

Special Issue

Next-Generation Solar Energy Harvesting, Lighting, and Photovoltaic Innovations

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This Special Issue aims at gathering high-quality research and review articles that explore novel materials, device architectures, and system integration strategies for advanced solar energy applications. The topic aligns closely with the journal's scope covering renewable energy materials, photonics, and sustainable engineering, with an emphasis on innovative approaches that improve performance and scalability. We welcome contributions that address both fundamental and applied challenges in the field, with the goal of compiling a collection of articles that reflect the current state and future directions of solar technology. In this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following:

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- Tandem and multi-junction photovoltaic configurations;
- Luminescent solar concentrators (LSCs);
- Photovoltaic windows and building-integrated systems;
- Agrivoltaics;
- Novel light-management materials and interfaces.

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