

# Space satellite solar panels



## Overview

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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

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## Space-Based Solar Power

Since clouds, atmosphere and nighttime are absent in space, satellite-based solar panels would be



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