

China solar thermal phase change energy storage

What is solar-thermal storage with phase-change material (PCM)?

Nature Communications 14, Article number: 3456 (2023) Cite this article Solar-thermal storage with phase-change material (PCM) plays an important role in solar energy utilization. However, most PCMs own low thermal conductivity which restricts the thermal charging rate in bulk samples and leads to low solar-thermal conversion efficiency.

How can phase change materials improve solar energy utilization?

Through the cascade design of phase change materials, phase change materials with different melting points can store and release heat at different temperatures, maximizing the efficiency of solar energy utilization.

Should solar thermal conversion be integrated with phase change materials?

Integrating solar thermal conversion with phase change materials (PCMs) offers a promising pathway for continuous thermal energy generation with a zero-carbon footprint. However, substantial infrared radiation losses at elevated temperatures often hinder the efficiency of such integrated systems.

Can standardized phase change modules match the temperature change of solar collector?

Using standardized phase change modules with different melting points, the phase change temperature of the thermal storage system can match the temperature change of the solar collector and meet the demand of different heating terminals for heat grade. Table 3 shows thermophysical parameters related to cascaded PCMs.

What is phase-change thermal storage technology?

Phase-change thermal storage technology can solve the issue of mismatch between the supply and demand of heat on a time scale. The heat collected during the heat-storage period can be transferred to fill the heat gap during the middle of the heating period.

Are phase change materials suitable for cross-seasonal heat storage?

The high energy density and heat storage performance of phase change materials (PCMs) make them ideal for cross-seasonal heat storage. The PCM heat storage method can store more energy in a limited space.

North China is very suitable for utilizing solar thermal energy because: (1) there are massive heating demands due to its cold climatic condition; and (2) there are abundant solar resources available in the local region. ... Materials to be used for phase change thermal energy storage must have a large latent heat and high thermal conductivity ...

Phase-changing materials are nowadays getting global attention on account of their ability to store excess energy. Solar thermal energy can be stored in phase changing material (PCM) in the forms of latent and

sensible heat. The stored energy can be suitably utilized for other applications such as space heating and cooling, water heating, and further industrial processing where low ...

Phase change materials and energy efficiency of buildings: A review of knowledge. ... Phase change material based advance solar thermal energy storage systems for building heating and cooling applications: A prospective research approach. ... particularly for the climatic conditions of China in five different cities.

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. discusses PCM thermal energy storage progress, outlines research challenges and new opportunities, and proposes a roadmap for the research community from ...

Solar energy is a clean and inexhaustible source of energy, among other advantages. Conversion and storage of the daily solar energy received by the earth can effectively address the energy crisis, environmental pollution and other challenges [4], [5], [6], [7]. The conversion and use of energy are subject to spatial and temporal mismatches [8], [9], ...

Among them, the latent heat storage technology using phase change materials (PCMs) as the energy storage media has received extensive attention due to its minimal temperature alteration during the heat storage process and considerable energy storage density, which can substantially enhance the energy utilization efficiency [[10], [11], [12], [13]].

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