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Overview

Are semiconductors used in solar energy conversion based on photovoltaics?

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Semiconductors have been used in solar energy conversion for decades based on the photovoltaic effect. An important challenge of photovoltaics is the undesired heat generated within the device.

Can a molecular solar thermal energy storage system be a hybrid device?

Two main issues are (1) PV systems' efficiency drops by 10%–25% due to heating, requiring more land area, and (2) current storage technologies, like batteries, rely on unsustainably sourced materials. This paper proposes a hybrid device combining a molecular solar thermal (MOST) energy storage system with PV cell.

How do semiconductors convert solar energy into heat?

Semiconducting materials convert solar energy into heat by absorbing the photon energy larger than their bandgaps, so that electrons in the valence band (VB) are able to be excited to the conductive band (CB). Next, excitation-state electrons and holes are produced in the CB and VB, respectively.

Can a molecular solar thermal system be combined with a PV cell?

This paper proposes a hybrid device combining a molecular solar thermal (MOST) energy storage system with PV cell. The MOST system, made of elements like carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, fluorine, and nitrogen, avoids the need for rare materials.

What is solar thermal conversion?

Solar thermal conversion. As noted, solar thermal conversion involves using heat from a receiver heated to temperature T_C to drive a heat engine, where its performance is limited to the Carnot efficiency $(1 - T_A / T_C)$, where T_A is the ambient temperature.

How does a molecular solar thermal system work?

This layer employs a molecular solar thermal (MOST) energy storage system to convert and store high-energy photons—typically underutilized by solar cells due to thermalization losses—into chemical energy. Simultaneously, it effectively cools the PV cell through both optical effects and thermal conductivity.

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What is Semiconductors?

In intrinsic semiconductors, thermal energy moves electrons to the conduction band, creating electron-hole pairs. Extrinsic semiconductors are used in many electronics like transistors and solar cells because they have ...

Silicon Vertical Multijunction Cell for ...

A new class of thermophotovoltaic cells converting thermal radiation power into electrical power from sources at very high temperature (>1800 °C) is currently emerging. Like concentrating solar cells, these cells ...



8 Hot Applications of Solar Thermal Power

When we think about solar power, most of us think of photovoltaic solar technology, which converts sunlight directly into electricity using panels made of semiconductor cells. However, a popular alternative to ...

Semiconductor thermionics for next generation solar cells: photon

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Photonics roadmap for ultra-high-temperature ...

We find a power conversion efficiency of $>45\%$ for all systems at $1,800^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($2,073.15\text{ K}$), with a maximum power density of up to 10 W cm^{-2} . For higher temperatures, the emitter spectrum will shift to shorter wavelengths, ...

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Solar energy plays a vital role in the transition to a clean-energy future. Typically, silicon, a common semiconductor found in everyday electronics, is used to harvest solar energy. However, silicon solar panels come with ...



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To understand the mechanisms of non-thermal effect, we have to expound the photocatalytic mechanism first. There are mainly two kinds of materials that can provide non-thermal effect for reactions: semiconductors ...

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