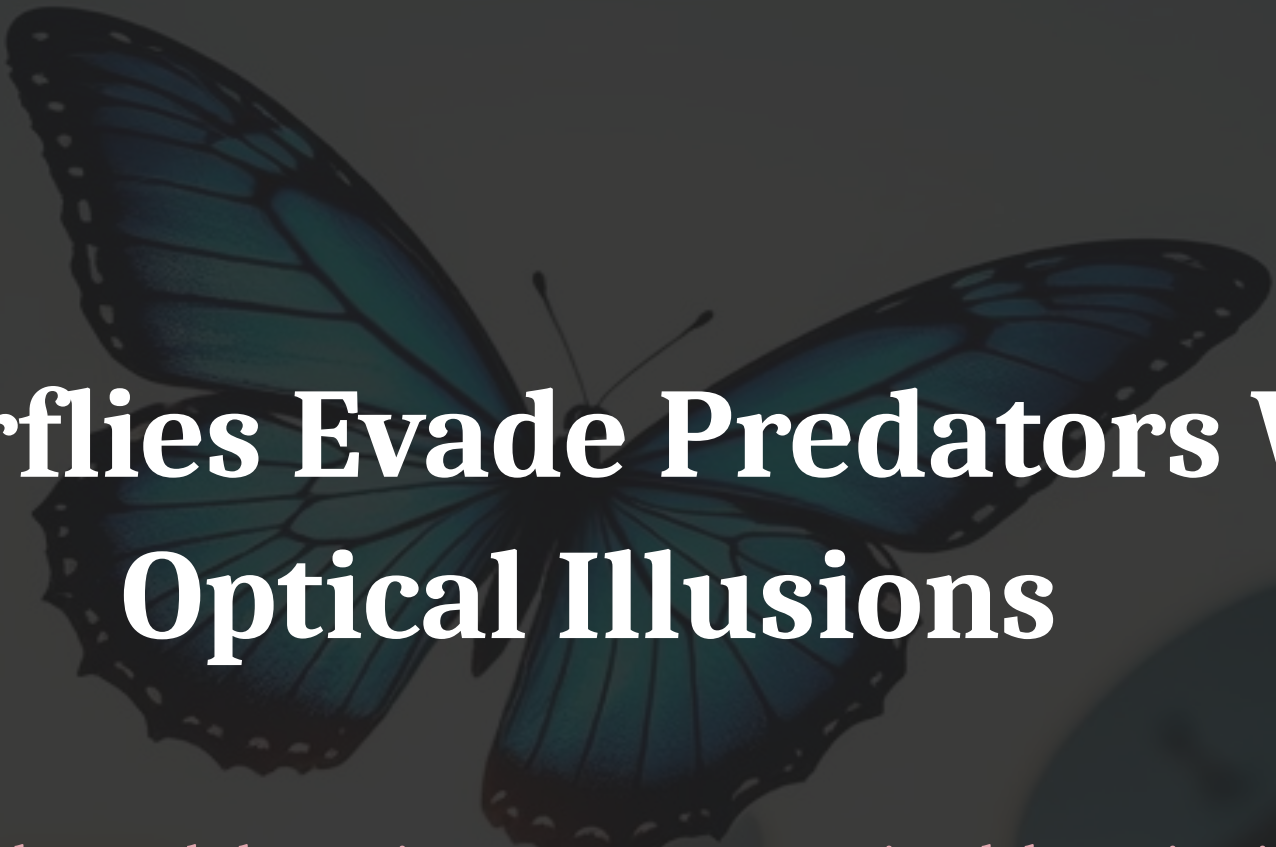




Butterflies Evade Predators With Optical Illusions

New research reveals how wing patterns create visual deception in flight.

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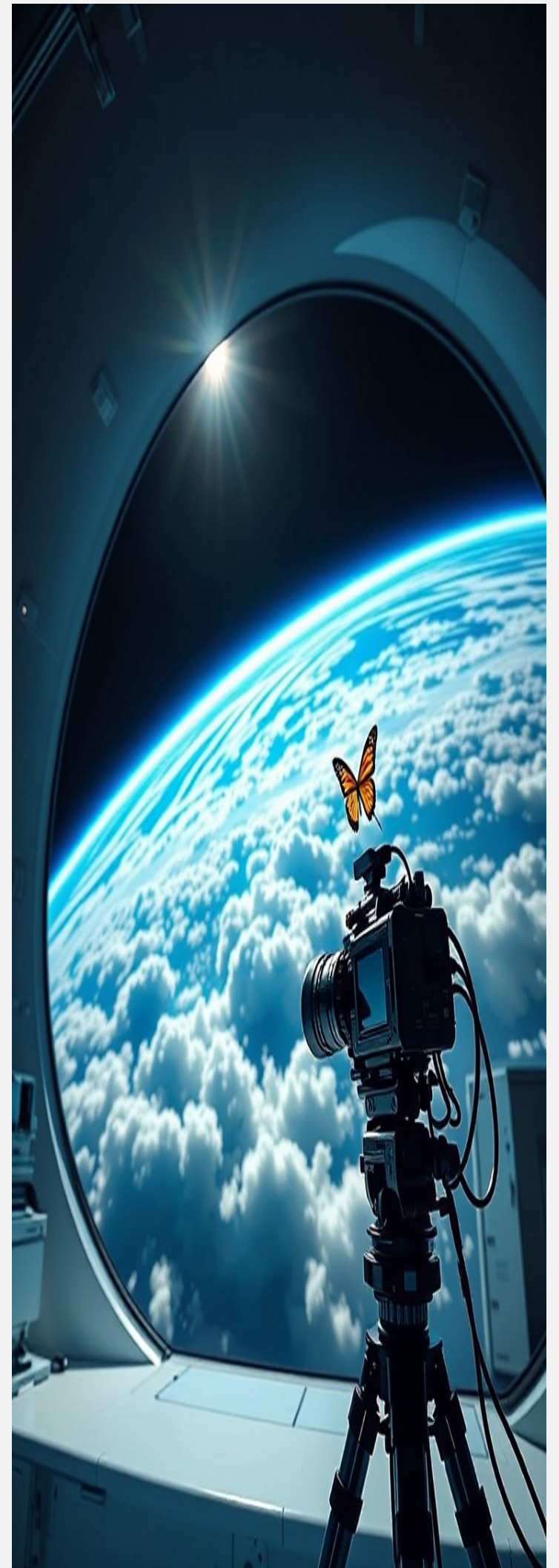
Angular Range of Illusory Motion

High-speed footage captured how wing patterns generate misleading motion cues across all directions.

The study found that the complex, dynamic patterns on butterfly wings—particularly in species like the blue morpho—produce powerful illusory motion cues that disrupt predator tracking. This is not just evasion—it's perceptual sabotage.

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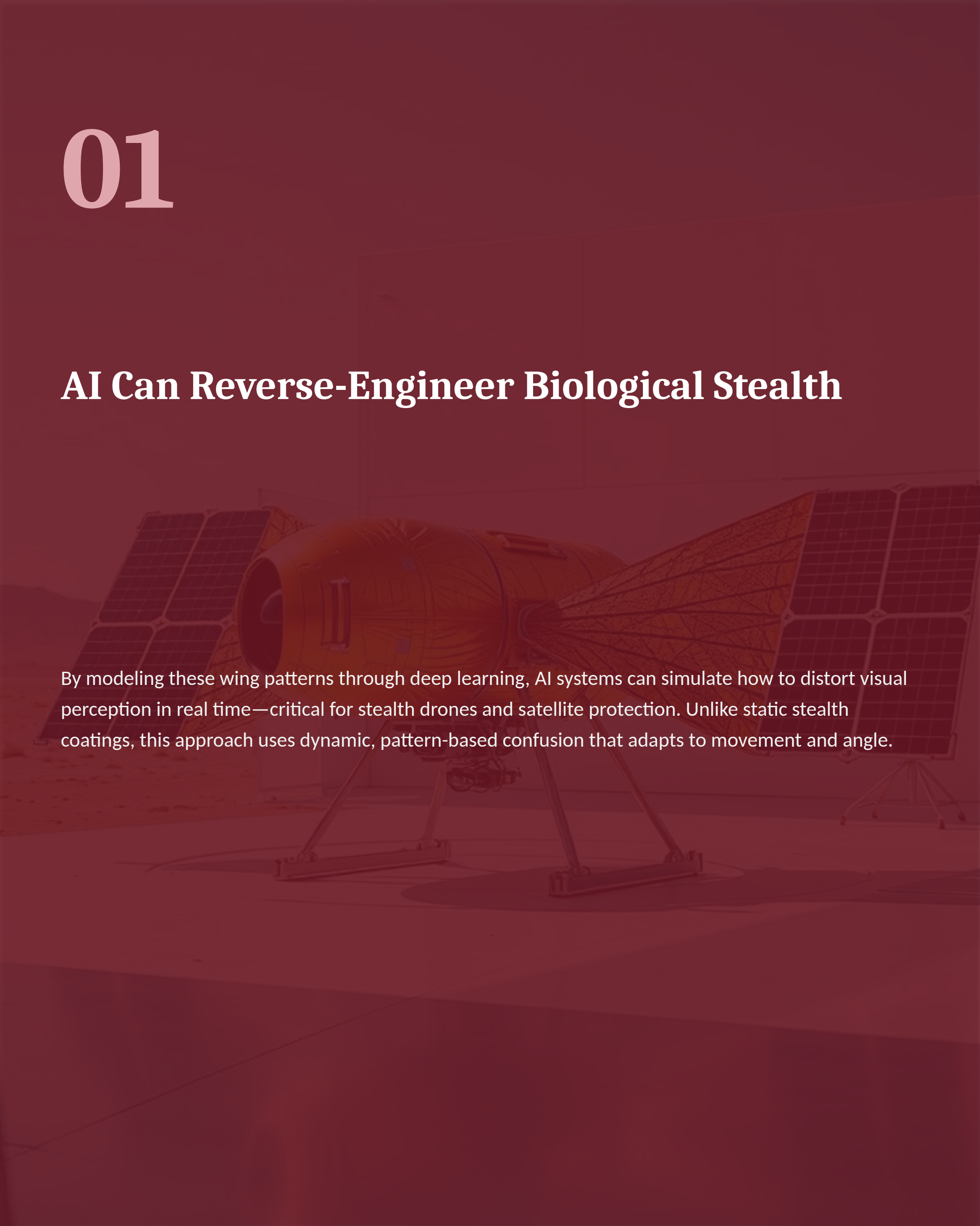
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AI Can Reverse-Engineer Biological Stealth

By modeling these wing patterns through deep learning, AI systems can simulate how to distort visual perception in real time—critical for stealth drones and satellite protection. Unlike static stealth coatings, this approach uses dynamic, pattern-based confusion that adapts to movement and angle.





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Optical Evasion Is a Systemic Defense

The research shows that the effectiveness of wing patterns is not just about shape or color, but about timing and motion integration. This suggests that future AI-driven sensor systems in aviation and space must account for not only what is seen, but how motion is perceived. In commercial space, where object tracking is paramount, this insight implies that perception-based countermeasures—rather than just physical shielding—could become a primary defense layer.

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