

Sub-Ambient and Low Temperature Applications of Cold Thermal Storage: A State of Art

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Abstract—A move to effectuate a secure and cozy state of environment has always been one of the prime obsessions of the human desire. Additionally, it is of critical significance to study adverse effects (global warming, pollution, e.t.c) of fossil fuels (still being a larger contributor of power supply among all energy sources) on the environment Phase change materials used for latent heat storage systems have a high energy density and show an isothermal behavior during the heat retrieval process, provide a great potential for various thermal energy storage applications for the desired range of temperature. This paper reviews previous work carried out by different researchers focusing on properties of phase change materials for sub-ambient temperature applications. This paper also looks at the problems associated with the heat transfer enhancement, compatibility, subcooling and degradation of phase change materials after using finite number of charging-discharging cycles.

Keywords—Phase change material, Heat transfer enhancement, Thermal energy storage, Latent heat.

I. INTRODUCTION

In recent decades energy efficiency has been gaining high attention since energy crises took place in 1970. In view of demanding continuous and smooth power supply by the people, with elevating living standards and having a considerable share in continuous increasing population has also turned energy efficiency up becoming a key concern. Moreover, challenges are also being faced in meeting the peak load requirement which result in large demand and supply mismatch. Various factors concerning neutralization of demand and supply mismatch developed by the author are shown in Fig. 1.

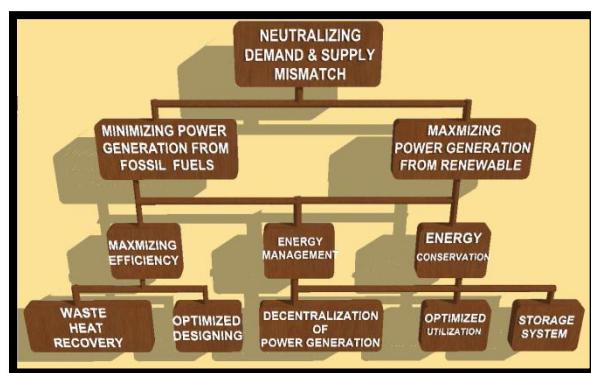


Fig. 1. An overview of factors concerning neutralization of demand and supply mismatch [Developed by author]

In India, for supplying required power in peak hours and high operating cost power generators are used in addition with thermal and hydro power plants. With the same trend the authorities also predicted the energy requirement of 1354874 and 1904861 GWhr with peak load of 199540 and 283470 MW for 2016-17 (at 12th five year plan end) and 2021-22 (at 13th five year plan end) respectively [1]. One of the effects of fulfilling the peak load requirement is oversizing of the grid. In 2008 US had generated one trillion watts of electricity which was almost twice of the average electricity used during that year [2]. Also, it brings up an important issue, the people who are still remain untouched approaching electricity, can be benefitted by the surplus power that can be conserved by befitting energy management techniques. To take the benefits of differential tariff, energy security, off peak power utilization and variable renewable energy sources one of the technology used is thermal energy storage. Hence, therefore favorable conditions for thermal storage technology are as follows:

- Thermal storage of building structures [3].
- Domestic water heating and cooling systems [4].
- Space heating and cooling of buildings [5, 6].
- Peak load shifting [7].

II. THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE

TES being reversible nature offers a great opportunity to store desired amount of heat and cold energy that can be retrieved for later use. It can be broadly classified as Thermal and thermochemical heat storage. Furthermore, thermal energy is subcategorized as sensible and latent heat storage.

2.1 Sensible heat storage

When the heat is supplied to a storage medium shows a continuous trend of increasing temperature (heat and temperature can be observed by the sensor) and vice versa is considered as sensible heat. Examples of sensible heat storage mediums are air, water, oil, sand, rock beds, bricks etc. Amount of sensible heat stored in the mass of the storage material y (Process shown in Fig. 2.) is defined as follows:

$$Q_s = m c_p (T_E - T_A)$$

Where,

c_p = Specific heat at constant pressure of the storage material [kJ/kg.K],

m = Mass of the storage material [kg],

T = Temperature storage material [K],

There are large applications of sensible heat storage, Dincer and Rosen [8], Hadorn [9] and Paksoy [10] studied and described various technologies of sensible heat storage in the literatures.

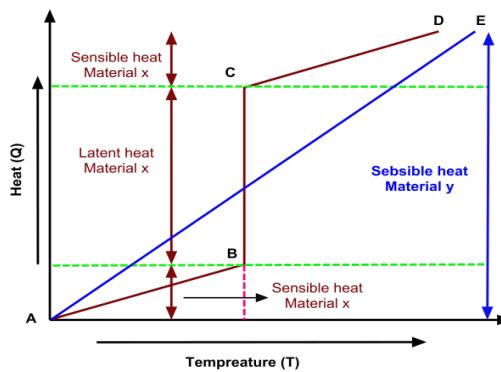


Fig. 2. Temperature and heat variations of sensible and latent heat storage of materials x and y during charging-discharging process.

2.2 Latent heat storage

Latent heat is defined as heat absorbed or rejected by PCMs during transformation of phase (solid-solid, solid-liquid, liquid-vapor and vice versa) at constant or nearly constant temperature . Amount of total heat stored (sensible heat + latent heat) in the mass of the storage material x (Process shown in Fig. 3.) is defined as follows:

$$Q_T = (Q_S)_{AB} + (Q_L)_{BC} + (Q_S)_{CD}$$

Or descriptively,

$$Q_T = m c_p (T_B - T_A) + m \Delta h_{CB} + m c_p (T_D - T_C)$$

Where,

$$\Delta h_{CB} = \text{Latent heat of fusion per unit mass of the storage material} \quad [\text{kJ/kg}],$$

The following figure shows temperature and heat variations for sensible (material x) and latent heat storage (material y) materials during heat transfer process. Charging of thermal storage for material x process A to B denotes sensible heat addition (continuous increase in temperature), B to C latent heat absorption (constant temperature), C to D sensible heat addition (continuous increase in temperature). Charging of thermal storage for material y process A to B denotes only sensible heat absorption.

III. PHASE CHANGE MATERIALS

There are large numbers of phase change materials available with melting point at the desired range of temperature which directly matches with various applications. PCMs can be classified as shown in Fig. 3:

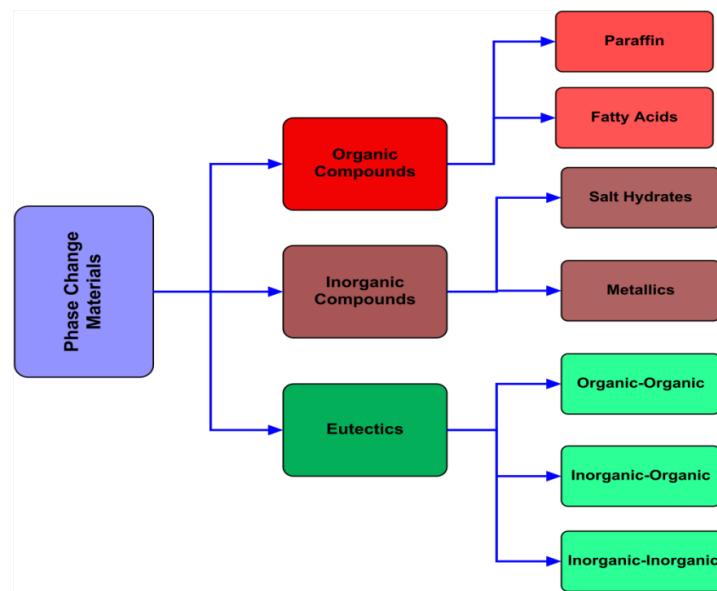


Fig. 3. Families of phase change materials [11].

3.1 Organic phase change materials

Organic PCMs can be classified as paraffin and non paraffins which includes following properties. Organic materials are widely used for various applications because they possess congruent melting without phase segregation (self nucleation i.e. crystallization with little or no supercooling) and generally non corrosive in nature.

3.1.1 Paraffins

Paraffin PCMs mostly contains straight chain normal alkanes. Large amount of heat is released during crystallization of (CH_3-) chain. With increase in number of carbon atoms melting point temperature and latent heat of fusion also increases. Being noncorrosive in nature they are very stable up to a temperature of 500 °C. Paraffins also have been a center of attraction from long time for suitability in large number of applications because of their availability in large range of temperature. Additionally they also have low vapor pressure in molten form with cost effective and reliable in nature. Peng et al. [12] discussed different paraffin waxes which varies in latent heat from 128–198 kJ/kg and melting point temperature from 12 to 71 °C.

3.1.2 Non-paraffins

Unlike paraffins non-paraffin PCMs have their own distinct properties. These materials cannot be used for those applications which require direct exposure to very high temperature. They are also subcategorized into fatty acids and non-paraffins. Buddhi and Sawhney [13] described large number of organic PCMs used for various applications of thermal storage such as alcohol , glycol and esters .

3.2 Inorganic phase change materials

Inorganic PCMs are categorized as metallics and salt hydrates. They have high latent heat of fusion and widely available in large range of temperature for variety of thermal storage application. Apart from these advantages they possess high degree of supercooling and actively prone to corrosion and rusting specially with metals [14, 15]. According to the various literature it is also explained that many

inorganic PCMs are considerable inexpensive for many Thermal storage applications [16]. The general formula of salt hydrates is AB.nH₂O which represents alloy of water forming crystalline solid and inorganic salt.

3.3 Eutectics

A minimum melting composition of two or more components, which during crystallization congruently freeze and melt to form a mixture. They provide a little or almost no opportunity for phase segregation during melting and freezing process. Sharma et al. [15] mentioned in that in eutectics there is no segregation occurred during phase cane. Commonly, Inorganic-Inorganic, Organic-Organic and Organic-Inorganic eutectics PCMs are used for various applications.

IV. THERMO-PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF CANDIDATES PCMs

Thermo-physical properties of low and medium temperature investigated Candidates PCMs are described as organic, organic mixture, paraffins, non paraffins, fatty acids, fatty acids and mixture, inorganic (hydrated salt), inorganic mixture, inorganic, inorganic compounds, salt hydrates, eutectics, eutectic organic ,eutectic inorganic, metallics and water in ascending order of temperature respectively, are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Thermo-physical properties of low and medium temperature investigated Candidates PCMs

Materials	Types	Melting temperature (°C)	Heat of fusion (kJ/kg)	References
Dodecane	Organic	-9.6	216	[17]
Triethylene glycol	Organic	-7	247	[18]
Microencapsulated 94% tetradecane + 6% tetradecanol	Organic	5.1	202.1	[19]
Microencapsulated 100% tetradecane	Organic	5.2	215	[19]
Microencapsulated 96% tetradecane + 4% Tetradecanol	Organic	5.2	206.4	[19]
Bulk 100% tetradecane	Organic	5.5	215	[19]
Bulk 96% tetradecane + 4% tetradecanol	Organic	5.5	206.4	[19]
Bulk 94% tetradecane + 6% tetradecanol	Organic	5.5	202.1	[19]
Paraffin C14	Organic	5.5	228	[20]
Tetradecane (91.67 mole.%) +hexadecane (8.33 mole.%)	Organic	5.9	258	[21]
n-Tetradecane	Organic	6	230	[22]
Lauryl alcohol-Caprylic acid (2:3 by quality)	Organic	6.2	173.2	[23]

Caprylic acid–Palmitic acid (9:1 by quality)	Organic	6.54	116.5	[24]
Dodecanol–Caprylic acid (40.6:59.4 by quality)	Organic	7	178.6	[24]
Paraffin C15–C16	Organic	8	153	[22]
Polyglycol E400	Organic	8.99.	6	[22]

4.1 PCM selection criteria

In the designing of thermal storage system, PCMs must be selected which contain desirable thermodynamic, kinetic, chemical, technical, and economic characteristics otherwise it may lead to low efficiency and high economic losses. Some of the criteria considered in evaluating PCMs are mentioned as follow: [26]

4.1.1 Thermal, chemical, technical & economic criteria

- PCM should have a melting point at the required operating temperature.
- It must possess a high latent heat per unit volume so that desired quantity of energy can be availed from minimum PCM volume.
- PCM should possess long term chemical stability.
- It should be noncorrosive with the enclosure.
- It should be simple in use.
- It should possess suitable applicability.
- Its effectiveness should be high.
- It should available in the large scale which is ready to use with little or no required modifications.

V. FACTORS AFFECTING THERMOPHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF PCMs

5.1 Thermal stability of PCMs at low temperatures

For a long life and reliable output of thermal storage system one of the basic requirements is that there should be insignificant or no degradation in the thermophysical properties of PCMs after undergoing a large number of charging-discharging cycles. Tyagi and Buddhi [27] investigated thermo physical properties of calcium chloride hexahydrate (phase change temperature of 29 °C) with $\text{SrCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.5 %) as a nucleating agent in charging-discharging test for 1000 cycles .

5.2 Phase segregation and subcooling of PCM at low temperatures

When a PCM, especially salt hydrates, during solidification process, crystallizes at a temperature which is significantly below its freezing point temperature is termed as subcooling or supercooling. If the fraction of heat released during heat extraction (solidification) process is more than the sensible heat lost then its temperature rises to melting point temperature and remains their until completion of phase change of PCM (Shown in Fig. 4a) . If opposite of the above explained process happens then there is a possibility that the temperature will not rise to its meting point temperature (Shown in Fig. 4b).

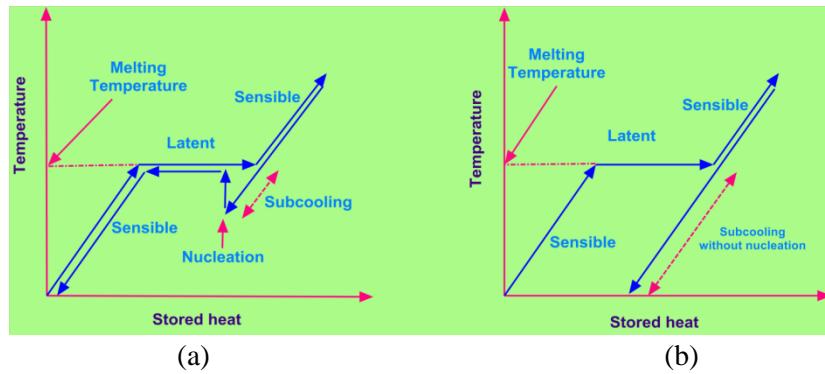


Fig. 4 Effect of subcooling on heat storage.(a) subcooling with nucleation and (b) subcooling without nucleation. [26]

VI. HEAT EXCHANGER CONFIGURATIONS FOR PCMs

For desired rate of charging and discharging of PCMs in latent heat thermal storage systems demand good heat transfer between PCM and cooling medium. Teggar et al. [28] conducted numerical study on solidification of PCMs (water/ice) of the parallel plate type heat exchanger using a conduction model.

6.1 Extended fins enhancement process

In view of ease of fabrication ,simplicity and low cost considerations, fins as an extended surfaces, are widely used to increase the heat transfer surface area which results in better efficiency. Lamberg et al. [29] analytically analyzed solid–liquid interface location and temperature distribution of the fin in a solidification process with constant end-wall temperatures in a finite PCMs (Thermophysical properties shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Physical properties of the phase change and the fin materials. [29]

Property	Paraffin n-octadecane	Salt hydrate Climsel	Aluminum fin	Steel fin
Density [kg/m ³]	777	1480	2713	7854
Heat conductivity [W/m.K]	0.149	0.6	180	60.5
Heat capacity [J/kg.K]	2660	2660	960	434
Latent heat of fusion [J/kg]	241,360	148,000	-	-
Melting-solidification temperature [°C]	28	23	-	-

Agyenim et al. [30] conducted experiment on solar vapor absorption (Li-Br/water) air conditioning system, in which circular tubes with longitudinal fins (Shown in Fig. 5) was applied as a heat exchanger (erthertoal PCMs).

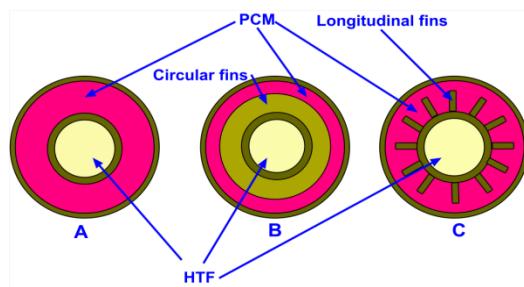


Fig. 5. Cross section view of Shell and tube type heat exchanger (A) without fins (B) circular fins and (C) longitudinal fins [30].

6.2 Encapsulation of PCMs for sub-ambient temperature applications

In the indirect contact type heat transfer processes, between PCM and heat transfer fluid, it is required to keep PCM in the separate enclosure. The above mentioned method is known as encapsulation has been widely using in laboratory research work as well as commercial thermal storage systems because of the various advantages.

6.2.1 Microencapsulation of PCMs

In micro-encapsulation the PCM particles (particles size ranges from 1 to 1000 μm) are enclosed inside a very thin material of desired physical and chemical properties. In the micro-encapsulation technique the shape and size of the composite system (PCM and encapsulation) may vary according to the usage for desired applications

6.2.2 Macroencapsulation of PCMs

In macro-encapsulation The PCMs are enclosed inside the containments of different sizes (containments may vary in capacity ranging from milliliters to several liters of PCM) and shapes (spheres ,tubes, bags, panels ,matrices, pouches or other shapes containers) as desired for different applications. According to Li Xiaoyan et al. [31] , at the end of solidification process of PCM freezing rate slightly increases, as energy required for phase transformation liquid fraction of PCM reduces. In the freezing process of PCM inside spherical shell , fraction of solid PCM starts floating at the top due to the difference in density of solid-liquid masses (also known as buoyancy effect), termed as unfixed melting, shows actual phase transition behavior in practical situations the Fig. 6 shows difference in unfixed and fixed melting.

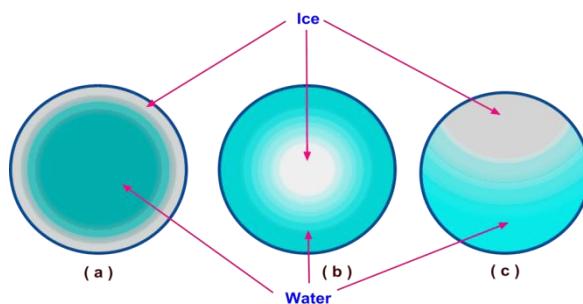


Fig. 6. Schematic view of a spherical capsule (a) freezing (b) fixed melting (c) unfixed melting [31].

VII. SPACE COOLING WITH PCM

Thermal storage is used in air conditioning system to stabilize the operation and utilize its advantage during off peak hours. Studies are basically concentrated on Ice and eutectic salts as a PCM but, as low temperature heat exchange is not desirable for air conditioning purposes, eutectic salts (available in wide range of heat transfer temperature) are certainly preferred to ice storage systems. Wang et al. [32] experimentally analyzed heat transfer rate and storage capacity of a central air-conditioning system with ice ball as a PCM and the glycol solution as heat transfer fluid shown in Fig. 7. They found that the major storage (around 81% of total storage capacity) of thermal energy was exploited from PCM.

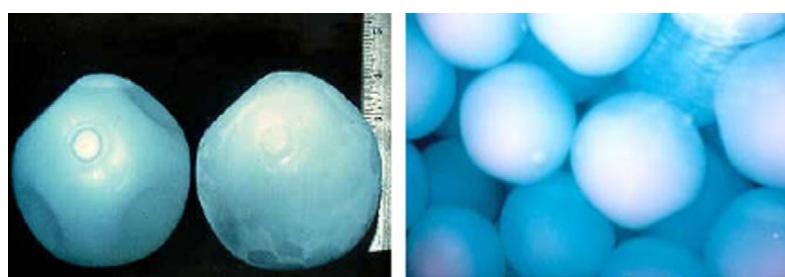


Fig. 7. Picture of balls before and after crystallization used in the air conditioning system [32].

Some commercial thermal energy systems with technical details for space cooling are described in Table 3.

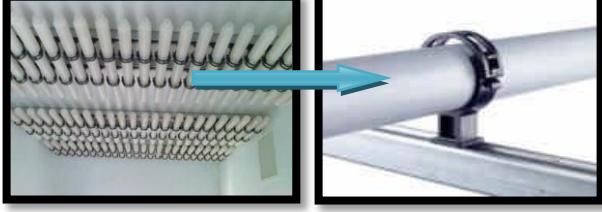
7.1 Case studies of sub-ambient temperature TES systems in buildings

Apart from laboratory experiments and mathematical modeling the performance of a thermal storage system can only be analyzed correctly in actual sites where the system is installed. Some of the studies based on performance analysis at practical sites are mentioned in the Table. 4.

VIII. CONCLUSION

This review focuses on different properties of PCM for sub-ambient temperature applications. The role of thermal energy storage systems for eliminating gap between power demand and supply has been discussed. For designing of efficient latent heat storage systems selection of correct PCM is very important. Hence, therefore various properties associated with criteria of PCM selection such as thermodynamic, kinetic, chemical, technical and economic criteria are well discussed in this review paper. The influence of extended fins, metal insertion and encapsulation of PCM on the performance of latent heat thermal storage is also studied. Moreover, having reviewed all the literatures presented in this paper, based on PCM for latent heat storage systems, it is found that a very less work has been done on low temperature thermal storage applications that need to be focused more rigorously in future to exploit its complete potential. Additionally, it has been also observed that the high cost of PCMs is still a suppressing factor in commercializing PCM based storage systems in the market that makes these applications away from the reach of the common people.

Table 3. Thermal energy systems for space cooling.

S. No.	Figures	Location	TES Technical Description
1.		<p>Shipping building at felixstowe in U.K. using 1,200 kWh TES Capacity In 6,000 FlatICE Container filled With 13 °C PCM for heating ventilation and air conditioning [41].</p>	<p>(a) Properties of operating system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return temperature: 22-24°C • Surface area: 25.32 cm² • Night time operation only <p>(b) Properties of PCM Tank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCM temperature range: -15°C to 37°C • Spheres per kilogram of PCM: 333 • Specific gravity: 0.75-1.5 • Total storage capacity: 479 kWh
2.		<p>Malaysian Energy Centre a typical building Bangi, Malaysia is designed for floor cooling with embedded pipes in concrete slab using PCM as one of its major key functions of energy conservation as shown in figure [42].</p>	<p>(a) Properties of operating system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PEX pipes embedded in concrete slab • Supply temperature: 18- 20°C • Return temperature: 22-24°C • Night time operation only <p>(b) Properties of PCM Tank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melting point Temperature : 10°C • Total storage capacity: 580 kWh • Charged with 7°C water (night time) • Used for dehumidification of air: 19 → 8 g/kg Dimensions: 3 x 3 x 2.5 meters
3.		<p>Conventional basketry was used to hang 12 TubeICE containers per m² ceiling area, with overall weight of 40 kg at pendle vale school building in Lancs U.K. as an application of passive cooling with PCM. 360 TubeICE container was arranged in 6 rows filled with 27°C (81°F) PCM (total coverage 48 m² or 37% of ceiling area) [43].</p>	<p>(a) Thermal storage Container Descriptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCM volume: 3.5 ml ± 8% • PCM temperature range: -13°C to 33°C <p>(b) Properties of PCM Tank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latent Heat Practically: 175 Joules/g • Latent Heat Theoretical: 188 Joules/g • Thermal Conductivity: 1Watt/m °C • Thermal Stability: > 10000 cycles

4.		<p>Heat pipes is another, one of the effective methods of cooling with thermal storage, are fixed just below the ceiling fan as shown in Fig. 19, was used for passive cooling at Nottingham University office building. Indoor temperature was maintained within suitable range of 8 °C (maximum 21.6 °C to minimum 13.6 °C) with respect to the ambient temperature limits (maximum 25.6 °C to minimum 9 °C)[44].</p>	<p>(a) Thermal storage Container Descriptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diameter: 29 mm • Number of pipes 13 • Pipe surface area: 39 square inches <p>(b) PCM Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latent Heat Practically: 175 Joules/g • Latent Heat Theoretical: 188 Joules/g • Thermal Conductivity: 1Watt/m °C • Thermal Stability: > 10000 cycles
5.		<p>BlockVesl a product developed by vesl company is a precisely engineered duct plate of specially engineered plastics designed to contain phase change material and efficiently transfer thermal energy for various applications such as air conditioning, heat recovery , cold storage, refrigeration and heat storage[45].</p>	<p>(a) Thermal storage Container Descriptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dimensions: 330 x 255 x 39 mm <p>(b) PCM Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCM volume: 908 ml ± 5% • PCM temperature range: -15°C to 37°C • Surface area: 3,277 cm² • Specific gravity: 0.75-1.5 (varies based on chosen PCM) • Product: Latest™29T also any other grade like Latest™18T, Latest™20T
6.		<p>The MicroVesl is designed to contain phase change material and efficiently transfer thermal energy a precisely engineered sphere of phase change materials encapsulated in a multi-layered polymer structure chosen for its ideal barrier properties. The MicroVesl is suitable for various applications such as air conditioning, heat recovery, cold storage, refrigeration and heat storage[46].</p>	<p>(a) PCM Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diameter: 18.5 mm (shown here) • Surface area: 10.75 cm² • <p>(b) Thermal storage Container Descriptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCM volume: 2.9 ml ± 5% • PCM temperature range: -15°C to 37°C • Spheres per kilogram of PCM: 333 • Specific gravity: 0.75-1.5 (varies based on chosen PCM) • Product:Latest™29T also any other grade like Latest™18T, Latest™20T, Latest™22T,

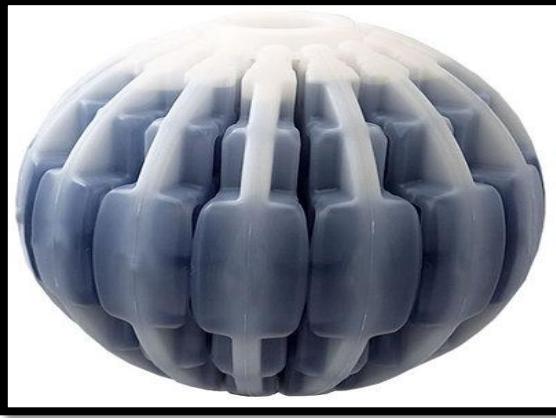
7.		<p>The MacroVesl is designed to contain phase change material and efficiently transfer thermal energy through fast charge and discharge even with very low temperature deltas. a high-capacity, multi-chambered container approximating sphere and blow-molded from specially engineered plastics. The MacroVesl is suitable for various applications such as air conditioning, heat recovery, cold storage, refrigeration and heat storage[47].</p>	<p>(a) Thermal storage system Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diameter: 305 mm (12 inches) • Number of wedges: 15 • Wedge surface area: 255 square inches • Total surface area (less contact areas): 3,825 square inches • <p>(b) PCM Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCM volume per wedge: 478.5 ml • Total PCM volume: 7,177.5 ml • Specific gravity: 0.75-1.5 (varies based on chosen PCM) • PCM temperature range: -15°C to 37°C
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Table 4. Different case studies of low temperature thermal storage systems [33].

Location	Objective	Technical Data	Benefits	Reference
1. Minato Mirai 21, Yokohama, Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heating and cooling of the whole district by Mitsubishi under Cristopia license 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooling energy stored: 120,000 kWh. • Storage volume: 2200m³. • Storage temperature: 0 °C. • Nodule type: STL-00-2200. • Number of tanks: 2 (vertical). • Tank height: 28m. • Tank diameter: 7.3m. • Tank volume: 1100m³. 	<p>Technical Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smaller chiller capacity. • Reduced maintenance. • Increased system efficiency. • Increased system reliability. • Reduced electrical installation. • Smaller heat rejection from the plant. <p>Financial Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant savings on electricity costs. • Lower initial investment. 	[34]

2. Harp Brewery, Dundalk, Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To modernize its refrigeration plant for shifting electrical consumption to off-peak periods and to reduce the peak period electrical demand. with Cristopia STL-N10-200 TES system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily cooling energy consumption: 44,000 kWh.• Maximum cooling demand: 4000kWe.• Storage temperature: -10.4°C.• Store type: STL-N10-200.• Nodules type: STL-N10-200.• Number of tanks: 2.• Tank diameter: 3m.• Tank height: 14m.	<p>Technical Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stable flow temperature.• Cooling energy stored: 10,000 kWh.• Reduced electrical supply, by 1000kWe.• Improved refrigeration efficiency.• Simplified servicing.• Backup at disposal.• Smaller cooling towers.• Smaller chiller capacity. <p>Financial Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduced cost.• Saving on maintenance costs.• Savings due to reduced electrical supply by 1000kWe. <p>Environmental Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saving on demand charge and energy cost.• Reduced refrigerant charge.• Reduced emission of CO₂, SO₂, and N₂O.	[35]
3. Korean Development Bank, Seoul	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To reduce nearly the cooling demand and to make system operation more reliable of an office building using Cristopia TES System using STL -C-184	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily cooling energy consumption: 18,132 kWh.• Maximum cooling demand: 1948kW• Energy stored: 10,100 kWh• Storage type: STL-C-184• Storage temperature: 0°C• Nodule type: C-00• Number of tanks: 4• Tank diameter: 3.6m• Tank length: 5m	<p>Technical Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smaller cooling towers.• Simplified servicing.• Backup at disposal.• Reduced electrical installation.• Smaller chiller capacity (reduced by 47%). <p>Financial Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Large savings on electricity costs (energy cost and demand charge).• Lower initial investment.• Incentive for load shifting. <p>Environmental Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of refrigerant reduced (leading to ozone layer protection).• Reduced emissions of CO₂, SO₂, and N₂O because of off-peak consumption (mitigating greenhouse effect contributions and other pollution).	[36]

Table 4 continued.

Location	Objective	Technical Data	Benefits	Reference
4. Museum of Sciences and Industry, La Villette, France	For heating and cooling of : (i) the sciences and industry museum, (ii) an audio-visual center, and (iii) the GEODE 3D cinema	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main AC system type: Air-handling unit. Building volume: 1,350,000m³. Daily cooling energy consumption: 163,000 kWh. Chiller capacity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Direct mode: 8100kW (6/12 °C). – Charge mode: 4400kW (-6–2 °C). Energy stored: 31,750 kWh. Volume: 549m³. Store type: STL-00-550. Number of tanks: 3. Tank diameter: 4m. Tank height: 18m. 	Technical Advantages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smaller chiller capacity. Smaller heat rejection plant. Reduced maintenance. Increased system efficiency and reliability. Increased plant lifetime expectancy. Environmental Advantages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced refrigerant charge. Reduced emissions of CO₂, SO₂, and N₂O. 	[37]
5. Rueil Malmaison Central Kitchen, France	Rapid cooling of food for hygienic reasons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily cooling energy consumption: 440 kW. Energy stored: 440 kWh. Store type: STL-N10-10. Nodules type: SN.10. Number of tanks: 1. Tank diameter: 1.6m. Tank length: 5.2m. Storage temperature: -10.4 °C. Maximum cooling demand: 139kW at 1/7 °C. 	Technical Advantages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smaller chiller capacity. Smaller heat rejection plant. Flexible system available for efficient energy management. Servicing simplified. Backup at disposal. Financial Advantages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leads to lower operating costs. Financial savings associated with the plant's efficiency, life, and maintenance. Environmental Advantages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of refrigerant reduced. Emissions of CO₂, SO₂, and N₂O reduced because of off-peak consumption. Primary fuel consumption of generator power plant reduced. 	[38]

Table 4 continued.

Location	Objective	Technical Data	Benefits	Reference
6. The Bangsar District Cooling Plant, Malaysia	To take advantage of the lower electricity tariff during the night.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily cooling energy consumption : 450,000kWh. • Maximum cooling demand: 40,000kW. • Cooling energy stored: 110,000 kWh. • STL storage volume: 1900m³. • Number of tanks:5. 	<p>Technical Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smaller chiller capacity. • Smaller heat rejection plant. • Reduced maintenance. • Efficient and reliable system. • Increased plant lifetime. • Flexible system available for efficient energy management. <p>Financial Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saving on operating costs (24%), maintenance, demand charge, and off-peak consumption. • Lower initial investment. 	[39]
7. Dairy TES application using eutectic solutions, Dorset, UK	(i) To reduce cooling period of the product (ii)increase production capacity	combination of 7 °C and 10 °C Plus Ice modules used as a thermal buffer to be charged by the ice bank at night.	<p>Technical Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quick response • Standby capability. • Flexibility. • Maintenance-free installation <p>Financial Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced running cost. <p>Environmental Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green 	[40]

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