

IEA PVPS Task 13 Reliability and Performance of PV Systems

Task 13 (2022 – 2025)

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1. Topics of PVPS task 13



- PV King of electricity
IEA statement 2020 Oct
www.reuters.com

- Program <https://iea-pvps.org/>



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World Business Markets Breakingviews Video

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Solar the new 'king of electricity' as renewables make up bigger slice of supply: IEA

By Forrest Crellin

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PARIS (Reuters) - Solar output is expected to lead a surge in renewable power supply in the next decade, the International Energy Agency said, with renewables seen accounting for 80% of growth in global electricity generation under current conditions.



1. Topics of PVPS task 13



- Program <https://iea-pvps.org/>



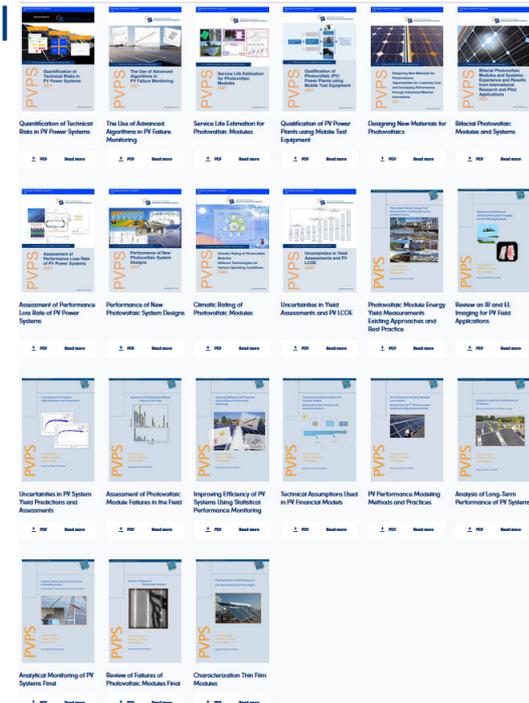
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Tasks

- 1 — Strategic PV Analysis & Outreach
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Task 13 – a successful document producer

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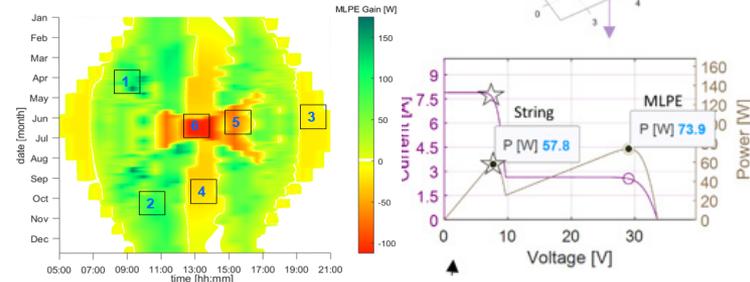
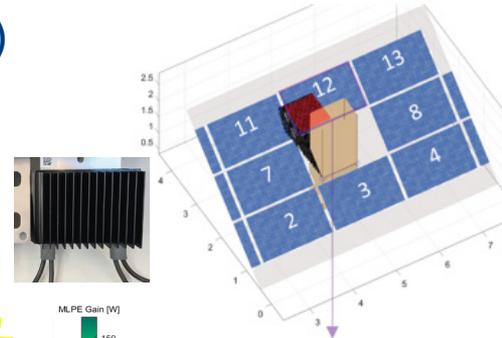


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1. Topics of PVPS task 13



- My main motivation is to develop and disseminate transparent classification of the **real annual performance** of Photovoltaic (PV) **Optimizers** on PV roofs
- Manufactures marketing increase in performance of **+30%**, our findings typical around +1-3% under **shading conditions** on the roof
- **Manufactures** are **highly valued companies** (see SEDG)
- International exchange about typical shading condition:
- Exchange with the leading experts on the method of combination of indoor lab tests and simulation
- Dissemination results, PV planer, customer via IEA but also to develop an IEC standard
- BFE funded project PVSHADE is the enabler



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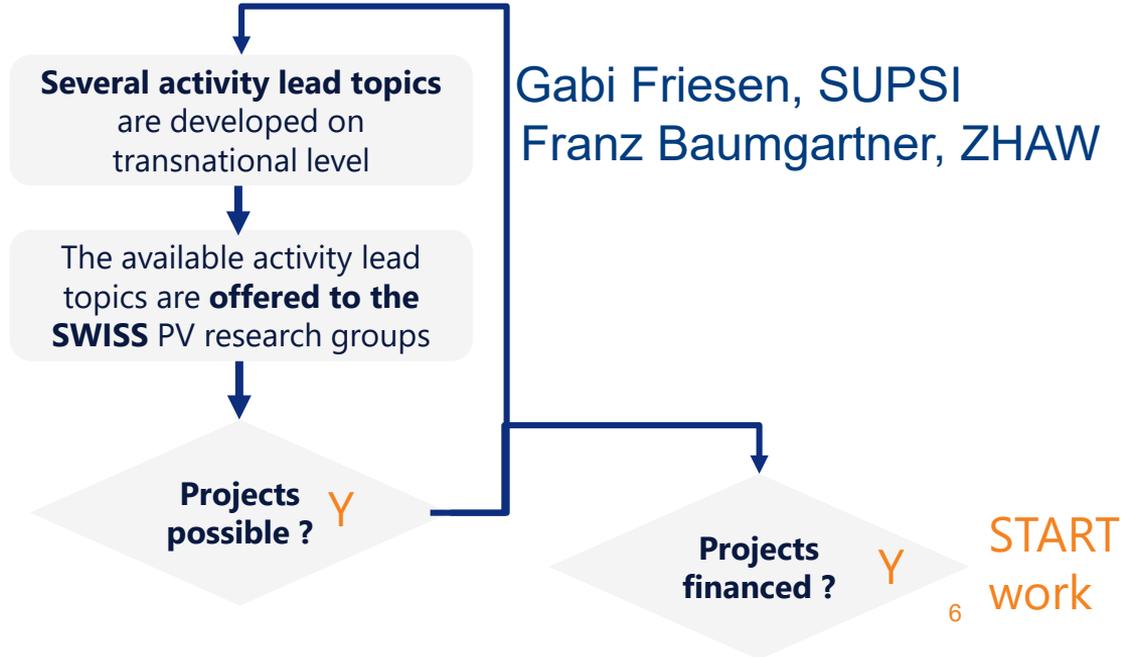


- Follow up of the last IEA period T13 project with nearly the same partners
- IEA PVPS T13 needs are found by online meetings with longtime international professional colleagues first

1) international exchange supervised by task manag.

2) national contributions are sought

3) Are R&D projects ready or expected to producing results to be evaluated



2. Find the joint SWISS team to contribute in Subtasks ST2.5



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Contributors: DNK (SDU), DEU (sunsniff, TÜV), NDL (Uni Utrecht), SWE (RISE),
CHE (BFH, SUPSI), USA (NREL, APEC)

Activity focus:

- Concepts of system performance comparison of Module Level Power Electronics MLPE
- Selection and simulation of typical shading PV systems
- Indoor laboratory measurement concepts and results of MLPE components and standard string inverter systems
- Comparison of PRO and CONS others than performance of MLPE in the field
- Discussion and dissemination of the results and the extrapolation to annual performance comparison of MLPE and standard string inverter

- **Workshop at EUPVSEC 2023:** *Concepts of system performance comparison of DC/DC MLPE, DC/AC MLPE and string inverter" (M03)*
- **Report:** *Annual PV performance comparison of MLPE versus string inverter for typical shading conditions of roof top systems on typical single-family houses (M30)*

3. Why to distinguish - activity leads and contributors ?



- The manpower resources a completely different
- **Swiss contributions to IEA PVPS workplan**

Contributions can add or change due to the acceptance of new projects or definition of the detailed technical reports. Changes should be communicated in time!

		SUPSI	ZHAW	BFH	SPF	CSEM
Subtask Leader	Subtask / Activity					
ISFH	Subtask 1: Reliability of novel PV materials, components and modules					
ISFH/PV Guider	1.1 Degradation modes in new PV cell and module technology	major		minor		major
PCCL/CEA-INES	1.2 Repair and 2nd life of PV modules					
ISE/ISFH	1.3 Impact of load factors; the future of accelerated testing	minor			minor	minor
IFE/CASE	1.4 Reliability of PV+Storage		minor	minor	major	
ISE	Subtask 2: Performance and Durability of PV Applications					
IFE/UU	2.1 Floating PV					
ISE/CEA-INES	2.2 Agrivoltaics		minor	minor	minor	minor
SANDIA/RSE	2.3 Bifacial Tracking Systems		major			
ISE/EURAC	2.4 Digital Integration and Digital Twinning	minor	major	?		
ZHAW/AIT	2.5 Module Power Electronics Efficiency and Shading	minor	AL	minor		
EURAC	Subtask 3: Techno-Economic Key Performance Indicators					
SANDIA/AIST	3.1 Extreme weather and impact on PV performance KPIs		minor	minor		
SUPSI/PCCL	3.2 Guideline for the optimisation of KPIs for specific climatic or environmental conditions	AL		minor		
VDE/EURAC	3.3 Impact of decisions in PV projects economic KPIs					
EURAC/3E	3.3 Mapping economic and reliability KPIs	major				

Estimation of effort:

- Activity lead 300 hrs/ST
- Major contribution 50 hrs/ST
- Minor contribution 20 hrs/ST

Task experts are listed on the PVPS website under contacts

4. Motivation of contributors



- Science is always exchanging your findings with international experts of excellence experience in the applied research of Photovoltaics
- Higher success rate in national fundings applications if the topic fits into the international collaboration or topics of for example IEA
- This compensates for insufficient funding for smaller contributions

5. Benefit in structure the Swiss T13 contributions



- National funding decisions are balanced by the input of international experts of IEA in the field of PV
- Swiss contributors exchange their findings and results with international collaborators and not only with national PV experts or by delivering a national public research report with not so much feedback at all.

6. Outlook



- The following Swiss PVPS T13 collaborators are looking forward to learn within the large PV team of over 100 international experts and dismiss the results within Switzerland

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Thank You for Your Attention!

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