



**SolarTech Power Solutions**

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## Overview

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Concentrating solar power systems harness heat from sunlight to provide electricity for large power stations or for high-temperature industrial processes. Over 10,000 tracking heliostats focus solar energy at the receiver on the 640-foot power tower at the Crescent Dunes Solar Thermal Facility.

The concentrating solar-thermal power (CSP) subprogram within the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Solar Energy Technologies Office supports early-stage research and development to de-risk and lower the cost of CSP technologies that can provide solar power on demand. Projects in the CSP portfolio.

Concentrating solar power (CSP) is naturally incorporated with thermal energy storage, providing readily dispatchable electricity and the potential to contribute significantly to grid penetration of high-percentage renewable

energy sources. This overview will focus on the central receiver, or.

Through state-of-the-art modeling, the Solar Futures Study is the most comprehensive review to date of the potential role of solar in decarbonizing the U.S. electric grid and broader energy system. However, not all the detailed analysis that informed the Solar Futures Study could be included within.

Supercritical carbon dioxide (sCO<sub>2</sub>) power cycles have the potential to reduce the cost of concentrating solar power (CSP) by far more efficiently converting high-temperature solar heat into electricity. The Solar Energy Technologies Office pursues dramatic cost reductions in technologies to make.

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