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Performance assessment of photoelectrochemical CO<sub>2</sub> reduction photocathodes with patterned electrocatalysts: a multi-physical model-based approach

This work introduces a multi-physical model-based framework to quantitatively analyze the interplay among optical propagation, charge transport, mass transfer, and electrochemical reactions in a PEC CO<sub>2</sub>R photocathode with patterned catalysts. Insights have been provided for engineering high-performance CO<sub>2</sub>R photocathodes by delicately balancing optical reduction and catalyst area to optimize energy efficiencies while leveraging the pinch-off effect to reduce the onset potential for CO<sub>2</sub>R.

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