

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.

Can microencapsulated phase change materials be used as thermal energy storage materials?

Microencapsulated phase change materials (MEPCMs) have been widely used in many fields as thermal energy storage materials. This study reported a novel MEPCM with the functions of thermal energy storage, photothermal conversion, ultraviolet (UV) shielding, and superhydrophobicity, which was particularly suitable for intelligent textiles.

What are the disadvantages of composite phase change materials based on polymer materials?

Another disadvantage of composite phase change materials (CPCM) based on polymer materials is their low heat conductivity. Thermal energy storage and release may be accelerated by increasing the thermal conductivity of the EPCM, which enhances energy efficiency.

Are solar energy materials a form-stable phase change material?

Cai Y, Gao C, Xu X et al (2012) Solar energy materials and solar cells electrospun ultrafine composite fibers consisting of lauric acid and polyamide 6 as form-stable phase change materials for storage and retrieval of solar thermal energy.

Can phase change materials store a large amount of latent heat?

Phase change materials (PCMs) can store or release a large amount of latent heat through physical phase transition with a minimal change in temperature in the range of phase transition temperature [1,2]. However, PCMs have some drawbacks when they are used in practical applications.

What are phase change composites?

The prepared phase change composites (PCCs) can rapidly transform solar, electric, magnetic energy into latent heat for keeping warm, power generation, and thermal physiotherapy. Owing to the suggested tactic, the prepared PCCs achieve ultrahigh energy storage density and realize 99.9998% electromagnetic wave energy attenuation.

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In suspension polymerization method, the polarity and interfacial tension of the formed polymer within the PCM droplets are crucial for forming the core/shell structure PCM ...

Phase change material (PCM)-based thermal energy storage significantly affects emerging applications, with recent advancements in enhancing heat capacity and cooling power. This perspective by Yang et al. ...

This paper presents the principal methods available for phase change material (PCM) implementation in different storage applications. The first part is devoted to a non ...

Intelligent phase change materials for long-duration thermal energy storage Peng Wang,¹ Xuemei Diao,² and Xiao Chen^{2,*} Conventional phase change materials struggle with long-duration ...