

What is solar powered steam generation?

You have full access to this open access article Solar powered steam generation is an emerging area in the field of energy harvest and sustainable technologies. The nano-structured photothermal materials are able to harvest energy from the full solar spectrum and convert it to heat with high efficiency.

What are the applications of steam power generation?

In recent years, the interface evaporation system driven by solar energy has developed rapidly, and this has made the application of steam power generation more common. In this section, we will focus on the latest application of steam in desalination, wastewater purification, sterilisation and power generation.

Can solar energy generate steam?

Nature Communications 5, Article number: 4449 (2014) Cite this article Currently, steam generation using solar energy is based on heating bulk liquid to high temperatures. This approach requires either costly high optical concentrations leading to heat loss by the hot bulk liquid and heated surfaces or vacuum.

How can solar steam generation be efficient?

For example, in heating (refers to the utilization of latent heat of steam/vapor condensation), efficient solar steam generation has been achieved under lower optical concentrations, even 1 Sun, mainly through absorber and device's optical and thermal regulation.

What is interfacial solar steam generation technology?

Interfacial solar steam generation technology uses relatively abundant solar energy and water for heating, which is expected to provide a competitive solution for obtaining fresh water, electricity, sterilization, etc., in remote areas.

How does solar steam generation work?

In this configuration, solar steam generation is promoted by the concurrent action of solar absorption, heat confinement in the evaporative region and capillary action<sup>19</sup>. The porous structure floats at the water-air interface and progressively pumps water by capillary effect to the surface exposed to light.

The recently developed interfacial solar-steam generation technology offers a sustainable strategy to mitigate the global issue of clean water shortages using solar energy ...

A low cost, highly flexible and environmentally friendly water generation method known as interfacial solar steam generation (SSG) has recently been popularized by many researchers due to the continuously ...

Solar steam generation at the sterilization condition suffers from low efficiency, especially in passive solar

thermal devices. We developed a stationary solar collector with a transparent aerogel layer to achieve efficient ...

The global shortage of freshwater supply has become an imminent problem. The high energy consumption of traditional desalination technology cannot meet the demand for sustainable energy development. ...

Today, solar-powered steam generation involves vast fields of mirrors or lenses that concentrate incoming sunlight, heating large volumes of liquid to high enough temperatures to produce steam. However, these ...

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Interfacial solar steam/vapor technology uses abundant and clean solar energy and water to achieve heating and cooling, a promising technology to alleviate environmental and energy issues. To obtain higher ...

Power generation using renewable technologies has become a primordial option to satisfy the energy demand all over the world, being solar concentrating technologies widely applied for ...



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