

The increasing demand for energy supply and environmental changes caused by the use of fossil fuels have stimulated the search for clean energy management systems with high efficiency [1]. Solar energy is the fastest growing source and the most promising clean and renewable energy for alternative fossil fuels because of its inexhaustible, environment-friendly ...

In the phase transformation of the PCM, the solid-liquid phase change of material is of interest in thermal energy storage applications due to the high energy storage density and capacity to store energy as latent heat at constant or near constant temperature.

The materials used for latent heat thermal energy storage (LHTES) are called Phase Change Materials (PCMs) [19]. PCMs are a group of materials that have an intrinsic capability of absorbing and releasing heat during phase transition cycles, which results in the charging and discharging [20].

Among the many energy storage technology options, thermal energy storage (TES) is very promising as more than 90% of the world's primary energy generation is consumed or wasted as heat. TES entails storing energy as either sensible heat through heating of a suitable material, as latent heat in a phase change material (PCM), or the heat of a reversible ...

Sensible heat (Fig. 1 a) is the simplest method to store thermal energy and consists of applying a temperature gradient to a media (solid or liquid) in order to accumulate or release heat. The most common material used to store energy as sensible heat is water. Moreover, certain materials based on common ceramics (cement, concrete, etc.), some ...

Photothermal phase change energy storage materials show immense potential in the fields of solar energy and thermal management, particularly in addressing the intermittency issues of solar power ...

Some natural materials undergo phase shifts, and they are endowed with a high inherent heat storage capacity known as latent heat capacity. These materials exhibit this behavior due to the considerable amount of thermal energy needed to counteract molecular when a material transforms from a solid to a liquid or back to a solid.

the fundamental physics of phase change materials used for energy storage. Phase change materials absorb thermal energy as they melt, holding that energy until the material is again solidified ...

Phase change materials (PCMs) have attracted significant attention in thermal management due to their ability to store and release large amounts of heat during phase transitions. However, their widespread application is restricted by leakage issues. Encapsulating PCMs within polymeric microcapsules is a promising strategy to

prevent leakage and increase ...

In a context where increased efficiency has become a priority in energy generation processes, phase change materials for thermal energy storage represent an outstanding possibility. Current research around thermal energy storage techniques is focusing on what techniques and technologies can match the needs of the different thermal energy storage applications, which ...

The PCMs belong to a series of functional materials that can store and release heat with/without any temperature variation [5, 6]. The research, design, and development (RD& D) for phase change materials have attracted great interest for both heating and cooling applications due to their considerable environmental-friendly nature and capability of storing a large ...

Conventional phase change materials struggle with long-duration thermal energy storage and controllable latent heat release. In a recent issue of *Angewandte Chemie*, Chen et al. proposed a new concept of spatiotemporal phase change materials with high supercooling to realize long-duration storage and intelligent release of latent heat, inspiring the design of ...

The research on phase change materials (PCMs) for thermal energy storage systems has been gaining momentum in a quest to identify better materials with low-cost, ease of availability, improved thermal and chemical stabilities and eco-friendly nature. The present article comprehensively reviews the novel PCMs and their synthesis and characterization techniques ...

Thermal energy storage based on phase change materials (PCMs) can improve the efficiency of energy utilization by eliminating the mismatch between energy supply and demand. It has become a hot research topic in recent years, especially for cold thermal energy storage (CTES), such as free cooling of buildings, food transportation, electronic cooling, ...

Tang et al. developed an N-doped carbon nanocage with a magnetic Co decoration that could respond to a magnetic field using metal-organic frameworks. ... 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 ...

1 INTRODUCTION. Renewable, abundant, and clean solar energy is expected to replace fossil fuels and alleviate the energy crisis. However, intermittency and instability are the deficiencies of solar energy due to its weather and space dependence. [] Emerging phase change material (PCM)-based photothermal conversion and storage technology is an effective ...

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