

# The invention of large-scale solar power generation



## Overview

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### The History of Solar

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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### When Was The Beginning Of Large Scale Solar Power Use

The first large-scale solar farm was built in California in 1982, and lithium-ion batteries were developed in 1985. The concept of harnessing solar power goes back as far as the 7th century ...

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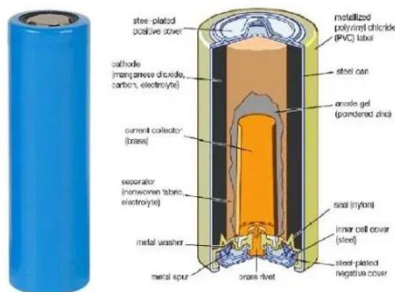
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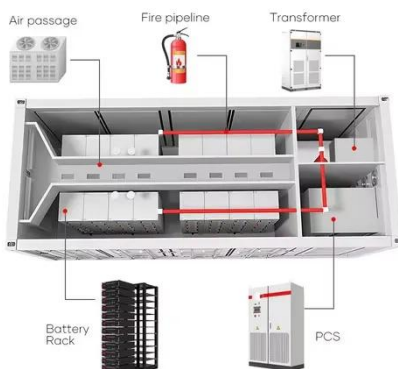
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## Solar history: Timeline & invention of solar panels

Many argue that this event marks the true invention of PV technology because it was the first instance of solar technology that could actually power an electric device for several hours of a day.

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## Significance of Large-Scale Photovoltaic Solar Power Energy Production

In the latter part of the nineteenth century, physicists discovered a new phenomenon. When light is incident on liquids or metallic surfaces, electrons are released. However, no one had an explanation ...

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