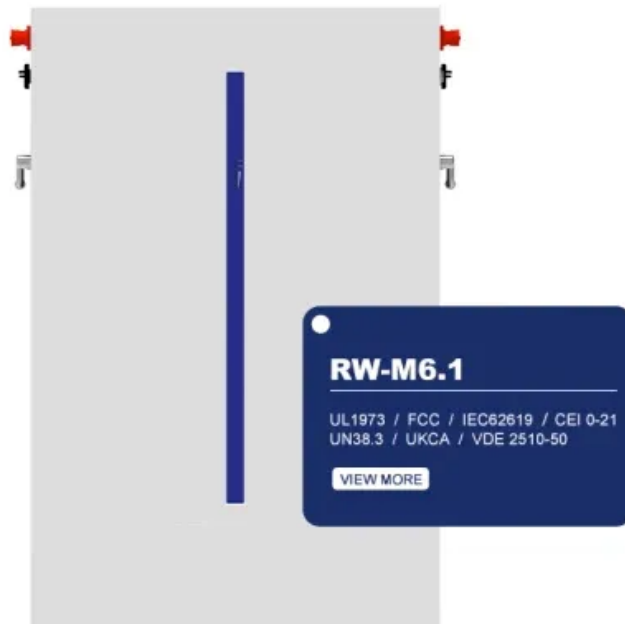


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Solar thermal power generation technology overview



Overview

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 is solar thermal energy?

solar thermal energy (STE)Solar. the conversion of the radiant energy from the sun into heat, which can then be used for such purposes as space and hot water heating, industrial process heat, or power generation. See below. solar thermal energy When a dark surface is placed in sunshine, it absorbs solar energy and heats up.

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 solar thermal energy collectors?

Solar thermal energy collectors are special kind of heat exchangers that convert solar radiation into thermal energy through a transport medium and/or moving fluid. From: Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews, 2012 You might find these chapters and articles relevant to this topic. M. Asif, inEncyclopedia of Sustainable Technologies, 2017.

How solar thermal system can be used in process industry?

The solar thermal system can be integrated with the central steam/hot water supply system of the process industry (Fig. 2). Apart from power generation and process heating, the solar thermal system can also be used for various

applications such as air-conditioning, space heating, cooling, cooking desalination, etc. (Kalogirou, 2004). 4.1.

What are the different types of solar energy conversion technologies?

Solar energy conversion technologies may be broadly classified into solar photovoltaic (PV) and solar thermal energy systems. Solar PV systems convert solar radiation into electricity directly and thermal systems convert solar radiation into heat.

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