

Are phase change materials suitable for thermal energy storage?

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.

What is phase change energy storage technology?

Advanced phase change energy storage technology can solve the contradiction between time and space energy supply and demand and improve energy efficiency. It is considered one of the most effective strategies to utilize various renewable energy in energy saving and environmental protection.

What are the non-equilibrium properties of phase change materials?

Among the various non-equilibrium properties relevant to phase change materials, thermal conductivity and supercooling are the most important. Thermal conductivity determines the thermal energy charge/discharge rate or the power output, in addition to the storage system architecture and boundary conditions.

Are SS-PCMs a new composite phase change material?

Therefore, extensive research mainly focuses on the shape-stable PCMs (ss-PCMs) as new composite phase change materials. SS-PCMs are usually composed of PCMs and porous materials, in which PCMs are used for thermal energy storage, and porous materials are used as shape stabilizers and thermal conductivity enhancers.

What are the selection criteria for thermal energy storage applications?

In particular, the melting point, thermal energy storage density and thermal conductivity of the organic, inorganic and eutectic phase change materials are the major selection criteria for various thermal energy storage applications with a wider operating temperature range.

How much research has been done on phase change materials?

A thorough literature survey on the phase change materials for TES using Web of Science led to more than 4300 research publications on the fundamental science/chemistry of the materials, components, systems, applications, developments and so on, during the past 25 years.

Currently, solar-thermal energy storage within phase-change materials relies on adding high thermal-conductivity fillers to improve the thermal-diffusion-based charging rate, which often leads to limited enhancement of charging speed and sacrificed energy storage capacity. Here we report the exploration of a magnetically enhanced photon ...

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National Standard for Phase Change Energy Storage Materials

From the requirements imposed upon phase change heat storage materials (HSM), it is seen, that they, first of all, should have suitable melting temperature and, whenever possible, high heat of fusion. In a considered interval of temperatures, the great interest represents the inorganic salts, the melting temperature of which lies in the range from 250 to 1680 °C, ...

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In this study, a new multi-criteria phase change material (PCM) selection methodology is presented, which considers relevant factors from an application and material handling point of view, such as hygroscopicity, metal compatibility (corrosion), level hazard, cost, and thermal and atmospheric stability.

Materials to be used for phase change thermal energy storage must have a large latent heat and high thermal conductivity. They should have a melting temperature lying in the practical range of operation, melt congruently with minimum subcooling and be chemically stable, low in cost, non-toxic and non-corrosive. Materials that have been studied ...

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