

Advanced Polymer and Thin Film for Sustainable Energy Harvesting

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Sustainable energy, including water energy, wind energy, ambient mechanical energy, solar energy, bioenergy and thermal energy, etc., possesses the properties of renewability and clean and wide distribution. Collecting sustainable energy is a feasible strategy to overcome the energy crisis and the environmental issues caused using traditional fossil fuels. Various energy technologies and devices have been developed for converting sustainable energy into forms that can be utilized by humans. Attributed to the features of processability, insulation, corrosion resistance, flexibility, etc., polymers are widely used as constitute materials for the fabrication of energy devices. The structures and properties of employed polymers will affect the performance of these devices in harvesting sustainable energy. Especially, certain surface-modified and surface-treated polymers play important roles in constructing advanced energy devices with outstanding performance. Some functional and smart polymers endow devices with attractive functions. Further, polymer thin films and coatings are important components of certain energy devices and deserve more attention.



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