Leaf Solar Power House

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.

What is solarleaf?

SolarLeaf is the first façade systemin the world to cultivate micro-algae to generate heat and biomass as renewable energy sources. Read more.

How does the solarleaf façade work?

The SolarLeaf façade relies on several interconnected elements that work in unison to maximize energy production and maintain building comfort: Bioreactor Panels:The core of the SolarLeaf façade,these panels house the algae,capturing sunlight and CO? for photosynthesis and thermal heat.

What is solarleaf bioreactive façade?

SolarLeaf bio-reactive façade is a system that uses microalgae and solar thermal heat to generate renewable energy for a building. The façade cultivates algal biomass for generating electricity,which incidentally also acts as a shade for the building. How do SolarLeaf Bioreactive Facades help in improving a building's environment?

A view behind the BIQ House Solarleaf panels. Image via GOOD. Image The simplicity with which Solarleaf panels work is admirable. The panels are comprised of just four glass layers. The inner two ...

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The BIQ (Bio Intelligent Quotient) house represents the world"s first pilot project for the implementation of a bio-reactive façade in residential buildings. The bio-reactive façade, called SolarLeaf, ...

Here, the authors propose a multi-energy generation photovoltaic leaf concept with biomimetic transpiration and demonstrate much improved performance.

Photobioreactors (pbr) are transparent containers for the controlled cultivation of microorganisms such as algae. The BIQ house is the worlds first architectural project realised featuring flat panel pbr, generating biomass ...

World"s first algae-based bioreactive facade RODUCT OVERVIEW Purpose of this product: Bioreactor Façade - A dynamic façade system for the production of renewable energy using algal biomass ...

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