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Overview

PSCs were invented in Japan, with the first research paper published in 2009. PSCs are film-shaped solar cells made of a material whose crystal structure resembles that of a mineral called perovskite.

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OHISAMA (Japanese for "sun") will carry a two-square-meter solar panel and weigh roughly 400 pounds. Once in low Earth

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This invention solves the problem of space limitation in Japan to generate maximum energy in urban areas. The flexibility of PSCs will also allow hybrid systems - wind and solar energy systems - to be

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His idea was to deploy enormous solar panels in space together with a very large antenna to transmit the collected energy as microwave power. The solar energy would be converted into electricity,

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