

Could a new photovoltaic leaf be the future of solar energy?

Photovoltaic solar energy is obtained by converting sunshine into electricity - and researchers from Imperial have developed a new leaf-like design with increased efficiency. The new photovoltaic leaf (PV-leaf) technology uses low-cost materials and could inspire the next generation of renewable energy technologies.

Can a photovoltaic leaf produce energy?

A UK research team has developed a photovoltaic leaf concept that can produce electricity, water and thermal energy in a single device. The system, inspired by a leaf, is based on a biomimetic transpiration (BT) layer that cools down the embedded PV unit and utilizes excess heat from the cell to produce water and heat energy.

Could a leaf-inspired design capture solar energy and generate freshwater?

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What is a photovoltaic leaf (PV-leaf)?

Conceptual structure of PV-leaf Image: Imperial College London, Gan Huang Researchers at the Imperial College London have developed a new photovoltaic leaf (PV-leaf) concept that is able to produce electricity, thermal energy, and water.

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