

Émergence d'une terminologie : l'énergie photovoltaïque (Birth of a Terminology: Photovoltaics)

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Abstract: *The sector of renewable energy has grown considerably over the past decades. The article aims to analyse the terminology of photovoltaic energy in consideration of the fact that it is a recently emerged field, standing at the intersection of several disciplines, including physics, astrophysics, chemistry, and technology. As such, it faces the problems of building its own terminology. The article examines the terminological processes specific to this field, comparing them with the traditional processes of term formation, including morphological, syntactic, semantic means and borrowing. In addition, it deals with certain specificities of the terminology of photovoltaic energy, particularly a high degree of terminological synonymy, typical precisely of new, terminologically still not very stable disciplines. For the analysis, the authors used the terms contained in Lexique panlatin de systèmes photovoltaïques developed by the Réseau panlatin de terminologie.*

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