

## European Solar and Energy Storage Solutions

# Are lunar solar panels feasible



## Overview

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Jeff Bezos' space company Blue Origin has figured out how to manufacture solar panels on the Moon that only require materials already available on the lunar surface.

But scientists at NASA's Glenn Research Center in Cleveland are developing new technology to make it possible, beginning with the solar cells that could power lunar habitats.

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Can solar power be used to power future lunar bases?

Research from the Qian Xuesen Laboratory of Space Technology in China shows that solar power generated on the Moon can supply future lunar bases, with plenty of energy to spare. Silicon dioxide, comprising a large component of the lunar rocks and dust, can be turned into glass for such a solar thermal system.

Can space-based solar power work for the Moon?

But Space-Based Solar Power can also work for the Moon. As part of ESA's Open Space Innovation Platform Campaign on 'Clean Energy - New Ideas for Solar Power from Space', a study undertaken by Switzerland's Astrostrom company designed a Greater Earth Lunar Power Station, or GE $\oplus$ -LPS for short.

Can solar power be built on the Moon?

Another benefit is there is no weather or wind on the Moon. Consequently, PV cells could be constructed from lunar dust fairly easily, making it possible to build lunar-based solar power (LSP), not merely to support a few dozen people in a lunar base but to support the entire Earth.

Could a lunar power plant be economically viable?

Although this may sound quixotic, physics says it's feasible, and it could be economically viable. All of the needed technology exists, plus new developments are continuously making a lunar option more viable. Indeed, if harvested on a large scale, power from the Moon could even turn out economically favourable over Earth-based solar power.



A solar panel doesn't care whether a photon comes directly from the sun or whether it gets bounced off the moon first. There's no reason a "lunar panel" wouldn't work, but it would be ...



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## How much more efficient would solar panels be on the Moon

Therefore, lunar made solar panels would have an efficiency of about 5%, whereas martian solar panels could hypothetically be made to match the efficiency of panels we see on Earth, about ...



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