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### Solar power system with electric engine

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#### Abstract

A solar power system which includes an electric engine power generator assembly to produce and store electrical energy as needed, when solar energy is not available or the level of solar energy is insufficient, to maintain a full or substantially full stored power charge level.

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## Background/Summary

RELATED CASES (1) This application is a continuation-in-part of pending U.S. patent application Ser. No. 18/212,529 filed Jun. 21, 2023 claiming the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 63/356,830 filed Jun. 29, 2022, each of which is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth at this point.

## FIELD OF THE INVENTION

(1) The present invention relates to a solar power system having a solar power system electric

engine generator back up for producing power when solar energy is not available, or the available solar energy is reduced or not sufficient.

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

(2) Existing solar power systems produce power by converting renewable sun energy to voltage in solar panels by electron motion at high temperature. Excess electrical energy can be stored on the grid, or power storage for use when solar energy is not available or is reduced. However, at night, during winter months, and at other times when it is cold, windy, and/or rainy and solar energy is not available or is reduced, the existing solar power systems currently available in the art are not reliable power providers. A need therefore exists for an improved solar power system.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

(3) The present invention satisfies the needs and alleviates the problems mentioned above. The advantage of the invention is that solar power with an electric engine generator generates electrical power to the user to use at all times throughout the entire year. The solar power produced electrical power can be directly used for power needs, and a portion power can be delivered to power storage when the sunshine energy is available. An electric engine generator delivers electrical power directly to the user to meet power needs, and to charge a battery pack when the sunshine energy is not available. An automatic transfer switch panel (ATS panel) is used in combination with the generator to automate the switch between the mains solar power system and the electric engine generator when solar energy is not available.

(4) In one aspect, there is provided an apparatus for producing and storing electrical energy which preferably comprises: (a) a solar power system which has one or more solar energy receivers and produces electrical power from the solar energy; (b) a delivery system which delivers at least a portion of the electrical power produced by the solar power system to one or more electrically powered devices and/or systems; (c) one or more power storage devices which receives and stores at least a portion of any of the electrical power produced by the solar power system which is not delivered to the one or more electrically powered devices and/or systems; and (d) an electrical power generator system.

(5) The electrical power generator system preferably comprises: (i) a battery pack, (ii) a stator which receives electrical power from the battery pack to rotate a multi pole, induction, or permanent magnetic (PM) rotary motor, the rotary motor having a motor shaft extending therefrom which is driven by the rotary motor, (iii) a multi pole, induction, or PM electrical generator which generates electrical power, at least a portion of the electrical power generated by the electrical generator being delivered to the one or more electrically powered devices and/or systems and at least a portion of any of the electrical power generated by the electrical generator which is not delivered to the one or more electrically powered devices and/or systems being delivered to charge the battery pack, the electrical generator having a generator shaft extending therefrom which drives the electrical generator, and (iv) a gear assembly which links the motor shaft with the generator shaft and causes the generator shaft to rotate at a rotational speed which is different from a rotational speed of the motor shaft.

(6) In another aspect, the apparatus just described preferably further comprises an automatic transfer switch (ATS) which starts the electrical power generation system when solar energy is not available and stops the electrical power generation system when solar energy is available.

(7) In another aspect, there is a solar power system which delivers electricity to the user when sunshine is available. However, in addition, when there is no sunshine, an electric engine generator can generate power, so the user receives electricity all the time, during the entire year.

(8) The solar power system with electric engine preferably comprises: (i) a maximum power point tracking, MPPT solar charge controller device **103**. The charge controller **103** regulates the amperage and voltage that is delivered to the distribution **207** and any excess power is delivered to the power storage **108**. An automatic transfer switch panel, ATS panel, **110** is typically installed so that it connects to charger control **103** via line **109** and stator switch **215** via line (**111**) to start the

electric engine generator when solar energy is not available and stop the electric engine generator when solar energy is available. This ensures that the electrical system continues to operate even when there is no solar power available.

(9) A charger **209** which receives power from the electric engine generator **205** via line **208** converts AC to Direct Current (DC) to the battery pack **211** via line **210** to restore the used-up electrolyte. When all the electrolyte of the battery is restored, the current supply will stop to prevent overloading.

(10) As seen in FIGS. **1** & **4**, the electric engine generator system preferably comprises a battery pack **211**, that provides power to the stator **201** (FIG. **4-1**), via line **216**. The stator **201** includes a three phase multi pole, induction, or permanent magnetic motor (FIG. **4-2**). During operation, a current is applied through the stator **201**, which induces a magnetic field and leads to the rotation of the rotor (FIG. **4-3**). The rotational speed of the shaft and the applied torque depends on the operating frequency and the number of pole pairs in the motor's windings in the stator that produces power hp, torque power, f-lb./f and speed, and rpm on the rotary motor shaft **202** as mechanical energy.

(11) As seen in FIG. **3**, as an example, a high voltage current AC 400 V, 15 A, at 25 kwh rate is applied through the stator which induces a magnetic field and leads to the rotation of the rotor preferably rated as a 3 phase, four pole, PM rotary motor that produces 378 kw (514 HP) peak power, 401 kw (545 HP) ludicrous mode, 680 Nm (500 ft\*lb./f), 18,122 RPM on motor shaft **202** as mechanical energy that can run a 3 phase, four pole, PM generator to generate 567 kw (the ratio of a 3 phase PM generator kw generate/a 3 phase PM rotary motor that runs the generator in kw=1.5). A gain of 567 kw renewable electricity.

(12) In another aspect there is provided a solar power system with electric engine apparatus for producing electricity which is or can be delivered to the user for direct use(s), stored in storage power by charging the main battery pack, which preferably comprises: (a) a solar power system which has one or more solar energy receivers and produces electrical power from the solar energy; (b) one or more power storage elements which receive and store at least a portion of the electrical power produced by the solar power system; and (c) an electric engine generator that generates required power for use(s) as needed, and charging the main battery pack.

(13) The electric engine system preferably comprises: (i) a stator **201** which receives electrical power from the main battery pack **211** which is charged by PM generator **205**. The stator **201** having a motor shaft **202** extending therefrom which is driven by the stator **201**, (ii) a PM generator **205** which generates electrical power delivered to distribution panel **207** for direct use(s), the PM generator **205** having a generator shaft **204** extending therefrom which drives the PM generator **205**, (iii) a gear assembly **203** which links the motor shaft **202** with the generator shaft extend **204** and causes the generator shaft to rotate at a rotational speed which is different from the rotational speed of the motor shaft, and (iv) an automatic transfer switch panel, ATS panel, used in combination with the generator to automate the switch between the main solar power system and the generator when the solar energy is not available, start or stop the electric engine generator **200** to run or shutdown.

(14) Further aspects, features, and advantages of the present invention will be apparent to those in the art upon examining the accompanying drawings and upon reading the following Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments.

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## Description

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

(1) FIG. **1** schematically illustrates an embodiment 100 & 200 of the Solar Power System with Electric Engine provided by the present invention.

(2) FIG. 2 schematically illustrates an embodiment 100 & 200 of the Solar Power System with Electric Engine-Automatic Transfer Switch panel provided by of the present invention.

(3) FIG. 3 schematically illustrates an embodiment 100 & 200 of the Solar Power System with Electric Engine-Overall Performance provided by of the present invention.

(4) FIG. 4 schematically illustrates an embodiment 201 of the basic electric components of an AC motor provided by the present invention.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

(5) When the sunshine touches solar panels, energy from the sunlight is absorbed by the PV cells in the panel. This energy creates electrical charges that move in response to an internal electrical field in the cell, causing electricity to flow. During the night and when sunshine is not available, the system does not produce electricity.

(6) The inventive solar power system with electric engine preferably comprises a new or existing solar power system **100**, an electric engine assembly **200**, a main battery pack **211**, and an ATS panel **110**.

(7) As seen in FIG. 1, the solar power system **100** preferably comprises: one or more solar panels or other solar energy receiver(s) **101**; a charger controller **103** fed by a line **102** from the solar panel(s) **101**; a power storage **108**, fed by line **107** from the charge controller **103**; an inverter **105** fed by line **104** from the charge controller **103**; a distribution panel **207** fed by line **106** to the user of (i.e., the device(s) and/or system(s) using) the electrical power; and the power storage **108** being fed by line **107** from the charge controller **103**.

(8) As seen in FIG. 1, the electric engine assembly **200** for the solar power system **100** preferably comprises: a stator **201** which receives power via a feed line **216** from the battery pack **211**; a drive shaft **202** of the rotary motor **201** which links to a gear box **203**; a PM electrical generator **205**; a generator power shaft **204** which extends from the gear box **203** to the generator **205**; and a line **206** which delivers electrical power from the generator **205** to the distribution panel **207**.

(9) The electric engine assembly **200** preferably further comprises a stator switch **215** fed in by ATS **110** via line **111** for running the electric engine system when solar energy is not available.

(10) In the inventive system, the solar power system **100**, a maximum power point tracking, MPPT, solar charge controller device **103** regulates the amperage and voltage that is delivered to distribution **207** and any excess power is delivered to the power storage **108**. An automatic transfer switch panel, ATS panel **110**, is typically installed so that it connects to charger control **103** via line **109** and to stator switch **215** via line **(111)** to start the electric engine generator when solar energy is not available and stop electric engine generator when solar energy is available.

(11) As seen in FIG. 1, the solar power system **100** sends power to distribution panel **207** via line **106** from charger controller **103** that delivers power to the user for one or more use(s), and to storage power **108** via line **107**, when sunshine energy is available.

(12) As seen in FIG. 1, the electric engine **200** sends power to the distribution panel **207** via line **206** from PM generator **205** that delivers power the user for one or more use(s) and to the battery pack **211** via line **210** from charger **209** that charges from generator **205** via line **208** to keep the battery fully charged, and to supply power to the stator **201** via line **216** when the sunshine energy is not available.

(13) PM generator **205** produces electrical power which is delivered to distribution panel **207** and then to the user for one or more use(s), the PM generator **205** having a generator shaft extending **204** therefrom which drives the PM generator **205**. Gear assembly **203** links the rotary motor shaft **202** extending therefrom with the generator shaft **204** and causes the generator shaft **204** to rotate at a rotational speed which is different from the rotational speed of the motor shaft **202**.

(14) Thus, the present invention is well adapted to carry out the objects and attain the ends and advantages mentioned above as well as those inherent therein. While presently preferred embodiments have been described for purposes of this disclosure, numerous changes and

modifications will be apparent to those in the art. Such changes and modifications are encompassed within the invention as defined in the claims.

## Claims

1. An apparatus for producing and storing electrical energy comprising: a solar power system which has one or more solar energy receivers and produces electrical power from the solar energy; a delivery system which delivers at least a portion of the electrical power produced by the solar power system to one or more electrically powered devices and/or systems; one or more power storage devices which receives and stores at least a portion of any of the electrical power produced by the solar power system which is not delivered to the one or more electrically powered devices and/or systems; an electrical power generator system which comprises a battery pack, a stator which receives electrical power from the battery pack to rotate a multi pole, induction, or permanent magnetic (PM) rotary motor, the rotary motor having a motor shaft extending therefrom which is driven by the rotary motor, a multi pole, induction, or PM electrical generator which generates electrical power, at least a portion of the electrical power generated by the electrical generator being delivered to the one or more electrically powered devices and/or systems and at least a portion of any of the electrical power generated by the electrical generator which is not delivered to the one or more electrically powered devices and/or systems being delivered to charge the battery pack, the electrical generator having a generator shaft extending therefrom which drives the electrical generator, and a gear assembly which links the motor shaft with the generator shaft and causes the generator shaft to rotate at a rotational speed which is different from a rotational speed of the motor shaft; and an automatic transfer switch (ATS) which starts the electrical power generation system when solar energy is not available and stops the electrical power generation system when solar energy is available.
  2. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising the electrical power generation system including an inverter which converts direct current power from the battery pack to alternating current, three phase electrical power which is received by the stator.
  3. The apparatus of claim 2 further comprising the alternating current, three phase electrical power received by the stator from the inverter being a three phase, 400 volt, 15 amp alternating current.
  4. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising the rotary motor being a permanent magnetic (PM) rotary motor.
  5. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising the electrical generator being an alternating current, 3 phase, multi pole, induction, or permanent magnetic (PM) electrical generator.
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