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Photodetectors and Their Applications

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Photodetectors, with their versatile optical sensitivity, serve as pivotal components in advancing modern technologies, spanning image sensors, biomedical diagnostics, remote sensing, optical communications, human–machine interfaces, and advanced machine vision systems. Recent advances in neuromorphic computing have driven the emergence of photodetector-integrated synaptic devices, including optical synaptic diodes, optical synaptic transistors, and photoelectric memristors, which mimic neural plasticity for energy-efficient artificial intelligence architectures. Concurrently, breakthroughs in novel materials (e.g., organic semiconductors, 2D semiconductors, perovskites, and organic–inorganic hybrids) and nanofabrication techniques have expanded device functionalities while addressing scalability challenges. Particularly, flexible and stretchable photodetectors are revolutionizing wearable electronics and conformal biointerfaces, offering unprecedented compatibility with curvilinear surfaces and dynamic environments.

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