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Solar Cells: Materials Design and Performance Optimization

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This Special Issue seeks to catalyze progress in solar energy and focuses on the design, preparation, and optimization of advanced solar energy materials and devices. It seeks to highlight strategies for enhancing performance, durability, and manufacturability while addressing sustainability. Contributions are encouraged in the form of experimental and theoretical studies, to accelerate the transition to commercially viable, next-generation solar technologies. **Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:**

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- Interface engineering and defect passivation strategies.
- Stability enhancement and degradation mechanisms under operational conditions.
- Al-driven material discovery and performance optimization.
- Tandem, bifacial, and transparent PV.
- Advanced characterization and computational modeling.

This Special Issue welcomes original research and reviews to address global energy challenges through innovative solar energy solutions.

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