

Is steam methane reforming suitable for thermochemical energy storage?

Steam methane reforming is suitable for thermochemical energy storage because of its large reaction enthalpy and high hydrogen content in reaction products. In this paper, heat transfer and storage performance of steam methane reforming in a tubular reactor heated by focused solar simulator is experimentally demonstrated and numerically analyzed.

Is steam methane reforming sustainable?

Steam methane reforming (SMR), the state-of-the-art means of hydrogen production, has yet to overcome key obstacles of high reaction temperature and CO<sub>2</sub> emission for sustainability.

What is steam methane reforming (SMR)?

While the cost of natural gas and other fossil fuels to produce hydrogen remains at a moderate level, steam methane reforming (SMR) will be the technology chosen for a large scale of synthesis gas and hydrogen production. The production of hydrogen from fossil fuels may allow a smooth transition between fossil to renewable energy systems.

How much does steam methane reforming cost?

At present, the most affordable route to H<sub>2</sub> remains steam methane reforming (SMR), which costs US\$1,750 t H<sub>2</sub>-1 (all in 2020 dollars) and has a thermal-to-H<sub>2</sub> efficiency (T<sub>2</sub>HE) of 71% (ref. 18) for a primary energy demand (PED) of 9.3 MWh heat t H<sub>2</sub>-1 (SMR plus RWGS heat of reaction at 800 °C).

Does steam methane reforming improve energy storage performance in a tubular reactor?

Energy storage performance of steam methane reforming in a tubular reactor is studied. According to the experimental results, high temperature thermal energy can be stored by steam methane reforming, and the thermochemical energy storage and sensible heat both have significant impacts.

How is methane converted from steam reforming to WGS?

Essentially full equilibrium shift of the steam reforming and WGS reactions (99.9% methane conversion) is accomplished by selectively extracting hydrogen along the reactor length. Methane is completely converted to high-purity hydrogen and wet CO<sub>2</sub> (98% selectivity towards CO<sub>2</sub>) in two separate gas streams.

various technologies and raw materials available today, hydrogen is mainly produced by steam reforming of natural gas. Technical data indicates that close to 50% of the global demand is generated via steam reforming of natural gas, 30% from oil/naphtha reforming from refinery/chemical industrial off-gases, 16% from coal

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Methane ( $\text{CH}_4$ ) is the major component of currently abundant natural gas and a prominent green-house gas. Steam reforming of methane (SRM) is an important technology for the conversion of  $\text{CH}_4$  into  $\text{H}_2$  and syngas. To improve the catalytic activity and coking resistance of SRM catalysts, great efforts (including the addition of promoters, development of advanced ...

While these reactions form the core of steam methane reforming, it's worth noting that other chemical transformations are possible. For instance, there's the intriguing prospect of "dry steam reforming," where  $\text{CO}_2$  replaces steam in the reaction:  $\text{CH}_4 + \text{CO}_2 = 2\text{CO} + 2\text{H}_2$ , involving an enthalpy of 247.3 kJ/mol. Additionally, methane can undergo ...

Jiang et al. [16] proposed a hydrogen production system based on solar energy driven thermo-chemical cycle steam methane reforming, in which solar heat is used to provide the endothermic reduction reaction and converted into solar fuel. Karapekmez et al. [17] developed a multi-generation system based on solar and geothermal energy.

energy storage problems: zero carbon emissions: low system efficiencies:  $\text{O}_2$  as a byproduct: ... photonic and electrical energies can be converted to chemical energy: requires a significant surface: ... In the frame of steam methane reforming process intensification, a highly active and stable catalyst based on rhodium with catalyst formulation ...

Global hydrogen production is dominated by the Steam-Methane Reforming (SMR) route, which is associated with significant  $\text{CO}_2$  emissions and excess process heat. Two paths to lower specific  $\text{CO}_2$  emissions in SMR hydrogen production are investigated: (1) the integration of  $\text{CO}_2$  capture and compression for subsequent sequestration or utilization, and ...

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Hydrogen is widely regarded as a sustainable energy carrier with tremendous potential for low-carbon energy transition. Solar photovoltaic-driven water electrolysis (PV-E) is a clean and sustainable approach of hydrogen production, but with major barriers of high hydrogen production costs and limited capacity. Steam methane reforming (SMR), the state-of-the-art ...

Chemical reaction of steam methane reforming The main principles. The main chemical reaction of steam methane reforming is:  $\text{CH}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{CO} + 3\text{H}_2$ . To occur in the "right" direction (production of  $\text{H}_2$ ), the

reaction requires an energy of +206kJ/mol. A nickel catalyst is used. This is the steam reforming operation.

For many decades, steam-methane reforming (SMR) has been, and still is, the technology of choice for the large-scale production of synthesis gas (syngas; a mixture of H<sub>2</sub> and CO), which is used for making a large number of chemicals, including ammonia, methanol, acetic acid, liquid fuels and more. When only H<sub>2</sub> is desired, such as for ammonia production, steel making and ...

Solar energy is an abundant renewable energy source, and the use of solar energy for carbon dioxide reforming of methane (CRM) is a promising thermochemical energy storage scheme, but the reactor using the traditional powder catalyst has the disadvantages of complex encapsulation and low energy storage efficiency.

methane for heating the steam reforming tubes is replaced by chemical-looping combustion, CO<sub>2</sub> can be captured without a costly and energy demanding gas separation process. An additional advantage with SMR-CLC is that the heat can be transferred to the steam reforming tubes using fluidized-bed Figure 1. Schematic of classical steam methane ...

1. Introduction. Thermochemical energy storage [1] has various advantages as high energy density and low heat loss. In renewable energy system, some chemical reactions can be used to storage intermittent energy and hydrogen production [2]. As one of the typical reactions for thermochemical energy storage, steam methane reforming has been widely studied [3] for ...

Steam-methane reforming is a widely used method of commercial hydrogen production. Steam-methane reforming accounts for nearly all commercially produced hydrogen in the United States. Commercial hydrogen producers and petroleum refineries use steam-methane reforming to separate hydrogen atoms from carbon atoms in methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) steam ...

Scheme 1 Hydrogen production via steam methane reforming; natural gas is desulphurized in a pre-treatment section. Some hydrogen is recycled back to the desulphurization section to allow the hydrogenation of carbonyl sulphide. The treated natural gas is then reformed with steam to produce an H<sub>2</sub>-rich syngas. The co-generation unit provides the superheated steam needed ...

Currently, hydrogen production is responsible for putting about 830m tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere (Rozyyev et al., 2019). Although the main commercial route to hydrogen production in the steam-methane reforming process, hydrogen can be also produced via electrolysis, thermolysis, biomass gasification, bio-catalysis or fermentative routes (Shamsudin ...

The present review focuses on the current progress on harnessing the potential of hydrogen production by Methane Steam Reforming (MSR). ... Sorption enhanced-chemical looping steam methane reforming: Optimizing the thermal coupling of regeneration in a fixed bed reactor. ... Heat transfer and energy storage performance of steam methane ...

At present, three main methodologies exist for transforming solar energy into hydrogen [10], such as photochemical, thermochemical [11] and electrochemical methods [12]. However, photochemical technology is not mature enough at present (efficiency is generally less than 5 %) [13], therefore, PV-water decomposition and methane reforming represents two ...

Many researchers focus on the catalyst performance for steam methane reforming. Hou et al. [6] developed a kinetic model for steam methane reforming over a commercial Ni/a-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst, and considered the effect of reverse water gas shift reaction. Halabi et al. [7] investigated low temperature catalytic steam methane reforming by using a ...

This research involved the implementation of steam-assisted dry reforming (SDR) on methane utilizing a CoMo/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoflake catalyst under microwave irradiation. The CoMo/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoflakes demonstrated superior catalytic activity for reforming reactions, attributed to their enhanced surface exposure to incident microwaves and heightened microwave ...

The development of efficient and compact reactors is an urgent need in the field of distributed hydrogen production. Steam reforming of methane is the main method to produce hydrogen. Aiming at the problems of high heat and mass transfer resistance of the existing fixed bed reactors, and the difficulty of replacing the wall-coated catalyst in the microreactors, a ...

Solar tower integrated with Thermal Energy Storage to drive steam methane reforming. ... The primary source of industrial hydrogen is steam methane reforming (SMR); however, this process is based on fossil fuels with massive carbon byproduct emissions. ... The chemical equations are considered at equilibrium, assuming that reactions occur ...

"Hydrogen as the energy carrier of the future" has been a topic discussed for decades and is today the subject of a new revival, especially driven by the investments in renewable electricity and the technological efforts done by high-developed industrial powers, such as Northern Europe and Japan. Although hydrogen production from renewable resources is still limited to small scale, ...

Currently, most hydrogen used in industrial processes is produced through a steam methane reforming (SMR) heterogeneous catalytic process, in which water and methane undergo a chemical reaction to produce syngas (CO and H<sub>2</sub>) [22]. Therefore, the use of SMR reaction to generate hydrogen is of positive significance to alleviate the energy shortage.

The methane steam reforming has become relevant in green energy technologies and it can be obtained from various natural feedstocks such as biomass [28] and biogas [29]. Steam reforming of methane is the world's most common hydrogen production method, although hydrogen can also be produced by the electrolysis of water.



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