

# **Stor4Build Supporting Thrust Project Update**

## **Development and Optimization of Phase Change Materials for Thermal Energy Storage**

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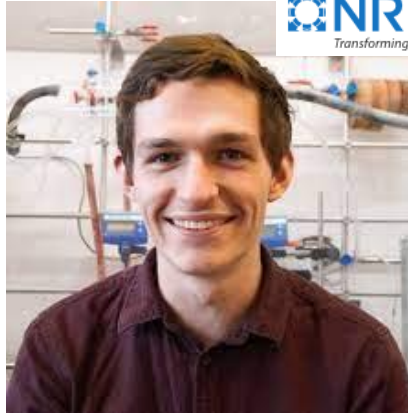
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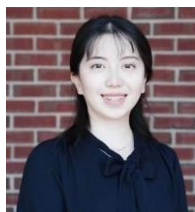
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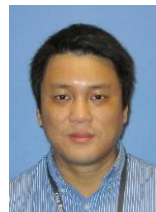
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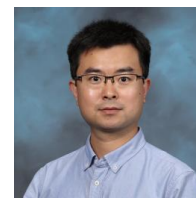
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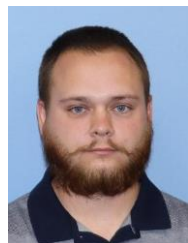
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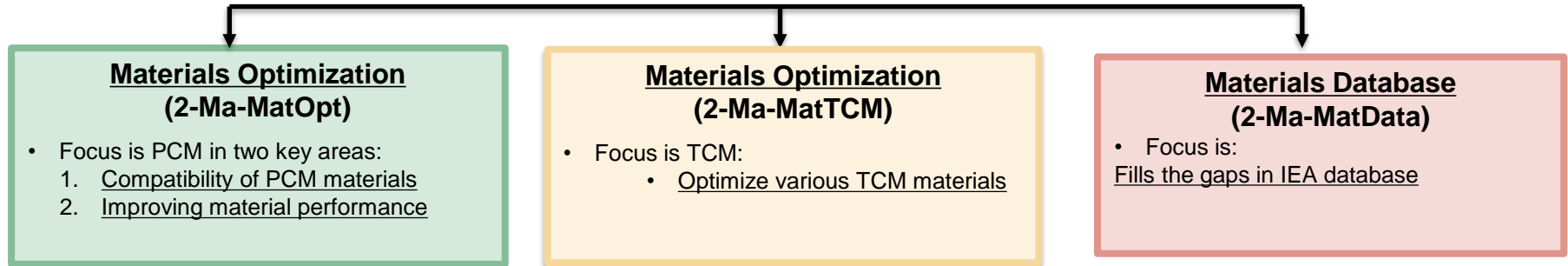
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# Overview

- **Material Support:** Materials Support Thrust provides critical material testing and support to the integration team, ensuring they have the necessary materials for their systems
- **TES Material Optimization:** We investigate and optimize TES materials, focusing on phase change materials (PCMs) and thermochemical materials (TCMs), to meet the specific requirements of various TES-integrated heat pump systems under development



**This presentation's goal is to** review the progress made in the materials project, focusing on key accomplishments.

- An overview of the technical s accomplishments
- Highlights on the strategic importance of these achievements in aligning with the U.S. Decarbonization Blueprint

# Overview – PCM optimization

Our research and development efforts are focused on several key areas:

## 1. Material Innovation

Developing or optimizing advanced TES materials that meet the specific requirements of next-generation heat pump systems

## 2. System Compatibility

Ensuring that these materials integrate seamlessly with existing technologies, reducing the need for costly system overhauls

## 3. Long-Term Performance

Focusing on durability, working on solutions to extend the lifespan and reliability of TES materials in real-world conditions



*TES-integrated heat exchanger at ORNL*

**Strategic Alignment:** Our achievements are not just technical milestones; they are strategically aligned with broader national goals. This work directly supports the U.S. Decarbonization Blueprint by contributing to:

### ✓ Energy Efficiency

*Enhancing the performance of TES materials to reduce energy consumption in buildings*

### ✓ Emission Reductions

*Developing materials that enable more efficient and sustainable heating and cooling solutions, thus reducing on-site greenhouse gas emissions*

### ✓ Resilience and Sustainability

*Focusing on material durability and compatibility to ensure that the solutions we provide are both long-lasting and environmentally responsible*

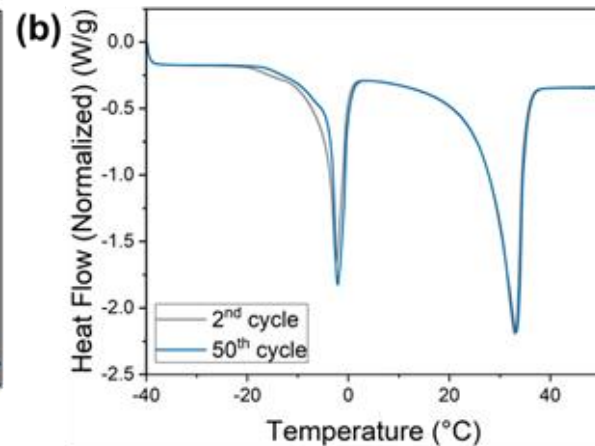
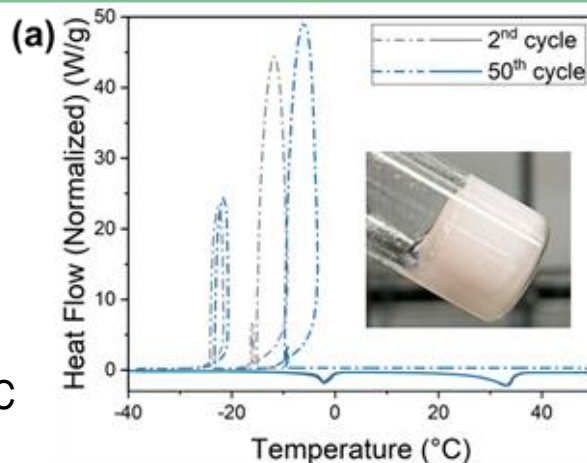
# Technical Accomplishments: PCM Stability and Cost

## Polymer-Based Additives for PCM Stability

Successful development of a polymer-based additive that stabilized PCM, reducing costs while maintaining performance over many cycles with minimal supercooling (Milestone Q1)

The team successfully developed a composite in which PCM is encapsulated with an inexpensive polymer hydrogel:

- Melting peak at  $\sim 33^{\circ}\text{C}$
- 203 J/g latent heat
- Cost below \$7/kWh
- Stability up to 50 cycles in DSC



DSC plot and real image for the polyacrylic acid polymer capsulated PCM sample

**Alignment with Decarb Blueprint :** This milestone directly supports the Blueprint's objective to **"Increase building energy efficiency"** by ensuring that PCMs can be used more reliably and cost-effectively in buildings, reducing the overall energy demand.

**Impact:** By optimizing PCM stability, we contribute to reducing the energy consumption required for heating and cooling, aligning with the Blueprint's aim to decrease building energy use by 50% by 2050

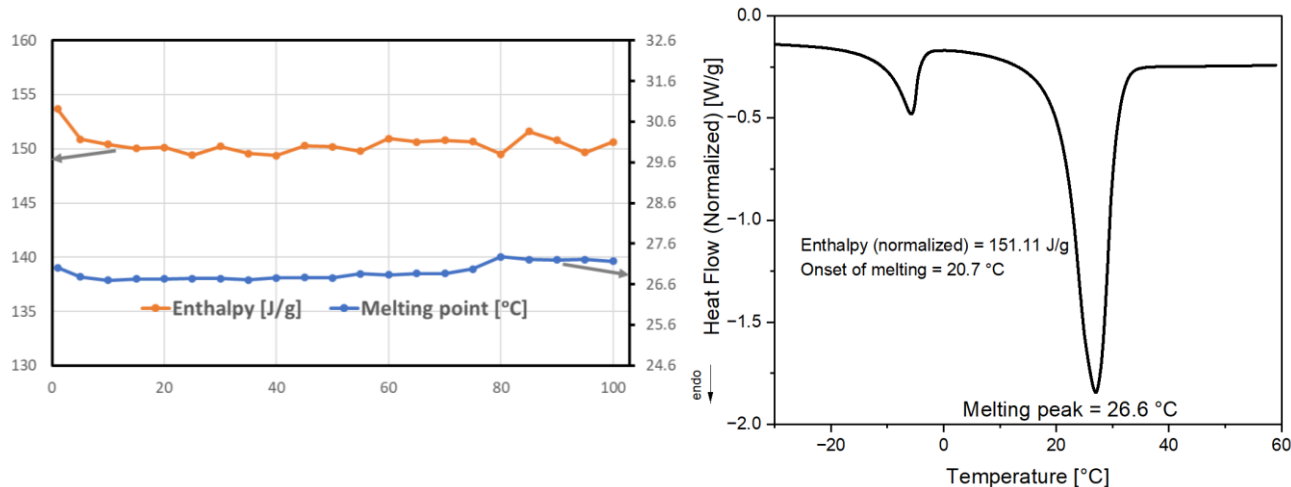
# Technical Accomplishments: Near-ambient PCM

## Development of Near-Ambient PCM with high energy storage density

Successfully developed a novel PCM with a phase change transition near room temperature, which demonstrated stability and high thermal storage capacity.

The team successfully developed a new PCM

- Melting peak at  $\sim 26^{\circ}\text{C}$
- 151 J/g latent heat
- Cost below \$10/kWh
- Stability up to 100 cycles in DSC



**Alignment with Decarb Blueprint:** This milestone aligns with the Blueprint's goal to **"Accelerate on-site emissions reductions"** by developing materials that reduce the need for traditional heating and cooling systems, thereby lowering GHG emissions in buildings.

**Impact:** By creating a PCM that operates efficiently at near-ambient temperatures, this innovation directly supports the decarbonization of building operations, contributing to the target of reducing on-site GHG emissions by 75% by 2050



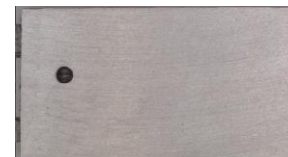
# Technical Accomplishments: Compatibility with Existing Systems

## PCM Compatibility with Heat Exchanger Components

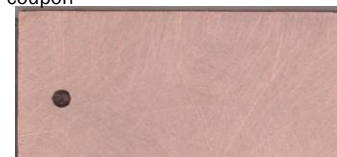
Outline the selection and testing of PCM materials (both commercial and in-house developed) for compatibility with existing heat exchanger (HX) and heat pump systems.

- PCMs were selected based on the product information from their manufacturer specifications and direct inquiries. Parameters used: phase change transition temperature, energy storage capacity, and cyclic stability

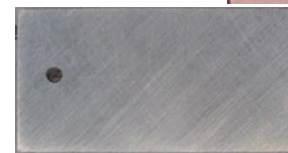
Metric	Manufacturer 1			Manufacturer 2			ORNL
Phase change temperature (°C)	22	29	22	25	29	58	19-32
Energy Storage Capacity (kJ/kg)	190	214	175	175	200	280	120-200
Number of cycles tested	2000	2000	5000	5000	5000	500 0	Min 100



Example of aluminum coupon



Example of copper coupon



Example of stainless steel coupon

**Alignment with Decarb Blueprint :** This work aligns with the Blueprint's objective to **"Minimize embodied life cycle emissions"** by ensuring that new materials can be integrated into existing systems without the need for extensive modifications, thereby reducing the carbon footprint associated with building renovations

**Impact:** Ensuring compatibility helps avoid unnecessary upgrades or replacements of existing systems, contributing to the Blueprint's aim of reducing embodied emissions from building materials by 90% by 2050.



# Technical Accomplishments: Compatibility and Corrosion Rates

## Corrosion Inhibition in PCM Systems

Provide an overview of the corrosion inhibition materials and methods developed, including material additives and surface modifications, Report the compatibility findings of selected commercially available and in-house developed PCMs.

### (1) Corrosion Inhibitors

- **Pros:** Can be tailored to specific conditions; cost-effective; lower toxicity options available.
- **Cons:** Potential impact on PCM thermal properties; requires precise concentration; may need replacement over time.

### (2) Encapsulation

- **Pros:** Prevents leakage, enhances heat transfer area, and offers corrosion protection; extends PCM lifespan
- **Cons:** Adds weight and cost; may reduce heat transfer efficiency; might require design based on PCM

### (3) Surface Coatings

- **Pros:** Provides uniform protection; applicable to various materials; directly protects HVAC components.
- **Cons:** Requires meticulous and time-consuming preparation; potential changes in heat transfer efficiency; coatings can degrade over time and require reapplication.

**Alignment with Decarb Blueprint :** This milestone supports the Blueprint's goal to **"Increase resilience in building systems"** by developing materials that are more durable and require less frequent replacement, contributing to the longevity and sustainability of building components

**Impact:** By reducing corrosion, these advancements help extend the lifespan of PCM systems, aligning with the Blueprint's emphasis on resilience and reducing the environmental impact of maintenance and replacements

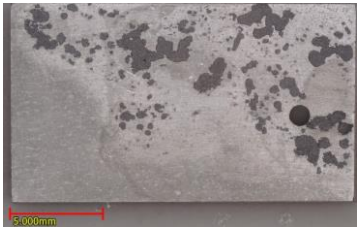
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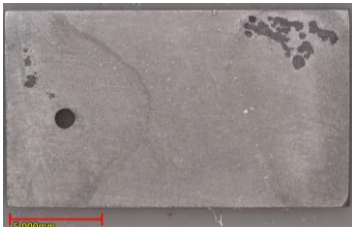
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Al1100 before experiment

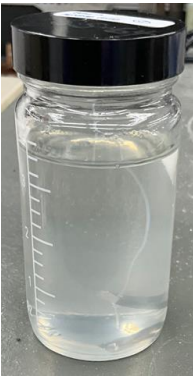


Al1100 after experiment at 30C, 168 h



Corrosion Rate = 15 mils per year

It means that each year, 0.015 inches of the material's surface will be corroded away



$$\text{Average Corrosion Rate} = \frac{(k \times m)}{(A \times t \times \rho)}$$

k= a conversion factor  
m = mass loss (grams)  
A = total surface area of the specimen (cm<sup>2</sup>)  
t = time of exposure (hours)  
ρ= density of the specimen (g/cm<sup>3</sup>)

Reference: ASTM G1-03

mg/cm <sup>2</sup> yr	mm/yr	mils/yr	Recommendation
>1000	2	78.7	Completely destroyed within days
100–999	0.2–1.99	7.9–78.6	Not recommended for service greater than a month
50–99	0.1–0.19	3.9–7.8	Not recommended for service greater than a year
10–49	0.02–0.09	0.8–3.8	Caution recommended, based on the specific application
0.3–9.9	–	–	Recommended for long-term service
<0.2	–	–	Recommended for long-term service; no corrosion, other than as a result of surface cleaning, was evident

Ren SJ, et al. *Materials and Corrosion*. 2017;68:1046–1056.

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# Conclusion & Future Work

## FY23-FY24

- Milestones are successfully completed, demonstrating significant advancements in PCM stability, ambient temperature.

## FY25

- **Future contributions**
  - ✓ We will continue to support the goals of **DOE Decarbonization Blueprint**: **increasing energy efficiency, reducing emissions, enhancing building resilience** by ensuring that our work remains aligned with the national decarbonization strategy.
  - ✓ Our future work will continue to **drive innovation** in materials science, ensuring that our contributions **remain at the forefront of national efforts to decarbonize** the buildings sector.
- **Partnership and Collaboration**: Collaboration with stakeholders to ensure that our work is aligned with the latest developments in the decarbonization strategy and to identify new opportunities for impact.

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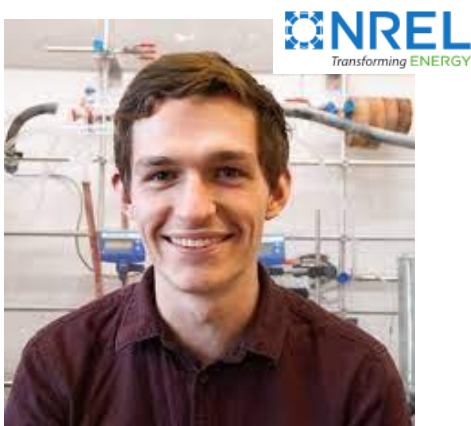
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# Outline

- **Initial Screening**
  - *Salts Investigated*
    - ❖  $\text{SrBr}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Current)
    - ❖  $\text{SrCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Previously tested)
  - *TGA Based Long term Testing*
- **Composite Level Testing**
  - *Impact of Host Matrix*
  - *Hydration kinetics*
  - *Structural Stability*
  - *Impact of Relative Humidity*
  - *Cyclic Stability*
- **Strategies to improve the Energy Density**
  - *Effect of Composite Thickness*
  - *Millimeter sized Pellets*

# Initial Screening

**Objective:** Investigate salts for low RH conditions and fast kinetics.

## Salts Studied:

- $\text{SrBr}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , (Current)
- $\text{SrCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Previously tested)

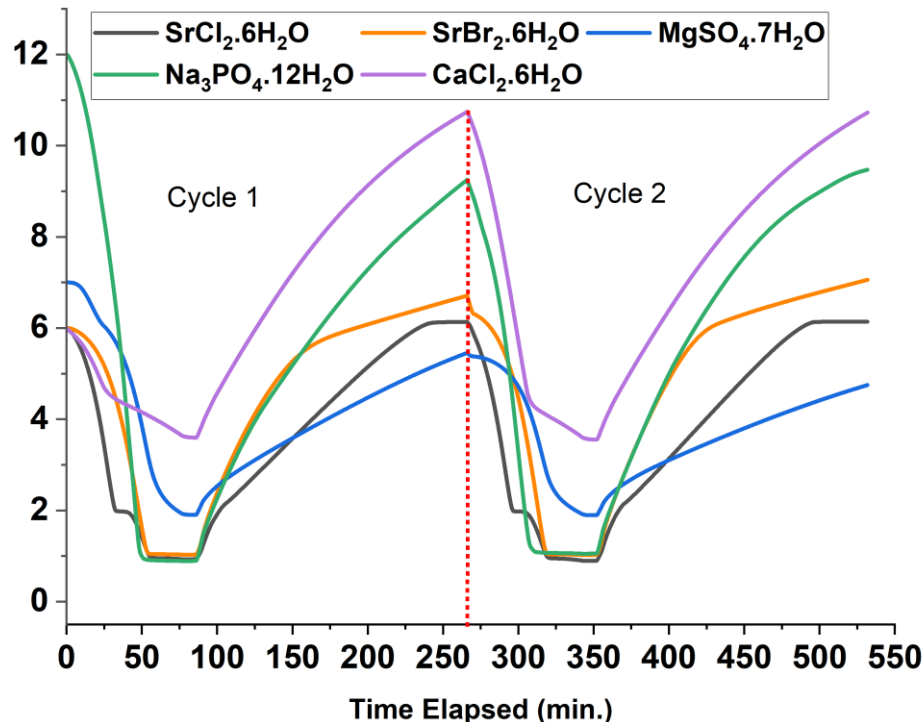
**Method:** TGA analysis on 10 mg samples.

- Dehydration:  $80^\circ\text{C}$ .
- Hydration: 60% RH,  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .

## Results:

- $\text{SrBr}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  : Transition between 1  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 6  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , like  $\text{SrCl}_2$  but have faster Kinetics.
- $\text{CaCl}_2$  Have already been studied previously.
- $\text{MgSO}_4$  only transitioned between 4.5  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 2  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  therefore not feasible.
- $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  : Lost 11  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , regained 8  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .
- $\text{SrBr}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  presents faster kinetics.

$\text{H}_2\text{O}$  loss/Uptake during dehydration/hydration for various salts.



# Cyclic Stability of $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$

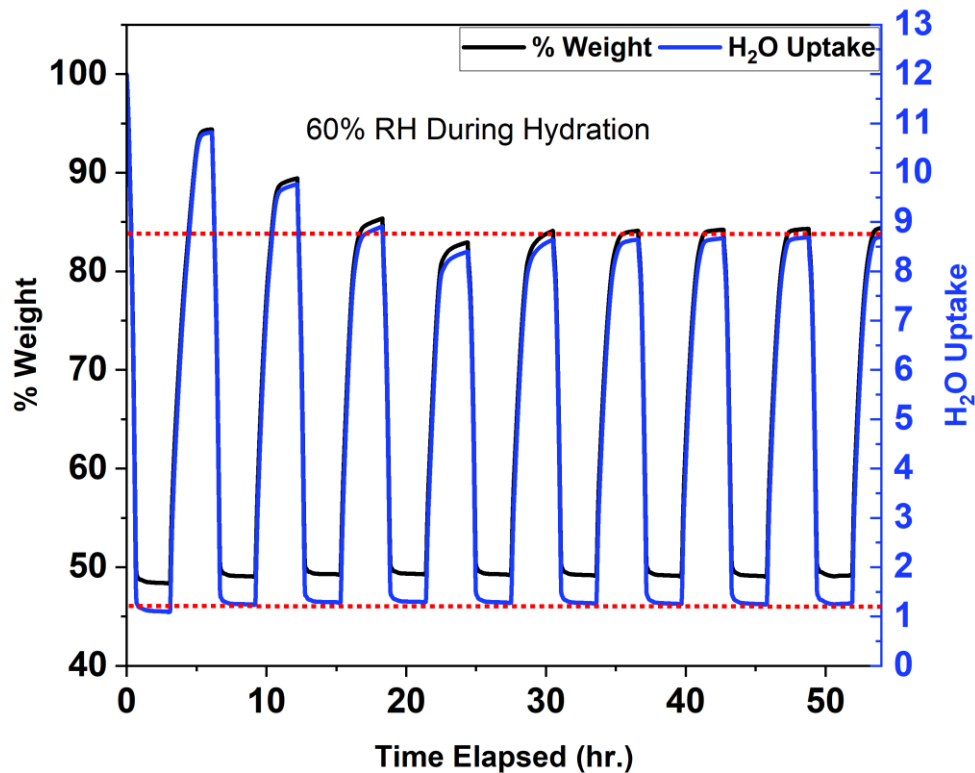
**Observation:**  $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  didn't fully return to 12  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  but has the potential to release more energy than  $\text{SrCl}_2$  and  $\text{SrBr}_2$ .

**Further Investigation:** Tested cyclability between 1  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 9  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

**Method:** Exposed  $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to 9 cycles.

**Result:**  $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is cyclable between 1  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 9  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

Cyclic stability of  $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4$  for 9 cycles where the transition between 1  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 9  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is shown.



# Impact of Host Matrix on Hydration Kinetics

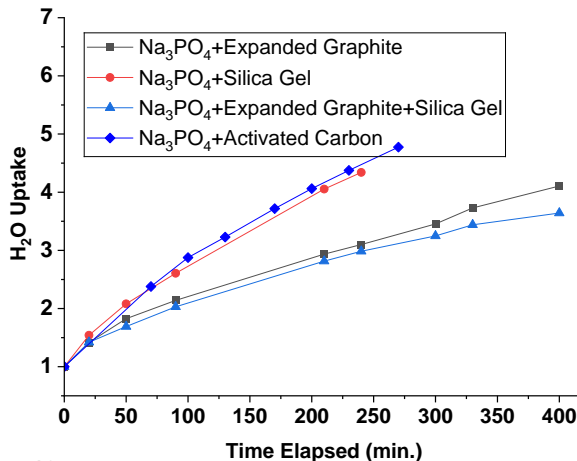
**Further Testing:**  $\text{SrBr}_2$  and  $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4$  composites with expanded graphite, silica gel, and activated carbon.

## Conditions:

- Dehydration:  $80^\circ\text{C}$  ; Hydration: 65% RH

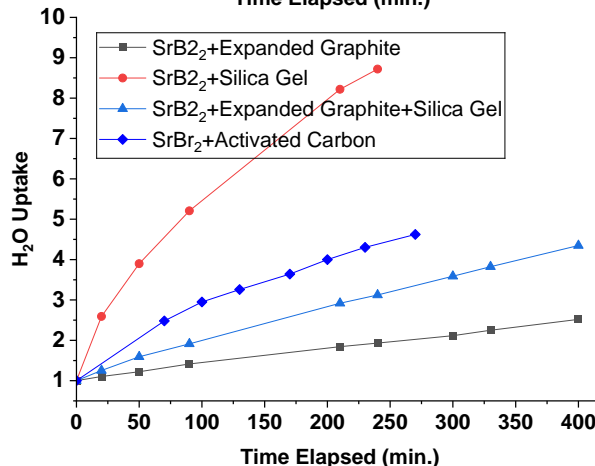
## Results:

- Activated Carbon:** Fastest hydration due to high surface area.
- Silica Gel:** Faster hydration but caused composite collapse; impractical for use.
- Structural Integrity:** Activated carbon and graphite composites remained intact.
- $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4$ :** Did not reach 9  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ; further optimization required.



Hydration rate of various composites (2g total) with:

- 70% salt
- 20% host matrix
- 10% polymeric binder

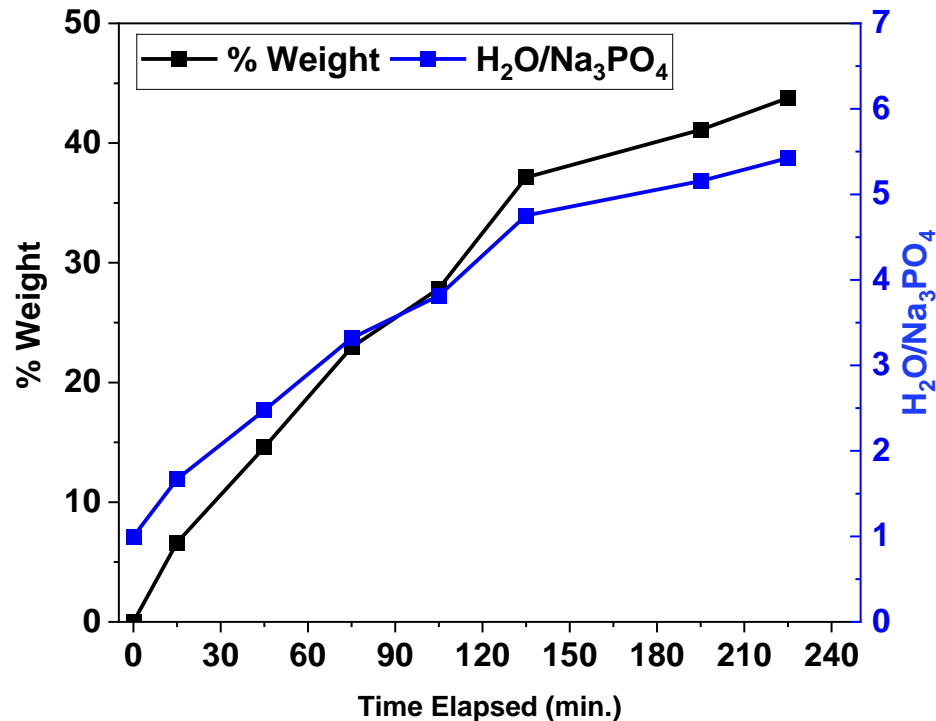


# Kinetics of $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ Composite

**Observation:**  $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4$  need more time to get to 9  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

**Further Investigation:** Further optimization of the recipe is needed to enhance kinetics and achieve cyclability between 1  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 9  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

Hydration rate of  $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in a composite with 70%  $\text{SrBr}_2$  +20% host matrix +10 % polymeric binder.



# Cyclic Stability of $\text{SrBr}_2$ Composite

**Optimization:** Improved  $\text{SrBr}_2$  recipe tested over 30 cycles.

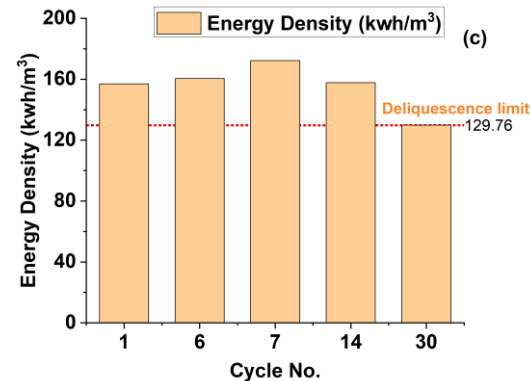
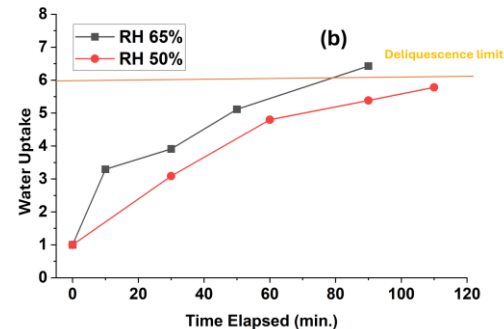
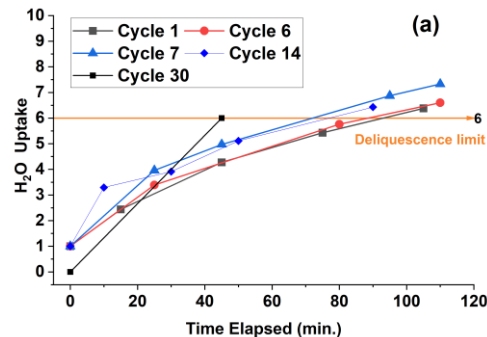
**Results:**

**Hydration Time:** Reduced from 2 hours to 45 minutes by the 30th cycle.

**Energy Density:** Increased beyond  $129.76 \text{ kWh/m}^3$  by exceeding deliquescence limit.

**Low % RH Performance:** Comparable hydration time, supporting potential cascade system design.

Hydration rate of  $\text{SrBr}_2$  in a composite with 70%  $\text{SrBr}_2$  +20% host matrix +10 % polymeric binder. (a) Cyclic Performance ; (b) Effect RH and (c) Energy Density



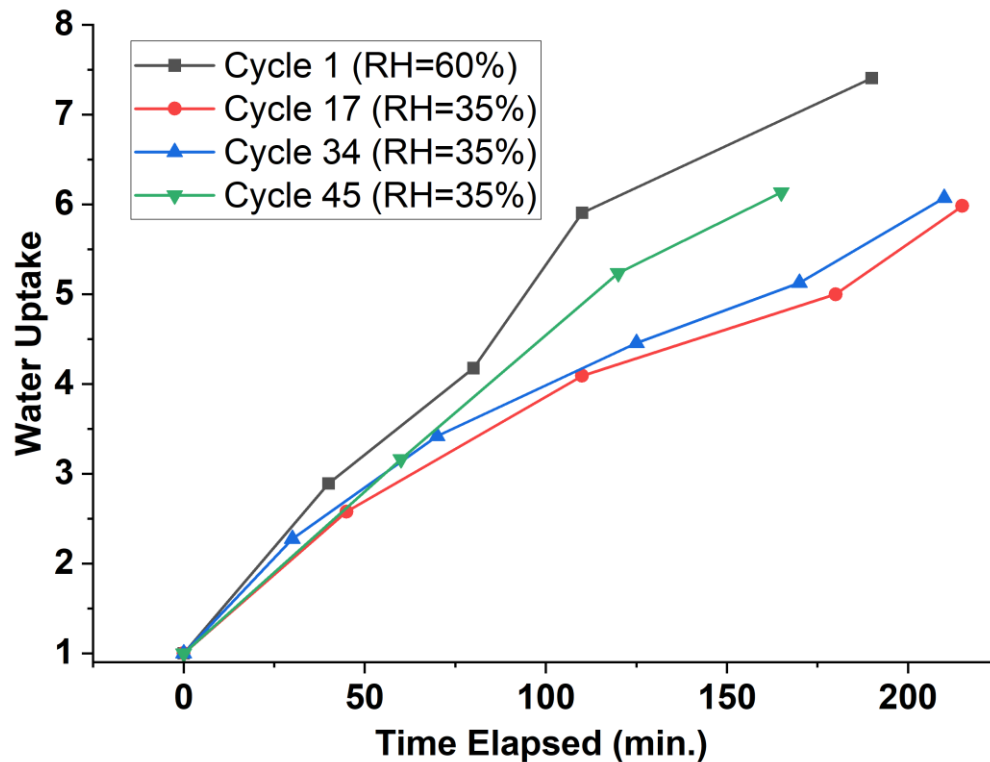
# Hydration Kinetics Improvement And Cyclic Stability In $\text{SrBr}_2$

**Observation:** Hydration kinetics keep improving as the cycle process advances.

**Low %RH Performance:** At low relative humidity, hydration kinetics are notably favorable, and complete hydration can be achieved within 3 hours by the 45th cycle.

**Further Investigation:** Further optimization of the recipe will be carried out if necessary, and additional cycles will be conducted to ensure the cyclic stability for approximately 100 cycles.

Hydration rate of  $\text{SrBr}_2$  in a composite (**3g Total**) with 70%  $\text{SrBr}_2$  +20% host matrix +10 % polymeric binder.





# Hydration Kinetics Improvement And Cyclic Stability In $\text{SrBr}_2$

**Observation:** Compared to the fresh sample with a thickness of 5.2 mm, the 45 cycles old sample reached approximately 6mm(left side) to 8mm (right side) mm, resulting in an energy density of around 129-172 kwh/m<sup>3</sup> or 150.5 kwh/m<sup>3</sup> on average.

**Structural Integrity :** The composite remained intact after 45 cycles, indicating the structural integrity of  $\text{SrBr}_2$ .

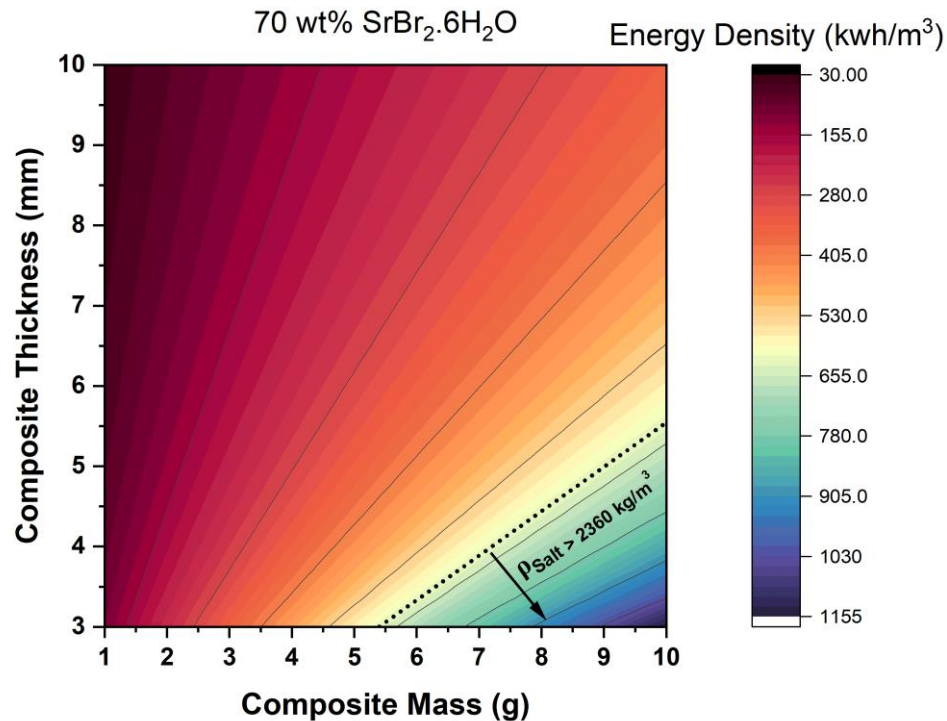
Shape of the  $\text{SrBr}_2$  composite with 70%  $\text{SrBr}_2$  +20% host matrix +10 % polymeric binder at various stages.



# Future Work

- Based on this figure, the theoretical energy density can be enhanced by:
  - ❖ Increasing the composite mass.
  - ❖ Decreasing the thickness.
- However, there are some constraints regarding the maximum salt density in the composite.
- Therefore, optimizing the recipe to achieve maximum energy density is the goal.

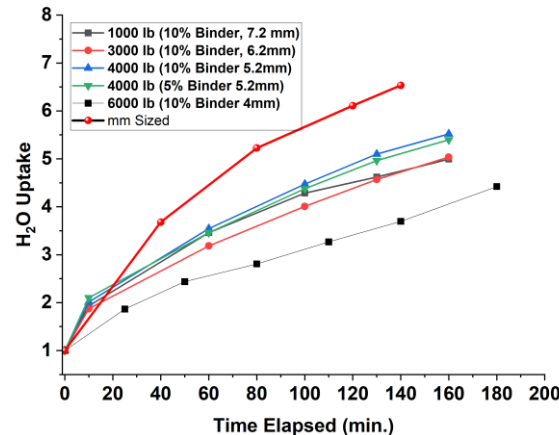
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# Preliminary Results

- Initially tested the effect of different thicknesses at a 3g constant mass.
- Preliminary results showed that thinner samples had better hydration kinetics.
- Further optimization will focus on stability and energy density.
- Millimeter-sized particles of the same recipe were synthesized, showing better kinetics and stability over 70 cycles.

Theoretical Energy Density  $\text{SrBr}_2$  composite with 70%  $\text{SrBr}_2$  +20% host matrix +10 % polymeric binder.



Fresh



mm-sized Particles

Post 70-Cycles



# Development of Materials Database and Standardized Testing Protocols

## Materials & Test Procedures

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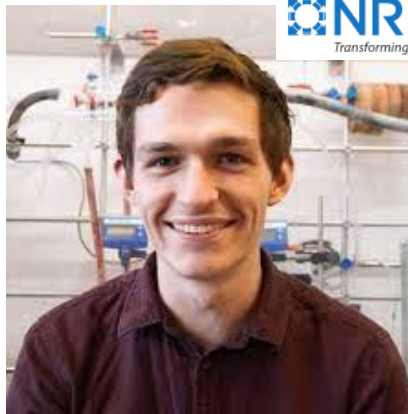
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# Outline

- **Material Database**
  - Internal efforts
  - External collaboration
- **Test Procedures activities**
  - Internal efforts
  - External collaboration
- **ROVI (Rapid Operational Validation Initiative)**

# Material Database

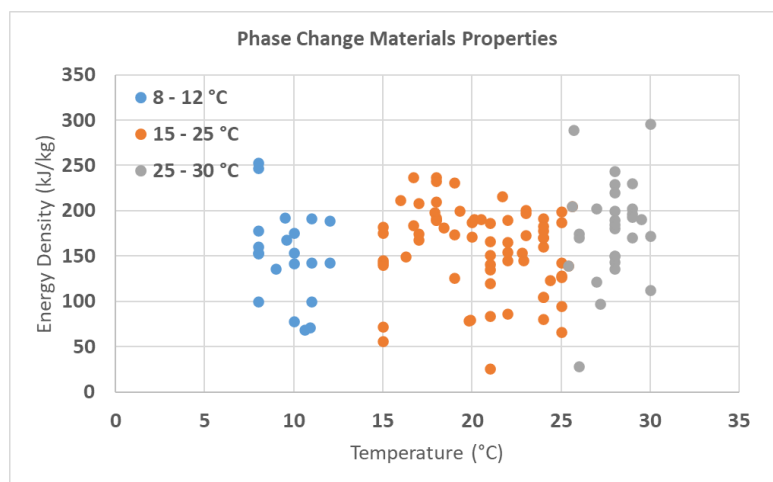
Collection of PCMs in temperature ranges relevant for S4B projects

- 8 – 12 °C
- 15 – 25 °C
- 25 – 30 °C

Built from former/ongoing TES projects, review papers, literature

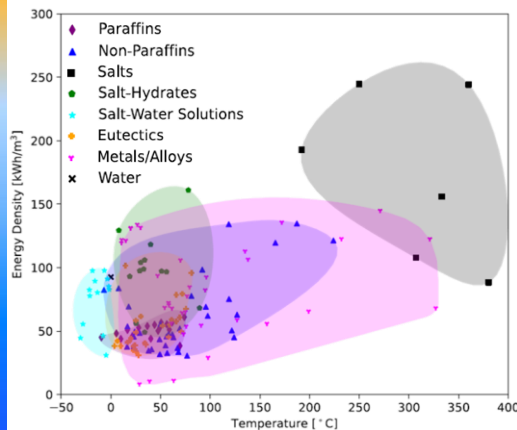
## Targeted Applications

- HVAC
- Ambient/envelope
- Water heating



## Materials Identified

- Paraffins
- Salt hydrates
- Fatty acids
- Fatty esters
- Fatty alcohols
- Glycols
- Metal alloys
- Eutectics
- Org & Inorg



By categorizing materials and identifying gaps in thermal properties, this project assists on R&D of new materials that can meet the specific needs of energy-efficient building systems. This aligns with the Blueprint's emphasis on **accelerating technology innovation** to achieve energy efficiency and emissions reduction targets..



# Material Database

Supporting existing database efforts

- Contains 232 commercial PCMs
- Exports properties in python, matlab, modelica, fluent
- Interpolated properties

Company	# of PCMs	Lower T (°C)	Upper T (°C)	Types
Axiotherm	32	-63	115	organic, salt hydrate
Climator Sweden AB	11	-21	70	salt hydrate
Croda	13	5	60	paraffin
Knauf Gips KG	2	21	26	paraffin-composite
Pluss Adv. Tech.	39	-30	68	salt hydrate, eutectic mixtures
PureTemp	23	-37	151	organic
Rubitherm	78	-50	111	organic, salt hydrate
Sigma Aldrich	34	-50	142	Paraffin, organics, salt hydrate

We have been contacting additional companies to receive in depth PCM property data

- e.g., Encapsys, Phase change solutions, Insolcorp, Microcaps, Microtek, etc.



Integration of PCM databases and identifying gaps in materials support the Blueprint's goal to **foster cross-sector collaboration**. This project provides a critical resource for researchers and professionals from academia, national labs, and industry and help accelerate development of innovative materials that are essential for decarbonization efforts.

# Test Procedures

## IEA Task 67/40

- A. Materials Characterization
- B. CTES Material improvement
- C. State of Charge
- D. Stability of PCM and TCM
- E. Effective Component performance with innovative materials

We participated in Subtask A

A1. Standardized measurement procedures and round robin tests

- A1.1. Thermal conductivity
- A1.2. Specific Heat capacity
- A1.3. Sorption Enthalpy
- A1.4. Thermal Expansion, density, viscosity

A2. Materials Database Development

### 15 countries / 39 organizations

1 Austria	AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH
2 Austria	TU Wien
3 Canada	CanmetENERGY / CanmetÉNERGIE
4 Canada	Dalhousie University
5 Canada	University of Ottawa
6 France	INSA Lyon
7 France	Université de Nantes - CNRS - LTeN
8 France	CEA LITEN
9 France	Université d'Artois
10 France	Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour
11 Germany	Bavarian Center for Applied Energy Research e.V.
12 Germany	Bavarian Center for Applied Energy Research e.V.
13 Germany	DLR
14 Germany	Fraunhofer Institut für Solare Energiesysteme ISE
15 Germany	TU Munich
16 Germany	Dr. Harald Mehling
17 Italy	CNR
18 Netherlands	TNO
19 Netherlands	TU Eindhoven
20 Slovenia	National Institute of Chemistry

21 Spain	University of Barcelona
22 Spain	CIC energiGUNE
23 Spain	University of Zaragoza
24 Switzerland	HSLU
25 United Kingdom	University Birmingham
26 United Kingdom	Warwick School of Engineering
27 Norway	SINTEF Energy & Industry
28 USA	U.S. DOE
29 USA	U.S. DOE Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
30 USA	U.S. DOE Oak Ridge National Laboratory
31 USA	U.S. DOE National Renewable Energy Laboratory
32 Spain	CIEMAT
33 Greece	University of Ioannina
34 Germany	Fraunhofer-Institute for Chemical Technology
35 United Kingdom	Northumbria University Newcastle
36 Spain	University of Basque Country
37 United Kingdom	Swansea
38 Portugal	University of Porto
39 Denmark	DTU

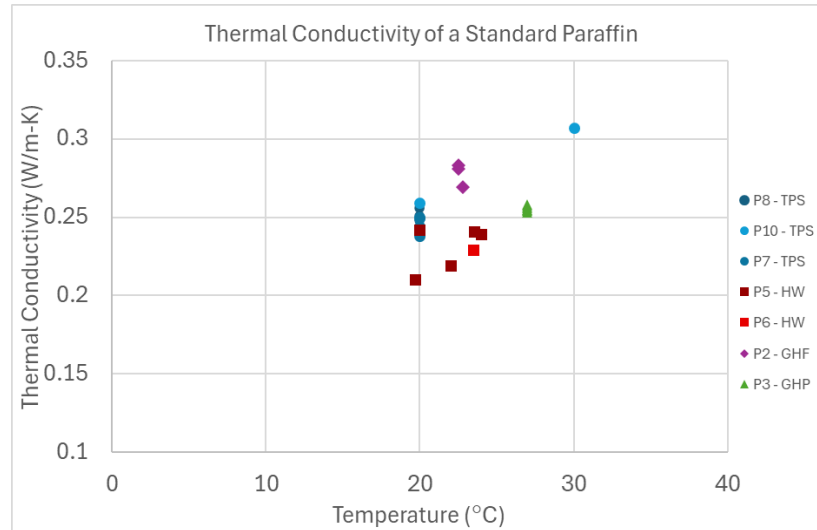
Development of standard testing protocols for PCMs/TCMs ensures that these materials perform reliably and consistently, which is critical for their widespread adoption in energy-efficient systems. This aligns with the Blueprint's goal to **Ensure building resilience and performance**, by providing reliable materials that can enhance the energy efficiency of buildings.

The testing protocols developed under this project will help accelerate the market introduction of advanced thermal energy storage technologies, which is essential for achieving the **Decarbonization of the buildings sector** as outlined in the Blueprint.

# Test Procedures

## Thermal Conductivity: Standard Paraffin

- Multiple methods compared
- Hot Wire (HW), Transient Plane Source (TPS), Guarded hot plate (GHP), Guarded heat flow meter (GHF), Laser Flash (LFA)

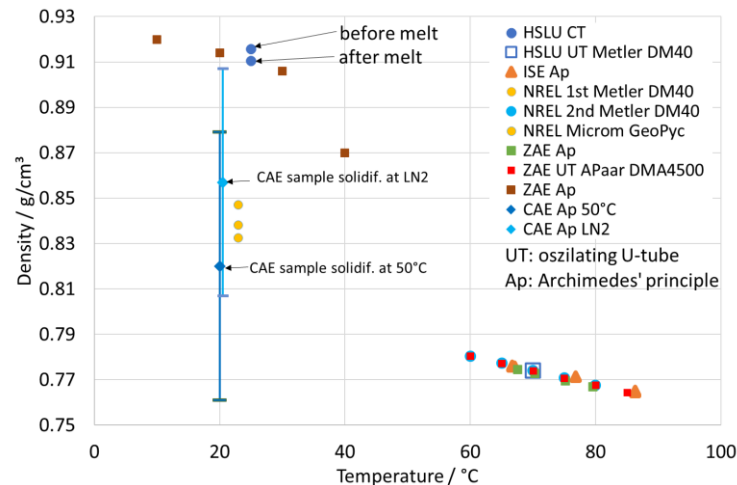


Heat Flow Meter



## Densities (sol/liq): Standard Paraffin

- Liquid density has no issues – easy!
- Solid density – more nuanced
  - Methods: Archimedes principle, computed tomography, solid-media pycnometer
  - Depends heavily on cooling rate
    - Fast cool – more free volume
    - Slow cool – denser material



Solid/Powder Density Meter



Liquid Density Meter



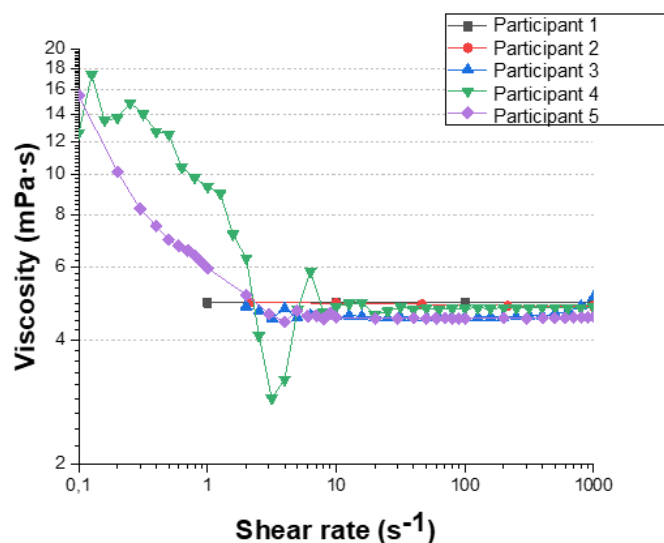
# Test Procedures

## Viscosity of a Standard Paraffin

- Controlled stress rheometer
- Controlled strain rheometer
- Viscometer

Convergence  $4.71 \pm 0.16$  mPa·s (70 °C)

- Higher shear rates ( $> 10$  s<sup>-1</sup>) required

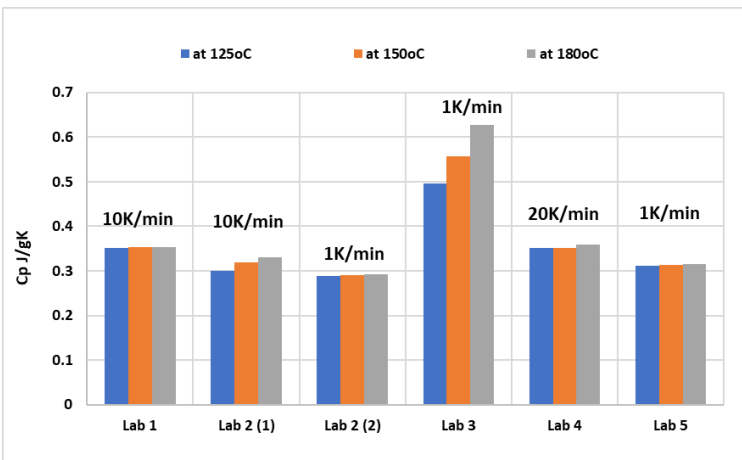


Rheometer



## Heat Capacity of SrBr<sub>2</sub>

- Differential scanning calorimetry
- Good agreement (except for Lab 3)
- Varying ramp rate: minimal effects
- 125 °C:  $0.340 \pm 0.031$  J/g·K
- 150 °C:  $0.344 \pm 0.028$  J/g·K
- 180 °C:  $0.348 \pm 0.027$  J/g·K



Differential Scanning Calorimetry



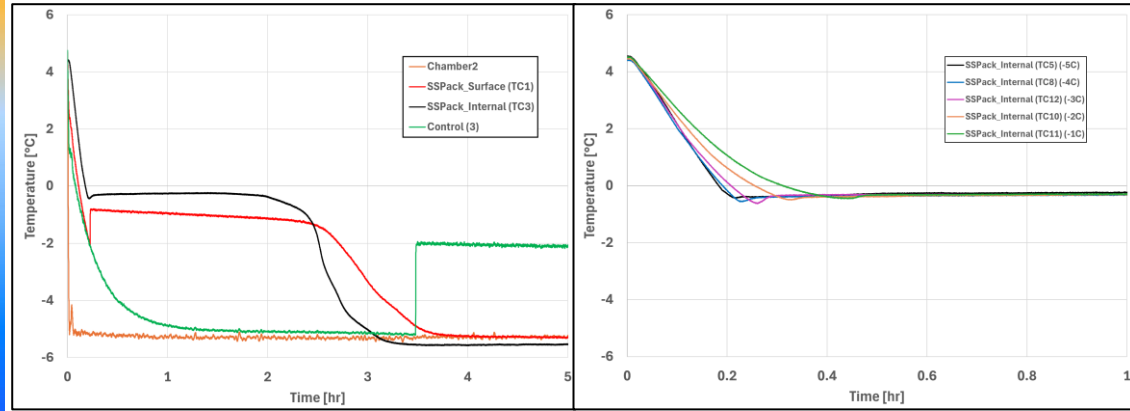
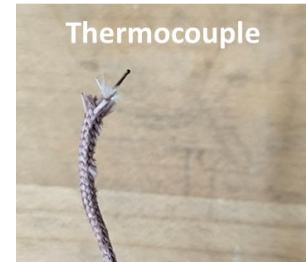
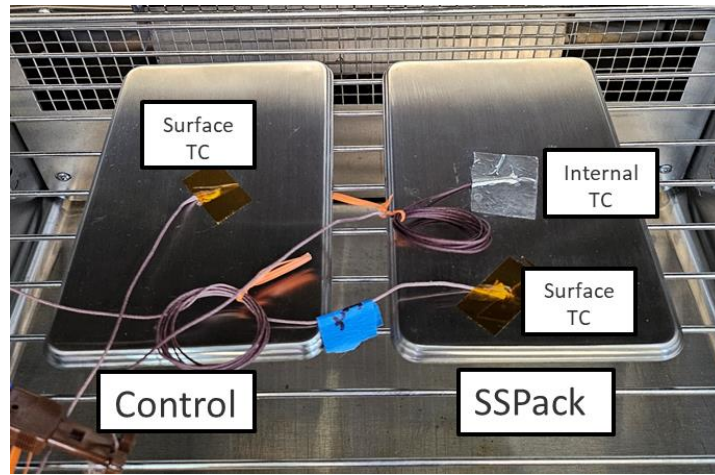
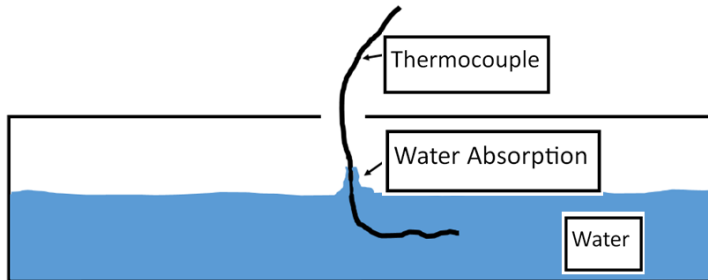
# Test Procedures

Support for an integration task.

T-History measure on metal ice packs

## Measurement of Water Supercooling

- Metal ice packs
- SC eliminated by inserting thermocouple
- Fabric sheathing contributed to ice nucleation



# Test Procedures

## New IEA task

- Incorporation of low and high temp PCMs (<-20 °C & >500 °C)
- Additional round robin testing
- Scaled up material production
  - Lower cost, greater sustainability
- State of Charge

## ASHRAE SPC 233

- Ongoing review of PCM-related standards
- Development of relevant properties to test

## Task 67/40 follow-up Timeline

- |   |                |
|---|----------------|
| • Task Idea presented to ExCo's                       | June 2024      |
| • 1 <sup>st</sup> Task Definition Meeting (online)    | October 2024   |
| • First Workplan to ExCo's                            | November 2024  |
| • 2 <sup>nd</sup> Task Definition Meeting (in person) | Spring 2025    |
| • Final Workplan to ExCo's                            | April/May 2025 |
| • Approval by ExCo                                    | May/June 2025  |
| • Start of Task                                       | July 2025      |
| • End of Task   | June 2028      |

**SPC 233P** – Proposed Standard authorized November 2021.

### Testing, Evaluating, and Reporting of Phase Change Materials Performance

**PURPOSE:** To provide a test method to evaluate the performance of Phase Change Materials (PCMs). This standard also provides a method of reporting the performance of different phase change materials in a standardized way based on laboratory testing.

#### 2. SCOPE:

1. This standard covers the testing and evaluation of Phase Change Materials (PCM) thermal and life-cycle performance.
2. This standard includes:
  - Uniform method of testing
  - Identification of testing equipment for performing such testing.
  - Identification of data required and calculations to be used.
  - Identification of reporting method to be used.
  - Criteria for determining the life cycle performance.
  - Definitions and Terminology
3. This standard does not cover thermal energy storage system-level evaluation.



# ROVI

## Rapid Operational Validation Initiative

### Problem Statement:

- Evolving grid has increasingly complex demands that require a step-change in amount of accurate ES performance information needed for efficient & robust designs
- ES characterization today is too slow & expensive to meet urgent information needs

### Solution:

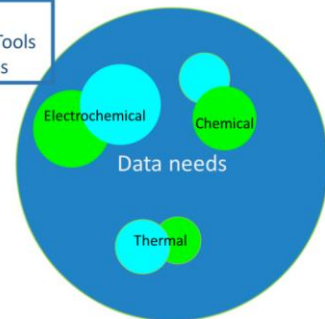
- AI/ML for rapid, accurate & cost-effective performance characterization, with quantitatively reliable certainty

Goal: Can we comprehensively compile existing energy storage system data to predict 15-year performance with 1 year of data.

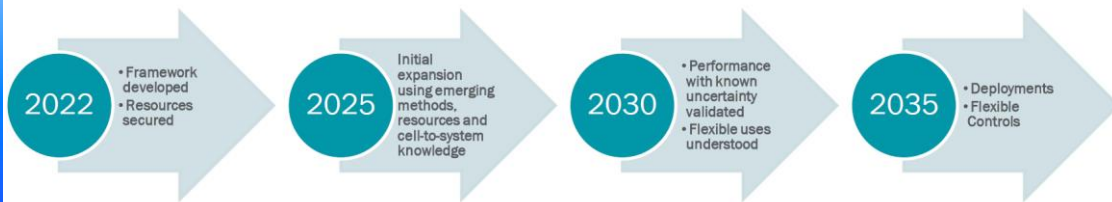
- Focus on flow batteries and Li-ion
- Initial discussion of including TES, but not selected ☹️

Challenges with TES (and other ES technologies)

- Direct comparison of TES systems across broad temp ranges
- Fragmented data availability
- Proprietary barriers



Little collaboration opportunity with S4B





# Future Work for Materials Database and Test Procedures

## FY24

- Completed milestones and furthered international collaborations with other TES researchers

## FY25

- Ongoing outreach to PCM companies for integration of their materials data into existing model integrated PCM database and increased involvement as potential stakeholders
- Development and involvement in a new IEA task to continue international TES collaborations and advanced testing on PCMs
- Support ASHRAE SPC233 for PCM testing and standard development to continue broader alignment of the TES and buildings community and support the DOE blueprint
- In-depth testing on PCM/TCMs utilized in other S4B projects for comprehensive view of behavior and resiliency of the material

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