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Thermal energy storage (TES) is increasingly important due to the demand-supply challenge caused by the intermittency of renewable energy and waste heat dissipation to the environment. This paper discusses the fundamentals and novel applications of TES materials and identifies appropriate TES materials for particular applications.

Thermal energy storage (TES) refers to heat that is stored for later use—either to generate electricity on demand or for use in industrial processes. Concentrating solar-thermal power (CSP) plants utilize TES to increase flexibility so they can be used as “peaker” plants that supply electricity when demand is high; as “baseload” power .

The efficiency of the solar thermal system can be enhanced by coupling the (1) storage tanks of solar thermal energy and (2) PCM based latent heat storage technology. High efficiency can also be achieved by bridging the gap in between demand of hot water and availability of solar radiations.

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