

New directions for space solar power





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RD2 uses flat panels, with solar cells facing away from Earth and microwave emitters facing toward the Earth. RD2 generates power 60% of the year due to its limited capability to reposition itself or redirect solar radiation toward its solar cells.

To understand how an SPS can achieve such continuous specific power, it is necessary to appreciate the fundamental challenges and opportunities of Space Solar, and how they are both mitigated and capitalised by the CASSIOPeiA design.

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Discussion on recent solar energy challenges for space applications is proposed. Could space-based solar power revolutionize the world?

Experts at Davos 2025 revealed space-based solar power and other emerging technologies that could revolutionize energy production, sustainability, and our ability to harness resources beyond our planet. As humanity reaches toward the stars, the space economy is poised to reach \$1.8 trillion by 2035.

What is space-based solar power?



Space-Based Solar Power: Exploring the concept and technology behind harvesting solar energy in space, potentially for transmission back to Earth or for use in space missions. 9.

How does a space-based solar power system work?

The operation of a Space-Based Solar Power system involves three distinct stages: capturing solar energy in orbit, transmitting that energy wirelessly through the atmosphere, and receiving and converting it on the ground. Each stage leverages the unique environment of space to overcome the limitations of terrestrial energy generation.

How do solar panels work in space?

This combination of constant exposure to more intense, unfiltered sunlight means a solar panel in space can generate substantially more energy over time than an identical panel on Earth. Once the satellite's solar arrays collect sunlight and convert it into direct current (DC) electricity, the system must deliver that power to the ground.

Should solar power be collected in space?

The primary advantage of collecting solar power in space is the quality and constancy of the sunlight. On Earth, a significant portion of the sun's energy is reflected or absorbed by the atmosphere before it reaches the ground; estimates suggest this loss can be around 30%.

How many RD2 solar systems are needed?

Each SBSP design is normalized to deliver 2 gigawatts (GW) of power to the electric grid to be comparable to very large terrestrial solar power plants operating today.³ Therefore, five RD2 systems are needed to deliver roughly the same amount of power as one RD1 system. The functional representation of each design is illustrated in Figure 1.



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