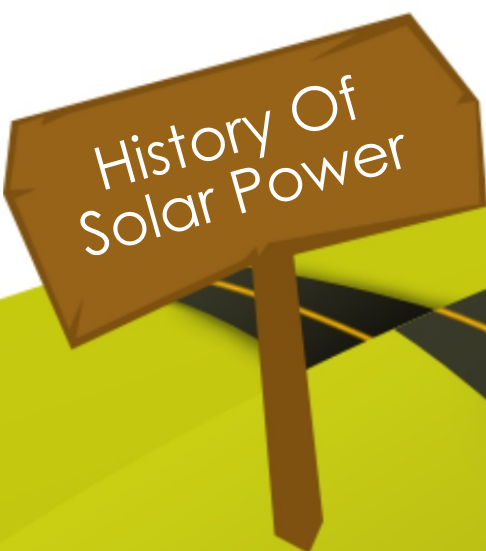




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# The Evolution of Solar Technology



1839

Alexandre Becquerel observes the photovoltaic effect in a conductive solution exposed to light.



1894

Melvin Severy receives patents US527377 and US527379 related to generating electricity via solar.



1888-1891

Aleksandr Stoletov creates the first solar cell.



1904

Albert Einstein publishes a paper on the photoelectric effect.



1959

Hoffman Electronics creates a 10% efficient solar cell, and introduces the use of a grid contact.



1967

Soyuz 1 is the first manned spacecraft powered by solar cells.



1973

Skylab is powered by solar cells.

1991

President George H.W. Bush directs the U.S. Department of Energy to establish the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.



1999

Total worldwide installed photovoltaic power reached 1000 megawatts.



2004

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed Solar Roofs Initiative for one million solar roofs by 2017.



2010

President Barack Obama orders installation of solar panels at the White House.

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