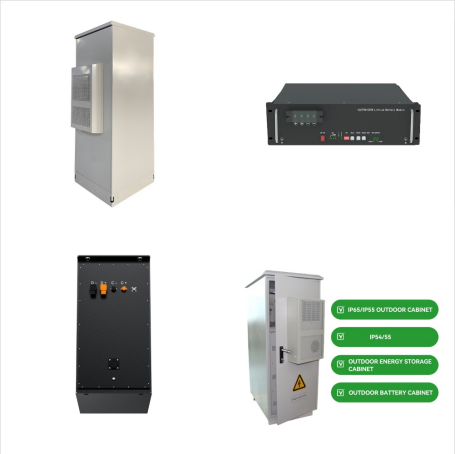

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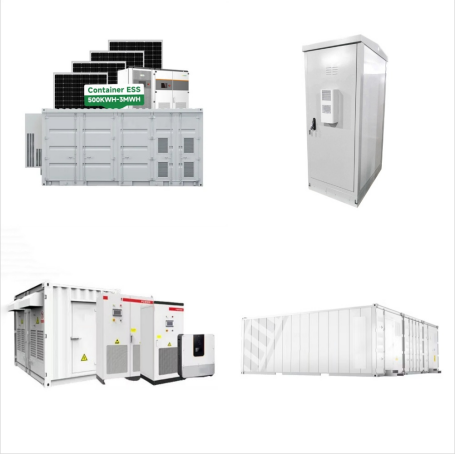

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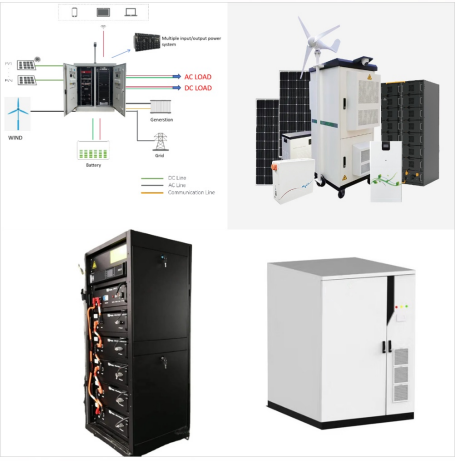

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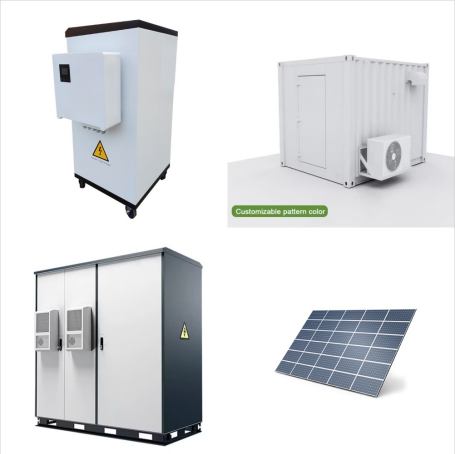

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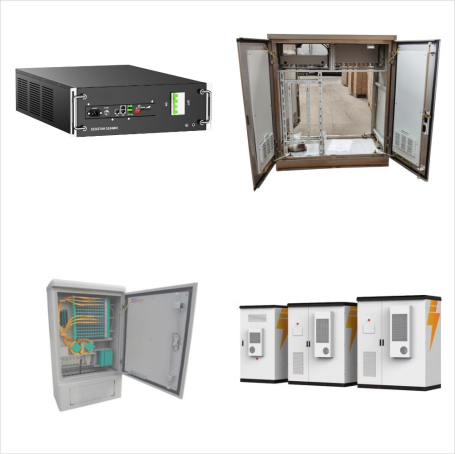
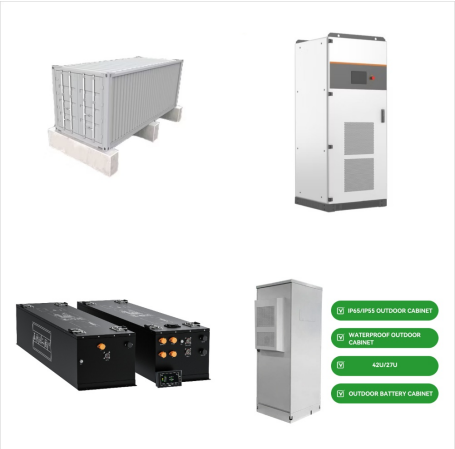


There is no true consensus on a list of requirements for life, whether in our solar system or the stars beyond. But Joyce, who researches life's origin and development, suggests a few likely "must-haves." Topping the list is liquid water.



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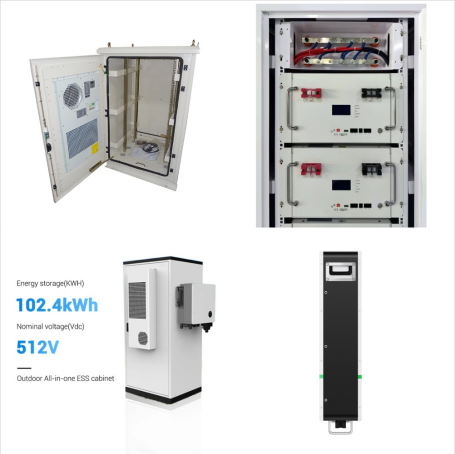

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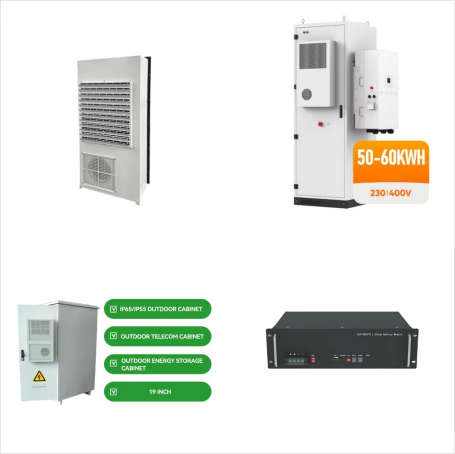
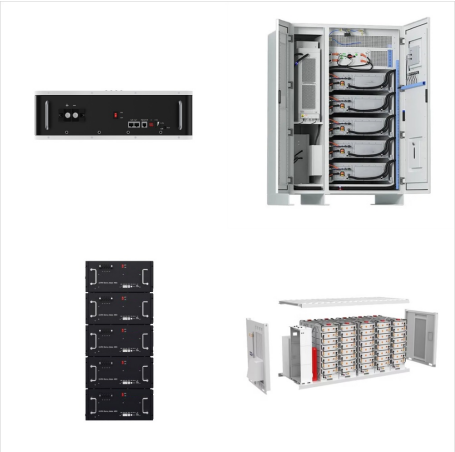


The ultimate goal of NASA's exoplanet program is to find unmistakable signs of current life on a planet beyond Earth. How soon that can happen depends on two unknowns: the prevalence of life in the galaxy and how lucky we get as we take those first, tentative, exploratory steps. Our early planet finding missions, such [???]



Proxima Centauri b, the closest known exoplanet to our solar system, orbits in the habitable zone of the red dwarf star, Proxima Centauri has a mass of 1.27 Earths, making it a super-Earth, a type of exoplanet with a mass larger than Earth's but significantly less than that of gas giants like Neptune or Jupiter.

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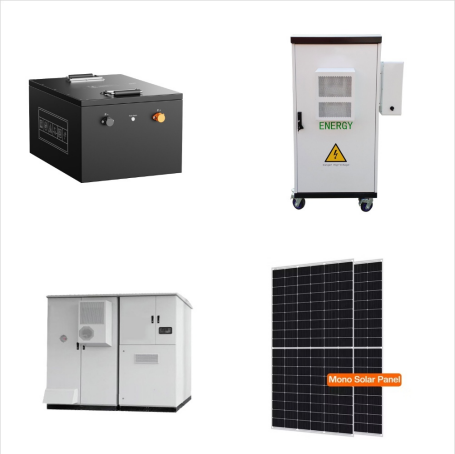

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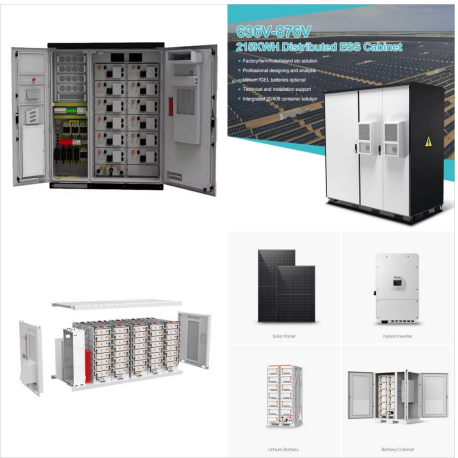

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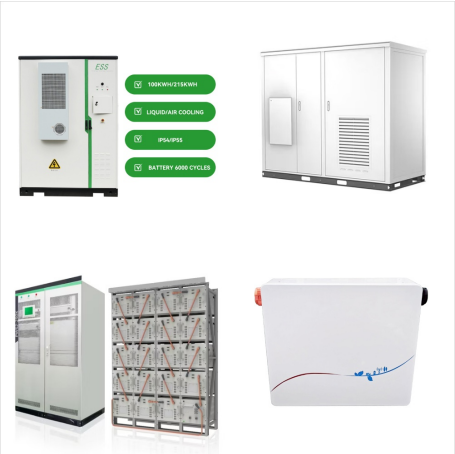

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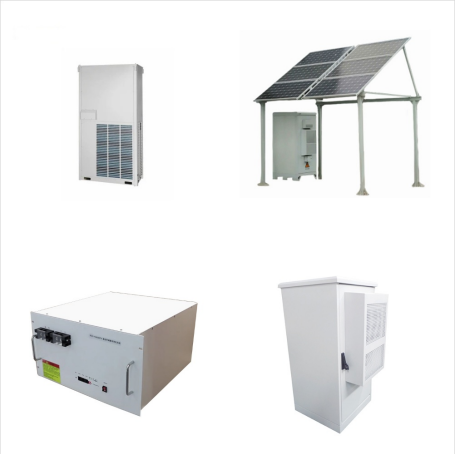

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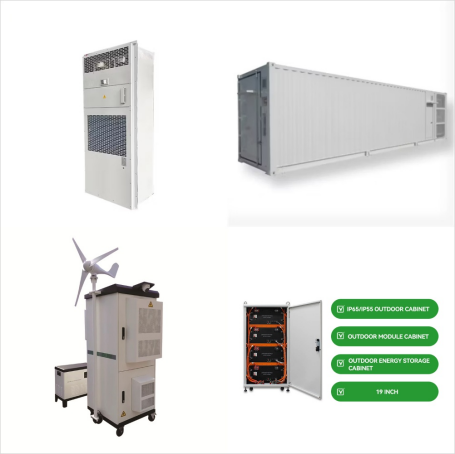

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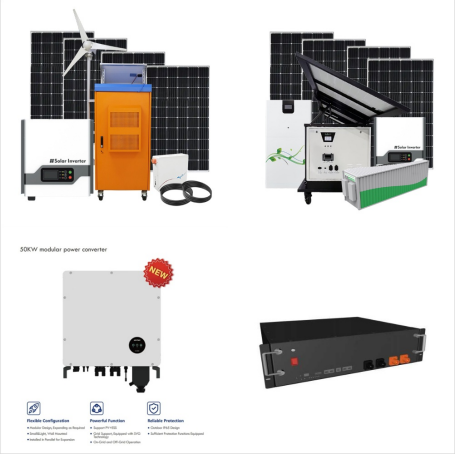

Here are the 10 best places in the solar system to look for extraterrestrial life, subjectively ranked by yours truly for how likely we are to find life???and how easy it would be to find it if it

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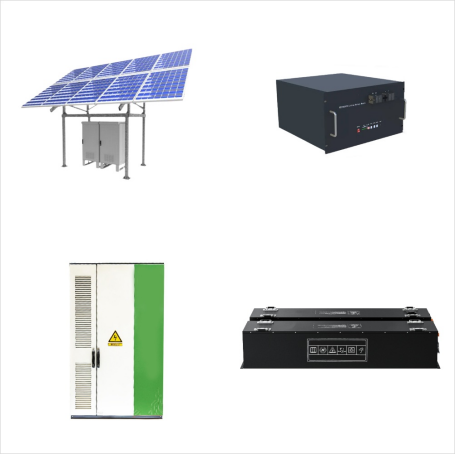
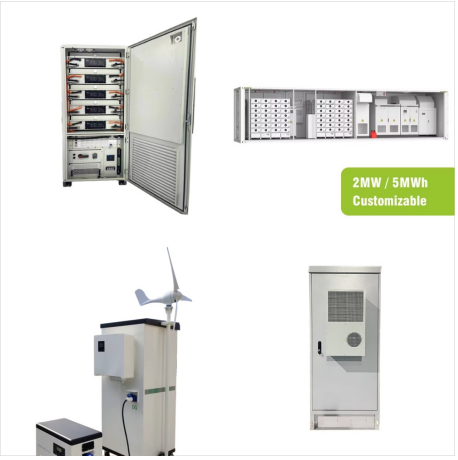
Overview Most of the exoplanets discovered so far are in a relatively small region of our galaxy, the Milky Way. ("Small" meaning within thousands of light-years of our solar system; one light-year equals 5.88 trillion miles, or 9.46 trillion kilometers.) Even the closest known exoplanet to Earth, Proxima Centauri b, is still about 4 light-years [???]



"For the first time in the history of civilization we might be able to answer the question: Is there life beyond Earth?" For exoplanets ??? planets around other stars ??? that era opens with NASA's James Webb Space Telescope.



For the planets beyond our solar system, remote detection of signs of life will have to suffice. Still, we might have good reason to expect the first detection will come from an exoplanet, said Mary Voytek, director of NASA's Astrobiology Program at the agency's headquarters in Washington.

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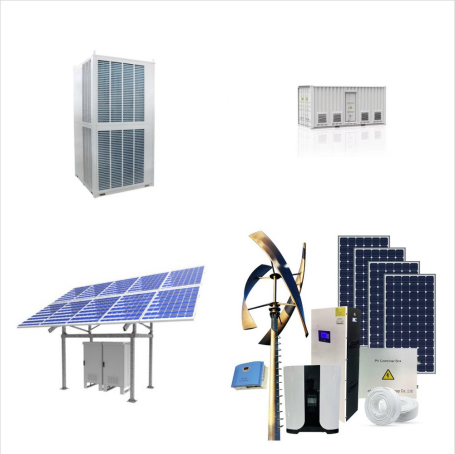
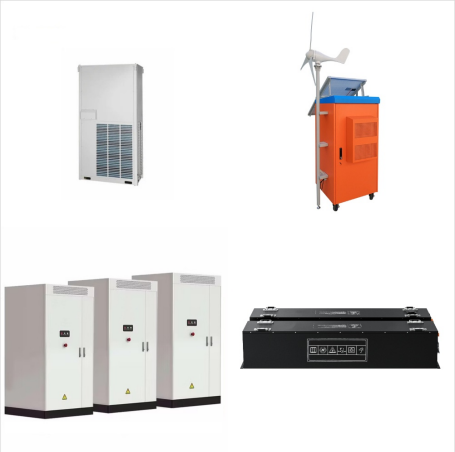
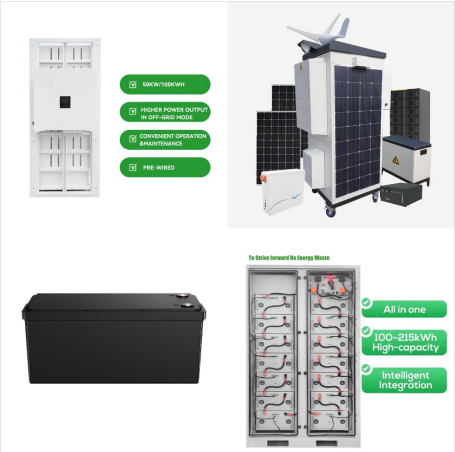


One origin of life on Earth could be the result of a remarkable and inexplicable pathway to life. Two origins in one solar system strongly suggests that life is commonplace in the universe. Sounds of Space. Men and women of science, as well as the lay public, intuitively assumed planets existed beyond our solar system, but these planets



So far, the only life we know of is right here on planet Earth. But NASA is looking for signs of life in our solar system and on some of the the thousands of planets we"ve discovered beyond it, on exoplanets. We can probe alien atmospheres for biosignatures, which could indicate life below.



Astronomers have now confirmed more than 5,000 exoplanets ??? planets beyond our solar system. But it's just a fraction of the likely hundreds of billions in our Milky Way galaxy. The cones of exoplanet discovery radiate out from planet Earth, like spokes on a wheel. To my thinking, it is inevitable that we"ll find some kind of life

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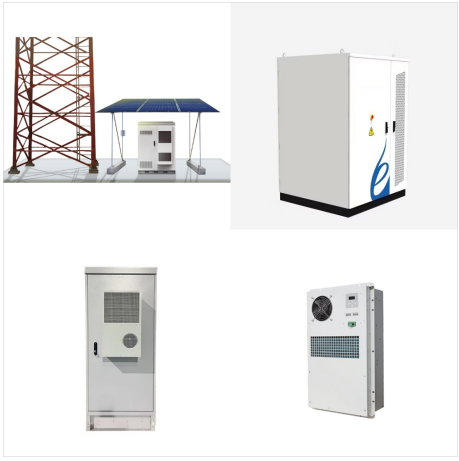
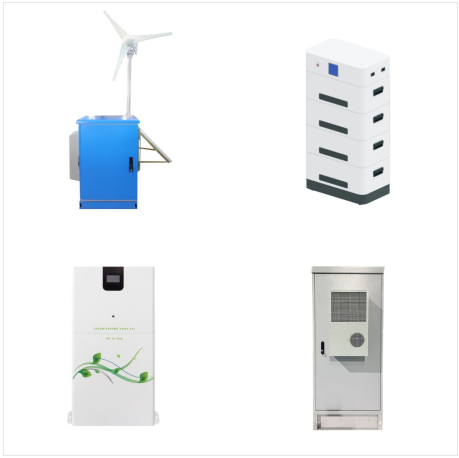


With next-generation telescopes, tiny space probes, and more, scientists aim to search for life beyond our solar system???and make contact. Propelled to a fifth the speed of light by a laser beam



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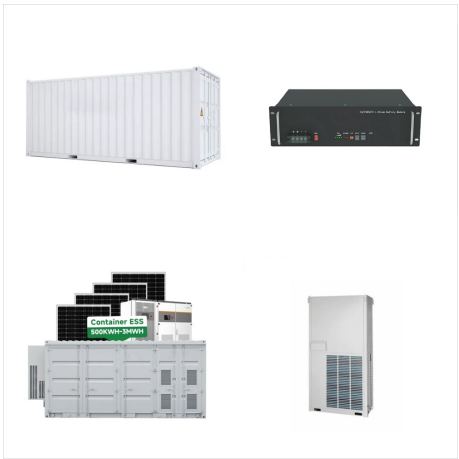

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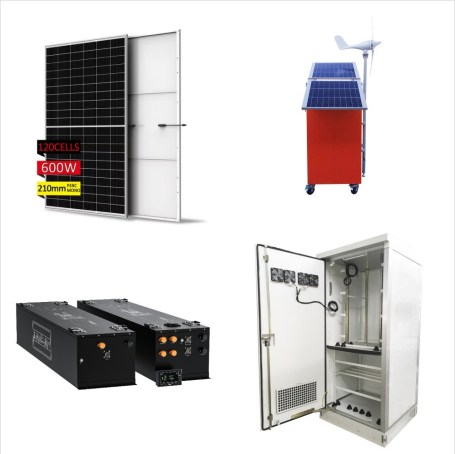
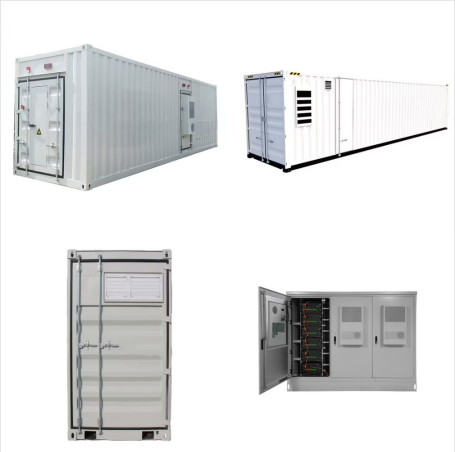
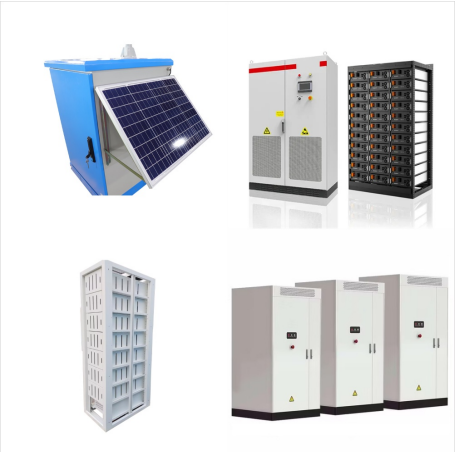


Since humans first looked to the cosmos, we have wondered if life exists elsewhere in the Universe. Scientists and engineers at the Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian may soon be able to answer that question.



A timeline of discovery: NASA's early work searching for planets beyond our solar system through notable exoplanet discoveries. Opens in a new window Opens an external site Opens an external site in a new window Toggle navigation Close audio options Play video Close modal Previous Next Toggle audio voice over Toggle ambient music



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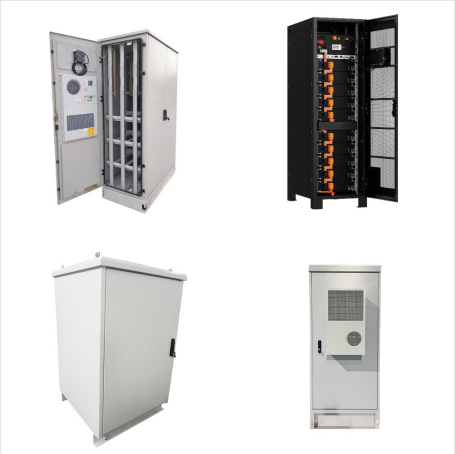

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