

OPTICAL NANOSTRUCTURES FOR PHOTOVOLTAICS (PV)

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Photovoltaic solar electricity is one of the key technologies for reducing the world's reliance on fossil fuels for energy generation. Reduced costs and higher conversion efficiencies are essential for making photovoltaics economically competitive. Optical nanostructures have a major role to play in improving the efficiency of solar cells by increasing the absorption of incident light, especially for thin-film applications. Solar concentrator systems, organic solar cells and dye-sensitized cells also stand to benefit from nanophotonic engineering schemes.

This meeting aims to bring together experts from the fields of nanophotonics and photovoltaics to address the issues and opportunities for merging these two technologies. The scope of the meeting covers all aspects of optical nanostructures for photovoltaic applications, from textured surfaces and diffraction gratings through to emerging areas topics such as plasmonic enhancement, spectrally split multiple cells and spectral flux management in multijunction solar cells.

PAPER TOPICS

- Antireflection coatings
- Gratings and diffractive optics
- Plasmonic enhancement
- Slow light and resonance enhancement of optical absorption
- Spectral splitting
- Spectral flux management

- Nanostructures for solar concentrators
- Nanostructures for dye-sensitized solar cells
- Nanostructures for thin-film organic solar cells
- Novel solar cell geometries

INVITED SPEAKERS (As of November 2009)

Localized Surface Plasmons for High Efficiency Solar Cells, Kylie Catchpole, Australian Natl. Univ., Canberra, Australia

Efficient Nanocone Light Trapping for Photovoltaics, Yi Cui, Stanford Univ., USA

Implications of Nanophotonics for the Limit of Thin-Film Light Trapping and for the Single-Junction Shockely-Queisser Limit, Shanhui Fan, Stanford Univ., USA

Harvesting Solar Energy by Creating an Innovative Network of Nanostructures, Shawn Lin, Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst., USA

Title to Be Announced, Moritz Riede, Technische Univ. Dresden, Germany

Slow Light in Photonic Crystals for Photovoltaic Applications, Christian Seasalle, Univ. of Lyon, France

Photonics of Intermediate Reflectors in Tandem Solar Cells, Ralf Wehrspohn, Univ. of Halle, Germany

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