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Nanomaterials for Light Energy Harvesting and Photovoltaic Devices

Message from the Guest Editors

It is well noted that renewable energy from sunlight is a sustainable energy source capable of meeting global demand and an effective way to deal with environmental problems. Among various semiconductors, lowdimensional nanomaterials are broadly researched for application in light energy harvesting and photovoltaic devices. The high specific surface area, tunable morphological shapes, improved light absorption, and large charge carrier lifetime are particularly important for enhancing light energy harvesting and utilization ability. The surface chemistry and surface modification of nanomaterials are also essential for the improvement of their optoelectronic properties. This Special Issue aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the development of state-of-the-art nanomaterials for light energy harvesting and photovoltaic devices, the strategies employed for improving the performances of nanomaterials for energy conversion, and to stimulate new interest in this field. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) nanomaterials, light energy harvesting, photovoltaics, renewable energy, energy systems, and solar energy conversion.

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