

Can intermittent solar energy convert CO<sub>2</sub> into liquid fuels?

The conversion of CO<sub>2</sub> into liquid fuels, such as formate and methanol, using intermittent solar energy presents an alluring opportunity owing to their potential for fuels with high-energy densities, ease of storage and transportation, and the potential to support the sustainable production of commodity chemicals in the post-fossil fuel era (70).

What is the Sun-to-LIQUID project?

The Sun-to-LIQUID project aims to scale-up and experimentally demonstrate the complete process chain to solar liquid fuels from H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> at a pre-commercial size. This involves moving from a 4 kW setup in the laboratory to a 50 kW pre-commercial plant in the field.

What is a liquid crystal solar cell?

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Can Sun-to-liquid cover future fuel consumption?

Their feasibility to meet the global fuel demand and their environmental impact are controversial. In contrast, SUN-to-LIQUID has the potential to cover future fuel consumption as it establishes a radically different non-biomass non-fossil path to synthesize renewable liquid hydrocarbon fuels from abundant feedstocks of H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub> and solar energy.

What is the sun-to-liquid process?

The Sun-to-Liquid process is a breakthrough method to produce renewable synthetic fuel from CO<sub>2</sub>, water, and sunlight. It comprises a set of versatile technologies, including a mirror field, solar receiver, thermochemical reactor, and thermal energy storage.

What factors affect solar energy return?

Materials, initial energy requirements, and estimates of the annual net energy for the plant came from an initial study. A key finding was that the most significant factors affecting the energy returned on energy invested are the solar-to-hydrogen efficiency and panel lifetime.

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for transitioning the energy system in the Sub-Saharan Africa region. A summary of this report titled as "Scaling up renewable energy deployment in Africa: Impact overview" was released at the Ninth Session of the IRENA Assembly in Abu Dhabi on 10 January 2019 during the "Africa Ministerial Meeting: Scaling

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solar to their energy mix. While Scaling Solar is a World Bank Group product, it works in partnership with a number of other entities, bringing additional financing support from the Private Infrastructure Development Group, the UK's Department for International Development, USAID's Power Africa, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, and the Ministry of Foreign ...

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Detailed scale-up and constraint analyses and a commercial exploitation of the solar-thermochemical fuel technology strategy complement the key objectives for the way forward. Through a 48-months 5.7-MEuros valued action, SUN-to-LIQUID II will demonstrate on-sun the viability of the integrated solar fuel pathway on a 50-kW scale, and will create a conceptual ...

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