Emerging solar cell technologies will play a key role in energy generation, and advanced technologies such as electrical vehicles, zero emission buildings, wearables or a new generation of smart devices. Harnessing energy from the sun is a rather complex interdisciplinary challenge that has been based on advances made both in material and photonic sciences.

This course, co-organized by researchers from ICFO and ICMAB, and delivered by leading international experts, will introduce the fundamentals of photovoltaic energy conversion both from an electronic as well as photonic point of view and will emphasize on the interplay of photonics with recombination and loss mechanisms, within the framework of the device physics for emerging photovoltaic cells.

The school includes advanced lectures, lab tours, research seminars, group discussion sessions covering cutting-edge topics in research and industry, and is ideally designed for master-level and first year PhD students.

Eli Yablonovitch, University of California Berkeley. Photonic of photovoltaics.
Thomas Kirchartz, University of Duisburg-Essen. Measuring and Understanding Recombination in Solar Cells
Jenny Nelson, Imperial College London. Understanding loss mechanisms in organic solar cells.
Juan Bisquert, Universitat Jaume I, Castellón. Device physics of perovskite solar cells.
Maria Antonietta Loi, University of Groningen. Quantum Dot solar cells.
Gregory Kozyreff, Université Libre de Bruxelles. Classical electromagnetism for ultra-thin solar cells.

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