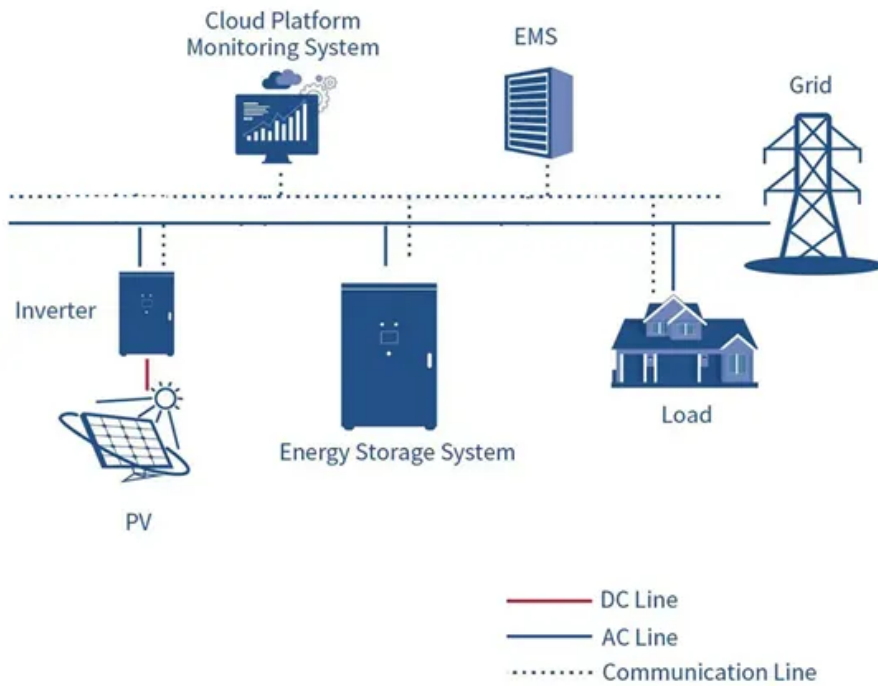


# Pyrite in photovoltaics





## Overview

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Can pyrite be used as a photovoltaic material?

Doping pyrite with various elements using quality experimental techniques can provide a practical approach for efficient pyrite photovoltaics. Iron pyrite and doped iron pyrite hold great potential for being used as photovoltaic material. In this chapter, the current status of the synthesis techniques for pyrite and doped pyrite is discussed.

What is pyrite based solar technology?

Pyrite has numerous applications including energy conversion and storage devices. Pyrite photovoltaics is the most attractive field of technology for researchers, however, the pyrite-based solar devices revealed very low solar conversion efficiency of <3%.

Is iron pyrite a promising semiconductor for thin-film solar cells?

Iron pyrite ( $\text{FeS}_2$ ) is a promising earth-abundant semiconductor for thin-film solar cells.

How is iron pyrite alloyed?

The alloying of iron pyrite ( $\text{FeS}_2$ ) would involve the random replacement of either Fe or S atoms with another cation ( $\text{M}_x \text{Fe}_{1-x} \text{S}_2$ ) or anion ( $\text{FeA}_x \text{S}_{2-x}$ ) where M is for metal and A for anion, respectively.

What is pyrite ( $\text{FeS}_2$ )?

Pyrite ( $\text{FeS}_2$ ) is an inexpensive and the most earth-abundant semiconductor material among transition metal disulfides ( $\text{TMS}_2$ ), e.g.,  $\text{MnS}_2$ ,  $\text{FeS}_2$ ,  $\text{CoS}_2$ ,  $\text{NiS}_2$ ,  $\text{CuS}_2$ , or  $\text{ZnS}_2$ . Its exceptional properties make it an appealing material for large-scale and sustainable photovoltaic (PV) and photoelectrochemical (PEC) applications.

What are the electrical and magnetic properties of pyrite?



Electrical and magnetic properties in pyrite group of minerals vary from  $\text{FeS}_2$  to  $\text{ZnS}_2$ . Pyrite is diamagnetic and has six-paired d electrons and completely filling the  $t_{2g}$  orbitals.  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  in a low-spin state in pyrite indicates the strength of the ligand field due to  $\text{S}^{2-}$  anions.



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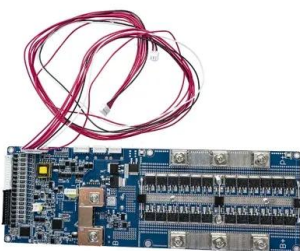


### Nanocrystalline Pyrite for Photovoltaic Applications

For example, marcasite has been recognized as potential anode materials in Li-ion batteries (Fan et al. 2017; Li et al. 2015), pyrite as photovoltaic absorber materials in solar cells (Khalid et al

### Symmetry-Defying Iron Pyrite (FeS<sub>2</sub>) Nanocrystals through ...

Iron pyrite (fool's gold, FeS<sub>2</sub>) is an eco-friendly material that is abundant in nature and is extremely promising for use as an active layer in photovoltaics, photoelectrochemical cells, broad



### Pyrite FeS<sub>2</sub> nanostructures: Synthesis, properties and ...

increased its prospects as a photovoltaic material. This study aims to review recent progress on the synthesis of pyrite and its utilization in photovoltaics. Different methods used for the

### Computational analysis of FeS<sub>2</sub> material for solar cell application

Pyrite (FeS<sub>2</sub>), an ultra-cheap material, has garnered much interest in photovoltaic applications due to its suitable bandgap and high absorption coefficient. However, low VOC values and high defect density have limited its



efficiency. The high carrier density of FeS<sub>2</sub>, suboptimal conduction band offset, and interface defects are some of the issues limiting its ...



### Specifying targets of future research in photovoltaic devices

The performance of pyrite (FeS<sub>2</sub>) in photovoltaic devices is forecast for various device structures by means of numerical modelling. The physical model is based on recent investigations of thin



### (PDF) Impact of Iron Pyrite Nanoparticles Sizes in Photovoltaic

This result corresponds well with the fabrication of FeS<sub>2</sub> pyrite, indicating that the nanostructures composed of FeS<sub>2</sub> pyrite at 400 C are excellent in building n-p junction ZnO/FeS<sub>2</sub> pyrite. FeS We concluded that, to obtain high-performing photovoltaic cells on ITO/ZnO



### The Renaissance of Iron Pyrite Photovoltaics: Progress, ...

Pyrite has long been proposed as a green solar cell material. Even with its promising properties, studies on pyrite have lagged behind many other semiconducting ...





## Pyrite Nanocrystal Solar Cells: Promising, or Fool's Gold?

Pyrite-phase iron sulfide ( $\text{FeS}_2$ ) nanocrystals were synthesized to form solvent-based dispersions, or "solar paint," to fabricate photovoltaic devices (PVs). Nanocrystals were sprayed onto substrates as absorber layers in devices with several different architectures, including Schottky barrier, heterojunction, and organic/inorganic hybrid architectures, to ...



## Impact of zinc structural on the photovoltaic Properties of iron Pyrite

$\text{FeS}_2$  pyrite is one of the most interesting photovoltaic materials with low-cost and natural abundance but with small band gap of 0.95 eV. In the present work, we show the feasibility of increases band gap was determined by Zinc alloying of Iron pyrite. We showed that we can increase the band gap of  $\text{FeS}_2$  pyrite to 1.15eV by theoretical calculation and to 1.16eV ...

## Colloidal Iron Pyrite ( $\text{FeS}_2$ ) Nanocrystal Inks for Thin-Film ...

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## Defects in Phase-Pure Iron Pyrite Nanocubes: Implications for Photovoltaics

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hydrothermal (HT) ...

### Nanocrystalline Pyrite for Photovoltaic Applications

comprehensive coverage of pyrite including the synthetic routes for pyrite nanocrystalline inks, methods for thin films depositions, type and effects of precursors used, applications and issues ...



### Iron Pyrite in Photovoltaics: A Review on Recent Trends and ...

Iron disulfide or pyrite is one such material that has risen as a favorable material for photovoltaics cells owing to its suitable band gap, high absorption coefficient, and low cost. Not only this, the "earth abundance" and nontoxicity have also increased its prospects as a photovoltaic material.

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### Iron Pyrite (FeS<sub>2</sub>): Sustainable Photovoltaic Material

This chapter shadows the characteristics of iron pyrite as promising photovoltaic material. It elaborates the properties of iron pyrite (FeS<sub>2</sub>) and transition metal ...



### RF-Powered Sputtering of Iron Pyrite for Photovoltaic Applications

Zaka, A, Rezk, A, Hadi, SA, Alhassan, S & Nayfeh, A 2023, RF-Powered Sputtering of Iron Pyrite for Photovoltaic Applications. in 2023 IEEE 50th Photovoltaic Specialists Conference, PVSC 2023. Conference Record of the IEEE Photovoltaic Specialists Conference, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Inc., 50th IEEE Photovoltaic Specialists Conference, PVSC 2023, ...



### Scientific and technological assessment of iron pyrite for use in ...

2 1. Introduction Iron pyrite ( $FeS_2$ ) has drawn significant interest in the field of solar photovoltaics due to its excellent optical absorption in the visible spectrum and suitable energy band gap ( $\sim 0.95$  eV). In addition, the abundance of Fe and S in the earth's crust is

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### Synthesis, characterization and processing of cubic iron pyrite

Cubic iron pyrite (fool's gold) nanocrystals with an average diameter of ~60 nm were grown in an oleylamine ligand which acts as a solvent and surfactant without the utilization of alkyl phosphine and phosphonic acids at 230 C in a Schlenk flask. For the first time photoluminescence properties of such cubic nanocrystals were analyzed at 77 K, showing ...



### Fabrication of Iron Pyrite Thin Films and Photovoltaic Devices by

Iron pyrite is a cheap, stable, non-toxic, and earth-abundant material that has great potential in the field of photovoltaics. Electrochemical deposition is a low-cost method, which is

### Left) Unit cell structure of cubic pyrite with Pa-3 symmetry ...

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### Iron Pyrite Nanocubes: Size and Shape Considerations for Photovoltaic

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### Recent Progress on Pyrite $FeS_2$ Nanomaterials for Energy and ...

The nanorod formation was explained on the basis of LaMer and oriented attachment model [1]. The single-phase pyrite exhibited optical band gap about 1.13 eV [2]. The different faceted  $FeS_2$  could be prepared by varying temperature, solvent and time of reaction.  $FeS_2$  nanoparticles with sphere morphology [3] were achieved with high band gap energy ...

### [Pyrite: The Real Story Behind "Fool's Gold"](#)

The American Chemical Society published a review on trends and challenges of iron pyrite in photovoltaics. The abstract notes; "Solar cells consisting of different materials have been introduced in recent years, and the ...



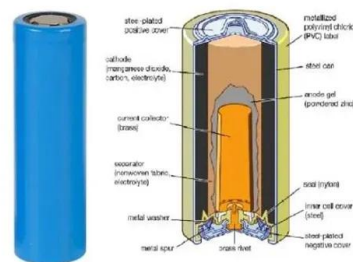


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### Pyrite FeS : A Low-Cost Earth-Abundant Photovoltaic Solution for

Pyrite FeS<sub>2</sub> Photovoltaics; Aydil, Gagliardi and Leighton and has reduced the state's reliance on coal power generation from 60% to 46% in under a decade. As an example, MN now ranks ninth in the US in wind power, generating over 15% of the state's 2



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Our Lifepo4 batteries can be connected in parallels and in series for larger capacity and voltage.



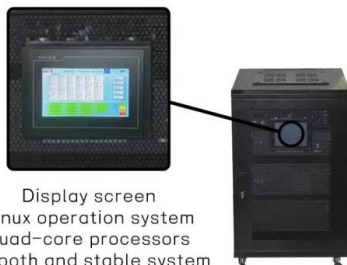
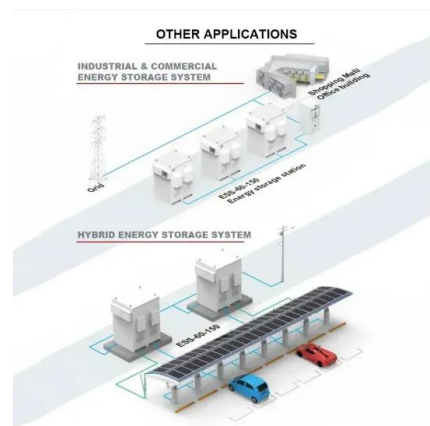


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