

Why is silica sol-gel chemistry important?

There is widespread recognition that the use of energy in the twenty-first century must be sustainable. Because of its extraordinary flexibility, silica sol-gel chemistry offers the opportunity to create the novel materials and architectures which can lead to significant advances in renewable energy and energy storage technologies.

What are the applications of silica based materials?

Silica-derived materials are of particular technological importance and have a wide range of potential applications in catalysis, energy conservation, energy storage, sensing, separation, biotechnology, optical and protective coatings, environmental remediation, etc. 10

What are sol-gel derived silica-based materials?

In both cases, sol-gel derived silica-based materials, such as aerogels and xerogels, have been receiving increasing attention due to their unique intrinsic properties: high (greater than hundreds of $\text{m}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$) SSAs, ease of formation and functionalization, tunable pore structures, chemical inertness, and thermal stability [1,2].

Can biomass-derived silica nanomaterials be used for energy synthesis?

A recent review (2024) explored the synthesis and energy applications of biomass-derived silica nanomaterials. 152 The review focused on producing electrode materials for fuel cells, supercapacitors, batteries, and solar cells using biomass-based materials, silica, activated carbon, and ammonia as starting materials.

Can polymers be used in silica sol-gels?

Polymers can be used to enhance the strength, ductility, and toughness of native high-SSA silica by creating composites or hybrids [43, ...,]. Polymer incorporation in silica sol-gels can also mitigate shrinkage and cracking issues during ambient-pressure drying.

Is sol-gel derived polymer-modified silica suitable for environmental remediation?

Sol-gel derived polymer-modified silica has been investigated for environmental remediation due to the availability of high SSAs and surfaces that can be functionalized and tailored to capture specific pollutants.

Thermal energy storage (TES) technology is an important technology of energy transformation, which can tackle the inherent problem in the utilization of solar energy [5]. ... Silica sol was used as a binder and porous skeleton to design and prepare a 3D hybrid microcrystalline graphite-silica sol matrix to prepare excellent thermal energy ...

The focus of this work is to develop new composites TCM based on silica gel matrix impregnated inorganic salts of $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$, $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$, and $\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3 \cdot 18\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and investigate their potential as TCMs materials for low-grade heat storage. The structural and thermal characterizations of

the resulted composites have been analyzed in order to evaluate ...

High specific surface area silicates are used for energy storage and environmental remediation. With the continuous growth in global population, energy demands are ...

Silica sol energy storage. Here we present a simple, yet highly versatile silica sol-gel process built around a multifunctional sol-gel precursor that is derived from the following: amino acids, ...

Thus, the sol-gel synthesis of monolithic silica glasses and silica-based functional glasses remains a major challenge. This review is intended to provide a brief overview of the current status of the sol-gel syntheses of dense monolithic silica and silicate glasses, with a focus on glasses and glass-ceramics with good optical transparency.

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Poly(ethylene glycol) is one of the most commonly used organic PCMs and has attracted a great deal of interest in applications for middle/low-temperature heat energy storage and thermal management due to its high latent heat capacity, tunable and preferably located phase-change temperatures, congruently melting performance, good thermal and chemical ...

Consequently, it is beneficial to form a large sized spherical particle when the silica sol is prepared with an ethanol-to-TEOS ratio below 9.0. The TEM image in Fig. 13 shows the LA core (dark part) surrounded by a silica shell ... Additionally, with the analysis of the relation of particle size and energy storage capacity, the encapsulation ...

Silica (SiO_2) composites are key for sustainable energy storage systems. Reviews synthesis methods: sol-gel, hydrothermal, and pyrolysis for SiO_2 . SiO_2 -carbon composites enhance ...

Presently, most commercially available PCMs are paraffins. Paraffins provide good thermal energy storage (TES) properties such as congruent phase change, non-corrosivity, negligible supercooling, and no phase segregation [9]. ... They sealed the cenospheres by soaking the microcapsules in silica sol. Cement mortar with about 4.7 wt% of the ...

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This study successfully synthesizes SiO_2 -encapsulated nano-phase change materials (NPCMs) via a sol-gel method, using paraffin as the thermal storage medium. The ...

Examples are presented in the areas of dye-sensitized solar cells, biofuel cells, proton exchange membrane fuel cells, redox flow batteries and electrochemical energy ...

A new silica encapsulation technique toward n-octadecane PCM (phase change material) was developed through sol-gel synthesis using sodium silicate as a silica precursor. Fourier transform infrared spectra confirm the chemical composition of the synthesized microcapsules, and wide-angle X-ray scattering patterns indicate good crystallinity for the n ...

Thermal energy storage is an efficient way to reduce the mismatch between energy supply and demand [1]. There are three methods for thermal energy storage technology: sensible heat storage, chemical heat storage and latent heat storage [2], while latent heat storage has the advantages of large energy storage density and unchanged temperature during ...

Thermal energy storage using phase change materials (PCMs) has intrigued a great deal of interests in recent years due to its potential applications in the fields of intelligent temperature control design [1], ... Fang et al. prepared microencapsulated octadecane with silica shell by using sol-gel method with methyl triethoxysilane [26]. In ...

The silica sol was then slowly introduced to the ODE emulsion to initiate SiO₂ deposition on the ODE droplets' surface. All the above processes were carried out at a constant temperature of 40 °C. ... the early hydration of cement-based materials to reduce the temperature rise or throughout the service life for thermal energy storage, the ...

Thermal energy storage (TES) has drawn more and more attention to narrowing the gap between supply and demand of energy due to higher storage density, ... thus silica sol solution was obtained. Then the sol solution was added dropwise to the prepared PW emulsion. Before the pH of the mixed solution was adjusted to ~5.5, it was further stirred ...

The high surface area, ordered structure, tunable pore size, and easiness of functionalization have made mesoporous silica powder and thin films interesting materials for a wide range of applications including drug delivery, ...

CaCO₃ is a promising material for thermochemical energy storage (TCES) systems. It can store and release heat upon reversible decarbonation to CaO, which emits heat through carbonation. Decarbonation temperature of CaCO₃ directly affects the properties of CaO, which influences heat supply in result. The current research studies CaCO₃/CaO system, ...

The consumption of energy has caused a large amount of greenhouse gas emissions. Energy use in the building, industry and transportation accounts for the vast majority of total energy consumption [1, 2]. Building energy consumption is closely related to the thermal insulation performance of the building

envelope, and thermal energy storage (TES) technology ...

Due to their unusual features, aerogels could be used for biomedical, acoustic, food packaging, electrochemical energy storage, thermal insulation, environmental, water treatment, catalysis and aerospace applications [6, [10], [11], [12]]. Specifically pertinent for biomedical and pharmaceutical applications are aerogels based on silica, polymers, and ...

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Therefore, energy storage materials are important in energy, construction, and many other engineering applications (Hira et al., 2021a; Lee et al., 2024a, 2024d). Silica aerogel has a great advantage in energy storage due to its low thermal conductivity, high specific surface area, stable chemical properties, and tunable pore structure.

In this work, shape-stabilized octadecane and silica microcapsules were prepared by using sol-gel method. In the microcapsules, the octadecane was used as phase change material (PCM) for thermal energy storage, and the silica prepared from methyl triethoxysilane (MTES) acted as shell material to prevent the octadecane from leakage.

Inspired by the common preparation method of mesoporous silica where polyethylene glycol (PEG) was used as template to obtain porous silica, PEG/silica (PEG@SiO₂) composite as shape-stabilized phase change material for energy storage was well prepared this paper, PEG was used as phase change material (PCM) to store and release thermal ...

silica gel for capacitive energy storage. In view of the critical importance of energy and the inherent flexibility of the sol-gel process, we expect sol-gel chemistry to play an ...

Sol-gel capacitor dielectric offers record-high energy storage Date: July 29, 2015 Source: Georgia Institute of Technology Summary: Using a hybrid silica sol-gel material and self-assembled ...

Silica sol, as the silica source, was supplied from Zhejiang Yuda Chemical Co. Ltd. in China. 2.2. Preparation of PEG/SiO₂ composites. ... These data showed that ss-PCMs had relatively higher energy storage capacity than these composites in literature, so they were noticeably suitable for thermal energy storage applications in the exterior ...

Encapsulated phase change materials (PCMs) are promising for thermal energy storage. Silica (SiO_2) coated palmitic acid (PA) capsules were reported to be commonly prepared with alkali or acid added via sol-gel process while using tetraethyl orthosilicate (TEOS) as the precursor of SiO_2 . This research reports a simple and easily controlled synthesis method of ...

A green and facile method for preparing thermal energy storage wood by using PEG and silica sol was reported in this study. The modifier is widely distributed inside the lumen and also the cell wall, with WPG and BC up to 102.62% and 17.14%, respectively.

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