# Converting Infrared Light into Visible Light Using Lanthanide-sensitized Oxides

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# Aim

• To provide novel material to convert low-energy infrared photons into highenergy visible photons.

# Features

 Upconvertion of oxide materials such as lanthanide-sensitized oxides

#### **Advantages**

• Power conversion efficiency (infrared to visible light): up to 16% (max 8% for existing materials)

#### **Applications**

 Assist solar cells to convert sub-semiconductor band-gap light energy into solar cell absorbable high energy photons





# **Related Patent**

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Sensitized mesoporous ZrO<sub>2</sub> according to one embodiment of the invention. Visible light emission of Yb<sup>3+</sup>-doped ZrO<sub>2</sub> powder in the bottle before (left) and after (right) excitation with infrared light is shown.

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