Performance Improvement of VCR base Domestic Refrigerator Using Phase change Material: A Review

Abstract: The target of composing review on thermal energy stockpiling through phase change material has been used for wide applications in the field of cooling and refrigeration. The particular utilization of this inactive warmth stockpiling has been for energy giving through low request and landing of this vitality en through most prominent weights with the likelihood to give vitality saving along these. As of late through the use of this sort of phase change materials in refrigeration spare energy or work amid the power lack has been under unique thought. The utilization of latent heat supply is particularly suited to the furthest reaches of energy to delay sustenance security time and also, utilize the over the best release vitality to enhance the ice chest cooling cycle by its discharge at a true blue time. The rule of latent heat supply using phase change materials (PCMs) can be blend into a hot supply framework legitimate for using substantial coolers. The evaporator is secured with another case which has a capacity limit and it covers the phase change material. The objective of this work is to expand the nourishment conservation time. The energy store in the PCM is enhanced the fridge cell greatest the off cycle and permit a couple of hours of consistent operation without power supply.

Index Terms — Domestic refrigerator, COP, phase change material, VCR.

I. INTRODUCTION

As an interest for refrigeration and ventilating expanded during the most recent decade, substantial requests of electric power and restricted stores of petroleum derivatives have prompted a flow of enthusiasm with proficient energy application. Electrical energy utilization shifts altogether among the day and night as per the request by the modern, business and private exercises. This variety prompts a differential planetary energy plan for supply and off supply times of energy utilize. Effective and economical innovation that can be utilized to store a lot of hot or cold heat in a definite volume is the subject for research for quite a while. A fridge is a typical family unit apparatus that contain a thermally protected compartment. The residential fridge is one found in every one of the homes for storing food, vegetables, natural products, drinks, and a great deal more.

The most disturbing ecological issue to be specific "A dangerous atmospheric devotion" alludes to the rising temperature of Earth's environment and sea and its anticipated continuation. The heat from the Sun is trap in the Earth and in this manner increase the temperature of the climate by Greenhouse Effect. Refrigeration system is straightforwardly and imperceptibly in charge of Global Warming issue. For the average home of the mid 1990s, an ice free icebox or refrigerator was the second most costly home apparatus to work other than the water heater. Apparatus creators were required to organize names posting a measure of the yearly cost of running every machine so purchasers could look at expenses and energy use. A refrigerator (casually fridge) is a typical family unit apparatus that comprises of a thermally protected compartment and heat pump (mechanical, electronic, or substance) that exchanges heat from within the refrigerator to its outside condition so that within the fridge is cooled to a temperature below the surrounding temperature of the room. Local fridges are among the most energy requesting machines in a family because of their continuous operation. The local refrigerator is one found in every one of the homes for putting away sustenance, vegetables, organic products, drinks, and substantially more. Materials that can store thermal energy reversible over quite a while period are regularly refer to as latent heat storage materials. It likewise helped in heat exchange through conduction.

Thermal energy storage (TES) frameworks give elective answers for advantage from sustainable power source and waste heat. Thermal energy storage is acknowledged accordingly of the change in internal energy of a material. One or more of the accompanying heat is used in TES frameworks: sensible, latent and chemical reaction response. Change in temperature of a material is utilized for sensible heat storage. Heat going with a phase change of the material is utilized for latent heat storage. Heat energy may likewise be put away as the energy of a chemical compound, and energy can be store again put away and discharged in similar materials by reversible substance responses.

A Huge share of power utilization in private part is utilized for residential machines. The private part, taking after industry, use 37% of the power delivered in Turkey. The icebox has the greatest share (30.1 %) in this use, trailed by garments washers (7.5 %) and dishwashers (2.5%). The machines are judge between A (most hoisted) and G standards according to energy use. An Outstanding measure of the energy can be controlled when more energy productive device are used. A review made in Turkey indicate that CO2 discharge that could be cleaned by 120 million trees will be kept away from in 10 years if the greater part of the refrigerator purchased are over A standard.
II. METHODS TO IMPROVE COP OF DOMESTIC REFRIGERATOR

1. Minimizing the heat losses by improving the cabinet and door insulation. For example, a 25% normal energy sparing is noted by the VIP (Vacuum Insulation Panels) mix in the shop. The principle reasons keeping the boundless utilization of this innovation are identified with less dependable over life expectancy and high transfer and assembling costs.

2. Developing efficient compressor. In the conventional refrigerator technology hermetic reciprocating compressor are usually used which are designed to satisfy maximum load. These reciprocating compressor are usually operates at partial load, resulting in an efficiency losses and increased cycling losses. Embraco developed variable capacity compressor for household refrigerator. This technology is efficient alternative to control the refrigerating capacity. The test result shows significant energy saving by replacing conventional compressor by VCC compressor Technology (Embraco, 2005). But this technology increases cost by 20%, therefore its used is limited.

3. Enhancing the proficiency of warmth exchangers, and especially of the evaporator which is a key segment of refrigerator. Heat transfer through the evaporator requires a temperature difference between the air and the refrigernant the higher the air side convective coefficient, the lower the temperature difference between the evaporator temperature and the air. For a given container air temperature, this outcome in a higher dissipation temperature and improved execution of the framework

III. METHODS TO IMPROVE COP OF DOMESTIC REFRIGERATOR USING PHASE CHANGE MATERIAL

The utilization of latent heat storage framework utilizing phase change materials (PCM) is a viable putting away heat energy and has the upsides of high storage thickness and the isothermal way of the capacity procedure. It has been shown that, for the improvement of latent heat storage framework, decision of the PCM assumes an essential part

Sharma et al.[1], recommended different types of latent heat storage materials and points of interest of latent heat storage system. This paper is a collection of more data on different PCMs and latent heat stockpiling framework. Survey will locate the reasonable PCM for different purposes, appropriate warmth exchangers with approaches to improve the warmth exchange, and it will likewise give an verity of plans to store warm utilizing PCMs for various applications, that is space warming & cooling, sun oriented cooking, nurseries, sun oriented water warming and waste warmth recuperation frameworks.

Md. Imran Hossein Khan and Hasan M.M. Afroz [2] explore that the major issue experienced in the nearby ice chest was of the sustenance quality and weight. The sustenance quality was altogether changed with temp vacillations due to the on-off cycle of the compressor. To dispose of the above issue Imran Hossein Khan and Hasan M.M Afroz played out the investigations on local fridge at various warm leads to reduced the vacillations in evaporator compartment by utilizing two types of PCM materials (Water and Eutectic solution (90% H2O + 10% NaCl). As demonstrated by Md Imran et-all phase change material (PCM) is an inactive interior inert warmth putting away structure which diminishes and sets at particular temperatures. In the midst of the phase change handle, the material is fit for securing and releasing a considerable measure of warm energy and that is the reason it is called as latent heat storage system (LHS). The PCM was put around the five sides of the evaporator compartment in which the evaporator was submerged. The trial comes about with PCM declare the silent diminishment of the variance of the cabin temperature at lower load however at higher load, this impact is not all that empowering. Between two PCMs, the Eutectic arrangement was superior to water. This diminishment of temperature variance, at last, enhances the food conservation quality. By utilizing distinctive PCM we can increase cooling execution and COP local fridge.

Goal of this paper

- To complete the experimentation with PCM and without PCM
- To explore the achievability of PCM in household fridge to keep up detached cooling inside lodge
- To approve Coolpack reproduction comes about with trial comes about
- To watch temperature casualness in lodge with PCM

B. Zalba et al. [3], concentrated the execution of an latent heat storage framework with all phase change. This paper additionally gives the data managing thermal energy storage (TES) utilizing phase change materials. This paper incorporates a total survey of a wide range of material which have been utilized as latent heat storage materials, their characterization. Attributes, points of interest and weaknesses and the different trial methods used to decide the way of these materials in softening and cementing. The paper contains recorded more than 154 materials utilized as a part of research as PCMs and around 45 financially accessible PCMs.

M.Cheralathan et al. [4], researched the transient conduct of a phase change material based cold heat storage system involved a barrel shaped capacity tank loaded with epitomized phase change materials (PCMs) in circular compartment coordinated with an ethylene glycol chiller plant. A reproduction program was created to assess the temperature histories of the heat exchange fluid and the phase change material at any pivotal area during the charging time frame. The consequences of the model were approved by comparison with exploratory after effects of temperature profiles of phase change material. The outcomes show that if porosity is increased then heat
storage is also increasing.

K. Azzouz et al. [5], concentrated the impact of including a phase change material (PCM) chunk on the outside face of a refrigerator evaporator. A dynamic model of the vapour pressure cycle including the nearness of the phase change material and its test approval is displayed. The reproduction after effects of the framework with PCM demonstrates that the expansion of heat energy internationally upgrades heat exchange from the evaporator and permits a higher dissipating temperature, which increases the thermal proficiency of the system. The energy put away in the PCM is respected the refrigerator cell during the off cycle and takes into account a few hours of continuous operation without power supply. The phase change material considered in this review is an eutectic fluid arrangement whose phase change temperature might be picked in the range from -9°C to 0°C. The PCM piece is situated on the behind of the evaporator, between the protection and the evaporator, and the surface of the PCM section is around 0.48m

S. Kalaiselvam et al. [6], examines the conduct of three kinds of paraffin, 60% n-tetradecane+40% n-hexadecane, n-tetradecane, and n-pentadecane as latent heat stockpiling materials.

J.P. Bedecarrats et al. [7], broke down a modern procedure of energy storage usable for air conditioning and cooling or refrigeration. Exploring a test plant which is a tank with a reduced size. Loaded with arbitrarily scattered commercial knobs, put in a refrigeration circle. The knobs are round containers in which phase change materials (PCM) are embodied. This test plant allows the learn finally of the conduct of the tank with, specifically, the charge mode considering the under cooling and the release mode. A reproduction program that considers parts of both the encompassing warmth exchange liquid and the stage change material stuffed inside the modules is produced here in the instances of the charge and the release forms.

A.C. Marques et al. [9] explored the plan and operation of a thermal stockpiling fringe. Right off the bat the investigation of compressor is done which demonstrates bigger compressor gives higher productivity yet more begin/stop occasions, which diminishes general effectiveness. The high cooling limit yield of bigger compressor is put away in a phase change material (PCM), decreasing the quantity of on/off cycles. Numerical displaying and exploratory approval is done utilizing a model thermal storage icebox with PCM. The outcomes demonstrated that the expansion of a 5 mm PCM section into the fridge considered 3 to 5 hours of consistent operation without a power supply. The numerical model was observed to be in great concurrence with the test comes about, with the mistake between the recreation and tests underneath 5% for generally explores

Rezaur Rahman et al [10] researched the execution of residential cooler change with utilization of PCM with the evaporator in a household fridge. The investigation of the examination demonstrates the extensive change in COP of a traditional refrigeration framework. Here the PCM utilized as a part of a load fabricated physically and which encompasses the Evaporator assembly of an ordinary fridge. Majority share of heat exchanges by conduction mode from load given to cooler bureau to evaporator and evaporator to PCM. So warm exchange rate of evaporator refrigerant increments significantly which enhances the COP of the refrigeration framework by roughly 18-26%.

Tulapurkar et al [11] clarifies the technique and of a novel, Dual evaporator based residential cooler with Phase Change materials (PCM). The utilization of PCM as a Thermal energy stockpiling will enhance the COP (Coefficient of execution) of new refrigeration cycle by presenting another sub-cooling schedule. This upgrade by subcooling should be possible for both single evaporator refrigeration framework and additionally double evaporator framework for cooler/cooler mix. Due to delaying of the compressor off time by utilizing the dormant heat of energy of the PCM we can have better sustenance quality because of lower hysteresis cycles of on/off for a given time of operation

IV. APPLICATION OF PCM IN REFRIGERATION SYSTEM

Generally, there are two compartments depending upon their inspiration for use in the refrigerators; one working at a temperature interval of (-18) – (- 25) °C, and the other at (+2) – (+8) °C. Dependent upon the temperature set between time, when the temperature goes over the temperature set purpose of control, cooling course of action of the refrigerator starts. In the event that the cooling framework begins and stops for little time between times, energy utilization of the system increments. In addition the more drawn out the standby span, which is the period when the cooling system is not working, the less will be the energy utilization of the refrigerator. Growing stand-by length depends on after keeping the specific temperature in the fridge for a more expanded time. By joining PCM with fitting softening/solidifying range in the refrigerator, upon any expansion in temperature because of different reasons, PCM will dissolve and the temperature will be kept at the coveted level. Thus there will be less interest for the cooling system operation and energy utilization will decrease. PCM can likewise be utilized together with the protection material to diminish the warmth fortunes.

V. THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE

The most important desirable properties of any TES are high energy storage density and high power capacity. There are basically two strategies for Thermal energy storage: sensible and latent heat storage.

1) Sensible Heat Storage: In sensible heat stockpiling, warm energy is put away by raising the temperature of a solid or liquid. S uses the adjustment in temperature and warmth limit material amid the charging and releasing procedures. The measure of put away warmth relies on upon the particular heat of the medium, the temperature
change and the amount of capacity material. This temperature change (T=Ta –T f) relies on upon the application and it is restricted by the heat source and by the capacity framework. The sensible heat put away in a material can be figured as takes after:

\[ Q = m \cdot CP \cdot (T_a - T_f) \]  

(1)

2) Latent Heat Storage: The latent heat storage or phase change materials (PCM) retain and discharge heat as it experiences a phase change from solid to liquid or fluid to gas or turn around. The energy put away during the phase change process is called latent heat of combination. The phase change happens at consistent temperature of the material. Figure 1 clarifies the systems of heat ingestion and discharge in LHS materials. From the figure 1, it is obviously appreciated that at the dissolving point, as the temperature of the PCM rises, slowly their compound bonds separate as the material changes its stage from solid to liquid. The phase change is a heat engrossing (endothermic) handle and accordingly, the PCM ingests vast amount of heat without getting hotter, i.e. while putting away heat, the temperature of the PCM remains practically constant until the dissolving procedure finished. It is another method for putting away energy is by utilizing phase change materials. The energy

\[ Q = m \cdot CP \cdot (T_0 - T_0) + h_{fg} + CP \cdot (T_f - T_0) \]  

(2)

![Figure 1: Systems of heat ingestion and discharge in LHS materials](image)

VI. MOST SIGNIFICANT PROCESS PARAMETERS

There are many process parameters which are ought to have been set amid refrigerating methodology. Some of these are the temperature at bay and outlet of the compressor, temperature cover inlet, and outlet of the evaporator, temperature cover bay channel, and outlet of the extension valve, energy use, weight bay and outlet of the compressor et cetera. K. Azzouz et al (2008) did exploratory tests to investigate the execution of a family ice chest in which Water and eutectic blend (the reason for solidifying - 30°C) are utilized as PCMs. Oro, E, et al (2012) concentrated the warm execution of frizzes utilizing stage change materials. A business PCM was chosen with a softening temperature of 18 °C. Sattar. M. A. et al (2007) passed on examination of the family unit cooler using perfect hydrocarbons and blends of hydrocarbons as refrigerants. In this examination, a family unit cooler proposed to work with R-134a was used as a test unit to find the probability of using hydrocarbons and their blends as refrigerants. Perfect butane, isobutene, and a mix of propane, butane, and isobutene were used as refrigerants. The results show that the compressor expend 3% and 2% less energy than that of R-134a at 28°C including temperature when butane and iso-butane was used as refrigerants people.  

VI. CONCLUSION

COP of refrigerator can increase by different way but evaporator is most important parameter in refrigeration. An extensive research in the past clearly indicates that there is always a scope for improvement of COP of refrigerator. Above all research paper indicates that there will be increase off COP of refrigerator if we make evaporator with PCM material. If COP refrigerator will be increase then cooling capacity of refrigerator can be increase. From above we conclude that for the development of a latent heat storage system, choice of the PCM plays an important role.

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