagram More recently, microwave power transmission has been demonstrated, in conjunction with solar energy capture, between a mountain top in Maui and the island of Hawaii 92 miles away , by a team under John C. It includes an introduction to SPS, current research and future prospects. In the s, researchers at NASA worked on the potential use of lasers for space-to-space power beaming, focusing primarily on the development of a solar-powered laser. In it was suggested that power could also be usefully beamed by laser from Earth to space. The SELENE program was a two-year research effort, but the cost of taking the concept to operational status was too high, and the official project ended in before reaching a space-based demonstration. He proposed using diamond solar cells operating at degrees to convert ultraviolet laser light. Orbital location[edit] The main advantage of locating a space power station in geostationary orbit is that the antenna geometry stays constant, and so keeping the antennas lined up is simpler. Another advantage is that nearly continuous power transmission is immediately available as soon as the first space power station is placed in orbit; other space-based power stations have much longer start-up times before they are producing nearly continuous power. Rectennas would likely be several kilometers across. In space applications[edit] A laser SBSP could also power a base or vehicles on the surface of the Moon or Mars, saving on mass costs to land the power source. A spacecraft or another satellite could also be powered by the same means. In a report presented to NASA on Space Solar Power, the author mentions another potential use for the technology behind Space Solar Power could be for Solar Electric Propulsion Systems that could be used for interplanetary human exploration missions. Much of the material launched need not be delivered to its eventual orbit immediately, which raises the possibility that high efficiency but slower engines could move SPS material from LEO to GEO at an acceptable cost. Examples include ion thrusters or nuclear propulsion. These sizes can be somewhat decreased by using shorter wavelengths, although they have increased atmospheric absorption and even potential beam blockage by rain or water droplets. Because of the thinned array curse , it is not possible to make a narrower beam by combining the beams of several smaller satellites. The large size of the transmitting and receiving antennas means that the minimum practical power level for an SPS will necessarily be high; small SPS systems will be possible, but uneconomic. This would be the equivalent of between 40 and heavy-lift launch vehicle HLLV launches to send the material to low earth orbit, where it would likely be converted into subassembly solar arrays, which then could use high-efficiency ion-engine style rockets to slowly reach GEO Geostationary orbit. This approach would require substantial up front capital investment to establish mass drivers on the Moon. Having a relatively cheap per pound source of raw materials from space would lessen the concern for low mass designs and result in a different sort of SPS being built. Advanced techniques for launching from the Moon may reduce the cost of building a solar power satellite from lunar materials. Some proposed techniques include the lunar mass driver and the lunar space elevator , first described by Jerome Pearson. Power relay satellites orbiting around earth and the Moon reflecting the microwave beam are also part of the project. A NASA design study [73] evaluated a 10, ton mining vehicle to be assembled in orbit that would return a , ton asteroid fragment to geostationary orbit. Only about 3, tons of the mining ship would be traditional aerospace-grade payload. The rest would be reaction mass for the mass-driver engine, which could be arranged to be the spent rocket stages used to launch the payload. However, the true merits of such a method would depend on a thorough mineral survey of the candidate asteroids; thus far, we have only estimates of their composition. Microwave reflectors on the moon and teleoperated robotic paving rover and crane. Shown here is an array of solar collectors that convert power into microwave beams directed toward Earth. A solar power satellite built from a mined asteroid. Safety[edit] The use of microwave transmission of power has been the most controversial issue in considering any SPS design. The remaining microwave energy will be absorbed and dispersed well within standards currently imposed upon microwave emissions around the world. Outside the rectenna, microwave intensities rapidly decrease, so nearby towns or other human activity should be completely unaffected. On the ground, physical access is controllable e. Other aircraft balloons , ultralight , etc. The microwave beam intensity at ground level in the center of the beam would be designed and physically built into the system; simply, the transmitter would be too far away and too small to be able to increase the intensity to unsafe levels, even in principle. In addition, a design constraint is that the microwave beam must

not be so intense as to injure wildlife, particularly birds. Experiments with deliberate microwave irradiation at reasonable levels have failed to show negative effects even over multiple generations. A "pilot" microwave beam emitted from the center of the rectenna on the ground establishes a phase front at the transmitting antenna. This forces the transmitted beam to be centered precisely on the rectenna and to have a high degree of phase uniformity; if the pilot beam is lost for any reason if the transmitting antenna is turned away from the rectenna, for example the phase control value fails and the microwave power beam is automatically defocused. The long-term effects of beaming power through the ionosphere in the form of microwaves has yet to be studied, but nothing has been suggested which might lead to any significant effect. Timeline[edit] In the 20th century[edit] Isaac Asimov published the science fiction short story "Reason," in which a space station transmits energy collected from the sun to various planets using microwave beams. Peter Glaser is granted United States patent number 3,, for his method of transmitting power over long distances using microwaves from a large one square kilometer antenna on the satellite to a much larger one on the ground, now known as a rectenna. House of Representatives , saying "Large-scale SSP is a very complex integrated system of systems that requires numerous significant advances in current technology and capabilities. ESA studies [86] Space-Based solar power, the next major step in the Indo-US strategic partnership? JAXA announced on 12 March that they wirelessly beamed 1. Zhang Yulin, deputy chief of the [PLA] armament development department of the Central Military Commission, suggested that China would next begin to exploit Earth-Moon space for industrial development. The goal would be the construction of space-based solar power satellites that would beam energy back to Earth. The proposal was followed by a vision video Before this paper there was concern that the NOx produced by reentry would destroy too much ozone. Materials for the satellites are sourced from, and manufactured on Earth and expected to be transported to LEO via re-usable rocket launch, and transported between LEO and GEO via chemical or electrical propulsion. In summary, the architecture choices are:

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4: The Future of Solar Energy | MIT Energy Initiative

Science â€" The future of solar power technology is bright From photovoltaic paint to thermal fuel, we peek at a future beyond today's solar cells.

Solar PV generation Plants 2. Status of installed base of solar PV systems in India 1. Various types of nonconventional energy sources are such as geothermal ocean tides, wind and sun. All nonconventional energy sources have geographical limitations. But Solar energy has less geographical limitation as compared to other nonconventional energy sources because solar energy is available over the entire globe, and only the size of the collector field needs to be increased to provide the same amount of heat or electricity. It is the primary task of the solar energy system designer to determine the amount, quality and timing of the solar energy available at the site selected for installing a solar energy conversion system so among all these solar energy seems to hold out the greatest promise for the mankind. It is free, inexhaustible, non-polluting and devoid of political control. Solar water heaters, space heaters and cookers are already on the market and seem to be economically viable. Still this technology is on the threshold of the success and it is hoped that this will also play a vital role in power generation in coming future. Photovoltaic systems are comprised of photovoltaic cells, devices that convert light energy directly into electricity. Because the source of light is usually the sun, they are often called solar cells. Photovoltaic are often referred to as PV. In Edmond Becquerel accidentally discovered photovoltaic effect when he was working on solid-state physics. In Adam and Day presented a paper on photovoltaic effect. In , Fxitz fabricated the first thin film solar cell. In Ohl fabricated silicon PV cell but that was very inefficient. In PV cell was used as a backup power source in satellite Vanguard This extended the life of satellite for about 6 years. A Photovoltaic cell is a device that produces an electric reaction to light, producing electricity. They produce electricity directly when sunlight interacts with semiconductor materials in the PV cells. In full sunlight, it generates 4 amperes of direct current at 0. Solar Thermal Power systems, also known as Concentrating Solar Power systems, use concentrated solar radiation as a high temperature energy source to produce electricity using thermal route. Since the average operating temperature of stationary non-concentrating collectors is low max up to C as compared to the desirable input temperatures of heat engines above C , the concentrating collectors are used for such applications. These technologies are appropriate for applications where direct solar radiation is high. The mechanism of conversion of solar to electricity is fundamentally similar to the traditional thermal power plants except use of solar energy as source of heat. The hot thermic fluid is used to generated steam or hot gases, which are then used to operate a heat engine. In these systems, the efficiency of the collector reduces marginally as its operating temperature increases, whereas the efficiency of the heat engine increases with the increase in its operating temperature. Solar collectors are used to produce heat from solar radiation. High temperature solar energy collectors are basically of three types; a. C and produce steam for generating electricity. The reflected rays of the sun are always aimed at the receiver, where temperatures well above ?? C can be reached. Parabolic dish systems can reach ?? C at the receiver, and achieve the highest efficiencies for converting solar energy to electricity. Parabolic trough collector system Parabolic trough power plants are line-focusing STE solar thermal electric power plants. Trough systems use the mirrored surface of a linear parabolic concentrator to focus direct solar radiation on an absorber pipe running along the focal line of the parabola. The HTF heat transfer fluid inside the absorber pipe is heated and pumped to the steam generator, which, in turn, is connected to a steam turbine. A natural gas burner is normally used to produce steam at times of insufficient insolation. The major components in the system are collectors, fluid transfer pumps, power generation system and the controls. This power generation system usually consists of a conventional Rankine cycle reheat turbine with feed water heaters deaerators, etc. These types of power plants can have energy storage system comprising these collectors usually have the energy storage facilities. Instead they are couple to natural gas fired back up systems. A typical configuration of such systems is shown in Figure 2. These plants are commonly known as SEGS solar electric generator systems. SEGS uses oil to take the heat away: Besides research and development in components and materials, two major technological developments

are under way; 1. Integration of parabolic trough power plants in Combined Cycle plants and, 2. Using direct solar steam generation the HTF and water heat exchanger will no longer be required resulting in improvement of the efficiency conditions can be achieved which increases overall efficiency of cycle b. Power tower system In power tower systems, heliostats A Heliostat is a device that tracks the movement of the sun which is used to orient a mirror of field of mirrors, throughout the day, to reflect sunlight onto a target-receiver reflect and concentrate sunlight onto a central tower-mounted receiver where the energy is transferred to a HTF. This energy is then passed either to the storage or to power-conversion systems, which convert the thermal energy into electricity. Heliostat field, the heliostat controls, the receiver, the storage system, and the heat engine, which drives the generator, are the major components of the system. For a large heliostat field a cylindrical receiver has advantages when used with Rankine cycle engines, particularly for radiation from heliostats at the far edges of the field. Cavity receivers with larger tower height to heliostat field area ratios are used for higher temperatures required for the operation of Brayton cycle turbines Figure 2. To maintain constant steam parameters even at varying solar irradiation, two methods can be used: A stretched-membrane heliostat consists of a metal ring, across which two thin metal membranes are stretched. A focus control system adjusts the curvature of the front membrane, which is laminated with a silvered-polymer reflector, usually by adjusting the pressure in the plenum between the two membranes. Examples of heliostat based power plants were the 10 MWe Solar One and Solar Two demonstration projects in the Mojave Desert, which have now been decommissioned. In South Africa, a solar power plant is planned with to heliostat mirrors, each having an area of m??. Parabolic dish system The parabolic dish system uses a parabolic dish shaped mirror or a modular mirror system that approximates a parabola and incorporates two-axis tracking to focus the sunlight onto receivers located at the focal point of the dish, which absorbs the energy and converts it into thermal energy. This can be used directly as heat for thermal application or for power generation. The thermal energy can either be transported to a central generator for conversion, or it can be converted directly into electricity at a local generator coupled to the receiver Figure 2. The PDCs parabolic dish collector track the sun on two axes, and thus they are the most efficient collector systems. Their concentration ratios usually range from to , and they can achieve temperatures in excess of o C. Rankine-cycle engines, Brayton-cycle engines, and sodium-heat engines have been considered for systems using dish-mounted engines the greatest attention though was given to Stirling-engine systems. The main challenge facing distributed-dish systems is developing a power-conversion unit, which would have low capital and maintenance costs, long life, high conversion efficiency, and the ability to operate automatically. Several different engines, such as gas turbines, reciprocating steam engines, and organic Rankine engines, have been explored, but in recent years, most attention has been focused on Stirling-cycle engines. These are externally heated piston engines in which heat is continuously added to a gas normally hydrogen or helium at high pressure that is contained in a closed system. Solar chimney This is a fairly simple concept. As shown in figure 2. The solar heat generates hot air in the gap between the ground and the gall cover which is then passed through the central tower to its upper end due to density difference between relatively cooler air outside the upper end of the tower and hotter air inside tower. While traveling up this air drives wind turbines located inside the tower. These systems need relatively less components and were supposed to be cheaper. However, low operating efficiency, and need for a tall tower of height of the order of m made this technology a challenging one. A pilot solar chimney project was installed in Spain to test the concept. This 50kW capacity plant was successfully operated from to Recently, EnviroMission Limited, an Australian company, has started work on setting up first of its five projects based on solar chimney concept in Australia. The main elements that can be included in a system of photovoltaic conversion are: Normally they have been considered as a simple element of storage of electrical energy. Batteries are often sold with a PV system. The primary purpose is to store the electricity not immediately used, which could be used at some later time. With net metering, the value of batteries is less because the utility grid basically acts as a storage facility. For a reliable generation system that can function independent of the utility grid, however, batteries may be a viable component to the total system. Back-up generators may be included in a system to provide power when the PV system is not operating, and are generally included when systems are not grid connected. Neither batteries nor generators are eligible for rebate money. The solar panel is the

power source of all photovoltaic installation. It is the result of a set of photovoltaic cells in series and parallel. Solar panel gives power to battery or inverter through charge controller Regulator. It is the element to protect the battery against to risking situations as overloads and over discharges. The theoretical formulation of the model can be simple, although it is necessary to consider the peculiar discontinuities of the model and the inter performance with the rest of the analysed models. The inverter allows transforming the DC current to AC. A photovoltaic installation that incorporates an inverter can belong to two different situations, based on the characteristics of the alternating network. In first an isolated system, where the inverter is the element of the network and has to feed the set of loads and in second situation the inverter is connected to the public network, to which it sends the energy generated by the system. The positioning of a converter between the panels and the batteries will improve the whole photovoltaic installation, allowing different controls from the system. Depending on the applied regulation, the panels will contribute to the maximum energy given to the system or the optimal energy for their operation, assuring an efficient charge of the battery. It is the component responsible to absorb this energy and transform it into work 2. PV technology was first applied in space, by providing electricity to satellites. Today, PV systems can be used to power just about anything on Earth. On the basis working operation PV systems operate in four basic forms. During the day, the solar electricity generated by the system is either used immediately or sold off to electricity supply companies.

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5: What Will Solar Power Look Like in the Next Years | SolarTech

Solar power is abundant, but converting sunlight into a form of energy that can be easily used and stored is difficult. Even with the ability to convert sunlight into electricity with high efficiency using photovoltaic solar cells, many challenges prevent us from being able to power all our energy needs with solar panels.

Experimental Procedure Preparing the Motor To do this science project, you will want to have a motor that can be easily attached to alligator clip cables. If you are using a motor that has exposed metal at the ends of its cables, you can skip this section, but if you are using the Horizon Fuel Cell Technologies solar hydrogen education kit, you will want to slightly modify the motor in the following way so that alligator clip cables can be easily attached to it later: Take a metal paperclip, unfold the longer prong, and use pliers to crimp this end into a Z-like pattern, similar to a bobby pin. See Figure 3, below, for an example. Repeat step 1a with a second metal paperclip. Use the pliers to adjust the paperclips if needed so that they fit snugly. Set the motor aside for now. You will use it in the "Creating Energy" section, below. Fuel Cell Setup Open the fuel cell kit and make sure that you have all of the pieces described in the operating instructions manual. Read through the manual to confirm that you have all of the pieces and to understand how your fuel cell operates. The specific instructions and images in this science project are for using the Horizon Fuel Cell Technologies solar hydrogen education kit , but a similar fuel cell kit should work in a similar manner. For this science project you will not need to use the solar panel that comes with the kit. Identify the reversible fuel cell or "RFC" that is in the kit. Gently place the fuel cell in its plastic stand, which allows the fuel cell to sit upright. If the fuel cell has protective tubing attached to it, gently remove the tubing now. The fuel cell should look like the blue fuel cell shown in Figure 6, below. This reversible fuel cell can be used to electrolyze water and to create power. The top of the fuel cell has labels that show which side is the hydrogen side "H2" in black font and which is the oxygen side "O2" in red font. This is a reversible fuel cell sitting in its plastic stand, with the hydrogen side facing the viewer. Attach two short pieces of tubing included in the kit to the fuel cell. Cut two 4 centimeter cm -long pieces of tubing from the tubing provided with the kit. Push a black plug included in the kit into the end of one of the two pieces of tubing you cut. Push the other end of this tubing piece securely onto the top pin of the hydrogen side of the fuel cell, as shown in Figure 7, below. Take the second, unplugged piece of cut tubing and push one end onto the top pin of the oxygen side of the fuel cell. Attach a plugged piece of tubing on to the top pin of the hydrogen side of the fuel cell. Hydrate the electrolyte material in the fuel cell. Take the small syringe and suck water into it by placing the tip of the syringe into the distilled water and pulling the plunger. Suck a few milliliters mL into the syringe. Now push the syringe onto the tubing on the oxygen side and slowly inject the distilled water into the fuel cell, as shown in Figure 8, below. After seconds sec you will see water coming out from the bottom pin. Stop injecting water after a drop or two comes out. This may only take about 0. Detach the syringe, push a red plug into the end of the tubing, and let the fuel cell sit for 3 minutes min. Plugging the inlets prevents electrolyzed gases from escaping. After this time, the fuel cell will be ready for electrolysis. To obtain the best operation of the fuel cell, the electrolyte needs to be hydrated, but the fuel cell should not be full of water. This is why the grid inside of the fuel cell will only be partially filled with water. Electrolysis The first step to using this unit as a fuel cell is to electrolyze water. This creates the fuel. Hydrogen is flammable, so keep the fuel cell and hydrogen storage tank away from sparks. Set up the hydrogen and oxygen storage tanks exactly as described in the operating instructions manual. Take the round, smaller cylinders out of the larger, conical cylinders. Attach the larger cylinders into their plastic stand, carefully twisting them into place. Fill the cylinders with distilled water up to the "0" mark. Place a smaller cylinder into each of the larger cylinders, as shown in Figure 9, below. Make sure that the little notch on the bottom of each inner cylinder is not blocked by the rim of the outer cylinder of the tank. Also confirm that the inner cylinder is seated tightly inside of the outer cylinder. If needed, adjust the water level in each tank so that it is up to the "0" mark still. You can use the syringe to transfer water to do this. Cut two more pieces of tubing, making each one be 20 cm long. Connect the hydrogen storage tank, via a piece of this tubing, to the bottom inlet on the hydrogen side and, using the other tubing piece, connect the oxygen storage tank to the

bottom inlet of the oxygen side, as shown in Figure 10, below. Make sure that the tubing is tightly sealed on both inlets. Fill each cylinder to the "0" mark, then place the smaller, rounded cylinders inside of the larger cylinders and adjust the water level, if needed, so that it is still at the "0" mark. Use tubing to connect each tank to the correct side of the fuel cell. Switch the empty battery pack to the "off" position, remove its screw, and insert the two AA batteries. Make sure to connect the batteries in the correct polarity. There is a diagram on the inside of the pack that you can follow. Now get the timer, digital multimeter, and resistor ready for measurement. If you are using more than one resistor, then twist all of the metal leads on one end of the resistors together and the leads on the other end of the resistors together. You can read the FAQs to make sure you are connecting the resistors so that the total resistance is less than 0. Record the resistance of your resistor s in your lab notebook. Because less than 0. In other words, you will get an artificially high resistance reading. This is why you should use the known resistance of the resistor, or the calculated total resistance. For an advanced challenge that is not necessary for doing this science project, you could confirm the resistance of your resistor s by forming a circuit with the battery pack and resistor s , and then using two multimeters at the same time to measure the current of the circuit hooking one multimeter up in series and the voltage drop across the resistor hooking the second multimeter up in parallel across the resistor. If you decide to try this, you may find the Science Buddies reference How to Use a Multimeter to be helpful. If you are using more than one resistor, twist them together, as shown here. Confirm through calculations, as shown in the FAQs that the total resistance is less than 0. Use the alligator clip cables to hook the battery pack which should be switched off , resistor, and reversible fuel cell in a circuit, as shown in Figure 12, below. Use the extra pair of black and red cables that come with the kit to do this. Plug a black cable into the port on the top of the H2 side of the fuel cell, and plug a red cable into the port on the top of the O2 side, as shown in Figure 13, below. Take the black alligator cable and clip one end to the black wire from the battery pack. Clip the other end to the black cable that is plugged into the fuel cell. Take a red alligator cable and clip one end to the red wire from the battery pack. Clip the other end of the alligator cable to the resistor. Use the second red alligator cable to clip to the other end of the resistor. Finally, clip the other end of this alligator cable to the red cable that is plugged into the fuel cell. In this setup, the resistor is in series with the battery pack so that you can measure the current being supplied to the fuel cell. We will describe how to do this in a moment. Figure 14, below, shows a diagram of this circuit. Connect the battery pack, resistor, and reversible fuel cell RFC in a circuit, as shown here. Plug the extra red cable into the port on the top of the O2 side of the fuel cell, and the black cable into the port on the top of the H2 side. This is a diagram of the circuit for this project. When the battery pack is switched on, you will start timing the fuel cell reaction as the distilled water electrolyzes into hydrogen and oxygen. Before you turn on the battery pack, make sure your helper is ready with a timer and that you are ready to take voltage measurements using the multimeter. You will use the multimeter to determine the voltage drop across the fuel cell. This is the input voltage. See Figure 15, below, for how to do this. You can also read the reference How to Use a Multimeter to learn how to use a digital multimeter to measure voltage. You will also use the multimeter to determine the current that is being supplied to the fuel cell. This is the input current. To do this, measure the voltage drop across the resistor, as shown in Figure 16, below. You will have your helper help keep track of the time while you take voltage measurements at 30 sec, 1 min, and 1. You will measure both the input voltage across the fuel cell and the voltage drop across the resistor at these time points, so you will need to work quickly. Prepare a data table in your lab notebook to record your voltage measurements. This picture shows how you will use the multimeter to measure the voltage drop across the fuel cell. The battery pack and multimeter are turned off in this picture. This picture shows how you will use the multimeter to measure the voltage drop across the resistor. You will use this data to calculate the input current.

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Long distance transmission allows remote renewable energy resources to displace fossil fuel consumption. Solar power plants use one of two technologies: Photovoltaic PV systems use solar panels , either on rooftops or in ground-mounted solar farms , converting sunlight directly into electric power. Concentrated solar power CSP, also known as "concentrated solar thermal" plants use solar thermal energy to make steam, that is thereafter converted into electricity by a turbine. Photovoltaics Schematics of a grid-connected residential PV power system [4] A solar cell , or photovoltaic cell PV , is a device that converts light into electric current using the photovoltaic effect. The first solar cell was constructed by Charles Fritts in the s. For practical use this usually requires conversion to certain desired voltages or alternating current AC , through the use of inverters. In certain applications such as satellites, lighthouses, or in developing countries, batteries or additional power generators are often added as back-ups. Such stand-alone power systems permit operations at night and at other times of limited sunlight. Concentrated solar power Main article: Concentrated solar power A parabolic collector concentrates sunlight onto a tube in its focal point. Concentrated solar power CSP , also called "concentrated solar thermal", uses lenses or mirrors and tracking systems to concentrate sunlight, then use the resulting heat to generate electricity from conventional steam-driven turbines. A wide range of concentrating technologies exists: Various techniques are used to track the sun and focus light. In all of these systems a working fluid is heated by the concentrated sunlight, and is then used for power generation or energy storage. The receiver is a tube positioned along the focal points of the linear parabolic mirror and is filled with a working fluid. The reflector is made to follow the sun during daylight hours by tracking along a single axis. Parabolic trough systems provide the best land-use factor of any solar technology. This has the advantage that flat mirrors can be used which are much cheaper than parabolic mirrors, and that more reflectors can be placed in the same amount of space, allowing more of the available sunlight to be used. Concentrating linear fresnel reflectors can be used in either large or more compact plants. The advantages of Stirling solar over photovoltaic cells are higher efficiency of converting sunlight into electricity and longer lifetime. Parabolic dish systems give the highest efficiency among CSP technologies. Power towers can achieve higher thermal-to-electricity conversion efficiency than linear tracking CSP schemes and better energy storage capability than dish stirling technologies. Hybrid systems A hybrid system combines C PV and CSP with one another or with other forms of generation such as diesel, wind and biogas. The combined form of generation may enable the system to modulate power output as a function of demand or at least reduce the fluctuating nature of solar power and the consumption of non renewable fuel. Hybrid systems are most often found on islands. Another example is the Yazd power station in Iran.

7: Fueling the future with a renewable energy ecosystem - Crypto News Magnet

The Future of Solar Energy considers only the two widely recognized classes of technologies for converting solar energy into electricity â€" photovoltaics (PV) and concentrated solar power (CSP), sometimes called solar thermal) â€" in their current and plausible future forms.

8: Fuel Cellsâ€"Fueling the Future! | Science Project

But the power packs continue to have drawbacks: they use raw material mined in unstable countries, they're dangerous if they break and they could pack more power. Fueling the Future: How Batteries are Improving, in Three Ways - Renewable Energy World.

9: Tona Syntegra Solar â€“ Empowering Your Business With Solar

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Concerning the future, and this may sound like a pun, the future of solar PV looks rather bright. The industry has consistently been able to lower the cost of solar panels. If this trend can be maintained for the next 10 years, and if subsidies are continued for that period, there is a real prospect for solar to become cost competitive on its own (that is, without a subsidy), at least for commercial installations.

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