

Energy Efficient Electrochromic Display: A Promising Trend in the Future of Display

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Abstract

As a promising energy efficient device, electrochromic display presents information via insertion and extraction of small ions when external electrical field is applied. The electrochromic device does not consume energy to maintain the display once activated, the display information exchange process can also be realized with a very little input energy. Moreover, because of the non-light emissive characteristic, the electrochromic display is friendly to human eyes. Therefore, the electrochromic display has broad applications in energy efficient e-books, electronic shelf label and other photoelectric information devices etc. Herein, we illustrate current state-of-art strategies for the fabrication of nanostructured electrochromic materials, rational design of multifunctional smart displays, and the characterization of their performance. By analyzing the coupling mechanism between the electrochromic layers and the electrolyte, we proposed a new interface regulation strategy to improve the compatibility of ion and electron transport rate and developed an electrochromic material with optical modulation of up to 97.7%. By adjusting the interaction between the ink components and the electrode, a novel technology of large-area film formation was established with the compatible feature of the electrochromic layer and the electrode, and a large-size (50×50 cm²) electrochromic device was firstly constructed. A novel system of multifunctional and flexible devices was demonstrated by precisely designing the matching relationship between each functional layer. The application of electrochromism was extended to the fields of wearable intelligent optoelectronic device and other fields.

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