

# Photothermal energy storage application of light energy

What is photothermal phase change energy storage?

To meet the demands of the global energy transition, photothermal phase change energy storage materials have emerged as an innovative solution. These materials, utilizing various photothermal conversion carriers, can passively store energy and respond to changes in light exposure, thereby enhancing the efficiency of energy systems.

Are photothermal storage 3D phase change blocks controllable?

Therefore, a novel controllable strategy was proposed in this study to fabricate dual-functional photothermal storage three-dimensional (3D) phase change blocks (PCBs) with higher thermal conductivity (27.98 W/mK) and spectral absorption (98.03 %) compared to those of most previously reported PCM-based devices.

How to calculate photothermal storage efficiency?

The following formula was used to calculate the photothermal storage efficiency:  $\eta = \frac{m(DH + Q) / S(t_e - t_s)}{I} \times 100\%$  where  $m$  is the mass of PCB-20,  $H$  and  $Q$  are the latent and sensible heats of PCB-20 respectively.

How does photothermal heat release work?

This device effectively controls temperature through photothermally driven heat release under conditions as low as  $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and achieves a high energy density of 380.76 J/g even at  $-63.92\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The thermal effect is primarily due to light-induced molecular isomerization, a nonradiative relaxation process.

Why do photothermal interfaces have limited sunlight absorption?

While the aforementioned techniques modify the light-absorption properties of the PCM interface, the resultant photothermal interfaces exhibit limited sunlight absorption owing to the intricate nature of the preparation methods and unpredictable interfacial morphology.

What is the maximum photothermal storage efficiency of 3d-pcb-20?

At a solar-radiation intensity of 2 kW/m<sup>2</sup>, the maximum photothermal storage efficiency of 3D-PCB-20 was 93.04 %, whereas that of 2D-PCB-20 was only 70.63 % (Fig. 7 c). This is because the high solar flux can shorten the energy storage duration and thus reduces heat losses.

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Phase change materials (PCMs), both organic and inorganic, store and release energy through a phase change process, which is the green carrier for maintaining or prolonging heat [[5], [6], [7]]. A large number of studies have proved that PCMs is conducive to improving the utilization rate of solar energy as solving the

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shortcomings of solar energy time and space ...

Photothermal materials with high light-to-heat conversion efficiency and broadband ... For practical application of photothermal wearable heater, the air-permeability, comfortable capability, and clothes-knitable are important factors. ... the PEG/MXene composites also exhibited excellent photothermal conversion, storage, and energy release ...

Photothermal energy conversion represents a cornerstone process in the renewable energy technologies domain, enabling the capture of solar irradiance ...

The application of PCMs is mainly focused on thermal applications, such as building energy conservation, heat energy storage, thermal therapy, etc. ... impact of different light intensities (1 sun, 1.5 sun, 2 sun, 2.5 sun, and 3 sun, where 1 sun equals  $1000 \text{ W/m}^2$ ) on the photothermal energy storage ... It is evident from Fig. 5 f that the ...

Photothermal energy conversion is an important method to utilize light energy. In this field, photothermal materials first absorb the light energy, and then convert it into heat energy for further use. According to the wavelength ...

The use of carbon aerogels as photothermal materials in solar water evaporation, thermal energy storage, photothermal catalysis, photothermal therapy, and photothermal de-icing are then introduced. ... [23, 24] and polydopamine (PDA)[25] have been employed in photothermal applications due to their high light absorption, facile synthesis and ...

Low photothermal conversion efficiency and difficulty in thermal energy storage are still obstacles during the solar energy utilization and conversion [9]. In order to solve the above problems, finding a suitable thermal storage material with photothermal conversion capability for long-term solar thermal energy storage has become a research ...

CNTs were chosen as photothermal materials due to their broad light absorption range and high efficiency in converting light into heat. Figure 2b illustrated that the AS 2 ...

Eutectic Gallium-Indium (EGaIn) liquid metal is an emerging phase change metal material, but its low phase transition enthalpy and low light absorption limit its application in photothermal ...

Single photovoltaic (PV) and photothermal (PT) technologies in solar energy applications are limited to the conversion of visible light and high-quality infrared spectra, ...

A highly efficient and flexible photothermal phase change material achieved promoted dispersion of hydrophobically modified eumelanin. ... are prevalent in energy ...

Pure PEG has very low absorption and is poor in photothermal conversion. However, the light absorption significantly improves after PEG is combined with M24. It indicated that PANI and MXene play a role in improving light adsorption. ... (PCM) for energy storage applications: a review. Nano-Structures & Nano-Objects, 20 (2019), Article 100399 ...

This review provides a comprehensive overview of the progress in light-material interactions (LMIs), focusing on lasers and flash lights for energy conversion and storage applications. We discuss intricate LMI parameters such as light sources, interaction time, and fluence to elucidate their importance in material processing. In addition, this study covers ...

Herein, to maximize the utilization of lignin, we demonstrate an effective alkaline periodate oxidation approach to fabricate wood-based 3D porous scaffolds with partially retained lignin serving as a light-absorbing ...

In addition, the high conversion and storage costs limit its application in many fields [8]. Therefore, it is of great significance to develop a photothermal conversion energy storage material with low cost and high energy conversion efficiency to reduce fossil energy consumption and meet the sustainable utilization of energy.

In summary, the fabricated porous structure and outstanding photothermal conversion properties of hydrangea-like MoS<sub>2</sub> enabled the composite adsorbent to fully ...

Solar energy is a high-priority clean energy alternative to fossil fuels in the current energy landscape, and the acquisition, storage, and utilization of solar energy have long been the subject of research [[1], [2], [3], [4]]. The development of new materials has facilitated the technique for utilizing solar energy [5], such as phase change materials (PCMs), which have ...

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Currently, the primary methods for inducing phase change in PCMs involve subjecting them to temperatures above the phase change temperature and heating them to a point where they melt and absorb heat [8]. Phase change energy storage is also referred to as a passive energy storage technique since the heat storage capability of PCMs is restricted by ...

In this review, we briefly discuss the photothermal applications of 2D nanomaterials including photothermal therapy, water evaporation, thermochemical reactions, electrostatic lithography, catalysis, light-driven ...

Energy harvesting and storage at extreme temperatures are significant challenges for flexible wearable devices. This study innovatively developed a dynamic-bond-cross-linked spinnable azopolymer-based smart ...

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**Abstract:** To enhance the direct solar-thermal conversion and storage performance of sugar alcohol-based phase change materials (PCMs) and promote their large-scale ...

To realize a high energy efficiency for solar steam generation for practical applications, the light absorbing material as the key component should possess broadband light absorption while low thermal emittance. The light absorption of the photothermal materials can be optimized in following ways: 1) Surface enhanced plasmonic absorption.

Enhancing solar photothermal conversion of phase-change microcapsules in addition to high heat storage capacity and good thermal stability is desired in solar collection and storage applications. Modifying the shell of the microcapsules with sunlight absorber nanoparticles has been studied to obtain dual-function: photothermal conversion and ...

As global energy consumption continues to rise, solar energy has garnered significant attention as a renewable source of power [1], [2], [3]. However, solar energy is unstable and intermittent during utilization, which leads to the uncontinuous and unstable production of energy [4] consequently, the efficient utilization of solar energy and the exploration of solar ...

To address the above issue, integration of energy storage structure into the solar evaporation structure is a promising approach. The excess energy will be stored in an energy storage structure under sufficient light conditions, and then the energy be released under weak or no light conditions to ensure the continuous operation of photothermal evaporation.

Phase change materials (PCMs) are a crucial focus of research in the field of photothermal energy storage. However, due to their inherently low photothermal conversion efficiency, traditional PCMs absorb solar energy scarcely. The photothermal conversion ability of PCMs are usually enhanced by incorporating photothermal conversion nanoparticles.

**1 INTRODUCTION.** Renewable, abundant, and clean solar energy is expected to replace fossil fuels and alleviate the energy crisis. However, intermittence and instability are the deficiencies of solar energy due to its ...

How to design and construct the MOF-based composite phase change materials (PCMs) with simultaneously enhanced heat storage and photothermal conversion to meet the performance requirement of solar energy utilization still remains a challenge. Herein, the polyethylene glycol was selected as PCM, the ZIF-67@MXene acted as supporting structure, ...

The application of phase change composites with photothermal properties for solar thermal conversion and storage is one of the effective measures for the utilization of clean and abundant but intermittent solar energy,

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which can significantly alleviate recent environmental and energy problems and comply with the current low carbon and ...

With the depletion of fossil energy and the increasingly serious environmental pollution [1], the need to develop renewable energy is becoming increasingly urgent [2]. As a kind of clean energy, solar energy is mainly applied in photoelectric and photothermal forms [3]. Among them, light and heat have the characteristics of environmental protection, wide application ...

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