

TECHNOLOGY TREND STUDY FOR DESY (PETRA IV).



FINAL REPORT

Meta-analysis of societal & technological challenges

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INTRODUCTION

DESY has been successfully designing, building, commissioning, and exploiting a number of research and user facilities within the last six decades and seeks to maintain its pioneering scientific position by looking its strategy for the next 10-15 years. With this intention, DESY came up with its 4th generation synchrotron radiation source project PETRA IV (an upgrade of PETRA III, 3rd generation synchrotron radiation source), which looks to be a user facility serving the international photon science community across different scientific domains. Since PETRA IV project is still in its development phase, there is a **need to provide solid argumentations for its relevance and contribution to addressing grand societal challenges and technological trends for the next 10-15 years** by vividly showcasing its beamline portfolio to all interested and potential stakeholders at national and international levels, such as national and European Union policy makers, industry, international research, and user community.

Therefore, this study aims to identify and assess the grand societal and technological challenges for the coming 10-15 years in the 5 major fields of interest for PETRA IV potential application areas: energy, life and health, earth and environment, transport, and quantum materials for information technology (or new technologies).

METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH

The study had three distinct stages:

- desk research analysing relevant documents on societal challenges and technological trends.
- experts' assessment via FIBRES platform, ranking and commenting on different technological trends.
- reporting and mapping key societal challenges and technological trends of interest for PETRA IV.

LITERATURE REVIEW

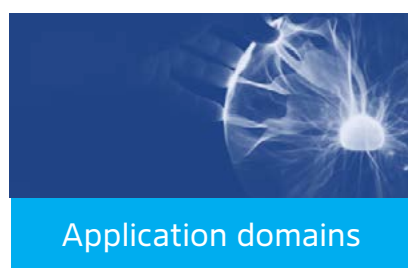
The first stage was designed to provide a comprehensive overview of the current societal and technological challenges at the EU and global levels referring to multiple sources of information. Our approach was based on the investigation and analysis of the literature from three major stakeholder groups: 1) policy makers, 2) industrial or commercial sector and 3) academia.

The targeted stakeholder groups are viewed as key players in triggering, managing or influencing grand societal challenges, related technology trends and associated solutions, taking into account their financial, material and intellectual capacities, often determining the pace and overall direction of the societal and technological developments. This assumption allowed us to balance between the published materials by different stakeholders, as an initial indication whether a trend or challenge is progressing rapidly, is a frontrunner in the field, or has a potential to be materialised in the next 10-15 years.

Regarding the **policy makers** perspective, we have explored a large number of policy, strategy and guideline papers published by influential and authoritative international organisations, such as EU, NATO, WHO, UN, OECD, as well as future oriented foresight studies prepared by specialised research centres, consultancies and think tanks. The insights of the **business community** have been covered by publications of professional market research and consultancies, such as Deloitte, KPMG, McKinsey, CBI, etc., as well as some insights provided by field leading industrial firms and their associations. The **scientific** angle was considered by screening articles published in peer-reviewed scientific journals, and open access data repositories.

Overall, more than 175 academic publications, policy documents and business reports published in the last three years (in some cases, exceptionally five years) were collected and analysed. At the first stage of the study, we did not apply any classification or prioritisation of trends, attaching the results to the frequency of references on the screened material.

Each area of interest is presented by considering the following descriptive criteria:



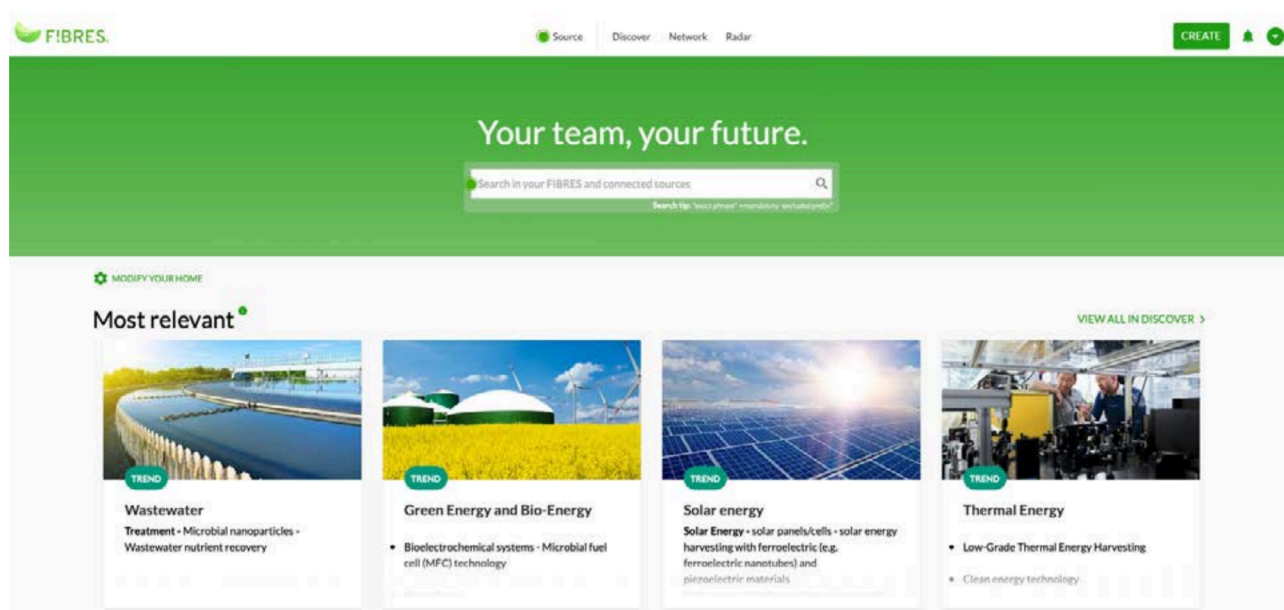
MAPPING OF TECHNOLOGY TRENDS

The second step aimed to map the technology trends through an online assessment with experts of the five areas of interest of PETRA IV plus an extra selection of experts working on cross-cutting issues. The main output of this phase is a map of technology trends (in a radar style graphic) that allows to clearly foresee how trends will potentially materialise in the next decade according to experts' review.

This task was coordinated with DESY's Interdivisional Department ITT to reach a larger number of experts, who assessed societal challenges and technological trends against defined evaluation criteria. Experts were invited to log into FIBRES platform and validate the results of the identified technological trends sharing their individual views based on experience and expertise. They were given a period of approximately 10-14 days to complete the task, receiving a direct registration link, a short guide to navigate the platform and a set of indications coming directly from the DESY's Project Officer, including some qualitative evaluation questions.

The trends included in the FIBRES platform came from the literature review phase and experts had the possibility of adding new trends, commenting on the existing ones and adding further sources of information related to the technology trend under review.

The following figure shows the interface of the FIBRES platform, used by experts to assess and classify trends.



The criteria used for the evaluation included:

1. Position on the radar:

- Time to impact: When will this phenomenon begin to have impact as its expected strength?
- Impact strength: How strong will be the impact of this phenomenon?
- Area domain: What is the primary domain of this phenomenon?

2. Classification:

- Phenomenon certainty: How likely is it for this phenomenon to have impact as its expected strength?
- Trend label:
 - Emerging: those technological solutions and trends that are expected to reach technological maturity in the period 2021-2035.
 - Disruptive: those technological solutions and trends that may have a major, revolutionary impact in a specific field or a number of fields in the period 2021-2035.
 - Convergent: a combination of technologies that are combined in a novel manner to create a disruptive effect.
- Scientific background: this scale assesses the research intensity level behind a specific trend or technology, i.e., how much research has been done to date to investigate the trend/technology and its different aspects
- Technological maturity
- Market uptake potential
- Underlying political and legal environment: what is the underlying political and legal environment at the European level in a 10-year perspective
 - neutral/absent (i.e., not focusing on a given trend/technology in policy documents, work programmes, etc.),
 - supporting (i.e., addressing the trend/technology in some political agendas),
 - conducive (i.e., promoting the development and materialization of the trend/technology via available political tools & channels, such as funding mechanisms, work programs, legal & regulatory frameworks, etc.)
- Relevance and impact in addressing a societal challenge
- Potential economic impact in a 10-year perspective

Additionally, experts were also asked to provide – on a voluntary basis – further answers to the following questions:

- 1. What trends and challenges do you see in your business/research area that have not been mentioned here yet? Is there any trend mentioned here that you think shouldn't be?**
- 2. What are the crucial technical and research challenges in your field that need to be solved in the coming years?**
- 3. Could you outline which specific scientific tools, instruments, measurement techniques you would need in the coming years to cover your research gaps?**
- 4. Do you know any colleagues who could share further insights with us on the technology trends? How could we reach him or her?**

Due to a limited access capacity to the platform, we have invited the experts in three waves based on a prioritisation process done in collaboration with DESY's Project Officer. A total of 35 experts out of 72 pre-identified were connected to the platform and performed the assignment. Selected experts came from different kind of institutions including academia, think tanks, research institutes, enterprises and business sector from different countries, mainly in Europe. In total 20% of participants were female in senior and leading positions. The following table shows the distribution of experts by PETRA IV areas of interest:

Area of Interest	Number of Experts
Cross-cutting trends	12
Life and health	6
Transport	6
Earth and environment	5
Energy	4
Quantum materials	2

ANALYSIS

The last stage consisted of a presentation of the main findings based on the outputs of the literature review and the experts' assessment. In the last section of the report, we present arguments and identify trends opportunities for PETRA IV to integrate with the existing design, considering the linkages of the possible applications with addressing sustainable development goals and societal challenges.

The study itself presents a number of limitations, that should be considered when reading the results:

- Regarding the literature review, two main difficulties were encountered: first, different words for common trends were used in multiple sources; second, the existence of convergent or cross-cutting trends dispersed over different sectors (for instance, technologies which are multidisciplinary by nature such as AI, nanotechnologies, bioinformatics, etc. and can be projected to a wide range of scientific fields and applications). Added to a limited timeframe to process the information of the multiple sources, the wording and the convergence of trends could lead to trends classified under one area of interest but probably also applicable to others.
- Furthermore, we have identified a considerable number of publications made by specialised research and policy consultancies, which have done similar trends mapping by applying very concrete indicators, such as TRL level, trademark, patent analytics and publications as main reference points when determining the likelihood of a certain trend to occur and materialise in the future. We intentionally have not focused on this kind of studies in order to avoid bias during the data analysis phase.
- Due to data availability regarding a specific technology trend, technique, narrowing research topics and application areas also presented a degree of difficulty, leading to a lack of information particularly in the application domains for specific technologies or their market size and leaders.
- Regarding the expert assessment, some new trends were added by experts joining in the second or third waves of invitations. This means that some trends are not evaluated by the whole group of experts, but by a limited number. It should also be noted that not all experts have assessed the whole set of trends loaded in the FIBRES platform, but only those close to their areas of expertise.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The scope of the review includes five main sectors (Energy, Life and Health, Transport, Earth & Environment and Quantum Materials for Information Technologies) identified as the main science and technology drivers in the PETRA IV conceptual design report (CDR). Additionally, we have identified and grouped separately some cross-cutting or convergent technologies which are applicable to several fields and topics. An initial analysis connected the technology trends to respective societal challenges and UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

A key finding reveals that there is a direct connection and transformative impact between the grand societal challenges and emerging or breakthrough technologies. For example, ageing population, which is a global concern, has provoked sub-challenges such as the fight against cancer, genetic and infectious diseases, diabetes, which in their turn have triggered the development of newly emerging technologies and know-how in life and health sciences, like gene and cell therapy, biosensing technologies, novel technologies for drug delivery, etc.

The analysis of the reviewed publications at European and international levels shows that climate change, digital transformation, ageing population and urbanisation triggered key emerging societal challenges such as environmental protection (calling for efficient, secure, clean and renewable energy approaches, reduction of CO₂ and greenhouse gas emissions, etc.), fight against the most deadliest diseases (e.g. Ischemic heart disease, stroke, cancer, Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, etc.), need for a smarter, socially inclusive cities and communities with advanced (intelligence-based) infrastructures and environmentally friendly ecosystem, big data storage, management and sharing issues, with a particular emphasis on data security aspects, etc.

To cope with the abovementioned grand challenges, governments, intergovernmental organisations and some industrial corporations are promoting (by means of funding, legislative incentives, tax privileges) responsible research and innovation approaches and pushing forward across a large number of research and innovation programmes, research infrastructures and commercial research and development (R&D). For instance, in a recent document, the European Commission (EC) states: "achieving the existing 2030 climate and energy targets will require EUR 260 billions of additional investment in the energy system annually in 2021-2030. The European Investment Bank (EIB) Group will become Europe's climate bank by doubling its climate target to 50%. Under the upcoming Just Transition Mechanism, the Commission is also

working with the European Investment Bank (EIB) Group towards mobilizing significant investments for regions that will need to be particularly assisted in the environmental and climate transition during the period of the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF). Europe also needs to remain technologically sovereign by investing in innovative technologies like block-chain, high-performance and quantum computing, algorithms and tools to allow data sharing and data usage. Data and Artificial Intelligence (AI) are major drivers for innovation that can help us to find solutions to societal challenges, from health to farming and food production, from security to manufacturing”¹.

Market insights provided by different consultancies and commercial forecasting companies also indicate that most of the currently emerging and promising technologies fall into the wider fields of energy, environment, life and health, transport, big data, AI, communications, etc. There is a visible alignment of market perspectives with governmental approaches. Of particular relevance is the topic of standardisation, which is at the core of the single European Union market and key for the sustainable development agenda, in particular for topics such as data science, AI, Quantum technologies, among others linked to the digital transition.

Furthermore, COVID-19 pandemic keeps accelerating the impact on some technology trends linked to urbanisation, mostly in the field of robotics, mobility and communications². It has also triggered new challenges and research applications in the medical research sphere, putting more demand on deeper investigation of infectious diseases, viruses and vaccines. In addition to a number of past, and ongoing, research actions related to coronaviruses and outbreaks, the Commission launched several special actions in 2020 for COVID-19 research. These actions address epidemiology, preparedness and response to outbreaks, the development of diagnostics, treatments and vaccines, as well as the infrastructures and resources that enable this research. Horizon Europe, the EU research and innovation framework programme for 2021-2027, will continue to invest in research and innovation to tackle infectious diseases including poverty-related and neglected diseases. The Commission and national ministries have also agreed on the first ERAvsCorona action plan which lays out ten priority short-term coordinated actions to tackle coronavirus, including clinical trials, data access, uses of research infrastructures and further investment for COVID-19 research and innovation³.

¹ Enabling Technologies for Industry 5.0. Results of a workshop with Europe's technology leaders. European Commission. Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, 2020, Prosperity

² Loke, Seng & Rakotonirainy, A. (2021). An Overview of Technology Trends Towards Smarter Cities. 10.1007/978-3-030-82318-4_1.

³ 1. ERAvsCORONA Action Plan: Working Document and First Results.

Overall, the research results show that the five identified fields assumed to be potentially impacted by or benefited from PETRA IV capabilities are on the academic, policy and industrial agendas for at least the upcoming decade, evidenced in the following summary from the reviewed documents.

PRELIMINARY TREND ANALYSIS

This section provides an initial analysis connecting the identified technology trends to respective societal challenges and UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the key areas of interest of PETRA IV. All trends and main topics have been collated and summarised from the desk research, combining multiple sources as previously mentioned in the methodological section.

■ ENERGY:

This area of interest is mainly linked to the societal challenges of switching to renewable, cleaner, secure and efficient energy as well as circular economy. The literature reveals some of key research challenges within the area of interest will be oriented towards the clarification of mechanisms behind the deterioration of materials that occurs during the conversion of kinetic energy into electric energy, clarification of the degradation mechanisms of thermoelectric materials, combination of different materials for increased efficiency, scale-up possibilities; economic aspects, such as cost reduction, logistic issues, investment decisions, etc.



MAIN TRENDS

Solar Energy, Green Energy, Bioenergy, Thermal Energy, Wind Energy, Water Energy, Batteries, Thermoelectrical energy harvesting, Lead-based and lead-free ferroelectric ceramic capacitors for electrical energy storage

MAIN TOPICS

Energy Harvesting, Energy Conversion, Energy Storage

■ EARTH & ENVIRONMENT:

This area of interest is mainly connected to the societal challenges of decarbonisation, reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, emissions reduction from Emissions Trading Systems (ETS) sectors, reduction of primary energy demand, effective waste management and water quality.



MAIN TRENDS






Wastewater Treatment, microbial nanoparticles, wastewater nutrient recovery, splitting carbon dioxide (CO₂), arsenic removal, underwater living, underwater sensor networking, water quality

MAIN TOPICS

Water, Air, Soil, Underwater living, Pollution



■ TRANSPORT:

This area of interest responds to the following societal challenges: safer, cleaner, secure alternative fuels, tackling with urbanization and faster delivery.

				
MAIN TRENDS	MAIN TOPICS			
<p>Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS), ITS-technologies: Vehicle-to-Infrastructure (V2I), Infrastructure-to-Vehicle (I2V) and Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V); Electric-Drive Vehicles, hybrid electrical vehicles (incl. aviation), wide bandgap semiconductors; drones; hydrogen fuel cell technology</p>	<p>Reduction of CO2 emissions through optimization of combustion engines, the electrification of propulsion systems or the development of new battery technologies, Autonomous Vehicles, CAV (connected automated vehicles), Hydrogen fuel cell technology, Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)</p>			

■ LIFE AND HEALTH:






By 2024, an ageing population increase means the workforce in eleven EU Member States is estimated to fall by more than 3% compared to today. By 2060, the EU's workforce is estimated to decline by 12%. Facing this perspective, key societal challenges of this area of interest are decreasing labour force, cancer treatment, Alzheimer's disease, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, infectious diseases and vaccines..

	
MAIN TRENDS	MAIN TOPICS
<p>Cell-therapy (e.g., CAR-T), Gene-therapy (e.g. Genome Editing Technologies, CRISPR Gene Editing), Engineered Living Materials (ELMs), Biosensing technologies, Stem-cell-based tissue engineering, Drug delivery, Biodegradable sensors, Lab-on-a-chip, Antibiotic Susceptibility Testing, Bio-Printing (of human parts)</p>	<p>Labour forces, various diseases, health applied methodologies, intervention materials</p>

⁴ More information: Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, The Council, The European Central Bank, The European Economic and Social Committee, The Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2020; Brussels.

QUANTUM MATERIALS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (NEW TECHNOLOGIES):

This area is mainly addressing societal challenges such as digital transformation, security (incl. data security), social inclusion, environmental protection, tackling with climate change (e.g., floods).

				
MAIN TRENDS		MAIN TOPICS		
Multilayers, e.g., Ferromagnetic thin films, Ferroelectrics as a means of computer storage		Data Storage & Transfer /Spintronics, Neuromorphic chips, Artificial Intelligence, Additive Manufacturing		

Further to the five areas of interests, some **cross cutting or convergent trends** emerged from the literature review:

- Graphene-based technologies, lack of standardisation, great application potential in automotive and transportation, aerospace, electronics, military and defence
- Carbon nanotubes
- Nanotechnologies (Agriculture, Medicine, Energy, Food, Fuel cells, Batteries, Better air quality, Chemical sensors, Fabric, Solar cells)
- 3D/4D Printing
- Synthetic Biology
- Bioinformatics
- Hyperspectral imaging

EXAMPLES OF TECHNOLOGY TRENDS



SOLAR ENERGY

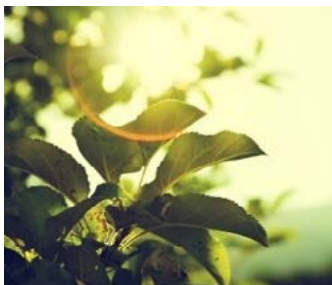
Including solar panels/cells, solar energy harvesting with ferroelectric (e.g., ferroelectric nanotubes) and piezoelectric materials

Application Domain Civil engineering, Heating, Cooling, Industrial applications, Electricity.

Scientific Disciplines Electrical engineering, thin films physics

Market Overview

Solar installations in the USA are forecasted to quadruple from current levels by 2030, as more and more homeowners are learning that it's possible to reduce their environmental impact while offsetting their energy bills with solar panels.⁵



GREEN OR BIOENERGY APPROACHES

Including bioelectrochemical systems, microbial fuel cell (MFC) technology, biomethane, biohythane, biohydrogen, green hydrogen production, ultra-green hydrogen production with graphene coating

Application Domain Reducing GHG emissions, waste management, improving air quality, alternative fuels, alternative energy sources

Scientific Disciplines Environmental science, Biotechnologies, Chemistry, Molecular Physics

Market Overview

In the last few years, trends of using bioenergy have become quite popular with many new projects and initiatives being given the green light across the globe. This has shown a positive impact on national, regional, and local levels. More business and residential buildings are converting waste-to-energy systems, thereby supporting this market, worldwide.⁶

⁵ More information: Top Solar Companies: 8 Best Solar Energy Companies of 2021 - EcoWatch, 10 Biggest Solar Companies

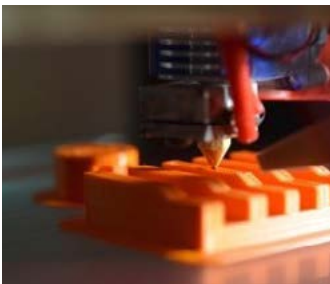
⁶ More information: Top 10 Bioenergy Companies in the global market by 2021



THERMAL ENERGY

Including thermal energy storage as well as development and application of advanced thermodynamic methods for optimizing thermal systems for, e.g., power production, refrigeration, heat pumps, internal combustion engines, and biomass utilisation.

Application Domain	Low-Grade Thermal Energy Harvesting, Clean energy technology
Scientific Disciplines	Physics, Chemistry, Mechanical Engineering, Molecular Physics
Market Overview	Thermal Energy Storage Market to surpass USD 374 Million by 2030 from USD 190 Million in terms of value growing at a CAGR of 14.2% throughout the forecast period, i.e., 2020-30. ⁷



ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING

3D/4D Printing, defined as a method that enables fabrication of metallic and non-metallic parts directly from the CAD (computer-aided design) file

Application Domain	Energy storage, Structural applications, Structural elements, insulation. Questions for research: whether the system can be scaled up sufficiently and whether transmission across the long distances of cislunar space and through Earth's atmosphere is safe and practical.
Scientific Disciplines	Chemistry, Mechanical engineering, Physics, Materials Science
Market Overview	The Global Additive Manufacturing Market size is expected to reach USD 23.75 billion by 2027. ⁸

⁷ More information: Global Thermal Energy Storage Market Forecast up to 2030

⁸ More information: Additive Manufacturing Market Analysis By Material Type, By Metal Type, By Polymer Type, By Ceramics Type, By Process, By End-use, And Segment Forecasts To 2027, Additive Manufacturing with Metal Powders Market Statistics



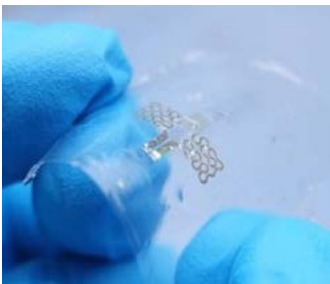
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Including any type of software or hardware component supporting machine learning, computer vision, natural language understanding (NLU) and natural language processing (NLP).

Application Domain e-commerce, automotive industry, education, robotics, healthcare,

Scientific Disciplines Economics, Engineering, Computing, Physics

Market Overview The global Artificial Intelligence market is projected to grow from \$47.47 billion in 2021 to \$360.36 billion in 2028. ⁹



BIODEGRADABLE SENSORS

Mainly sensors fully biodegradable (and implantable) including power source, circuitry, and wireless technologies.

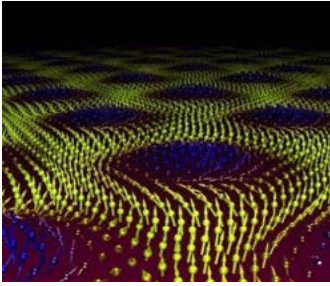
Application Domain Health, food monitoring

Scientific Disciplines Molecular Biology, Chemistry, Microbiology

Market Overview Biosensors is estimated the largest product type in the global Disposable Medical Sensors market in 2019, demand for which is anticipated to register 2019-2026 CAGR of 9.9% and reach a projected US\$7.1 billion by 2026.¹⁰

⁹ More information: Global Artificial Intelligence Market | 2021 - 26 | Industry Share, Size, Growth - Mordor Intelligence, Artificial Intelligence Market Size & Share | AI Industry Growth by 2025, Artificial Intelligence Market Size, Share | AI Industry Growth, 2028

¹⁰ More information: Global Disposable Medical Sensors Industry to 2026 - Key Business Trends Focusing on Product Innovations/Developments, Mergers & Acquisitions, and Joint Ventures



SPINTRONIC

Study of the intrinsic spin of the electrons and its associated magnetic moment, in addition to fundamental electronic charge in solid-state devices

Application Domain

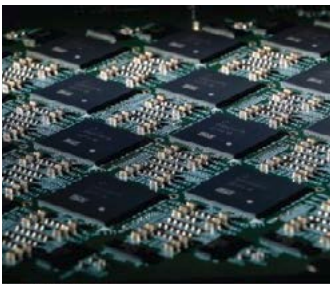
Electric vehicles, industrial motors, data storage, magnetic random-access memory, semiconductor lasers, spintronics couplers, magnetic sensing

Scientific Disciplines

Physics, Engineering, Computing

Market Overview

The spintronics market is estimated to reach USD 967.8 million by 2026.¹¹



NEUROMORPHIC CHIP

Specific brain-inspired ASIC that implements the Spiked Neural Networks.

Application Domain

Environment, medicine, automotive industry, digital transition

Scientific Disciplines

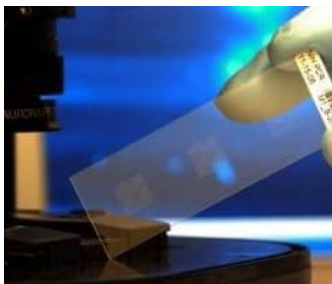
Computing, Bioengineering, Electrical Engineering

Market Overview

The Neuromorphic Chip Market was valued at USD 22.5 million in 2020, and it is projected to be worth USD 333.6 million by 2026.¹²

¹¹ More information: Spintronics Market Size, Share, Growth Forecast 2027

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LAB-ON-A-CHIP

Miniaturized device that integrates into a single chip one or several analyses, which are usually done in a laboratory (e.g., DNA sequencing or biochemical detection).

Application Domain

Nucleic acid biotechnology and analysis (DNA and RNA sequencing, genotyping, gene manipulation), protein analysis (proteomics and metabolomics for targeted and untargeted analysis), medical diagnostics, medical devices and treatments (including implantable and wireless), drug development (screening and delivery), cells, tissues, organs on chip and integrated tissue engineering, 3D cell culture, single cell analysis, cell and organism motility and interactions, systems and synthetic biology and medicine, Energy, biofuels, environmental and food monitoring.

Scientific Disciplines

Molecular Biology, Chemistry, Microbiology, Medicine, Physics

Market Overview

The global lab on a chip market is expected to reach US\$9.06 billion by 2026.¹³



CELL & GENE THERAPY

Including chimeric antigen receptor T-cell (CAR-T), engineered living materials, biosensing technologies, Stem-cell based tissue-engineering and genome editing technologies.

Application Domain

Treating cancer, cystic fibrosis, heart disease, diabetes, haemophilia and AIDS

Scientific Disciplines

Molecular Biology, Genetics, Chemistry, Microbiology, Medicine

Market Overview

Cell and gene therapy market is expected to grow from \$4,390.3 million in 2020 to \$15,482.3 million in 2025 at a rate of 28.7%. The market is then expected to grow at a CAGR of 17.3% from 2025 and reach \$34,317.9 million in 2030.¹⁴

¹³ More information: Lab On a Chip Market Size, Trends & Growth | 2021 to 2026 (marketdataforecast.com), Top Lab-on-chip companies

¹⁴ More information: Gene Therapy Market Size, Share, Trends & Growth | 2021 to 2026, Global Cell and Gene Therapy Market Report 2021-2030: Growing Investments and Manufacturing Facility Expansion & Increasing Number Of Pipeline Studies and Drug Development, Cell Therapy Technologies Market - Global Forecast to 2025, Cell Therapy Market Size Worth \$23.0 Billion By 2028



BATTERIES

Including Graphene Batteries and Li-Ion Batteries.

Application Domain

Transport & mobility (marine, aerospace, aviation, electrical vehicles), defence, stationary energy storage. Key research topics: Battery systems, battery management, digital twins for battery system design, manufacturing and management, methods and tools for assessment of battery, performance and safety

Scientific Disciplines

Chemistry, Electrical Engineering, Physics

Market Overview

The global lithium-ion battery market size is projected to grow from USD 41.1 billion in 2021 to USD 116.6 billion by 2030. The global graphene battery market size is projected to grow from USD 168 million in 2024 to USD 609 million by 2030.¹⁵

¹⁵ More information: The Worldwide Lithium-Ion Battery Industry to 2030 is Expected to Reach \$116.6 Billion by 2030; Graphene Battery Market by Type, End-Use Industry, Region - Global Forecast to 2030

ASSESSMENT BY EXPERTS

The second stage of the study consisted of an expert assessment, where experts were invited to rank and comment on the identified societal challenges and technological trends via the online platform FIBRES. The identification and potential impact assessment of a particular trend requires consideration of the threat environment (current and future), legal and policy constraints, political factors, investment decisions, as well as estimating the potential for organizational uptake (e.g., entrepreneurial drive and risk tolerance). Some of these factors have been used in the experts' assessment as categorisation criteria, as previously described in the methodological section.

Experts were presented with a series of trends on the FIBRES platform and after selecting the technologies closer to their field of expertise, they could classify the trends in terms of the time to impact, strength and main area of domain. This exercise allowed a comparison with the results of the literature review and a better understanding whether a trend is perceived as belonging to one specific area or if it tends to be a convergent issue, possibly tackling multiple societal challenges.

The trends were classified into different areas by the experts as follows:



ENERGY

- Additive Manufacturing for renewable energy
- Batteries
- Solar energy
- Thermal Energy
- Green Energy and Bio-Energy
- Other trends in energy harvesting



EARTH AND ENVIRONMENT

- Biodiversity / species extinction
- Underwater living
- Wastewater
- Water quantity and scarcity
- Splitting Carbon dioxide (CO₂)



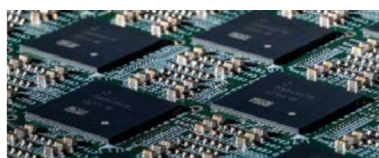
TRANSPORT

- Drones
- Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)
- Electric-Drive Vehicles
- Hydrogen fuel cell technology



LIFE AND HEALTH

- soil/land degradation
- Biodegradable sensors
- Water quality
- Cell (e.g. CAR-T) & Gene-therapy (e.g. Genome Editing Technologies)
- Lab-on-a-chip



QUANTUM MATERIALS

- Ferroelectrics as a means of computer storage
- Carbon nano-tubes
- Multilayers, e.g. Ferrimagnetic thin films

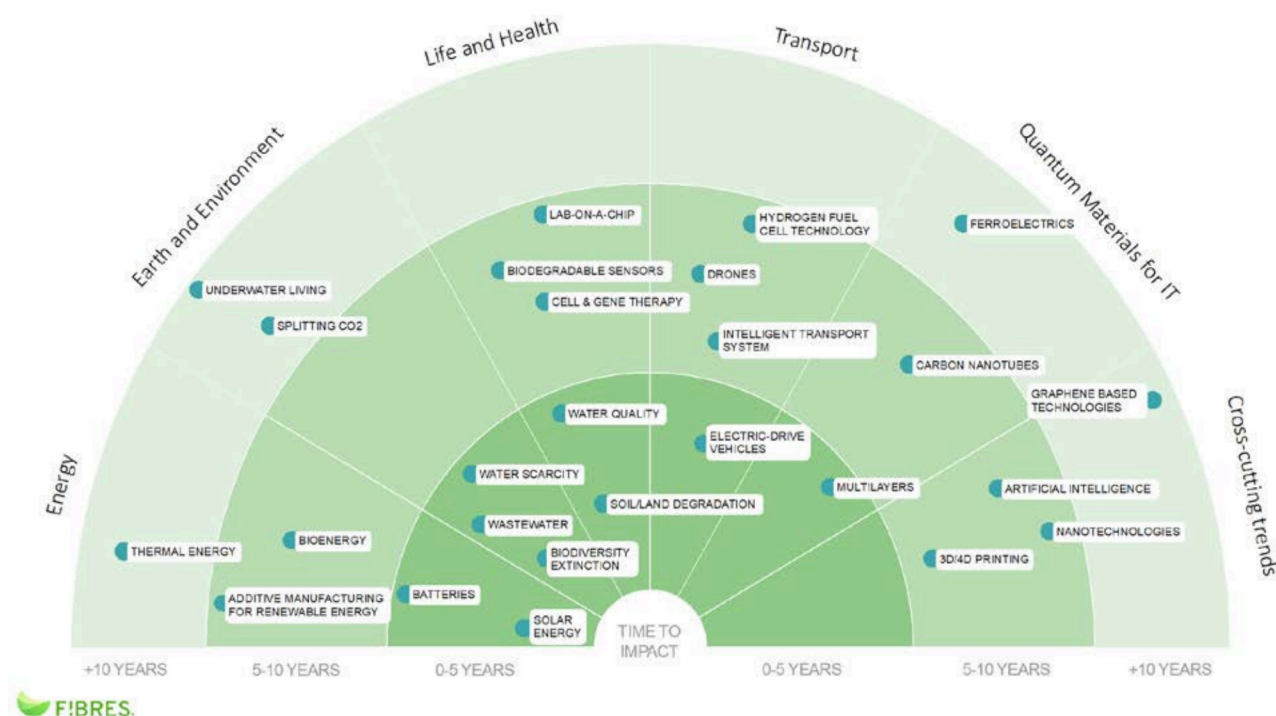


CROSS-CUTTING

- 3D & 4D printing
- Artificial Intelligence
- Graphene-based technologies
- Nanotechnologies

Further to this classification, the main output of this exercise is an assessment of trends by their likelihood to happen in a certain timeframe. The following figure represents the timeframe categorisation made by the group of experts.

Radar of technology trends, by area of interest for DESY PETRA IV



Finally, the third categorisation made by the experts was related to the impact of the technology trend. Trends were classified by low, medium or high impact, as follows:



- Biodiversity / species extinction
- Artificial Intelligence
- Wastewater
- Water quantity and scarcity
- Additive Manufacturing for renewable energy
- Batteries
- soil/land degradation
- Water quality
- Multilayers, e.g. Ferrimagnetic thin films
- Electric-Drive Vehicles
- Other trends in energy harvesting
- Carbon nano-tubes
- Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)



- Nanotechnologies
- Splitting Carbon dioxide (CO2)
- Solar energy
- Green Energy and Bio-Energy
- Biodegradable sensors
- Drones
- 3D & 4D printing
- Lab-on-a-chip
- Hydrogen fuel cell technology



- Underwater living
- Thermal Energy
- Ferroelectrics as a means of computer storage

The following table summarises the main results of the categorisation of trends by the defined criteria. Annex 1 presents a detailed overview of values received by each individual trend, comparing time to impact and impact strength, along with other categories used for categorisation, as well as a comprehensive view of the assessment of all trends and criteria during the second phase of the study.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	MAIN RESULTS
Phenomenon Certainty	In terms of certainty, six technology trends were assessed more frequently with a likelihood to happen: batteries, solar energy, artificial intelligence, wastewater and electric-drive vehicles, and biodiversity extinction. The lower level of certainty goes to underwater living and hydrogen fuel cell technology.
Trend label (emerging, disruptive or convergent)	Batteries, 3D/4D printing and solar energy have been identified more frequently as emerging technologies; artificial intelligence, wastewater, biodiversity extinction and harvesting energy were identified as disruptive technologies; artificial intelligence and carbon nanotubes were more frequently classified as convergent technologies.
Technological maturity	Experts assessed batteries and solar energy as possessing the higher TRL (8-9) with solutions fully deployed in market; electric-drive vehicles and nanotechnology were identified with an intermediate TRL (6-7); artificial intelligence and wastewater presents a lower TRL level, but already on study/testing phases (3-5); while underwater living and Ferroelectrics as a means of computer storage presents the lowest TRL according to the assessment (1-2).
Scientific background	Batteries, artificial intelligence, nanotechnologies, solar energy and electric-drive vehicles were classified with high and very high scientific background, while underwater living was tagged as the trend with less scientific developments.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	MAIN RESULTS
Market uptake potential	<p>Batteries, artificial intelligence and solar energy were classified as the trends with better uptake potential; carbon nanotubes, electric-drive vehicles and wastewater also presents a high potential; 3D & 4D printing, graphene-based technologies and underwater living present the lowest uptake potential, as per the classification of experts.</p>
Underlying political and legal environment	<p>Experts identified batteries and artificial intelligence as the trends with a conducive political and legal environment. Solar energy, carbon nanotubes, wastewater, electric-Drive Vehicles and hydrogen fuel cell technology were identified as trends with a supportive political and legal framework. Experts assessed that nanotechnologies as well as 3D and 4D printing have either a neutral or absent political and legal environment.</p>
Relevance and impact in addressing a societal challenge	<p>Experts evaluated that batteries and artificial intelligence present a higher relevance and impact in addressing societal challenges, followed by solar energy and electric-drive vehicles. Trends such as 3D & 4D printing and carbon nanotubes have a moderate relevance and impact.</p>
Potential economic impact in a 10-year perspective	<p>Biodiversity extinction, batteries, artificial intelligence, and electric-drive vehicles were among the most voted trends having a potential economic impact in the next decade, followed by solar energy. Meanwhile, graphene-based technologies and 3D/4D printing would present a moderate impact.</p>

Additionally, an internal group of experts from DESY rated further trends, considering their matching potential for PETRA IV:

Relevant trends	Potentially relevant trends
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small pores, big impact • Living Materials • 2D magnets • Materials from Mars • Functional polymer coatings • Predictive maintenance • Green building materials • Bioplastics • Gradient materials • Biofuel cells, energy harvesting from natural substrates • Direct solar hydrogen production • Metal lenses • Highly efficient solar cells • Customized 4D printing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bio-additives for sustainable plastics • Artificial Photosynthesis • DNA data storage • Polymer materials for battery technologies • Bio-inspired underwater adhesives • 5G • Internet of Things (IoT) from Space • Ionic Liquids • Superamphiphobic surfaces • Energy storage systems of the future • change colour • Bioprinting • Atmospheric water generation • Machine learning • Kinetic energy for portable electricity consumers • Industry 4.0 • genome editing • Augmented Sensing • Lidar-on-a-Chip

The assessment by the experts provides insights in terms of the technologies that will prevail in the next decade, not only supported by legal environment but also perceived as the ones contributing to address societal challenges and create a potential economic impact. The expected impact corresponds to a certain extent to the findings of the literature review. While a first reading leads to clearly identify batteries, solar energy and artificial intelligence, there are a number of trends that remain at an intermediate level in terms of identified economic impact and evidenced political and legal support, but that are growingly being developed in the scientific arena.

MAIN FINDINGS

The analysis reveals that the areas of interest identified by DESY (Energy, Life and Health, Earth and Environment, Transport and Quantum Materials for Information Technology) are well aligned with, and relevant to globally accepted societal challenges and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We estimate, for example, that DESY's areas of interest are relevant to at least 10 of the 17 UN SDGs. These societal challenges give rise to a wide range of technology challenges that are represented by the trends appearing in our literature study that have been reviewed and augmented by a range of experts.

While a significant number of the technology trends identified in this study are potentially suitable targets for study with PETRA IV, the relevance of many of the trends is harder to discern. This is inevitable given that the methodology was set up to identify trends in particular areas of interest and the output has not been filtered to match the capabilities of PETRA IV at this stage.

However, it is possible to link the technology trends identified in this study to the Science Highlights and Science and Technology Drivers described in the PETRA IV Conceptual Design Report. For example, in the area of Energy the trends relating to battery development and solar energy, which are two of the most prominent trends identified in the whole study, the links to the highlights and drivers in the Conceptual Design Report are very clear. Regarding the Life and Health area, the connections with the Conceptual Design Report focussing on the ability of PETRA IV to better understand biological systems and functions from the whole organism level down to the molecular level were deemed relevant during the literature review. Improved understanding, diagnosis and treatment of diseases such as cancer, diabetes, neurodegenerative disease and cardiovascular disease are important targets for PETRA IV and should be further taken into consideration in next steps of analysis such as dedicated workshops with experts.

There are further topics that represents an opportunity in terms of their relevance to PETRA IV and should be target of analysis in next phases of the study:

- Catalysts, which will be increasingly relevant in the fields of energy, the environment and transport. Catalysis is becoming ever more important in improving the efficiency of chemical processes in a range of applications including the production of chemicals and the reduction of pollution.
- Hydrogen Economy is an important trend in energy and transport. Hydrogen fuel cells appear as a trend under transport, but hydrogen production and storage as well as use of alternative fuels such as ammonia and methane should be further explored.
- Smart Materials (self-healing materials) have applications in energy, transport and life and health.
- Durable, low friction materials have applications in energy and transport as well as the environment and health in terms of reducing pollution.

Addressing the identified challenges requires a range of tools based on 3rd Generation synchrotron sources, free electron lasers (e.g., FLASH and the European XFEL), lasers (such as those provided by the European Extreme Light Infrastructure, ELI) as well as neutron sources such as the ESS. These complementary facilities enable studies at different spatial and temporal scales of structures and processes at atomic and molecular scales. PETRA IV, with its ability to examine phenomena at the diffraction limit for hard X-rays will be a unique and important addition to the toolbox providing capabilities not available at other current or proposed facilities in Germany or the rest of Europe.

Matching particular technology challenges to the proposed portfolio of beamline capabilities of PETRA IV is beyond the scope of the current work and will require expert input from beamline scientists and users to develop examples of pathways from technology challenge to experiments with PETRA IV to the application of data and measurements to the solution to challenges.

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ANNEX 1. TRENDS ASSESSMENT BY EXPERTS

ENERGY



Trend



Solar energy

Expert's comments:

It will impact especially energy sector, but also others e.g. manufacturing sector which requires a lot of energy

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Impact Assessment

Time to impact

- 0-5 years
- 5-10 years
- 10+ years

Area Domamain

- Energy
- Earth and Environment
- Life and Health
- Transport
- Quantum Materials for IT
- Cross-cutting trend

Impact Strenght

- Low
- Medium
- High



Trend



Batteries

Experts' comments:

- Classical material science most crucial in battery research - far more important than system evaluation or digital twins. Potentially impacted economic sector: most importantly mobility (cars) and, potentially, large-scale energy storage. scientific areas: electrochemistry & material science.
- There will be some convergence between engineering and material science when it comes to

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Trend



Green Energy and Bio-Energy

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Trend



Additive Manufacturing for renewable energy

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- ☐ Low
- ☐ Medium
- ☒ High



Trend



Thermal Energy

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Impact Assessment

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Trend



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Trend



Biodiversity / species extinction

Experts' comments:

The greatest force next to climate change shaping humanities future

Sources:

<https://www.nature.org/en-us/newsroom...>

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Trend



Wastewater

Experts' comments:

- Water will be an even more important resource in a few years. Not only clean water, but also harvesting water ingredients, like phosphates or rare metals. Water purification and filtering ingredients most efficiently works with membranes. Thus, this field is highly important.
- Megatrend: desalination, wastewater treatment, low-cost water treatment, removal of bioactive molecules in low conc., water table management

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Trend



Water quantity and scarcity

Urban Transformation - Blue infrastructure - natural water balance - intelligent irrigation (KI-Big Data etc.) The amount of available water will change in the future. This is due on the one hand to climate change, but also to increasing demands for a green hydrogen economy and the production of food.

Sources:

[Green hydrogen](#)
[If we don't change our habits now, gl...](#)

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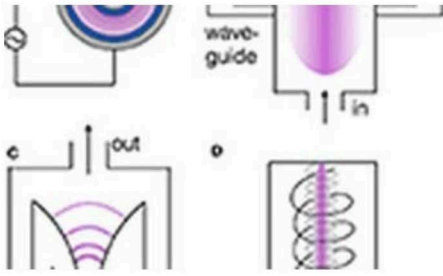
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Splitting Carbon dioxide (CO2)

Sources:

[Plasma Technology for CO2 Conversion...](#)
[The Technical and Energetic Challenge...](#)
[100 radical innovation breakthroughs ...](#)

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Underwater living

Sources:

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TRANSPORT



Trend



Electric-Drive Vehicles

Experts' comments:

The most impacted economic sectors: OEM and supplier; transport of any kind (logistics, public passenger, ...); energy providers

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Sources:

[Wide Bandgap Technology Enhances Perf...](#)



Trend



Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)

Sources:

[Vehicle-to-X \(V2X\) implementation: An...](#)

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Trend



Drones

Sources:

[100 Radical Innovation Breakthroughs...](#)

[Drones for parcel and passenger trans...](#)

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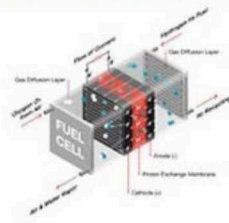
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HYDROGEN FUEL CELL TECHNOLOGY



Trend



Hydrogen fuel cell technology

Experts' comments:

- All manufacturing companies thinking about new ways of how to provide the energy resources

Sources:

[100 radical innovation breakthroughs...](#)

[Hydrogen Fuel Cell Road Vehicles and...](#)

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Soil / land degradation

erosion, desertification,



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Trend

Water quality



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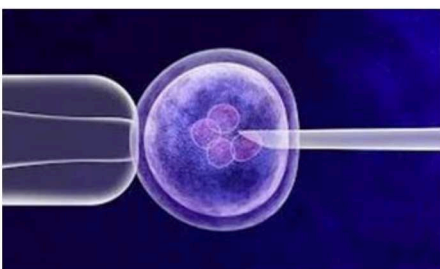
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Trend

Cell (e.g. CAR-T) & Gene-therapy (e.g. Genome Editing Technologies)



Sources:

[Nature-like and Convergent Technologi...](#)

[100 Radical Innovation Breakthroughs...](#)

[Engineered Living Materials: Taxonomi...](#)

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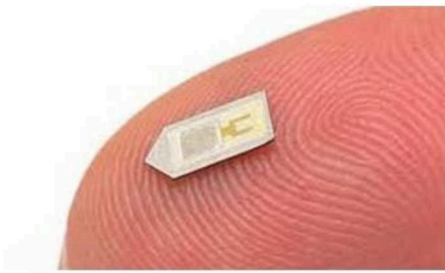
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Biodegradable sensors

Sources:

[100 Radical Innovation Breakthroughs...](#)
[Wearable and Biodegradable Sensors fo...](#)
[Biodegradable Implantable Sensors: Ma...](#)
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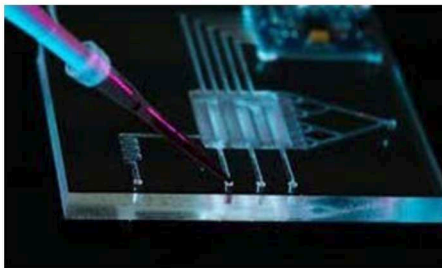
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Lab-on-a-chip

Sources:

[Introduction to lab-on-a-chip 2020: r...](#)
[Saliva Lab-on-a-chip biosensors: Rece...](#)
[Design, fabrication and assembly of l...](#)
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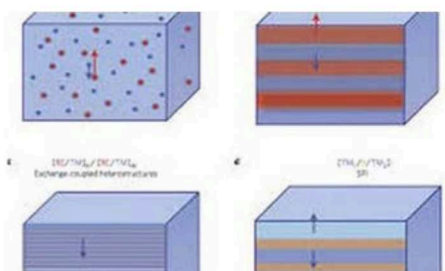
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QUANTUM MATERIALS



Trend



Multilayers, e.g., Ferrimagnetic thin films

Sources:

[Narrow-band tunable terahertz emissio...](#)

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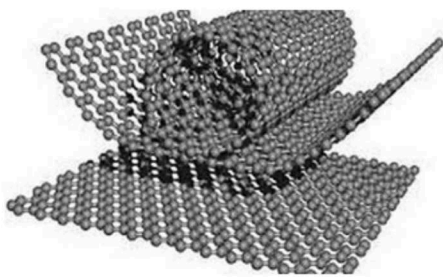
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Trend



Carbon nano-tubes

Experts' comments:

- Possibly the electronics market could benefit, very difficult to see a marketable application currently.

Sources:

<http://www.timesnano.com/en/product.p...>
Conical Nanotubes Synthesized by Atom...

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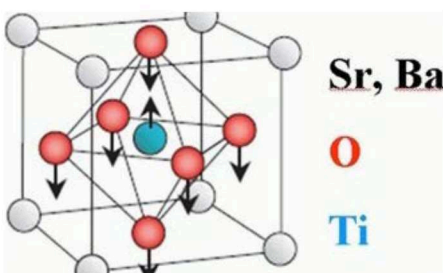
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Ferroelectrics as a means of computer storage

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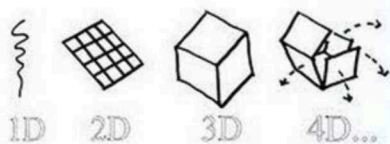
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Sources:

<https://www.haptic.ro/using-ferroelec...>
Enhancing the Energy Density of Tricr...
9 - Lead-based and lead-free ferroelec...

CROSS-CUTTING TRENDS



Trend



3D & 4D printing

Experts' comments:

- Potentially impacted scientific areas: Materials Science/Materials Informatics (in combination with Artificial Intelligence); Economic Sectors: Manufacturing, Engineering, Aerospace, Automotive.
- Sectors: manufacturing, automotive, aerospace. Being in contact with a 3D printing startup, I know that they're still struggling very much. As of now, the technology is not seen as sufficiently proven by the incumbents and prices are not yet competitive. Thus, it will depend on the progress regarding price and quality if the technology enters mainstream industry

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3D and 4D printing for optics and met...
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[Kendrew Lecture 2021 pt1 - Using AI t...](#)
[McKinsey Global Survey - The state of...](#)
[Physics-informed machine learning](#)

Trend



Artificial Intelligence

Experts' comments:

AI will help in new materials development and support the understanding of materials properties. In a few years, materials & product development in industry will not work without AI.

It will be hard to find any economic & scientific sectors that will not be potentially impacted by AI in 10-15 years. The one that will be impacted most/first are sectors that are data-rich and have a huge combinatorial search space ...

Most industries will be affected. While some companies will use it for product development/quality improvement (e.g., when selling wood), ...

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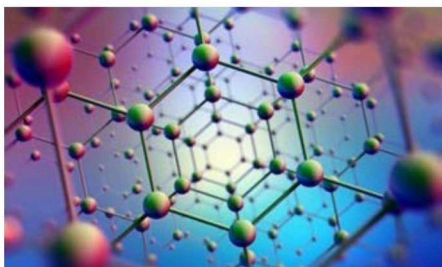
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Trend



Nanotechnologies

Experts' comments:

Most impact is expected in nanomedicine & personalized with huge economic impact in 10-15 years.

Nanotechnology does already and will play a role in many economic sectors. Most importantly electronics/opto-electronics and medicine, but also in applications where "surfaces" play a role.

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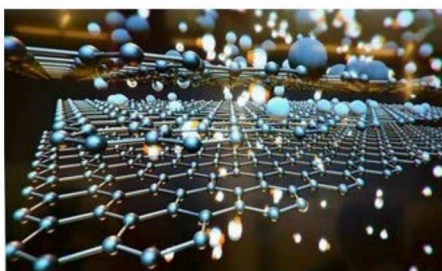
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Sources:

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[Graphene Market Outlook - 2020-2027](#)
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Trend



Graphene-based technologies

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ASSESSMENT OF TRENDS BY CATEGORY

Trends	Time to Impact	Impact Strength	Certainty Level	Trend Label	Scientific Background	Political and Legal	TRL Level	Market Uptake	Economic Impact	Addressing SDG
Batteries	0-5 years	High	Certain	Emerging	High	Conducive	High	Very High	Very High	Very High
Green and Bio-Energy	5-10 years	Medium	Certain	Convergent	Sufficient	Supporting	Sufficient	High	Moderate	Moderate
Solar energy	0-5 years	Medium	Certain	Emerging	High	Supporting	Very High	High	High	High
Thermal Energy	+10 years	Low	Uncertain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Additive Manufacturing	5-10 years	High	Certain	Emerging	Sufficient	Supporting	High	High	High	High
Energy harvesting	0-5 years	High	Uncertain	Disruptive	High	Neutral	Low	High	High	High
Biodiversity extinction	0-5 years	High	Certain	Disruptive	Very High	Neutral	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High
Wastewater	0-5 years	High	Certain	Disruptive	Sufficient	Supporting	Sufficient	High	High	Very High
Water scarcity	0-5 years	High	Certain	Emerging	Sufficient	Supporting	Very High	Low	High	High
Underwater living	+10 years	Low	+Uncertain	Emerging	Low	Neutral	Low	Low	Low	Moderate
Splitting Carbon dioxide	+10 years	Medium	Uncertain	Disruptive	High	Supporting	High	High	High	High
Electric-Drive Vehicles	0-5 years	High	Certain	Emerging	High	Supporting	High	High	Very High	High
Intelligent transport Systems	5-10 years	High	Uncertain	Emerging	High	Neutral	Sufficient	High	High	High
Drones	5-10 years	Medium	Certain	Emerging	High	Supporting	High	High	High	High
Hydrogen-fuel cell tech	5-10 years	Medium	Uncertain	Emerging	Sufficient	Supporting	Sufficient	High	High	High
Cell & Gene-therapy	5-10 years	Medium	Uncertain	Emerging	High	Neutral	High	High	High	Moderate
Soil/land degradation	0-5 years	High	Certain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water quality	0-5 years	High	Certain	-	High	Neutral	High	High	High	High
Biodegradable sensors	5-10 years	Medium	Uncertain	Emerging	High	Neutral	Sufficient	Sufficient	High	High
Lab-on-a-chip	5-10 years	Medium	Uncertain	Emerging	Sufficient	Neutral	Sufficient	High	Moderate	Moderate
Multilayers	0-5 years	High	Certain	Convergent	High	Supporting	Very High	High	High	High
Carbon nano-tubes	5-10 years	High	Uncertain	Convergent	High	Supporting	Very High	High	Moderate	Moderate
Ferroelectrics	+10 years	Low	Uncertain	Emerging	Sufficient	Neutral	Low	Low	Moderate	Low
Graphene-based tech.	+10 years	Medium	Uncertain	Emerging	High	Neutral	Sufficient	Sufficient	Moderate	Moderate
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