



# Digitalization in PV Power Plants - Enhancing O&M through Digital Twinning, Data and Process Integration

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## **Overview**



- What is IEA PVPS?
- Task activities & deliverables
- Programme outline of this session
- Task 13 Meet the Experts

#### What is IEA PVPS?



The IEA Photovoltaic Power Systems Programme (IEA PVPS) is one of the **Technological Collaboration Programmes (TCP)** established within the International Energy Agency (IEA). Since 1993, international participants have collaborated on a diverse range of joint projects, all aimed at **advancing the application of photovoltaic technology** for the conversion of solar energy into electricity.

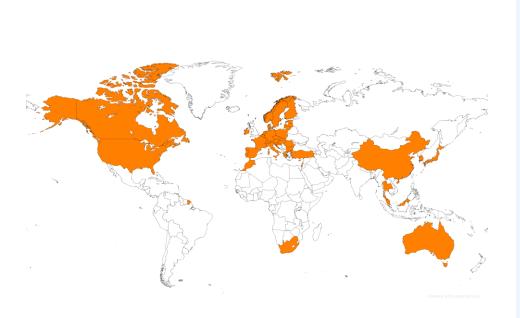


The IEA PVPS Executive Committee and PVPS Task Experts in 2023

9	Research Projects are currently operational
around 340	Individuals from all over the globe are participating in PVPS
over <b>175</b>	Scientific reports have been published since 1998

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## Task 13: Reliability of novel PV materials, components and modules

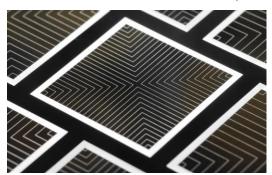


#### PV Cells and Modules

- Degradations modes of new backsheet materials
- Degradation modes in new cell and module technology
- Impact of testing strategies under specific load conditions
- Review of PV module repair strategies
- Re-qualification & standardization of 2<sup>nd</sup> life PV



- Application-specific performance and degradation
- Estimating lifetime of PV + storage systems
- Guidelines for O&M of PV + storage systems
- Cost estimations for O&M of PV + storage systems





## Task 13: Performance and Durability of PV Applications (ST2)



## PV Applications

- Floating PV performance (modelling vs. real data)
- Floating PV Degradation modes and PLR
- Agri PV: Performance of dual land use
- Bifacial PV tracking systems: Performance modelling
- Bifacial PV tracking for optimal performance and cost

## PV Integration

- Digital integration of PV systems from design to O&M
- Digital twinning of PV power plants
- Module Level Power Electronics (MLPE) in PV systems
- Performance comparison of MLPE vs. string inverter







## **Task 13: Techno-Economic Key Performance Indicators (ST3)**



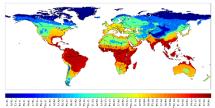
#### Overview and Assessment of

- Extreme weather events and impact on KPIs
- Diagnostics, repair and mitigation strategies
- Best performing technologies for climatic conditions
- Guidelines for module selection and system design

### Mapping of PV economic KPIs

- Decision matrix of KPIs along the value chain
- Develop best practice flowcharts for PV projects
- Analysis of large-scale impact on reliability KPIs
- Visualization of techno-economic KPIs and global mapping







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Introduction of IEA PVPS Task 13



Julián Ascencio Vásquez

Why digitalization is the right choice for your lifetime asset operation



**Jonathan Leloux** 

Mapping the Relevance of Digitalisation for Photovoltaics



Atse Louwen / Christian Schill

IEA PVPS Task 13 Activity 2.4: Digitalisation in the PV Sector



## **Björn Müller**

Use cases for a digital twin within an integrated PV and O&M company



Panel Discussion & Wrap-up of this Workshop



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Meet the Experts

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