

ENERGETICS

DENERG/SHELL - Optimal heat-transfer strategies, dynamic integration and cost–performance trade-offs of concentrating solar thermal (CST) H₂/syngas production

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Context of the research activity	Solar thermochemical fuel production.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Objective 1 – System-level design: Develop and assess alternative system configurations for indirectly heated thermochemical reactors, including HTF selection, heat-transfer strategies, and multi-reactor operation.ii. Objective 2 – Energy integration and optimization: Create operating and control strategies enabling continuous hydrogen production under transient solar conditions.iii. Objective 3 – Techno-economic feasibility: Produce detailed cost models, sensitivity analyses, and pathways toward scalable, dispatchable solar thermochemical fuel processes.
Skills and competencies for the development of the activity	Modeling of balance of plant structures for Chemical Looping. Techno-economic analysis.