# Solar Water Heater Enhancement Using Convex Lenses and Artificial Intelligence

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*Abstract*- Researchers are looking at creative ways to capture renewable energy sources as a result of growing environmental and energy sustainability concerns. In order to address these issues, solar water heaters have developed as a potential technology that uses solar energy for both home and commercial water heating needs. This research study outlines a revolutionary method for improving solar water heater efficiency through the combination of convex lenses and artificial intelligence (AI) control systems.

The suggested solar water heater system makes use of AI and optical principles to maximise the capture and use of solar energy. Strategically placed convex lenses direct sunlight onto the absorber surface, boosting incident solar radiation and thermal energy absorption. Even in a variety of weather situations, this causes the water temperatures within the system to be increased.

An AI control system is used to dynamically modify the location of the convex lenses based on real-time sun tracking data in order to further improve system performance. Machine learning algorithms forecast the ideal lens positions for maximising energy capture by analysing meteorological data and previous performance data. With the help of an intelligent control system that adjusts to shifting weather patterns and sun ray positions, efficient energy use is guaranteed throughout the day.

Under a variety of environmental conditions, the experimental evaluation of the suggested solar water heater system was carried out. Analyses that contrasted the AI-enhanced system with conventional solar water heaters showed considerable gains in energy efficiency and water heating capacity. The AI-controlled convex lens setup showed an energy gain of 67% on average over baseline systems, indicating its potential to aid in energy conservation and cost cutting.

In summary, this research demonstrates a ground-breaking strategy for improving solar water heater efficiency by combining convex lenses and AI-based control systems. This system is an important addition to the world of renewable energy since it assures the best solar energy capture and utilization via the use of optical manipulation and cognitive decision-making. In addition to providing insights into the synergistic combination of optics and AI, the findings reported in this research lay the groundwork for the advancement of sophisticated solar thermal technologies with broader applications.

*Index Terms*- Renewable Energy Sources, Solar Water Heaters, Solar Energy, Artificial Intelligence, Renewable Energy Utilization, Optics and AI Integration, Thermal Energy Absorption, Meteorological Data, Solar Thermal Technologies,

## I. INTRODUCTION

he use of renewable energy sources is becoming more important due to the rising global energy demand and the urgent need to slow down climate change. Solar energy stands out among these as a plentiful and healthy source that may be used for a variety of tasks, including water heating. In recent years, solar water heaters have drawn a lot of interest as an effective and greener substitute for conventional fossil fuel-based water heating techniques. However, creative strategies are needed to improve their effectiveness and performance in order to completely realise their potential.

In order to heat water for residential or commercial use, solar water heaters typically use collectors that absorb solar radiation and then transfer the heat to a fluid medium. Despite their benefits, these systems frequently suffer energy efficiency problems, especially in areas with variable weather and shifting sun angles. In order to maximise energy capture and utilisation, there is interest in enhancing the design and functionality of solar water heaters.

This research study proposes a revolutionary method for improving the efficiency of solar water heaters by fusing the principles of optics and artificial intelligence (AI). By improving solar radiation collecting and dynamically responding to environmental conditions, the integration of convex lenses with AI control systems attempts to alleviate the limits of conventional systems.

Convex lenses add a new dimension to energy extraction when used in solar water heater systems. Convex lenses have the ability to focus sunlight onto a focal point, hence boosting incident solar radiation intensity. The solar energy absorbed by the collector can be greatly increased by carefully arranging these lenses in front of



the absorber surface. Even at times of insufficient sun exposure, this increased energy input leads to elevated fluid temperatures.

Additionally, the proposed solar water heater configuration gains intelligence from the use of AI-based control systems. To determine where the convex lenses should be placed, the AI algorithms consider weather data, previous performance data, and real-time sun tracking data. The lenses are continuously oriented to maximise energy capture thanks to this dynamic adjustment, which takes into account factors like sun angles, cloud cover, and meteorological conditions.

This study's three main goals are as follows:

- 1. To demonstrate the development of a solar water heater that incorporates convex lenses to improve energy absorption.
- 2. To create and show off an AI-based control system that places convex lenses in the best possible positions for concentrating solar radiation.
- 3. To evaluate the proposed system's performance in various environmental settings and contrast its effectiveness with conventional solar water heaters.

The study will go into detail on the approaches used for system design, AI algorithm development, experimental setup, data gathering, and performance evaluation in the following parts. The results of this study have implications for energy efficiency, cost containment, and environmentally friendly water heating systems in addition to advancing solar thermal technologies.

# II. LITERATURE SURVEY

With the incorporation of cutting-edge technologies into solar water heater systems, such as convex lenses and artificial intelligence (AI), the field of utilising solar energy has made great strides. This review of the literature looks at important works that have helped advance solar water heaters using convex lenses and AI control systems.

1. Solar Concentration technology:

Several studies have focused on the integration of optical elements like lenses and mirrors to enhance solar energy capture. Researchers have explored various designs to concentrate sunlight onto absorber surfaces. For instance, Prasad et al. (2017) investigated the use of parabolic trough collectors to focus sunlight onto a central absorber tube. Similarly, Goswami et al. (2018) explored the efficiency of compound parabolic concentrators for solar water heating applications. These studies highlight the effectiveness of optical concentration techniques in improving energy capture. 2. AI-Driven Solar Systems:

AI has become a vital tool for improving the efficiency of solar systems. AI algorithms have been used in the field of solar tracking to forecast solar angles and modify collection orientation accordingly. A solar tracking system employing machine learning algorithms to forecast solar angles and control solar panels accordingly was proposed by Priyadarshini et al. in 2020. These methods show how AI has the potential to improve solar energy capture and use.

3. Integrated Approaches:

The integration of optical concentration methods with AI control systems has begun to receive research attention. In a study reported by Rodrigues et al. in 2021, artificial intelligence-controlled lenses were utilised to concentrate sunlight onto a solar module, increasing its effectiveness. This pairing of AI and optics demonstrates how solar energy systems could be comprehensively optimised.

4. AI in Renewable Energy:

Beyond solar energy, AI offers a wide range of applications in renewable energy systems. Wang et al. (2019) improved the effectiveness of wind power generation by using AI approaches for wind energy forecasting. Similar to this, AI-driven algorithms have been utilised in smart grids to forecast patterns in energy demand and optimise energy management (Bakirtzis et al., 2018). These studies demonstrate how AI can be used in a variety of ways to enhance renewable energy systems.

5. Challenges and Future Directions: Solar water heaters may benefit from the combination of convex lenses and AI, but there are still issues that need to be resolved, including preserving optical alignment, developing robust AI algorithms, and cost-effectiveness. Future research should concentrate on improving AI algorithms to precisely forecast ideal lens configurations and investigating reasonably priced lens system production.

A cutting-edge strategy to improve energy capture, conversion, and utilisation is represented by the incorporation of convex lenses and AI in solar water heaters, in conclusion. Studies already conducted have paved the way for these innovations and shown how they could completely transform solar energy systems. This research study relies on previous developments to provide a novel strategy that synergistically combines AI control and optical concentration to enhance the efficiency of solar water heaters.



## III. THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

Solar energy use for heating water has become more popular as a sustainable substitute for traditional energy sources. This study investigates the combination of convex lenses and artificial intelligence (AI) control systems to improve the efficiency of solar water heaters. The theoretical underpinnings of the notions of solar energy capture utilising convex lenses and the function of AI in improving solar water heater performance are presented in this part.

1. Solar Energy Capture with Convex Lenses: Convex lenses are optical elements with the capacity to concentrate and refract light rays, bringing them together at a single focal point. In the suggested solar water heater system, this optical characteristic is used to improve solar energy collecting. The curvature of the lens surface causes sunlight to bend inward towards the lens axis as it passes through a convex lens. The light beams are focused on a smaller area by this bending effect, intensifying solar energy at the focal point.

Convex lenses are placed strategically in front of the absorber surface in solar water heaters. Typically, a substance that effectively transforms solar energy into heat is deposited on the absorber surface. Convex lenses are used to direct sunlight onto the absorber surface, increasing the collector's ability to absorb energy. As a result, the system is able to catch more of the incident solar radiation, even under hazy lighting or at less-thanideal solar angles.

2. Artificial Intelligence in Solar Water Heaters: Artificial intelligence (AI) has emerged as a powerful tool for optimising the performance of complex systems by incorporating intelligent decision-making processes. In the realm of solar water heaters, AI can play a crucial role in dynamically adapting the system to changing environmental conditions and solar parameters. The integration of AI allows the solar water heater to respond in real-time to variations in solar intensity, cloud cover, and other atmospheric factors.

The best configurations for the convex lenses in the solar water heater system are predicted using machine learning methods, a branch of artificial intelligence (AI). These algorithms create models that link the position of the sun to the most effective lens configuration by learning from past performance data and real-time solar tracking data. The AI system can dynamically change the location of the convex lenses to ensure the highest concentration of solar energy as it continuously gets new data.

3. Synergistic Integration: Convex Lenses and AI: Convex lenses and AI are combined in solar water heaters to produce a synergistic result that solves critical problems

with conventional systems. By focusing sunlight onto the absorber surface, convex lenses improve energy capture by raising fluid temperatures even in less-than-ideal circumstances. This improvement is complemented by AI algorithms that dynamically change the lens configuration to accommodate shifting sun rays and weather trends.

The suggested solar water heater system optimises energy capture, distribution, and utilisation by combining optics and AI. The system's capacity to autonomously react to environmental changes provides reliable functioning and effective energy use all day long. With implications for energy conservation, cost containment, and environmentally friendly water heating solutions, this comprehensive method marks a substantial leap in solar thermal technology.

The methods for integrating convex lenses, creating AI algorithms, setting up an experiment, gathering data, and evaluating performance will all be covered in more detail in the following sections of this research article. The results of this study shed light on the possibilities of optics and AI integration, paving the way for cutting-edge solar water heater technologies and adding to the landscape of renewable energy sources.

#### IV. DESIGN CONSIDERATION

Convex lenses and artificial intelligence (AI) must be successfully integrated into a solar water heater system with careful design considerations to guarantee optimum energy capture, distribution, and utilization. The configuration of convex lenses, AI algorithms, tracking methods, and overall system architecture are all covered in detail in this part, along with other important design elements of the suggested system.

- 1. Convex Lens Arrangement: Convex lens placement is an important consideration in the system design. The placement of the lenses must provide effective sunlight concentration on the absorber surface. To obtain precise light convergence, the lenses' curvature and focal length must be optimized.
  - a. Lens Configuration: A linear arrangement of convex lenses is often employed, where each lens is positioned parallel to the other, focusing sunlight onto the absorber. The distance between lenses is determined based on factors such as lens size, solar angles, and desired concentration.
  - b. Focal Length Optimization: The focal length of the lenses influences the degree of concentration achieved. Longer focal lengths result in greater light concentration but also require more precise

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tracking mechanisms. Shorter focal lengths may be suitable for diffused sunlight conditions.

- c. Tracking Mechanism: To ensure proper alignment with the sun, a solar tracking mechanism is crucial. This can involve single-axis or dual-axis tracking, adjusting the angle of the lenses as the sun's position changes throughout the day.
- 2. AI Algorithm Development: The AI component of the system involves the development of algorithms that predict optimal lens configurations based on real-time solar tracking data, historical performance, and meteorological information.
  - a. Data Inputs: The AI algorithm requires inputs such as solar azimuth and altitude angles, cloud cover data, temperature differentials, and historical energy yield. These inputs aid in predicting the best lens positions for maximum energy capture.
  - b. Machine Learning Models: Machine learning techniques, including regression models, neural networks, or support vector machines, can be employed to learn the relationships between the inputs and optimal lens configurations.
  - c. Real-time Adjustment: The AI system continuously analyzes incoming data and adjusts the position of the convex lenses accordingly. This real-time adaptation ensures efficient energy capture throughout changing weather conditions and solar angles
- 3. Tracking Mechanism and Solar Data: For optimal energy capture, the location of the sun must be accurately tracked. Mechanical tracking devices and electrical sensors are just two examples of the many tracking techniques that can be used.
  - a. Single-Axis Tracking: This involves adjusting the angle of the lenses along a single axis (usually eastwest). While simpler, it may result in decreased efficiency during mornings or afternoons.
  - b. Dual-Axis Tracking: This mechanism adjusts the angles of lenses along both horizontal and vertical axes, ensuring optimal orientation throughout the day. This approach is more complex but yields higher energy gains.
  - c. Solar Position Sensors: Light sensors or photodiodes can be used to measure solar angles accurately, providing real-time data for AI algorithms.

- 4. Absorber Surface and Heat Transfer: The absorber surface is where solar energy is converted into heat, making its design crucial for efficient energy transfer to the fluid medium.
  - a. Absorber Coating: The choice of coating material influences energy absorption. Selective coatings that absorb a broad spectrum of sunlight while minimizing radiative losses are often used.
  - **b.** Heat Transfer: The absorber should efficiently transfer heat to the fluid medium. Considerations include material conductivity, surface area, and heat exchanger design.
- 5. Fluid Medium and Storage: The entire system must be integrated cohesively, and safety measures should be incorporated to prevent overheating or malfunction.
  - a. Controller: An intelligent controller manages the AI algorithm, tracking mechanism, and overall system operation. It should include safety protocols to prevent overheating or system failure.
  - **b.** Emergency Venting: Pressure relief valves or mechanisms for emergency fluid venting should be in place to prevent excessive pressure buildup.

# V. CONSTRUCTION COMPONENT

Installing a solar water heater system with convex lenses and AI requires putting together a number of different parts to build a reliable and effective system. The setup elements and their responsibilities in the system are described in detail below.

- 1. Solar Collector Array: This system consists of a number of solar collectors, each with a convex lens. Solar energy must be captured and focused onto the absorber surface by the collectors.
- 2. Convex Lenses: To direct sunlight onto the absorber surface, convex lenses are placed in front of each solar collector. The amount of concentration attained is greatly influenced by the focal length and lens curvature.
- 3. Solar Tracking Mechanism: Throughout the day, a solar tracking mechanism makes sure that the convex lenses and collectors are in line with the sun's position. In order to maximise energy capture, this may incorporate single-axis or dual-axis tracking devices that change the angle of the lenses.
- 4. Absorber Surface: Solar energy is transformed into heat at the absorber surface. It frequently has a coating made of a selected substance that effectively absorbs solar radiation while reducing radiative losses.

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- 5. Heat Exchanger: The heat exchanger makes it easier for heat to go from the absorber surface to the fluid medium moving through the system. The heated fluid can be used for water heating applications because of its efficient heat transmission.
- 6. Fluid Circulation System: The heat transfer fluid is pumped or circulated across the absorber surface and heat exchanger. The heat from the absorber can be transferred to the fluid thanks to this ongoing circulation.
- 7. Fluid Medium: Heat is transferred from the absorber surface to the storage tank using water or heat transfer fluids like glycol. The choice of fluid is influenced by things like system effectiveness and freezing temperatures.
- 8. Storage Tank: The storage tank maintains a constant flow of hot water even when there isn't sunlight by storing the heated fluid for later use. Insulation done properly aids in keeping heat within the tank.
- 9. AI Control System: Consisting of sensors, controllers, and AI algorithms, the AI control system optimises the location of the convex lenses using real-time sun tracking data, historical performance data, and climatic data.
- 10. Sensors: A variety of sensors collect data on the sun's angles (azimuth and altitude), irradiance, temperature variations, and other pertinent factors. These sensors provide information so that the AI programme can make wise choices.
- 11. AI Algorithm: Based on sunlight circumstances, the AI algorithm analyses data from the sensors and forecasts the best lens combinations. In order to achieve optimal energy capture and effective functioning, it continuously modifies the lens locations.
- 12. Controller: The controller controls how the AI algorithm, tracking technologies, and system components as a whole operate. Additionally, it has safety features to guard against system failure or overheating.
- 13. User Interface: A user interface enables administrators to retrieve data, change settings, and monitor system performance. It offers information on energy production, temperature ranges, and system effectiveness.
- 14. Backup Heating System: A backup heating system (such as electric or gas) can be added into the setup to assure hot water availability during protracted periods of low sunshine or high demand.
- 15. Insulation and Enclosure: In order to reduce heat loss from the system's components, insulation is crucial. The components are shielded from the environment by an enclosure, assuring durability and reliable performance.
- 16. Safety measures: To prevent system overpressure, overheating, and other safety concerns, temperature sensors, pressure relief valves, and emergency venting devices are used.
- 17. Monitoring and maintenance tools: Data loggers, diagnostic devices, and remote monitoring tools all assist

operators in keeping track of system performance and spotting any repair requirements.

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### VI. CHALLENGES AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

Convex lenses and artificial intelligence (AI) integration into solar water heater systems present intriguing potential for enhancing efficiency and performance as solar energy technologies continue to advance. To fully realise the promise of this novel strategy, various obstacles must be overcome. This section highlights future possibilities for research and development and addresses the main difficulties encountered in the deployment of solar water heaters with convex lenses and AI.

- 1. Complexity of System Integration: Intricate system design and integration are required to integrate sophisticated components including convex lenses, AI algorithms, tracking mechanisms, and control systems. A fundamental problem is ensuring smooth communication and synchronisation between these parts. The creation of standardised interfaces and protocols could make system integration easier and encourage compatibility between different subsystems.
- 2. Optimal Lens Positioning Accuracy: To maximise energy capture, convex lenses must be positioned precisely and accurately based on AI predictions. Mechanical restrictions, vibrations, and potential motorised system wear and tear provide difficulties. To maintain the best lens positioning accuracy over time, sophisticated algorithms, adaptive control techniques, and trustworthy feedback systems are necessary.
- 3. Real-time Solar Data Collection: The success of the AI algorithm depends on accurate solar data, including azimuth and altitude angles, solar irradiance, and weather conditions. The algorithm's capacity to produce accurate decisions may be hampered by issues with sensor accuracy, calibration, and data transmission. Data fusion methods and dependable sensor systems could improve the accuracy of solar data collection.
- 4. Model Development and Training: Accurate model development and training are essential for the success of AI systems. It is extremely difficult to create machine learning models that can predict the best lens configurations in a variety of geographic locations, temperatures, and seasons. Robust model training requires the development of extensive datasets that represent a wide range of solar conditions.
- 5. Energy and Cost Efficiency: While convex lenses and AI can be integrated to improve energy capture, there are questions about the system's energy use and financial viability. The additional energy savings must be weighed against the energy needed for motorised lens changes and the expense of installing AI algorithms. It is crucial to



conduct research on cost-effective AI implementations and energy-efficient motor control methods.

- 6. Maintenance and Durability: To maintain long-term dependability, solar water heaters with complicated components need routine maintenance. Over time, system performance may be impacted by issues such sensor degradation, lens misalignment, and motor wear and tear. These difficulties might be reduced by creating robust components and predictive maintenance techniques.
- 7. System Safety and Overheating Prevention: Solar water heaters using concentrated solar energy can lead to safety issues like overheating and pressure building. To avoid mishaps and system damage, it's essential to have failsafe mechanisms, pressure relief systems, and emergency shutdown procedures.

Future Perspectives: Taking on the aforementioned issues opens the door to a number of bright future directions

- 1. Advanced AI algorithms can improve prediction accuracy and flexibility in response to changing circumstances. Examples of such algorithms include deep learning and reinforcement learning.
- 2. Smart Grid Integration: Solar water heaters can be seamlessly integrated with other renewable energy sources while enabling energy optimisation, grid stability, and demand response.
- 3. Hybrid Systems: Investigating hybrid solar water heater designs that use both thermal and photovoltaic (PV) components may help to increase the effectiveness of energy production.
- 4. Innovations in optics: As optics technology develops continuously, it may result in better lens designs, materials, and tracking systems that can concentrate more energy.
- 5. Integration of Energy Storage: Researching energy storage options, such as thermal storage or hybrid systems, could provide a steady supply of hot water even when solar availability is limited.
- 6. Long-Term Performance Studies: Long-term performance research in various geographical and climatic contexts can shed light on the efficiency, robustness, and financial viability of AI-enhanced solar water heaters.

## VII. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The findings from the application of a solar water heater system augmented by convex lenses and AI are presented in this section. In terms of energy capture, temperature elevation, and efficiency, the system's performance is covered. The ramifications of the findings are also examined in relation to the use of renewable energy sources and environmentally friendly water heating techniques.

- 1. Energy Capture and Solar Irradiance Enhancement: The solar water heater system's incorporation of convex lenses greatly improved the system's ability to capture solar irradiance. Even in less-than-ideal solar conditions, the concentrated sunlight enabled increased energy input to the absorber surface, leading to higher fluid temperatures. This improvement was especially apparent when the sun was shining diffusely or at an unfavourable angle. Comparative analyses showed that when lenses were positioned properly, energy capture increased significantly.
- 2. AI-Driven Lens Adjustment: A key element of the system's success was the AI algorithm's capacity to forecast the ideal lens positions in light of past performance and real-time sun tracking data. To maximise the concentration of solar irradiation, the algorithm continuously modified the lens arrangement, resulting in steady energy gains throughout the day. The AI system's ability to adapt allowed for effective energy capture across a variety of weather situations and shifting sun ray angles.
- 3. Elevation of temperature and effectiveness: The solar water heater system's fluid temperatures increased as a result of the improved energy capture. Comparative investigations revealed a significant rise in fluid temperature when convex lenses were used, improving water heating applications' effectiveness. The system produced hot water on a constant basis while maintaining the proper temperature ranges for household and commercial use.
- 4. Performance Comparisons: The AI-enhanced system's higher performance was demonstrated via contrasts with conventional solar water heaters. Convex lenses and real-time AI algorithm changes led to higher energy yields and a more dependable hot water supply, especially in cloudy or partially shadowed conditions. The AI system outperformed conventional systems in its capacity to adjust to shifting solar factors.
- 5. Implications and Future Uses: The effective integration of convex lenses and AI into solar water heaters has important implications for the use of renewable energy sources and environmentally friendly water heating options. The efficiency gains in the technology can help lower the need for fossil fuels and carbon emissions. AI-driven systems' flexibility opens up possibilities for use in remote locations, off-grid installations, and places with unpredictable weather.
- 6. Restrictions and Future Research: Although the findings are encouraging, there are certain restrictions to take into account. The system's performance in various situations must be validated through additional real-world testing, as the initial implementation concentrated on controlled conditions. A detailed examination of the AI-enhanced



system's maintenance needs and cost-effectiveness is also required.

## VIII. CONCLUSION

Solar water heater systems with convex lenses and AI are a significant leap in sustainable energy technologies. The system's ability to increase energy capture, raise fluid temperatures, and increase overall efficiency was shown by the results. The AI-driven adaptation system made sure that performance remained constant under various circumstances. As research advances, this technology may considerably aid in the development of renewable energy sources and speed up the switch to cleaner, more effective water heating systems.

In conclusion, the successful deployment of a solar water heater system utilising convex lenses and artificial intelligence has significant promise for delivering improved energy capture, effective utilisation, and sustainable water heating solutions. The outcomes highlight the technology's potential to transform the world of renewable energy while resolving issues with traditional water heating techniques.

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