

# Solar powered spacecraft



## Overview

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Solar electric propulsion combines solar panels on spacecraft and one or more electric thrusters, used in tandem. There are many different types of electric thrusters, including a so-called ion thruster, a term that is often incorrectly used to describe all types of electric. The xenon was the propellant for the solar-power ion drive of the spacecraft which would go on to orbit two different asteroids in the early 21st century. Roll-out solar panel tested in Earth Orbit at the International Space Station (ISS), 2017. Solar electric propulsion (SEP) is the combination of. As NASA plans to explore the unknown across the solar system, including the Moon and Mars, we also seek to shorten the time required to develop and apply innovative technologies that increase the nation's capabilities in space, enable future missions and support a variety of commercial spaceflight. Solar power directly from space may arrive sooner than you think. of this energy is reflected back into space by the atmosphere. Our concept is based on the modular assembly of ultralight.

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### Space-Based Solar Power

Solar panel equipped, energy transmitting satellites collect high intensity, uninterrupted solar radiation by using giant mirrors to reflect huge amounts of solar rays onto smaller solar collectors.

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### The Future of Energy: Unlocking the Potential of Space-Based Solar Power

Once considered a book-only sci-fi fantasy, space-based solar power, or SBSP, is now gaining popularity as a potential sustainable energy source for the future.

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### Solar Electric Propulsion

With SEP, the spacecraft collects energy from the Sun via solar arrays to generate thrust, eliminating many of the needs and limitations of storing propellants onboard.

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