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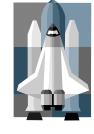


#### **KEEP IN MIND:**













A new and inventive solution

Protection: the patent

<mark>obvious</mark> knowledge?"

If there is an invention, there is an inventor: a physical person

**Inventive step:** 

"Um... how do you do it without

- > The invention must be <u>sufficiently described</u> to be comprehensible and implementable by those skilled in the art:
- This is the pinciple of the dissemination of knowledge in exchange for protection granted by the State
- Patent application will be examined in scope and patentability criteria

#### It is possible to file a patent for :

#### **Products**

Mechanical, chemical, electrical devices Materials, Molecules

#### **Processes**

Methods of manufacture, control, operation ...



#### **SOME FIGURES**



- Source of Technical Information (prior art worldwide)
  - •70% of citations are in patents
  - •40% of solutions only in patents!



A current technical problem or a technical solution is (probably) included in patents

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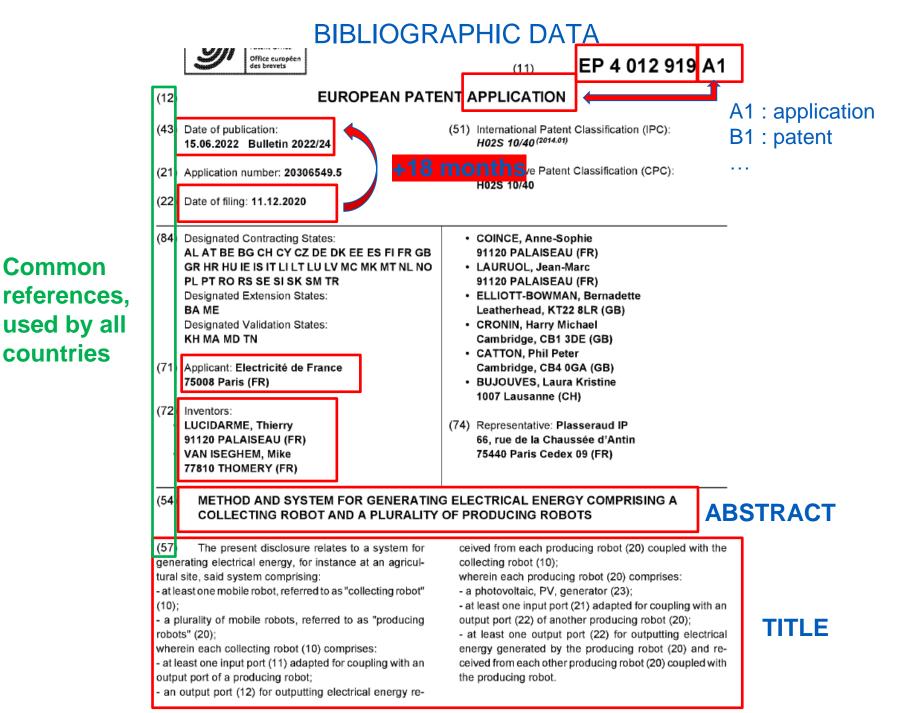
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#### (54) METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR GENERATING ELECTRICAL ENERGY COMPRISING A COLLECTING ROBOT AND A PLURALITY OF PRODUCING ROBOTS

- (57) The present disclosure relates to a system for generating electrical energy, for instance at an agricultural site, said system comprising:
- at least one mobile robot, referred to as "collecting robot"
   (10):
- a plurality of mobile robots, referred to as "producing robots" (20);

wherein each collecting robot (10) comprises:

- at least one input port (11) adapted for coupling with an output port of a producing robot;
- an output port (12) for outputting electrical energy re-

ceived from each producing robot (20) coupled with the collecting robot (10);

wherein each producing robot (20) comprises:

- a photovoltaic, PV, generator (23);
- at least one input port (21) adapted for coupling with an output port (22) of another producing robot (20);
- at least one output port (22) for outputting electrical energy generated by the producing robot (20) and received from each other producing robot (20) coupled with the producing robot.

Classification codes

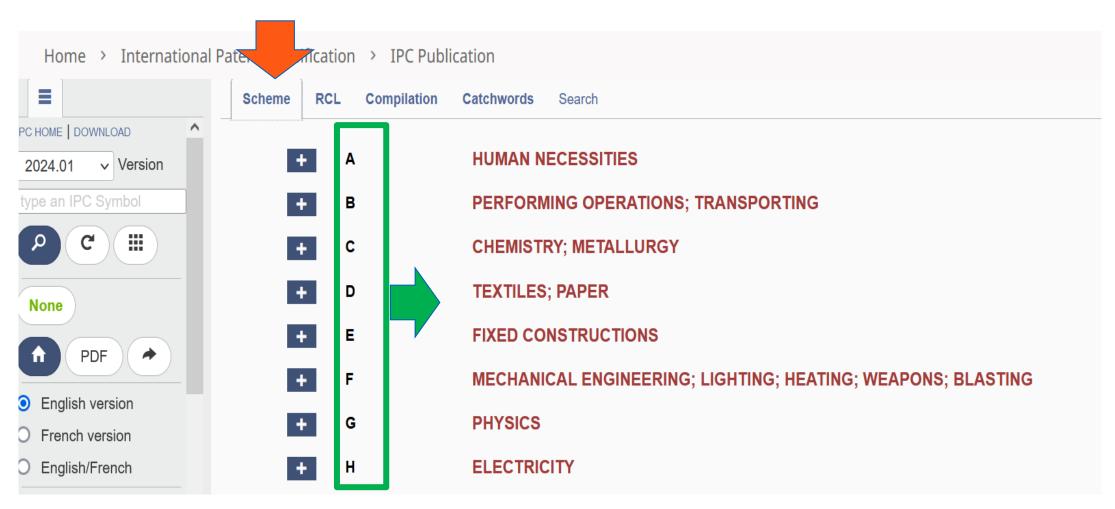


- > International Patent Classification (IPC)
- ✓ The International Patent Classification (IPC), established by the Strasbourg Agreement 1971, provides for a system for the classification of patents according to the different areas of technology to which they belong.
- √ This classification covers all technical/industrial domains
- √ Hierachical system
- ✓ Reliable: For each patent application, Patent offices attribute classification codes, which are checked again as the application process progresses (i.e. extensions)
  - Different classifications per geographical area (complementary rather than opposed systems)
    - > IPC: International Patent Classification
    - CPC : Cooperative Classification (EPO + USPTO)
    - FI: File Index (JPO Japan Patent Office)



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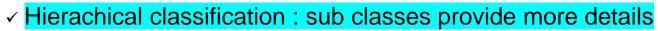




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|     | +   | H03  | ELECTRONIC CIRCUITRY   |
|     | +   | H04  | ELECTRIC COMMUNICATION TECHNIQUE   |
|     | +   | H05  | ELECTRIC TECHNIQUES NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR   |
| D   | +   | H10  | SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES; ELECTRIC SOLID-STATE DEVICES NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR [2023.01]   |
|     | + 1 | H99  | SUBJECT MATTER NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION [2006.01]  |
| D A | -   | H04W | WIRELESS COMMUNICATION NETWORKS (broadcast communication H04H; communication systems using wireless links for non-   |
|     |     |      | selective communication, e.g. wireless extensions H04M 1/72) [2009.01]   |
|     |     |      | Note(s) <b>[2009.01]</b><br>1. This subclass <u>covers</u> :   |
|     |     |      | <ul> <li>communication networks for selectively establishing one or a plurality of wireless communication links between a desired number of users or between users and network equipment, for the purpose of transferring information via these wireless communication links;</li> </ul>                             |
|     |     |      | <ul> <li>networks deploying an infrastructure for mobility management of wireless users connected thereto, e.g. cellular networks, WLAN [Wireless Local Area Network], wireless access networks, e.g. WLL [Wireless Local Loop] or self-organising wireless communication networks, e.g. ad hoc networks;</li> </ul> |
|     |     |      | <ul> <li>planning or deployment specially adapted for the above-mentioned wireless networks;</li> </ul>  |
|     |     |      | <ul> <li>services or facilities specially adapted for the above-mentioned wireless networks;</li> </ul>  |
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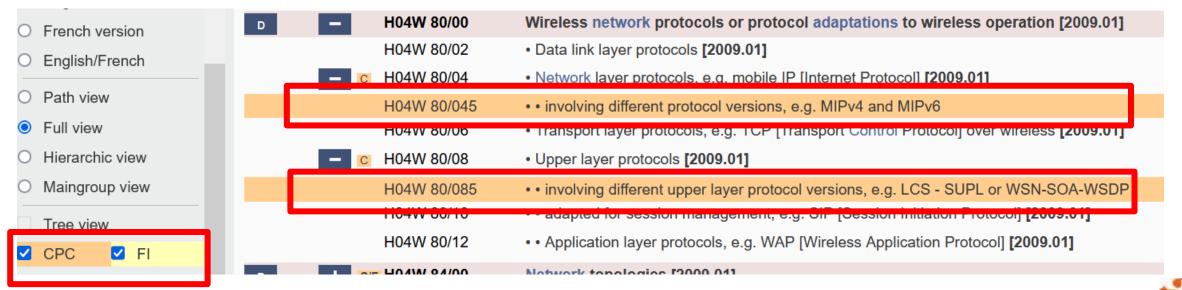




| H04W 80/00 | Wireless network protocols or protocol adaptations to wireless operation [2009.01]                           |
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| H04W 80/02 | Data link layer protocols [2009.01]  |
| H04W 80/04 | <ul> <li>Network layer protocols, e.g. mobile IP [Internet Protocol] [2009.01]</li> </ul>                    |
| H04W 80/06 | <ul> <li>Transport layer protocols, e.g. TCP [Transport Control Protocol] over wireless [2009.01]</li> </ul> |
| H04W 80/08 | Upper layer protocols [2009.01]  |
| H04W 80/10 | • • adapted for session management, e.g. SIP [Session Initiation Protocol] [2009.01]                         |
| H04W 80/12 | • • Application layer protocols, e.g. WAP [Wireless Application Protocol] [2009.01]                          |



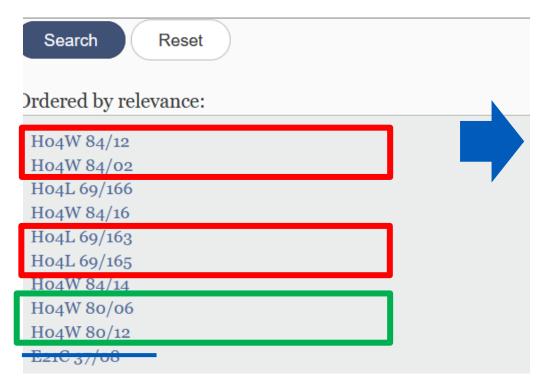
✓ Hierachical classification : sub classes provide more details



✓ Complementary sub-classes



Use some relevant keywords



« Hierarchically pre-organised networks, e.g. paging networks cellular networks,

WLAN [Wireless Local Area Network] or

WLAN [Wireless Local Area Network] or WLL [Wireless Local Loop] »

Check relevant classes: H04L 69; H04W 84; H04W 80





Patent Research (Prior Art Search)



#### WHERE CAN I FIND PATENT INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET? 1/2

■ Patent Office databases: (national INPI - USPTO ...) – regional EPO – WIPO ...



#### They contain:

- Published full texts , figures...
- Registers (state and chronology of the procedure)
- The legal situation (abandoned, in force, withdrawn...)

#### Includes advanced search tools:

- keywords / inventors / applicants / dates / classification ...
- o cited documents



#### WHERE CAN I FIND PATENT INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET? 2/2

# INPI (French Patent Office) database

- Simple search: <a href="http://bases-brevets.inpi.fr/fr/accueil.html">http://bases-brevets.inpi.fr/fr/accueil.html</a>
- Advanced search: <a href="http://bases-brevets.inpi.fr/fr/recherche-avancee.html">http://bases-brevets.inpi.fr/fr/recherche-avancee.html</a>

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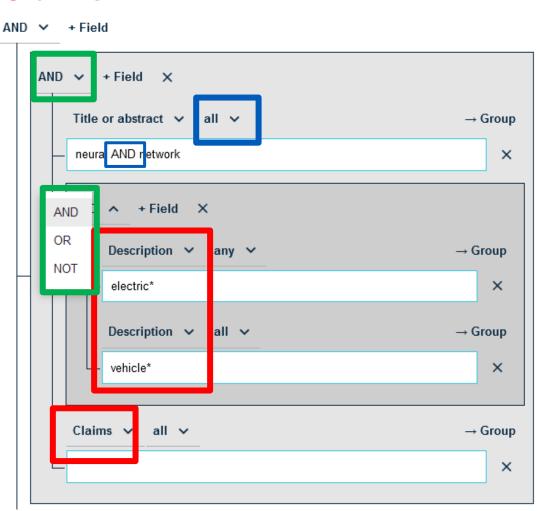
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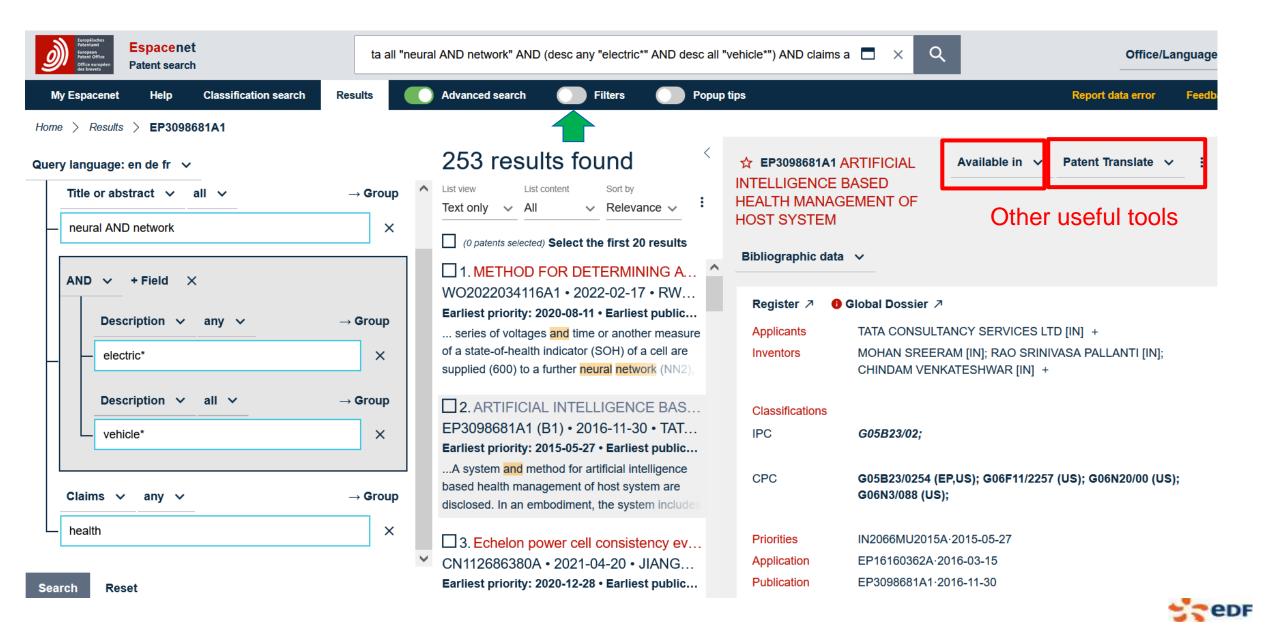
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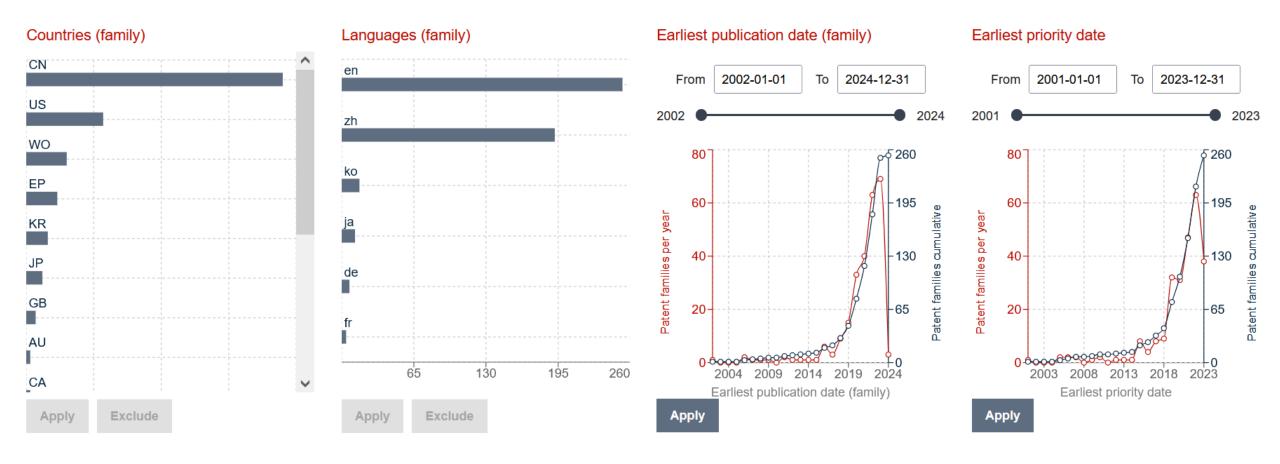


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# SOME STATISTICAL TOOLS BUT NOT PERFECT => USE PUBLIC DATABASES FOR ESPECIALLY PRIOR ART SEARCHES





Patent Research (Freedom to operate)



# Freedom To Operate (FTO) search is not the same as Prior Art search!

<u>Infringement</u> = Operate in a country, an object covered by a patent (at least a claim) in force in that country, without agreement of the owner

The covered acts are: manufacturing, offering, placing on the market, using, importing, exporting, transshipment or holding (device/process)

# - Different goals :

- What are the protected objects
- Territorial inquiries
- In force patent?
- Who are the current patent owners

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To start : Search report documents (closest prior art)



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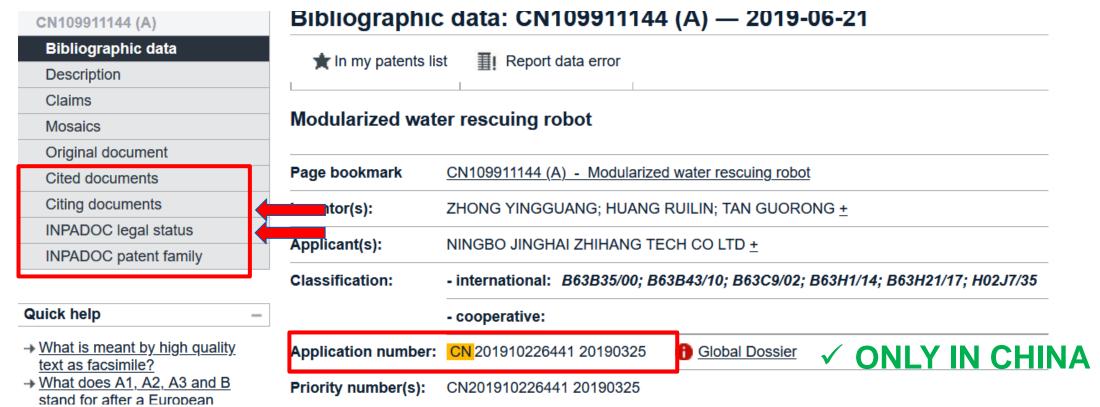
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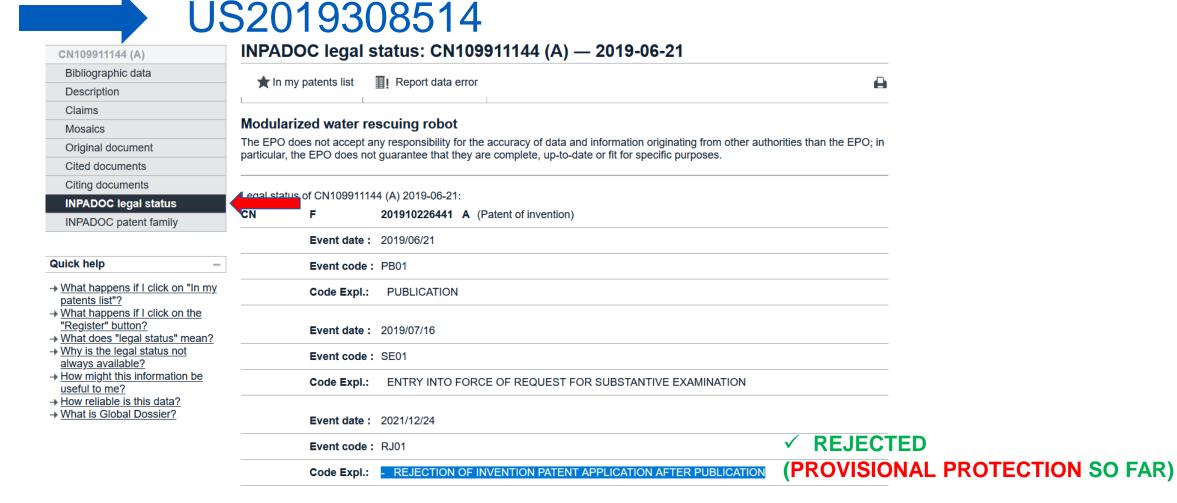


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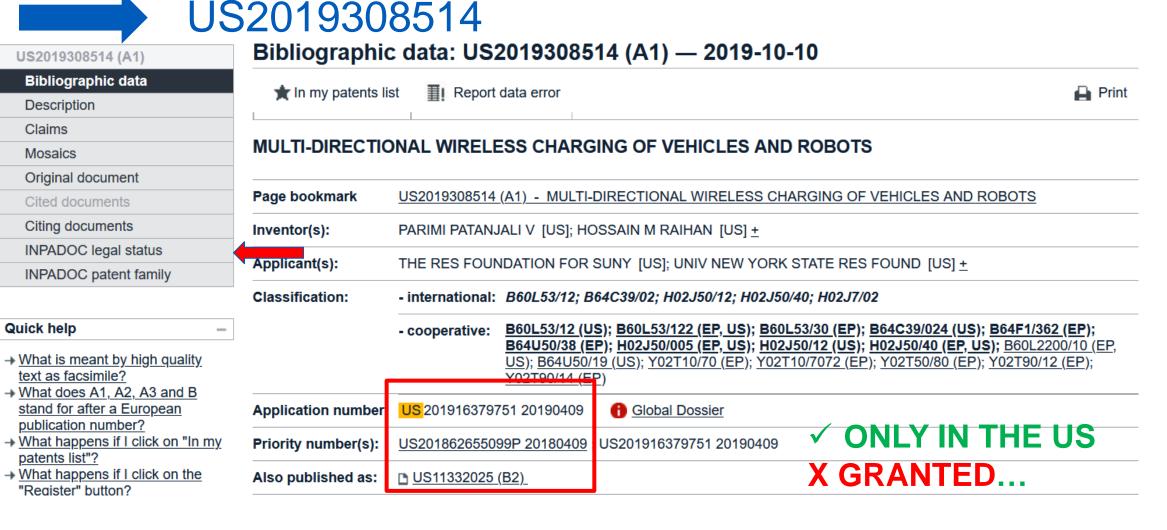


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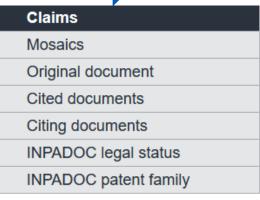




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## US2019308514



#### Multi-directional wireless charging of vehicles and robots

Claims of US11332025 (B2)



#### Quick help

- → What is meant by high quality text as facsimile?
- → What happens if I click on "In my patents list"?
- → What happens if I click on the "Register" button?
- → What happens if I click on the red "patent translate" button?
- → How can I view the claim structure?
- → Why are the claims sometimes in French or German or another

#### **Original claims**

Claims tree

The EPO does not accept any responsibility for the accuracy of data and information originating from other authorities than the EPO; in particular, the EPO does not guarantee that they are complete, up-to-date or fit for specific purposes.

1. What is claimed is: 1. A multi-directional wireless charging station, configured to deliver wireless power to remote controlled and autonomous unmanned vehicles and robots, comprising:

one or more charging pods, wherein each pod includes:

at least two panels, each panel having a first surface facing, at least in part, one or more of an opening and a surface of another panel, and a floor, the at least two panels connect to the floor along a bottom edge of the panels; and

at least two wireless power transmitters (WPTs) affixed to at least two of the panels, wherein the WPTs are configured to wirelessly deliver power to at least two wireless power receivers (WPRs) associated with one of a remote-controlled vehicle, an autonomous unmanned vehicle and a robot.



### DEFINE YOUR GOALS WHEN STARTING PATENT RESEARCH

- ➤ Prior art ?
- > Freedom to operate?
  - > Competitors/Partners...
  - Crowded technologies
- > Searching for skills?
  - > Inventors
  - > Applicants
- > Competitors/Partners
  - > Technology strategies
  - > Knowledge about patents
  - > Current owners of patents



## **SOME TIPS**

- > Prior art search
  - > Use synonyms, mandatory key words in the domain/invention
  - > Use Classifications
    - Do not use same key words as classes/sub-classes titles
  - > Proximity operators (« near », « adj », words in a sentence/paragraph...)
  - Extend formulations
    - **EX**: car[,s] AND door = door of a car; door NEAR3 car[s,] ....
  - > Figures
  - Start from a basic search result to find some documents and refine your key words
    - √ Final set about 15 documents
- > Competitors/Partners
  - > Subsidiaries
  - > Current owners/Assignees





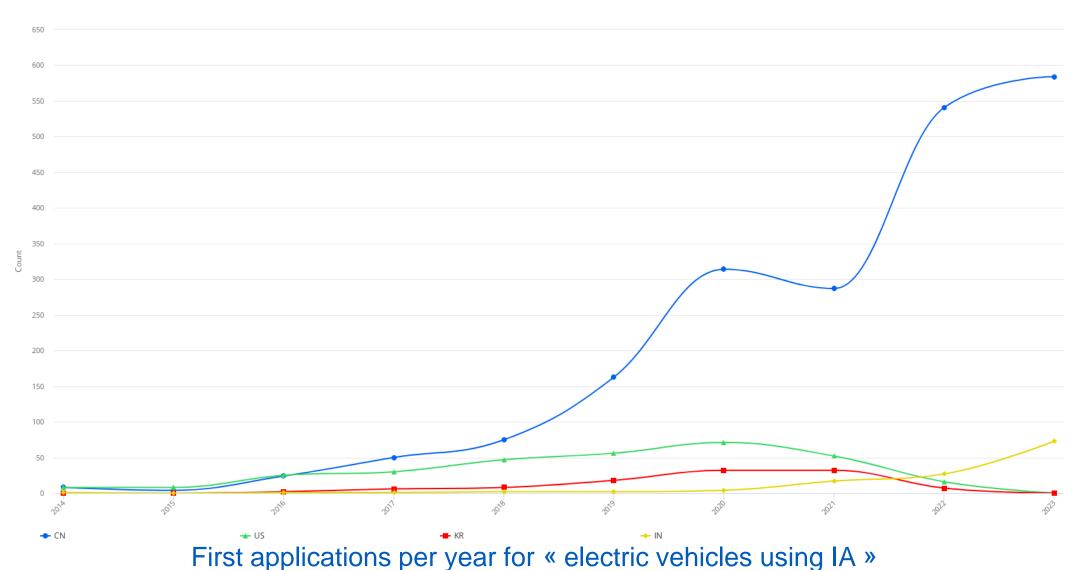
Patent Research (Non Free tools)



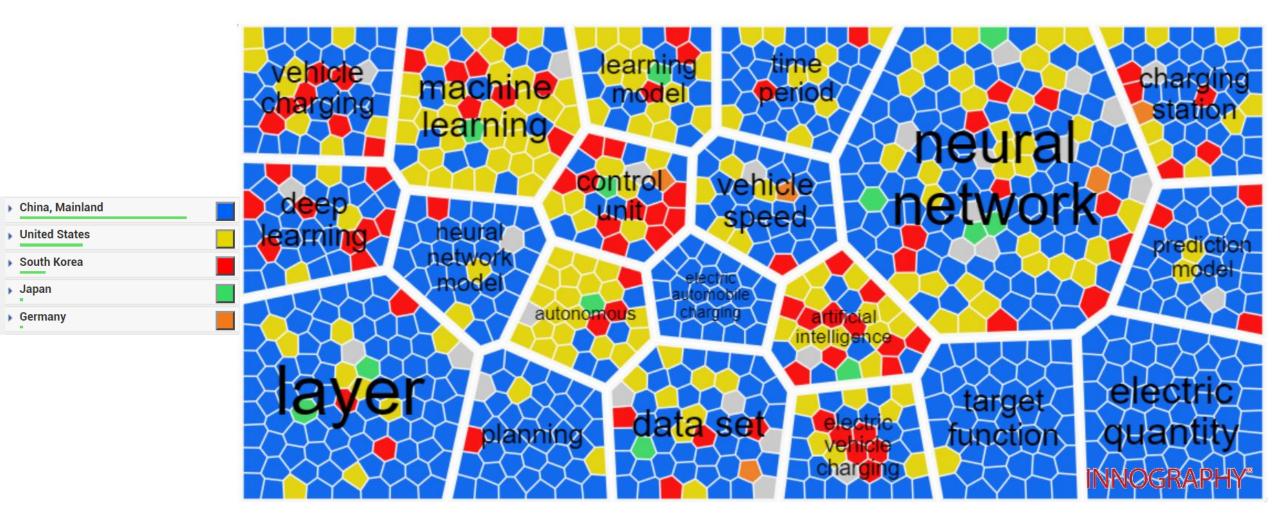
There are (non free) tools that provide other useful functions for patent study: Thomson Innovation, Orbit (Questel), Innography (Clarivate) ....

- > Gather and process data from patent databases
  - Patent researches
    - Classic: first applications, grant patents, by dates, reduction by families...
    - In force/abandoned patents
    - Patentscape for market strategies...
  - Resarch by companies (+ subsidiaries)
  - ...



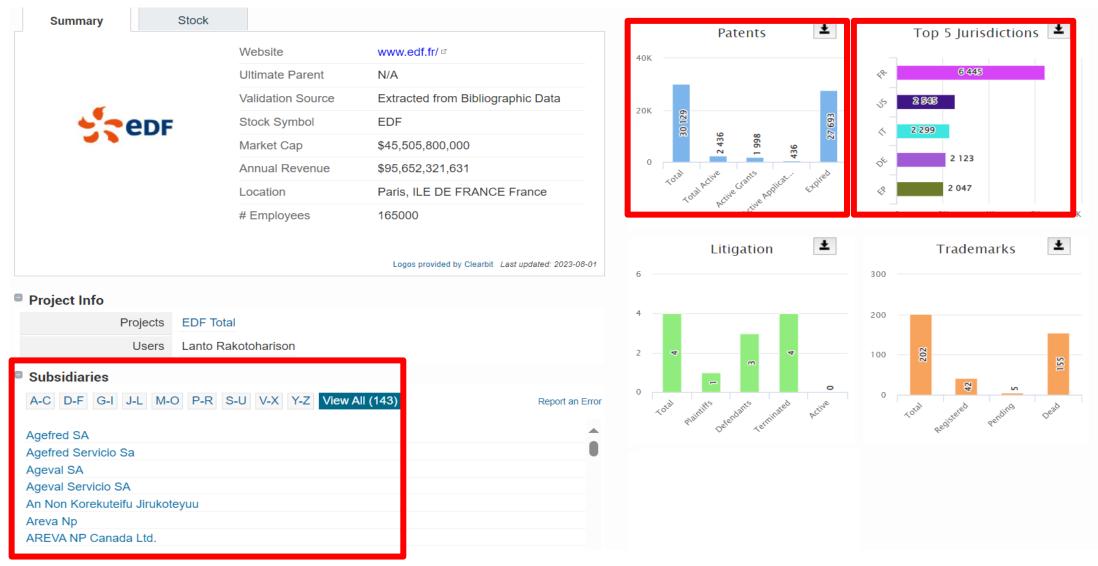






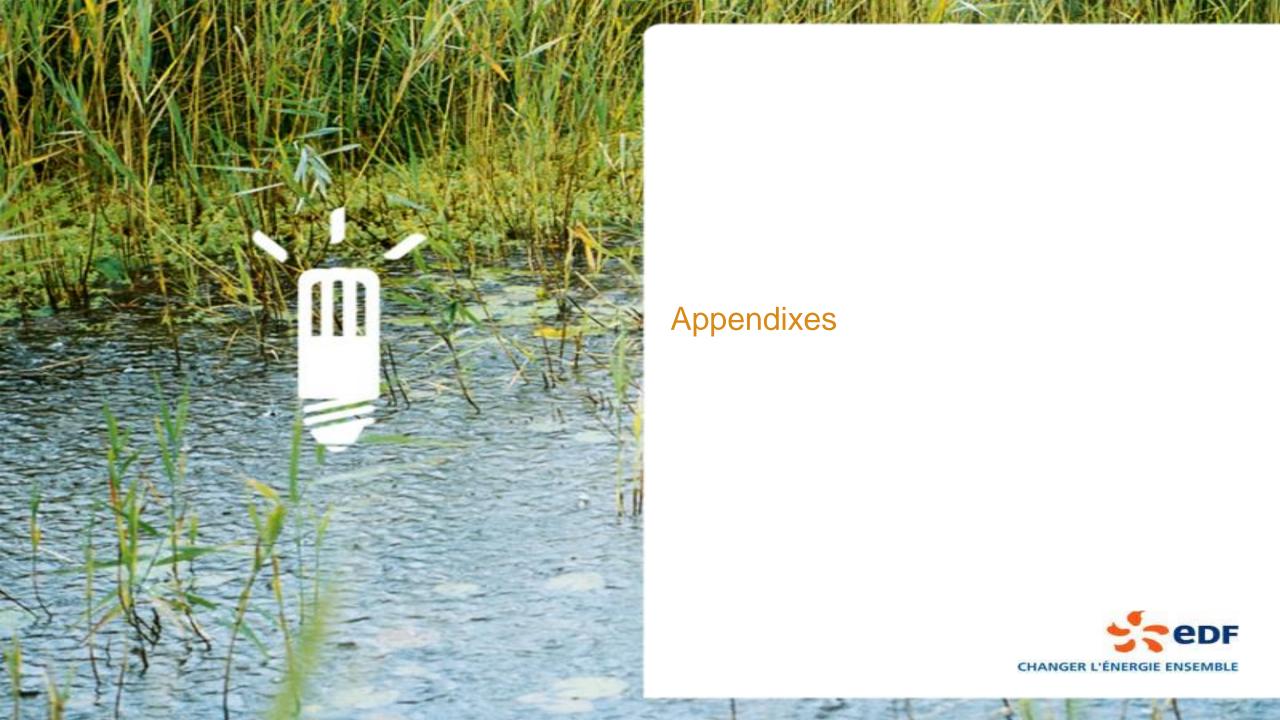
Patentscape example for « electrical vehicle using IA » per Country (grant and active patents)





Company search by name : Overview, example « Electricite de France»





#### **COST OF A PATENT**

### > Annuities (in euros)

| YEAR | European Procedure | France | Germany | United States Of America<br>(from the grant) |
|------|--------------------|--------|---------|--|
| 1    | 0                  | 0      | 0       | 0  |
| 2    | 0                  | 38     | 0       | 0  |
| 3    | 490                | 38     | 70      | 0  |
| 4    | 610                | 38     | 70      | 1680   |
| 5    | 855                | 38     | 90      |  |
| 6    | 1090               | 76     | 130     |  |
| 7    | 1210               | 96     | 180     |  |
| 8    | 1330               | 136    | 240     | 3158,4                                       |
| 9    | 1450               | 180    | 290     |  |
| 10   | 1640               | 220    | 350     |  |
| 11   | 1640               | 260    | 470     |  |
| 12   | 1640               | 300    | 620     | 6468   |
| 13   | 1640               | 350    | 760     |  |
| 14   | 1640               | 400    | 910     |  |
| 15   | 1640               | 460    | 1060    |  |
| 16   | 1640               | 520    | 1230    |  |
| 17   | 1640               | 580    | 1410    |  |
| 18   | 1640               | 650    | 1590    |  |
| 19   | 1640               | 730    | 1760    |  |
| 20   | 1640               | 800    | 1940    |  |

#### Procedure Fees:

- > Application fees (request for a patent, search report...)
- > Office Actions (each time an office requires a response)
- Grant (pre grant decision, Grant, printing fees)



#### **COST OF A PATENT**

> First application + Extension costs (including IP firm cost)

| Country                                 | Cost in Euros |
|---|---------------|
| France (priority filing)                | 6750          |
| PCT                                     | 9100          |
| Europe: *3 (UK/DE/FR) + 2 countries non |               |
| EN/FR/DE speaking*                      | 16480         |
| USA                                     | 17300         |
| Canada                                  | 7700          |
| China                                   | 14300         |

https://www.ipside.com/fr/guide-pi/cout-procedure-brevet-france-pct-international

Assumption: priority application in France, 1 office action only per patent office



#### **PATENT ENGINEERS**

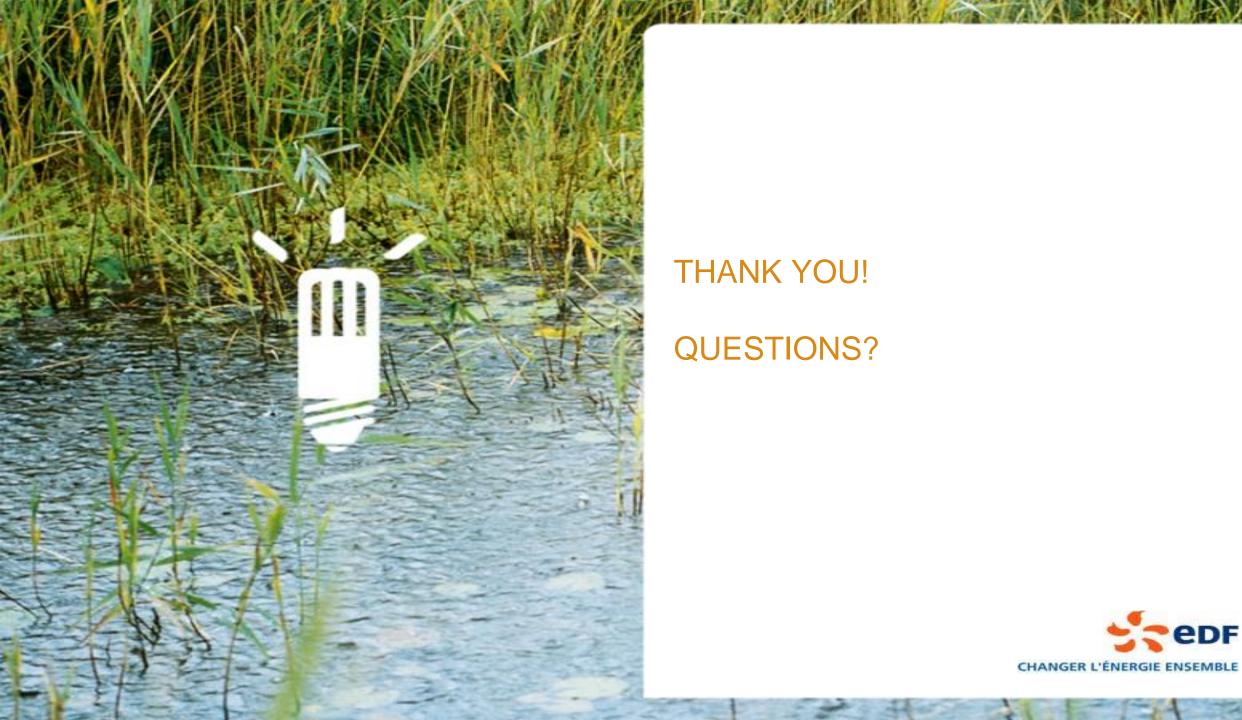
- > Patent Examiner
  - Requirements: scientific background, expert in a given technical field
    - Examine patent applications until grant or post grant (opposition procedure...)
    - Prior art searches
    - Update case laws
- > Patent Engineer
  - **❖** IP Law firms :
    - Requirements: scientific background, national patent Attorney/ European patent attorney certification
      - Patent drafting, Support patent granting, prior art searches, freedom to operate studies,
         Attacking or Defending a patent ... for a client
  - In a company
    - Requirements: scientific background, national patent Attorney/ European patent attorney certification
      - Patent drafting, Support patent granting, prior art searches, freedom to operate studies,
         Attacking or Defending a patent ... for the company

#### PATENT ENGINEERS

#### > <u>Degree</u>

- National/European patent <u>attorney</u> => Representing an applicant before a patent office
- National: generaly requires taking special examinations 'Qualifying Examination'
  - In France: requires a degree at Strasbourg University (CEIPI Center of Intellectual Property Studies) and and at least 3 years' professional experience in patents
- European Patent Attorney: taking European 'Qualifying Examination'
  - Support training at Strasbourg University (CEIPI Center of Intellectual Property Studies)





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