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Modern solar energy harnesses the same fundamental principles discovered over a century ago. Solar panels, composed of photovoltaic (PV) cells, convert sunlight directly into electricity.

At the age of 19, a young French scientist by the name of Edmund Becquerel discovered the photovoltaic effect whilst doing research in his father's ...

In 1883, New York inventor Charles Fritts created the first practical working solar cell by coating selenium wafers with an extremely thin layer of ...

However, solar cells as we know them today are made with ...

The Institute of Energy Conversion is established at the University of Delaware to perform research and development on thin-film photovoltaic (PV) and solar thermal systems, becoming the world's first ...

In the 19th century, it was observed that the sunlight striking certain materials generates detectable electric current - the photoelectric effect. This discovery ...

Charles Fritts installed the first solar panels on New York City rooftop in 1884. Courtesy of John Perlin. Take a light step back to 1883 when New York inventor ...

The photovoltaic effect was first discovered in 1839 by Edmond Becquerel. When doing experiments involving wet cells, he noted that the voltage of the cell increased when its silver plates were ...

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