

# The origins of solar panels



## Overview

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In 1839, the ability of some materials to create an electrical charge from light exposure was first observed by the French physicist . Though these initial solar cells were too inefficient for even simple electric devices, they were used as an instrument to measure light. The observation by Becquerel was not replicated again until 1873, when the English.

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