

How does a shell-and-tube thermal energy storage unit work?

Author to whom correspondence should be addressed. Shell-and-tube latent heat thermal energy storage units employ phase change material to store and release heat at a nearly constant temperature, deliver high effectiveness of heat transfer, as well as high charging/discharging power.

Can fins enhance thermal performance of shell-and-tube latent heat thermal energy storage unit?

Previous studies in literatures adequately emphasized that inserting fins into phase change material is among the most promising techniques to augment thermal performance of shell-and-tube latent heat thermal energy storage unit.

What is thermal energy storage in rock mass?

Seasonal thermal energy storage in rock mass (Borehole Thermal Energy Storage-- BTES) is another promising technology. Regarding Latent Heat Thermal Energy Storage (LHTES) methods, the dominant technology lies in solid-liquid Phase Change Material (PCM).

Can double-tube thermal energy storage units reduce PCM melting time?

This limits energy storage availability, hence there are many enhanced heat transfer techniques. The authors proposed new double-tube latent heat thermal energy storage units (M04, M05 and M06) that combine the features of different techniques to reduce PCM melting time and subsequently improving the energy storage availability.

What is thermal energy storage?

The dominant technology amongst sensible heat energy storage methods is Tank Thermal Energy Storage (TTES) where water is used as a storage medium. Seasonal thermal energy storage in rock mass (Borehole Thermal Energy Storage -- BTES) is another promising technology.

What are the different types of thermal energy storage?

Based on the storage principle, thermal energy storage can be classified as: (i) sensible heat thermal energy storage (SHTES), (ii) latent heat thermal energy storage (LHTES) and (iii) thermo-chemical energy storage system (TCES).

The paper presents a survey of the experimental and numerical studies of shell-and-tube systems in which phase change material (PCM) is used. Due to the multitude of design solutions for shell-and-tube systems, the emphasis is placed on double-tube (DT), triplex-tube (TT), and multi-tube (MT) units. Additionally, only single-pass systems are considered. ...

Shell and tube type of device has been regarded as one of the most popular and efficient configurations for industrial and commercial applications in thermal energy storage (TES) and utilization fields [1], [2], [3] such

a configuration, a so-called phase change material (PCM) is typically accommodated in the annular region between the tube and shell with a heat ...

A two-dimensional schematic of the cascaded shell-and-tube TES module is shown in Fig. 1. The module consists of two horizontally-mounted concentric tubes made of aluminum having outer diameters of 12.7 mm (0.5 in. and 48.3 mm (2 in. with wall thickness of 1.27 mm (0.05 in. [12]. The composite of cascaded metal foam in PCM occupies the annulus ...

Fig. 1 shows the physical layout of the shell and tube thermal energy storage device investigated in this work. The device is horizontally placed and the PCM is accommodated in the annulus between the shell and tube. The radii of the internal tube and external shell are respectively set as 25 mm and 75 mm. All tubes are made of stainless ...

The main obstacle of the PCMs which restricts their usage for thermal energy storage (TES) applications is their poor thermal conductivity. Utilizing metal fins is the most popular solution to enhance the performance of PCM-TES. In this work, PCM thermal performance enhancement in a shell and tube heat exchanger (STHX) was numerically ...

Experimental investigations of phase change processes in a shell-and-tube latent heat thermal energy storage unit with an inner square tube were carried out. Paraffin OP44E was selected as a phase change material, and the water heated or cooled by constant temperature water tanks flowed into the inner square tube as the heat transfer fluid.

This study investigates a storage system that incorporates a thermal energy storage volume of the regenerator type. The storage volume is coupled to a heat exchanger through the use of a flowing intermediate operating fluid. ... Wang, X., Cao, F., Taylor, R.A.: Comparison of heat transfer between cylindrical and conical vertical shell-and-tube ...

If reasonable boundary conditions, such as UWHF with a small heat flux value in the range of 0.003-0.06 W/m², or UWT in the range of 0.038-3 K, are used for the shell and single-tube unit model, the primary thermal storage properties, such as the variation of energy stored in the unit with time, of the shell and single-tube unit model and ...

Kibria et al. [18] studied shell and tube based thermal energy storage system numerically as well as experimentally using paraffin wax (melting temperature: 61 °C) and water as PCM and HTF, respectively. The experimental results were used to validate the numerical model. Thermal performance of the TES was evaluated considering mass flow rate ...

The melting performance enhancement in a shell and tube thermal energy storage device containing different structures and materials was investigated in this study. Four different enhanced configurations including topology optimized fin, metal foam, longitudinal fin and composite PCM were evaluated and compared

numerically. ...

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The shell-and-tube latent thermal storage (ST-LHTES) system is one of the most widely used energy storage/heat exchanger units due to its small heat loss [16]. However, the design and optimization of these systems is a challenging problem.

Therefore, in this study, the heat transfer process and energy storage performance of a shell-and-tube LTES heated by sinusoidal inlet temperature are investigated. In detail, the effects of different period and amplitude, as well as the Stefan number are analysed based on CFD simulations.

However, the shell and tube TES unit gained a competitive edge storing with higher capacity in terms of the mass of PCM and energy storage. Besides, cylindrical, shell, and tube configuration has a profound impact on the heat transfer exchange during melting (Vyshak and Jilani, 2007, Zivkovic and Fujii, 2001).

For a typical shell-and-tube TES heat exchanger, thermal carrier or namely heat transfer fluid (HTF) goes through the tubes to transport thermal energy to the saturated PCMs in the shell. Compared to the heat transfer resistance, heat transfer enhancement techniques are commonly applied to the PCM side, including direct adding heat spreaders ...

A comparative study on the performances of different shell-and-tube type latent heat thermal energy storage units including the effects of natural convection *Int. Commun. Heat Mass Transf.*, 88 (2017), pp. 228 - 235

The 3-D scheme of the combination model of shell and tube LHTES system is indicated in Fig. 1 d. The finned model, by adding 6 fins to the simple model (a to b), adding nanoparticles, with changing the color in the shell side (b to c) and the rotational mechanism, by located two bearings on the tube's path (c to d), are shown in this picture.

Thermal energy storage (TES) is crucial in the efficient utilization and stable supply of renewable energy. This study aims to enhance the performance of shell-and-tube latent heat thermal energy storage (LHTES) units, particularly addressing the issue of the significant melting dead zones at the bottom, which are responsible for the long charging time.

The current study concentrated on how the number of fins can affect the PCM melting in a shell-and-tube thermal energy storage system. A PCM of the Rubitherm RT42 type filled the outer tube and sent hot water (340 K) into the inner tube to provide heat. In this regard, the study introduced three cases: one without fins, one with four fins, and ...

According to the high storage capacity of latent heat thermal energy storage (LHTES) systems, finding a

suitable solution to compensate for the weakness of these systems is logical. The main weakness of these systems is the low thermal conductivity of phase change materials (PCMs) as the storage reservoir of thermal energy. Many methods have been ...

The paper presents the state of knowledge concerning three types of shell-and-tube systems used as potential TESUs, namely double-tube units, triplex-tube units, and multi ...

The TES system consists of a wavy shell wall and a cylindrical tube equipped with three fins. ... X. et al. Thermal performance of a shell-and-tube latent heat thermal energy storage unit: Role of ...

To optimize the utilization of solar energy in the latent heat thermal energy storage (LHTES) system, this study conducts exergy analysis on a paraffin-solar water shell and tube unit established in the literature to evaluate the effects of different inclination angles, inlet temperatures, original temperatures, and fluid flow rates on the exergy and exergy efficiency. ...

Solidification in a shell-and-tube thermal energy storage unit filled with longitude fins and metal foam: a numerical study. Energy Built Environ. (2021) Google Scholar [38] K.A.R. Ismail, F.A.M. Lino. Fins and turbulence promoters for heat transfer enhancement in latent heat storage systems.

1. Introduction. Thermal processes can be improved by using thermal energy storage (TES) systems in several ways. They allow to take advantage of waste heat, to work as a thermal shock absorber protecting the device, or to solve the mismatch between the energy supply and demand, the latter helps to integrate renewable energies [1].Among the different ...

To address the issues of uneven heat transfer and low heat storage rate in the vertical shell-and-tube latent heat thermal energy storage (LHTES) unit, in the paper, the flip method is proposed to be applied to melting and solidification processes of units, aiming at prolonging the time for natural convection to work, while alleviating the temperature ...

The continuous increase in energy demand and global warming due to the greenhouse gas emissions have motivated intensive research for efficient use of energy and development of energy storage systems [1].Thermal energy storage (TES) which stores heat in a material and releases it when it is needed is one of the efficient techniques to reduce the gap ...

In the concentrating solar power generation (CSP), the latent heat thermal energy storage system (LHTES) is under the constraint of the outlet threshold temperatures, which caused lower effective utilization rate (U_{ma}) of the phase change material (PCM).The objective of the present work is to improve the performance of the shell-and-tube LHTES which is under ...

We present the experimental analysis and numerical modeling of a lab-scale shell and tube latent heat thermal energy storage (LHTES) unit with a (latent) storage capacity of about 10-15 ...

To improve the energy storage efficiency for a shell-and-tube heat exchanger, the following issues can be augmented, such as inlet temperature [9], mass flow rate [10], tube radius [11], tube eccentricity [12] and etc. It has been proved by the previous studies [11] that the inlet temperature of HTF and tube radius had more important influence on heat transfer than ...

The physical models of two shell-and-tube LHTES units are shown in Fig. 1. The length of the pipe and cylinder models (L_p / L_c) is 500 mm, and the radii of the inner and outer tubes are 10 mm and 14.14 mm ($R_o = 2 R_i$), respectively. The thickness of the tube walls is neglected, which can satisfy the same volume/mass of PCM and heat transfer area.

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Energy storage systems are considered a critical solution to answering this intermittency. Latent Heat Storage (LHS) systems have been recognized as promising technologies due to their high energy storage capacity in an isothermal condition at a wide range of temperatures [1], [2]. LHS systems are relied on the effective usage of phase change ...

A review of performance investigation and enhancement of shell and tube thermal energy storage device containing molten salt based phase change materials for medium and high temperature applications. Appl. Energy, 255 (2019), p. 113806. View PDF View article View in Scopus Google Scholar [2]

The shell-and-tube thermal energy storage (TES) system is a widely used method for the storage of thermal energy in engineering applications. Nevertheless, the use of molten salt as a phase change material (PCM) in a shell-and-tube thermal energy storage (TES) system presents a challenge due to its relatively poor thermal conductivity. ...

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