

What determines photovoltaic materials considerations?

Major determinators in photovoltaic materials considerations are governed by inherited material properties set by nature, human knowledge regarding technologies available for generating photovoltaic systems, and overall acceptance of a particular society to move forward from the dependence on carbon-based energy sources.

Can novel materials be used in photovoltaic systems?

The implementation of the novel materials into photovoltaic systems depends on their conversion efficiency limited by the material's inherent properties, longevity dependent on internal stability, and ease of manufacturing process.

Why do large-area photovoltaic systems need high-efficiency solar cells?

Because the cost of photovoltaic systems is only partly determined by the cost of the solar cells, efficiency is a key driver to reduce the cost of solar energy, and therefore large-area photovoltaic systems require high-efficiency (>20%), low-cost solar cells.

Are antireflective and anti-soiling coatings suitable for PV modules?

The durability of the candidate materials still has to be tested within a test module and combined stresses in order to check its suitability. Antireflective (AR) coatings have been commonly used in PV modules since ~2005, and anti-soiling (AS) coatings have been explored for use in PV since ~2015.

Where can photovoltaic materials be used?

However, emerging photovoltaic materials become preferable materials in net-zero energy buildings, transportation vehicles, agri-lands, specialized habitats or entire human habitation systems.

What is the future of photovoltaics?

These circumstances will inevitably lead to a higher share in energy consumption from already commercialized first and second-generation solar cells, push further development of the new photovoltaic materials and technologies, and faster commercialization of the third-generation solar cells. [8] Progress of photovoltaics industry.

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