

Are phase change materials suitable for thermal energy storage?

Volume 2, Issue 8, 18 August 2021, 100540 Phase change materials (PCMs) having a large latent heat during solid-liquid phase transition are promising for thermal energy storage applications. However, the relatively low thermal conductivity of the majority of promising PCMs ( $< 10 \text{ W/(m} \cdot \text{K)}$ ) limits the power density and overall storage efficiency.

How does phase change energy storage work?

Once the phase change energy storage material reaches its phase change temperature, it initiates the absorption and storage of thermal energy. In this energy storage process, the PCM draws in thermal energy from the surrounding environment, simultaneously stabilizing the temperature and accumulating a significant amount of latent heat energy.

What is a dual phase change material (PCM) system?

The dual phase change material (PCM) system exhibited notable temperature recovery for approximately 2000 s around the paraffin phase transition temperature, indicating effective thermal energy release. The combination of PCMs achieved the highest cumulative charge fraction (CCF) and energy storage efficiency, as well as the lowest energy loss.

How to analyze phase change energy storage systems?

Methods of Analysis Accurate evaluation and analysis of the thermal properties of materials are essential in the study of phase change energy storage systems. The study here employs a combined approach integrating energy and exergy analyses.

What is latent heat storage (LHS) based on phase change materials?

Among various thermal energy storages (TESs), latent heat storage (LHS) technology based on phase change materials (PCMs) has gained widespread attention from researchers in recent years due to its high energy storage capacity, simplicity of operation, and enormous potential, playing a key role in the development of sustainable energy.

Why are phase-change materials important in solar energy storage?

Thus, efficient energy storage is crucial for optimizing the effectiveness and dependability of renewable energy. Phase-change materials (PCMs) can play an important role in solar energy storage due to their low cost and high volumetric energy storage density.

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The primary aim of the research is to design and develop a novel phase change material thermal energy storage system for the domestic thermal energy storage application. The TES system ...

Typical phase change materials (PCMs) used as the storage media include paraffin waxes, esters, fatty acids and salt hydrates, eutectic salts, and water [9]. PCMs are ...

On the other hand, the heat storage performance is improved through optimizing the phase change heat storage device. The tubular, plate and special shape phase change ...

As evident from the literature, development of phase change materials is one of the most active research fields for thermal energy storage with higher efficiency. This review ...

This study investigates the potential of using phase change material (PCM) in a building using an air handling unit (AHU) assisted by solar energy. To further enhance the ...

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Thermal storage systems can be divided into sensible, phase-change, and chemical thermal storage systems [5]. Among them, phase change thermal storage can be ...

Solar energy is a renewable energy source that can be utilized for different applications in today's world. The effective use of solar energy requires a storage medium that can facilitate the ...

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