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GLOBAL OPTIMIZATION OF  
INTEGRATED **PHOTOVOLTAIC** SYSTEM  
FOR LOW ELECTRICITY COST

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# How conditions impact the characterization of PV modules

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### Agenda

1. Quick overview of CEA-INES
2. PV modules characterization
3. Outdoor conditions
4. Conclusions





# Technological Research

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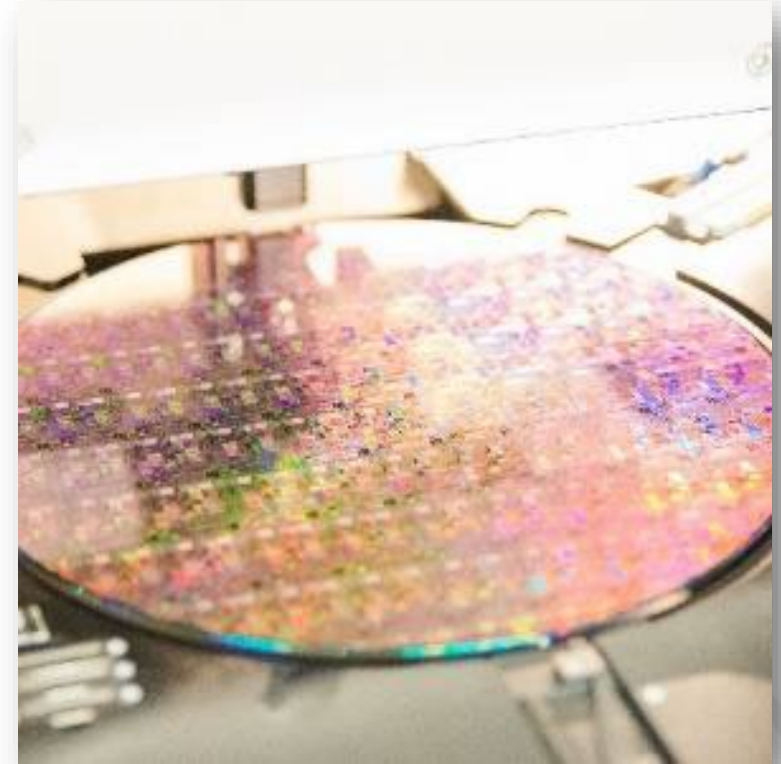
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French energetic independence



## Fundamental Science

Material and Life Science



**16,000 employees / 4 B€**  
**▶ 750 patents/year**



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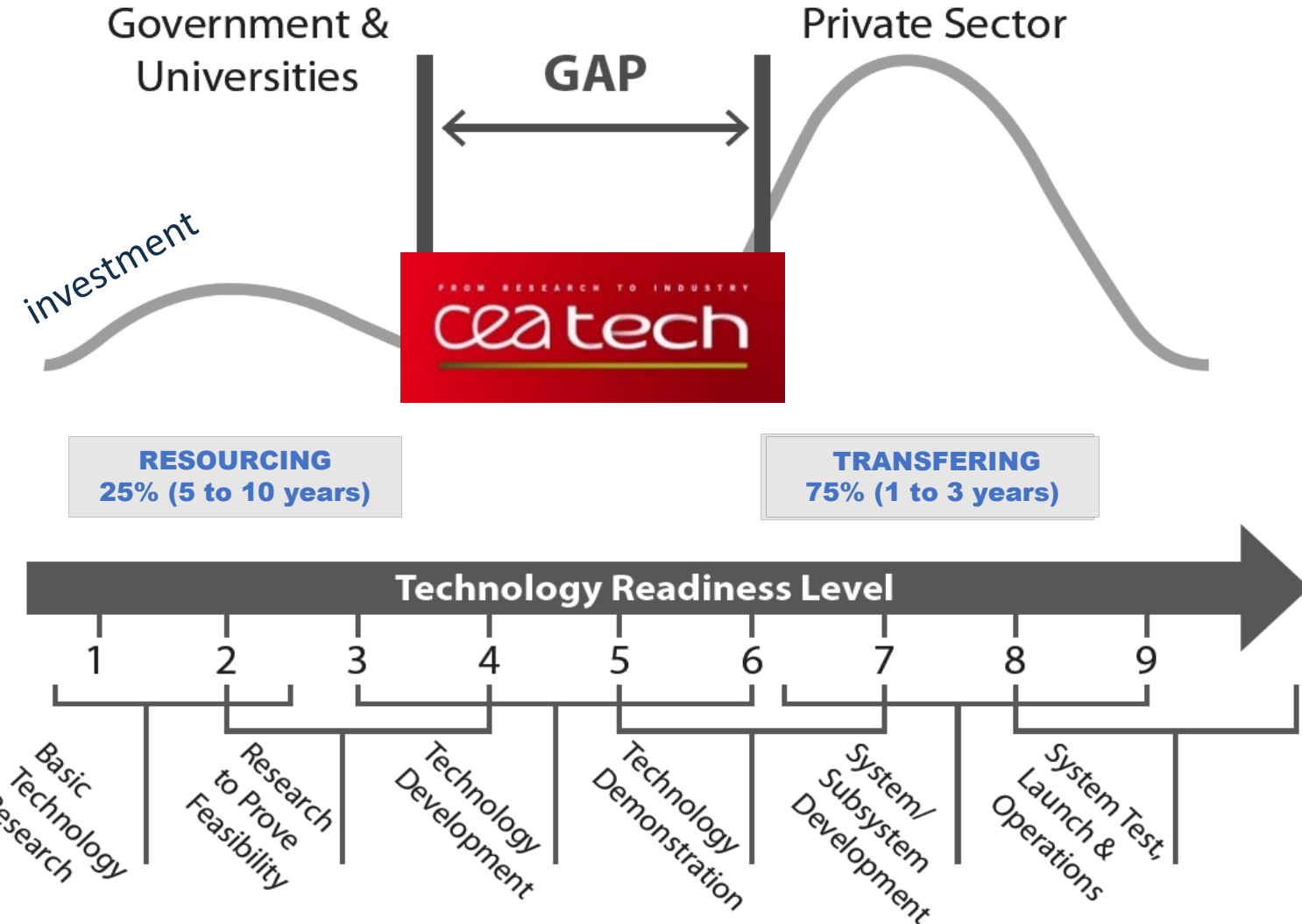
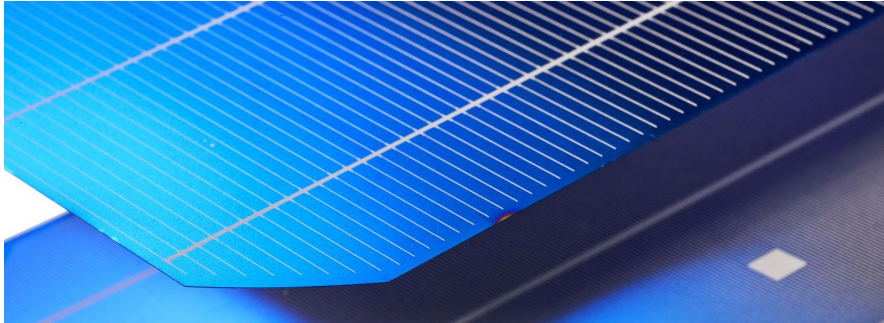
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# • From research to industry





# • CEA-INES Fact & Figures



Diamond wire **Wafering**

High efficiency **Cells**

Innovative **Modules**

Energy efficiency for building **BIPV**

Silicon **Cristallization**

Solar **Mobility**

Smart electrical **Systems & grids**

**Storage** selection & management

**Organic & Tandem** (perovskite) PV

**400 people**  
**45 M€ budget**  
**70 patents/Year**

Production yield evaluation for PV power plant



# • INES platforms overviews



G5-G6 DSS



DW Wafering



Characterization



Cell pilot line for high efficiency solar cells



15 MW Module Line



Reliability and bankability test platform



Smart Grid



Charging station



Storage – Testing stations



Electrical cars



Nano-characterization



Batteries



Building platform



e-Platform



- **PV modules characterization**

**Objectives :**

- What is obtained.
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- Identify important parameters to make a good indoor measurement.
- What are the limits of the label.
- How to relate the label to outdoor conditions.





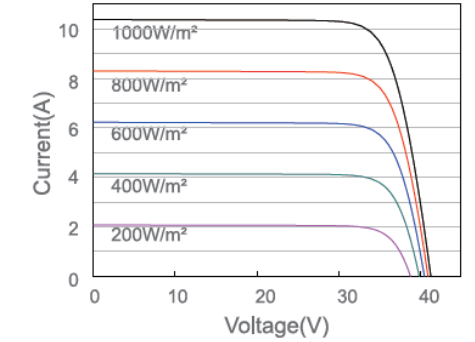


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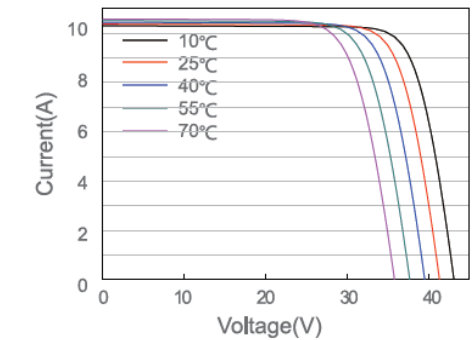
## ELECTRICAL PARAMETERS AT STC

TYPE	JAM60S10 -330/MR	JAM60S10 -335/MR	JAM60S10 -340/MR	JAM60S10 -345/MR	JAM60S10 -350/MR
Rated Maximum Power(Pmax) [W]	330	335	340	345	350
Open Circuit Voltage(Voc) [V]	41.08	41.32	41.55	41.76	42.02
Maximum Power Voltage(Vmp) [V]	34.24	34.48	34.73	34.99	35.25
Short Circuit Current(Isc) [A]	10.30	10.38	10.46	10.54	10.62
Maximum Power Current(Imp) [A]	9.64	9.72	9.79	9.86	9.93
Module Efficiency [%]	19.6	19.9	20.2	20.5	20.8
Power Tolerance	0~+5W				
Temperature Coefficient of Isc( $\alpha_{Isc}$ )	+0.044%/°C				
Temperature Coefficient of Voc( $\beta_{Voc}$ )	-0.272%/°C				
Temperature Coefficient of Pmax( $\gamma_{Pmp}$ )	-0.350%/°C				
STC	Irradiance 1000W/m <sup>2</sup> , cell temperature 25°C, AM1.5G				

Current-Voltage Curve JAM60S10-335/MR



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How is it obtained ?



# • Measurand and results

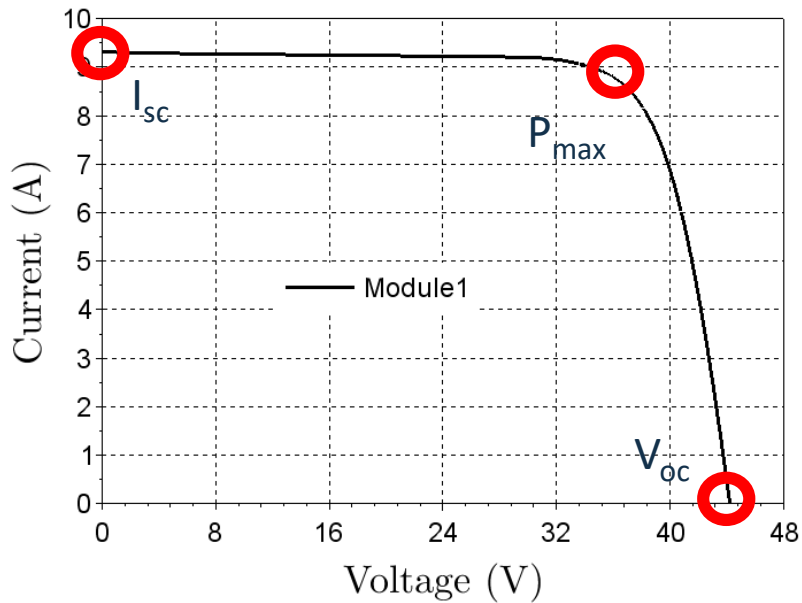
IV curve

Spectrum

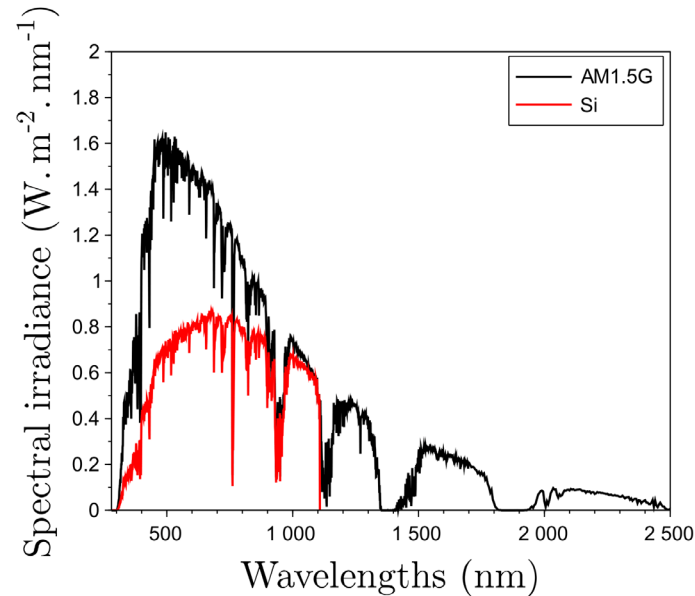
Spatial  
distribution

Temperature

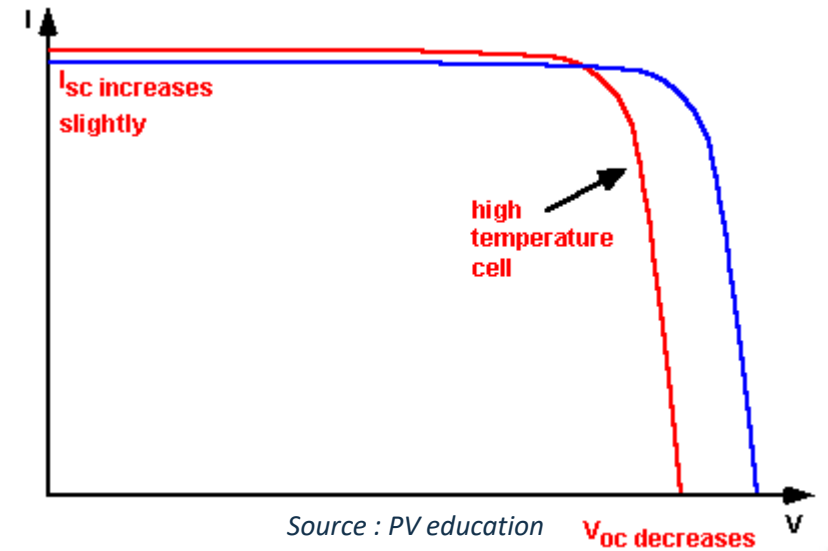
Measurand = produced current by a PV module as a function of the load resistance connected under an homogenous  $1000 \text{ W/m}^2$  irradiance on the whole surface with a spectral distribution defined according to the AM1.5G spectrum at a  $25^\circ\text{C}$  module temperature



Result of a measurement = IV curve



Standard test conditions (STC) =  $1000\text{W/m}^2$ ,  $25^\circ\text{C}$  and AM1.5G

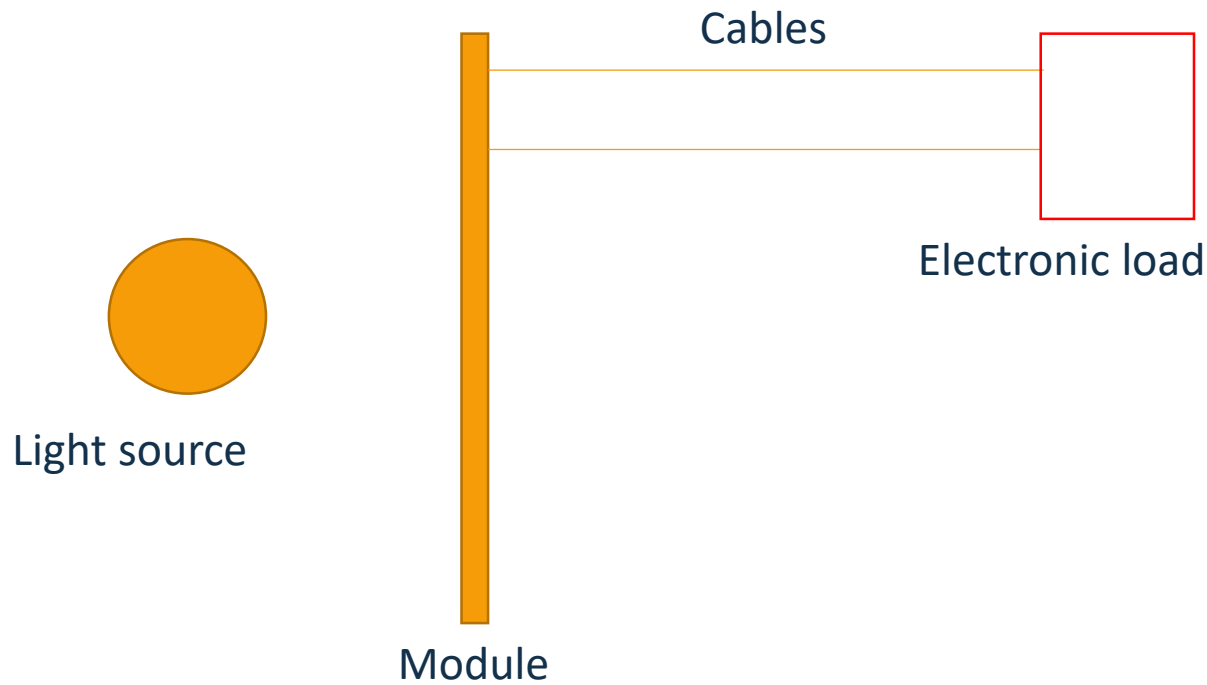


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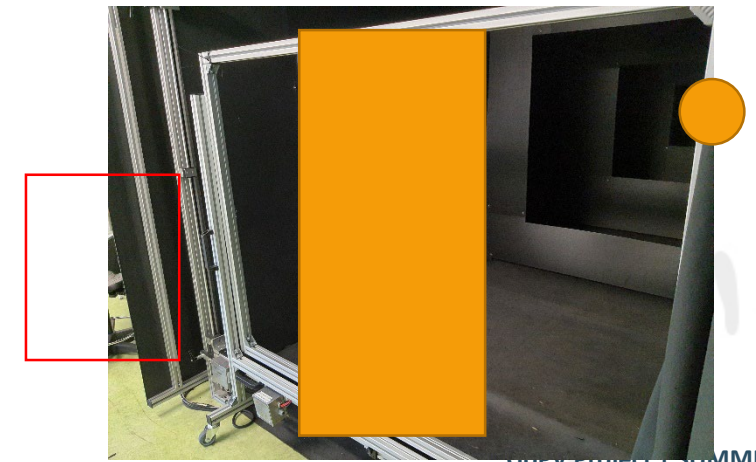
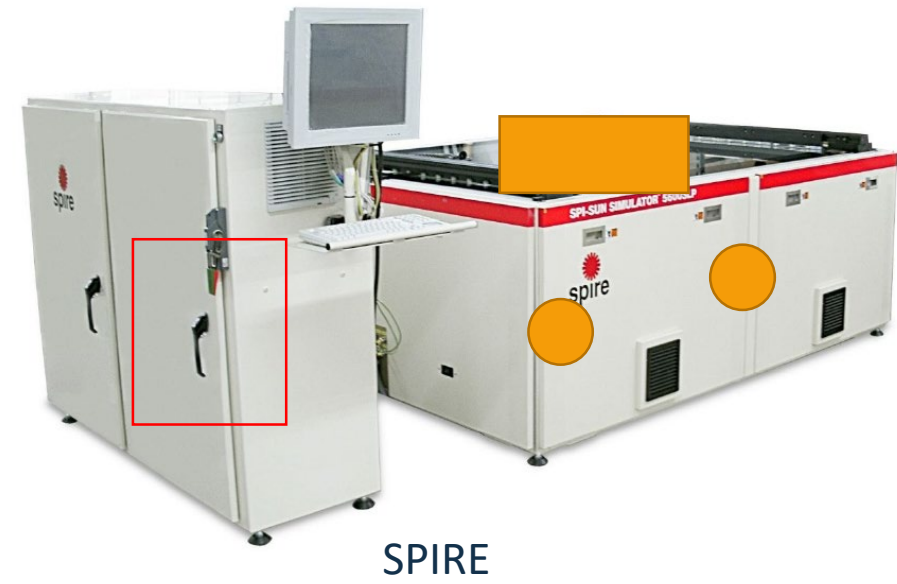


# • Sun simulator

What do we need to obtain the IV curve of a PV module?



Examples of two sun simulators





# • Calibration

How to be sure that the irradiance is  $1000\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ ?

- Buy a golden module.
- Put the golden module on the simulator.
- Set the power supply of the lamps to obtain the  $I_{sc}$  given by the certificat of the golden module.
- Measure at the same time the current of silver cells on the simulator.
- Obtain an irradiance assessment for each flash thanks to the silver cells.

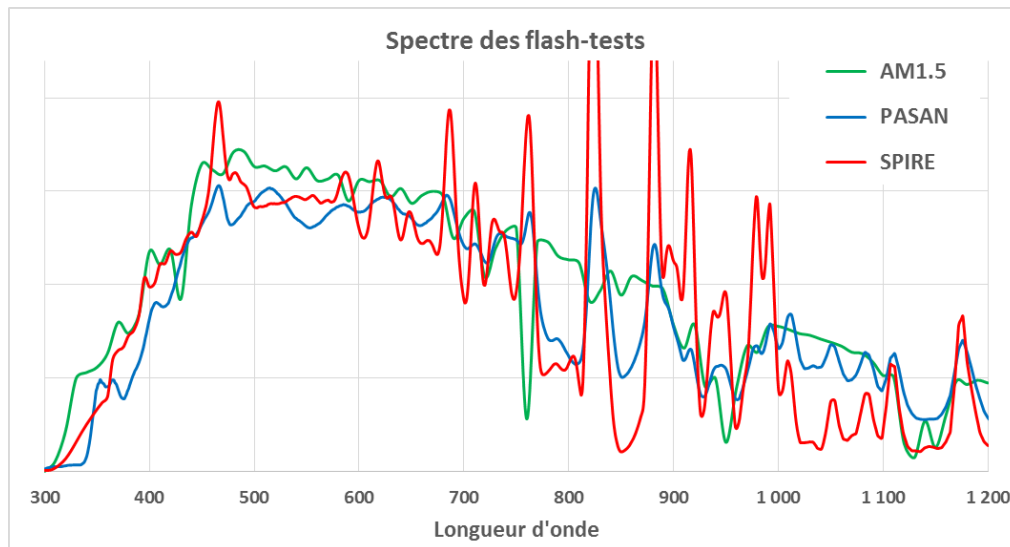
Calibration and follow up of the equipment are essential for its good use.



# • Simulators classes

IEC 60904-9 : demands for the use of sun simulators  
(last update november 2020)

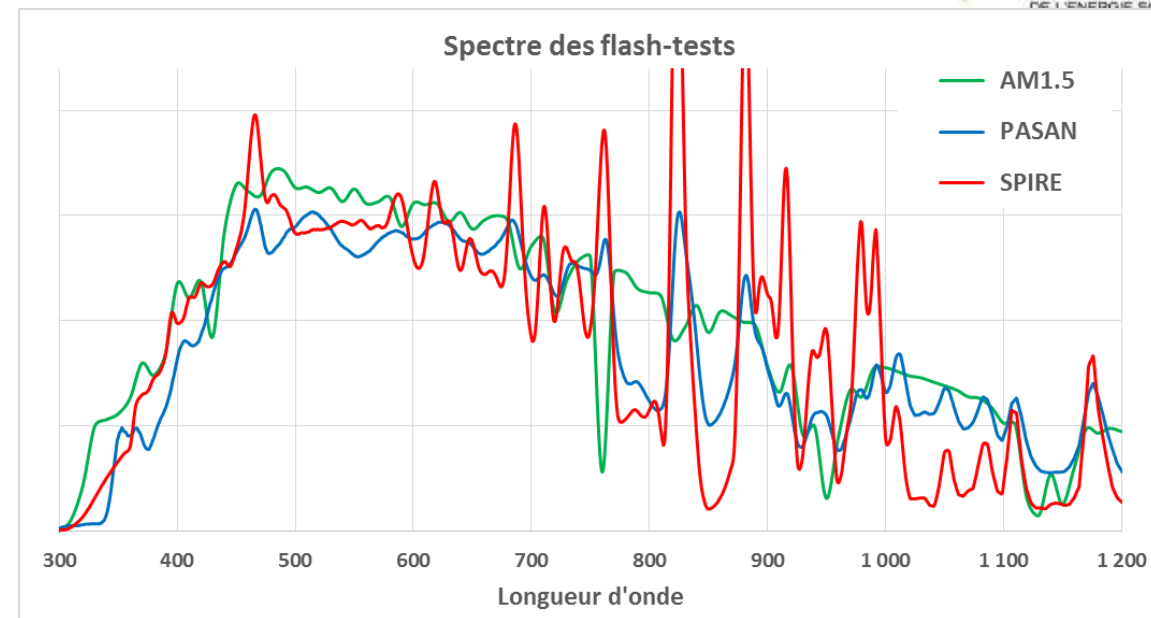
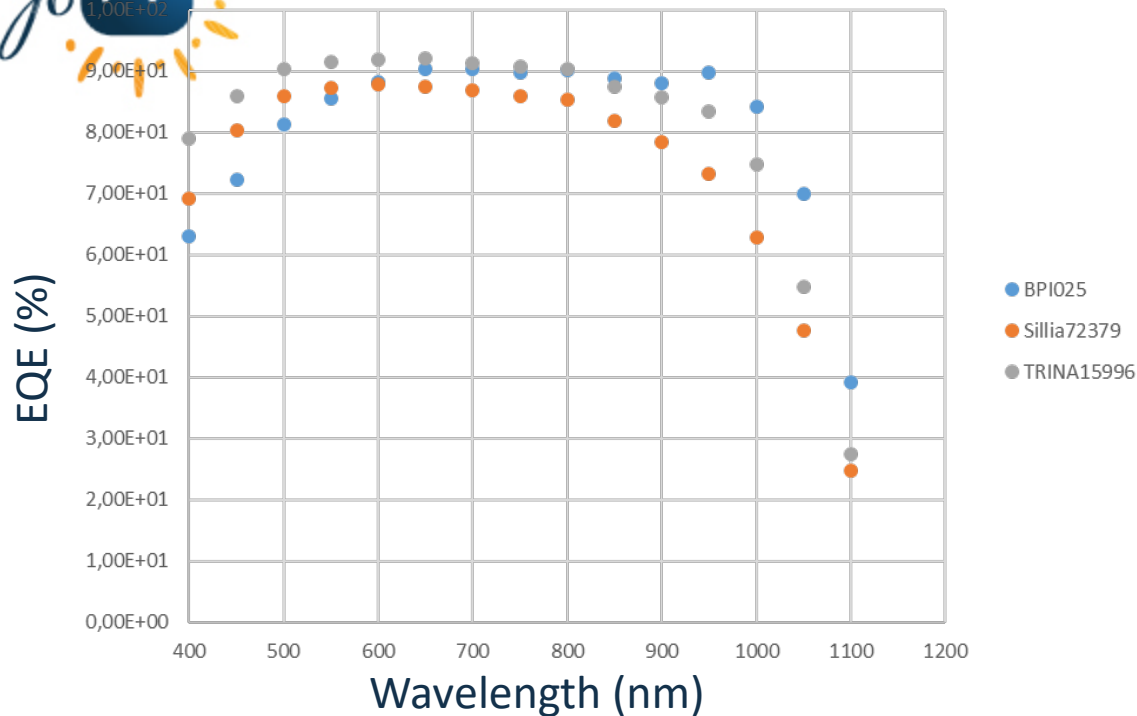
## Spectral distribution



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B	0,6 to 1,4	5	2	5
C	0,4 to 2,0	10	10	10

	Wavelength range nm	Percentage of total irradiance in the wavelength range 300 nm to 1 200 nm %	Cumulative integrated irradiance %
1	300 to 470	16,61	16,61
2	470 to 561	16,74	33,35
3	561 to 657	16,67	50,02
4	657 to 772	16,63	66,65
5	772 to 919	16,66	83,31
6	919 to 1 200	16,69	100,00

# Why spectral distribution is important?



## Spectral Mismatch (SMM)

$$SMM_{ij} = \frac{\int E_{ref}(\lambda) \cdot S_i(\lambda) \cdot d\lambda}{\int E_{sim}(\lambda) \cdot S_i(\lambda) \cdot d\lambda} \cdot \frac{\int E_{sim}(\lambda) \cdot S_j(\lambda) \cdot d\lambda}{\int E_{ref}(\lambda) \cdot S_j(\lambda) \cdot d\lambda} \quad (i < j)$$

- █  $I_{sc}$  of the golden module under the AM1.5G spectrum
- █  $I_{sc}$  of the golden module under the simulator spectrum
- █  $I_{sc}$  of the device under test under the simulator spectrum
- █  $I_{sc}$  of the device under test under the AM1.5G spectrum

- $E_{ref}(\lambda)$  is the irradiance per unit bandwidth at a particular wavelength  $\lambda$ , of the reference spectral irradiance distribution as given in IEC 60904-3;
- $E_{sim}(\lambda)$  is the irradiance per unit bandwidth at a particular wavelength  $\lambda$ , of spectral irradiance distribution of the solar simulator at the time of measurement;
- $S_i(\lambda)$  is the spectral responsivity of the device number  $i$ , where  $i$  is from 1 to  $n-1$ ;
- $S_j(\lambda)$  is the spectral responsivity of the device number  $j$ , where  $j$  is from 2 to  $n$  and  $j > i$ .

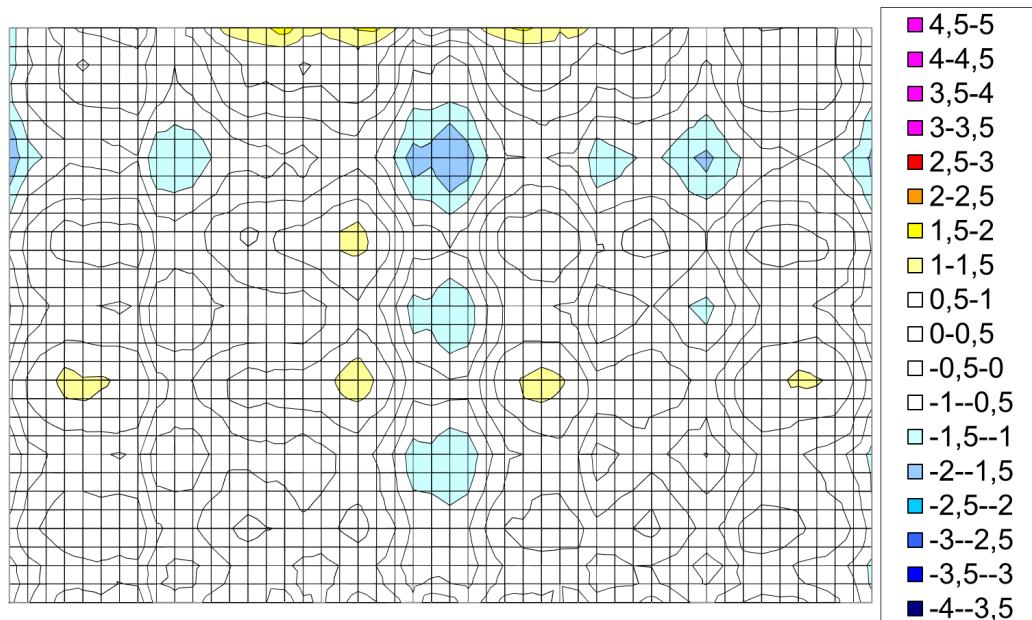
EQE ≠  
Spectra ≠ ➔  $I_{sc} \neq$



# • Simulators classes

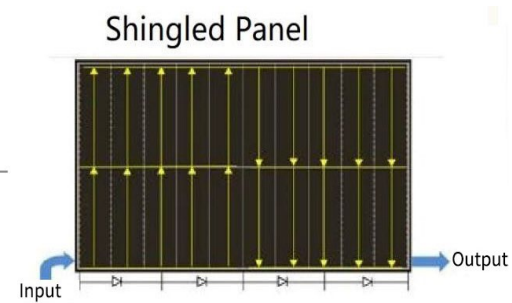
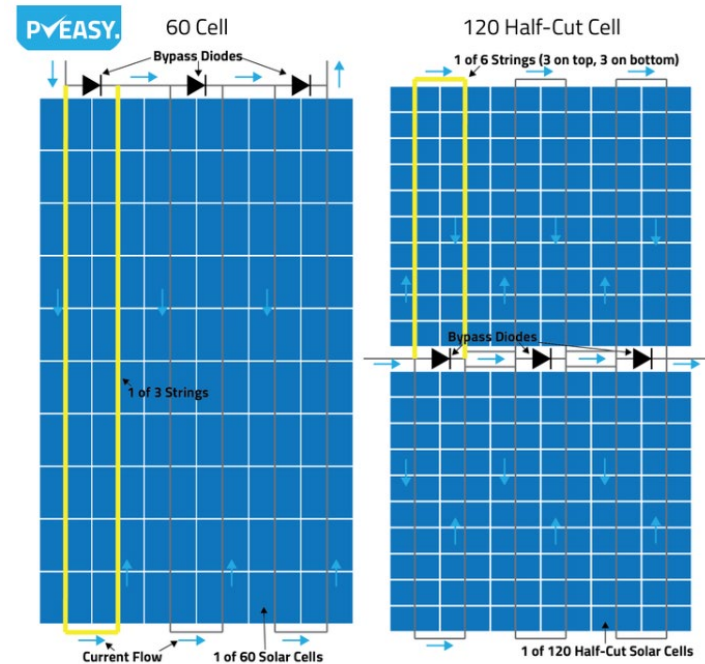
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## Spatial homogeneity



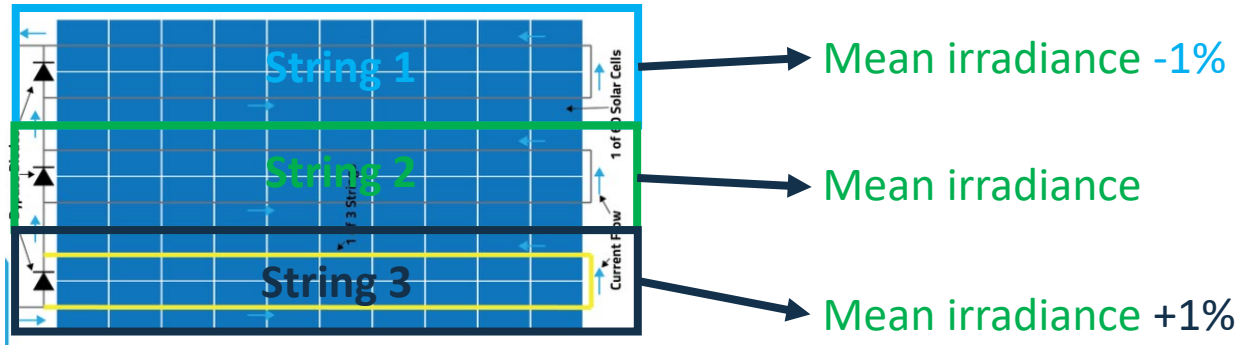
Always locate the modules at the same spot with the same rotation  
Even more important with half cells and shingle

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# Why spatial homogeneity is important?



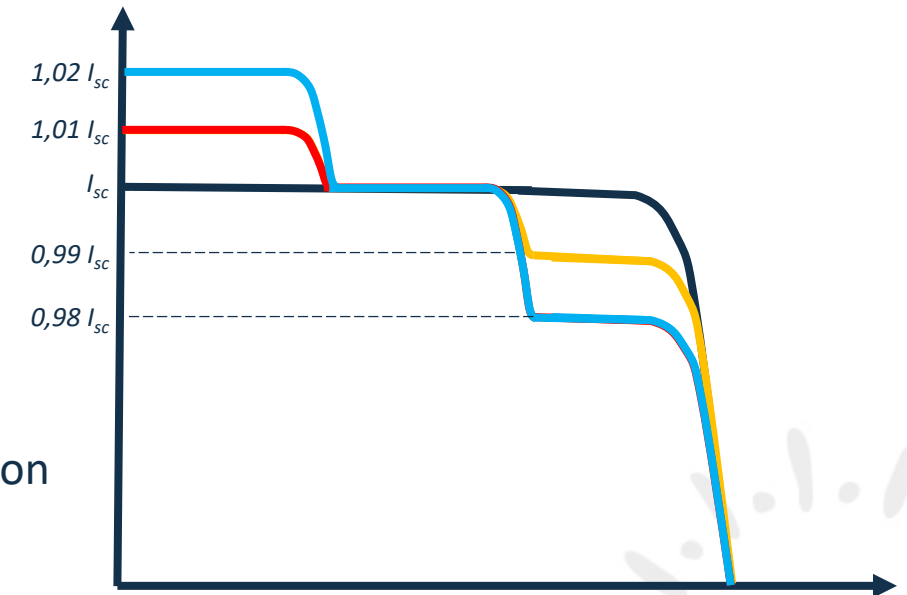
$I_{sc}$	Case 0
1	0,99
2	1
3	1,01

Case 0 = All the cells are completely the same

Case 1 = One string underperforming

Case 2 = One string underperforming + one string overperforming

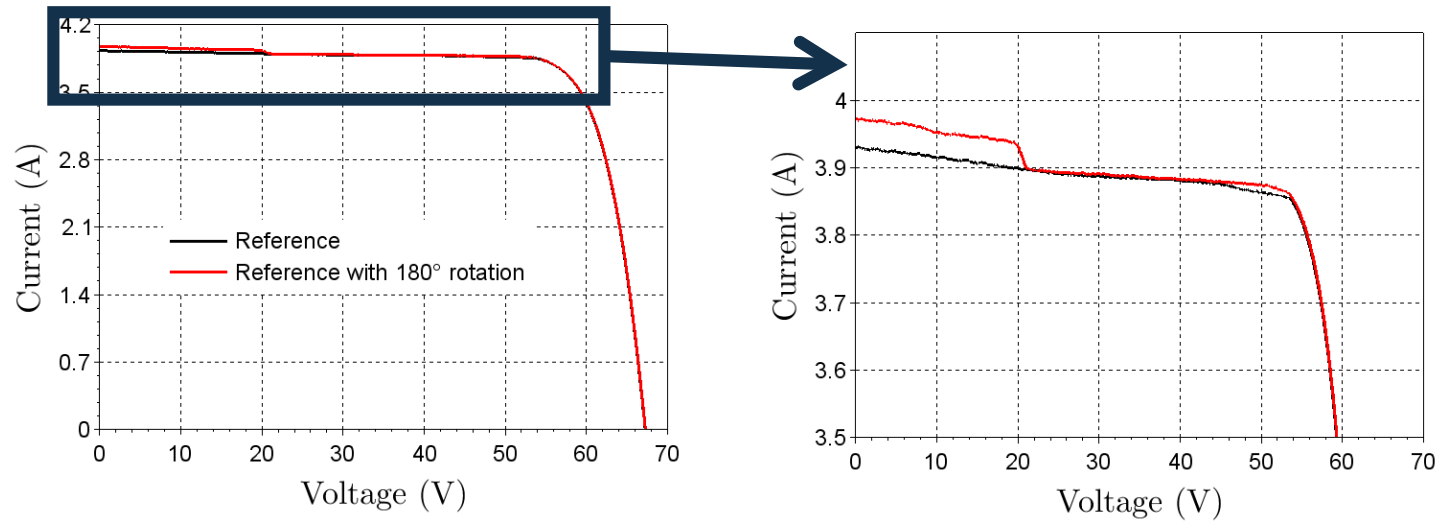
Case 3 = One string underperforming + one string overperforming + 180° rotation







# Rotation



Case	$I_{sc}$ (A)	$V_{oc}$ (V)	FF (%)	$P_{max}$ (W)
2	3,930	67,27	80,35	212,39
3	3,971	67,28	79,60	212,68

**Rotation of the modules can impact the measurement**

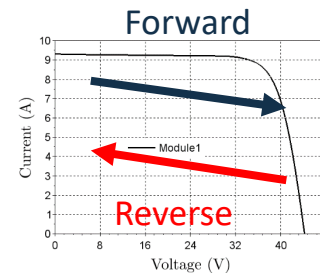
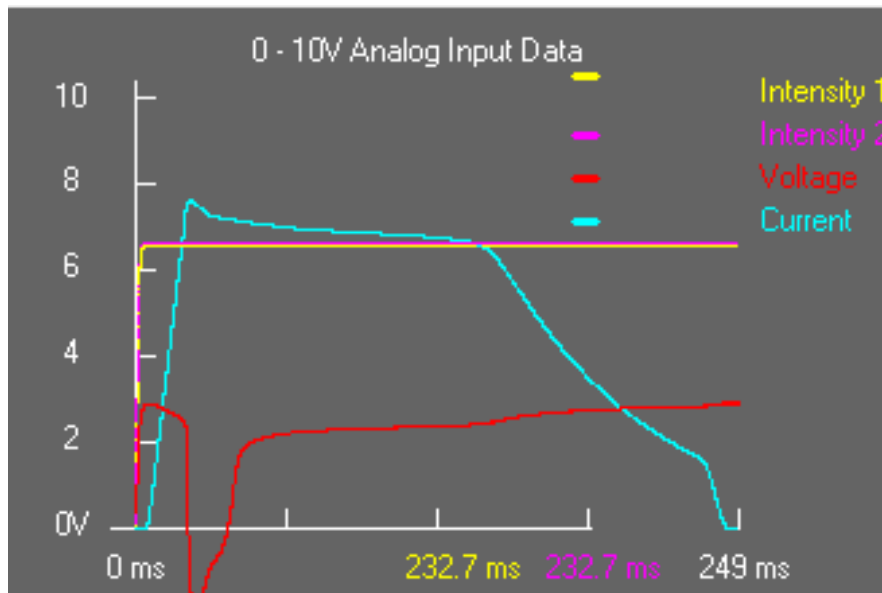


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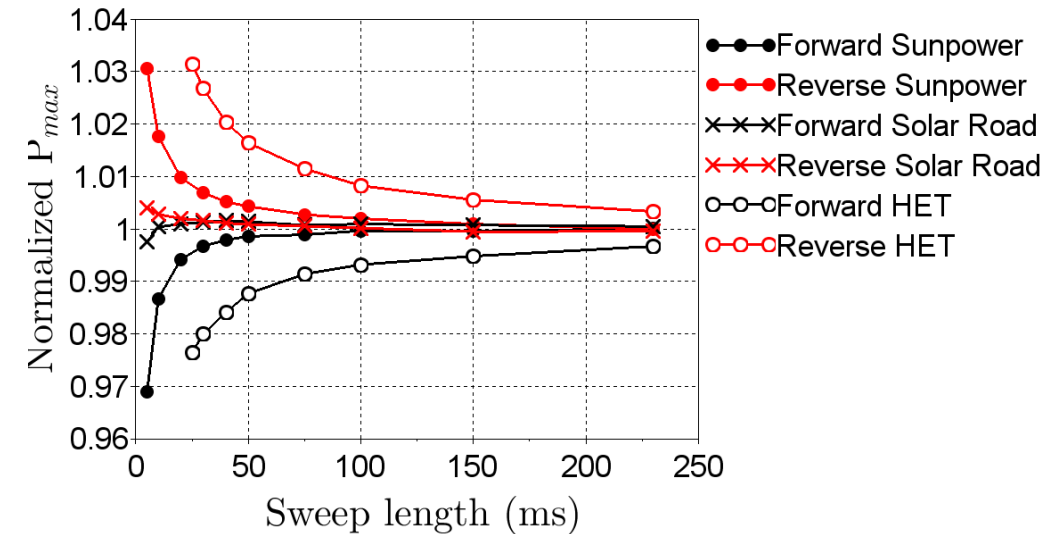
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## Temporal stability



## Capacitive effects



High performances modules can be capacitive.  
It is important to minimize the capacitives effects.



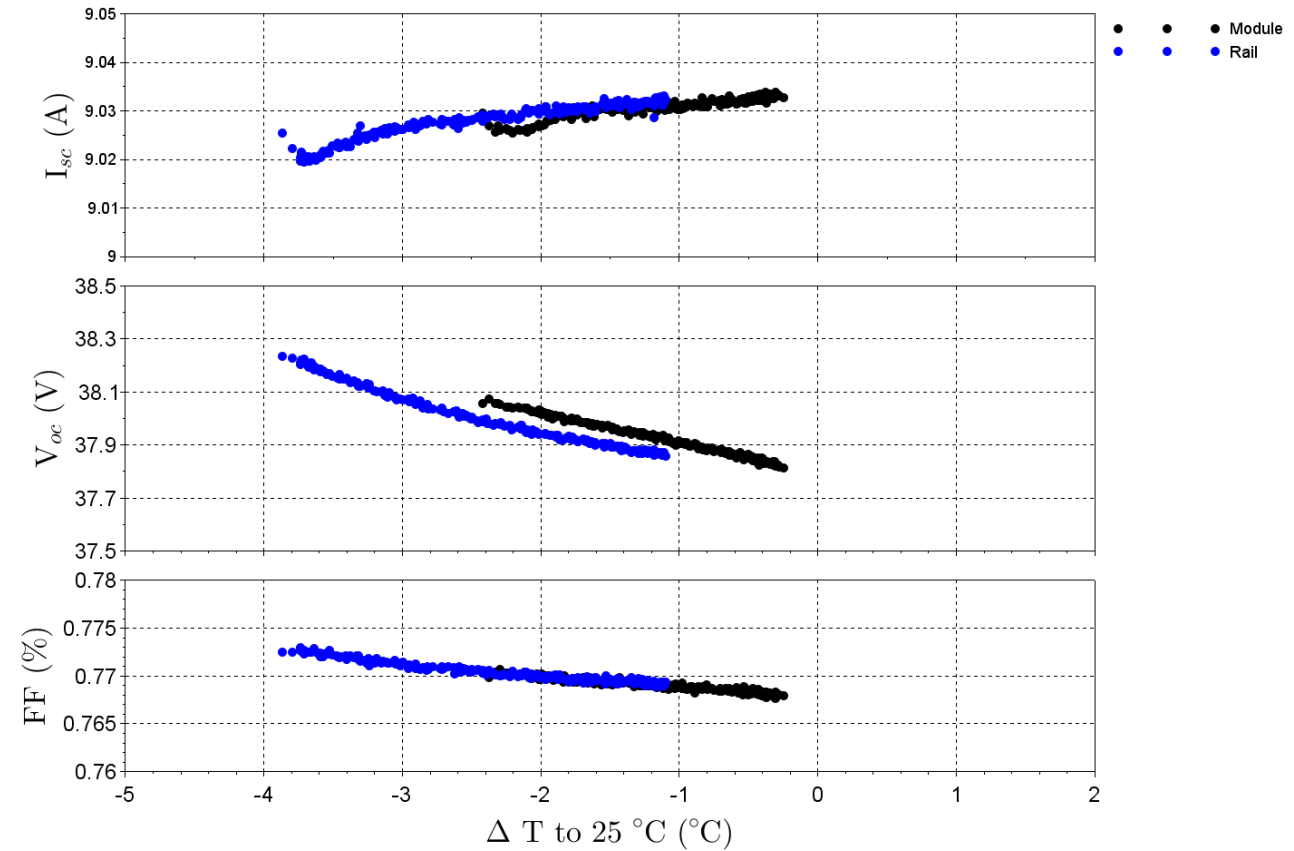
# • Repeatability and reproducibility

	Nb mesures	$I_{sc}$ (A)	$V_{oc}$ (V)	FF (%)	$P_{max}$ (W)	
Ref1	5	8,919±0,002	37,780±0,006	78,07±0,04	263,06±0,16	±0,06%
Ref2	5	5,887±0,001	14,282±0,003	72,28±0,06	60,77±0,05	±0,08%
Ref3	10	8,647±0,002	43,924±0,013	75,43±0,02	286,46±0,11	±0,04%

	SPIRE			PASAN			PASAN > SPIRE
	$P_{max}$ forward (W)	$P_{max}$ reverse (W)	$\Delta$ forward reverse (%)	$P_{max}$ forward (W)	$P_{max}$ reverse (W)	$\Delta$ forward reverse (%)	$\Delta$ forward (%)
Ref1	262,8	262,9	<0,1	262,4	263,7	+0,5	-0,2
Ref2	317,9	318,2	+0,1	321,7	324,8	+1,0	+1,2
Ref3	289,4	292,2	+1,0	291,2	302,2	+3,8	+0,6
Ref4	87,5	87,5	<0,1	89,0	90,0	+1,1	+1,7



# Temperature



	Temperature increase
$V_{oc}$	↓
$I_{sc}$	↑
FF	↓
$P_{max}$	↓

Do the measurement as close as possible to 25°C and make sure the device under test is really at this temperature.



# How temperature impact $V_{oc}$

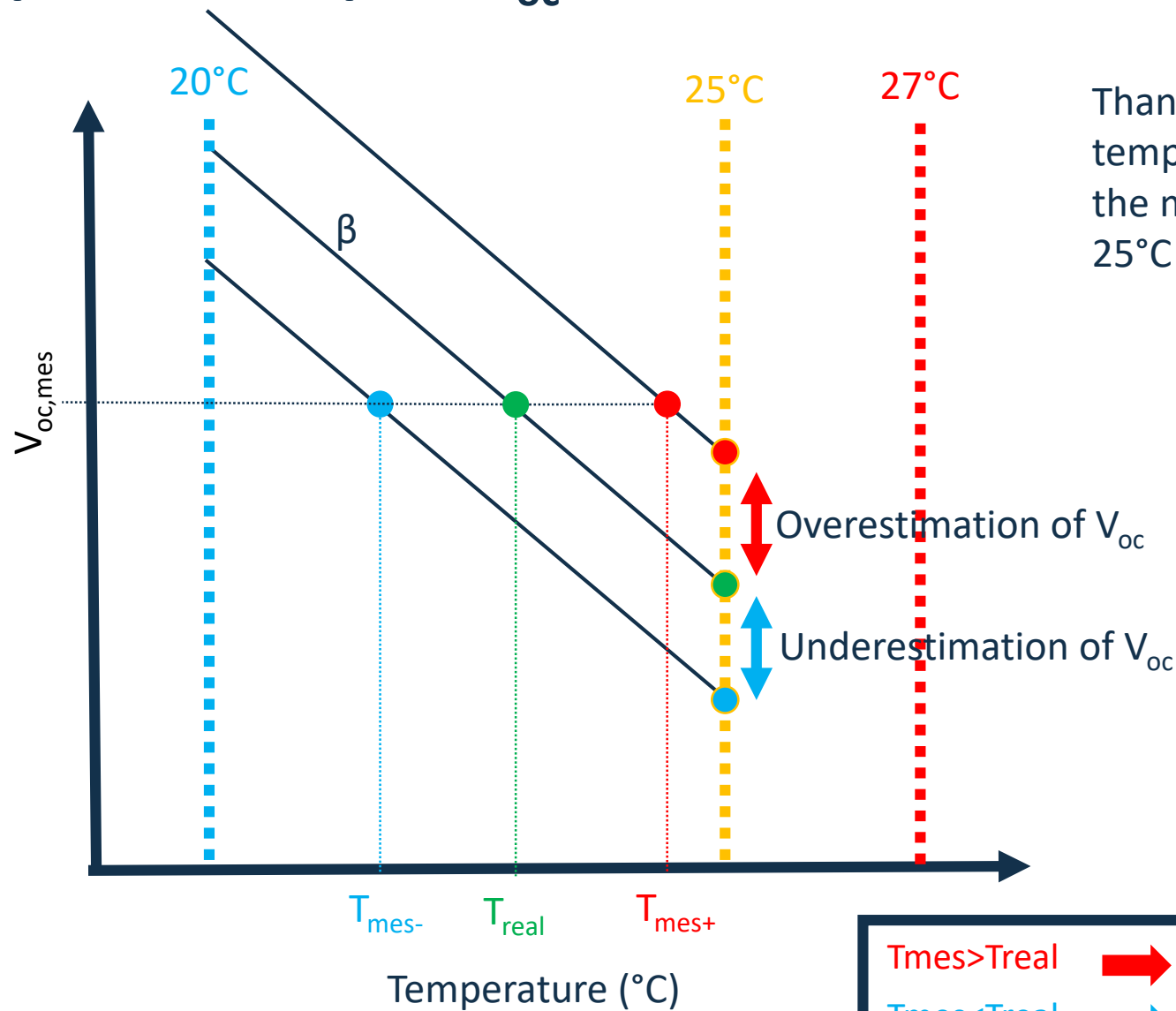
Standard test conditions = 25°C

Indoor environment in between 20 et 27°C depending on the seasons.

Intra-day variations occur.

What is measured :

- A  $V_{oc}$  at the real module temperature,  $T_{real}$
- A temperature which is not necessarily  $T_{real}$

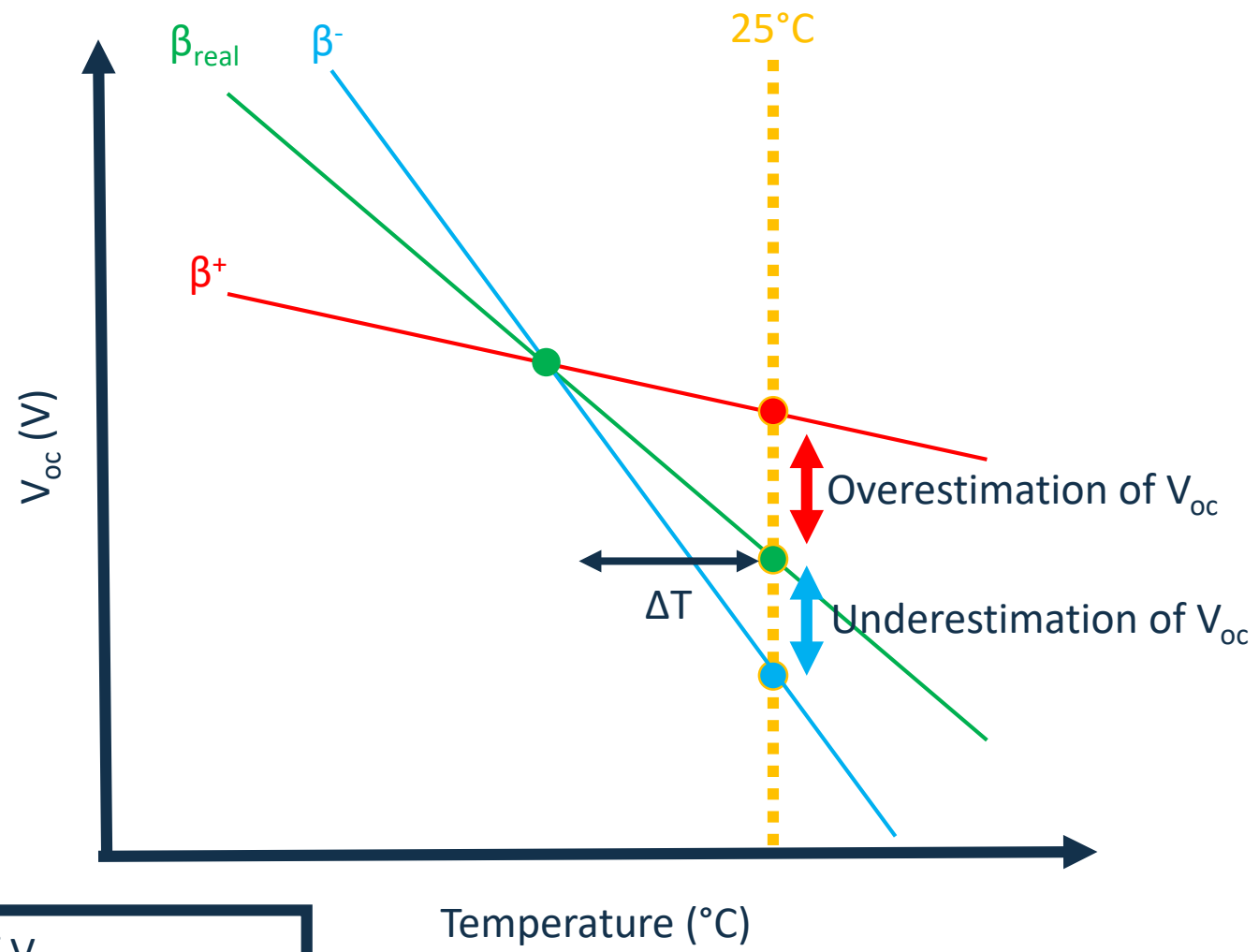


Thanks to the  $\beta$  temperature coefficient, the measure is corrected to 25°C

$T_{mes} > T_{real}$		Overestimation of $V_{oc}$
$T_{mes} < T_{real}$		Underestimation of $V_{oc}$



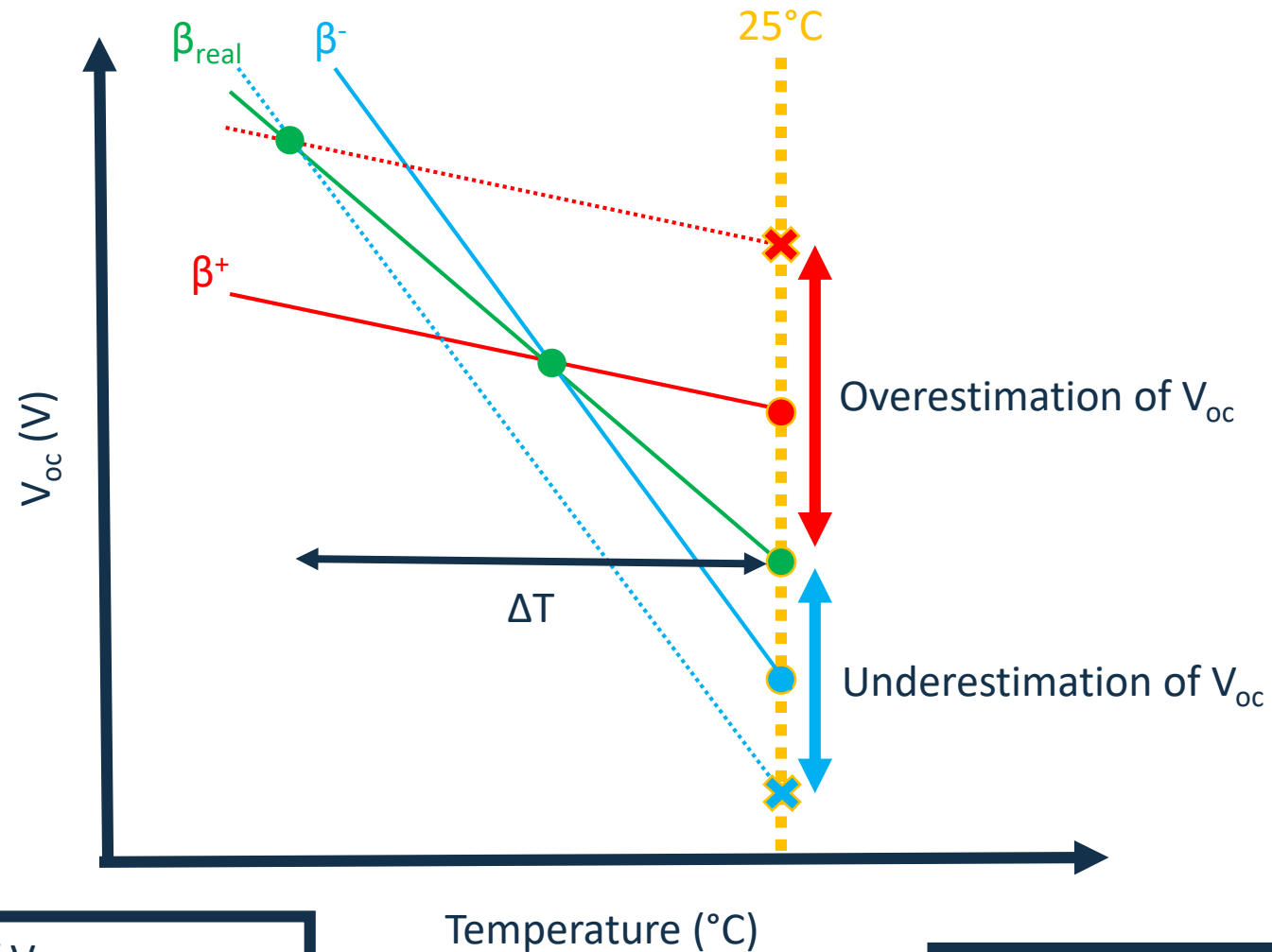
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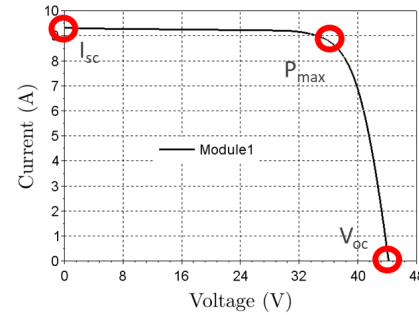


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The larger  $\Delta T$ , the more important the temperature coefficients are.



# Sum up

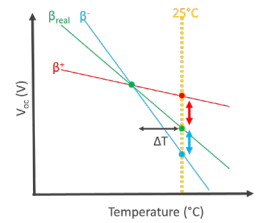
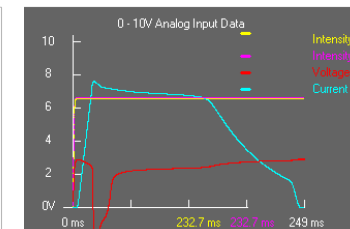
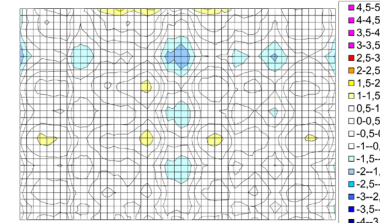
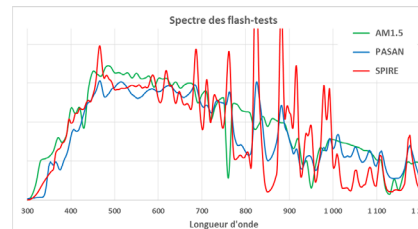


- An IV curve =>  $I_{sc}$ ,  $V_{oc}$ ,  $P_{max}$ , FF
- A light source
- An electronic load
- The irradiance
- The spectral distribution
- The spatial homogeneity
- The temporal stability
- The temperature
- Discrepancies between how is really done the measurement and the measurand are the first limit.
- STC are not outdoor conditions.

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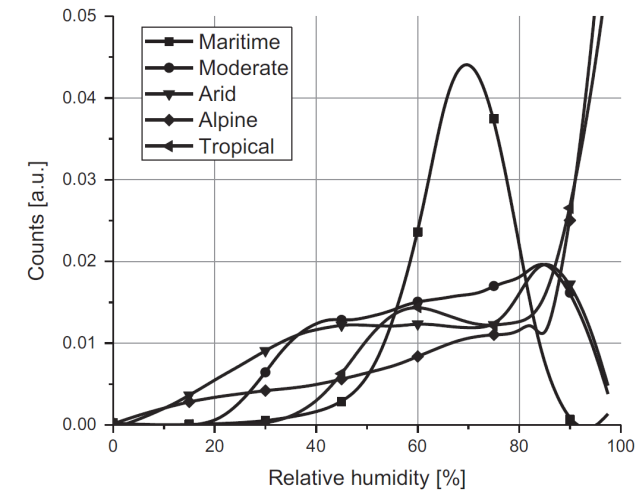
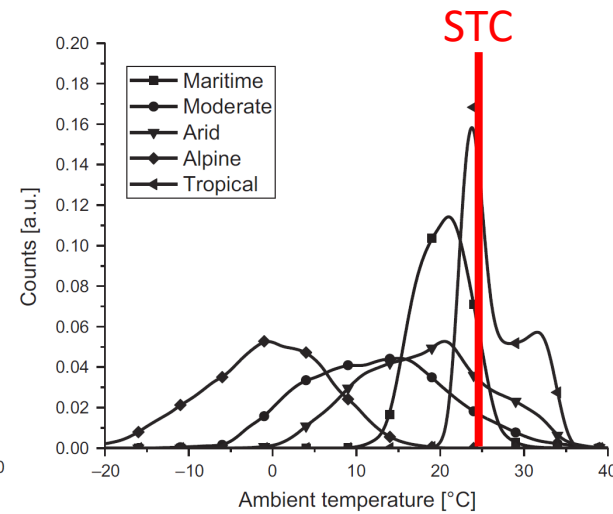
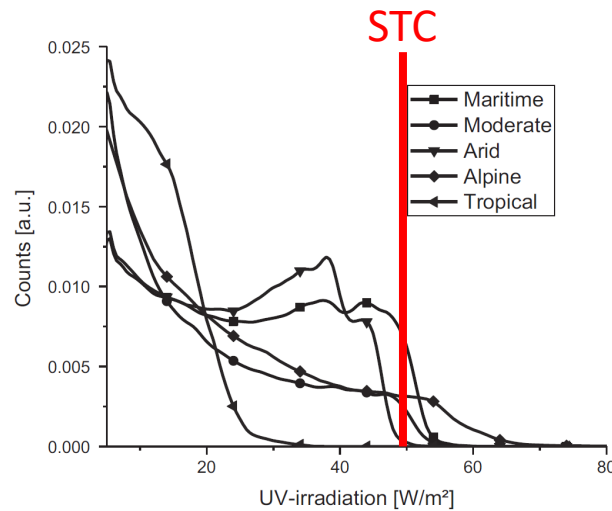
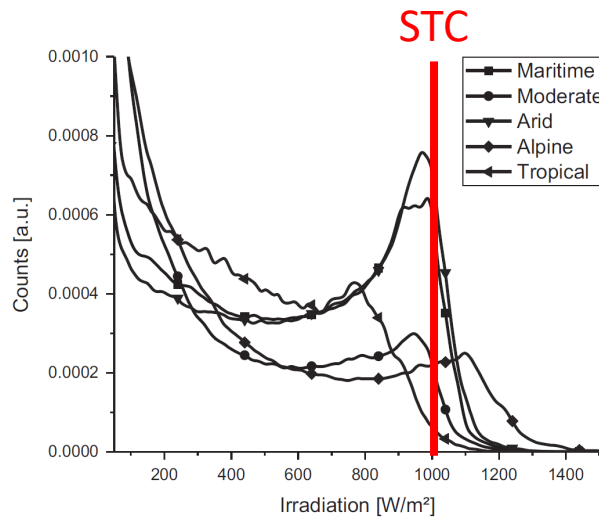


RESEARCH ARTICLE

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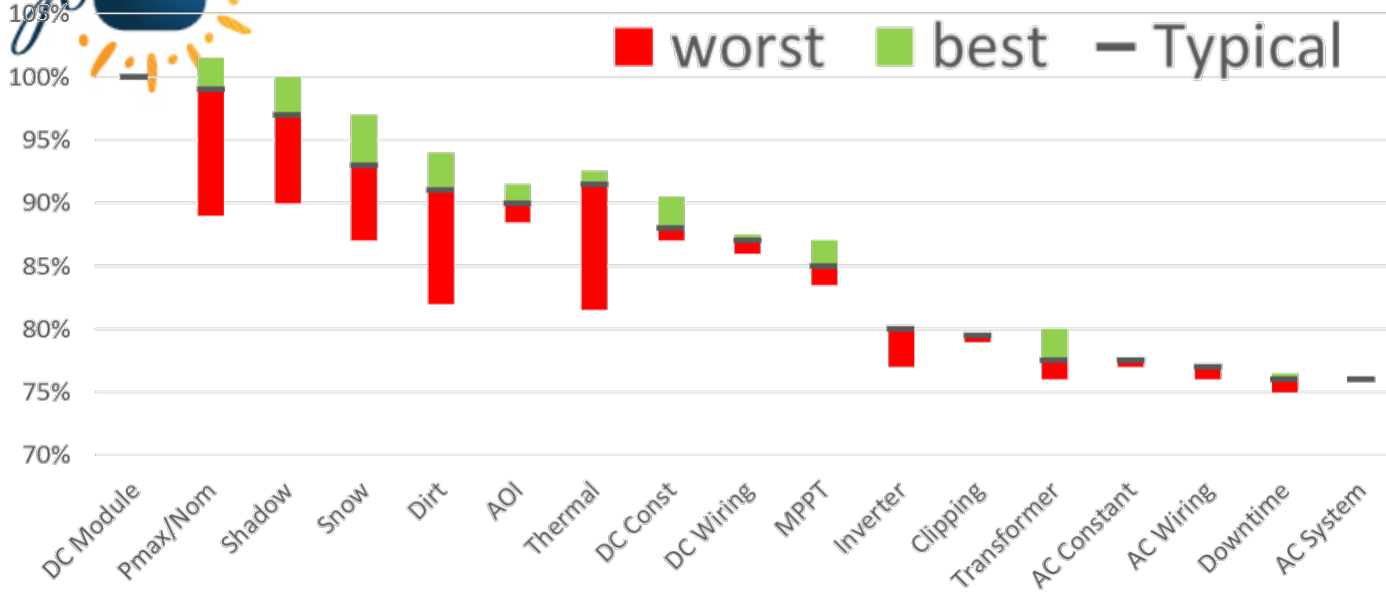


- Irradiances
- UV irradiances
- Temperatures
- Humidity



- Local performances
- Local ageing

# Energetic losses outdoor



S. Ransome, PVSEC, France, 2004

Same phenomena as for STC measurements.  
Just worst conditions...  
PR > 80% nowadays

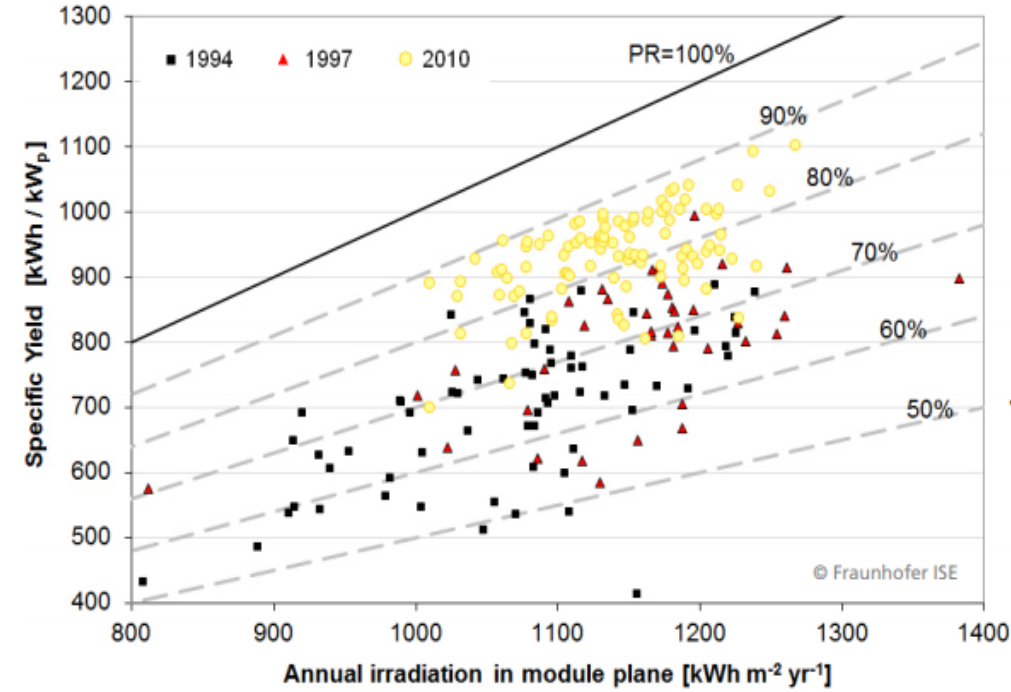
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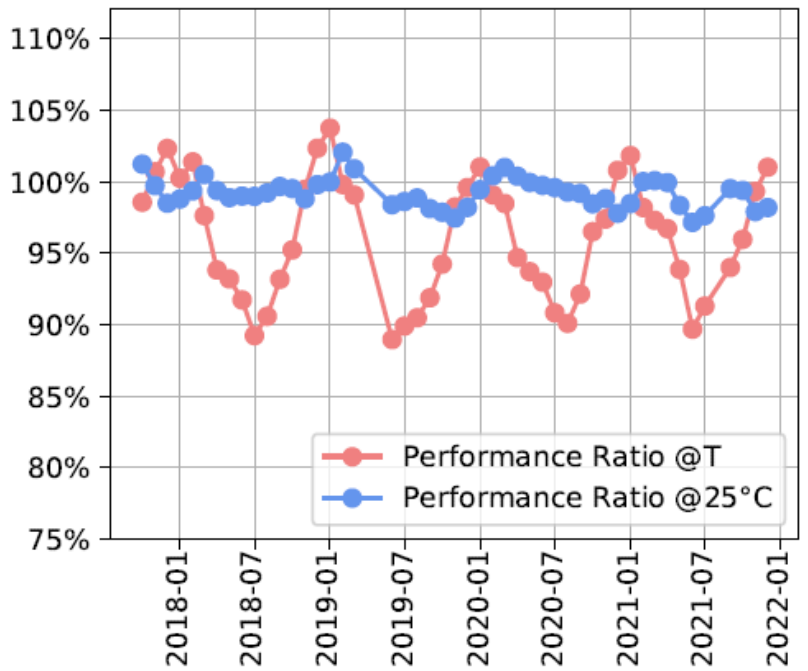
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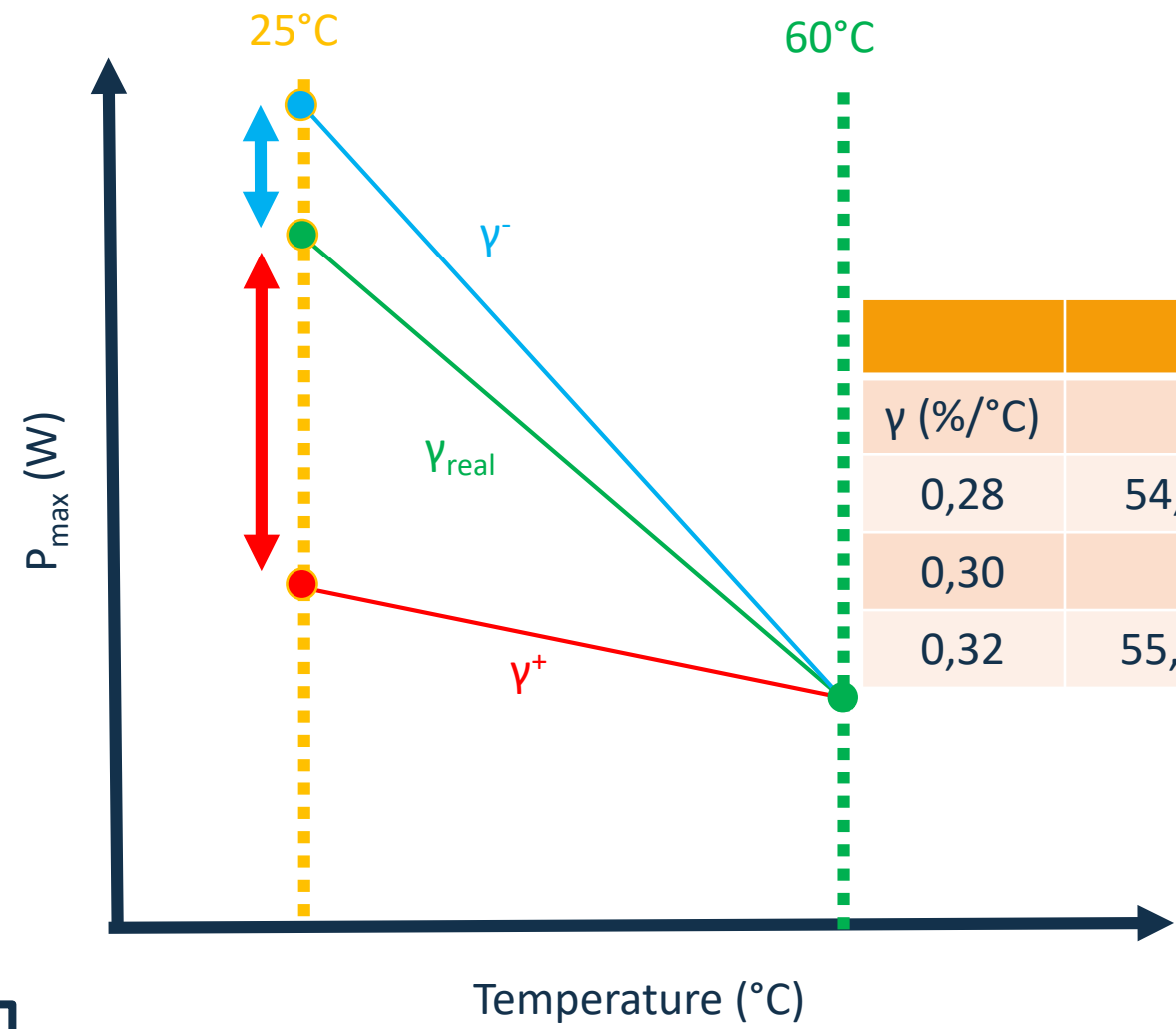


# Temperature correction



Monitoring of PR and temperature corrected PR for a module installed at CEA INES

It is possible to normalize the monitoring to 25°C but it does not eradicate the noise/seasonality in the data



	P <sub>max</sub> (W)	
$\gamma$ (%/°C)	25°C	60°C
0,28	54,9 (-0,63%)	50
0,30	55,25	50
0,32	55,6 (+0,63%)	50

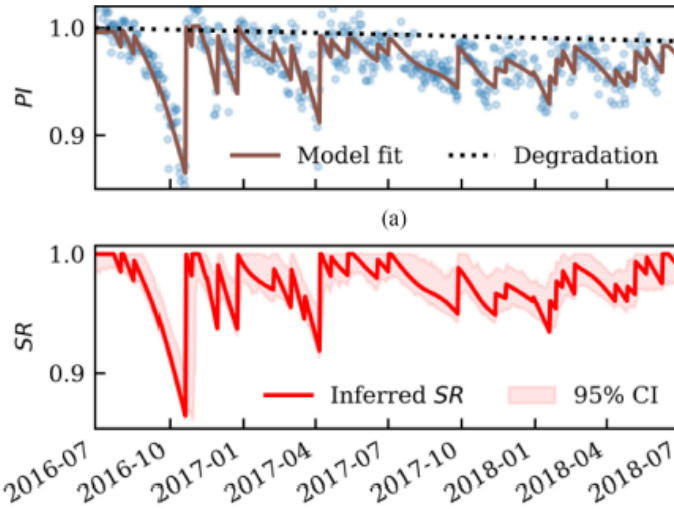
$\gamma^+$  Underestimation of P<sub>max</sub>  
 $\gamma^-$  Overestimation of P<sub>max</sub>



# Soiling

## Combined Estimation of Degradation and Soiling Losses in Photovoltaic Systems

Åsmund Skomedal and Michael G. Deceglie



Olivares et al. (2021)

Micheli et al. (2021)

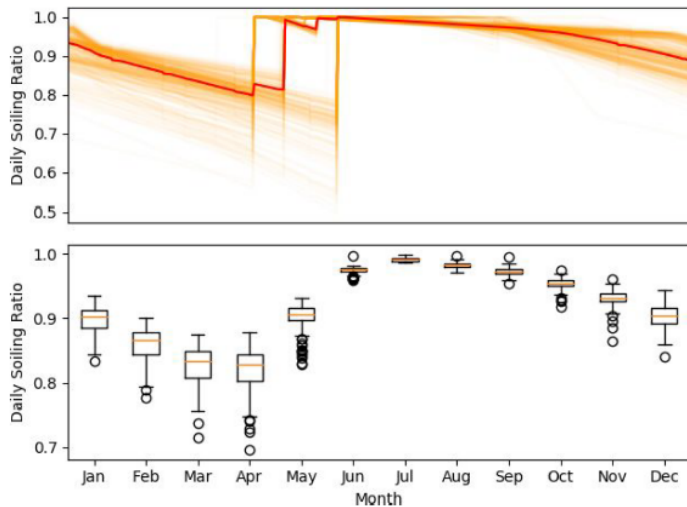


FIGURE 6 Three-year soiling profiles plotted over a 12-month period. Upper plot: soiling profiles. In red median of the soiling profiles. Lower plot: boxplots of the average daily soiling ratio in each month. The orange horizontal lines mark the medians, whereas the top and bottom limits of each box are the third and first quartile of the distribution (Q3 and Q1, respectively). The vertical lines in each boxplot are limited either by the lower or the upper whiskers (i.e. minimum and maximum values that are not outliers). The circles identify outliers, determined because outside of the  $Q1 - 1.5 * IQR$  to  $Q3 + 1.5 * IQR$  range, where IQR is calculated as  $Q3 - Q1$

- Soiling reduces significantly the PR => cleaning methods are needed
- It depends on numerous environmental conditions (dust, birds, dew, wind...)



# Spectral impact

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Spectral impact on PV in low-latitude sites: The case of southeastern Brazil

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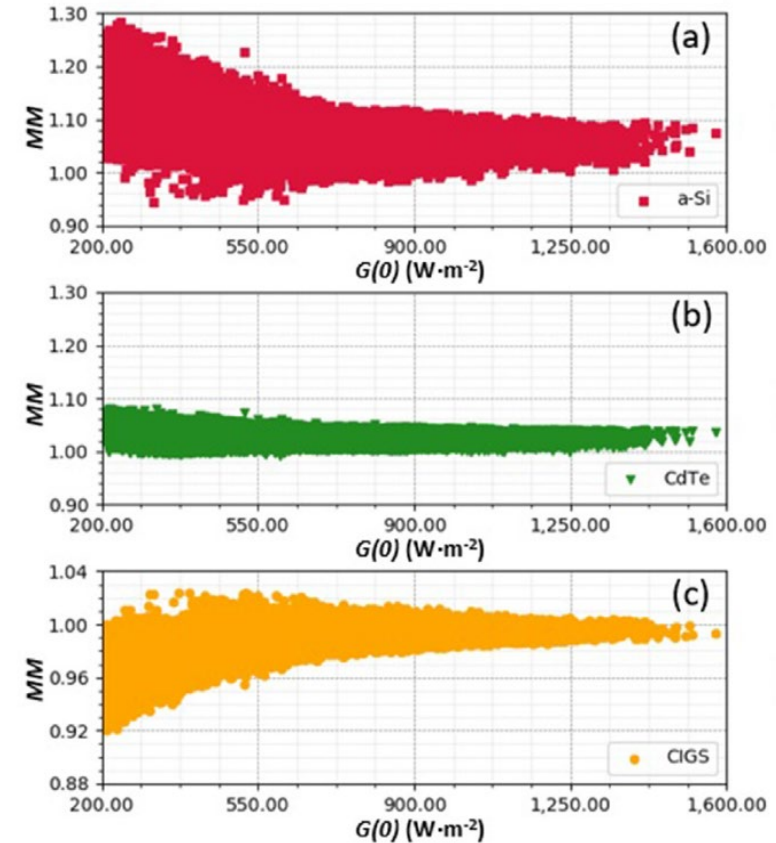
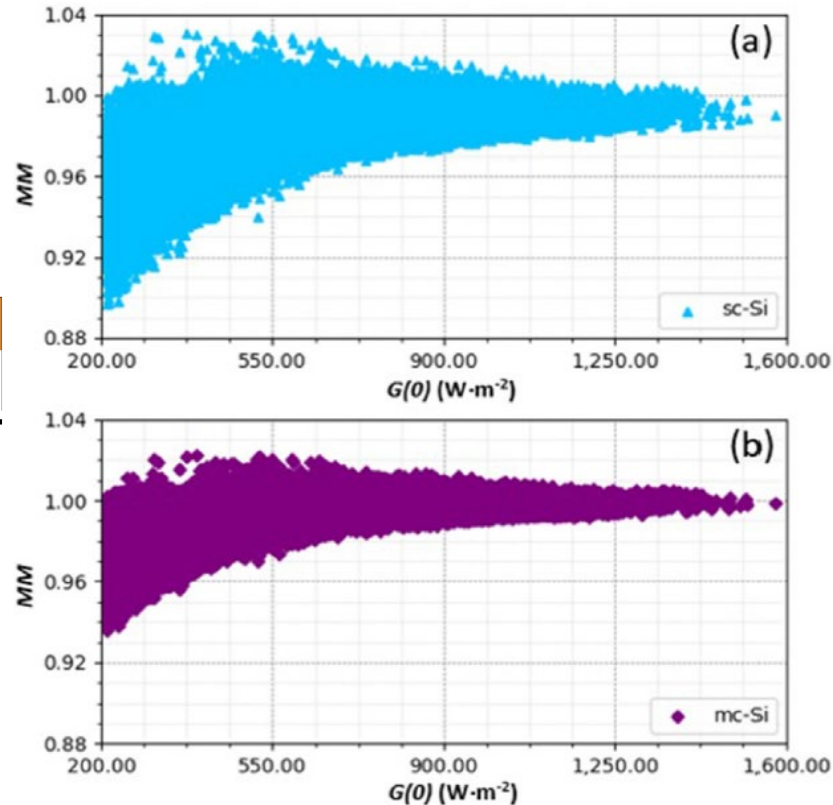
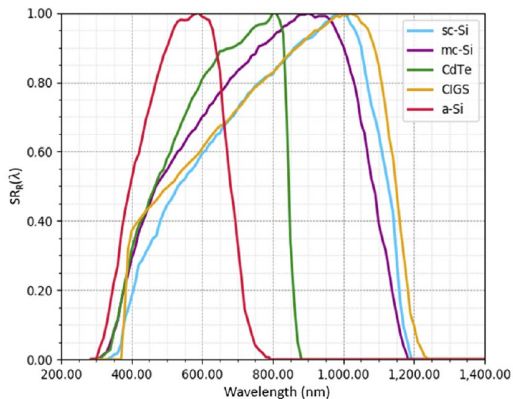
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$$MM = \frac{\int E(\lambda)SR(\lambda)d\lambda}{\int E_{REF}(\lambda)SR(\lambda)d\lambda} \frac{\int E_{REF}(\lambda)SR_{REF}(\lambda)d\lambda}{\int E(\lambda)SR_{REF}(\lambda)d\lambda}$$



Mismatch factor (MM) is a function of :

- The incident spectrum
- The spectral response of the device under test
- The spectral response of the reference



# Spectral impact

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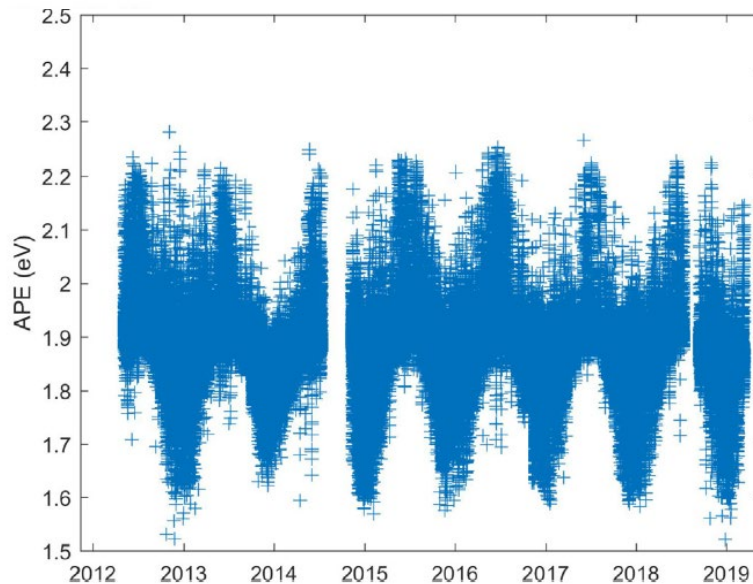
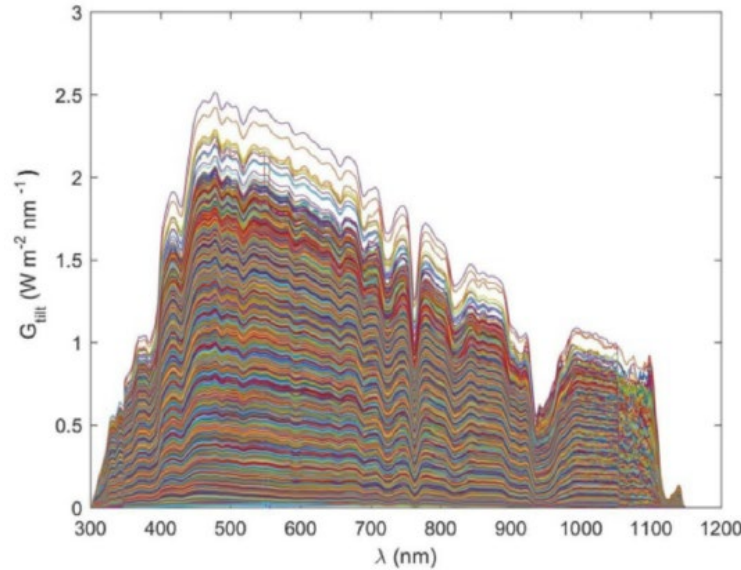
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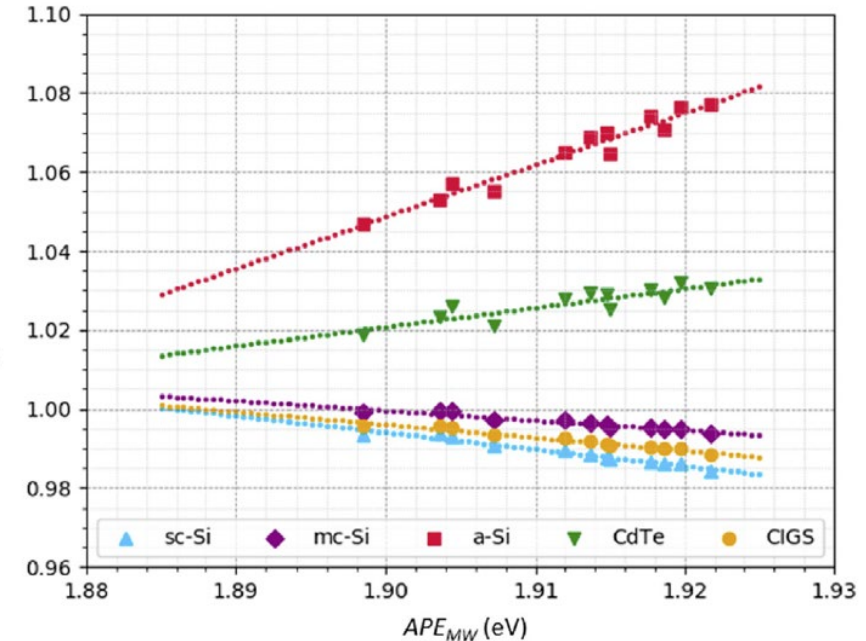
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$$APE = \frac{\int_a^b E(\lambda)d\lambda}{\int_a^b \Phi_{ph}(\lambda)d\lambda}$$

where  $E(\lambda)$  [ $W m^{-2}nm^{-1}$ ] is the spectral irradiance,  $\Phi_{ph}(\lambda)$  [ $m^{-2} \cdot nm^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}$ ] is the spectral photon flux and  $a$  [nm] and  $b$  [nm]



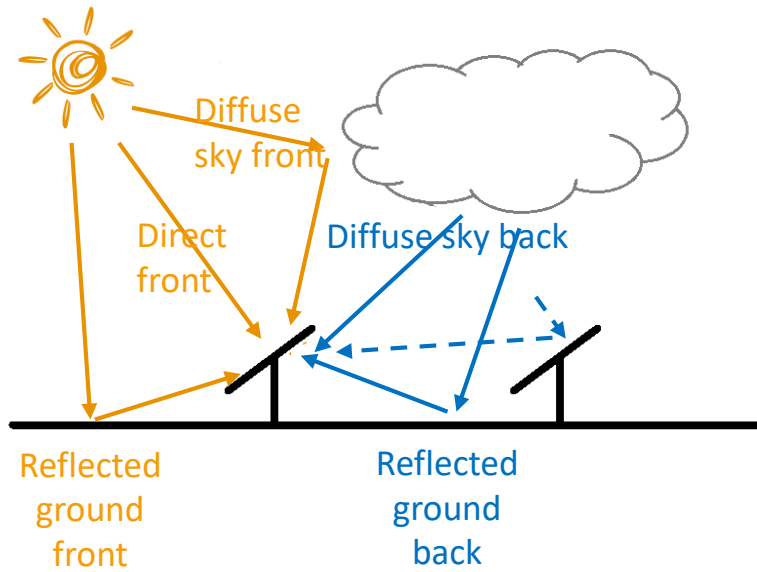
$$APE_{MW} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n APE_i \cdot G_i(0)}{\sum_{i=1}^n G_i(0)}$$



- Average photon energy (APE) varies depending on the location, the hour of the day and along the year.
- Mismatch factor could be seasonal.



# Albedo



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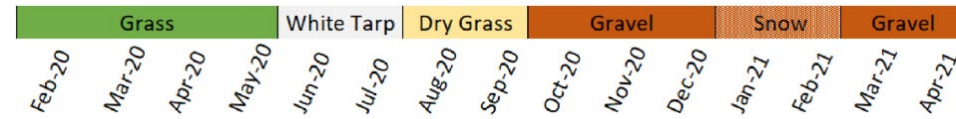
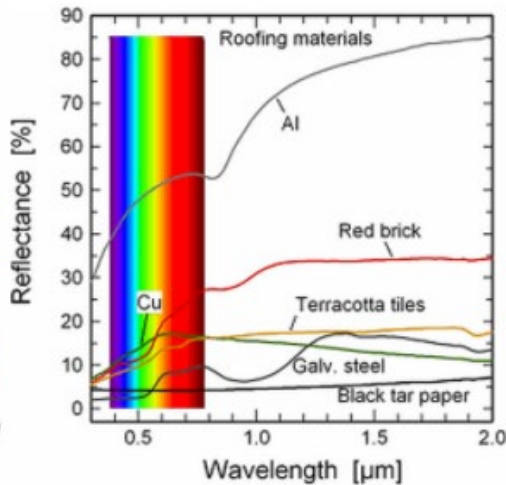
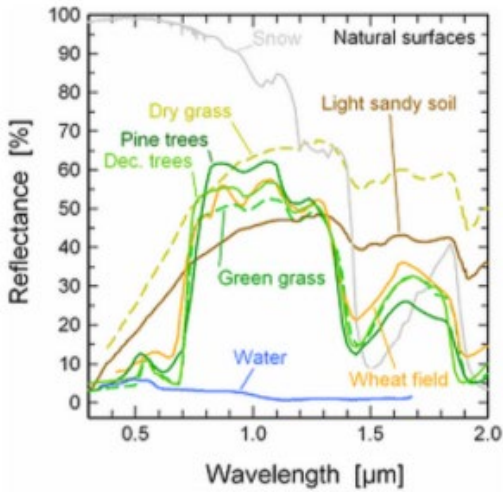
(b)



(c)



(d)



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- Albedo depends on the spectral reflection
- It can be seasonal

Figure: Reflectance vs wavelength for natural surfaces (left) and roofing materials (right).

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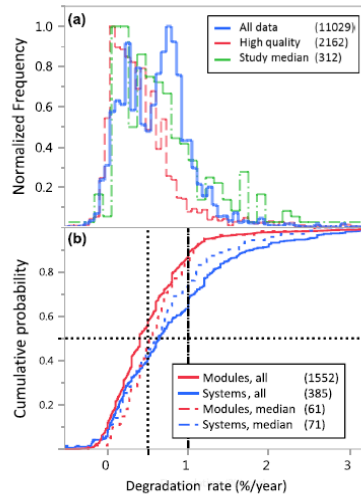
## Compendium of photovoltaic degradation rates

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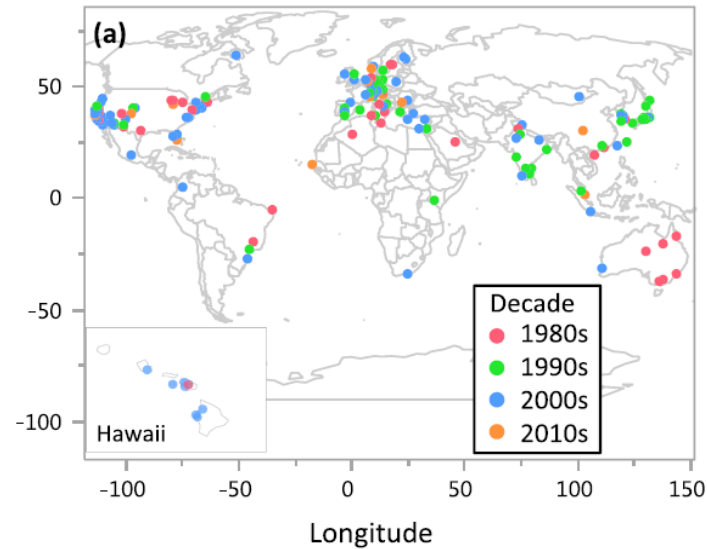
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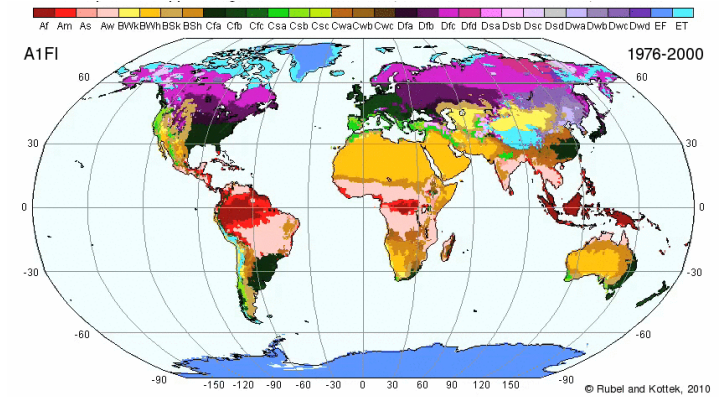


**Figure 2.** Histograms of all data, high quality data and the median per study and system presented as the normalized frequency (a). Cumulative distribution functions for high-quality x-Si systems and modules (b). The median is indicated by a dashed horizontal line; 0.5%/year and 1%/year degradation are indicated as a dashed and dash-dotted line, respectively. The number of data points for the respective subsets is given in parentheses.



**Table I.** Summary of the median and mean degradation rate and the number of data points for various subsets of the aggregated data. 2+ indicates study types using two or more measurements and excludes systems with known start-up issues.

Technology	Study type	System/Module	Median	Mean	Data points
All data	All	All	0.90	0.93	11 029
x-Si	All	All	0.90	0.91	10 572
Thin-film	All	All	1.15	1.38	455
All	Median per study and system	All	0.82	1.09	312
All	2+ measurements	All	0.46	0.69	2792
All	1, outdoor IV	All	1.08	1.06	7238
All	1, indoor IV	All	0.64	0.77	963
All	High quality studies	All	0.49	0.66	2161
x-Si	Median per study and system	Modules	0.67	0.91	127
x-Si	Median per study and system	Systems	0.69	0.79	108
x-Si	High quality, all	Modules	0.40	0.51	1552
x-Si	High quality, all	Systems	0.64	0.81	384
x-Si	High quality, Median per study and system	Modules	0.55	0.59	61
x-Si	High quality, Median per study and system	Systems	0.61	0.69	71
x-Si	High quality, desert	All	0.71	1.19	42
x-Si	High quality, hot and humid	All	0.60	0.80	683
x-Si	High quality, moderate	All	0.42	0.57	1396
x-Si	High quality, snow	All	0.35	0.62	39



<http://koeppen-geiger.vu-wien.ac.at/>

- Mean degradation rate around 0.5%/year
- Degradation rate depends on the weather conditions
- Köppen-Geiger climates zones are helpful to define degradation areas

Published data on photovoltaic (PV) degradation measurements were aggregated and re-examined. The subject has seen an increased interest in recent years resulting in more than 11 000 degradation rates in almost 200 studies from 40 different countries.



# Degradation vs weather

## Modeling Outdoor Service Lifetime Prediction of PV Modules: Effects of Combined Climatic Stressors on PV Module Power Degradation

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## Global Climate Data Processing and Mapping of Degradation Mechanisms and Degradation Rates of PV Modules

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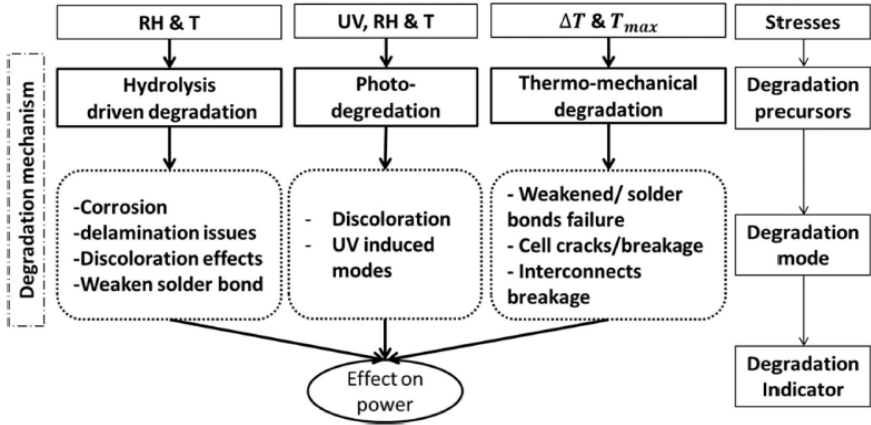


Fig. 1. Schematic diagram of the modeling hypotheses.

- Three general degradation mechanisms
  - Hydrolysis
  - Photodegradation
  - Thermomechanical degradation
- With the proposed model by Ascencio et al. we can assess the degradation rate all around the world for given parameters associated to one bill of materials

$$k_H = A_H \cdot r_{eff}^n \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{E_H}{k_B \cdot T_m}\right) \quad (11)$$

$$k_P = A_P \cdot (UV_{dose})^X \cdot \left(1 + r_{eff}^n\right) \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{E_P}{k_B \cdot T_m}\right) \quad (12)$$

$$k_{Tm} = A_{Tm} \cdot (\Delta T)^\theta \cdot C_N \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{E_{Tm}}{k_B \cdot T_U}\right) \quad (13)$$

$$k_T = A_N \prod_{i=1}^n (1 + k_i) - 1, \quad (14)$$

where the parameters are:

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| $k_H$ : Hydrolysis degradation rate (%)                              | $r_{eff}$ : effective relative humidity  |
| $k_P$ : Photo-degradation rate (%)                                   | $UV_{dose}$ : integral UV dose (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )                                      |
| $k_{Tm}$ : Thermomechanical degradation rate (%)                     | $T_m$ : average module temperature   |
| $k_T$ : Total degradation rate (%)                                   | $T_U$ : upper module temperature   |
| $k_B$ : Boltzmann constant (8.62 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> )                | $T_L$ : lower module temperature   |
| $E_H$ : Activation Energy for Hydrolysis degradation (eV)            | $\Delta T = T_U - T_L$ : temperature difference  |
| $E_P$ : Activation Energy for Photo-degradation (eV)                 | $n$ : model parameter that indicates the impact of RH on power degradation.              |
| $E_{Tm}$ : Activation Energy for Thermomechanical degradation (eV)   | $X$ : model parameter that indicates the impact of UV dose on power degradation.         |
| $A_H$ : Pre-exponential constant for Hydrolysis degradation          | $\theta$ : model parameter that indicates the impact of $\Delta T$ on power degradation. |
| $A_P$ : Pre-exponential constant for Photo-degradation               | $C_N$ : Cycling rate   |
| $A_{Tm}$ : Pre-exponential constant for Thermomechanical degradation | $A_N$ : normalization constant of the physical quantities (a <sup>-2</sup> /%)           |

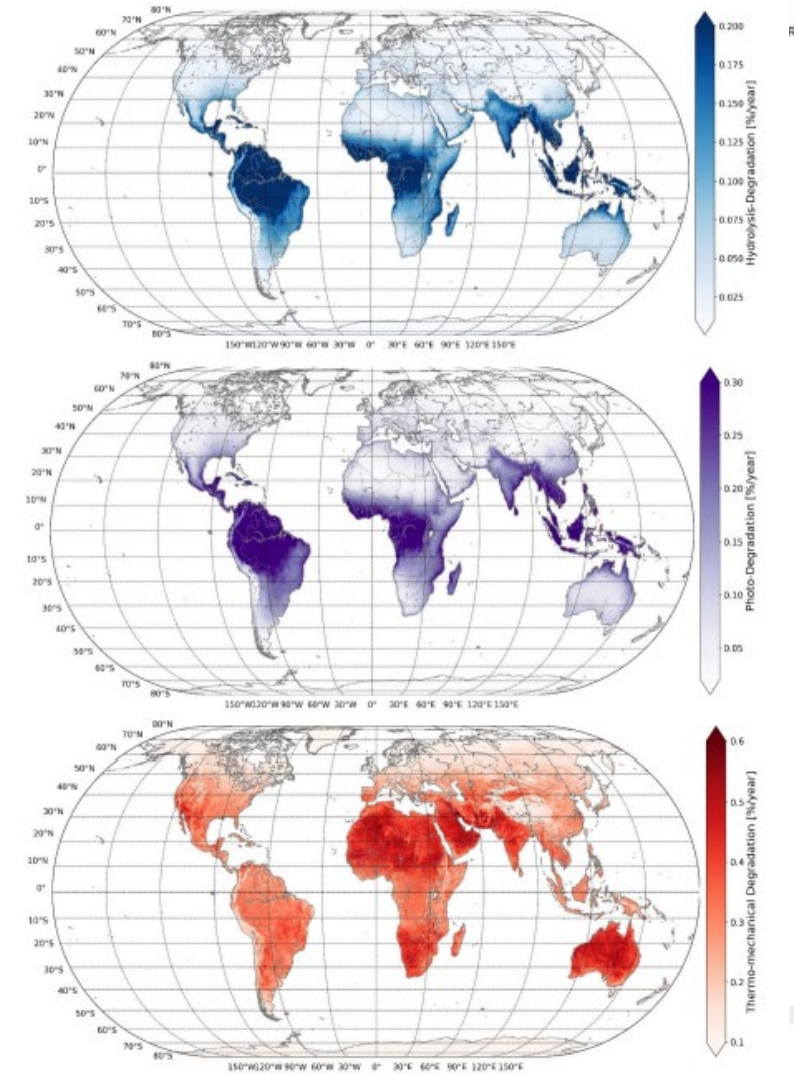


Figure A1. Global mapping of degradation mechanisms. top Hydrolysis-degradation, middle photo-degradation and bottom thermomechanical degradation.

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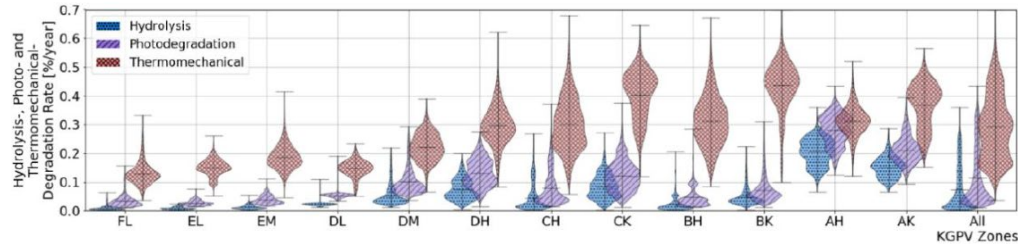


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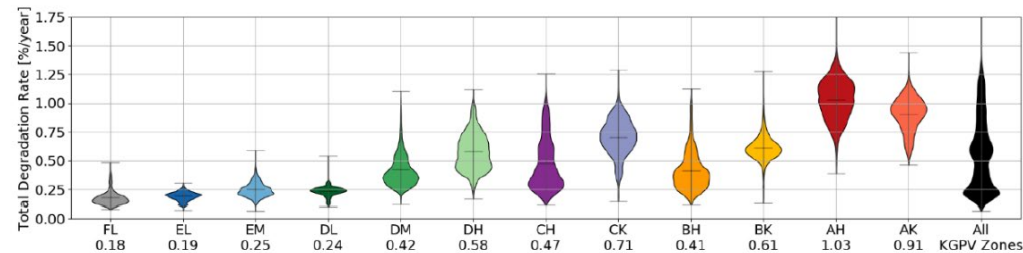


Figure 6. Spatial distribution of the total degradation rates in view of the KGPV climate zones. The average of total degradation rate per climate zone is indicated below each label in %/a.

Temperature-Precipitation (TP) Zones

A: Tropical climate

B: Desert climate

C: Steppe climate

E: Temperate climate

D: Cold climate

F: Polar climate

Irradiation (H) Zones

K: Very high irradiation

H: High irradiation

M: Medium irradiation

L: Low irradiation

### - High temperature causes

- High thermomechanical degradation
- Accelerated hydrolysis
- Accelerated photodegradation

### - High humidity causes

- No significant impact on thermomechanical
- High hydrolysis
- Accelerated photodegradation

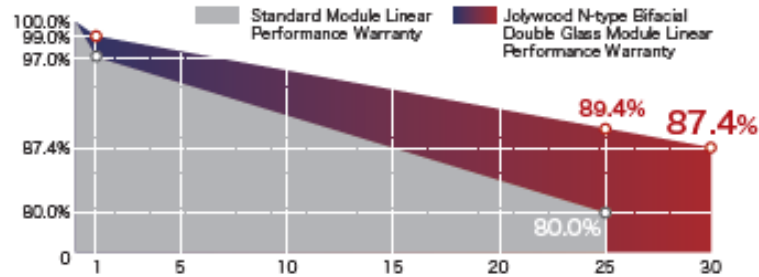
### - High irradiance causes

- Accelerated thermomechanical degradation
- No significant impact on hydrolysis
- High photodegradation



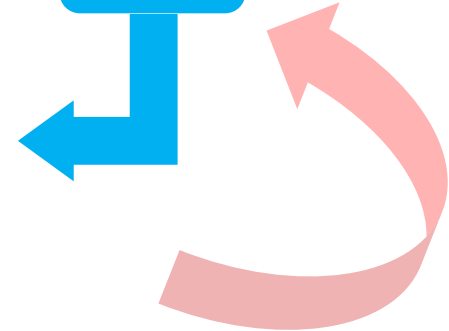
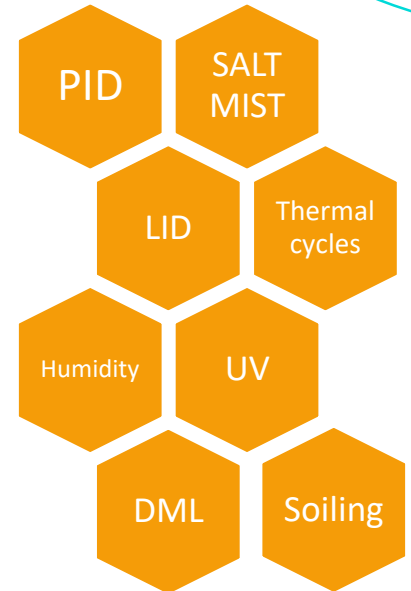
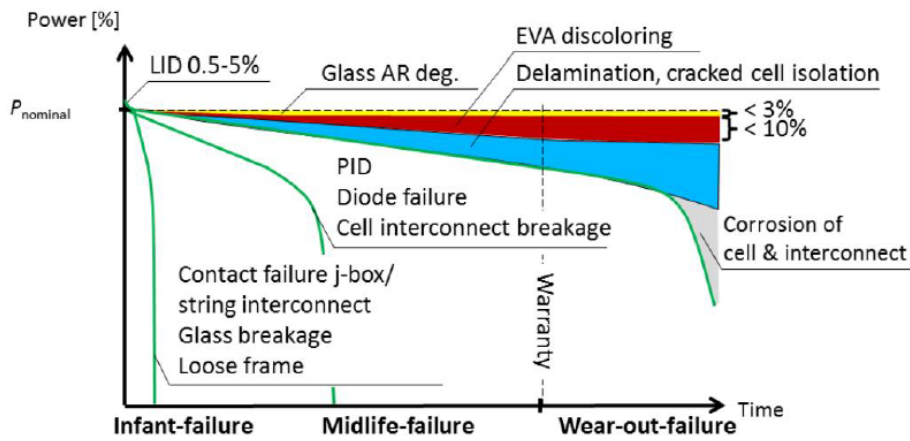
# Reliability and durability

-1.00% 1st-year Degradation | 15 Years Product Material & Workmanship  
 -0.40% Annual Degradation | 30 Years Linear Performance Warranty

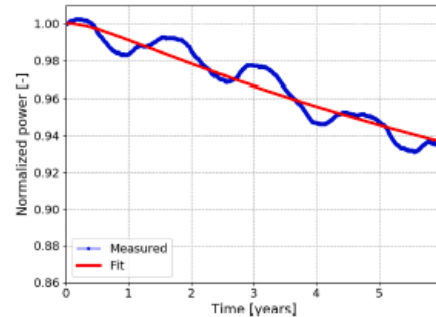


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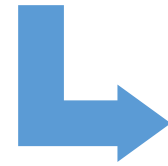


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CHALLENGES

- Develop models for PV performances degradation in outdoor conditions
- Increase reliability for derisking PV investments
- Enhance durability for saving energy, materials and cost





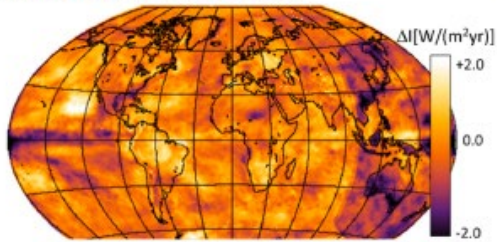
## How changes in worldwide operating conditions affect solar cell performance

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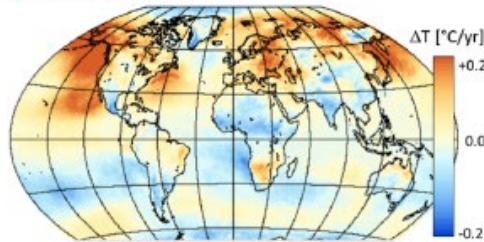
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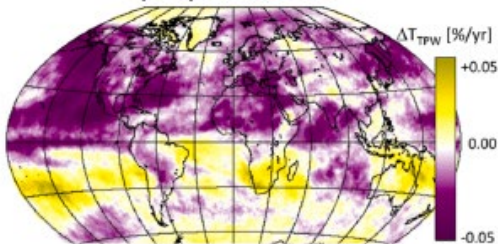
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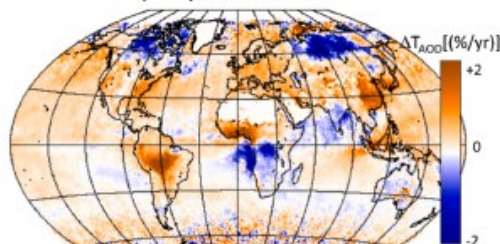
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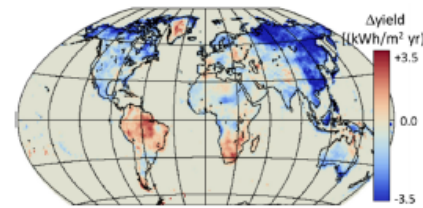
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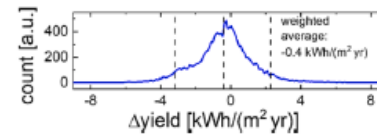
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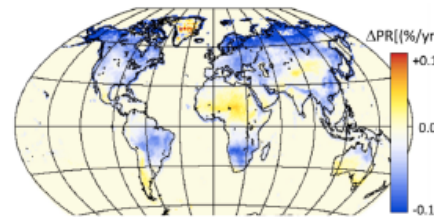
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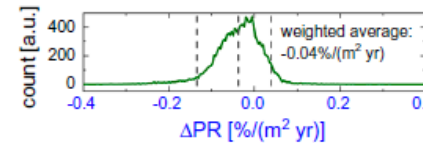
### c) statistical distribution Δyield



### b) performance ratio ΔPR



### d) statistical distribution ΔPR



Global annual changes in average energy yield and PR in between 2006 and 2015

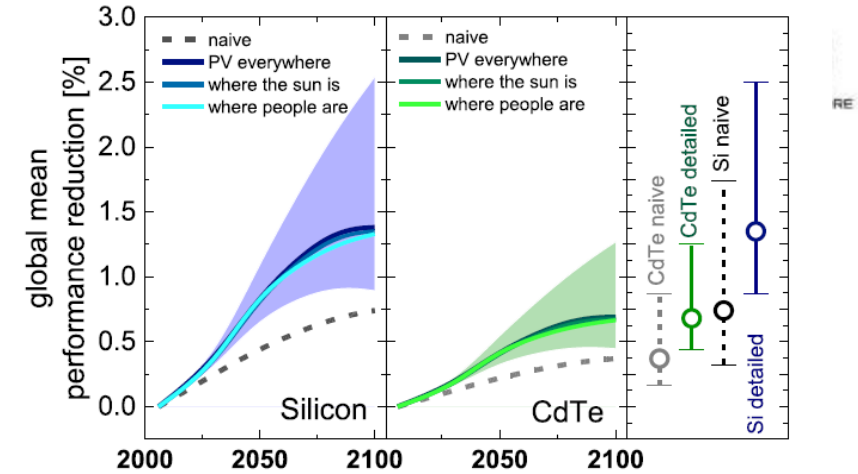


Fig. 6. Projected reduction in solar cell performance. In the leftmost part of the figure results for silicon (blue) are shown compared to the naive baseline (black dashes). The middle part of the figure shows the same for CdTe (green and grey dashes). Lines correspond to the RCP 4.5 global warming scenario, shaded areas and bars in the rightmost figure mark the range of results for different IPCC projection (lower limit — RCP2.6, upper limit — RCP8.5). (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

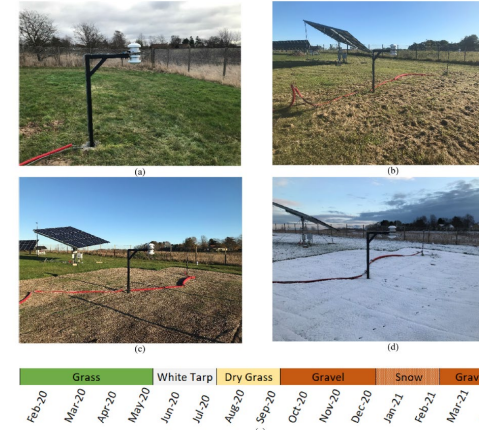
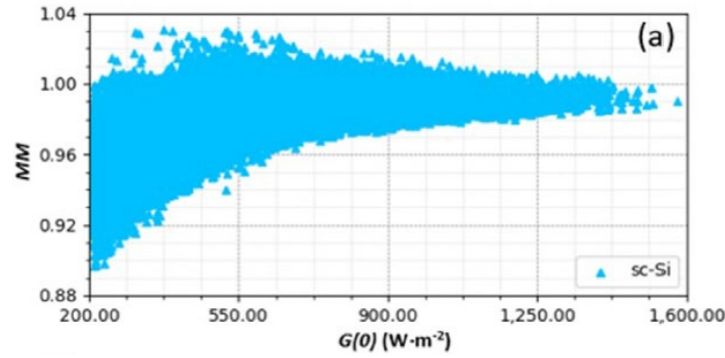
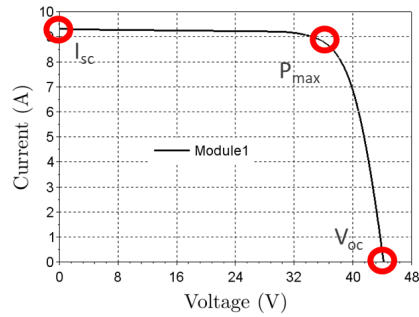
## - Climate change causes variation of

- Temperatures
- Precipitable water
- Insolation (intensity and spectrum)

- It will result in different conditions for the same installation in between the begin of life and the end of life of the installation
- It will lower the global performance of PV



# Conclusions



- To characterize a module we use the IV curve:
  - $I_{sc}$ ,  $V_{oc}$ ,  $P_{max}$ , FF
- Weather impacts IV curves:
  - The irradiance (clouds, AM, Albedo)
  - The spectral distribution (clouds, AOI, SR, APE, Albedo)
  - The spatial homogeneity (snow, soiling, shadowing)
  - The temperature (ambient temperature, wind, humidity)
- Weather impacts the durability of the module
  - Model each degradation mechanism for any outdoor conditions and any BOM

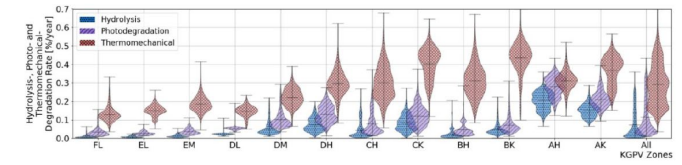
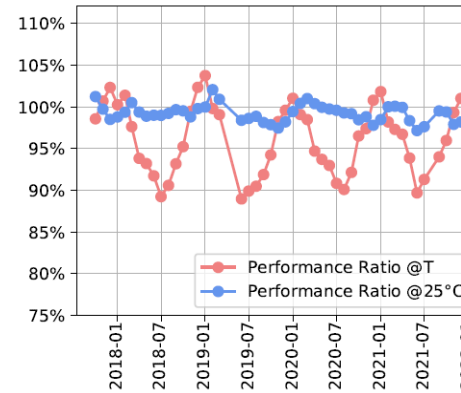


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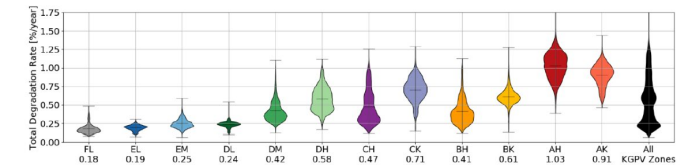


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