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REM Tec is a globally leading photovoltaic technology company, having developed its own, innovative, patented solutions, allowing to combine energy production & agriculture

REM Tec in a Nutshell



Spinoff and foundation in 2015, based on a technology having its roots back in 2009



Having a >12 years track record of agrivoltaic plant operation, with combined agriculture and PV production on > 45 ha



Technology deployed in 6 different countries on different crops and fruits in different climate zones



Constant innovator with approx.15 active patents and trademarks



REM Tec's Target



Preservation of agricultural reality and land for food production



Sustainable, carbon-free electricity production supporting society's energy transition



Integration of energy production and agriculture creating a win-win situation for all relevant project stakeholders and society



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REM Tec's Agrovoltaico[®] Tracker technologies include biaxial (3D) trackers as well as mono axial (2D) trackers for high slopes

3D Tracker

- Biaxial rotation
- 24 PV modules, 78 cells per tracker (Mono – or bi-facial)
- Tracker length: 14 m
- Height: 4 6m
- Up to 45% more energy production than a fixed system
- Ideal for flat surfaces with a maximum slope of 3%
- Completely dynamic shadow

2D Tracker

- Monoaxial rotation (either primary or secondary, depending area geography)
- 24 PV modules, 78 cells per tracker (Mono – or bi-facial)
- Tracker length: 14 m
- Height: 4 6m
- Up to 25% more energy production than a fixed system
- Ideal for flat surfaces with a maximum slope of 12%
- Partially dynamic shadow





Tensile Structure

- Tracker system is hold together through a tensile structure
- Distance between rows: 12 20m
- Advantages of the tensile structure:
 - Increased wind resistance
 - Decreased foundation loads, leading to smaller foundations (and thus less impact on the ground)
 - Tensile structure is used to fix electrical cables to increase security



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REM Tec's Agrovoltaico[®] fixed technologies is based on a system with PV modules mounted on suspended wire ropes

Fixed System: Technical Specifications

- Height: 4 5 m allowing agricultural machinery to work underneath
- Support structure: 2 inclined poles with a distance between 15 – 25 m (variable)
- PV modules: up to 700 Wp bifacial modules which are placed almost continuously along the row or with misalignment between the rows in order to create a chessboard design
- PV modules tilt: up to 20°
- Distance between rows: 3 m for chessboard configuration, 6 m for linear configuration
- **Shadow:** Slow moving depending from sun position
- Land topography: Ideal for flat surfaces and max slope of 15%
- Lower initial investment required compared to tracking systems but also lower electricity production

Fixed System: Illustrations



REM Tec's site of Beaucaire



Increasing the degree of freedom (e.g. 3D vs. fixed system) of the Agrovoltaico[®] will generally lead to a better and more sustainable integration of agricultural needs

	3D Agrovoltaico®	2D Agrovoltaico [®]	Fixed Agrovoltaico®
Plant Orientation	No restrictions	Needs East-West or North-South	Needs North-South
Agricultural rows adaptation			
Parcel slope	Up to 3 %	Up to 12 %	Up to 15%
Power production (compared to GM)	Up to 145%	Up to 120%	100%
Shadow behavior (normal tracking)	Fast moving, very dynamic	Moving, semi dynamic	Slow moving depending from supposition
Shadow modification	Full shadow management	Limited shadow management	No shadow management possibl
Adaptation to landscape	Distance and orientation of tracker row can be adapted to environment	North / South or East / West orientation of parcel required	North / South orientation of parce



Overview of features promoting the integration of AgriPV plants and agriculture to create a win / win situation



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The bi-axial Agrovoltaico[®] system allows the most precise management of the shadow generated on the ground

The knowledge of crops' behavior in response to certain shading scenarios allows to optimize electricity and agricultural production and to create a symbiosis between the two business models

Shadow management

The Agrovoltaico® system allows to:

- Guarantee a sufficient solar irradiation for the underlying crops, varying the percentage of shading on the ground, even making it zero if necessary, in order to optimize agricultural production
- Manage the tracker movements in order to maximise the energy production



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The choice between fixed vs. tracking systems depend on various factors, with irradiation reduction and shadow management being one of the most important ones

The graphs show the cumulative irradiation on the around on a summer dav under different configuration of Agrovoltaico® plants

The area considered is the target area, which is representative of the irradiation over the entire plant. The dimension of the target area varies with the distance between the rows

Fixed Chessboard



2D Tracker

The 2D tracker configuration produces a semi dvnamic shadow on the ground with limited shadow management



Fixed Stripe

receive high

amount of

irradiation

The linear configuration of the fixed AGV produces a very static shadow on the ground. Therefore, the gradient of irradiation is marked



3D Tracker

The 3D tracker configuration produces a dynamic shadow on the ground and allows the highest level of shadow management, up to full light on the ground



Irradiation control leads to more moisture and humidity in the soil – Thus less irrigation is required for agriculture, lowering the water consumption of up to 60%

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IGA (Japan) - 2021



Agricultural research conducted by REM Tec in Mantua (Italy) have shown a significant positive impact of REM Tec's Agrovoltaico[®] system on soil moisture

The graph compares the soil moisture in July at 15 cm depth Relative soil moisture

is always higher due to a significant reduction of evapotranspiration under the Agrovoltaico[®] system

Significant reduction of irrigation (up to 50%) can be achieved through the usage of Agrovoltaico[®] systems





The experience gained by REM Tec gives us a deep knowledge on the behavior of several crops and their interaction with Agrovoltaico[®] systems

Crops examples

- Salad
- Cabbage
- Chard
- Ornamental plants
- Maize
- Wheat
- Tomato
- Pumpkin
- Melon
- Rice
- Alfalfa
- Soybean
- Berries
- Hemp
- Potato
- Grapevine









Field trials have shown a significant increase in grapes weight under Agrovoltaico®





2021: 1st Agrovoltaico[®] wine worldwide

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Research shows a up to 40% increase of average lettuce diameter and up to 60% decrease in water consumption for tomatoes and pumpkin



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REM Tec operates directly in Europe on a project base and in the world through dedicated cooperation

Currently REM Tec has ongoing project developments based on fixed, 2D (new technology for high slopes currently developed) and 3D:



Projects comprise different types of agriculture such as:

- Vineyards, Kiwis...
- Lemons, Oranges, Apples, Hazelnuts...
- Alfalfa and Cereals...
- Potatoes, Salads, Tomato...

Monticelli (PC) - 2011

- Technology: First generation 3D¹⁾ Trackers
- Nominal Power: 3.2 MWp
- N° Trackers installed: 1154
- Plant surface: 17.1ha
- Ground cover ratio: 14%
- Crops utilized by farmer: Corn, Ryegrass

Forli – Q2 2023 🌔

- Technology: Second generation 3D¹ Trackers
- Nominal Power: 1.0 MWp
- N° Trackers installed: 60
- Plant surface: 1.6ha
- Ground cover ratio: 30%
- Crops utilized by farmer: <u>existing</u> Vineyard

Beaucaire - 2023

- Technology: Fixed Chessboard
- Nominal Power: 0.2 MWp
- N° Trackers installed: -
- Plant surface: 0.5 ha
- Ground cover ratio: 27%
- Crops utilized by farmer: Rice







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REM Tec's services provide a one-stop-shop solution tailored to assist project developers and asset managers in all relevant project phases



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Overview of Rem Tec's tasks during construction phase of projects



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