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2W solar integrated battery



Overview

What is an integrated solar battery?

Here we present an integrated, fully earth-abundant solar battery based on a bifunctional (light absorbing and charge storing) carbon nitride (K-PHI) photoanode, combined with organic hole transfer and storage materials.

Are integrated photo-rechargeable batteries a reliable energy source?

This variability hinders PV's potential as a reliable, standalone energy source. Integrated photo-rechargeable batteries (IPRBs) are an emerging class of energy storage technologies that integrate solar energy conversion and electrochemical storage into a single, compact device.

Are solar batteries the future of energy storage?

Solar batteries present an emerging class of devices which enable simultaneous energy conversion and energy storage in one single device. This high level of integration enables new energy storage concepts ranging from short-term solar energy buffers to light-enhanced batteries, thus opening up exciting vistas for decentralized energy storage.

What is a solar battery?

The first groundbreaking solar battery concept of combined solar energy harvesting and storage was investigated in 1976 by Hodes, Manassen, and Cahen, consisting of a Cd-Se polycrystalline chalcogenide photoanode, capable of light absorption and photogenerated electron transfer to the S²⁻ /S redox couple in the electrolyte.

What is a bifunctional solar battery?

Since no external wires are required for photocharging and a BAM is employed, this solar battery design represents a very high level of integration. By performing both light absorption and charge storage, bifunctional materials enable the most recent and highest level of material integration in solar

batteries.

What is the conversion of efficiencies in a solar battery?

Conversion of efficiencies is given in gray. The charging state of the solar battery can be described by the amount of charges C [$C\ g^{-1}$] stored on the device, the energy E [$Ws\ g^{-1}$] of the accumulated charges, and a cell voltage U [V] that develops from the energy difference between the potential of the anode and cathode.

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