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An SBSP system collects solar energy in space, converts that to microwave or optical laser energy, and transmits that energy to the Earth. A ground station receives the energy, converts it to electricity, and ...

Detecting solar photovoltaic (PV) panels from satellite imagery for better understanding solar energy adoption is an active area of research, and a whole bunch of people have explored this problem for many years.

By applying machine learning (ML) models to satellite imagery, we can generate digital surface models (DSMs) and roof segmentation maps to enable solar assessments in new areas around the world.

Here's the kicker: a 2023 study by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) found satellites now achieve 92% accuracy in detecting utility-scale solar farms.

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.

Without atmosphere filtering and scattering, solar panels in orbit can absorb a wider spectrum and intensity of solar radiation, leading to a higher energy capture efficiency.

Reports of solar panel installations have been supplemented with object detection models developed and used on openly available aerial imagery, a type of imagery collected by aircraft or drones and limited by cost, ...

Anticipating how much electricity a solar panel will produce tomorrow, or even an hour from now, is no longer guesswork. Thanks to advances in remote sensing and AI, solar forecasting has entered a new ...

Orbiting satellites can be exposed to a consistently high degree of solar radiation, generally for 24 hours per day, whereas earth surface solar panels currently collect power for an average of 29% of the day.



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In this episode, I catch up with Federico Bessi to dive into a fascinating end-to-end project on the automatic detection of photovoltaic (PV) solar plants using satellite imagery and deep learning.

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