



# Does photovoltaic power generation use solar energy

Solar energy can be harnessed two primary ways: photovoltaics (PVs) are semiconductors that generate electricity directly from sunlight, while solar thermal technologies use sunlight to heat water for ...

At a high level, solar panels are made up of solar cells, which absorb sunlight. They use this sunlight to create direct current (DC) electricity through a process called "the photovoltaic effect."

Yes, solar power is a renewable and infinite energy source that creates no harmful greenhouse gas emissions - as long as the sun continues to shine, energy will be released. The carbon footprint of ...

These solar panels are made up of smaller components known as solar cells or photovoltaic (PV) cells. These cells can absorb the sunlight and generate electricity using the so ...

Photovoltaic Cells Convert Sunlight Into ElectricityThe Flow of Electricity in A Solar CellPV Cells, Panels, and ArraysPV System EfficiencyPV System ApplicationsHistory of PV SystemsA photovoltaic (PV) cell, commonly called a solar cell, is a nonmechanical device that converts sunlight directly into electricity. Some PV cells can convert artificial light into electricity. Sunlight is composed of photons, or particles of solar energy. These photons contain varying amounts of energy that correspond to the different wavelengths o...See more on eia.govPublished: Oct 1, 2024#b\_results .b\_vidAns{border-radius:6px;box-shadow:0 0 0 1px rgba(0,0,0,.05);padding:16px 20px;gap:10px;background:#fff}@charset "UTF-8";#b\_results .b\_ans.b\_vidAns{box-shadow:none!important;padding:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-medium) 0!important;background:var(--bing-smtc-background-ctrl-fade-on-image-stop-0)}#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .mc\_vtvc,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .mc\_vtvc\_th,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .cico,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .mc\_vtvc\_htb,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .vrhc,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .vrhcp,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .vrhtc,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .vrhtpc{border-radius:var(--mai-smtc-corner-list-card-default)}#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc\_vtvc,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta{margin:0}#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta .mc\_vtvc\_meta\_channel,#b\_results #serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta .mc\_vtvc\_meta\_row\_channel{color:var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary)}#serpvidans.vsacf,#serpvidans.vsacf .expctn .expbody,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist{display:flex;flex-direction:column;gap:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-medium)}#serpvidans.vsacf .cico{height:auto}#serpvidans.vsacf .mc\_vtvc\_ban\_lo{top:0;right:auto}#serpvidans.vsacf .mc\_cwvc .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc\_vtvc .mc\_vtvc\_meta{height:auto;padding:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-xx-small) 0 var(--smtc-gap-between-content-xx-small) var(--smtc-gap-between-content-medium);display:flex;flex-direction:column;justify-content:space-between}#



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serpvidans.vsacf .mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta .mc_vtvc_title,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_title{color:var(--smtc-ctrl-link-foreground-brand-rest);font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-body2);height:auto;
display:-webkit-box;-webkit-line-clamp:2;-webkit-box-orient:vertical}#serpvidans.vsacf .mc_cwvc
.mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta .mc_vtvc_meta_block_area,#serpvidans.vsacf .mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block{display:flex;flex-direction:column;gap:var(--smtc-padding-ctrl-text-side)}#serpvidans.
vsacf .mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta .mc_vtvc_meta_block_area .mc_vtvc_meta_row,#serpvidans.vsacf
.mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta .mc_vtvc_meta_block .mc_vtvc_meta_row,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist
.mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta .mc_vtvc_meta_block_area .mc_vtvc_meta_row,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist
.mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta .mc_vtvc_meta_block .mc_vtvc_meta_row
.mc_vtvc_meta_row{color:var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary);height:var(--mai-smtc-padding-card-default);font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-caption1)}#serpvidans.vsacf .mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area .mc_vtvc_meta_row .mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel::before,#serpvidans.vsacf
.mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta .mc_vtvc_meta_block .mc_vtvc_meta_row
.mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel::before,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area .mc_vtvc_meta_row .mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel::before,#serpvidans.vsacf
.mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta .mc_vtvc_meta_block .mc_vtvc_meta_row
.mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel::before{content:" . "}#serpvidans.vsacf .mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area .mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate,#serpvidans.vsacf .mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block .mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area .mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate,#serpvidans.vsacf .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block
.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{color:var(--bing-smtc-foreground-content-neutral-tertiary);padding-bottom:0}.vsacf
.mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc_con_rc,.vsacf .mmlist .mc_vtvc_con_rc{display:flex}.vsacf .mc_cwvc .mc_vtvc_con_rc
.mc_vtvc_meta_w,.vsacf .mmlist .mc_vtvc_con_rc .mc_vtvc_meta_w{height:auto}.vsacf
.b_title{padding-left:0}.vsacf .b_title
.mmtitle{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-subtitle1-strong);margin-bottom:0}.vsacf .b_title .mmtitle
a::after{content:"";margin:5px 5px 0 0;border-top:2px solid
var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary);border-right:2px solid
var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary);background-size:7px
7px;width:7px;height:7px;transform:rotate(45deg);display:inline-block;margin-left:4px}#serpvidans.vsacf
.b_title .mmtitle{margin-bottom:0}#serpvidans.vsacf .b_title .mmtitle
a{color:var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary)}#serpvidans.vsacf .cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_con_rc,#serpvidans.vsacf .cardless.mmlist .mc_vtvc_th{height:auto}#serpvidans.vsacf
.vsb_tr_c.va_tt{margin:0}#serpvidans.vsacf .vtbc .mv_vtvc_play,#serpvidans.vsacf .vtbc
.mv_vtvc_play_ext{position:static}#serpvidans.vsacf .va_tt
.mc_vtvc_ban_lo{display:block}#serpvidans.vsacf
.mc_bc{width:auto;border-radius:var(--smtc-ctrl-badge-sm-corner);padding:var(--smtc-padding-ctrl-text-side)}
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var(--smtc-gap-between-content-xx-small)}#serpvidans.vsacf .rmts .mc_bc
ems{display:none}#serpvidans.vsacf a.vsb_tr_t{color:var(--smtc-foreground-content-neutral-primary)}.vsacf
.va_tt .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc_th_dock.rmoverlay{height:36px}.vsacf .va_tt .vsb_tr_chd
.mc_vtvc_th_dock{height:92px;background:linear-gradient(180deg,var(--bing-smtc-background-ctrl-fade-on-i
mage-stop-0) 0%,var(--mai-smtc-background-ctrl-on-image-rest) 100%)}.vsacf .va_tt a.vsb_tr_t{padding:0
0;font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-body-2-alt-strong)}.vsacf .va_tt .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta,.vsacf .va_tt .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_title{color:var(--mai-smtc-foreground-ctrl-on-image-rest)}.vsacf
span.vcmt_ctt{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-caption2);margin:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-xx-small) 0
0;height:16px}#serpvidans.vsacf .vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc_tot .mc_vtvc_title
strong{font-size:14px;line-height:20px;display:unset}#serpvidans.vsacf .va_tt .b_sldrp
.slide:not(:first-child){margin-left:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-small)}#serpvidans.vsacf .va_tt
.vsb_tr_chd .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_title{white-space:normal;display:-webkit-box;-webkit-line-clamp:2;-webkit-box-orient:vertical}#se
rpvidans.vsacf .b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer
.b_CompactExpansion{background-color:var(--bing-smtc-background-ctrl-neutral-rest);display:flex;justify-co
ntent:center;align-items:center;gap:4px;width:fit-content;height:auto;padding:8px 12px}#serpvidans.vsacf
.b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer .b_CompactExpansion
.b_CompactExpansionBtnText{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-caption1-strong);color:var(--bing-smtc-foregr
ound-ctrl-neutral-primary-alt-rest)}#serpvidans.vsacf .b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer
.b_CompactExpansion .b_arrow{display:flex;margin:0;height:auto}#serpvidans.vsacf
.b_module_expansion_control .b_btnContainer .b_CompactExpansion .b_arrow
path#Shape{fill:var(--bing-smtc-foreground-ctrl-neutral-primary-alt-rest)}#serpvidans.vsacf
.b_module_expansion_control
.b_btnContainer::after{content:"";position:absolute;width:100%;bottom:20px;left:0;height:1px;border-radius:
1px;background:var(--smtc-stroke-ctrl-on-neutral-rest)}#b_results
.b_ans.b_vidAns{box-shadow:none;padding:12px 20px 0}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns
.vasac{padding:unset;margin:0}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .vsa .b_attribution{padding-bottom:0}#b_results
.b_ans.b_vidAns .cardless .salink{margin:0}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist
.mc_vtvc{margin-top:10px}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta{display:flex;flex-direction:column;justify-content:space-between;margin:0 10px 4px
12px}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_channel{color:#111}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel,#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{color:#666}#b_results .b_ans.b_vidAns .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{bottom:0;height:unset}.b_dark .vsa.cardless
.mc_vtvc{background-color:unset}.mmtitle>a{display:block}.mc_fh{height:100%;border-radius:6px}.mc_tc_
bs{overflow:hidden}.mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta { padding: 12px 16px 16px 16px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta_w { height: 112px; margin-top: -0px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_title { height: 44px;
line-height: 22px; margin-bottom: 0px; margin-top: 0px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_block_area {
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height: 40px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc .vtmu, .mmlist .mc_vtvc .vtpl { bottom: 120px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc_th_dock
{ height: 112px; } .mmlist .mc_vtvc_th .cico { height: 131px; }
.mc_vtvc{background-color:#fff;box-shadow:0 0 0 1px
rgba(0,0,0,.05);line-height:0;margin:0;position:relative;border-radius:6px;overflow:hidden}.mc_vtvc.noshado
w{box-shadow:none}.mc_vtvc_con_rc{border-radius:6px;overflow:hidden;position:relative}.mc_vtvc>a{colo
r:#71777d;display:block;text-decoration:none;width:100%}.mc_vtvc>a:focus::after{outline:2px solid
#00a89d;width:100%;height:100%;content:"";outline-offset:-2px;position:absolute;top:0;left:0}.mc_vtvc_th{ba
ckground-color:#d5d5d5;position:relative}.mc_vtvc_th
.cico{border-radius:0}.mc_vtvc_ban_lo,.mc_vtvc_ban_up{position:absolute;vertical-align:middle}.mc_vtvc_
ban_lo{bottom:0}.mc_vtvc_ban_up{top:0}.mc_vtvc_title{font-weight:normal;margin-bottom:11px;overflow:
hidden;color:#111;height:54px;line-height:18px}.mc_vtvc_title
a{display:inline-block;color:#111}.mc_vtvc_title
a:hover{text-decoration:underline}.mc_vtvc_src_ico{float:left;margin-right:4px}.mc_vtvc_act{height:16px;m
argin-top:-40px;padding:12px
8px;z-index:1}.mc_vtvc_actc{right:16px;bottom:16px;position:absolute;display:inline-block;z-index:1}.mc_v
tvc_act_sep{border-top:1px solid #d5d5d5;height:40px;margin:0 8px}.mc_vtvc_fh
.mc_vtvc_act_sep,.mc_vtvc_fh
.mc_vtvc_act{visibility:hidden}#serpvidans
.b_topTitle{margin-bottom:8px}.mc_vtvc_htc{width:100%;height:100%;position:absolute;top:0;bottom:0;left
:0;right:0}.mc_vtvc_htb{width:100%;height:100%;background:rgba(0,0,0,.7);position:absolute;top:0;bottom:
0;left:0;right:0}.mc_vtvc_ht{width:100%;padding:0
16px;line-height:16px;color:#fff;text-decoration:underline;word-break:break-word;box-sizing:border-box;vert
ical-align:middle;text-align:center}.mc_vtvc_th_live_b{background-color:#c80000;color:#fff;display:inline-bl
ock;padding:2px 8px;font:11px/14px
Arial;border-radius:2px;text-transform:uppercase;height:15px;width:26px;position:absolute;left:8px;top:110p
x}.isvctrl
.isv
.mc_vtvc_ban_up{left:0;right:initial}.mc_vtvc_ban_lo,.mc_vtvc_ban_up{right:0}.vt_text.b_IRight
.b_ILeft{margin:0 0 0 1px;height:14px;line-height:14px;padding:2px
8px;background:rgba(0,0,0,.75);border-radius:2px;font-weight:bold}.mc_vtthb{width:100%;height:100%;bac
kground:rgba(0,0,0,.7);position:absolute;top:0;bottom:0;left:0;right:0;display:table}.mc_vttht{width:100%;pad
ding:0
16px;line-height:16px;color:#fff;text-decoration:underline;word-break:break-word;box-sizing:border-box;vert
ical-align:middle;text-align:center;display:table-cell}.vt_text.b_IRight .b_ILeft{margin:0 0 0
1px;height:14px;line-height:14px;padding:2px
8px;background:rgba(0,0,0,.75);border-radius:2px;font-weight:bold}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0
}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.mc_vtvc_center_play{width:32px;height:32px;background-size:c
ontain;position:absolute;margin:auto;bottom:0;top:0;left:0;right:0;box-shadow:none;border-radius:0}.mc_vtvc
_center_play.rmvbg{width:32px;height:32px;background-image:none}.mc_vtvc_htb,.mc_vtvc_ht{display:no
ne}.vt_onhv
.mc_vtvc_htb{display:table}.vt_onhv
.mc_vtvc_ht{display:table-cell}.mc_vtvc_center_play{display:inline-block}.vt_onhv
.mc_vtvc_center_play{display:none}.mc_vtvc .vtmu,.mc_vtvc .vtpl{bottom:163px}.vsarf .mc_vtvc
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.vtmu,.vsarf .mc_vtvc .vtpl{bottom:122px}.svarh #mmcar .mc_vtvc .vtmu,.svarh #mmcar .mc_vtvc
.vtpl{bottom:137px}.svarht #mmcar .mc_vtvc .vtmu,.svarht #mmcar .mc_vtvc
.vtpl{top:8px;left:8px}.mc_vtvc_center_play{background-image:url(data:image/svg+xml,%3Csvg%20width
%3D%2232%22%20height%3D%2232%22%20viewBox%3D%220%200%2032%2032%22%20fill%3D%22
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ect%20width%3D%2232%22%20height%3D%2232%22%20rx%3D%2216%22%20fill%3D%22black%22%
20fill-opacity%3D%220.6%22%2F%3E%0D%0A%20%20%20%20%3Cpath%20d%3D%22M14.2354%201
0.1923C13.2355%209.62986%2012%2010.3524%2012%2011.4997V20.5C12%2021.6472%2013.2355%202
2.3698%2014.2354%2021.8073L22.2356%2017.3073C23.2551%2016.7339%2023.2551%2015.2661%2022.
2357%2014.6926L14.2354%2010.1923Z%22%20fill%3D%22white%22%20fill-opacity%3D%220.9%22%2
F%3E%0D%0A%3C%2Fsvg%3E)}.mmlist .mc_vtvc{margin:10px 1px 0}.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_con_rc{display:flex}.cardless .mmlist .mc_vtvc_con_rc{height:112px}.mmlist .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta{display:flex;flex-direction:column;justify-content:space-between;margin:0 10px 4px
12px;padding:0}.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_title{font-weight:400;font-size:16px;height:44px;line-height:22px;margin-bottom:0;margin-top:0;c
olor:unset}.mmlist .mc_vtvc_meta_row{font-size:13px}.mmlist .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{height:unset}.mmlist .mc_vtvc .vtmu,.mmlist .mc_vtvc
.vtpl{bottom:8px}.cardless .mmlist .mc_vtvc{box-shadow:none}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_center_play{width:32px;height:32px}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_title{font-size:16px;color:unset}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_meta_row{line-height:20px}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{padding-bottom:2px;color:#666}.cardless.mmlist .mc_vtvc_th,.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_th .cico,.cardless.mmlist .mc_vtvc_th div.rms_img{border-radius:6px}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_th{height:111px}.cardless.mmlist
.mc_vtvc_htc{border-radius:6px;overflow:hidden}#serpvidans.vasac.cardless{box-shadow:none}.cardless.m
mmlist .mc_bc{padding:2px 8px;line-height:14px;border-radius:2px;font-weight:normal}.mmlist
.mc_vtvc: hover
.mc_vtvc_title{text-decoration:underline}.mc_vtvc_meta{box-sizing:border-box;display:inline-block;line-hei
ght:18px;position:relative;width:100%}.mc_vtvc_meta_block{bottom:0;position:absolute;width:100%}.mc_v
tvc_meta_row{line-height:16px;font-size:11px;height:17px;overflow:hidden;text-overflow:ellipsis;white-spac
e:nowrap}.mc_vtvc_meta_row a{display:inline-block}.mc_vtvc_meta_row
a:hover{text-decoration:underline}.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{position:relative}.mc_vtvc_meta_block,.mc_v
tvc_meta_block a{color:#444}.b_dark
.mc_vtvc_meta_block{color:#edebe9}.mc_vtvc_meta_row>:nth-of-type(n+2)::before{content:"
"}.mc_vtvc_meta_row .mc_vtvc_meta_row_channel::before{content:">
"}.mc_vtvc_kmt_title{line-height:18px;padding-bottom:4px;font-weight:bold;color:#00809d;text-transform:u
ppercase;font-size:11px}.mc_vtvc_kmt,.mc_vtvc_con_rc.onhov .wkmt
.mc_vtvc_meta_row,.mc_vtvc_con_rc.onhov .wkmt .tbc_tt{display:none}.mc_vtvc_con_rc.onhov .wkmt
.mc_vtvc_title{max-height:18px;margin-bottom:18px;overflow:hidden}.mc_vtvc_con_rc.onhov.mmsts
.mc_vtvc_title{visibility:hidden}.mc_vtvc_con_rc.onhov
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.mc_vtvc_kmt{display:block}.mc_vtvc_kmt_content
.b_factrow{line-height:17px;font-size:11px;max-height:34px;overflow:hidden;text-overflow:ellipsis;padding:
0 16px 0 0;color:#444}.mc_vtvc_meta
.mc_vtvc_kmt_title{line-height:18px}.mc_vtvc_title:hover{text-decoration:none}.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{co
lor:#444;padding-bottom:3px}.mc_vtvc_meta_channel{color:#444}.mc_vtvc_meta_w,.mc_vplvc_meta_w{po
sition:relative}.mc_vtvc_meta_bg_w,.mc_vplvc_meta_bg_w{height:100%;width:100%;overflow:hidden;posit
ion:absolute;top:0}.mc_vtvc_meta_bg_w .cico,.mc_vplvc_meta_bg_w
.cico{border-radius:0;overflow:visible}.dg_u .mm_vidch_th_c{overflow:visible}.dg_u .mm_vidch_th_bg
img{margin-top:-20px}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.mc_vtvc_meta_w
.mc_vtvc_meta{background:rgba(255,255,255,.75)}.mc_vtvc_meta_bg_w img,.mc_vtvc_meta_bg_w
.mc_vtvc_cb_w{filter:blur(25px);transform:scale(1.2)}body{--video-metadata-channel-color:#3c3c3c}body.b
_dark{--video-metadata-channel-color:unset}.vsarf .mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{color:unset}.vsarf
.mc_vtvc_meta_channel{color:var(--video-metadata-channel-color)}.vsarf .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_w
.mc_vtvc_title,.vsarf .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta_w .mc_vtvc_title strong{font-weight:bold}.vsarf
.mc_vtvc_meta_w .mc_vtvc_meta_row{font-size:13px}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.vsarf
.mc_vtvc_th
.cico{height:132px}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.empt
yStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurp
ose{top:0}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.emptyStyleForDebuggingPurpose{top:0}.vtbc
.mv_vtvc_play{display:inline-block;position:absolute;bottom:8px;left:9px;height:8px;width:7px}.vtbc
.mv_vtvc_play_ext{background:url(/rp/Lp38sn_O4jegSK0IHxZVxyp-yKQ.png) -172px
-31px;display:inline-block;height:8px;width:12px;position:absolute;bottom:8px;left:6px}.vtbc
.pivot{height:20px;width:8px;min-width:8px}.vtbc
.mv_vtvc_play{background:url(
MAAADHKvg1AAAIVBMVEX////////////////////9/gMdvAAAACnRSTIMAETNEVWwImbv
uo4D1oAAAAB9JREFUCB1jmMoABKuaQcSqQhCxKgFGgLhNQIkpQAwA8zkLyQA16F0AAAAASUVO
RK5CYII=)}.mc_bc_w{height:18px;padding:8px;text-align:right}.mc_bc{background-color:rgba(0,0,0,.75);p
adding:2px
8px;line-height:14px;color:#fff;display:inline-block;vertical-align:middle;border-radius:2px;font-weight:bold}
.mc_bc_w .pivot{text-align:center;margin-right:1px;height:14px}.vsarr .mmgrid .mc_bc_w
.mc_bc{background-color:rgba(0,0,0,.75);opacity:1}.mmsi{height:16px;width:16px;position:relative;top:5px;
padding-right:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-xx-small)}.mmsi-microsoftnews,.mmsi-msn{top:3px}.vrhdata
{display:none}.mmgrid>div{width:197px;display:inline-block;margin-right:8px;margin-bottom:8px;box-shad
ow:0 0 0 1px
rgba(0,0,0,.05);position:relative;vertical-align:top;overflow:hidden;white-space:normal;border-radius:6px}.vs
arr .mmgrid>div,.vsarr1stbig .mmgrid>div{margin-right:8px;margin-bottom:8px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta{height:auto}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_title{display:-webkit-box;-webkit-line-clamp:2;-webkit-box-orient:vertical}.mmgrid
.mc_tc{border:0}.vsa .mmgrid>div:nth-child(3n){margin-right:0}.vsa
.b_moreLink{padding-top:4px}#serpvidansrr
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.mc_vtvc_meta_row{line-height:18px;font-size:100%;height:17px}.vsarr
.mmgrid>div:nth-child(2n){margin-right:0}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc .vtmu,#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.vtpl{bottom:128px}.vsarr1stbig .mmgrid>div:nth-child(2){margin-right:0}#serpvidansrr.uipolish
.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate,#serpvidansrr.uipolish .mc_vtvc_meta_channel,#serpvidansrr.uipolish #vidans2
.b_videocard .video_metadata .video_source{color:#767676}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard
.video_metadata_container,#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .video_metadata_container
.video_metadata>h3{width:100%}@media(max-width:1362.9px){#serpvidansrr
.mmgrid>div{width:168px;height:206px}#serpvidansrr .mmgrid>div .cico,#serpvidansrr .mmgrid>div .cico
.rms_img{width:168px;height:100px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_meta{padding:12px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc .mc_vtvc_title{height:32px;line-height:16px;margin-bottom:16px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{height:34px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc_meta_row{line-height:15px;font-size:13px;height:15px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{padding-bottom:4px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc .vtmu,#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.vtpl{bottom:114px}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .videoPlayer,#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard
.videoPlayer .cico,#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .videoPlayer .cico
.rms_img{width:343px!important;height:194px!important;margin-right:0}@media(max-width:1274.9px){#s
erpvidansrr .mmgrid>div{width:124px;height:164px}#serpvidansrr .mmgrid>div .cico,#serpvidansrr
.mmgrid>div .cico .rms_img{width:124px;height:76px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta{padding:8px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_title{height:32px;line-height:16px;margin-bottom:12px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
.mc_vtvc_meta_block_area{height:28px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc_meta_row{line-height:13px;font-size:11px;height:13px}#serpvidansrr
.mc_vtvc_meta_pubdate{padding-bottom:2px}#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc .vtmu,#serpvidansrr .mc_vtvc
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.videoPlayer .cico,#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .videoPlayer .cico
.rms_img{width:256px!important;height:144px!important;margin-right:0}#serpvidansrr .maskthumb
.mc_bc_w{padding:8px 4px 4px 8px}#serpvidansrr.withsplitline
.mmgrid>div:nth-last-child(1),#serpvidansrr.withsplitline
.mmgrid>div:nth-last-child(2){margin-bottom:24px}#serpvidansrr.withsplitline .mmgrid{border-bottom:1px
solid #ecec;#ecec;margin-bottom:16px}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard
.video_metadata{max-width:auto;padding:12px 16px}#serpvidansrr #vidans2
.b_videocard{margin-bottom:12px;box-shadow:0 0 1px rgba(0,0,0,.05),0 2px 3px
rgba(0,0,0,.1);border-radius:6px}#serpvidansrr .b_rich{padding-top:0}#serpvidansrr #vidans2
.videoPlayer{border-radius:6px 6px 0 0;overflow:hidden}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard
.video_metadata>h3{white-space:nowrap;overflow:hidden;text-overflow:ellipsis;-webkit-line-clamp:1;line-he
ight:15px;height:15px;font-size:13px;color:#000;margin-bottom:20px;font-family:"Arial",Helvetica,Sans-Seri
f;font-style:normal;display:block}#serpvidansrr.vsbarr1stbig #vidans2 .b_videocard .video_metadata
.actionmenu{display:none}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .video_summary,#serpvidansrr #vidans2
.b_videocard .video_source{line-height:15px}#serpvidansrr #vidans2 .b_videocard .videoPlayer
.vtbc{right:0}.vrhc line.nhvpv .pffvi,.vrhc line.nhvpv[data-tps="S"] .pffvt,.vrhc line.nhvpv[data-tps="M"]
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.pffvt,.vrhc      line.nhvpv[data-tps="L"]      .pffvt{display:inline-flex}.vrhc      line.nhvpv      .vrhtc.pffv
.vrhol{display:none}.vrhc                      line.nhvpv                      .vrhtc.pffv
.player_ol{background:var(--mai-smtc-background-ctrl-on-image-hover);transition:background-color
.5s;display:flex;align-items:center;justify-content:center;padding:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small);ga
p:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small);box-sizing:border-box}.mc_vtvc_th      img{transition:all      .3s
ease-out}.nhvpv+.mc_vtvc_th
img{transform:scale(1.1)}.smtplayerhtml5{height:100%;width:100%;overflow:hidden}.smtplayerhtml5
video{min-height:100%;min-width:100%}.smtplayerhtml5
.videoplaying{background-color:#000}.smtplayerhtml5.hide{display:none}.pffvt{display:none;color:var(--ma
i-smtc-foreground-ctrl-on-image-rest);font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-subtitle2-strong)}.pffvi{mask:url(/rp/ui
07wU6K7FR_inzG7DRbP1i8fGo.svg)                      center
no-repeat;mask-size:12px;background:var(--bing-smtc-background-card-on-image-default);width:20px;height
:20px;flex-shrink:0;align-self:flex-start}[data-tps="L"]
.pffvt{font:var(--bing-smtc-text-global-subtitle2-strong)}[data-tps="L"]
.pffvi{width:22px;height:22px;mask-size:16px}[data-tps="S"]                      .pffvt{font-size:0}[data-tps="S"]
.pffvi{width:24px;height:24px;mask-size:24px;align-self:center}.hvpv.h5s
.pffvt{display:inline-flex}.hvpv.h5s      .vrhtc.pffv      .vrhol{display:none}.hvpv.h5s      .vrhtc.pffv
.player_ol{background:var(--mai-smtc-background-ctrl-on-image-hover);transition:background-color
.5s;display:flex;align-items:center;justify-content:center;padding:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small);ga
p:var(--smtc-gap-between-content-x-small);box-sizing:border-box}.pffvt{text-decoration:underline}.vrhcp
.vrhol{position:absolute;width:100%;height:35px;max-height:35px;bottom:0;left:0;padding:0;background:non
e;display:block;z-index:9}.vrhcp                      .vrhol.hide,.vrhcp                      .vrhol
.hide{display:none}.vrhot{white-space:nowrap;text-overflow:ellipsis;overflow:hidden;display:inline-block;po
sition:absolute;max-width:240px;height:18px;line-height:14px;margin-left:8px;top:10px;left:0;right:0;border-
radius:2px;padding-right:8px}.vrhot                      div{display:inline-block}.vrhot
nt{color:#fff;font-size:11px;font-weight:bold;background-color:rgba(0,0,0,.75);padding:2px
8px;margin-left:0;top:0;box-sizing:border-box;position:relative}.vrhc
.ricons{position:absolute;right:8px;top:10px;left:auto;bottom:auto;height:18px;display:inline-block;cursor:poi
nter}.vrhol.icons_1      .vrhot{margin-right:27px}.vrhol.icons_2      .vrhot{margin-right:49px}.vrhol.icons_3
.vrhot{margin-right:79px}.vrhol                      .vrhot                      nt,.vsb_tr_chd                      .vrhol.icons_1
.vrhot{margin-right:0}.vpb{position:absolute;display:block;bottom:0;left:0;height:4px}.vpb
div{position:absolute}.vpb                      nt{width:0;background:#fff}.vpb
nt.test{display:none}.vpb.back{background-color:#999}.vrhcp
.vrhol.npb{height:36px;max-height:36px}.vrhol
.vadda{width:22px;height:18px;padding:0;margin-right:0;margin-left:2px;bottom:0;position:relative;display:i
nline-block;z-index:1;background:rgba(0,0,0,.75);border-radius:2px;overflow:hidden}.vrhol
.vadda.hide{display:none}.vrhol      .vadda      .mc_vfaa{margin:3px      5px}.ricons      .vol{float:left}.ricons
.adultFlag{float:right}.vol{width:22px;height:18px;bottom:0;margin-left:1px;margin-right:1px;position:relati
ve;display:inline-block}.vol.hide,.vol                      .hide{display:none}.vol
.bg{background:rgba(0,0,0,.75);border-radius:2px}.vol.bg,.vol                      nt{position:absolute;bottom:0}.vol
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.vol.bg.volnb{border-radius:0 0 2px 2px}.vol .volsliderHandle.bg{border-radius:2px 2px 0 0}.vol nt
.volsliderHandle{height:70px;display:none;width:22px;float:left;bottom:18px;position:absolute;display:block
}.vol nt .volsliderHandle.hide{display:none}.volsliderHandle
.vsb{height:54px;width:4px;background-color:#999;margin:9px auto
8px;position:relative;display:block;border-radius:2px}.volsliderHandle
.vsh{height:6px;width:14px;padding:9px 7px 9px 7px;margin:0
-12px;display:block;position:absolute;top:30px}.volsliderHandle .vsh.hide{display:none}.volsliderHandle
.vshi{height:4px;width:14px;background-color:#fff;border-radius:2px}.volMuteIcon{width:16px;height:14px;
margin:2px
4px;float:left}.volMuteHandle{width:22px;height:18px}.vo{background:url(/rp/ffZxBXEIP9WYOO0jhTaEl
yLhEVU.svg) no-repeat}.vm{background:url(/rp/fsX-ZVd03wB2TL0vmQJxSp4U9vs.svg)
no-repeat}.vl{background:url(/rp/YXYMPC1Rry_XJGc7Yg8lR4B2eEs.svg)
no-repeat}.vf{background:url(/rp/NoslR4amKTs1zYxWy3laZN3HRk.svg)
no-repeat}@media(forced-colors:active){.vol{forced-color-adjust:none}.vrhc line .vt_vp,.vrhc.popout
.vt_vp,.vrhc.mousefollow
.vt_vp{position:absolute;bottom:0;border:hidden;padding:0;top:0;left:0;z-index:3}.vrhc
.hide{display:none}.vrh_clc .vt_vp,.vrh_clc .vrhc .vrhi,.vrh_clc .player_ol{cursor:pointer}.vrh_clc
.cico{border-radius:0}.vrhc{border:hidden;top:0;left:0;padding:0}.vrhc.mousefollow .vrhc,.vrhc.popout
.vrhc{background-color:#999}.vrhtpc.load
.player_ol{background:url(/rp/J_o2maogFDeUOsovPJL-ofEuxJ4.gif) center center no-repeat}.vrhc line .vrhc
.vrhi,.vrhc.popout .vrhc .vrhi,.vrhc.mousefollow .vrhc
.vrhi{position:absolute!important;border:hidden;z-index:2;padding:0;left:0;top:0}.player_ol{position:absolute
;width:100%;height:100%;bottom:0;border:hidden;z-index:7}.vrhc.popout,.vrhc
line,.vrhc.mousefollow{border-radius:6px;overflow:hidden;display:table-row-group;background:none}.vrhc.p
opout,.vrhc.mousefollow{z-index:4;box-shadow:0 4px 4px rgba(0,0,0,.1),0 2px 80px rgba(0,0,0,.2)}.vrhc
line{z-index:1;margin:0}.vrhc.popout,.vrhc line{position:absolute;top:0}.vrhc.popout{border:1px solid
#fff}.vrhc.mousefollow{position:fixed}.vrhcpc{position:relative;top:0;left:0;display:table-row}.vrhcpc
.vrhc{position:relative;overflow:hidden}.vrhc.hide{display:none}@keyframes
vh_fadein{from{opacity:0}to{opacity:1}}.vrhc.not(.hide){animation:vh_fadein 250ms}.vrhc line
img{color:transparent}.vrhc
line.fullsize{height:100%}.vrhc,.vrhc: hover,.vrhc: link,.vrhc: active,.vrhc: visited{color:#000;text-decoration: no
ne}.vrhc.vrh_clc{cursor:pointer}a.hover-anchor{display:block;height:100%;width:100%;text-decoration:none
}.vrhstat{height:0;overflow:hidden}Videos of does Photovoltaic power Generation Use Solar Energy?Watch
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strong,.b_imgcap_altitle .b_factrow strong{color:#767676}#b_results
.b_imgcap_altitle{line-height:22px}.b_imgcap_altitle{display:flex;flex-direction:row-reverse;gap:var(--mai-s
mtc-padding-card-default)}.b_imgcap_altitle
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.b\_imgcap\_img{flex-shrink:0;display:flex;flex-direction:column}.b\_imgcap\_alttitle  
.b\_imgcap\_main{min-width:0;flex:1}.b\_imgcap\_alttitle .b\_imgcap\_img>div,.b\_imgcap\_alttitle .b\_imgcap\_img  
a{display:flex}.b\_imgcap\_alttitle .b\_imgcap\_img  
img{border-radius:var(--mai-smtc-corner-card-default)}.b\_hList img{display:block}.b\_imagePair ner  
img{display:block;border-radius:6px}.b\_algo .vtv2 img{border-radius:0}.b\_hList  
.cico{margin-bottom:10px}.b\_title .b\_imagePair> ner,.b\_vList>li>.b\_imagePair> ner,.b\_hList .b\_imagePair>  
ner,.b\_vPanel>div>.b\_imagePair> ner,.b\_gridList .b\_imagePair> ner,.b\_caption .b\_imagePair>  
ner,.b\_imagePair> ner>.b\_footnote,.b\_poleContent .b\_imagePair> ner{padding-bottom:0}.b\_imagePair>  
ner{padding-bottom:10px;float:left}.b\_imagePair.reverse> ner{float:right}.b\_imagePair  
.b\_imagePair:last-child:after{clear:none}.b\_algo .b\_title  
.b\_imagePair{display:block}.b\_imagePair.b\_cTxtWithImg>\*{vertical-align:middle;display:inline-block}.b\_i  
magePair.b\_cTxtWithImg> ner{float:none;padding-right:10px}.b\_imagePair.square\_s>  
ner{width:50px}.b\_imagePair.square\_s{padding-left:60px}.b\_imagePair.square\_s> ner{margin:2px 0 0  
-60px}.b\_imagePair.square\_s.reverse{padding-left:0;padding-right:60px}.b\_imagePair.square\_s.reverse>  
ner{margin:2px -60px 0 0}.b\_ci\_image\_overlay:hover{cursor:pointer}  
sightsOverlay,#OverlayIFrame.b\_mcOverlay  
sightsOverlay{position:fixed;top:5%;left:5%;bottom:5%;right:5%;width:90%;height:90%;border:0;border-rad  
ius:15px;margin:0;padding:0;overflow:hidden;z-index:9;display:none}#OverlayMask,#OverlayMask.b\_mcOv  
erlay{z-index:8;background-color:#000;opacity:.6;position:fixed;top:0;left:0;width:100%;height:100%}Cente  
r for Sustainable SystemsSolar PV Energy Factsheet - Center for Sustainable ...Solar energy can be harnessed  
two primary ways: photovoltaics (PVs) are semiconductors that generate electricity directly from sunlight,  
while solar ...

Solar photovoltaic (PV) power generation is the process of converting energy from the sun into electricity using solar panels. Solar panels, also called PV panels, are combined into arrays in a ...

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A photovoltaic (PV) cell, commonly called a solar cell, is a nonmechanical device that converts sunlight directly into electricity. Some PV cells can convert artificial light into electricity.

Solar technologies convert sunlight into electrical energy either through photovoltaic (PV) panels or through mirrors that concentrate solar radiation. This energy can be used to generate electricity or be ...



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