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Overview

Why is the Sun a star?

The Sun is the star at the heart of our solar system. Its gravity holds the solar system together, keeping everything — from the biggest planets to the smallest bits of debris — in its orbit. The Sun's gravity holds the solar system together, keeping everything – from the biggest planets to the smallest particles of debris – in its orbit.

Which spacecraft are investigating the Sun?

Several spacecraft are currently investigating the Sun including Parker Solar Probe, STEREO, Solar Orbiter, SOHO, Solar Dynamics Observatory, Hinode, IRIS, and Wind. The Sun would have been surrounded by a disk of gas and dust early in its history when the solar system was first forming 4.6 billion years ago.

Is the Sun a dynamic star?

From our vantage point on Earth, the Sun may appear like an unchanging source of light and heat in the sky. But the Sun is a dynamic star, constantly changing and sending energy out into space. The science of studying the Sun and its influence throughout the solar system is called heliophysics. The Sun is the largest object in our solar system.

How does the sun affect Earth?

The Sun wields a huge influence on Earth. Its gravity holds our planet in its orbit, and solar energy drives the seasons, ocean currents, weather, climate, radiation belts, and auroras on Earth. The solar wind, a flow of charged particles from the Sun, constantly bombards Earth’s magnetosphere, a vast magnetic shield around the planet.

How big is the Sun compared to Earth?

The Sun is about 100 times wider than Earth and about 10 times wider than

Jupiter, the biggest planet. The Sun is the only star in our solar system. It is the center of our solar system, and its gravity holds the solar system together. Everything in our solar system revolves around it – the planets, asteroids, comets, and tiny bits of space debris.

Did a spacecraft touch the Sun?

For the first time in history, a spacecraft has touched the Sun. NASA’s Parker Solar Probe has now flown through the Sun’s upper atmosphere – the corona – and sampled particles and magnetic fields there. The new milestone marks one major step for Parker Solar Probe and one giant leap for solar science.

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NASA Enters the Solar Atmosphere for the First Time, Bringing ...

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[Track the Solar Cycle with Sunspots]

Images from NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory highlight the appearance of the Sun at solar minimum versus solar maximum. Sunspots are associated with solar activity and are used to track the solar cycle. Every 11 years, the Sun gets very active and the number of sunspots -- dark, cooler areas on the Sun -- increases dramatically.

Solar Science

The sun is a dynamic star, made of super-hot ionized gas called plasma. The sun's surface and atmosphere change continually, driven by the magnetic forces generated by this constantly-moving plasma. The sun releases energy in two ...

Parker Solar Probe

History NASA's Parker Solar Probe (PSP) will be the first-ever mission to "touch" the sun. The spacecraft, about the size of a small car, will travel directly into the sun's atmosphere about 4 million miles from our star's surface. NASA's

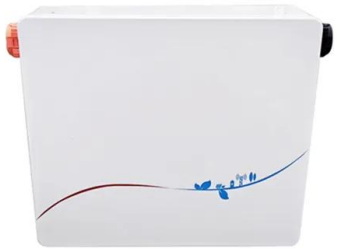
historic PSP mission will

The sun will be really 'stormy' for the next year, NASA says

The colossal ball of hot gas at the center of our solar system will be lively for the next year, NASA said. The sun has reached its "solar maximum period," which is a state of heightened activity

Solar System Exploration

The solar system has one star, eight planets, five dwarf planets, at least 290 moons, more than 1.3 million asteroids, and about 3,900 comets. We mean waaaay out there in our solar system - where the forecast might not be quite what you think. Let's look at the



The Sun: Facts, size, and fate of Earth's blazing star

A tornadic coronal mass ejection on the Sun captured by NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory on Aug. 31, 2012. Credit: NASA Goddard Space Flight Center Our Sun is a middle-aged star, approximately

All About the Sun , NASA Space Place - NASA ...

A spacecraft would easily burn up if it tried to fly into the Sun. However, NASA's Parker Solar Probe is flying closer than any other robotic explorer ever has. It will be flying inside the Sun's atmosphere, or corona. This ...

ESA/NASA's Solar Orbiter Returns First Data, Snaps Closest ...

Solar Orbiter is an international collaboration between the European Space Agency, or ESA, and NASA, to study our closest star, the Sun. Launched on Feb. 9, 2020 ...

The Sun

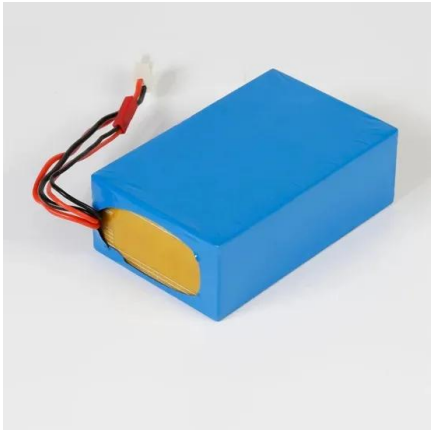
X-rays stream off the sun in this first picture of the sun, overlaid on a picture taken by NASA Solar Return to top National Aeronautics and Space Administration NASA explores the unknown in air and space, innovates for the benefit of humanity, and inspires

Solar and Heliospheric Observatory Homepage

1 ??· 2024 TOTAL ECLIPSE (APRIL 8, 2024) The April 8, 2024, total solar eclipse crossed North America, passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada more ».

NASA, NOAA to Provide Update on Progress of Solar Cycle

NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will discuss the Sun's activity and the progression of Solar Cycle 25 during a media teleconference at 2 p.m. EDT, Tuesday, Oct. 15. Tracking the solar cycle is a key part of better



NASA

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2 ???· Parker Solar Probe is part of NASA's Living with a Star program to explore aspects of the Sun-Earth system that directly affect life and society. The Living with a Star program is managed by the agency's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, for NASA's Science Mission Directorate in Washington.

NASA Live

2 ???· NASA live: Follow live television broadcasts on NASA+, the agency's streaming service, and NASA's social media channels with this schedule of upcoming live events including news briefings, launches and landings.

Solar Flares

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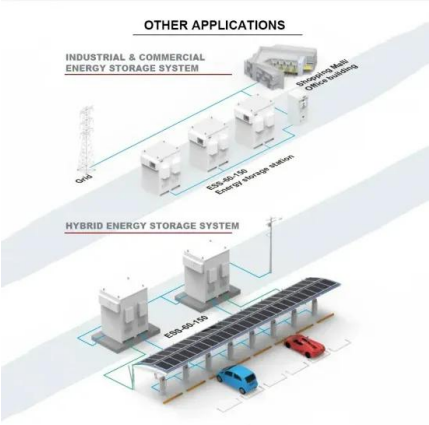
Sun unleashes powerful solar flare, Nasa says

1 ??· The Sun has unleashed a powerful solar flare, Nasa has said. The flare, designated X2.3, belongs to the most intense X class of flares. It was spotted by Nasa's Solar Dynamics Observatory, which

Sun Fact Sheet

Typical magnetic field strengths for various parts of the Sun Polar Field: 1 - 2 Gauss Sunspots: 3000 Gauss Prominences: 10 - 100 Gauss Chromospheric plages: 200 Gauss Bright chromospheric network: 25 Gauss Ephemeral (unipolar) active regions: 20



SunRISE

SunRISE is an array of six toaster-size CubeSats that will work together to study solar activity, observing low radio frequency emissions so scientists can understand better how the Sun is able to generate intense space weather ...

NASA's Parker Solar Probe Touches The Sun For ...

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Solar Storms and Flares

Solar storms and flares are eruptions from the Sun that can affect us here on Earth. National Aeronautics and Space Administration NASA explores the unknown in air and space, innovates for the benefit of humanity, and inspires the world through discovery.

Our Sun: Facts

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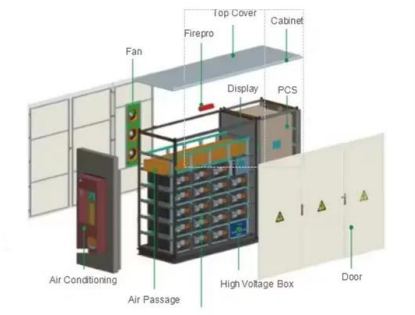

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Sunspots

This video, captured by NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory between July 5 to 11, 2017, shows a sunspot moving across the Sun. Like freckles on the face of the Sun, sunspots appear to be small features, but size is relative: The dark core of this sunspot is

Solar System Exploration: The Sun

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NASA Heliophysics

Overview The Science Mission Directorate Heliophysics Division studies the nature of the Sun, and how it influences the very nature of space - and, in turn, the atmospheres of planets and the technology that exists there. Space is not, as is often believed, completely empty; instead, we live in the extended atmosphere of an active [...]

SDO , Solar Dynamics Observatory

SDO is designed to help us understand the Sun's influence on Earth and Near-Earth space by studying the solar atmosphere on small scales of space and time and in many wavelengths ...

All About the Sun , NASA Space Place - NASA Science for Kids

Just how close is the Sun to Earth? Way, way closer than other stars, but still pretty far away. It's approximately 93 million miles away from Earth. That's 400 times farther than the distance between Earth and the Moon! However, it's a good thing that Earth isn't too

NASA's Quest to Touch the Sun

The outer layers of the sun's atmosphere are a blistering million degrees hotter than its surface. NASA sent a probe to find out why--by getting closer to the star than ever before.

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