

Are quantum dot solar cells a viable alternative to silicon solar cells?

A promising alternative to existing silicon solar cells, quantum dot solar cells are among the candidates for next generation photovoltaic devices. Colloidal quantum dots are attractive in photovoltaics research due to their solution processability which is useful for their integration into various solar cells.

What are colloidal quantum dots?

We describe recent progress in the synthesis of colloidal quantum dots (QDs) and describe their optoelectronic properties and further applications in solar technologies, including solar cells, solar-driven hydrogen production, and luminescent solar concentrators. QDs are fluorescent nanocrystals with nanoscale dimensions (< 20 nm).

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What types of solar cells use quantum dots?

Major topics discussed in this review include integration of colloidal quantum dots in: Schottky solar cells, depleted heterojunction solar cells, extremely thin absorber solar cells, hybrid organic-inorganic solar cells, bulk heterojunction solar cells and quantum dot sensitized solar cells.

What is a quantum dot photovoltaic?

Among these, colloidal semiconductor quantum dot photovoltaics have the advantage of a spectrally tuneable infrared bandgap, which enables use in multi-junction cells, as well as the benefit of generating and harvesting multiple charge carrier pairs per absorbed photon.

Can quantum dot sensitized solar cells be used for low-cost solar devices?

Colloidal quantum dot sensitized solar cells using simple Schottky junction offer potentials where solution-processed QDs can be applied to achieve low-cost solar devices (Law et al., 2008). Schottky types of solar cells are attractive due to several reasons: Firstly, they can be prepared by spray-coating or inkjet printing from solution phase.

High performance colloidal quantum dot (CQD) solar cells were developed by modifying ZnO electron accepting layers (EALs) using self-assembled monolayers (SAMs) of highly polar molecules. A high molecular dipole moment of -10.07 D was achieved by conjugating a strong electron donor, julolidine, to an electron acceptor, a cyanoacetic acid unit ...

Conspectus The colloidal synthesis of low-dimensional metal halide perovskite quantum dots (PQDs) has

endowed the emerging semiconductors with new peculiarities ...

Colloidal quantum dot (CQD) solar cells are soln.-processed photovoltaics with broad spectral absorption tunability. Major advances in their efficiency have been made ...

Colloidal quantum dot (CQD) shows great potential for application in infrared solar cells due to the simple synthesis techniques, tunable infrared absorption spectrum, and high stability and solution-processability. Thanks to significant efforts made on the surface chemistry of CQDs, device structure optimization, and device physics of CQD solar cells (CQDSCs), ...

A tradeoff between light absorption and charge transport is a well-known issue in PbS colloidal quantum dot (CQD) solar cells because the carrier diffusion length in PbS CQD films is comparable to the thickness of CQD film. We reduce the tradeoff between light absorption and charge transport by combining a Fabry-Perot (FP) resonator and a distributed Bragg reflector ...

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In this work, a semitransparent colloidal quantum dot solar cell (SCQDSC) with high efficiency, transparency and stability is investigated using a coupled theoretical and experimental approach. Extensive numerical simulations and ...

Lead chalcogenide (PbX, X = S, Se) colloidal quantum dots (CQDs) are promising solution-processed semiconductor materials for the construction of low-cost, large-area, and flexible solar cells. The properties of CQDs endow them with ...

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Colloidal quantum dot (CQD) photovoltaics combine low-cost solution processability with quantum size-effect tunability to match absorption with the solar spectrum. Rapid recent advances in CQD photovoltaics have led to ...

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