

Can integrated solar PV panel-membrane distillation produce fresh water and electricity?

In this work, we report a strategy for simultaneous production of fresh water and electricity by an integrated solar PV panel-membrane distillation (PV-MD) device in which a PV panel is employed as both photovoltaic component for electricity generation and photothermal component for clean water production.

Can solar-driven multistage membrane distillation improve clean water productivity?

Very recently, solar-driven multistage membrane distillation (MSMD) devices have been reported with a much higher clean water productivity,  $3 \text{ kg m}^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}$  in a 10-stage device under one Sun illumination, by recycling the latent heat released during vapor condensation in each stage as the heat source for the next stage [27, 28].

Can photovoltaics-membrane distillation produce clean water?

Here, we demonstrate a photovoltaics-membrane distillation (PV-MD) device that can stably produce clean water ( $>1.64 \text{ kg m}^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}$ ) from seawater while simultaneously having uncompromised electricity generation performance ( $>11\%$ ) under one Sun irradiation.

Can solar-powered membrane distillation produce clean water?

Although traditional membrane distillation (MD) can produce clean water regardless of climatic conditions, the process wastes a lot of energy. The technique of solar-powered membrane distillation (SPMD) has received a lot of interest in the past decade, thanks to the development of photothermal materials.

Can a solar cell produce energy and clean water?

The increasing demand for energy and clean water has become a grand global challenge. Here the authors develop a membrane-distillation device that exploits sunlight and the heat dissipated by an integrated solar cell unit, enabling simultaneous efficient production of electricity and drinkable water.

How a solar cell produces high clean water production rate?

Its high clean water production rate is realized by constructing multi stage membrane distillation (MSMD) device at the backside of the solar cell to recycle the latent heat of water vapor condensation in each distillation stage.

These flexible nanofiber membranes supply an opportunity as full-spectrally solar absorbers layer for high thermal concentration, which could increase the temperature gradient of wearable STEGs and power a large electricity ...

Globally, electricity demand rises by 1.8% per year; according to the American Energy Information Administration, global energy demand will increase by 47% over the next 30 years, driven by demographic and ...

**Abstract** The integration of ionic power generation with solar-driven water evaporation presents a promising solution to the critical global problems of freshwater scarcity ...

According to the latest research reported by Li et al. [29], an ideal solar steam generation device should generally involve the following characteristics: (1) A high absorptivity ...

Ho's group fabricated a 3D pillar evaporator prepared with a polyacrylamide and carbon nanotube for solar-driven electricity power and hydrogen generation. This prototype exhibited an evaporation rate of 1.42 kg ...

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Membrane-based desalination is essential for mitigating global water scarcity; yet, the process is energy-intensive and heavily reliant on fossil fuels, resulting in substantial ...

A three-dimensional solar steam generation device with a high water evaporation rate and excellent structural stability was developed and characterized. The design consisted of a bilayer membrane composed of polyacrylonitrile (PAN) ...

