

Are thermochemical cycles suitable for hydrogen production using solar energy?

Research on thermochemical cycles, solar energy, and thermal storage are reviewed. Combinations of thermochemical cycle, solar energy, and thermal storage are given. Cu-Cl and S-I cycles are suitable for hydrogen production using solar energy. Composition, operation, performance, and application of the system is summarized.

Can a two-step thermochemical cycle be used for solar fuel production?

In this review, we present the working principles of a two-step thermochemical cycle for solar fuel production and discuss the current technological challenges hindering such technology's further development towards large-scale application, such as severe operating conditions and low solar-to-fuel efficiency.

What is solar thermochemical fuel production?

The essence of solar thermochemical fuel production is to convert solar energy into chemical energy, which is stored in sustainable fuel carriers, such as H₂ and CO. The sunlight is firstly tracked and concentrated into dense solar radiation power, which serves as a high-temperature heat supply to drive the thermochemical reaction.

How much does a solar thermochemical water-splitting cycle cost?

Moreover, existing design ideas, schemes, and performances of solar thermochemical water-splitting cycles are summarized. The energy efficiency of the solar thermochemical water-splitting cycle is 15-30%. The costs of the solar Cu-Cl and S-I hydrogen production systems are 1.63-9.47 \$/kg H₂ and 5.41-10.40 \$/kg H₂, respectively.

What are two-step solar thermochemical cycle systems?

A review of two-step solar thermochemical cycle systems including materials, reactors and solar concentrating systems. The idea of mutual selection of solar reactor and oxidized reduced material. Energy loss and consumption analysis at the reactor level and reactor design considerations.

What is the system composition design for the solar Cu-Cl cycle?

A summary of the system composition design for the solar Cu-Cl cycle is presented in Fig. 13. Scholars have used solar energy and various renewable energy sources for hydrogen production. Hydrogen is produced along with electricity, heating, and cooling, and desalination technology is used to produce fresh water.

In the previous decade, ORC has received wide concerns from the research community mainly focusing on working fluid, control strategies, system optimization, component design, and the improvement of cycle configuration [82], [83], [84], and significant advancement of solar-ORC power production systems [85], [86]. For solar-ORC systems, a ...

The present work deals with a novel configuration of four cycles such as steam gas cycles and an organic Rankine cycle and a biogas Brayton cycle and a solar Brayton cycle are introduced for recovering energy from hot exhaust gas and its simulation and optimization are discussed. Also, a carbon-amine adsorption system has been utilized for separating and ...

Hydrogen produced in solar TCC can be directly used as a fuel, but it is also possible to obtain synthesis gas by one of the three possible pathways [11]: H production ...

The Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC) is a widely utilized technology for generating electricity from various sources, including geothermal energy, waste heat, biomass, and solar energy. Harnessing solar radiation to drive ORC is a promising renewable energy technology due to the high compatibility of solar collector operating temperatures with the thermal ...

Humanity is facing the challenge of reducing its environmental impact. For this reason, many specialists worldwide have been studying the processes of production and efficient use of energy. In this way, developing cleaner and more efficient energy systems is fundamental for sustainable development. The present work analyzed the technical feasibility of a solar ...

An integrated solar thermochemical system is proposed for producing power, hydrogen, and steam. The system includes a pressurized cavity solar power tower system, PCM tank, gas turbine unit, Cu-Cl thermochemical cycle, Rankine cycle, and heat recovery units. Thermodynamic performance of the system is investigated using energy and exergy analyses.

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In order to pursue clean, low-carbon, safe, and efficient energy utilization and accelerate the development of new energy, sustainability is the necessary research. In recent decades, solar power generation has rapidly ...

Haeussler et al. [10] achieved an average H_2/CO production of $280 \text{ Nm}^3/\text{cycle}$ with η solar-fuel up to 7.5% in 64 cycles with an oxidation temperature of $900 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and reduction temperature of $1400 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ In this paper, we propose a fuel production system with thermochemical cycles (TC) coupled with chemical-looping cycles (CLC). CLC can ...

Another innovation of this study is that it summarizes the design schemes and performances of existing solar thermochemical cycle hydrogen-production systems. This paper offers a crucial reference and guidance for design ideas toward high-efficiency, low-carbon emission, and large-scale solar thermochemical hydrogen production in the future.

Life cycle assessment (LCA) is a technique for assessing various aspects associated with development of a product and its potential impact throughout a product's life [4].LCA stage includes definition of goal and

scope, inventory analysis, impact assessment and interpretation of results as shown in Fig. 1 [5], [6], [7]. The goal and scope definition describes ...

In this study, a solar driven hybrid sulfur cycle system was designed, which promises to reduce CO₂ emissions. Fig. 2 demonstrates a schematic layout of the solar-powered multigeneration system. A thermochemical heat pump is integrated into the solar tower to upgrade the heat to approximately 800 °C. ... Multi-generation hydrogen production ...

The solar Organic Rankine Cycle system seems to be one of the most reliable renewable energy-based technologies to satisfy major energy demands. ... The RC is the most frequent and cost-effective power production cycle for converting solar thermal energy into electricity [12]. The ORC seems to be one of the most favourable and promising ...

Rankine and Stirling cycles are used in high temperature solar systems, which use heliostat and parabolic dish technologies. Finally, other shaft power generation systems based on solar energy, referred to in the literature as solar-powered heat engines, have been proposed or implemented for very small systems mainly developed for water pumping.

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residential and utility-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. These LCAs have yielded wide-ranging results. Variation could be attributed to differences in technologies evaluated (i.e., differing system designs, commercial versus conceptual systems, system operating assumptions, technology improvements over time) and LCA methods and assumptions.

Solar thermochemical splitting cycle (TSC) technologies are applied to the water molecule or the carbon dioxide molecule to produce ...

The production process and consumption process of carbon dioxide exist simultaneously in the coal-driven solar thermochemical cycle system. The production of carbon dioxide occurs through the reduction process in the thermochemical cycle, where carbon monoxide aids in reducing metal oxygen carriers, resulting in the production of carbon dioxide.

The present system consists of a thermochemical copper-chlorine (Cu-Cl) hydrogen production plant, a geothermal system, a trilateral ammonia Rankine cycle power plant, a multi-effect distillation (MED) desalination unit, a parabolic trough collector (PTC) concentrated solar power (CSP) system with thermal energy storage (TES), and a ...

This paper presents a novel dynamic simulation model for assessing the energy performance of solar-driven systems employed in green hydrogen production. The system consists of a parabolic dish collector that focuses

solar radiation on two cerium-based thermochemical reactors. ... As results of these eighteen redox cycles, H₂ and CO production ...

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The obtained results show that renewable systems originating from solar energy significantly reduce hydrogen production costs. Also, hydrogen production using solar energy-based systems is significantly dependent on environmental parameters such as temperature. Accurate setting of these parameters can increase the efficiency of the system.

Here, we propose a high-efficiency solar thermochemical cycling system assisted by reducing gas for hydrogen production and establish a thermo-kinetic model for isothermal pressure-swing cycles. Carbon monoxide is introduced into the reduction reaction as the reducing gas, chemically facilitating a decrease in Gibbs free energy associated with ...

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As the million-ton coal to oil system and solar thermochemical cycle hydrogen production process are still in the development stage, there are few relevant economic reports in the literature [13]. The economic advantages of solar thermochemical or photovoltaic water electrolysis for hydrogen production are lower compared with the low price of ...

The study introduces a new system setup comprising parabolic solar dish collectors, an absorption chiller, a steam Rankine cycle to harness energy from turbine exhaust gas, and a compressed air energy storage unit for combined power, cooling, and heating production.

Although the ISCC system is an efficient power generation technology, it is still facing several obstacles to safe operation and stable power supply caused by the intermittence of solar energy [17, 18] integrating solar field with the bottom cycle, the output power of the bottom cycle will be increased with the rising of solar energy input [19]. ...

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The study also highlights the future potential of integrating solar thermal (CSP) with an organic Rankine cycle (ORC) system for waste heat recovery in hydrogen production. The sensitivity analysis provides the importance of capacity factor, levelized cost of hydrogen, capital expenditure and discount rate in influencing production costs.

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