

Solar butterfly thermal power generation

Do butterfly wings increase solar power?

Here, we show that the attachment of butterfly wings to a solar cell increases its output power by 42.3%, proving that the wings are indeed highly reflective. Importantly and relative to current concentrators, the wings improve the power to weight ratio of the overall structure 17-fold, vastly expanding their potential application.

Can a large white butterfly increase power output from a solar cell?

Using the wings of the large white butterfly to increase power output from a solar cell. The highest reflectance came from the forewings of the large white butterfly and this reflectance was also well matched to the input requirements of a mono-crystalline silicon cell (average of 78.9% reflectance over 400-950 nm range, Fig. 3a).

Can biomimicry improve photovoltaic energy harvesting in white butterflies?

Man's harvesting of photovoltaic energy requires the deployment of extensive arrays of solar panels. To improve both the gathering of thermal and photovoltaic energy from the sun we have examined the concept of biomimicry in white butterflies of the family Pieridae.

What is a butterfly solar concentrator?

The V-shaped design of the butterfly is therefore strikingly similar to the V-trough solar concentrator which uses mirrored side walls to focus light towards a small area of photovoltaic material 3, 26 (Fig. 1d) thereby increasing the output power of any solar cell to which it is attached 4, 27. White butterflies as solar concentrators.

Does a white butterfly mimic a Photovoltaic concentrator?

To improve both the gathering of thermal and photovoltaic energy from the sun we have examined the concept of biomimicry in white butterflies of the family Pieridae. We tested the hypothesis that the V-shaped posture of basking white butterflies mimics the V-trough concentrator which is designed to increase solar input to photovoltaic cells.

Do butterfly wings have a concentrating effect?

In terms of increased solar input (solar concentration) this works out as a concentrating effect of 1.3x, compared to the 2x concentration achieved by the reflective film. However in terms of weight, the butterfly wings have 17x the power to weight ratio of the reflective film structure.

Mimicking the architecture of these natural energy harvesting systems could significantly boost photovoltaic efficiency and thermal management. Butterfly-inspired silicon texturing, smart solar tracking, and temperature control ...

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Butterfly Power was founded in 2016 with the vision to design and deliver SuperSystems that integrate solar, wind, and thermal energy into an intelligent energy micro-grid that create super productivity water, waste technologies, ...

The solar thermal power generation is attracting more and more attention as a cleaner way for power generation purpose [7]. However, at present stage, the solar thermal power generation has two major shortcomings: high capital costs and relative low thermal efficiency. On the other hand, fossil fuel fired Rankine cycle power plants which are ...

This study optimized grid intermittency and instability resulting from photovoltaic (PV) by adding concentrating solar power (CSP) equipped with thermal energy storage (TES), ...

Similarly, the solar thermal energy systems can be easily integrated with existing process industries to supply heat to either water pre-heating/steam generation. The solar thermal system can be integrated with the central steam/hot water supply system of ...

Although the cost of this concentrated solar thermal power at present is costlier than that of other renewable technology, with significant technological development and large-scale generation, the generation cost of ...

found in the butterfly wings in solar energy producers, the could vastly improve the power-to-weight rations of future solar concentrators, making them significantly lighter and so more...

By mimicking the v-shaped posture adopted by Cabbage White butterflies to heat up their flight muscles before take-off, the amount of power produced by solar panels can ...

Fossil fuel based power generation is and will still be the back bone of our world economy, albeit such form of power generation significantly contributes to global CO₂ emissions. Solar energy is a clean, environmental friendly energy source for power generation, however solar photovoltaic electricity generation is not practical for large commercial scales due to its cost ...

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A hybrid solar power plant effectively combines the two main advantages of solar power plants: concentrated solar power (CSP) with a cheap thermal storage system and photovoltaic (PV) with cheap ...

The paper puts forth the design, performance analysis, and optimization of a 100 MWe central receiver solar thermal power plant with thermal energy storage capability, which can be utilized ...

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The research on large-scale solar energy-based thermal power generation technologies in China is still in its infancy, but in foreign countries it has been going on for many years. The authors ...

Overall, the perspectives for the future contribution of solar energy to the global energy mix are very high, as one example the possible development of solar electricity from solar thermal power plants according to the roadmap of the International Energy Agency shown in Fig. 2, with about 11% of contribution to electricity supply.

In August 2002, Spain passed a new law according to which solar thermal electricity is refunded at app. 16 EURcent/kWh. Due to this law solar thermal power generation is given new impetus. At present several solar plant projects in Spain and also in other sunny countries all over the world are in the planning phase.

In addition, a comparison is made between solar thermal power plants and PV power generation plants. Based on published studies, PV-based systems are more suitable for small-scale power ...

This study investigates a coordinated control grid integrated virtual power plant (VPP) in the presence of Central Receiver Solar Thermal System (CRSTS), Wind Turbine Generator (WTG), and...

Solar Thermal Power Generation. Concentrated solar power (CSP) turns sunlight into electricity. It focuses sunbeams with mirrors or lenses to heat liquids. This heat then powers turbines to create electricity. Even though CSP setup costs more at first, its ability to store thermal energy means it can work day and night. ...

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Based on the current solar thermal energy efficiency, an average CSP plant such as a tower solar power plant, dish Stirling, or parabolic trough plant requires the use of a land area of approximately 10 acres per megawatt (MW) of power generating capacity, which is more demanding than that for solar PV power generation (6-8 acres).

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The lunar regolith solar thermal storage power generation system based on lunar ISRU is a promising solution of energy supply challenge for long term lunar exploration. The average output power of the designed system



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can reach 6.5 kW, and the total photoelectric conversion efficiency of the system is 19.6%. ...

Solar optical concentrators, thermal and selective absorbers, and other tools are proposed to improve the performance of solar thermoelectrics. Despite continuous research and development, experimental solar thermoelectric efficiencies remain below 10%, and theoretical efficiencies do not surpass 20%.

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