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## Overview

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How do solar panels work?

Instead of absorbing light from the Sun and converting it into electricity, like a normal solar panel would, this type of technology works in reverse. At night, when there's no incoming heat for solar panels to capture, there's still outgoing heat we can make use of.

Can a 'anti-solar power' cell harvest energy at night?

Scientists are ironing out the kinks for an 'anti-solar power' cell, one that can harvest energy at nighttime, even when the sun isn't shining. Instead of absorbing light from the Sun and converting it into electricity, like a normal solar panel would, this type of technology works in reverse.

How does an anti-solar cell work?

An anti-solar cell works in reverse to a normal solar cell. Munday said that the process is similar to the way a normal solar cell works, but in reverse. Munday, who recently joined UC Davis from the University of Maryland, is developing prototypes of these nighttime solar cells that can generate small amounts of power.

Can escaping nighttime heat be turned into 'reverse solar'-style energy?

Scientists are developing a new way to turn escaping nighttime heat into "reverse solar"-style energy. This isn't the only team to work on capturing low-wavelength radiation as a way to increase energy efficiency. The secret is using thermal radiation cells instead of photovoltaic solar cells.



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### Optics & Photonics News

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