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Can a switchable multi-inlet building integrated photovoltaic/thermal curtain wall improve solar energy utilization?

Author to whom correspondence should be addressed. This study presents a novel switchable multi-inlet Building integrated photovoltaic/thermal (BIPV/T) curtain wall system designed to enhance solar energy utilization in commercial buildings.

What is a PV curtain wall?

The PV curtain wall is the most typical one in the integrated application of PV building. It combines PV power generation technology with curtain wall technology, which uses special resin materials to insert solar cells between glass materials and convert solar energy into electricity through the panels for use by enterprises.

What is a photovoltaic curtain wall?

They enhance thermal comfort and help prevent the greenhouse effect. A standard curtain wall offers no return on investment. In contrast, a photovoltaic curtain wall not only insulates the building but also generates power for over 30 years. This reduces monthly electricity bills and ultimately pays for itself over time.

Does a BIPV/T curtain wall system generate thermal energy?

The thermal energy generation of the proposed BIPV/T curtain wall system was investigated under the different air velocities and operating modes. A comparison was made between the one-inlet and two-inlet modes over a three-month period during winter from 1 January to 1 April.

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This project served as a practical application of my research, where I implemented the combined use of solar panels and glass curtain walls in an assembly-based approach.

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energy generation with sleek building design. This article explores their ...

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Building integration of photovoltaics can be divided into two categories: one is the combination of photovoltaic arrays and buildings. Another type is the integration of photovoltaic arrays and ...

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To address this issue, this study proposed a multi-function partitioned design method for VPV curtain walls aimed at reconciling the competing demand of different functions.

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