

Solar Microfluidic System







Overview

What is a microfluidic solar tracking system?

A microfluidic technology allows a low-cost, lightweight and precise solar tracking system. Our prism panel enables high solar concentration up to 2032× factor. Various liquid prism configurations (stacked prism arrays) and optical materials are considered. Their impacts on solar beam steering, reflection losses and beam concentration are studied.

Can microfluidic tunable prism panels improve solar tracking?

We present the design and optical analyses of an arrayed microfluidic tunable prism panel that enables wide solar tracking and high solar concentration while minimizing energy loss. Each of the liquid prism modules is implemented by a microfluidic (i.e. non-mechanical) technology based on electrowetting for adaptive solar beam steering.

What is microfluidic technology?

This technology integrates principles from physics, chemistry, biology, and engineering to create systems that can mix, sort, and analyze fluids with precision. Microfluidic technology is foundational to lab-on-a-chip systems, enabling innovation across diagnostics, pharmaceutical research, and synthetic biology.

How do microfluidic tunable prism panels affect solar beam steering?

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How to design effective microfluidic systems?

To design effective microfluidic systems, understanding the underlying physics is crucial: Low Reynolds Number: Laminar flow dominates, leading to



predictable behavior. Diffusion-Based Mixing: Mixing occurs via molecular diffusion. Capillarity: Surface tension and wetting are essential.

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Our microfluidic tunable prism panel enables high solar concentration without heavy and bulky mechanical tracking devices. However, the previous studies were conducted just for a single prism module at a given incident angle of 45°



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Conformal Microfluidic-Blow-Spun 3D Photothermal Catalytic ...

A three-dimensional (3D) photothermal catalytic spherical evaporator with double-layer structure that enables the theoretical light-to-vapor efficiency limits breakthrough ...

Exploring the use of nanofluids in pump-free systems for solar

By using nanofluids as a working fluid in pumpfree designs, thermal energy systems can become more efficient and have reduced maintenance costs, ultimately ...



Design and optical analyses of an arrayed microfluidic tunable prism

Schematic illustrations of (a) a basic liquid prism module, (b) various prism modulations and (c) an arrayed microfluidic solar energy collection system and its potential ...



Advances in Microfluidic Technologies for Energy Storage and ...

Besides giving an overview of microfluidic



devices with an integrated energy storage system, novel materials for energy storage purposes, such as electrodes and ...



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The current status and developments of microfluidic technologies in energy storage and release are systematically reviewed. Emphases are placed in microfluidic energy ...

Sustainable Hydrogen Production via Plasmon-Enhanced Electro ...

As renewable energy replaces fossil fuels, efficient and sustainable hydrogen production becomes critical. We present a solar-driven, membrane-free microfluidic ...





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Microfluidics in 2025: Applications, Trends & How It Work

Explore the world of microfluidics in 2025, its definition, principles, and top applications in diagnostics, organ-on-chip, and many more.



NADH Photoregeneration in a Fully Automated ...

To streamline the process and minimize operator intervention, a fully automated microfluidic system was designed, demonstrating excellent ...

Comprehensive analysis of the performance of a microfluidic

We employed both experimental methods and computational fluid dynamics using the Lattice-Boltzmann solver to analyze the cell's dynamics.



NADH Photoregeneration in a Fully Automated Microfluidic Setup

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High performance microfluidics increase solar panel efficiency

In tackling this problem, the CSIRO team has developed a novel heatpipe plate system that can potentially be integrated with PV panels. The system utilises unique microscale thermal and ...





Advances in Microfluidic Technologies for Energy ...

In this review, an overview of the recent developments of microfluidic technologies in the field of energy storage and release is provided (Figure 1) ...

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Theoretical investigation of the temperature characteristics and ...

Theoretical investigation of the temperature characteristics and output parameters of an industrial crystalline silicon solar cell with a microfluidic cooling system



Microfluidic Tunable Liquid Prisms for Solar Beam Steering and

We present a microfluidic tunable liquid prim panel that enables to track the daily and seasonal sun's motion and concentrate steered sunlight onto a solar cell for solar power ...



Modeling of microfluidic bio-solar cell using microalgae through

Finally, the microfluidic bio-solar cell was modeled to create interfaces between optical and electrical physics in order to determine their material transport, heat transfer, ...







Transmissive microfluidic active cooling for concentrator photovoltaics

This IR transmission allows the CPV and thermal systems to be thermally decoupled, significantly reducing the thermal load on the CPV portion while enabling ...

Microfluidic sealing and housing system for innovative dyesensitized

An innovative microfluidic housing system for DSSCs has been fabricated and characterization results have been reported. Our new proposed design effectively confines the ...





Microfluidics: Continuous-Flow Synthesis of Nanoparticle ...

In this work, we demonstrate the synthesis of organic BHJ nanoparticles for the fabrication of OSCs using a micromixer chip embedded in a microfluidic system.



Photoelectrochemical Flow Cells for Solar Fuels and Chemicals

This chapter focuses on photoelectrochemical flow cells (PFCs) as promising systems for solar fuels and chemicals production. It begins by emphasizing the need for ...

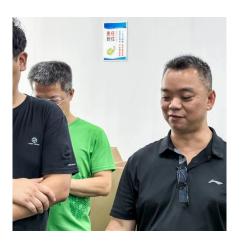


Enhancing solar steam generation in hydrogel evaporator by bio ...

The hydrogel-based evaporator exhibits exceptional water activation capabilities, enabling it to surpass the previously established upper limits of evaporation rates in interfacial ...

Conference proceedings - Optofluidic Bio & Energy Systems ...

D. Jiang and S.-Y. Park*, "Microfluidic-guided solar indoor lighting system," 6 th International Multidisciplinary Conference on Optofluidics (Optofluidics 2016), Beijing, China, July 24 - 27, ...



An autonomous wearable biosensor powered by a perovskite solar ...

A wearable sweat sensor powered by a flexible solar cell can continuously collect multimodal physicochemical data--glucose, pH, sodium ion, sweat rate and skin ...





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ENERGY AND RESOURCES

The integrated microfluidic photocatalytic planar ...

The photocatalytic microfluidic system consists of five parts: the syringe pump, light source, collection bottle, temperature controller, and ...

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