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Innovations in Photovoltaics: 2023 UK PV Roadmap

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2020 Materials for Photovoltaic Systems Roadmap

Roadmap with Henry Royce Institute



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Roadmap on Photovoltaic Absorber Materials for Sustainable Energy

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2023 Update



Significant Potential of Solar Energy





The Net-Zero Challenge

- IRENA: Staying within 2 °C of pre-industrial levels requires PV deployment to increase from 0.9 TW (2021) to 2.8 TW in 2030 and 8.5 TW in 2050
- IRENA: €6 trillion investment needed between now and 2050. Bring €150 trillion in benefits (health, subsidy and climate-related savings)
- Other models: up to 70 TW of PV worldwide by 2050
- UK PV deployment needs to increase from 14 GW (2021) to 70 GW by 2035 *

* UK Climate Change Committee, Progress in reducing emissions (2023)



Rapid Decrease in Cost of Solar Energy



Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy, Photovoltaics Report (2023)



Photovoltaics Market



Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy, Photovoltaics Report (2023)



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Outline

- Part 1: Key PV Technologies
- Part 2: Emerging Opportunities



Part 1 Key PV Technologies



Key PV Technologies

- Silicon
- CdTe
- Lead-Halide Perovskite
- Organic Photovoltaics
- Dye-sensitized solar cells
- Emerging inorganic solar absorbers



Silicon: Material and Status of Technology



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Silicon: Pressing Challenges and Potential Solutions





Rate of Learning of PV Technologies



Sol. Energy Mater. Sol. Cells, 2023, 251, 112097



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Lead-Halide Perovskites



Nat. Energy, **2017**, 2, 17009



Status of Technology

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Lead-Halide Perovskites: From Lab to Fab





Part 2 Emerging Opportunities



Motivation to Overcome Efficiency Limit of Silicon PV

Solar PV System Costs 2017



https://sunmetrix.com/cost-of-solar-panels/

Itemized list

Item	Cost per watt	Legend
Profit	\$0.34	
Overhead	\$0.31	
Customer acquisition (Sales & Marketing)	\$0.34	
Permitting, Inspection, Interconnection	\$0.10	
Installation labor	\$0.30	
Sales tax on equipment	\$0.09	
Supply chain cost	\$0.42	
Electrical BOS	\$0.24	
Structural BOS	\$0.11	
Inverter	\$0.19	
Module	\$0.35	
Total	\$2.80	

Data Source: National Renewable Energy Laboratory, U.S. Solar Photovoltaic System Cost Benchmark: Q1 2017 Benchmark



Perovskite-Based Tandem Photovoltaics



Science, 2016, 352, 307



Indoor Photovoltaics





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Space Photovoltaics





Agrivoltaics



Challenges:

- Nascency in agrivoltaic systems
- Costs and incentives
- Regulatory factors

Requirements:

- Policy greater incentives
- Sharing of best practice



Agrivoltaics – Organic PV



More work needed to understand the best combination of PV technology and plants

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Other topics

- CdTe solar cells
- Organic photovoltaics
- Dye-sensitized solar cells
- Characterisation methods and standards
- Computational Materials Discovery
- PV and solar fuels
- Sustainability of PV as a system





- Increased investment in PV research and manufacturing essential
- UK needs to engage with challenge for TW-scale PV deployment. Important for **net-zero**, **energy security**, and take part in **multi-billion pound** supply chain
- More targeted collaboration and data sharing needed
 between academia and industry
- More efforts needed to close lifecycle in PV technology and consider end-of-life strategies for new PV technologies



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