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Space-based solar power (SBSP) systems operate on the fundamental principle of capturing solar energy in space, where it is far more abundant and consistent than on Earth's surface.

Utilizing SBSP entails in-space collection of solar energy, transmission of that energy to one or more stations on Earth, conversion to electricity, and delivery to the grid or to batteries for storage.

OverviewHistoryAdvantages and disadvantagesDesignLaunch costsBuilding from spaceSafetyTimelineSpace-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 energ...



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Once considered a book-only sci-fi fantasy, space-based solar power, or SBSP, is now gaining popularity as a potential sustainable energy source for the future.

Discover how space-based solar power could beam 24/7 clean energy from orbit to Earth, powered by lightweight arrays and cheaper launches

Space-based solar power, the collection in space of solar energy, which is then transmitted as a microwave or laser beam to the ground and converted into electrical energy.

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