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Modeling and Simulation of Phase-Change Materials: Latest Advances and Prospects

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Thermal energy storage using phase change materials (PCM) is becoming an important feature of energy systems due to an increasing mismatch between power production and consumption. Adjusting the demand side to irregular energy supplies from energy systems, including renewable energy sources, is possible by onsite heat accumulation in any type of PCM reservoirs. Such a storage system can be performed in the form of tanks (local or peripheral) or building components (wall, roof, and window) containing PCM. The behaviour of PCM depends on many factors and can be well predicted by dynamic methods by using computational techniques. Topics covered include the following, among others:

- PCM in building fabrics, construction, and insulation composites;
- PCM windows including thermal and optical properties;
- Combined PV-PCM systems including buildingintegrated PV;
- Solar thermal collectors modified by PCM;
- Thermal energy storage tanks and reservoirs;
- Passive and active walls and facades modified by PCM;
- Hygrothermal behaviour of PCM composites.

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