

1. Introduction. One of the main challenges in the world today is a sustainable energy production. In 2017, 85% of world energy production was fossil fuel derived, 1 and environmental impacts necessitates the global community to seek cleaner alternatives. 2 Renewable green energies derived from solar power, wind, or hydroelectric sources are the ...

Due to high global energy demands, there is a great need for development of technologies for exploiting and storing solar energy. Closed cycle systems for storage of solar energy have been suggested, based on absorption of photons in photoresponsive molecules, followed by on-demand release of thermal energy. These materials are called solar thermal ...

Devices that can capture and convert sunlight into stored chemical energy are attractive candidates for future energy technologies. A general challenge is to combine efficient solar energy capture with high energy densities and energy storage time into a processable composite for device application. Here, norbornadiene (NBD)-quadricyclane (QC) molecular photoswitches ...

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development of new technologies for energy storage is in high demand. Molecules that undergo photoinduced isomerization reactions that are capable of absorbing light, storing it as chemical energy, and releasing it as thermal energy on demand are referred to as molecular solar thermal energy storage (MOST) or solar thermal fuels (STF).

The norbornadiene derivatives showed absorption on-sets of up to 386 nm and photoisomerization quantum ... storage of solar energy is focused on its conversion into chemical energy by means of a photochemical reaction, usually termed molecular solar thermal energy storage (MOST). This method utilizes photoactive compounds that

Data on the valence isomerisation of norbornadiene and its derivatives into the corresponding quadricyclanes published between 1990 and 2001 are considered and described systematically. The applicability of this reaction for the storage of solar energy is discussed. The bibliography includes 112 references.

Molecular solar-thermal energy storage systems are based on molecular switches that reversibly convert solar

energy into chemical energy. Herein, we report the synthesis, characterization, and computational ...

Two-way photoswitching norbornadiene derivatives for solar energy storage+. Liang Fei a, Helen H&#246;lzel b, Zhihang Wang c, Andreas Erbs Hillers-Bendtsen d, Adil S. Aslam e, Monika Shamsabadi e, Jialing Tan a, Kurt V. Mikkelsen d, Chaoxia Wang \* a and Kasper Moth-Poulsen \* befg a College of Textile Science and Engineering, Jiangnan University, 1800 Lihu Road, ...

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ancing energy storage time with solar spectrum match.[11g,h] Here, we present the synthesis of a new series of NBD-based molecules with a good solar spectrum match (estimated up to 3.8% solar energy storage efficiency), using the strong acceptor moiety trifluoroacetyl unit in conjunction with carefully selected

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Energy storage in molecular photoswitches: NBD based photoswitches combine solar energy conversion, storage, and release in a very simple one-photon one-molecule ...

Two crucial challenges for a useful MOST system are the achievement of a sufficiently high energy storage density, ideally higher than 300 kJ kg<sup>-1</sup> and light-harvesting in the visible region 15. Functionalization of the norbornadiene with donor and acceptor units has been used to tune absorption maxima, but this positive effect on solar absorption is counter ...

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The energy storage densities are, as expected, lower than those of the parent norbornadiene (1 a). 12 This observation can be explained by the inverse correlation between the molecular weight and the energy storage density. 15, 16 In agreement with this relationship, the comparison of 2-aryl-norbornadienes with 2,3-disubstituted norbornadienes ...

Norbornadiene-based photoswitches have emerged as promising candidates for harnessing and storing solar energy, holding great promise as a viable solution to meet the growing energy demands. ... Triplet-Sensitized Switching of High-Energy-Density Norbornadienes for Molecular Solar Thermal Energy Storage with Visible Light *Angew Chem Int Ed Engl* ...

Norbornadiene-quadricyclane (NBD-QC) photo-switches are candidates for applications in solar thermal energy storage. Functionally they rely on an intramolecular [2+2] cycloaddition reaction, which couples the S<sub>0</sub> landscape on the NBD side to the S<sub>1</sub> landscape on the QC side of the reaction and vice-versa. This commonly results in an unfavourable ...

A molecular system must meet some requirements to have MOST potential: (1) the parent molecule (the NBD, in our case) should absorb a significant part of the energy of the solar spectrum; (2) the photoconversion ...

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