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Charles Fritts was the first person to generate electricity using solar panels--in 1884--but it would be another 70 years before they became efficient enough to be useful.

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Concentrating solar power, or solar thermal electricity, could harness the sun's heat energy to provide large-scale, domestically secure, and environmentally friendly electricity.

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OverviewHistoryTheory and constructionEfficiencyPerformance and degradationMounting and trackingMaintenanceWaste and recyclingIn 1839, the ability of some materials to create an electrical charge from light exposure was first observed by the French physicist Edmond Becquerel. 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 ...

Named after Italian physicist, chemist and pioneer of electricity and power, Alessandro Volta, photovoltaic is the more technical term for turning light energy into electricity, and used ...

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