

The latest information on solar thermal power generation technology

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.

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.

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.

What is solar thermal plant?

Solar thermal plant is one of the most interesting applications of solar energy for power generation. The plant is composed mainly of a solar collector field and a power conversion system to convert thermal energy into electricity.

Are solar thermal power plants a good idea?

Solar thermal power plants benefit from free solar energy for clean electricity production with low operational cost and greenhouse gases emissions. However, the major hurdle for developing these plants is the intermittence of solar energy leading to a mismatch of energy production with the energy demand.

How does a solar thermal plant work?

A solar thermal plant can utilise the infrared and a small part of the visible spectrum. This energy is absorbed and used to raise the temperature of a heat transfer fluid. However, most of the visible light energy is rejected in a solar thermal plant.

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