

# Solar powered lasers in space

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In 1996 I wrote in these newsgroups about an idea I had worked out about using thin film reflectors inflated on orbit to concentrate sunlight onto a solar pumped laser. That laser beam would be beamed to receivers on the ground which would convert the power to electricity and thermal energy for industrial use. Overall efficiency would be 40%

I was roundly attacked by all – and so, it was with great interest that I read the following on yahoo news service in 2007;

<http://green.yahoo.com/index.php?q=node/1521>

I am fully justified in my earlier statements – and all those who mercilessly attacked me have been proved dead wrong in their negative assessments of my ideas.

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