



Thermoelectric Wood Stoves

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- ✓ 501c3 nonprofit
- ✓ Promotes clean & efficient biomass heaters
- ✓ National voice for wood heat consumers
- ✓ Hosts design competitions
- Encourages transparency from manufacturers and regulators



- 4th Wood Stove Design Challenge
 - 3rd Week of November 2018
 - National Mall in Washington DC
- Two Competition Categories:
 - Automated stoves
 - Thermoelectric stoves









2018 Thermoelectric Stove Challenge

- Huge potential for thermoelectric power to supplement winter time solar energy production.
- Homes in Northern hemisphere produce large amounts of wood heat exactly when homes and the grid need electricity.
- NREL estimates typical solar panels in VT make 571 kWh in summer and 191 kWh in winter.
- Efficient thermoelectric generation is still in early stages. Raising efficiency and lowering cost just like solar PV did is the challenge.



Thank you!

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The national trade association for the modern wood heating industry.

Engage in technical codes and standards development, public advocacy, and education.

100+ members and associates across the US and Canada:

- Fuel Producers
- Manufacturers
- Sellers
- Installers
- Service Providers
- Universities
- Non-profits & NGOs
- Government agencies







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What we provide

- 25 years of Thermoelectric experience
- Library of custom components
- Application specific DC to DC Charge Controllers
- Largest inventory of Semi-conductor material modules

Discussion of Thermoelectric Power Generation

Managing Thermal Resistance

When designing a system it breaks down into 3 thermal resistances R1 =Hot Side R2 = Module R3 =Cold Side **Optimal design is when** R1 = R2 = R3

Management of Thermal Resistances

Optimum Design Parameters



TEG Thermal Ranges and Efficiency

Material	Temp Range	Efficiency
BiTe TEG 1 Series	50C to 300C, sweet spot 200C to 280C	3% best
BiTe PbTe TEG1 Hybrid	200C to 310C, sweet spot 260C to 290C	4% best
PbTe/PbTe TEG1 sealed	400C to 575C, sweet spot 350C to 575C	6% best
PbTe/TAGS Series	400C to 600C, sweet spot 400C to 600C	12% best
CMO Oxide Series	650C to 900C, sweet spot 650C to 875C	3% best

Key Parameters for design!

- Heat source & temperature?
- Space considerations?
- Available cooling processes?
- Heat flow rate?
- Power requirements?
- Cost consideration?

Absorbing & Moving Heat Flux Rapidly

Hot side Best to Worst	Туре
	Hot Liquid Parallel Flow
	Heat Sink
	Heat Pipe
	Plate
Modules	Туре
	Depends upon Design ?
	Available amount of Heat?
Cold side	Туре
	Liquid Flow Parallel Flow
	Reservoir Thermosiphon
	Heat Pipe w/fan
	Heat Sink w/fan
	Heat sink natural convection
	Flat plate



Temperature Range VS Material

Thank You



Project Light Up!

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