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Can phase change materials improve thermal energy storage?

Efficient storage of thermal energy can be greatly enhanced by the use of phase change materials (PCMs). The selection or development of a useful PCM requires careful consideration of many physical and chemical properties. In this review of our recent studies of PCMs, we show that linking the molecular structure

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What is phase-change thermal storage composite?

Photo-controlled phase-change thermal storage composite materials can regulate the temperature of buildings, automobiles, and other applications; Electric-thermal conversion or magnetic-thermal conversion phase-change thermal storage composite materials can control the temperature of medical equipment, food preservation, and other applications.

What is a phase-change material?

Author to whom correspondence should be addressed. Phase-change materials (PCMs) are essential modern materials for storing thermal energy in the form of sensible and latent heat, which play important roles in the efficient use of waste heat and solar energy.

What is a phase change thermal storage system (PCM)?

PCMs are the key factors that determine the phase-change thermal storage performance of composite materials, and they should have high phase-change enthalpy and suitable phase-change temperature. The commonly used PCMs include organic waxes, inorganic salt hydrides, metals, etc.

This work presents a development and investigation of a "trimodal" energy storage material that synergistically accesses a combination of phase change, chemical ...

As a kind of phase change energy storage materials, organic PCMs (OPCMs) have been widely used in solar energy, building energy conservation and other fields with the advantages of appropriate phase change temperature and large latent heat of phase change. ... The compound material has the phase-transition temperature of (21.68 ± 0.12 °C) and ...

Reutilization of thermal energy according to building demands constitutes an important step in a low carbon/green campaign. Phase change materials (PCMs) can address these problems related to the energy and environment through thermal energy storage (TES), where they can considerably enhance energy efficiency and sustainability.

There are three technologies for TES systems: i) sensible heat storage (SHS) that is based on storing thermal energy by raising the temperature of a liquid or solid storage medium (e.g. water, sand, molten salts, rocks), with water being the most common option; ii) latent heat storage (LHS) using phase change materials or PCMs to store heat via a change of ...

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Photo-thermal conversion phase-change composite energy storage materials (PTCPCEsMs) are widely used in various industries because of their high thermal ...

Azo-compounds molecules and phase change materials offer potential applications for sustainable energy systems through the storage and controllable release photochemical and phase change energy. Deve...

In this paper, an electrospinning composite material for solar energy storage was prepared by combining 2-methyl-acrylic acid 6-[4-(4-methoxy-phenylazo)-phenoxy]-hexyl ester (MAHE) as molecular solar thermal (MOST) molecule and polyethylene glycol-2000 (PEG) as phase change material (PCM) using electrospinning technique for the first time. In the ...

The effective strategies for such modifications and the resultant phase change, i.e., crystal-to-crystal, crystal-to-amorphous, and crystal-to-liquid, induced by the isomerization are reviewed for each class of phase change MOST compounds. The total energy-storage densities enhanced by the photo-induced phase transition are also highlighted.

Thermal energy storage can be categorized into sensible energy storage (SES), latent energy storage (LES), and thermochemical energy storage (TCES) [5]. SES is realized by using the heat capacity of a material, such as water, molten salts, mineral oil, and ceramic materials [6]. LES relies on the heat of fusion of phase change materials (PCM), including but ...

Three kinds of new polymeric SSPCMs with different crosslinking structures were synthesized and characterized for thermal energy storage. In the SSPCMs, three hexahydroxy compounds (sorbitol, dipentaerythritol and inositol) were individually employed as the molecular skeleton and polyethylene glycol (PEG) was used as the phase change ...

Recently Hong and Xin-shi [51] have employed a compound phase change material, which. ... The application

of energy storage with phase change is not limited to solar ...

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As the energy storage medium of the LHS system, phase change materials can be further divided into inorganic phase change materials, organic phase change materials, and eutectic phase change materials [35], [36], as shown in Fig. 2. Inorganic phase change materials include hydrated salts, salts, metals, and alloys; Organic phase change materials are mainly ...

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