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Why is glass a technology platform for energy management & energy generation?

However, with the discovery of semiconductor materials and thin-film deposition processes, glass has become a technology platform for advanced energy management and energy generation applications. This is due to its ability to provide mechanical strength, chemical durability, and high transmission in the solar spectrum.

Can glass be used as a mirror for concentrated solar power?

We then turn to glass and coated glass applications for thin-film photovoltaics, specifically transparent conductive coatings and the advantages of highly resistive transparent layers. Finally, we discuss the use of coated glasses as mirrors for concentrated solar power applications.

Can glass improve solar energy transmission?

We begin with a discussion of glass requirements, specifically composition, that enable increased solar energy transmission, which is critical for solar applications. Next we discuss anti-reflective surface treatments of glass for further enhancement of solar energy transmission, primarily for crystalline silicon photovoltaics.

Can glass be used as a technology platform for solar energy?

The history of glass and coatings on glass as a technology platform for solar energy is captured in the timeline shown in Fig. 48.4. It begins with development of the float process for the high-volume manufacturing of low-cost, high-quality glass that became ubiquitous in the commercial and residential architecture of the 1960s.

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