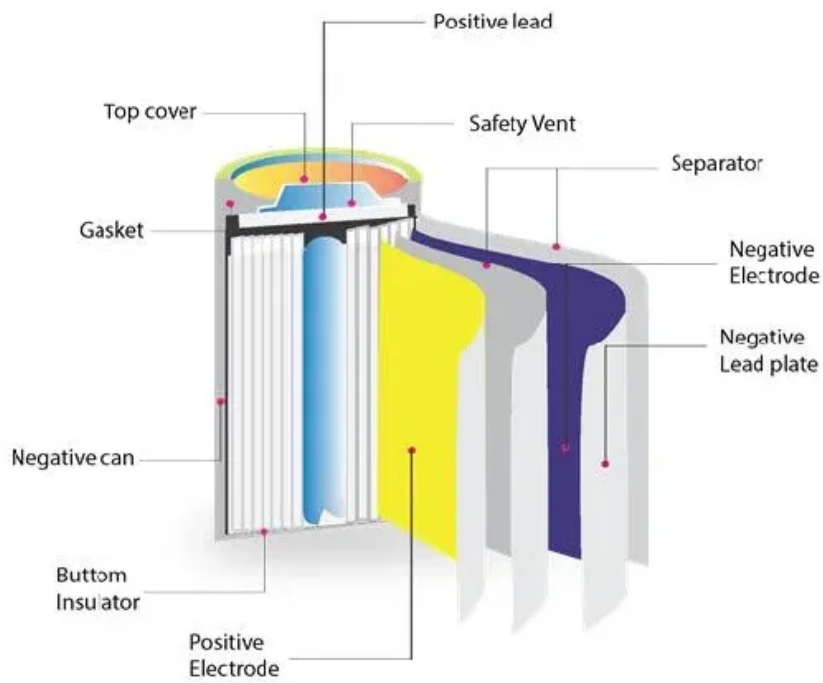


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NASA's Hopes for Space Solar Power Are Looking Dim

The sun may be setting on NASA's plans to build a space-based solar power (SBSP) satellite system to alleviate our energy needs on Earth.

[NASA study: clean, space-based solar power beaming is possible](#)

Details on possible space-based solar power satellites from NASA's new report. Credit: NASA. Experts in the field point out the many potential benefits of space-based solar power for



Space-Based Solar Power

Since clouds, atmosphere and nighttime are absent in space, satellite-based solar panels would be able to capture and transmit substantially more energy than terrestrial solar panels.

Survey of Space Based Solar Power (SBSP)

NASA launched studies of SBSP throughout the 1970s, culminating in the Solar Power Satellite Definition Study which ran from 1977 through 1980. The system was to consist of sixty 5GW satellites



[Satellite beams solar power down to](#)



[Earth, in first-of-a-kind](#)

Researchers have taken a small but necessary step toward realizing a long-standing dream: harvesting solar energy in space and beaming it down to Earth.

[Scientists beam solar power to Earth from space for 1st time ever](#)

A space solar power prototype has demonstrated its ability to wirelessly beam power through space and direct a detectable amount of energy toward Earth for the first time.



Space-based solar power

SERT went about developing a solar power satellite (SPS) concept for a future gigawatt space power system, to provide electrical power by converting the Sun's energy and beaming it to Earth's surface,

Space-Based Solar Power

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.



[Electricity from Space: The 1970s DOE/NASA Solar Power Satellite](#)

Of all the many spaceflight concepts NASA has studied with any degree of seriousness, probably the most enormous was the Solar Power Satellite (SPS) fleet.

Space power: The dream of beaming solar energy from orbit

In China, scientists are working on a prototype space solar-power satellite called Omega 2.0, which uses microwaves to transmit the power from an array of solar panels.



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