

## **Energy storage and phase change** materials

Phase Change Materials (PCMs) based on solid to liquid phase transition are one of the most promising TES materials for both low and high temperature applications. 8 Considering the promise of PCM TES, in this ...

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Thermal management using phase change materials (PCMs) is a promising solution for cooling and energy storage 7, 8, where the PCM offers the ability to store or release the latent heat of the material.

Phase-change materials offer state-of-the-art thermal storage due to high latent heat. However, spontaneous heat loss from thermally charged phase-change materials to cooler surroundings occurs due to the absence of a significant energy barrier for the liquid-solid transition.

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.

As evident from the literature, development of phase change materials is one of the most active research fields for thermal energy storage with higher efficiency. This review ...

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 (&lt;10 W/ (m? K)) limits the power density and overall storage efficiency.

Phase change materials (PCMs), which are commonly used in thermal energy storage applications, are difficult to design because they require excellent energy density and thermal transport, both of which are difficult to predict from simple physics-based models.

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