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An investigation was made of the feasibility of operating a conventional gas turbine by physically separating the compressor from the expansion turbine, thus creating what has been
termed the split-turbine arrangement. In this scheme, the compressor would be driven by conventional engines but located remotely from the expansion turbine. In order to analyze the split-turbine cycle the effects of varying pressure ratios, temperature ratios, and airflows were studied. An evaluation was made of the effects of duct losses in the high-pressure air duct between compressor and turbine. The effect of the separated burner in the remote turbine and the feasibility of utilizing a regenerator were determined. All of these effects were evaluated in terms of the thermal efficiency, specific fuel consumption, and net power loss attributed to the ducting. (Modified author abstract).

This book presents a thermodynamic and economic analysis of gas-gas systems in power plants, including combined heat and power systems, combined cooling, heat and power systems, hydrogen production facilities and compressed energy storage system. A configuration for high-temperature gas-cooled nuclear reactor is also used as a heat source for the cycle. The book compares different technologies, such as gas-steam and gas-gas systems, using optimized cases. It presents mathematical models that return optimal thermodynamic parameters of the cycles, and applies a novel continuous-time model in order to perform an economic analysis as well. This book utilizes numerous illustrations and worked examples to thoroughly explain the technologies discussed, making it relevant for researchers, market analysts, decision makers, power engineers and students alike.

Air compressors are significant energy users in nearly every industrial facility. Air compressors have become a primary focus of industrial energy audits because they are vital for production processes but are very energy inefficient machines. Industrial energy auditors often perform a detailed energy analysis on a compressed air system using logged amperage data from the air compressors in the system. Most of the current air compressor simulation tools use logged power data to perform simulation according to an electrical analysis. These tools perform their analysis based on averaged power draws taken from the logged amperage data. The airflow demands of a compressed air system are then calculated based on the general shape of the performance profile. This static analysis of a compressed air system's operation
invariably prompts an inquisitive auditor to dynamically model a compressed air system. While the current compressed air software tools are useful for modeling systems with an electrical analysis, a potential exists to develop a modeling tool with a sound physics and thermodynamics based approach. This thesis responds to the need for a transient thermodynamic compressed air system model. The central focus of the resulting investigation is the generation of a comprehensive compressed air model to be used in analyzing recorded airflow supply data from a rotary screw air compressor operating under three different capacity control methods. The rotary screw compressor is chosen as a focus of this work because of its dominance in the industrial air compressor market. System responses will be tracked for verification of the compressed air model. Several compressed air system examples will be evaluated to reflect compressor operation under adequate and inadequate storage. The main objective of this report is to: educate the reader on the performance of current rotary screw compressors, describe the generation of a transient thermodynamic compressed air model, analyze several different compressed air systems, and evaluate these compressed air systems through quantitative and qualitative comparisons.

This book is a collection of selected research papers presented at the International Conference on Innovations in Electrical and Electronics Engineering (ICIEEE 2019), which was organized by the Guru Nanak Institutions, Ibrahimpatnam, Hyderabad, Telangana, India, on July 26–27, 2019. The book highlights the latest developments in electrical and electronics engineering, especially in the areas of power systems, power electronics, control systems, electrical machinery, and renewable energy. The solutions discussed here will encourage and inspire researchers, industry professionals, and policymakers to put these methods into practice.
technical aspects, mathematical relationships and basic design guidelines. The emerging technologies of electric vehicles require the dedication of current and future engineers, so the target audience for the book is the young professionals and students in engineering eager to learn about the area. The book is concise and clear, its mathematics are kept to a necessary minimum and it contains a well-balanced set of contents of the complex technology. Engineers of multiple disciplines can either get a broader overview or explore in depth a particular aspect of electric or hybrid vehicles. Additions in the third edition include simulation-based design analysis of electric and hybrid vehicles and their powertrain components, particularly that of traction inverters, electric machines and motor drives. The technology trends to incorporate wide bandgap power electronics and reduced rare-earth permanent magnet electric machines in the powertrain components have been highlighted. Charging stations are a critical component for the electric vehicle infrastructure, and hence, a chapter on vehicle interactions with the power grid has been added. Autonomous driving is another emerging technology, and a chapter is included describing the autonomous driving system architecture and the hardware and software needs for such systems. The platform has been set in this book for system-level simulations to develop models using various softwares used in academia and industry, such as MATLAB®/Simulink, PLECS, PSIM, Motor-CAD and Altair Flux. Examples and simulation results are provided in this edition using these software tools. The third edition is a timely revision and contribution to the field of electric vehicles that has reached recently notable markets in a more and more environmentally sensitive world.

Mechanical Energy Storage Technologies presents a comprehensive reference that systemically describes various mechanical energy storage technologies. State-of-the-art energy storage systems are outlined with basic formulation, utility, and detailed dynamic modeling examples, making each chapter a standalone module on storage technology. Each chapter includes a detailed mathematical model of the given energy storage system along with solved and unsolved examples, case studies, and prospects among emerging technologies and solutions for future energy systems. Giving a detailed understanding of why mechanical energy storage systems are
useful, this book is a beneficial reference for anyone researching and working in mechanical energy storage systems. Covers advances in mechanical energy storage systems, both electricity and heat, in one reference. Includes solved and unsolved examples for each storage technology. Offers end-of-chapter summaries for each application. Includes detailed mathematical models of each energy storage system examined.

Intended for a second course in thermodynamics. Explains in detail how the analysis of each engine system can be formulated for a computer program. Examines all present day engines which operate on the internal combustion system, including gas turbines, two-stroke and four-stroke internal combustion engines, both Otto and Diesel cycles, liquid propellant rockets, free piston engines, and powders in guns. Includes chemical equilibrium, explaining how equilibrium compositions in multireaction systems can be calculated. Uses SI units exclusively.

Most conventional cryogenic refrigerators and liquefiers operate with pure fluids, the major exception being natural gas liquefiers that use mixed refrigerant processes. The fundamental aspects of mixed refrigerant processes, though very innovative, have not received the due attention in open literature in view of commercial interests. Hundreds of patents exist on different aspects of mixed refrigerant processes. However, it is difficult to piece together the existing information to choose an appropriate process and an optimum composition or a given application. The aim of the book is to teach (a.) the need for refrigerant mixtures, (b.) the type of mixtures that can be used for different refrigeration and liquefaction applications, (c.) the different processes that can be used and (d.) the methods to be adopted for choosing the components of a mixture and their concentration for different applications.

This book discusses the design and scheduling of residential, industrial, and commercial energy hubs, and their integration into energy storage technologies and renewable energy
sources. Each chapter provides theoretical background and application examples for specific power systems including, solar, wind, geothermal, air and hydro. Case-studies are included to provide engineers, researchers, and students with the most modern technical and intelligent approaches to solving power and energy integration problems with special attention given to the environmental and economic aspects of energy storage systems.

This book presents a collection of the best papers from the Seventh Asian Joint Workshop on Thermophysics and Fluid Science (AJWTF7 2018), which was held in Trivandrum, India, in November 2018. The papers highlight research outputs from India, China, Japan, Korea and Bangladesh, and many of them report on collaborative efforts by researchers from these countries. The topics covered include Aero-Acoustics, Aerodynamics, Aerospace Engineering, Bio-Fluidics, Combustion, Flow Measurement, Control and Instrumentation, Fluid Dynamics, Heat and Mass Transfer, Thermodynamics, Mixing and Chemically Reacting Flows, Multiphase Flows, Micro/Nano Flows, Noise/NOx/SOx Reduction, Propulsion, Transonic and Supersonic Flows, and Turbomachinery. The book is one of the first on the topic to gather contributions from some of the leading countries in Asia. Given its scope, it will benefit researchers and students working on research problems in the thermal and fluid sciences.

Thermal Energy Storage Systems and Applications Provides students and engineers with up-to-date information on methods, models, and approaches in thermal energy storage systems and their applications in thermal management and elsewhere. Thermal energy storage (TES) systems have become a vital technology for renewable energy systems and are increasingly being used in commercial and industrial applications including space and water heating, cooling, and air conditioning. TES technology has the potential to be a sustainable, cost-effective, and eco-friendly approach for facilitating more effective use of thermal equipment and correcting the imbalance that can occur between the supply and demand of energy. The Third Edition of Thermal Energy Storage: Systems and Applications contains detailed coverage of new methodologies, models, experimental works, and methods in the rapidly growing field. Extensively revised and updated throughout, this comprehensive volume covers integrated
systems with energy storage options, environmental impact and sustainability, design, analysis, assessment criteria, advanced tools in exergy and extended exergy, and more. New and expanded chapters address topics such as renewable energy systems in which thermal energy storage is essential, sensible and latent TES systems, and numerical modelling, simulation, and analysis of TES systems. Integrating academic research and practical information, this new edition: Discusses a variety of practical TES applications, their technical features, and potential benefits Explores recent developments and future directions in energy storage technologies Covers the latest generation of thermal storage systems and a wide range of applications Features new chapters, case studies, and chapter problems throughout the text Includes pertinent background information on thermodynamics, fluid flow, and heat transfer Contains numerous illustrative examples, full references, and appendices with conversion factors and thermophysical properties of various materials Thermal Energy Storage: Systems and Applications, Third Edition is the perfect textbook for advanced undergraduate and graduate courses in mechanical, chemical, and electrical engineering, and a highly useful reference for energy engineers and researchers.

The ability of thermal energy storage (TES) systems to facilitate energy savings, renewable energy use and reduce environmental impact has led to a recent resurgence in their interest. The second edition of this book offers up-to-date coverage of recent energy efficient and sustainable technological methods and solutions, covering analysis, design and performance improvement as well as life-cycle costing and assessment. As well as having significantly revised the book for use as a graduate text, the authors address real-life technical and operational problems, enabling the reader to gain an understanding of the fundamental principles and practical applications of thermal energy storage technology. Beginning with a general summary of thermodynamics, fluid mechanics and heat transfer, this book goes on to discuss practical applications with chapters that include TES systems, environmental impact, energy savings, energy and exergy analyses, numerical modeling and simulation, case studies and new techniques and performance assessment methods.
Thermal, Mechanical, and Hybrid Chemical Energy Storage Systems provides unique and comprehensive guidelines on all non-battery energy storage technologies, including their technical and design details, applications, and how to make decisions and purchase them for commercial use. The book covers all short and long-term electric grid storage technologies that utilize heat or mechanical potential energy to store electricity, including their cycles, application, advantages and disadvantages, such as round-trip-efficiency, duration, cost and siting. Also discussed are hybrid technologies that utilize hydrogen as a storage medium aside from battery technology. Readers will gain substantial knowledge on all major mechanical, thermal and hybrid energy storage technologies, their market, operational challenges, benefits, design and application criteria. Provide a state-of-the-art, ongoing R&D review Covers comprehensive energy storage hybridization tactics Features standalone chapters containing technology advances, design and applications.

This book brings together the state-of-the-art in energy and resources research. It covers wind, solar, hydro and geothermal energy, as well as more conventional power generation technologies, such as internal combustion engines. Related areas of research such as the environmental sciences, carbon dioxide emissions, and energy storage are also addressed.

This volume presents refereed papers based on the oral and poster presentations at the 4th International Conference on Renewable Energy Sources, which was held from June 20 to 23, 2017 in Krynica, Poland. The scope of the conference included a wide range of topics in renewable energy technology, with a major focus on biomass and solar energy, but also extending to geothermal energy, heat pumps, fuel cells, wind energy, energy storage, and the modeling and optimization of renewable energy systems. The conference had the unique goal of gathering Polish and international researchers’ perspectives on renewable energy sources, and furthermore of balancing them against governmental policy considerations. Accordingly, the conference offered not only scientific sessions but also panels to discuss best practices and solutions with local entrepreneurs and federal government bodies. The Conference was jointly organized by the University of Agriculture in Krakow, the International Commission of
Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (CIGR), the Polish Society of Agricultural Engineering, AGH University of Science and Technology (Krakow), the Polish Society for Agrophysics under the patronage of the Rector of the University of Agriculture in Krakow, and the Polish Chamber of Ecology.

One important aspect of the Compressed-Air Energy-Storage (CAES) Program is the evaluation of alternative CAES plant designs. The thermodynamic performance of the various configurations is particularly critical to the successful demonstration of CAES as an economically feasible energy-storage option. A computer code, the Compressed-Air Energy-Storage Cycle-Analysis Program (CAESCAP), was developed in 1982 at the Pacific Northwest Laboratory. This code was designed specifically to calculate overall thermodynamic performance of proposed CAES-system configurations. The results of applying this code to the analysis of five CAES plant designs are presented in this report. The designs analyzed were: conventional CAES; adiabatic CAES; hybrid CAES; pressurized fluidized-bed CAES; and direct coupled steam-CAES. Inputs to the code were based on published reports describing each plant cycle. For each cycle analyzed, CAESCAP calculated the thermodynamic station conditions and individual-component efficiencies, as well as overall cycle-performance-parameter values. These data were then used to diagram the availability and energy flow for each of the five cycles. The resulting diagrams graphically illustrate the overall thermodynamic performance inherent in each plant configuration, and enable a more accurate and complete understanding of each design.

A century of research of existing thermodynamic cycles has developed piston engines exceeding 40% efficiency and open cycle gas turbine engines approaching 30% practical efficiency. A breakthrough engine concept has been invented by Dr. Michael Wilson (US Patents 5,966,927 and 6,105,359) and is called the TurbXTM engine. This new engine, operating on the Atkinson cycle, can theoretically increase engine performance and fuel economy, and reduce emissions as compared to the open cycle gas turbine. The TurbXTM engine implements a constant volume, continuous combustion process in rotating turbo-machinery. Based on a theoretically ideal thermodynamic analysis, this novel innovation will always have a higher thermal efficiency.
than a typical gas turbine at the same compression ratio. This particular concept has the inherent capability of easily varying the load with very simple controls. The purpose of this study was to determine experimentally the non-fueled or "air driven" performance characteristics of the prototype TurbXTM engine. The results of this study will be presented and discussed. Results of loaded tests indicate that with lower gap settings the engine has negative torque-speed characteristics similar to those of gas turbine engines. Although air driven tests were limited to combustion chamber pressures of up to 345 kPa, the prototype engine did not produce the anticipated torque values as envisioned by the inventor. Poor torque output was indicative of the excess leakage prevalent across the rotor/stator gap. It is recommended that TurbXTM design changes should address a better way to control the gap setting between the rotor and two stators, as well address blade angle and expansion passage designs to reduce the losses associated with poor air-incidence angles.

Global warming concerns, volatile oil costs, and government incentives are leading to increased interest in the adoption of renewable energy sources. However, the integration of renewable sources in our existing infrastructure is challenging, as renewable generation is unpredictable and intermittent by nature. Energy storage compensates for the inherent intermittency of renewable energy sources, by storing energy during surplus power production periods and discharging the stored energy during low production periods. Compressed Air Energy Storage has received much attention as a viable solution due to its economic feasibility, low environmental impact, and large-scale capability. However, conventional CAES systems rely on the combustion of natural gas, require large storage volumes, and operate at high pressures, which possess inherent problems such as high costs, strict geological locations, and the production of greenhouse gas emissions. Through this research, a novel and patented hybrid thermal-compressed air energy storage (HT-CAES) design is investigated as a possible solution. The HT-CAES system allows a portion of the available energy, from the grid or renewable sources, to operate a compressor and the remainder to be converted and stored in the form of heat, through joule heating in a solid-state sensible thermal energy storage medium. The hybrid design has the beneficial effect of mitigating the shortcomings of
conventional CAES systems and its derivatives by eliminating combustion emissions and reducing storage volumes, operating pressures, and costs. Therefore, the hybrid system provides flexibility of adjusting to a myriad of storage volumes based on available geological restrictions. Additionally, The hybrid system possesses a wide range of possible operations, without a compromise in its storage capacity, which may prove useful as we move towards a sustainable future. An ideal HT-CAES system is investigated and the thermodynamic efficiency limits within which it operates have been drawn. The efficiency of the HT-CAES system is compared with its Brayton cycle counterpart, in the case of pure thermal energy storage (TES). It is shown that the efficiency of the HT-CAES plant is not theoretically bound by the Carnot efficiency and always higher than that of the Brayton cycle, except for when the heat losses following compression rise above a critical level. The results of this work demonstrate that the HT-CAES system has the potential of increasing the efficiency of a pure TES system, executed through a Brayton cycle, at the expense of an air storage medium. Subsequently, a realistic and irreversible hybrid configuration is presented that incorporates two stages of heating through separate low-temperature and high-temperature thermal energy storage units. A thermodynamic analysis of the HT-CAES system is presented along with parametric studies, which illustrate the importance of the operating pressure and thermal storage temperature on the performance of the storage system. Realistic isentropic component efficiencies and throttling losses were considered. Additionally, two extreme cavern conditions were analyzed and the cyclic behavior of an adiabatic cavern was investigated. An optimum operating pressure resulting in maximum roundtrip storage efficiency of the hybrid storage system is reported. Additionally, a modified hybrid design is investigated that includes a turbocharger in the discharge process, which provides supplementary mass flow rate alongside the air storage. This addition has the potential of drastically reducing the necessary storage volume and pressures, thus further increasing the operational flexibility of the system. The results of this work provide an efficiency and cost map of the HT-CAES system versus both the operating pressure and the distribution of energy, between thermal and compressed air storage. The results of this work illustrate and properly quantify a tradeoff that exists between the HT-CAES system cost and performance.
Both roundtrip energy and exergy efficiencies are quantified, presented, and compared. Lastly, a local optimum-line of operation, which results in a local maximum in efficiency and a local minimum in cost, is presented. The HT-CAES system is also investigated and optimized based on a minimum entropy generation criteria. Regenerative and non-regenerative configurations are examined. It is illustrated that an HT-CAES system designed based on a minimum entropy generation objective may be at a lower energy and exergy efficiency, and lower output power, than otherwise achievable. Therefore, in the case of a hybrid energy storage system, minimization of entropy generation does not always coincide with minimization of energy losses. Only under certain conditions does the point of minimum entropy generation coincide with maximum energy efficiency. Specifically, this occurs only when the input energy, thermal energy storage mass, specific heat, and temperature swing, are a constant. Similarly, only in the specific case where the total input exergy is a constant, does minimum entropy generation coincide with maximum exergy efficiency. Lastly, an exergy analysis of the hybrid system is presented. The calculated and normalized exergy destruction maps provide a means of comparing the component exergy destruction magnitudes for assessing and pinpointing the sources of largest irreversibilities. In addition to the exergy destruction, the exergetic component efficiencies are also presented and compared. Both component exergy destruction and their exergetic efficiencies demonstrate that the largest source of avoidable exergy destruction results from the irreversibilities associated with throttling and the irreversibilities associated with mixing losses within the air storage medium.

This book describes the state of the art at the interface between energy and environmental research. The contributing authors are some of the world leaders in research and education on energy and environmental topics. The coverage is worth noting for its breadth and depth. The book begins with the latest trends in applied thermodynamics: the methods of exergy analysis, entropy generation minimization and thermoeconomics. It continues with the most modern developments in energy processing and conservation techniques: heat transfer augmentation devices, inverse thermal design, combustion and heat exchangers for environmental systems. The environmental impact of energy systems is documented in a diversity of applications such
as the flow of hazardous waste through cracks and porous media, thermally induced flows through coastal waters near power plants, and lake ecology in the vicinity of pumped storage systems. The book outlines new research directions such as the manufacturing of novel materials from solid waste, advances in radiative transport, the measurement of convective heat transfer in gas turbines and environmentally acceptable refrigerants. The book is rich in engineering design data that make a concrete statement on topics of world wide interest, e.g., toxic emissions, the depletion of energy resources, global environmental change (global warming), and future trends in the power generation industries. Written by leaders in research and education, this book is an excellent text or supplement for undergraduate and graduate courses on energy engineering and environmental science.

C. S. Lewis rightly instructed, "The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts." This book aims to achieve this task by pushing the frontiers of scholarship for securing a sustainable future through green energy and infrastructure. This encompasses the notion that what we create is in harmony and integration with both the spatial and temporal domains. Through numerous practical examples and illustrations, this book examines a comprehensive review of the latest science on indoor environmental health, energy requirements for buildings, and the "greening" of infrastructure. Also, it provides a discussion on the underlying properties of biomass and its influence on furthering energy conversion technologies. Energy storage is essential for driving the integration of renewable energy, and different storage approaches are discussed in terms of power balancing, grid stability, and reliability. Features: Focuses on the importance of coupling green energy with green infrastructure Provides an unbiased update of the state-of-the-art of sustainability science Discusses utilizing sustainable building materials for simultaneous improvement in energy, economic, and environmental bottom lines for industry Illuminates practical steps that need to be undertaken to achieve a greener infrastructure Green Energy and Infrastructure: Securing a Sustainable Future is appropriate for researchers, students, and decision-makers seeking the latest, practical information on environmental sustainability.
This Special Issue addresses the general problem of a proper match between the demands of energy users and the units for energy conversion and storage, by means of proper design and operation of the overall energy system configuration. The focus is either on systems including single plants or groups of plants, connected or not to one or more energy distribution networks. In both cases, the optimum design and operation involve decisions about thermodynamic processes, about the type, number, design parameters of components/plants, and storage capacities, and about mutual interconnections and the interconnections with the distribution grids. The problem is absolutely general, encompassing design and operation of energy systems for single houses, groups of houses, industries, industrial districts, municipal areas, regions and countries. The presented papers show that similar approaches can be used in different applications, although a general standard has not been achieved yet.

An essential resource for optimizing energy systems to enhance design capability, performance and sustainability Optimization of Energy Systems comprehensively describes the thermodynamic modelling, analysis and optimization of numerous types of energy systems in various applications. It provides a new understanding of the system and the process of defining proper objective functions for determination of the most suitable design parameters for achieving enhanced efficiency, cost effectiveness and sustainability. Beginning with a general summary of thermodynamics, optimization techniques and optimization methods for thermal components, the book goes on to describe how to determine the most appropriate design parameters for more complex energy systems using various optimization methods. The results of each chapter provide potential tools for design, analysis, performance improvement, and greenhouse gas emissions reduction. Key features: Comprehensive coverage of the modelling, analysis and optimization of many energy systems for a variety of applications. Examples, practical applications and case studies to put theory into practice. Study problems at the end of each chapter that foster critical thinking and skill development. Written in an easy-to-follow style, starting with simple systems and moving to advanced energy systems and their complexities. A unique resource for understanding cutting-edge research in the thermodynamic
analysis and optimization of a wide range of energy systems, Optimization of Energy Systems is suitable for graduate and senior undergraduate students, researchers, engineers, practitioners, and scientists in the area of energy systems.

The book deals with the theory of Air Breathing Engines or more precisely aircraft engines. These engines take air from the atmosphere, accelerate and produce thrust to the aircraft. Gas turbine forms the basic unit and is gas generator. The components of the gas turbines are given in detail. It is a machine based on which is developed Turbo Prop and Turbo Jet Engines. Rocket has been considered as non-breathing engine. The book will be useful for Aeronautical Engineering students. The book contains worked out examples taken from the data of leading aircraft manufacturers. The book will be suitable for Mechanical Engineering, Aerospace and Aircraft Engineering courses. The space scientist and students working for space travel can also benefit from this book. The book will offer working knowledge of the operation of the aircraft to engineers in this area.

This book contains the papers from the 2013 International Conference on Compressors and Their Systems, held from 9-10 September at City University London. The long-running conference series is the ultimate global forum for reviewing the latest developments and novel approaches in compressor research. High-quality technical papers are sourced from around the globe, covering technology development, operation, maintenance and reliability, safety and environmental impact, energy efficiency and carbon footprint, system integration and behaviour, upgrades and refurbishment, design and manufacture, education and professional development. All the papers are previously unpublished and constitute leading edge research. Presents leading edge developments in compressor technology Gives the latest prediction and modelling techniques Details the new technology and machinery

Design of Thermal Energy Systems Pradip Majumdar, Northern Illinois University, USA A comprehensive introduction to the design and analysis of thermal energy systems Design of Thermal Energy Systems covers the fundamentals and applications in thermal energy systems and
components, including conventional power generation and cooling systems, renewable energy systems, heat recovery systems, heat sinks and thermal management. Practical examples are used throughout and are drawn from solar energy systems, fuel cell and battery thermal management, electrical and electronics cooling, engine exhaust heat and emissions, and manufacturing processes. Recent research topics such as steady and unsteady state simulation and optimization methods are also included. Key features: Provides a comprehensive introduction to the design and analysis of thermal energy systems, covering fundamentals and applications. Includes a wide range of industrial application problems and worked out example problems. Applies thermal analysis techniques to generate design specification and ratings. Demonstrates how to design thermal systems and components to meet engineering specifications. Considers alternative options and allows for the estimation of cost and feasibility of thermal systems. Accompanied by a website including software for design and analysis, a solutions manual, and presentation files with PowerPoint slides. The book is essential reading for: practicing engineers in energy and power industries; consulting engineers in mechanical, electrical and chemical engineering; and senior undergraduate and graduate engineering students.

Design and Performance Optimization of Renewable Energy Systems provides an integrated discussion of issues relating to renewable energy performance design and optimization using advanced thermodynamic analysis with modern methods to configure major renewable energy plant configurations (solar, geothermal, wind, hydro, PV). Vectors of performance enhancement reviewed include thermodynamics, heat transfer, exergoeconomics and neural network techniques. Source technologies studied range across geothermal power plants, hydroelectric power, solar power towers, linear concentrating PV, parabolic trough solar collectors, grid-tied hybrid solar PV/Fuel cell for freshwater production, and wind energy systems. Finally, nanofluids in renewable energy systems are reviewed and discussed from the heat transfer enhancement perspective. Reviews the fundamentals of thermodynamics and heat transfer concepts to help engineers overcome design challenges for performance maximization. Explores advanced design and operating principles for solar, geothermal and wind energy systems with
diagrams and examples Combines detailed mathematical modeling with relevant computational analyses, focusing on novel techniques such as artificial neural network analyses Demonstrates how to maximize overall system performance by achieving synergies in equipment and component efficiency

Low-tech Magazine underscores the potential of past and often forgotten technologies and how they can inform sustainable energy practices. Sometimes, past technologies can be copied without any changes. More often, interesting possibilities arise when older technology is combined with new knowledge and new materials, or when past concepts and traditional knowledge are applied to modern technology. Inspiration is also to be found in the so-called “developing” world, where resource constraints often lead to inventive, low-tech solutions.

Future Energy: Improved, Sustainable and Clean Options for Our Planet, Third Edition provides scientists and decision-makers with the knowledge they need to understand the relative importance and magnitude of various energy production methods in order to make the energy decisions necessary for sustaining development and dealing with climate change. The third edition of Future Energy looks at the present energy situation and extrapolates to future scenarios related to global warming and the increase of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. This thoroughly revised and updated edition contains over 40 chapters on all aspects of future energy, with each chapter updated and expanded by expert scientists and engineers in their respective fields. Provides readers with an up-to-date overview of available energy options, both traditional and renewable, as well as the necessary tools needed to make informed decisions Covers a wide spectrum of future energy resources presented in a single book with chapters written by experts from each particular field Includes many new chapters that cover topics on conventional oil and fossil fuels, a new section on energy storage, and a look at new energy

This thorough and highly relevant volume examines exergy, energy and the environment in the
context of energy systems and applications and as a potential tool for design, analysis, optimization. It further considers their role in minimizing and/or eliminating environmental impacts and providing for sustainable development. In this regard, several key topics ranging from the basics of the thermodynamic concepts to advanced exergy analysis techniques in a wide range of applications are covered.

We applied coupled nonisothermal, multiphase fluid flow and geomechanical numerical modeling to study the coupled thermodynamic and geomechanical performance of underground compressed air energy storage (CAES) in concrete-lined rock caverns. The paper focuses on CAES in lined caverns at relatively shallow depth (e.g., 100 m depth) in which a typical CAES operational pressure of 5 to 8 MPa is significantly higher than both ambient fluid pressure and in situ stress. We simulated a storage operation that included cyclic compression and decompression of air in the cavern, and investigated how pressure, temperature and stress evolve over several months of operation. We analyzed two different lining options, both with a 50 cm thick low permeability concrete lining, but in one case with an internal synthetic seal such as steel or rubber. For our simulated CAES system, the thermodynamic analysis showed that 96.7% of the energy injected during compression could be recovered during subsequent decompression, while 3.3% of the energy was lost by heat conduction to the surrounding media. Our geomechanical analysis showed that tensile effective stresses as high as 8 MPa could develop in the lining as a result of the air pressure exerted on the inner surface of the lining, whereas thermal stresses were relatively smaller and compressive. With the option of an internal synthetic seal, the maximum effective tensile stress was reduced from 8 to 5 MPa, but was still in substantial tension. We performed one simulation in which the tensile tangential stresses resulted in radial cracks and air leakage though the lining. This air leakage, however, was minor (about 0.16% of the air mass loss from one daily compression) in terms of CAES operational efficiency, and did not significantly impact the overall energy balance of the system. However, despite being minor in terms of energy balance, the air
leakage resulted in a distinct pressure increase in the surrounding rock that could be
quickly detected using pressure monitoring outside the concrete lining.