# Production of photovoltaic cells Saudi Arabia

Does Saudi Arabia have a potential for photovoltaic technology?
Ted Sargent from Northwestern University,USA,speaking at the KAUST research conference,said that Saudi Arabia had three critical advantages when it comes to deploying photovoltaic technology. The first is KAUST's expertise in tandem solar cells.

Where is Jeddah solar power plant located?
This solar power plant is located in Thuwal,north of Jeddah,and started operations in May 2010. It has 9300 modules of 215 Wp over 11,600 m 2 and is intended to produce 3300 MWh of clean energy annually while saving up to 1700 tons of annual carbon emissions.

Where is the solar transition happening in Saudi Arabia?
The transition is underway in select regions of the country,chosen for their solar generation potential. Key locations include Sakakain Al Jouf Province,Al Shuaibah in Makkah Province,and Sudair in Riyadh Province,among others.

Leveraging its abundant sunshine and vast desert areas, Saudi Arabia is now pivoting to solar energy, aligning with its Vision 2030 plan to diversify its economy and ensure sustainable growth by reducing oil dependency and investing in renewable energy.

The main technologies Saudi Arabia employs are photovoltaic and concentrated solar power. Of these two, photovoltaic (PV) systems are the most commonly applied throughout Saudi Arabia. They produce clean electricity by converting solar energy through semiconductor materials. [ 23 ]

Saudi Arabia is conveniently located in the sun belt to take advantage of solar energy. Insulation is the most important aspect to consider when selecting suitable sites to build PV power plants. Average solar radiation in Saudi Arabia varies between a maximum of 7.004 kWh/m 2 at Bisha and a minimum of 4.479 kWh/m 2 at Tabuk ( Fig. 3 ).

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The United States and Saudi Arabia jointly set up a solar-research station in Al-Uyaynah village. The village, located about 30 miles northwest of Riyadh, had no electric supply at the time. The station is operated by the King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology. The agency established an experimental assembly line at the site to manufacture solar panels. The equip...

Cutting-edge research into new technologies for photovoltaic cells, a favorable climate and strong collaborations with industry are key factors in Saudi Arabia"s development of solar power. Saudi Arabia"s hot and sunny climate brings both opportunities and challenges for the expansion of solar energy.

This study analyses the development of photovoltaic (PV) systems in Saudi Arabian buildings, assessing their performance, energy efficiency, economic feasibility, and hybrid PV-battery configurations.

Upon production, the facility is expected to achieve an annual production capacity of 10 GW for each of the TOPCon solar cells with planned efficiency of up to 27% and solar modules.

By the end of the decade, Saudi Arabia plans to generate 58.7 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy, including 40 GW from solar photovoltaics (PV), 16 GW from wind energy and 2.7 GW from concentrated ...

Professor Stefaan De Wolf and the KAUST Photovoltaics Laboratory have written in Science a roadmap for bringing perovskite/silicon tandem solar cells to market, paving the way for a future powered by abundant, inexpensive clean ...

This paper analyzes the expected significant positive impact of localizing the value chain of the photovoltaic solar energy industry on the socioeconomic development, job creation, and technology transfer in Saudi Arabia. The paper concludes with recommendations to facilitate the expansion of the photovoltaic solar industry in Saudi Arabia.

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