

Self-controlled phase change energy storage materials

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.

Are phase change materials effective?

Phase change materials (PCMs) show substantial promise in regulating the supply and demand of renewable energy and in recovering and utilizing waste heat. However, existing PCMs face challenges with spontaneous thermal energy dissipation and lack the ability of long-term heat storage and controlled release of thermal energy.

Are solid-solid phase change materials suitable for thermal energy storage?

Solid-solid phase change materials (SSPCMs) are considered one of the most promising candidates for thermal energy storage due to their efficient heat storage and discharge capabilities. However, achieving both stable enthalpy and material versatility remains a significant challenge in the development of SSPCMs.

What is photothermal phase change energy storage?

To meet the demands of the global energy transition, photothermal phase change energy storage materials have emerged as an innovative solution. These materials, utilizing various photothermal conversion carriers, can passively store energy and respond to changes in light exposure, thereby enhancing the efficiency of energy systems.

What is a phase change material (PCM)?

The global energy transition requires new technologies for efficiently managing and storing renewable energy. In the early 20th century, Stanford Olshansky discovered the phase change storage properties of paraffin, advancing phase change materials (PCMs) technology.

Are functional phase change materials reversible?

Functional phase change materials (PCMs) capable of reversibly storing and releasing tremendous thermal energy during the isothermal phase change process have recently received tremendous attention...

Phase change energy storage plays an important role in the green, efficient, and sustainable use of energy. Solar energy is stored by phase change materials to realize the time and space ...

For instance, thermochromic phase change materials (TC-PCMs) can exhibit reversibly color change phenomenon during the phase change process, indicating the states of energy saturation and consumption in

PCMs [26]. Moreover, the reversibly color change ability triggered via thermal stimuli can be used to monitor the change of temperature in real-time.

Photothermal phase change energy storage materials (PTCPCEsMs), as a special type of PCM, can store energy and respond to changes in illumination, enhancing the efficiency of energy systems and demonstrating marked ...

In particular, the melting point, thermal energy storage density and thermal conductivity of the organic, inorganic and eutectic phase change materials are the major ...

A 3D self-floating evaporator loaded with phase change energy storage materials for all-weather desalination. Author links open overlay panel Yuqin Teng a, Shuai Li b, Yanxia Luo a, Xin Yi a, Libang Feng a, Dianming Li a, Yanping Wang a. ... ODE is the phase change energy storage material, EP is the separation layer to prevent the ODE from ...

This work aims to improve the efficacy of phase change material (PCM)-based shell-and-tube-type latent heat thermal energy storage (LHTES) systems utilizing differently shaped fins. The PCM-based thermal process faces hindrances due to the lesser thermal conducting property of PCM. To address this issue, the present problem is formulated by ...

To address these drawbacks, the storage performance of AZO has been improved by molecular engineering and template assembly, etc. [[22], [23], [24]] Yu and co-workers designed flexible solar thermal fuel devices that combine fabric and AZO derivatives to increase energy storage density due to loose dispersity of AZO derivative in fabric [25].Feng ...

In addition, the PEG samples with molecular weights of 8000 g/mol exhibited the largest latent heats of melting and freezing and have the greatest potential to be phase change materials for thermal energy storage. Fig. 8 shows the DSC heating data of the samples with different PEG molecular weights and DBS amounts. It is found that the melting ...

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His main research areas are the preparation, structure and properties of functional materials based on the 3D network characteristics of thermosetting resins (shape memory, self-healing and self-healing, supercapacitor electrode materials, phase change energy storage materials, wide temperature range damping materials, etc.)

Download: Download high-res image (693KB) Download: Download full-size image Fig. 1. Storage and stress-controlled heat release strategy for large thermal hysteresis SMAs. a.Schematic representation of the thermal energy storage and release process in phase change materials, encompassing heat absorption during

heating and subsequent heat release ...

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