



## Introduction to IEA PVPS Task 13

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- What is IEA PVPS?
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# 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.



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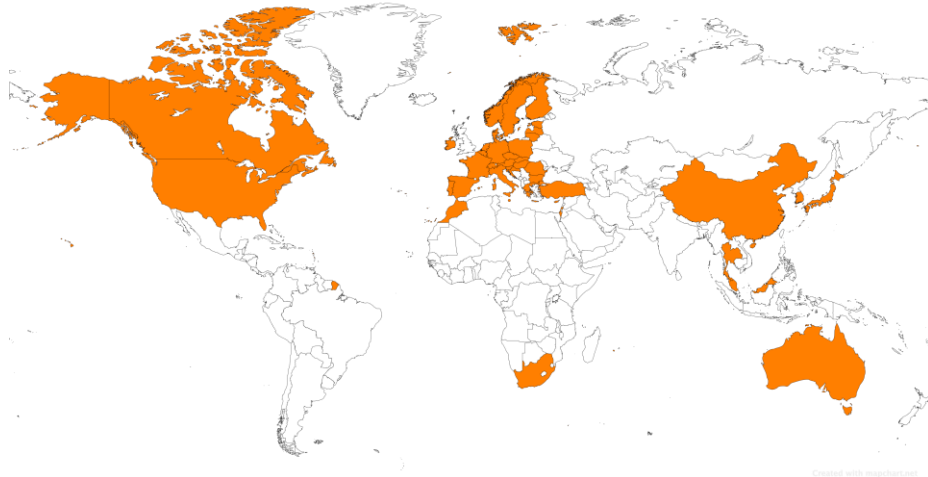
The IEA PVPS Executive Committee and PVPS Task Experts in 2023

**9** Research Projects are currently operational

around  
**340** Individuals from all over the globe are participating in PVPS

over  
**175** Scientific reports have been published since 1998

# Our members



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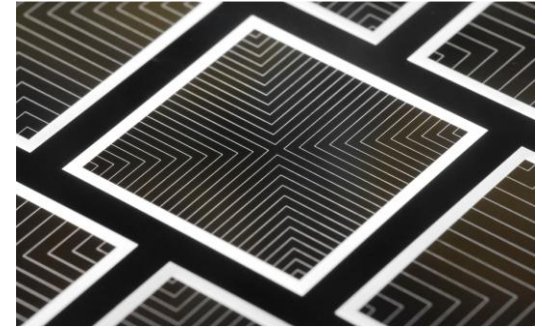
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## *PV Cells and Modules*

- 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



## *PV + Storage Systems*

- 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)



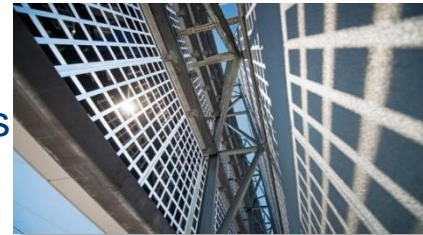
## *PV Applications*

- 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)

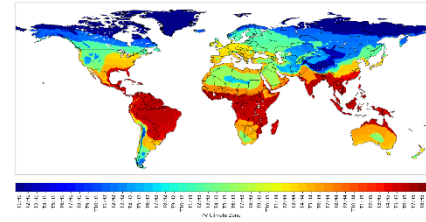


## *Overview and Assessment of*

- 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



# Extreme Weather Impacts on PV System Reliability



## PVPS Task 13 Workshop at PVSEC-35 in Numazu, Japan, 12 Nov 2024

### Ulrike Jahn

*Introduction of Task 13 Activities*

### Laurie Burnham

**Tropical Cyclone Impacts:** case studies from the US, where damage from hurricanes has ranged from catastrophic failure of both modules and hardware to accelerated performance degradation.

### Kota Sato

**Structural Damages:** natural disasters to be classified into categories such as earthquakes, strong winds, heavy snow, and torrential rain, and case studies of damage to PV systems in Japan provided.

### Leonardo Micheli

**Dust and Sand Storm Impacts:** discussing monitoring, forecasting and mitigation techniques that can limit the consequences of such phenomena and reduce the soiling-induced losses.

### Alexander Granlund

**Snow Snowstorms and Blizzards Impacts:** The behavior of snow can vary greatly, meaning that snow loads can occur despite preventative measures, and mitigation strategies should still be in place.

### Tadanori Tanahashi

*Final Discussion & Wrap-Up*



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This report provides insights on partial shading and power electronics for maximizing PV system performance.

# Thank You

