

# Nanomaterials transform energy & environmental tech.

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## Introduction

This review explores the latest progress in hybrid perovskite solar cells (PSCs), specifically focusing on how nanomaterials and nanostructures enhance their performance. It covers various nanomaterial types, their roles in different PSC layers, and strategies to improve efficiency, stability, and scalability, highlighting key challenges and future research directions for next-generation photovoltaics[1].

This review provides an overview of recent advancements in nanostructured catalysts applied in advanced oxidation processes (AOPs) for water treatment. It covers various types of nanomaterials, their synthesis methods, and their catalytic mechanisms, highlighting their effectiveness in degrading persistent organic pollutants. The article also discusses challenges and future perspectives in developing more efficient and sustainable catalysts for environmental remediation[2].

This comprehensive review examines the crucial role of nanomaterials in enhancing the performance and stability of organic photovoltaics (OPVs). It discusses various types of nanomaterials, including organic, inorganic, and hybrid structures, and their applications in active layers, electrodes, and interfacial layers. The article highlights how these materials improve light harvesting, charge transport, and overall device efficiency, outlining future research directions for high-performance OPVs[3].

This review focuses on the latest advancements in nanostructured catalysts for electrochemical CO<sub>2</sub> reduction (CO<sub>2</sub>RR), a promising approach for converting greenhouse gases into valuable chemicals. It explores various nanostructured catalyst designs, including metal-based, carbon-based, and composite materials, discussing their impact on selectivity, activity, and stability. The article identifies key challenges and future strategies for developing highly efficient and cost-effective CO<sub>2</sub>RR systems[4].

This review critically examines the current state of perovskite solar cells (PSCs) and the transformative role of nanomaterials in their development. It details how various nanomaterials, from metal oxides to carbon-based structures, are integrated into PSCs to improve charge transport, stability, and light absorption. The discussion also

covers the challenges facing commercialization, such as toxicity and long-term stability, and offers insights into future research avenues[5].

This review explores the latest developments in nanostructured photocatalysts for environmental remediation, focusing on their application in treating water and air pollutants. It highlights the design principles, synthesis strategies, and performance of various nanomaterial-based photocatalysts, discussing mechanisms for enhanced degradation efficiency. The article also addresses current limitations and future opportunities for practical implementation of these advanced materials in environmental protection[6].

This review surveys the landscape of emerging nanomaterials and their critical role in advancing the efficiency and stability of organic solar cells (OSCs). It delves into various nanostructured architectures, including those based on carbon, metal oxides, and polymers, discussing their impact on charge generation, separation, and transport. The article highlights strategies for optimizing device performance and outlines future prospects for the commercialization of high-efficiency OSCs[7].

This review focuses on the development of advanced nanostructured materials for enhancing electrocatalytic processes crucial for energy conversion and storage. It covers various material classes, including noble metals, metal oxides, and carbon-based composites, discussing their structural designs and electronic properties that contribute to improved catalytic activity and selectivity. The article also addresses challenges and future research directions for designing next-generation electrocatalysts[8].

This review provides an in-depth analysis of recent progress in quantum dot solar cells (QDSCs), covering developments in quantum dot materials, device architectures, and performance enhancements. It discusses various types of QDs, their synthesis, and strategies for improving light absorption, charge generation, and transport. The article also addresses key challenges related to stability and efficiency, outlining future research pathways for commercial viability of QDSCs[9].

This review explores how nanomaterials engineering significantly contributes to achieving high-performance and enhanced stability in

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perovskite solar cells (PSCs). It examines the design and integration of various nanomaterials in different PSC layers to optimize charge extraction, reduce recombination, and improve environmental robustness. The article highlights critical strategies for defect passivation and interface engineering, providing insights into developing highly efficient and durable PSC devices[10].

## Conclusion

Recent advancements highlight the transformative role of nanomaterials and nanostructures across various energy and environmental technologies. In solar energy, these materials are crucial for boosting the performance, stability, and scalability of hybrid perovskite solar cells, organic photovoltaics, organic solar cells, and quantum dot solar cells. Reviews detail how different nanomaterial types, including metal oxides, carbon-based structures, and hybrid composites, are integrated into active layers, electrodes, and interfacial layers to improve light harvesting, charge transport, and overall device efficiency.

Beyond photovoltaics, nanomaterials are central to catalysis. Nanostructured catalysts are making strides in environmental remediation, particularly in advanced oxidation processes for water treatment and photocatalysis for degrading water and air pollutants. They also show significant promise in electrochemical CO<sub>2</sub> reduction, converting greenhouse gases into valuable chemicals, and in enhancing general electrocatalytic processes vital for energy conversion and storage. Challenges such as long-term stability, toxicity, and cost-effectiveness are actively addressed across these fields. The research emphasizes optimizing material design, synthesis methods, and interface engineering to overcome these hurdles and pave the way for highly efficient, durable, and sustainable

next-generation technologies.

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