

# Study and Investigation of Phase Change Material Application in Solar System: A Review

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**Abstract**— For photovoltaic (PV) systems to become fully integrated into systems, efficient and cost-effective energy storage systems must be utilized together with intelligent demand-side superintendence. As the global solar photovoltaic market grows beyond imagination, building onsite consumption of power produced by PV technology will become important to maintain electricity grid stability. This review paper provides the first comprehensive itemization of all types of energy storage systems that can be integrated with PV incorporating electrical and thermal energy storage systems. The integration of PV-energy storage is reviewed together with the role of energy storage for PV in the circumstances of future energy storage advancements.

**Keywords** —PV Photovoltaic, PVT Photovoltaic thermal, PVT/PCM Photovoltaic Thermal System with Phase Change Material

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Solar energy is one of the most widely used renewable energy source of all other sources. We all use solar energy since the beginning of mankind. It is easy and natural resource, this is one of the sources to reducing pollution in the atmosphere. Energy generated by using wind, solar, geothermal heat and biomass is known as a non-conventional energy. All these sources are renewable process of energy generation and do not cause environmental pollution. The ministry of new renewable energy has been taking a lot of initiatives to use the solar energy. In that the phase change materials doing very important role for storage purpose. In past few decades usage of phase change material in thermal energy storage is considered to be an effective way of absorbing and releasing thermal energy. Phase change materials are isothermal in nature and thus offer higher density energy storage and the ability to operate in a variable range of temp conditions. With the help of phase change materials, we can increase the efficiency of PV-Panel. Phase change materials or latent heat storage materials is the most efficient used method to storage during phase change from solid to liquid and released during freezing at a constant temperature. The application of PCM has grown incrementally in various industries, such as the solar cooling and solar power plants, photovoltaic electricity systems, electronic industry. Phase change materials are also very useful in providing thermal barriers or insulation. Paraffin wax qualifies as a PCM because it can be used over a wide range of temperatures and has a reasonably high heat of fusion. Paraffin wax can also undergo freezing without experiencing super cooling. Hence, technical grade paraffin wax is the most cost

effective, feasible and widely used PCM. Fatty acids are organic compounds characterized by  $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{COOH}$  with a higher heat of fusion value compared to paraffin wax. Fatty acids have the ability to reproduce melting and freezing with little or no supercooling. For household use, solar energy is currently the most popular source of renewable power generation in terms of annual investment and offering benefits. There are many types of solar energy for power generation, such as photovoltaic, solar thermal, solar organic Rankine cycle as well as a solar hybrid. In this study, solar thermal electricity generating systems (SEGS) will be discussed due to their ability to be used with PCM to store energy. Therefore, they have great dispatch ability potential, which means that they can be used on-demand, making them more efficient and cost-effective. However, high-temperature thermal energy storage (TES) systems have not been widely tested; only a few power plants around the world have been identified as examining this system. More recent designs for SEGS have used expensive synthetic oil as storage media and achieved an increase in working temperatures, from the former 300 °C up to 400 °C.

## 2 Energy Storage for PV

Electrical Energy Storage (EES) applies to a process of transforming electrical energy into a form that can be stored for converting back to electrical energy when needed. The association of PV systems including battery storage can maximize the level of self-consumed PV electricity. With a battery system, the excess PV electricity throughout the day is deposited and later used at night. In this way, households implemented with a PV battery system can overcome the energy drawn from the grid to

therefore increase their self-sufficiency (Weniger et al., 2014). PV battery systems thus reduce the subordination of residential customers on the central grid as well as reducing carbon emissions. EES is a method that facilitates electricity to be produced at times of either low demand, low generation cost, or from alternate energy sources to be used at times of high demand, high generation cost, or when another generation is unavailable (Ibrahim et al., 2012). storage charging from a base-load generation plant at prime hours in the morning and late hours in the night; This energy storage is used to counter requests in peak hours at around 6 pm. Furthermore, the storage of energy between 6 am and 6 pm plus maintains frequency and voltage by coordinating supply and demand. EES can be divided into a range of categories, including mechanical, thermal, and chemical storage. Each of these broad categories has a unique set of parameters to estimate cost and performance. PV-battery systems can have added societal benefits, particularly the reduction of carbon emissions as Solar PV generates electricity from solar energy which would have been otherwise used fossil fuels. Carbon reduction advantages are an important motivator for numerous installing PV systems, even though altruistically the benefits accumulate to society at large. Besides, PVbattery systems can contribute grid-level benefits that improve the overall efficiency of the electricity grid and reduce system-level costs (Hanser et al., 2017). Grid benefits of PV-battery systems include: offset generation from more expensive generators; reduce congestion on transmission and distribution systems; stabilize local electricity flow; control local voltage fluctuations; and enable transmission and distribution system upgrades to be avoided or deferred. Can lessen electricity costs where complementary policies are implemented, including net metering, feed-in tariffs, tax credits, and particular rate formations.



Fig. 1. Solar Batteries for Electrical Energy Storage

### 2.1 Advantages of EES for PV

Battery storage is an effective means for reducing the intermittency of electricity produced by solar photovoltaic (PV) systems to advance the load factor, considering supplyside management, and the offer of backup energy, for demand-side management (Hoppmann et al., 2014). In Germany, PV systems have often been installed to serve the generated electricity upon the grid, which was remunerated with feed-in taxes. However, this was modified at the beginning of 2012, when the feed-in tariffs for PV systems below 10 kW undercharged the retail electricity prices for households (Weniger et al., 2014). With the increment of PV feed-in tariffs and prices of grid electricity, using the PV-generated electricity on a household level became more attractive than serving it onto the grid. PV systems with battery storage can increase self-consumed PV electricity. With a battery system, the excess PV Electricity during the day is stored and used when wanted.

### 2.2 Limitations of Electrical PV Storage

Three barriers to wide-scale use of solar PV are that electricity generation is (i) limited to daytimes, (ii) dependent on local weather conditions, and (iii) fluctuates strongly over the year. While the feasibility of moving the supply of electricity to a different time of day enhances the value of the electricity produced, adding storage technologies to a PV system also boosts the overall fundamental investment cost. In Germany programs now contribute to the use of storage technologies for residential PV. Considering the falling costs for both PV and battery technologies, however, it prevails questionable whether, and for how long, these subsidies are necessary to push the deployment of storage technologies. The economic viability

of storage is often based on an assumption that policy provision in the form of feed-in tariffs and/or additional incentives for self-consumed electricity must be available. However, feed-in tariffs in many countries have significantly decreased over the last years and are expected to be phased out. Therefore, it is important to examine the viability of storage without subsidies for PV and storage technologies. Studies of the viability of storage for residential PV (Weniger et al., 2014) have usually investigated a limited number of sizes of both the PV system and the battery storage. Without the assumption of no additional policy considerations, the preferred size of the PV system and battery storage greatly influence the economic viability of the integrated PV and battery system. As a result, it currently remains unclear when storage investments will be economically viable for a household that optimizes the sizes of both the PV system and the battery storage at the time of investment.

### 2.3 Photovoltaic Modules and Thermal Energy Storage (TES)

Use of latent heat storage for the thermal management of PV In latent heat storage, thermal energy is stored or discharged by material while changing its phase at a steady temperature. It is also a completely physical process without any chemical reaction during charge or discharge. The amount of heat stored is generally the latent heat of phase change (the latent heat of fusion for a solid-liquid transition and latent heat of vaporization for a liquid-vapour transition) (Pelay et al., 2017). Phase change materials (PCM) absorb thermal energy as latent heat at a constant phase change temperature. PCM with a proper phase transition temperature can be used to regulate the temperature of PV cells (Huang et al., 2006a; Hasan et al., 2010, 2014) thus supporting high efficiency for an extensive period. Compared to other methods of temperature regulation, the use of PCM has the added advantage of storing heat energy that can be used asynchronously. At initial heating, a PCM heats sensibly, and meanwhile, the PCM reaches the melting/solidification temperature, the material absorbs latent heat, progressively melting. Melted PCM continues to warm moreover as it melts. The duration and temperature range above which the phase change takes place depends on the mass of PCM and the thermal conductivity of PCM and any enhanced heat transference elements therein. Once PCM has totally changed phase the material will begin to heat sensibly

again. A classification of PCM in terms of melting temperature and melting enthalpy (Cabeza et al., 2011). PCMs are divided into organic (paraffin, fatty acid), inorganic (hydrated salts), and eutectic (mixture of organic or inorganic PCM) within the required melting temperature of 20 °C to 100 °C. Cabeza et al. (2011) divided PCM into groups; Cooling applications up to 21 °C, 22–28 °C for comfort in building applications, 29–60 °C for hot water applications, High temperature applications demanding PCM of between 61 °C and 120 °C There has been noteworthy research on types of PCM, their applications and thermo physical properties (Zalba et al., 2003; Sari et al., 2004; Sharma et al., 2009; Kousksou et al., 2014; Yuan et al., 2014a). The coveted characteristics of a material are reliant on the application. However, PCM with a high phase change enthalpy, being non-corrosive, with no sub-cooling, and with chemical and thermal stability would be an ideal choice but where this is unavailable material properties have to be prioritized concerning PV applications. PCM melting temperatures fluctuate considerably due to material type, thermal properties, and chemical structure (Cabeza et al., 2011; Oró et al., 2013). PCM with specific melting temperatures are available and their thermo physical properties are identified (Zalba et al., 2003; Agyenim et al., 2010; Cabeza et al., 2011; Liu et al., 2012). Paraffin waxes are revised to lower temperature applications (< 100 °C) and molten salts can be used for high temperature provisions. In 1978, it was suggested PCM could act as potential thermal storage if integrated with a PV. The first study of PCM as a potential method to regulate the temperature of PV (Stultz and Wren, 1978). Stultz and Wren (1978) used Eicosane with a melting point of 36.7 °C, with a Spectrolab PV module used. The high thermal expansion is an unacceptable property when integrated into a PV/PCM system. The experiment explicated an increase of 1.4% in the electrical efficiency of the PV. However, it was noted this could be improved with enhanced thermal conductivity of PCM and hence heat transfer from the PV to PCM. Stultz claimed if the PCM were successful in absorbing the excess thermal energy, an improvement in the power of 2% to 3.5% could be expected. A PV/PCM system was not regarded financially viable, however, a PV combined with a thermal storage system was seen to hold the potential to be cost-effective. This work was considered in a patent in 1983 but was not developed commercially (Ames, 1983). However, after this, PCM was not investigated as a medium of cooling PV until

the mid1990s. There have been many experimental and computational investigations into the use of PCM to regulate the temperature of PV (Ling et al., 2014). In a patent published in 2005 (AlHallaj and Selman, 2005) PCM was consolidated in a battery module system, including a fuel cell battery system. The discovery refers to an arrangement whereby the PCM absorbs a percentage of the heat produced upon a charge or demobilization of electrical energy. The objective of the system was to improve the power supply of the system by regulating undesired temperature increases, minimize non-uniformity of temperature and act as a heat sink Huang et al.(2000) progressed the concept independently with comprehensive experimental and simulation studies. The first numerical PV/ PCM model was approved successfully by comparison with small-scale experiments. Three systems were analysed under diversifying environmental conditions; (i) an aluminium plate to simulate a PV cell; (ii) an aluminium plate with a container filled with PCM to simulate a PV/ PCM system; an aluminium plate with a container filled with PCM with combined fins. Temperature variation within the PCM and the solid-liquid transition of the PCM compared favourably with prognostications. Integrated PCM system with fins manifested effective temperature regulation of the plate (Huang et al., 2004). A 3D thermo physical model for a PV/PCM system based on the Navier-Stokes equation was developed for foretelling the convective velocities of melted PCM and temperatures inside the PV/PCM system, this model was compared with a beforehand published 2D model. The 2Dmodel can be used to predict the temperature of a simple linear PV/PCM system however the 3D model allows the prophecy of a line-axis system to be resolved (Huang et al., 2006b; Huang et al., 2007). The application of fins in a PV/PCM system in BIPV to improve low heat transfer rates of PCM was found to moderate the increase in temperature of PV (Huang et al., 2006c). Aluminium fins, integrated into a PV/ PCM system, (Huang et al., 2011) were used to investigate the melting process of PCM and the conclusion of differently spaced fins both theoretically and experimentally using PCM RT27. Additional fins were shown to improve the temperature control of the PV.



Fig. 2. Thermal Energy Storage Tank

## 2.4 Thermal Management of Concentrating PV (CPV) using PCM

PCM was first used in CPV in a patent in 1993, (Horne, 1993) where the concept of PCM to protect PV cells in a solar concentrator from excessive temperatures was included. The selected PCM melted at a temperature higher than the normal operating temperature range of the PV cells, but less than the temperature at which the PV cells suffer thermal damage. Moreover to work on asymmetric compound parabolic photovoltaic concentrators (ACPPVC) (Mallick et al., 2004; Wu, 2009, 2011) which concentrate significant diffuse solar radiation, Wu et al. designed and assembled an ACPPVC integrating PCM RT27 to the back, to regulate the temperature. The system had a concentration ratio of 2 (Wu, 2009). At an incident solar Irradiance of 672 W/m<sup>2</sup> and incident angle of 0°, the temperature of the solar cells of the ACPPVC-55/ PCM was reduced by 18 °C during the phase change compared to the ACPPVC55 system. The predicted electrical transformation efficiency of the ACPPVC-55/PCM is 10%. Further tests under various incident angles and solar irradiance intensities determined that at solar irradiance intensities of 280 W/m<sup>2</sup> the PV temperature was reduced by 7 °C for approximately 10 h when using RT27 with an increase of 5% in the electrical conversion compared to ACPPVC-55. A V-trough CPV system was investigated where a metal-wax composite PCM was used to regulate PV temperature (Maiti et al., 2011). Paraffin wax with a phase change range of 56–58 °C was located on the rear of the module. To enhance low thermal conduction in the PCM, aluminium lathe turnings were implanted. Indoor experiments maintained the temperature between 65 °C and 68 °C for 3 h at 2300 W/m<sup>2</sup> generated using a solar simulator. The temperature of the PV rose to 90 °C in absence of the PCM.



Outdoor experiments recorded maximum temperatures of between 78 °C and 80 °C in the absence of PCM and 64–65 °C with the PCM as a temperature regulation mechanism though this was at a lower solar irradiance intensity of 1982 W/m<sup>2</sup> generated by the primary radiation being concentrated in the V-trough. PCM was further investigated theoretically in a CPV system beside the concentration of 2 suns and was found to be a technically reasonable option for suitable sites with high solar concentration (Lillo-Bravo et al., 2011). Twelve sites were chosen for which a CPV/PCM model was simulated under the environmental conditions of each site. Four phase change temperatures were tested, 25 °C, 35 °C, 45 °C, and 55 °C. It was found that a concentrated system stationed in Cairo generated 37.2% more electrical power than a system without PCM, followed closely by Cairo and London produced the least increase in energy of 18%. The advancement inefficiency was closely linked with the location of installation and the potentiality of solar concentration. It should be noted that this model has not yet been validated. A hybrid CPV-thermoelectric concept integrated PCM as a store of heat generated by a concentrator (Li et al., 2013). A series of calculations based on conversion efficiencies of the PV cell and thermoelectric generator proposes system efficiency improved by 30% high-grade cold energy storage system was added. A two-axis focusing photovoltaic system thermally regulated by PCM was manufactured and tested outdoors in Pakistan (Sarwar, 2012). Numerous PCM were tested and it was found that the choice of the optimum PCM depends on the application. Lauric acid was found to reduce the peak PV temperature by 22 °C and palmitic found a maximum temperature difference of 19.5 °C. However, palmitic has a higher heat of fusion and temperature regulation inclinations.

## 2.5 Hybrid Photo Voltaic-Thermal-Phase Change Material Systems

A photovoltaic/thermal (PV/T) system converts solar radiation into electrical and thermal energy. The incorporation of thermal collectors with PV technology can increase the overall efficiency of a PV system as thermal energy is produced as a by-product of the production of electrical energy. Passive cooling is buoyancy-driven and the use of an external mechanical system is known as active or forced cooling. The extraction of heat from the PV occurs

instantly once a temperature differential develops between the PV and the transfer fluid. There are two options for disposal of excess thermal energy accumulated from the PV; transfer of heat to air or water. The pre-heated fluid is redirected to an end application such as warm water or air which can be used for purposes such a space heating or domestic hot water requirements. Numerous review papers have been published in the use of PCM as a thermal management technique of PV, emphasizing the growing body of literature in the area (Browne et al., 2015; Ma et al., 2015). Yin et al. (2013), have presented a PV/T system with integrated heat storage using PCM. Water is directly heated by thermal energy from the PV; it flows via a thermo syphon through the PCM which will store the heat from the water for later applications. The water reached a temperature that was found to be useful in domestic applications. In ambient temperatures, heat captured by the PCM prevented it from invading the domestic abode and significantly lessening the cooling load. A one-dimensional energy balance model of a PV/T/PCM (PV/Thermal/PCM) system was simulated (Malvi et al., 2011). The model is divided up into a series of nodes; at each of which a temperature is calculated. Investigations into water flow rate, PCM thickness, PCM melting point, and PCM conductance were carried out utilizing the model. The most effective flow rate for PV cooling is approximately 10 l/h; however, this is undesired for water heating applications as the water outlet temperature is reduced. The optimum thickness of PCM was found to be 0.03 m which increases the PV efficiency by approximately 6.5%. The temperature range changes throughout the year which emphasizes the issue of having to change the melting temperature of the PCM throughout the year. The PV output increases by 3% if the conductance of the PCM is increased by a factor of 10. New PCM with improved thermal conductivities would be required. The electrical output of the PV/T/PCM system was shown to increase by 9% when compared to a PV system only (Malvi et al., 2011). The addition of PCM in PV/PCM systems has been shown to lower the working temperature of PV by removing excess heat (Malvi et al., 2011). A numerical simulation of BIPV/T-PCM vented and un-vented Trombe-Michel walls was validated via comparison with the experimental outcomes from a BIPV/T system in this case ventilation wall is part of PV/T collector system (Aelenei et al., 2013). The air cavity permits for ventilation and each system has been investigated with and without it. The results of non-

ventilation showed the PCM caused a decrease of 7 °C when comparing the temperature of the air cavity due to the latent heat storage of the PCM. However, ventilation of the systems showed a much lower difference of 2 °C (BIPV/T-PCM 28 °C and BIPV/T 30 °C) suggesting that heat is removed by ventilation rather than to the PCM. The investigations reveal that the effect of the storage in the PCM reduces the PV temperature and thus raises the PV efficiency. However, during winter conditions the storage of heat causes unfavourable effects as the heat transfer from the air cavity to the interior of the room is reduced (Aelenei et al., 2013). In a numerical and experimental study of this system, the maximum electrical and thermal efficiencies reached were 10% and 12%, respectively (Aelenei et al., 2014).

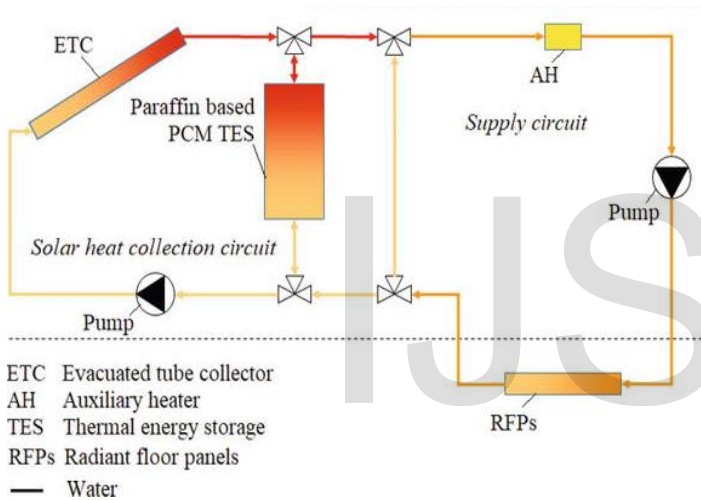


Fig. 3. Thermal Energy Storage with PCM

## 2.6 Use of Thermochemical Energy Storage

Thermochemical energy storage is not usually used along with PV systems but rather with concentrated solar power (CSP) plants. CSP plants are generally coupled with conventional fuels and employ thermal energy storage (TES) to subdue the intermittency of solar energy. Different from sensible or latent heat storages, thermochemical TES technology is based on reversible chemical reactions, which are characterized by a change in the molecular configuration of the reactants (combination or decomposition). Solar heat is used to induce an endothermic chemical reaction and then stored in the form of chemical potential. During the discharge, the stored heat can be recovered by the reversed exothermic reaction, seldom by adding a catalyst, Play et al., 2017. The advantages of thermochemical storage rely on their high

energy density (up to 10 times greater than latent storage and the considerably long storage duration at ambient temperature. As a result, it is a very attractive option and fairly economic competitive Metal hydrides, carbonates system, hydroxides system, redox system, ammonia system, and the organic system can be used for thermo-chemical heat storage at medium or high temperatures (300–1000 °C), Pardo et al., 2014. Yonder choosing the suitable TES technology for CSP application, the TES system must be coupled appropriately with the power generating cycle (e.g., Rankine cycle). Relevant concepts that integrate the TES system and the power generating cycle persist as one of the key issues for the actual application of TES technology (Pelay et al., 2017).

## 2.7 The Potential and the Purpose of Energy Storage for PV and Future Energy

Development Influences from supporting policies, such as feed-in-tariff and net-metering, will gradually phase out with accelerated increase installation decreasing cost of PV modules and the PV intermittency difficulty. The PV self-consumption becomes more engaging because the self-consumed electricity generally has more economic values than the exported electricity (Castillo-Cagigal et al., 2011; Luthander et al., 2015). Beneath the occurrence of recurrent solar resources, electrical energy storage (EES) can continue to maintain the stability of the power grid in

an effective and economically feasible manner. Further investigation with detailed analysis and optimal solutions is needed to simultaneously determine the energy storage method, the storage capacity, and the operation strategy.

## 2.8 Energy Storage for Large-Scale PV System

A prediction of global PV generation prognosticates distinctive growth in PV capacity with PV providing 16% of global electricity by 2050. Such an increase will bring economic and technical challenges to integrate solar power into the grid due to the diurnal and stochastic nature of solar energy. Electrical energy storage (EES) have explored improvements and services to power systems, however, more work needs to be done in smart grid as a key element in contemporary power systems developments for secure and dependable operation. Although the EES market is expanding, there is a lack of standards and methods for comparing the efficiency and performance of EES in a PV system.



TABLE 1. Different PCM and their Properties

Sr. No.	Reference No	PCM used	Melting temperature range (°C)	Thermal conductivity solid/ Liquid W/mK	Solid density/ Liquid density Kg/m³	Specific heat capacity solid/liquid (kJ/kg K)
1	S. Kalaiselvam et al.	n-tetradecane n-hexadecane(6:4)	5	0.34/0.146	795/765	1.64/2.13
		n-tetradecane	5.5	0.35/0.15	884/759	1.64/2.16
		n-pentadecane	9.6	0.182/0.15	776.1/727.2	3.08/3.53
2	S. Kalaiselvam et al.	Capric/lauric acid	18	0.143/0.139	900/894.9	1.97/2.24
		CaCl2.6H2O	29	1.09/0.53	1710/1530	1.40/2.20
		n-Octadecane	27.5	0.39/0.157	840/814	1.90/2.20
				1562	835/765	1.95/2.10

TABLE 2. Different Formulas for Calculations

Sr. No.	Reference No	Formula used ( $\eta_{ele}$ )	Notations used
3	S. Kalaiselvam et al.	Oleic acid	Nil
4	J. Darkwa et al.	Paraffin based n-octadecane (MEPCM) $1 - \frac{T_{cold}}{T_{hot}}$	Nil
5	Tushar D. Sathya & A. S. Dhoble	RT42 $\frac{\sqrt{1+ZT_{teg}} - 1}{\sqrt{1+ZT_{teg} + T_{cold}/T_{hot}}}$	Nil
2	Tao Ma, et.al.	$\eta_{pv} = \eta_{ref} \times \left\{ 1 - \frac{\beta_{ref}}{\beta_{ref}} (T_{surface} - T_{ref}) \right\}$	$\eta_{ele}$ : electrical conversion efficiency T: TEG back surface temperature(K) ZT: figure of merit of TEG(K)
3	Alibakhsh Kasaeian, et al.	$\frac{Q_u}{G_{STC} \cdot A_c}$ $\frac{Q_u}{G_{STC} \cdot A_c}$	$Q_u$ : efficient collected heat (W) G: solar radiation intensity ( $W/m^2$ ) $\beta$ : temperature coefficient ( $^{\circ}C^{-1}$ ) $\eta$ : efficiency $A_c$ : collector area ( $m^2$ ) subscripts el.n: nominal electrical STC: standard test condition panel: solar panel

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## 3 End Sections

### 3.1 Summary of Future Energy Storage Development

The deployment of energy storage is an important character of future energy development together with demand-side superintendence. The thermal mass of buildings can retain heat after a period of heating to control thermal comfort. Understanding end-user behaviour is critically important to enable the behaviour of the building to be subtly tailored to end-user requirements. Selective fabric retrofits and selective occupancy controls can adjust these parameters further giving an element of control to the end-user while satisfying electricity network operator needs. Thermal storage will satisfy thermal comfort needs when operating with heat pumps while battery deployment may operate with electric vehicles and/or electric heat pumps at times of local grid congestion. Such batteries and electric vehicles will also become demand-side response units in their own right, with Vehicle-to-Grid technology. The combinations of such technologies will address many of the emerging low voltage network dilemmas as we venture to decarbonize our energy usage. The low voltage network has become the focus of such challenges but sees little investment. The rates of penetration of the technologies are unknown and their performance under real end-use requirements is also less well understood. The electricity network investment avoidance costs are not yet established

### CONCLUSION

Photovoltaic have a wide range of applications from stand-alone to grid-connected, freestanding to building-integrated. It can be easily sized due to its modularity from small scale (portable) to solar field scale. It is a source of clean energy with no GHG at generation, transformation, and usage. The cost and optimization of PV can be reduced with the integration of load management and energy storage systems. This review paper sets out the range of energy storage options for photovoltaic including both electrical and thermal energy storage systems. The integration of PV and energy storage in smart buildings and sketches the role of energy storage for PV in the circumstances of future energy storage possibilities

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