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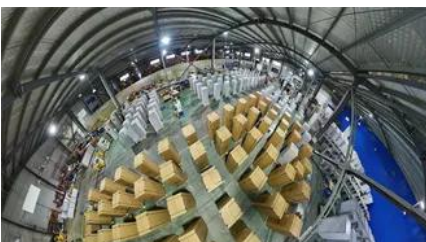


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How can we get energy from space to earth?  
SBSP works by capturing solar energy in space using satellites equipped with large solar



### 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.

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More specifically, III-V solar cells have become the standard technology for space power generation, mainly due to their high efficiency, reliability and ability to be integrated into very lightweight panels.

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Solar PV cell is the most widely used power

generation method in space applications. The development of space solar PV cells has mainly gone through the stages of silicon solar cells,



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