



Solar Thin Film Nanomaterials and Nanodevices

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Solar energy has great potential to provide clean and renewable energy to humans. In the past several decades, nanoscale research has played a vital role in the emergence of advanced solar energy techniques. The synthesis, design, characterization, and fabrication of nanomaterials lead to the desired properties of both solar thin film absorbers and charge-collecting layers, which greatly boost the performance of solar devices. There are still challenges to overcome in new solar absorber materials, including achieving a deeper understanding of the carriers' transfer mechanism, as well as facile and low-cost fabrication, design of new devices, etc., which are expected to attract enormous interest and create great economic value in the solar energy community.

This Special Issue of *Nanomaterials* will cover the most recent advances in “Solar Thin Film Nanomaterials and Nanodevices”, concerning the materials synthesis, fundamental physics, nanostructure design, fabrication, and characterization of solar nano-absorbers and related charge selection materials, as well as advanced analytical methods and techniques in photovoltaic nanodevices.





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