

Chapin solar battery





Overview

Did Chapin write a patent for a solar cell?

At the archives, he was able to study the lab reports that Chapin, Fuller and Pearson wrote while working on the silicon solar cell. The original patent (number 2,780,765) of the “solar energy converting apparatus,” shown above, is annotated based on a conversation with Perlin.

Why did Daryl Chapin want solar power?

The dry cell batteries used to power remote telephone equipment degraded quickly in humid regions, and in 1952 Bell asked engineer Daryl Chapin to study other possible power sources. Chapin thought solar cells might work, but wanted more efficiency than selenium could offer, so he asked Pearson, a personal friend, about alternatives.

Why did Chapin want a solar cell instead of selenium?

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Did Daryl Chapin & Calvin Fuller invent a solar cell?

Daryl Chapin, Calvin Fuller, and Gerald Pearson likely never imagined inventing a solar cell that would revolutionize the photovoltaics industry. There wasn't even a photovoltaics industry to revolutionize in 1952. The three scientists were simply trying to solve problems within the Bell telephone system.

What did Chapin & Fuller write about atomic batteries?

Chapin, Fuller, and Pearson submitted a letter to the Journal of Applied Physics. Around the same time, the front page of the 27 January 1954 New



York Times heralded an "atomic battery" produced by the RCA Corp. in which electrons emitted by radioactive strontium-90 generated electricity from a p-n junction in silicon.

What is a solar battery & how does it work?

They eventually linked together several individual cells to make a solar battery. They were able to convert 6% of sunlight into usable electricity, making this the first example of a practical solar battery.



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The Silicon Solar Cell Turns 50

An ideal silicon solar cell, Chapin figured, could convert 23% of sunlight into electricity. Developing a silicon solar cell with 6% conversion efficiency, though, would satisfy Chapin and ...

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Bell Labs The Solar Battery (Photovoltaics)

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Document Deep Dive: The Patent for the First Practical Solar Cell

Though solar cells had been made before with the element selenium (which could only convert tenths of one percentage point), Chapin, Fuller and Pearson's design is ...



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