

# Photonics for hydrogen energy research

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# Photonics for advancing hydrogen energy research

## - Solar-to-Hydrogen Conversion:

Photonic technologies help in designing photocatalyst materials that efficiently absorb and utilize sunlight to drive chemical reactions

## - Optical Sensing and Monitoring:

Detection and measurement of hydrogen concentrations and impurities. Detection of Hydrogen leaks.

## - Photonic Materials for Catalysis:

Development of new photonic materials can enhance the performance of catalysts used in electrochemical processes for hydrogen production

## - Advanced Characterization:

Photonics-based techniques, such as Raman and infrared spectroscopy, allow for the detailed characterization of materials and reactions involved in hydrogen production and use



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# Advanced spectroscopy for hydrogen

- **Hydrogen Purity Analysis:**

Assess hydrogen purity by detecting impurities that can affect fuel cell performance

- **Monitoring Catalysts:**

Understanding and improving catalysts used in hydrogen production processes

- **In-situ Spectroscopy:**

Real-time monitoring of chemical reactions and processes in hydrogen production and storage

- **Solar Hydrogen Production:**

Development of photocatalysts for solar-driven hydrogen production

- **Safety and Leak Detection:**

Rapid detection of hydrogen leaks

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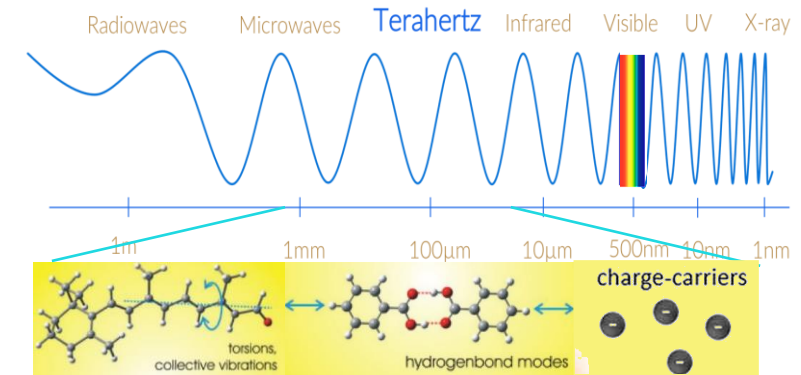
# 1. Advanced material characterization for green H<sub>2</sub> chain

**THz spectroscopy  
for chemo-sensitive non-invasive material inspection:**

inspection of materials for green H<sub>2</sub> chain and CO<sub>2</sub> capturing  
*graphene from PET pyrolysis, perovskites, MOFs*

biomass gasification  
*gas sensing, syngas/sorbent interaction to maximise H<sub>2</sub> gas*

purification efficiency  
*investigation of THz assisted process for H<sub>2</sub> production*



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## 2. Raman analysis of gas mixture

- Full-optical technique giving the gas mixture composition: methane and other hydrocarbons, hydrogen, carbon dioxide, nitrogen
- From mixture composition, all the measurements required by the Italian law for natural gas diagnostics are obtained:
  - Calorific Power [kJ/m<sup>3</sup>], i.e., the amount of ENERGY in form of heat released by the combustion of a specific volume of the mixture
  - amount of carbon dioxide
  - amount of hydrogen (in view of possible hydrogen blending)
- Measurements defined by ISO 6976:2016 standard and OIML R 140 recommendation

