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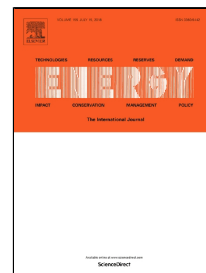
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## Abstract

Solar energy application in a wider spectrum has the potential for high efficiency energy conversion. However, solar cells can only absorb photon energy of the solar spectrum near the solar cell band-gap energy, and the remaining energy will be converted into thermal energy. The thermoelectric generator is a good choice to utilize this thermal energy. This paper analyses the feasibility of photovoltaic-thermoelectric (PV-TE), and reviews the current types and performance of PV-TE. Furthermore, it presents the optimization and development of PV-TE. In addition, this paper presents the challenge and efficient improvement of PV-TE in actual application. Therefore, this paper would provide a valuable reference for further research into the field of PV-TE and its applications.

Keywords: PV-TE, Wide solar spectrum, Electricity generation, Hybrid solar system

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