

## Will spherical solar power generation become popular

Can a spherical solar cell produce more power?

Indoor experiments with a solar simulator lamp have already shown that it can achieve between 15 percent and 100 percent more power outputcompared with a flat solar cell with the same ground area, depending on the background materials reflecting sunlight into the spherical solar cell.

Could this sphere power generator be the future of solar energy?

Crystal balls have been telling fortunes in fairgrounds for many years, but this Spherical Sun Power Generator could be the future of solar energy. A German Architect has designed an innovative form of a solar power generator. Unlike being flat or thin like other PV panels, this one is a giant transparent sphere! [see-also]

Are spherical solar cells better than flat solar cells?

The new work is detailed in a paper that has been submitted for review to the journal MRS Communications. Testing with the solar simulator lamp showed that the spherical solar cell provided 24 percent more power outputover a traditional flat solar cell upon immediate exposure to sunlight.

Are spherical solar panels better than flat solar panels?

Flat solar panels still face big limitations when it comes to making the most of the available sunlight each day. A new spherical solar cell design aims to boost solar power harvesting potential from nearly every anglewithout requiring expensive moving parts to keep tracking the sun's apparent movement across the sky.

Are spherical solar cells better than microspheres?

But the larger spherical solar cell may offer improved efficiency and coverage compared with the microsphere arrays when it comes to collecting sunlight reflected from background surfaces.

Do spherical and flat solar cells have a similar projection area?

To prove this, the spherical and flat cells with a similar projection areaare continuously shone with light under 1 Sun using the solar simulator, and the temperature and power output from both cells are measured every  $\sim 1.5$  min [Fig. 4 (a)].



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