

# Molten Silicon Storage of Concentrated Solar Power with Integrated Thermophotovoltaic Energy Conversion



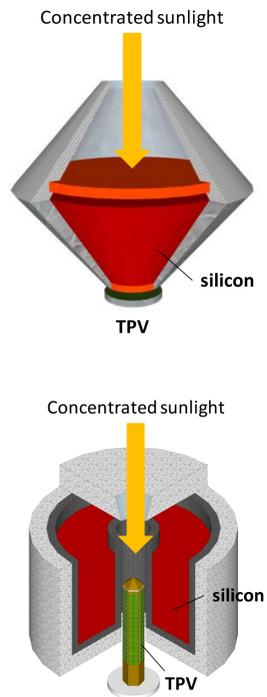
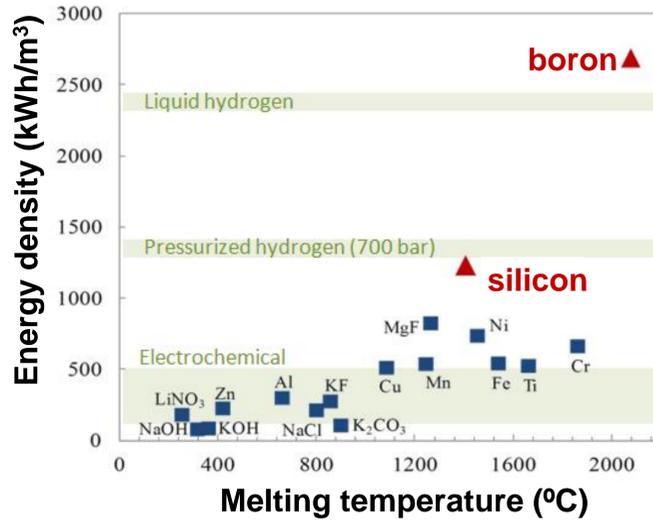
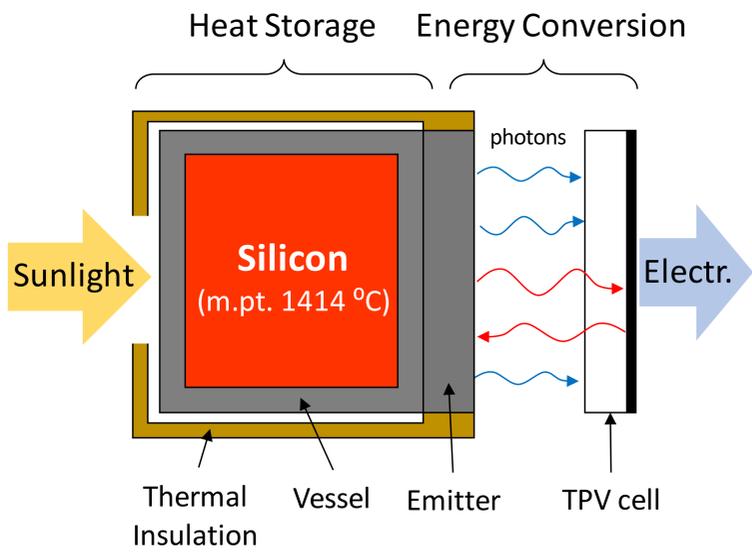
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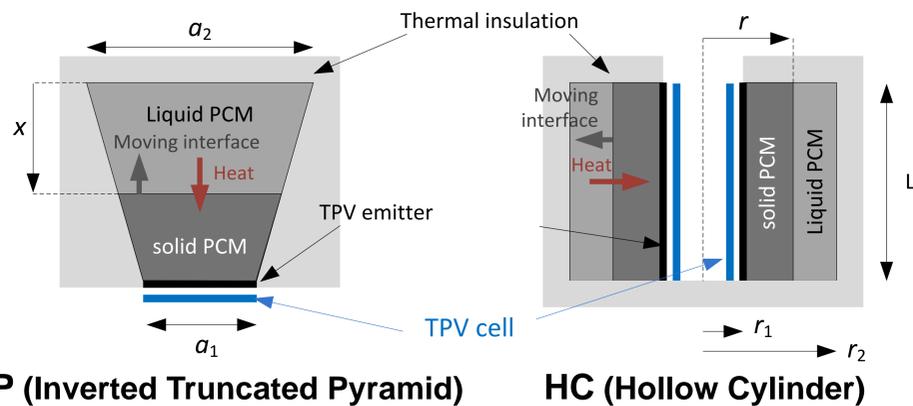
## The Concept



- ✓ LHTES in molten silicon at **1414°C**
- ✓ **Thermophotovoltaic** (TPV) heat-to-power conversion

- ✓ More than **1000 kWh<sub>th</sub>/m<sup>3</sup>** (10 x molten salts)
- ✓ Several **10's kW<sub>e</sub>/m<sup>2</sup>** of TPV module area

## Objective: Geometrical Optimization

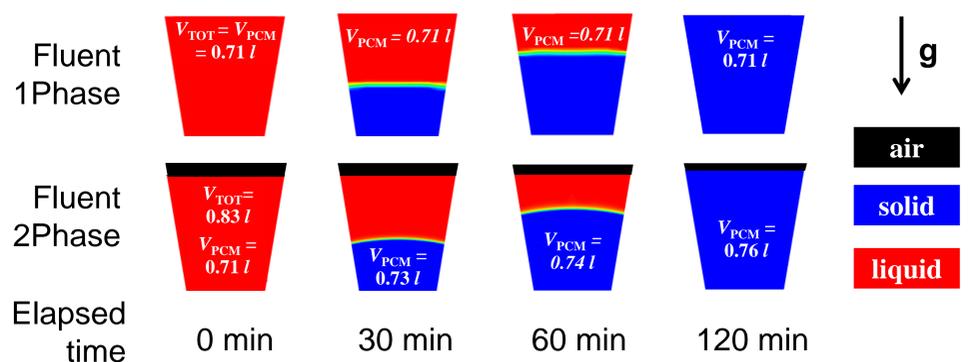
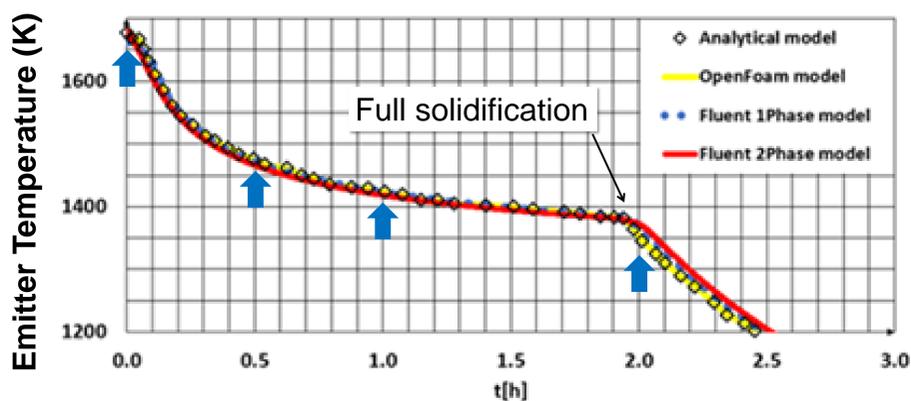


- ✓ Explore ITP and HC geometries using a quasi 1D-semi analytical model
- ✓ Parameters: **Tapering Ratio ( $A_1/A_2$ )** and **Length ( $L$ )**

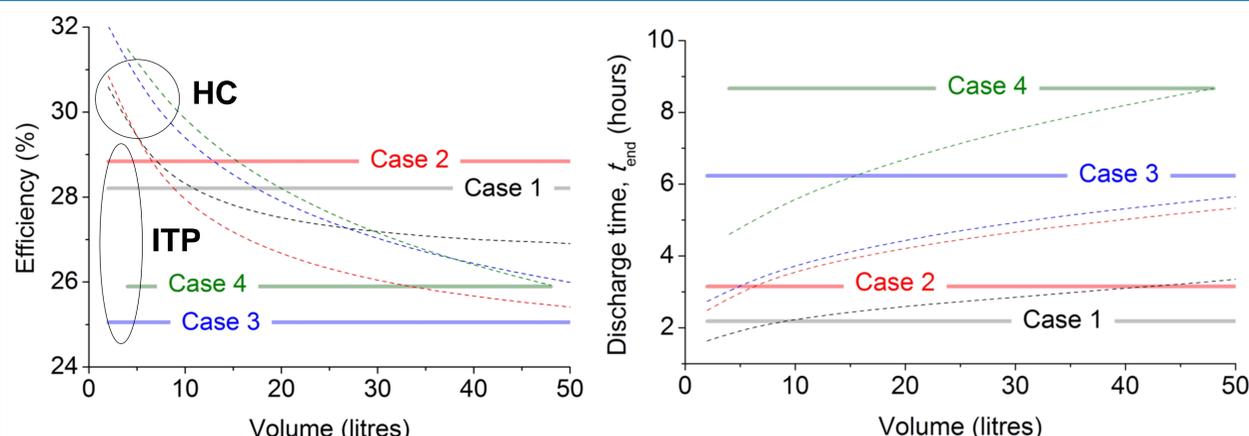
Case	ITP	HC
<b>Case 1</b> ( $L = 10$ cm)	$A_1/A_2 = 0.50$	$A_1^* = A_1, V^* = V$
<b>Case 2</b> ( $L = 10$ cm)	$A_1/A_2 = 0.25$	$A_1^* = A_1, V^* = V$
<b>Case 3</b> ( $L = 20$ cm)	$A_1/A_2 = 0.50$	$A_1^* = A_1, V^* = V$
<b>Case 4</b> ( $L = 20$ cm)	$A_1/A_2 = 0.25$	$A_1^* = A_1, V^* = V$

$A_1 = a_1^2 \quad A_2 = a_2^2 \quad A_1^* = 2\pi r_1 L \quad A_2^* = 2\pi r_2 L$

## Models: Semi-Analytical Vs. CFD



## Semi-Analytical Model Results



### Optimum geometries

