

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 is a silica sol?

A silica sol, incorporated in the ink before printing, is activated with ammonia vapour after the object has been printed to bind the aerogel particles and fill the interstitial voids with silica gel. The printed gel may optionally be hydrophobized before the solvent is removed by supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> drying.

What is the heat storage density of silica gel?

The theoretical heat-storage density of silica gel was 1029.63 kJ/kg. Kinetic analyses of desorption gave an activation energy of 66.75 kJ/mol, suggesting that the most probable mechanism function is a 3D diffusion model. The diffusion of water vapor in micropores is the limiting step for the reaction.

Where can I find a report on thermal stability of silica?

This report is available at no cost from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) at Davenport, Patrick, Zhiwen Ma, William Nation, Jason Schirck, Aaron Morris, and Matthew Lambert. 2020. Thermal Stability of Silica for Application in Thermal Energy Storage: Preprint.

Can silica gel be used in heat-storage systems?

As an adsorption material, silica gel is commonly used in solid dehumidification systems [1]. Recently, researchers have applied silica gel to heat-storage systems to explore its heat-storage performance.

Can silica sand be used as a thermal energy storage media?

As potential thermal energy storage media, some solid particles demonstrate stability over wide temperature ranges which allows for increased sensible energy storage density and is essential in achieving low-cost storage. Silica sand, in the form of  $\alpha$ -quartz, is one such candidate.

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A new composite sorbent based on SrBr<sub>2</sub> and silica gel for solar energy storage application with high energy storage density and stability. Appl. Energy 90, 1184-1194 (2017).

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The benefits of thermochemical heat storage include high-energy storage density, long storage time, and negligible heat loss during storage. Silica gel has recently been widely ...

This paper presents a new open-source modeling package in the Modelica language for particle-based silica-sand thermal energy storage (TES) in heating applications, available at <https://github> ...

1 ?&#0183; Silica aerogel microspheres are known for their unique features which are better than those of the bulk silica aerogel, including excellent biocompatibility and flowability, and have a ...

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