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Solar thermal collectors can be easily integrated with thermal energy storages (sensible and latent heat storage), absorption and compression heat pumps (solar assisted heat pumps), water desalination plants, and thermal power plants. The integration of solar thermal systems with other renewable energy sources (geothermal, biomass, wind, etc.), but also with conventional technologies, based on the use of fossil fuels, represents a further interesting solution to improve the exploitation of renewable energy sources, mitigating the typical fluctuations of solar systems and dramatically improving their profitability. Such integrated systems can also provide important benefits on the path towards zero or nearly zero energy buildings, especially in case of building-integrated solar technologies (BIST).

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