



# Solar cells use leaves to generate electricity





## Overview

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This innovation, which produces electricity and splits water into hydrogen and oxygen, could transform the way clean fuel is generated. Chinese scientists have developed an artificial leaf that can track the sun's movement, mimicking real plant behavior. And the best part: they work using only sunlight, air, and a bit of humidity. However, scientists have discovered that by. Researchers led by MIT professor Daniel Nocera have produced something they're calling an “artificial leaf”: Like living leaves, the device can turn the energy of sunlight directly into a chemical fuel that can be stored and used later as an energy source. The solar leaves, reported in the journal Nature Communications, keep cool by.



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Harnessing photosynthesis in succulents, researchers have developed a bio-solar cell capable of generating electricity and producing hydrogen gas. Plants are often thought of as sources ...

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The artificial leaf is a thin sheet of semiconducting silicon -- the material most solar cells are made of -- which turns the energy of sunlight into a flow of wireless electricity within the sheet.



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Our cells exhibit high energy conversion efficiency under indirect weak illumination. We used two features of leaves to improve dye-sensitized solar cells (DSSCs). Leaves feature a cuticle, ...



### Producing 'green' energy -

But by collecting electrons naturally transported within plant cells, scientists can generate electricity as part of a 'green,' biological solar cell. Now, researchers have used a succulent



### No panels, no turbines

Leaves that float, shine with the sun... and create clean energy! It seems like magic, but it's a real project being developed by scientists in Switzerland.



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Taking inspiration from the natural design of leaves, chemical engineers at Imperial College London have made solar panels that can cool themselves down with water without using any ...

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### [Artificial Leaves: How Scientists Are Copying Nature to Generate ...](#)

We call them artificial leaves, and they are high-tech devices designed to replicate the process of photosynthesis, offering a sustainable way to generate clean energy and combat climate ...

### [What Is an Artificial Leaf and How Does It Work?](#)

This process harnesses solar energy, much like a plant leaf does. When sunlight strikes the device, its energy powers a chemical reaction facilitated by specialized materials called catalysts, ...





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