

<div class="df_qntext">Can solar-thermal phase change composites harness solar energy?

To clarify future research directions, this study first analyzes the heat transfer process of solar-thermal conversion and then reviews solar-thermal phase change composites for high-efficiency harnessing solar energy. The focus is on enhancing heat absorption and conduction while aiming to suppress reflection, radiation, and convection.

<div class="df_qntext">Can solar-/electro-thermal energy be stored within organic or inorganic phase-change materials?

Storing solar-/electro-thermal energy within organic or inorganic phase-change materials (PCMs) is an attractive way to provide stable renewable heating. Herein, we report a facile dynamic charging strategy for rapid harvesting of solar-/electro-thermal energy within PCMs while retaining ~100% latent heat storage capacity.

<div class="df_qntext">What is a phase change composite hydrogel?

Shape-Stable,Phase Change Composite Hydrogel for Solar Thermal Energy Storageand Electrothermal Conversion Phase change materials (PCMs) are crucial in energy storage. However,they often suffer from high rigidity,poor thermal conductivity,and weak light absorption capabilities.

<div class="df_qntext">Can a solar-thermal conversion mesh help balancing charging rates & latent heat storage capacity?

Herein,a dynamic charging strategy through directly heating a solar-/electro-thermal conversion mesh that tracks the receding melting solid/liquid interface of PCMs is presented to overcome the dilemmain balancing charging rates and latent heat storage capacity in conventional heavily loaded static charging PCM composite systems.

<div class="df_qntext">How is solar-thermal energy harvesting performed?

The solar-thermal energy harvesting experiment was carried out under both static and dynamic heating modeswith the same volume of sample in a cuvette (1 × 1 × 4.5 cm). Under the SSH mode,the top surface of PW (3 g) was directly connected with a fixed SETC (1 × 1 cm,0.06 g) to receive solar illumination.

<div class="df_qntext">How is electro-thermal energy converted by the same SETC?

The electro-thermal energy was converted by the same SETC by connecting with a DC power source operating at 1 V. Under the static surface heating (SSH) mode,the SETC is in fixed contact with the top surface of PW.

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thermal energy storage (TES), effectively addressing the energy supply ...

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The obtained composite phase change material shows excellent comprehensive performance. Phase change materials (PCMs) can effectively absorb and release energy from the ...

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The composites are still rigid and fragile when the temperature drops below the phase transition temperature. Through chemical modification or crosslinking, the composite can still show ...

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 ...

In order to solve these problems and expand the application scope of PCMs in the field of thermal energy storage, using cellulose nanofibers, MXene, PEG, and Fe₃O₄ as raw materials, ...

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This paper shows a series bio-based shape-stable composite phase change materials (SSCPCMs) which were prepared through a convenient vacuum impregnation method by employing chemically ...

Phase change materials (PCMs) possess notable advantages in the realm of energy conversion and storage due to their capacity to absorb and release thermal energy, high energy density, and ...

Electro-to-heat energy conversion/storage provides a new direction for the development of phase change materials (PCMs). However, conversion rate and energy storage ...

In this study, a pentaglycerine (PG)-based composite solid-solid phase change material (SSPCM) was developed with the ability to convert and store solar-thermal and electro-thermal energy.

Phase change materials (PCMs) are widely used in a range of energy storage applications due to high latent heat absorption and release capacities during phase change ...

This investigation focuses on an absorber design that incorporates a tube container containing Phase Change Material (PCM) of paraffin wax. The encapsulation of PCM within the still ...

They can be categorized according to phase change mechanisms into solid-solid, solid-liquid, solid-gas, and liquid-gas phase change materials [17], [18]. Notably, substantial volume ...

Phase change materials (PCMs) with excellent photothermal conversion performance display great potential for increasing the utilization of solar energy. In this study, we synthesized ...

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