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# Solar harvesting solutions at CSEM

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**ABSTRACT:** Solar harvesting offer a reliable and versatile solution to power autonomous devices. Depending on the application, the power output can be scaled from  $\mu W$  range for small low power IoT devices to kW range for large power-hungry devices like vehicles. CSEM addresses many of these use cases with a portfolio of solutions using either c-Si or thin film a-Si solar harvesters.

# **Solar harvesting in different conditions**



#### Spectral response



- Solar light has a lot of UV and IR irradiance: for similar illuminance, solar incident power is 3 times more than LED.
- c-Si quantum efficiency suitable to solar a-Si suitable to indoor

Illuminance (lux)	typical
50-1000	Indoor conditions
1000-25000	Outdoor indirect sunlight conditions
32000-100000	Outdoor direct sunlight conditions
Solar	LED

# **Solar harvesters at CSEM**

### Lightweight solar panels





## Thin film solar harvesters











- c-Si better suited for solar light.
- c-Si performances drop under low illumination, particularly for small size harvesters with cut c-Si cells.

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