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Introduction

Concentrated solar power (CSP) is an important building block in installing a secure, competitive and sustainable energy system.

Advanced materials solutions for NEXT generation high efficiency concentrated solar power (CSP) TOWER systems (NEXTOWER) project is a four-year research and development project, funded by the European Commission, which aims at demonstrating high-performance durable materials for the next generation of concentrated solar power (CSP) air-based tower systems, making them commercially competitive in the energy market beyond 2020.

NEXTOWER comprises two main parts: steel and ceramic. The main objective related to ceramic is to develop new mechanically tough and highly thermally conductive ceramic receivers, working under extreme thermal cycling without failure at a maximum operating temperature of up to 1 400 °C and delivering up to 25 years of continued operation.

A general objective in NEXTOWER is the exploitation and standardization, addressing the integration of NEXTOWER in the standardization system.

Some of the results obtained in NEXTOWER regarding the use of advanced ceramics are:

1. Innovative ceramic for high-temperature open volumetric receivers based on all-SiC honeycomb manufactured by a mix of extrusion and slip casting through re-crystallization SiC more resistant to oxidation; better ceramics for high-temperature receivers, with superior thermal properties and reliability. Ceramic receivers optimized for oxidation, in terms of porosity and strength.
2. Innovative ceramic for high-temperature open volumetric receivers based on more flexible siliconized silicon carbide (Si-SiC) multiparts made by additive manufacturing (3D printing), especially designed for higher toughness, higher thermal conductivity and thermal shock resistance through a more open structure, with an optimized joining technique, improving lifetime and avoiding interfacial cracking.
3. Coating and surface treatments to improve thermomechanical properties and emissivity.
4. Proposal to amend ISO 18755 “Fine ceramics (advanced ceramics, advanced technical ceramics) – Determination of thermal diffusivity of monolithic ceramics by laser flash method”.
5. This CWA defines a methodology for testing the performance of the material ceramic materials and will be one of the standardization results. Both the standards community and NEXTOWER partners will benefit from it.

1 Scope

This document defines the requirements, operation and analysis for high temperature accelerated ageing of ceramic specimens for solar receivers and other applications under concentrated solar radiation, reaching a solar concentration up to 1 MW/m² peak and temperatures up to 1 400 °C.

This document also describes the structural and resistance post analysis of the irradiated samples.

2 Normative references

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