

Can photothermal materials improve solar energy evaporation performance?

Enhancing the performance of solar energy evaporation and minimizing material degradation during application can be achieved through the design of novel photothermal materials. In solar interfacial evaporation, photothermal materials exhibit a wide range of additional characteristics, but a systematic overview is lacking.

How to design photothermal materials for the future?

Generally, when designing photothermal materials for the future, one should consider not only the photothermal properties of the materials, but also their cost, environmental friendliness, stability, salt-resistance, and versatility.

What are the advantages of photothermal material?

This kind of photothermal material has excellent ability to transport water, which can accelerate the diffusion of salt ions, dilute the salt concentration at the evaporation interface, avoid the formation of salt crystals, and effectively enhance the salt resistance of the evaporation device.

Are photothermal materials suitable for evaporation devices?

Currently, a plethora of photothermal materials exhibiting exceptional resistance to salt have been developed, thereby ensuring prolonged and stable operation of evaporation devices. However, the current studies have only been conducted using simulated seawater or NaCl solutions, which provide a relatively simplistic environmental setting.

What is a solar thermal power plant?

It mainly includes heat-resistant concrete, insulation steel, heat storage and withdraw control system. It can provide stable, clean hot water and steam continuously for industrial production combined with large-scale heat storage system. 15-MWe Demonstration Solar Thermal Power Plant in Zhang Jiakou Province.

Can solar-driven interfacial evaporation technology be applied in aquatic environments?

If the findings are to be applied in practical settings, additional research is required. In addition, this paper provides a concise overview of the various functionalities of photothermal materials, thereby demonstrating the potential application of solar-driven interfacial evaporation technology in intricate aquatic environments.

Photo taken on June 21, 2024 shows the Hami Solar Thermal Power Plant in Hami, Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. Photo: Zhang Yiyi/GT

It also proposes specific design criteria tailored to the requirements of various applications, such as photothermal catalysis, bactericidal and therapeutic uses, seawater desalination, and power generation. Finally,

this review delves into the existing challenges in the development of photothermal materials, proposes potential solutions, and envisions the future ...

China started research on solar cells in 1958, which were first applied on the satellite Dongfanghong no. 2 in 1971. The first terrestrial application was in 1973 (the 15 Wp solar-powered navigation light in Tianjin Harbor). During the 1980s, China introduced several photovoltaic (PV) cell production lines from the United States, Canada, and other countries, ...

It's home to the nation's largest photothermal power plant, capable of storing solar energy for uninterrupted power supply. The power plant boasts a massive 100-megawatt installed capacity. One special feature is its use of movable mirrors called heliostats, each covering a vast area of 115 square meters.

For example,  $\text{CuFeMnO}_4$  has higher light absorption and solar photothermal conversion efficiency in the range of 200- 2500 nm. Wang et al. [94] used  $\text{CuFeMnO}_4$  as the photothermal conversion material, combined with superhydrophobic  $\text{SiO}_2$  nanospheres, and a solar thermal coating (STC) was prepared on the surface of metal Al substrate by spraying ...

The use of solar-driven interfacial evaporation for seawater desalination and wastewater treatment is a promising solution to the pressing freshwater crisis. However, the challenge of developing low-cost, easy-to-make, scalable, and high-performance evaporators for efficient steam generation and stable desalination remains enormous. Herein, a cellulose ...

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