

What are photothermal conversions of solar energy?

Then, the state-of-the-art progress for photothermal conversions of solar energy is introduced in detail, mainly including photothermal water evaporation and desalination, photothermal catalysis, photothermal electric power generation, photothermal bacterial killing, photothermal sensors, and photothermal deicing.

What are the advantages of photothermal conversion of solar energy?

Among all the solar energy conversion technologies, photothermal conversion of solar energy exhibits unique advantages when applied for water purification, desalination, high-temperature heterogeneous catalysis, anti-bacterial treatments, and deicing.

How efficient is photothermal power generation?

Although photothermal electric power generation can show a solar-to-electricity conversion efficiency exceeding 7% under 38 Sun, its conversion efficiency remains very low under low concentration solar intensity, such as 1 Sun or ambient conditions.

Can photothermal catalysis convert solar energy into chemical energy?

For example, photothermal catalysis for H₂ generation and CO₂ reduction can be applied to convert solar energy into chemical energy under high concentrated solar intensity, but the efforts are still far from enough.

Are photothermal materials a viable alternative to solar energy?

Photothermal materials are promising alternatives for environmentally friendly thermal management via efficiently harvesting solar energy for heat, which contributes to the elevated temperature gradient for a preferable electricity generation (8,9).

Why are photothermal materials important for wearable solar thermoelectric generators (STEGs)?

The photothermal materials with an extensive absorption are fundamental to achieve optical and thermal concentration of the sunlight for efficiency output electricity of wearable solar thermoelectric generators (STEGs).

Organic molecule (DCN-4CQA) with the absorbance region at 300-800 nm and photothermal conversion efficiency of 18.2 % under one sun was employed for fabricating flexible photothermal evaporators for solar steam and thermoelectric power generation.

This paper analyzed the characteristics and status quo of various tower-type photothermal generation technologies, found that the tower-type molten salt power generation ...

Solar powered steam generation is an emerging area in the field of energy harvest and sustainable

technologies. The nano-structured photothermal materials are able to harvest energy from the full ...

In the meantime, the synergetic thermoelectric power generation during solar evaporation is realized by using thermoelectric module as thermal insulator, achieving a maximum output power of 0.175 ...

Therefore, the preparation of evaporators with good mechanical properties is essential for the continuous evaporation of water and power generation in order to ensure the water delivery, water distribution and light absorption properties of the evaporator during long-term use [11, 12], and hydrogels are ideal for water evaporation and Photothermal power ...

solar absorbers layer for high thermal concentration, which could increase the temperature gradient of wearable STEGs and power a large electricity generation. Here, we purposefully selected the electron donor N,N,N0,N0-tet-ramethylbenzidine (TMBD) and electron acceptor tetrachloro-1,4-benzoquinone (TCBQ) to prepare the organic photothermal coc-

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In our recent work, a system that couples gas-phase PTC with heat collection has been established, adapted from parabolic trough solar thermal power generation device. As shown in Figure 13e, the integrated system contains a tubular receiver and a parabolic-trough reflector. The receiver consists of two concentric tubes, which acts as both a ...

Efficient solar water purification technology presents a promising solution for addressing the scarcity of potable water. In a recent study, Lu et al. have developed nano bound water molecular channels (NCWMCs) as a mean to achieve efficient solar vapor generation (SVG) even under low light conditions [34, 39, 40]. 1D-OMoSNSA is synthesized via a one-pot ...

Firstly, focus on the two main solar energy utilization modes, photovoltaic and photothermal, we systematically introduced the main types, research status and development trend of photovoltaic technologies, as well as the current situation and development trend of thermal power generation, building heating and refrigeration, seawater desalination and industrial heating in photothermal ...

To address this issue, an integrated system for daytime photothermal power generation combined with waste hot water evaporation and nighttime hygroscopic exothermic ...

The vast potential of solar energy has established it as a key player in addressing the global energy shortage. 1 Currently, solar energy utilization spans photovoltaic power generation, 2 solar-thermal conversion, 3 photocatalysis, 4 and photobiological applications. 5 Among these, solar-thermal conversion, which transforms solar light into thermal energy, is ...

To validate the feasibility of solar-driven STEG power generation and explore the synergistic effect of coupling the STEG device with the SC device for electrical energy storage, we ingeniously integrate the STEG device and the SC device in series, which helps us to delve into the intricate interplay between solar energy conversion and electrical energy storage ...

Comparison of photothermal power generation technologies ... A wind generator of 10.2235 MW with wind speed 5.1376 m/s and a solar power generation of 2.7567 MW with rated photovoltaic panel ...

An organic-small-molecule solar-energy-absorbing material with a strong intramolecular charge transfer character and a conjugate rigid plane skeleton is developed, which exhibits a wide absorption sp... Abstract Recently, owing to the great structural tunability, excellent photothermal property, and strong photobleaching resistance, organic ...

Photo thermal power generation, as a renewable energy technology, has broad development prospects. However, the operation and scheduling of photo thermal power plants rarely consider their internal structure and energy flow characteristics. Therefore, this study explains the structure of a solar thermal power plant with a thermal storage system and ...

Steam generation from solar power using converters has attracted significant research attention in recent years as an alternative form of energy conversion from solar energy. Rationally designed photothermal converters are essential to increase the efficiency of steam generation. Here, we propose a novel colloidal type of photothermal converter based on a ...

Renewable energy plays a significant role in achieving energy savings and emission reduction. As a sustainable and environmental friendly renewable energy power technology, concentrated solar power (CSP) integrates power generation and energy storage to ensure the smooth operation of the power system. However, the cost of CSP is an obstacle ...

In this review, we comprehensively summarized the state-of-the-art photothermal applications for solar energy conversion, including photothermal water evaporation and desalination, photothermal catalysis for H₂ generation ...

However, the development of TEGs capable of generating stable electric energy from solar energy and the waste heat of solar panels [15] remains an ongoing challenge. This is due to sunlight intensity, photothermal conversion heat, and heat loss affecting the temperature of the heat source, resulting in an inconstant temperature difference between the hot (T_H) and ...

The urgency of reducing pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions while maintaining fuel supply for the development of society remains one of the greatest challenges. Solar energy, a clean and sustainable energy

resource, can be converted into fuels through solar-driven catalysis, and this provides an attractive solution for future energy demand. The current ...

Li et al. [16] coupled interfacial water evaporation with a temperature differential power generation device to use the heat generated by the solar absorber for water evaporation and temperature differential power generation, respectively, and this hybrid device has a power density of 1.2 W m^{-2} at an external resistance of $4 \text{ } \Omega$. Ge et al ...

When sunlight irradiated on the photothermal structure, solar-driven water evaporation was induced. The vapor on the evaporation surface was condensed when it was migrated to the cold plate, which ensured the continuous evaporation-condensation of water molecules from seawater to freshwater. ... The maximum output power generation, open-circuit ...

photothermal electric power generation, photothermal bacterial killing, photothermal sensors, and photothermal deicing. At last, we summarize the whole review and give the viewpoint on the opportunities and challenges faced by the future development of photothermal conversion based on solar energy and light absorbers.

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