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Space-based solar power

OverviewHistoryAdvantages and disadvantagesDesignLaunch costsBuilding from spaceSafetyTimeline

Space-based solar power (SBSP or SSP) is the concept of collecting solar power in outer space with solar power satellites (SPS) and distributing it to Earth. Its advantages include a higher collection of energy due to the lack of reflection and absorption by the atmosphere, the possibility of very little night, and a better ability to orient to face the Sun. Space-based solar power systems convert sunlight to some other form of energy

Space solar power generation: A viable system

We demonstrate that the system can deliver power at rates comparable to other clean energy solutions and potentially much cheaper in unique cases.



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Unlike kilowatt (kW) level solar arrays of spacecraft, an SSPS can generate electricity at the gigawatt (GW) level , . Therefore, the SSPS solar array has completely different technical

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Space-Based Solar Power

Increasing the efficiency of solar cells decreases the size and mass of a space solar power system required to create the same output power. This decrease in size affects both hardware development



High-Power Space Solar Power Generation System

The most widely used currently is the triple-junction GaAs solar cell and the conversion efficiency on-orbit has exceeded 30%. With the demand for high-power generation by large

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