

How ice and snow affect photovoltaic power generation efficiency?

In recent years, to progress towards carbon emissions reduction, photovoltaic technology has become one of the most significant methods of generating electricity using renewable sources. However, the accumulation of ice and snow during the winter season affects the decrease in the power generation efficiency of photovoltaic modules.

Are photothermal phase change materials effective against icing & deicing?

Due to the constant latent heat value of the photothermal phase change materials, their anti-icing performance is limited and insufficient to meet the requirements of all-weather anti-icing/deicing applications on outdoor equipment surfaces under harsh and complex environmental conditions.

Can PMS prevent icing & deicing?

The application of PMs in anti-icing/deicing can effectively prevent icing and even melt the accumulated ice on the surface of the materials when the surface temperature of the material is higher than the icing temperature, which was considered to be an economical, efficient and environmentally friendly anti-icing/deicing method [65,66].

Will ice and snow affect solar energy production?

The renewable energy sector and the solar industry, more specifically, are expected to grow in the upcoming years. However, in many colder climates worldwide, ice and snow accumulation on solar panels is prevalent and can negatively affect the efficiency or even stop the production of energy.

Can photothermal superhydrophobic material prevent icing and deicing?

Photothermal superhydrophobic material (P@SHBM) with anti-icing and deicing properties was prepared by combining the PM with the SHBM. The superhydrophobic self-cleaning effect can effectively prevent icing, and photothermal conversion can achieve deicing under sunlight illumination.

Can electrothermal heating prevent icing & deicing?

On extremely cold nights, anti-icing and deicing can be achieved by the electrothermal heating, as shown in Fig. 20 a. Fig. 20 b shows the melting process of a single frozen droplet in the PESC system under different heating conditions.

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2.2 Molecular Thermal Vibration. Carbon-based materials demonstrate superior solar radiation absorption capabilities in the near-infrared to visible wavelength region. Furthermore, these materials are abundant and cost-effective due to their excellent stability [] utilizing lattice vibrations, the materials are able to achieve photothermal conversion.

To enhance the photothermal anti-icing and de-icing performances in low ambient temperature, high RH, and weak solar flux environments, we designed the photothermal SH coatings using the nanosized ...

Solar anti-icing/de-icing is an environmentally friendly way to convert light energy into heat with the purpose of melting/removing ice. However, the inherent intermittency of solar irradiation limits the application of solar-thermal energy-conversion technologies, when continuous de-icing is required. Herein, we investigate a solar phase ...

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3 ???· Interestingly, carbonized natural materials (Figure 5a), such as plants and wood, offer a sustainable and efficient approach to photothermal de-icing, due to their high solar thermal efficiency and low thermal convection loss. Aside from material selection, structural configuration plays a critical role in optimizing performance. For example ...

The frost layer accumulated on the surface can melt quickly in 140 s under 2.4 sun illumination at -16 °C. This transparent solar anti-icing/deicing material shows excellent promise in civil construction, automotive, photovoltaic, wind power, aviation and other industrial applications where transparency is in high demand.

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