

proposed to design nearly ideal spectral selective metamaterial composite for sky radiator design. Real quantum annealing process is applied during optimization process and the proposed design strategy achieves superior optimization efficiency than simulated annealing and greedy search. Transmissive type radiative coolers with RGB colors and highly visible transparent but near infrared reflective type radiative coolers are designed by Bayesian optimization. The transmissive radiative cooler can realize about 8 °C below ambient under moderate heat transfer condition. The reflective radiative cooler can largely reduce the thermal load and maximize thermal radiation dissipation in the infrared range.

Spectrally matched selective thermal absorber and emitter are designed for high temperature concentrated solar thermophotovoltaic application using Molybdenum photonic crystal with HfO₂ coating via Bayesian optimization. The designed selective absorber and emitter show nearly doubled efficiency for converting solar photons to photons emitted by nanophotonic emitters than blackbody absorber and emitter module.

Thermal emitters with dynamic optical response by VO₂ phase change material are rapidly optimized for high Q factors by Monte Carlo tree search. The aperiodic Distributed Bragg Reflector (DBR) in designed structures enable the ultra-narrow band optical response with over 99% emissivity by localized mode of electromagnetic wave.

The exploration work of applying materials informatics for thermal radiation applications demonstrate the high optimization efficiency for nanophotonic design. The optimized nanophotonic structures not only largely improve the energy conversion efficiency on one hand. The insights from underlying physical mechanism of optimal nanophotonic structure can also further deepen people's understanding about light and matter interaction behavior and help to better control of thermal radiative property.