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Development of Power Generation Unit Using Low Boiling Point Liquid Powered By Solar Panel

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ABSTRACT: A Flat solar plant uses long, trough-shaped solar concentrators to collect solar heat and focus it onto a linear heat absorber. These reflectors track the Sun across the sky for maximum efficiency. Closely related is the Fresnel collection system, which approximates the Flat trough with long, flat mirrors that can also track the Sun. In both systems a heat collection fluid is pumped through the heat receiver. The heat collected is usually used either directly or indirectly to raise steam and drive a steam turbine generator. Flat trough reflectors can achieve a concentration ratio of up to 100. Some Flat trough plants have been built with heat energy storage, which allows them to operate for longer periods each day. In this paper we are going to investigate a operating temperature of working fluid to run a steam turbine . Experimentally investigate solar thermal power plan to run a submerged pump

I. INTRODUCTION

The parabolic trough solar power plant takes its name from the trough-shaped reflector that is used to capture and concentrate the solar heat energy. The collector is much longer than it is wide, and has a parabolic cross section. Each trough is aligned on a north–south axis and provided with a system to allow it to track the Sun across the sky. As it follows the movement of the Sun, the reflector focuses the sunlight onto a solar energy receiver that runs along the length of the trough and is positioned at its focus. These concentrators are sometimes called line focusing solar thermal plants because the sunlight is concentrated along a line.

Closely related to the parabolic trough is the Fresnel reflector, a simplified version of the parabolic trough in which the trough shape is approximated by a series of long, flat—or nearly flat—reflectors that are generally mounted on the ground. The solar energy receiver is mounted separately from the reflectors on a framework that places it above the reflectors. This system is not as efficient at concentrating solar energy as the solar trough, but it is significantly cheaper to construct. The aim of the Fresnel design is to achieve simplicity and low capital cost. However, the technology is less well tested than the more conventional solar trough system.

1.1 Line Focusing Origins

The parabolic trough is the oldest of the modern solar thermal technologies. The first recorded version is that of a Dr. Maier of Aalen and a Mr. Remshalden of Stuttgart, who developed a system based on a parabolic trough collector to generate steam. Their system was followed in 1912–13 by a facility built in Cairo by U.S. inventor Frank Shuman. The plant used tracking solar troughs to generate steam for a steam engine, although the initial plan was for the plant to generate electricity.¹ The project comprised five collectors, each 62 m long and 4 m in width. The steam that the collectors were able to produce was equivalent to a generating capacity of 41 kW.

The next time the technology appeared in commercial form was in the 1980s in California. A company called Luz built nine plants based on solar parabolic troughs between 1984 and 1991. The first of these had a generating capacity of 13.8 MW, and the final plants had capacities of 80 MW. The technology was considered economically marginal when the plants were built, and in 1991 the builder filed for bankruptcy, unable to secure the financing to build a tenth plant. In spite of that, the nine plants continue to operate and generate power as of 2016. No more plants of this type were constructed until 2007, when the technology enjoyed a renaissance. Since then over 30 power plants based on this technology have been built, and it is arguably the most successful solar thermal technology today.



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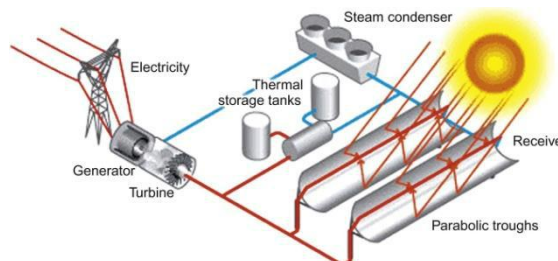
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The Fresnel reflector system is based on a similar principle to the Fresnel lens that was originally developed for lighthouses by the French physicist Augustin-Jean Fresnel. The earliest example of a Fresnel reflector for concentrating solar power was developed by an Italian, Giovanni Francia, who patented his work in 1962. A prototype based on his design was built in France in 1964. The technology did not thrive then, but it was picked up again in Australia in the 1990s, where a large-scale demonstration project was built. Since then plants have also been constructed in the United States and in Spain.

1.2 Parabolic Trough Technology

A parabolic trough is a special type of solar concentrator that has a parabolic cross section (it is parabolic in two dimensions) but is linear in the third dimension. The result is that the parabolic shape is extended linearly to make a long reflector. The shape of the reflector causes sunlight to be concentrated along a line at the focus of the parabola, a line that runs along the length of the trough. A heat receiver, normally a specially constructed pipe, is positioned exactly at this focus so that it can absorb the heat from the Sun. A heat transfer fluid is pumped through the pipe and carries the heat away. In most plants this fluid passes through a heat exchanger where it heats water to steam; the steam is used to drive a steam turbine generator. A schematic of a parabolic dish power plant is shown in Fig. 4.1.

A PARABOLIC DISH POWER POINT



II. METHODOLOGY

2.1. FRESNEL LENS

Optimal transmittance condition of prism (OTCP) holds when light goes through a prism, if incident edge, emergent edge and the light path inside of prism can form an isosceles triangle and the light is the base of the isosceles triangle. As the result, the incident angle is equal to the emergent angle, the reflectivities are equivalent in two interface, and the total reflectivity is smallest. Also, reference [15] came up with a proposal that the transmittance of vibration light should be chosen to be a design target and the following analysis will depend on it. (When light goes through the transparent media from one to another, the incident light and emergent light are coplanar within the normal plane. The complete vibration of natural light could be separated into p-polarized light and s-polarized light. The amplitude of p-polarized light is parallel to the normal plane and s-polarized light is perpendicular to it). As for cylindrical Fresnel lens, the incident angle is increasing along with the position from the center to the edge. Here we use OTCP to constrain the edge-prism of the Fresnel lens. As Fig shows, considering to design a cylindrical Fresnel lens with aperture width $w=1300\text{mm}$ and the transmittance in the edge is no less than 80% (Relative 100 refraction index, $n=1.59$), the maximum incident angle should no more than 40° , according to reference.

Fig shows the Fresnel Lens Centuries ago, it was recognized that the contour of the refracting surface of a conventional lens defines its focusing properties.



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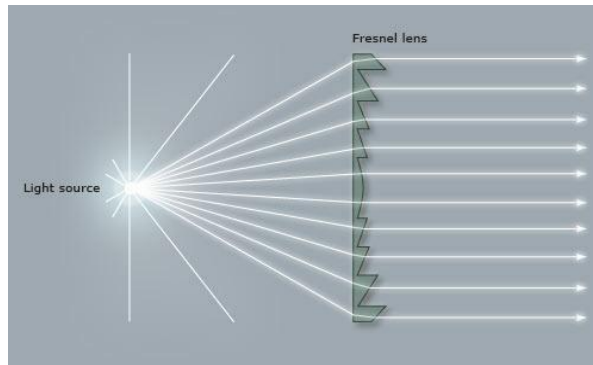
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The bulk of material between the refracting surfaces has no effect (other than increasing absorption losses) on the optical properties of the lens.

In a Fresnel (point focus) lens the bulk of material has been reduced by the extraction of a set of coaxial annular cylinders of material, (Positive focal length Fresnel lenses are almost universally plano-convex.)



The contour of the curved surface is thus approximated by right circular cylindrical portions, which do not contribute to the lens' optical properties, intersected by conical portions called —grooves. Near the center of the lens, these inclined surfaces or —grooves are nearly parallel to the plane face; toward the outer edge, the inclined surfaces become extremely steep, especially for lenses of low f-number. The inclined surface of each groove is the corresponding portion of the original aspheric surface.

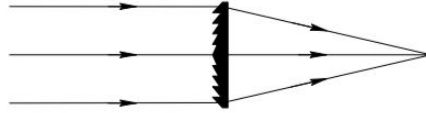
EXISTING	PROPOSED
$T_{IN} = 273+40 = 313K$	$T_{IN} = 273+40 = 313K$
$T_{OUT} = 273+43 = 316K$	$T_{OUT} = 273+60 = 333K$
Glass temperature = $40^0 c$	Glass temperature = $50^0 c$
Boiling Temp Of $H_2O = 100^0 c$	Boiling Temp Of ethanol = $78.37^0 c$
Heat gained = $60^0 c$	Heat gained = $80.95^0 c$
Quantity of $H_2O = 300ml$	Quantity of ethanol = $500ml$
Time = 1 hour	Time = $1/4 n$ hour

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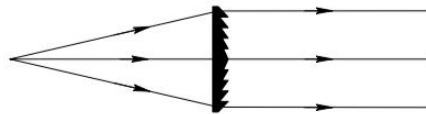
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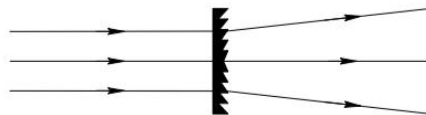
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Positive Focal Length Fresnel Lens Used as a Collector



Positive Focal Length Fresnel Lens Used as a Collimator



Negative Focal Length Fresnel Lens Used as a Diverger

2.2. COMPONENTS USED

- Fresnel lens
- 12V electric generator
- 12V submerged pump
- storage tank
- ethanol
- 12V power generator

III. DESIGN DETAILS

CALCULATION:

Heat Transfer Fluid: ETHANOL

Inner Area of the Receiver

$$= \pi \cdot r^2 \cdot L$$

$$= \pi \cdot 0.04^2 \cdot 1.5$$

$$= 0.1885 \text{ m}^2$$

Volume of the receiver

$$= \frac{\pi r^2 L}{4}$$

$$= \frac{\pi \cdot 0.0402^2 \cdot 1.5}{4} = 1.885 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3$$

Mass of the HTF



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$$= 997.99 * 1.885 * 10^{-3} = 1.8812 \text{ g}$$

Velocity of HTF

Accordingly to the way we chose the dimensions of the receiver, we took a mass flow rate

similar to the once used by since this system has many variables that need to be determined ($\dot{m} = 0.02 \text{ kg/s}$). Thus, we were able to find the inlet velocity and mass flow rate of HTF in the tube receiver. From the equation of mass flow rate dependency on velocity, we retrieved the latter:

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$$= \dot{m} * 57$$

$$= 0.02 * 997.99 * 0.1885$$

$$= 1.063 * 10^{-4} \text{ /}$$

According to Stefan-Boltzmann's Law, the amount of energy emitted by a body is:

$$\dot{Q} = \epsilon * A * \sigma * T^4$$

is radiation heat transfer

T is the temperature of the body's surface A is the area of the body

$$\sigma \text{ is the Stefan-Boltzmann constant } = 5.669 * 10^{-8} \text{ / } ^2, ^4$$

The material that is used in the tube receiver is copper which will be black anodized in order to minimize heat losses. The emissivity of black anodized copper is $\epsilon = 0.88$

Assuming that the same DNI that the parabola receives is reflected on the receiver:

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$$= 1235.4 \text{ / } ^2$$

Then the temperature at the surface of the receiver is:

$$= \left(\frac{\dot{Q}}{\epsilon * A * \sigma} \right)^{1/4}$$

$$= (1235.4 / 0.88 * 5.669 * 10^{-8})^{1/4} = 396.69 = 123.67 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$$

Reynold's Number

$$= \left(\frac{\rho * v * D}{\mu} \right) /$$

In a fully developed laminar flow, the average velocity is half the maximum velocity in the centerline. From our CFD simulation using ANSYS, we could find the maximum velocity at the centerline of the tube as well as the average velocity:

$$= 1.251 * 10^{-4} \text{ m/s}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\rho * D} = 6.255 * 10^{-5} \text{ /}$$

The Reynold's Number Equation becomes:

$$= 997.99 * 6.255 * 10^{-5} * 0.04 / 0.0010016 = 2.493$$

As a matter of fact, the flow is laminar when $Re < 2300$ which our case; $Re = 2.493$



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Calculation of hcopper

Nusselt Number:

In a laminar flow and for a circular cross sectional area with a constant surface heat flux, the Nusselt number is:

$$Nu = h / k = 4.36$$

Given the thermal conductivity of pure copper: $k = 386 \text{ W/m.K}$ and the inner diameter of the tube

$$D_{in} = 0.04 \text{ m}$$

The convective heat transfer coefficient:

$$h = k / D_{in} \cdot Nu$$

$$h = 386 \cdot 4.36 / 0.04$$

$$h = 42074 \text{ W/m}^2\text{.K}$$

Hydrodynamic Entry Length Calculation $h_{laminar} = 0.05 Re$ $h = 0.05 \cdot 2.493 \cdot 0.04$

$$h = 4.98 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ K}$$

Pressure Drop Calculation

A drop in the initial pressure occurs due to the viscosity of the HTF; this drop also called Pressure Loss is the main reason of energy loss in the pipe.

$$\Delta P = 1 - 2 \Delta = 32 \cdot \mu \cdot L \cdot Q^2$$

$$\Delta P = 32 \cdot 0.0010016 \cdot 1.5 \cdot 6.255 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot 0.04^2$$

$$\Delta P = 1.879 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

The pressure loss in the receiver is very small which means that most of the pressure drop will come from the head loss in the heat exchanger. The heat exchanger pressure drop will be calculated later in the heat exchanger section.

GENERATOR SPECIFICATION:

- SPEED = 100rpm
- VOLTAGE = 12V

VOLTAGE BOOSTER SPECIFICATION:

- VOLTAGE = 12V
- POWER = 2W

SUBMERSIBLE PUMP SPECIFICATION:

- VOLTAGE = 12V
- POWER CONSUMPTION = 0.4W to 1.5 W
- FLOW RATE = 80-120 L/hr
- MAXIMUM LIFT = 40cm

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TWISTER TURBINE

D = 60 mm
H = 1200 mm
T = 70mm
H = 1200mm
Area = 72000 mm²
= 0.072 m²
Let Cp = 0.25 (mediumsize)

C_p = Co-efficient of performance

$$P_{Av} = \frac{1}{2} \times \rho A v^3$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times (11)^3 \times 0.072 \times 1.20 \times 3$$

$$= 172.49 \text{ Watt}$$

Note: P_{Av} = Power available in Twister

$$P_{Twister} = \frac{1}{2} C_p A v^3 \rho$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 0.25 \times (0.072 + 0.084) \times (11)^3 \times 1.20 \times 3$$

$$= 94.5 \text{ Watt}$$

C_p ⇒ η ⇒ Performance

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P_{Twister}}{P_{Av}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{94.5}{172.49}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.55 \Rightarrow 55\%$$

VERTICAL

D = 60 mm
H = 1200 mm
Area = 72000 mm²
= 0.072 m²
Let Cp = 0.25 (mediumsize)

C_p = Co-efficient of performance

$$P_{Av} = \frac{1}{2} \times \rho A v^3$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times (11)^3 \times 0.072 \times 1.20$$

$$= 57.49 \text{ Watt}$$

Note: P_{Av} = Power available in Twister

$$P_{Twister} = \frac{1}{2} C_p A v^3 \rho$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 0.25 \times 0.084 \times (11)^3 \times 1.20$$

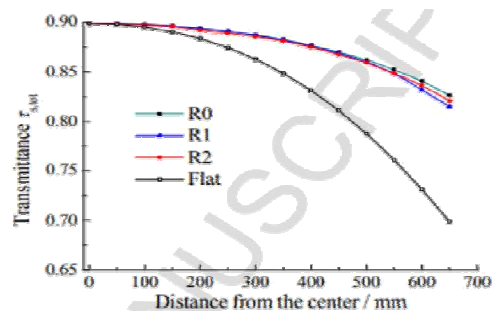
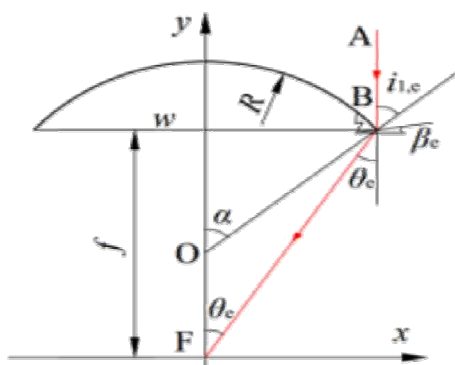
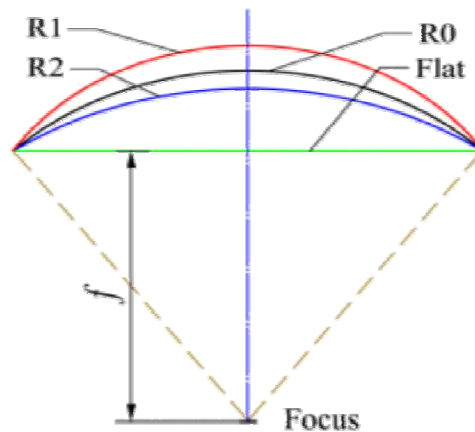
$$= 16.77 \text{ Watt}$$

C_p ⇒ η ⇒ Performance

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P_{Twister}}{P_{Av}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{16.77}{57.49}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.299 \Rightarrow 30\%$$



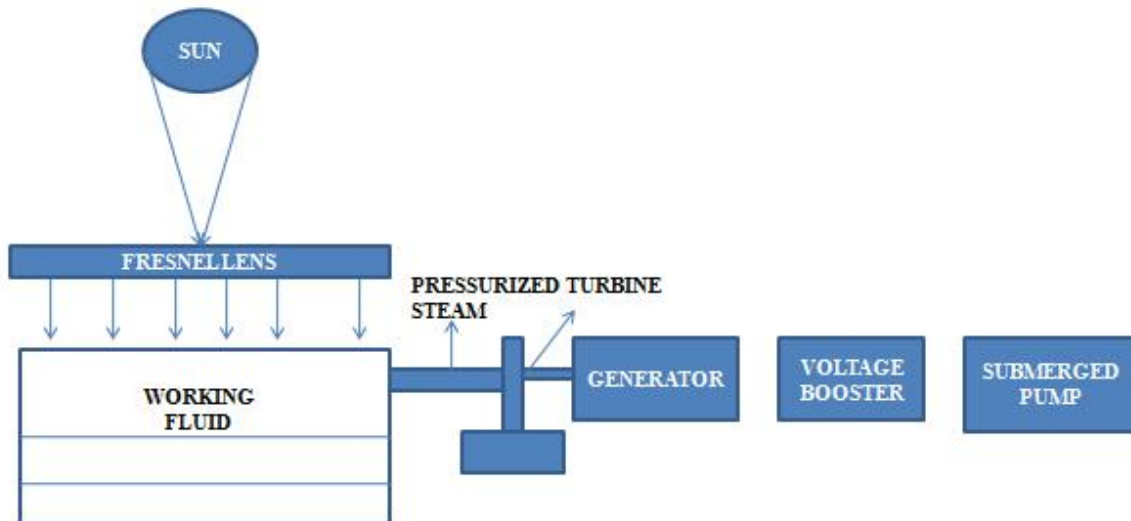
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IV. WORKING PRINCIPLE



The performance of the optimized cylindrical Fresnel lens will be processed by simulation. During the designing phase, the center wavelength of visible light was chosen to calculate the parameters. In order to investigate its performance on the whole visible light, 160 two factors will be taken into account. One is the parallax angle of the sun δ , which is caused by 161 non-parallelism of sunlight, showing in Fig.4. Another is the refraction index differences 162 among different wavelength lights. Here predefines two edge rays including near-ultraviolet light 163.

Light from the sunlight is allowed to pass on the top surface of the fresnel lens then the working fluid boils. When the ethanol achieves boiling point temperature at suitable pressure, the process gets initiated. After a period of time ethanol achieves the super heated temperature at temperature greater than 85 degrees and at a pressure greater than 4 bar and is allowed to pass through the small orifice. there is a transparent glass which transmit the steam to the Chanel. The pipings are made using PVC which are highly resistant to heat coefficient. 12V pump is allowed to rotate the working fluid to run the generated.

Finally the powered obtained can be stored in batteries and can also be used for commercial purpose. likewise the actual overall thermal efficiency of the plant is increased as usual

V. FUTURE SCOPE

- Sun flower solar system is installed with automation sensors. in order to absorb more solar energy, automation is installed. thi increases the efficiency.
- solar cell with integrated boilers are installed to increase the super heated temperature of the ethanol.

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