

In recent years, the growing demand for increasingly advanced wearable electronic gadgets has been commonly observed. Modern society is constantly expecting a noticeable development in terms of smart functions, long-term stability, and long-time outdoor operation of portable devices. Excellent flexibility, lightweight nature, and environmental ...

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Thermoelectric generators (TEGs), capable of directly converting thermal energy into electrical energy, offer significant promise for powering distributed nodes in the IoT in a sustainable way. [ 8, 9 ] Traditionally, inorganic semiconductors and their alloys such as  $\text{Sb}_2\text{Te}_3$ ,  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Te}_3$ , and  $\text{PbTe}$  have been the predominant materials in ...

Heat is an abundant but often wasted source of energy. Thus, harvesting just a portion of this tremendous amount of energy holds significant promise for a more sustainable society. While traditional solid-state inorganic semiconductors have dominated the research stage on thermal-to-electrical energy conversion, carbon-based semiconductors have recently ...

Thermoelectric (TE) technology enables direct energy conversion between heat and electricity, providing waste heat recovery for energy sustainability and net zero carbon emissions. 1, 2, 3 The TE performance of materials is typically determined by the dimensionless figure of merit (ZT) according to  $ZT = S^2 \sigma T / \kappa$ , where  $S$  is the Seebeck coefficient,  $\sigma$  is the ...

Flexible energy-generating electronics have attracted great interest. Generally, such devices can be classified into three categories: energy storage, energy harvesting, and wireless charging. In this work, a flexible thermoelectric generator (TEG) for energy harvesting is fabricated.  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Te}_3$  ingots are used as thermoelectric legs. To ...

Additionally, thermoelectric generators offer continuous power without maintenance and outperform other energy-harvesting technologies. Acknowledging its advantages, researchers stress the need to tackle challenges such as Even if batteries meet long-term power needs, sudden load discharges shorten their lifespan, enlightening the careful use of ...

To create an energy storage and harvesting system, the flexible lithium ion battery was combined with a flexible amorphous silicon PV module having similar dimensions and compatible voltage.

The efficiency of a thermoelectric (TE) material is defined by the dimensionless figure of merit  $ZT = S^2 \sigma T / k$ , where  $S$  is the Seebeck coefficient,  $\sigma$  is the electrical conductivity,  $T$  is the ...

We also explain how these hydrogels contribute to improved properties of the energy storage devices and include cases in which the hydrogel is used for several functions in the same device. The contribution of hydrogels in the development of flexible energy storage devices and their impact on electrochemical performance are also discussed.

a Cross-sectional microscope image of a flexible TEG with liquid metal interconnects. b A simple three-resistor thermal equivalent circuit of a TEG. c Cross-sections parallel and orthogonal to the ...

Phase change materials (PCMs) have been extensively explored for latent heat thermal energy storage in advanced energy-efficient systems. Flexible PCMs are an emerging class of materials that can withstand certain deformation and are capable of making compact contact with objects, thus offering substantial potential in a wide range of smart applications.

Flexible electronics have garnered considerable attention because of their flexibility, comfort, multifunctionality, and high sensitivity [1,2,3,4,5]. Wearable-sensing systems integrated with flexible electronics are widely used for the real-time monitoring of human signals and hazard warnings [6,7,8]. However, these systems often require external power sources ...

Flexible and wearable supercapacitors are a safe and eco-friendly energy storage solution to power wearables, offering advantages of security, longer cycle life, higher power density and ...

In this paper, we focus on the energy conversion and storage mechanism of flexible hydrogels in light-thermal-electricity energy conversion systems. We also introduce the ...

To fulfill flexible energy-storage devices, much effort has been devoted to the design of structures and materials with mechanical characteristics. This review attempts to critically review the state of the art with respect to materials of electrodes and electrolyte, the device structure, and the corresponding fabrication techniques as well as ...

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