

High-Temperature Resistant Off-Grid Solar Container for Cement Plants





Overview

This work describes the implementation of concentrated solar energy for the calcination process in cement production. Approach used for providing solar energy includes the utilisation of a solar tower sy.

Can solar energy be used in cement manufacturing?

Gonzalez and Flamant (2013) designed a hybrid model that uses solar and fossil fuel energy to fulfill the thermal energy requirement for cement manufacturing. Concentrated solar thermal (CST) is a potential replacement for 40%–100% of the thermal energy needed in a conventional cement plant.

Which cement plant is used for solar thermal application?

Location and DNI availability of the investigated plant A conventional cement plant (Kotputli Cement Works (KCW), an UltraTech Cement Limited manufacturing unit) at Kotputli, Jaipur, Rajasthan, was investigated for solar thermal application.

Can a solar power system save CO₂ in cement industry?

Concentrated solar power system is designed for cement industry. Substitution of required thermal energy ranging from 100% to 50% is studied. 7600 heliostats with 570 ha land required for 50% conventional energy replacement with solar energy. Selected conventional cement plant could save 419 thousand tons of CO₂ annually.

How a solar cement plant is designed?

Solar cement plant was designed based on cement production and the Direct Normal Irradiation (DNI) data available at plant location. Total thermal energy and the amount of land needed for the solar cement factory were analysed. Additionally, total mirror surface, number of heliostats, and land requirement are estimated.



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