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ASSESSMENT AND OPTIMIZATION OF A NOVEL SOLAR DUAL ORGANIC RANKINE CYCLE TRIGENERATION SYSTEM BASED ON EXERGY AND EXERGOCOECONOMIC ANALYSES

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This research proposes and models exergetically and economically the novel trigeneration system made up a dual organic Rankine cycle (DORC) integrated with the solar flat plates. The proposed system is undertaken to deliver electricity power, heating and cooling effects. The desired system is equipped with an ejector cooling cycle to provide the cooling load. In order to enhance the system operation, copper oxide (CuO) nanoparticles are utilized inside the heat transfer medium in the solar subsystem. The impacts of several substantial design parameters are evaluated on the annual exergy efficiency as well as the total product cost rate of the system for various insolation for each month. Two groups of working fluids namely R1234yf-R245fa and R423A-R236fa are applied inside the DORC. Sensitivity analysis implies that the increment of the ejector outlet pressure has a positive effect on both exergetic and cost performance of the system for all studied working fluids. Additionally, an evolutionary algorithm is used to find the optimum exergetic and economic performance of the system. Optimization results show that the annual exergy efficiency and the total product cost rate are improved within 24.4% and 11.8%, respectively for R1234yf-R245fa and they are modified by about 19.3% and 15.3%, respectively for R423A-R236fa.

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