

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.

Many solar thermal applications take advantage of this renewable energy taking advantage of the thermal sun's energy. 1. Electricity generation. Concentrated solar power facilities are a kind of thermal power plant to generate electricity. Then concentrated solar ...

# Solar thermal power generation butterfly

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designed to increase solar input to photovoltaic cells. These solar concentrators improve harvesting efficiency but are both heavy and bulky, severely limiting their deployment. Here, ...

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 ...

Hybrid power plants combine various sources of power generation and storage to accentuate the positive aspects and address the challenges of a specific generation type. An excellent ...

The PV-CSP were optimized by using a hybrid butterfly algorithm to meet the power generation demands and lowest system operation costs. Based on the optimal output ...

Beyond electricity generation, solar thermal skins applying butterfly thermoregulation can passively heat/cool interiors as well. Even nomadic applications like wearables and mobile devices can benefit from bio-inspired ...

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 ...

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 ...

Currently, the SRC is the most widespread and commercially available power block option, either coupled to a PTC solar field working with thermal oil, and generating steam ...

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

The invention discloses a butterfly type solar heat storage photo-thermal power generation system, and relates to the technical field of solar power generation.

A butterfly type solar thermal power generation system comprises a butterfly type condenser, a receiver, a combustion chamber, a gas turbine, a compressor and a power generator....

The results establish the superiority of the BOA over SSA and PSO in suppressing system frequency

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

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