

What is techno-economic assessment of solar thermal systems?

Techno-economic assessment of solar thermal systems The techno-economic analysis of solar systems is an unavoidable stage to assess the systems' performance from energetic and economic perspectives, and it is of great interest to provide the stakeholders with sufficient information for their decision-making.

How do you determine the performance of a solar thermal power plant?

The performance of solar thermal power plants can be assessed by means of the power plant's capacity factor (CF), which is defined as the ratio of the annual produced electrical energy (AEP) to the maximum electrical output if the plant worked at full capacity during a given period (NCP).

Is solar thermal energy a suitable solution for process heat applications?

Heat energy is preferred as compared to electrical energy to meet the energy requirement of various applications in the process industries. Therefore, the solar thermal energy system is considered to be one of the attractive solutions for producing thermal energy for process heat applications.

What are the industrial applications of solar thermal energy?

In this article, an extensive review of various solar thermal energy technologies and their industrial applications are presented. The following industries are covered: power generation, oil and gas, pulp & paper, textile, food processing & beverage, pharmaceutical, leather, automotive, and metal industries.

How to integrate solar thermal energy systems with industrial processes?

The integration of solar thermal energy systems with the industrial processes mainly depends on the local solar radiation, availability of land, conventional fuel prices, quality of steam required, and flexibility of system integration with the existing process.

Is solar thermal power generation better than solar PV?

In the world of renewable power generation technologies, solar thermal power generation faces stiff competition from solar PV and wind energy systems. The latter two systems are not just more technologically mature, but also cheaper than the former.

This study aims to assess the technical and economic potential of concentrating solar power (CSP) generation in India. The potential of CSP systems is estimated on the basis ...

The CEF of the solar thermal power generation plant analyzed in this study are compared with that of a coal-fired power generation plant, which is reported to have the highest environmental ...

Supercritical carbon dioxide (sCO₂) Brayton cycle offers the potential of higher thermal efficiency and lower

costs of electricity generation for concentrated solar power (CSP) ...

Realistic assessment of utilization potential of solar energy for thermal power generation and identification of niche areas/locations for this purpose is critically important for ...

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The utilization of solar energy mainly focuses on photovoltaic (PV) power generation, solar thermal conversion and green buildings [3, 4]. ... a new annual power generation assessment ...

Based on the environmental impact characteristics of solar thermal power plant, global warming emissions such as CO₂, NO_x, CO, and acidification emissions such as SO₂, and NO_x in the life cycle of the power plant are quantified and ...

This work is intended as a guide for the design of solar thermal tower plants based on a microchannel radial receiver refrigerated by a pressurised gas, and coupled to a supercritical CO₂ power cycle. The work ...

According to the 2014 technology roadmap for Solar Thermal Electricity [1], the solar thermal electricity will represent about 11% of total electricity generation by 2050. In this ...

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Therefore, this study explains the structure of a solar thermal power plant with a thermal storage system and analyzes its main energy flow modes to establish a self-operation ...

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