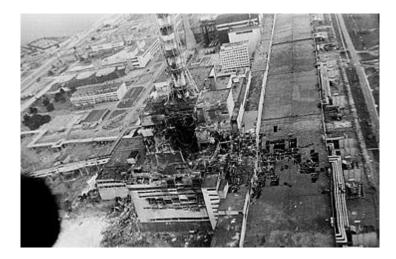


# Are there real limits to growth in the 'Neo-Carbon Energy' world?

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### How I got personally involved ...

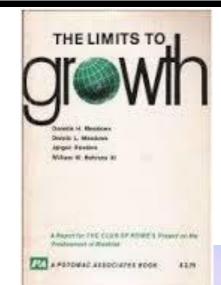






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### What is 'Neo-Carbon Energy'?

- There is nothing wrong with carbon ...
- ... except the fact that the planet is distroyed for the current status of life, IF fossil carbon is used
- Learning 1: substitute fossil carbon
- Learning 2: sustainable carbon (not necessarily bioenergy) is ok
- This is meant by 'Neo-Carbon Energy'



### Are there real limits to growth in the 'Neo-Carbon Energy' world?

NO

### BUT

- solar PV and wind energy are available on quantities MUCH higher than ever needed
- fossil fuels and nuclear to be phased-out fast due to sustainability requirements
- populations growth is slowed down as a function of wealth (in reality access to health services, electricity and higher income)
- there are at least two major limits
  - availability of arable land
  - stability of the ecosphere

### Focus today mainly on the energy system and the respective limits



- solar PV diffusion trend is stable for decades (leaning rate, growth rate, cost reduction)
- more and more market segments are becoming profitable
- PV and Wind emerge to the backbone of global energy supply
- 100% RE system is feasible: technical, economical, ecological
- highest risk for RE is not economics it is politics
- opportunities are huge but only for the ones who act (the rest will [have to] follow [for economic reasons])
- power business is/ will be radically transformed due to system impact of (decentralised, low scale) PV and storage

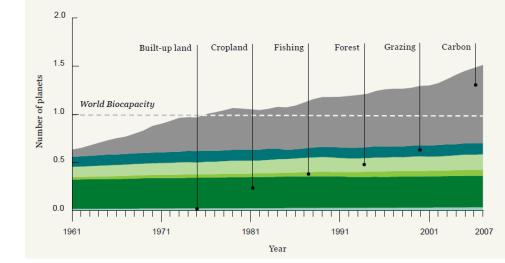


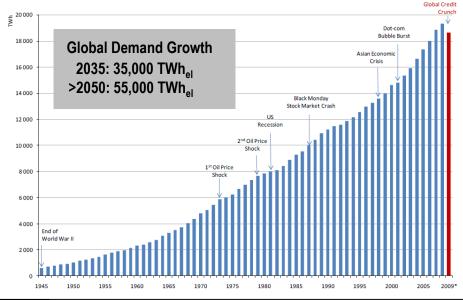
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# **Motivation**

- Ecologic balance on planet earth in crash mode
- Climate Change might destroy our modern global civilization
- Global energy demand will triple in coming decades – at least

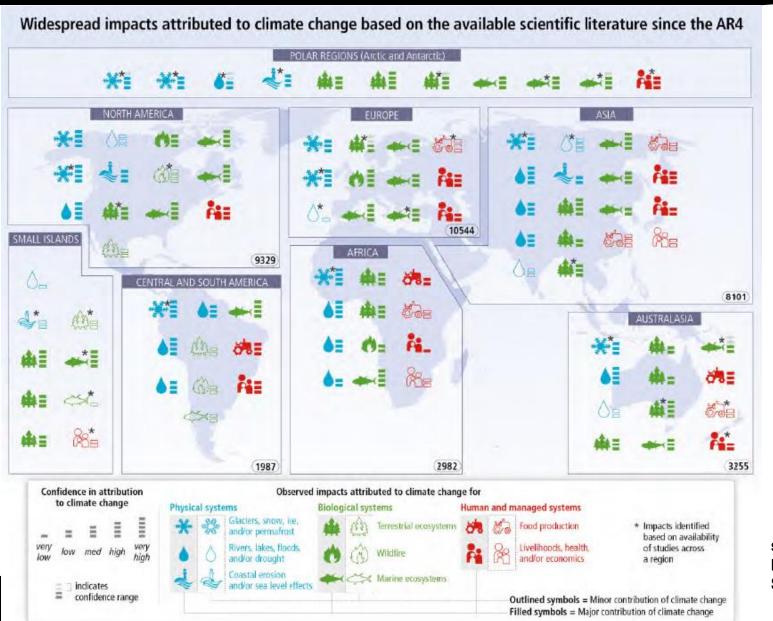




"Climate Change presents a unique challenge for economics: it is the greatest and widestranging market failure ever seen." Lord Nicholas Stern (fromer Chief Economist World Bank), 2006

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## Impact of Climate Change worldwide

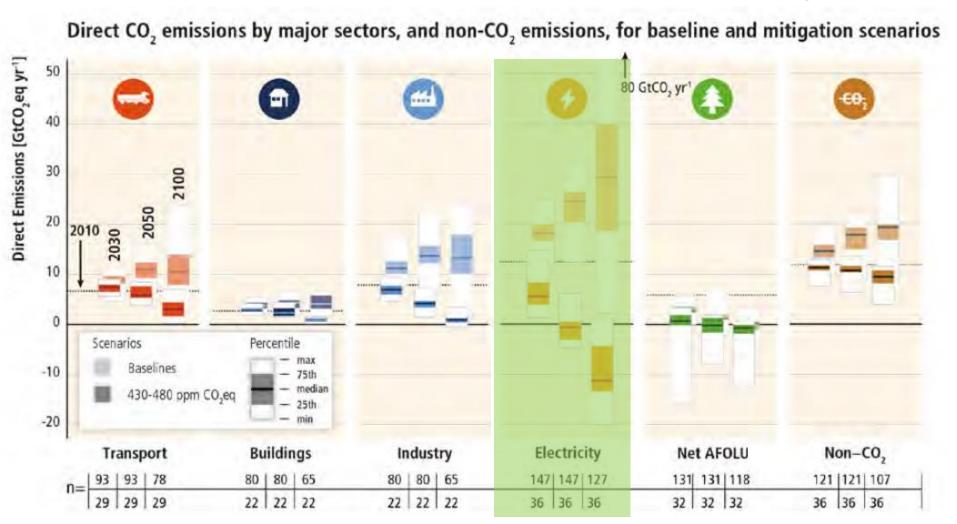


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# **IPCC** mitigation in energy sectors





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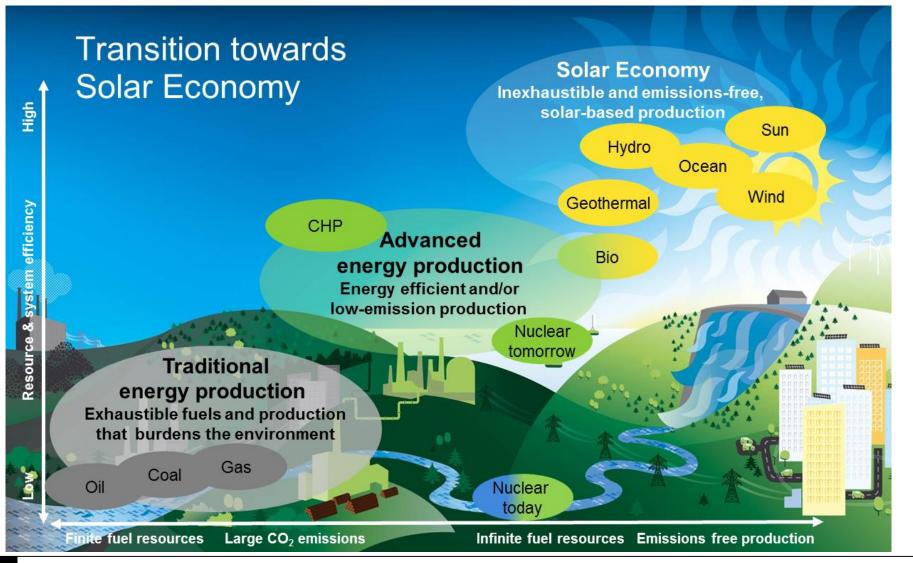
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### Key insights:

- GHG emissions in the power sector to be zero by 2050
- ALL new investments MUST fulfill this requirement

## Solar Economy (as defined by Fortum)

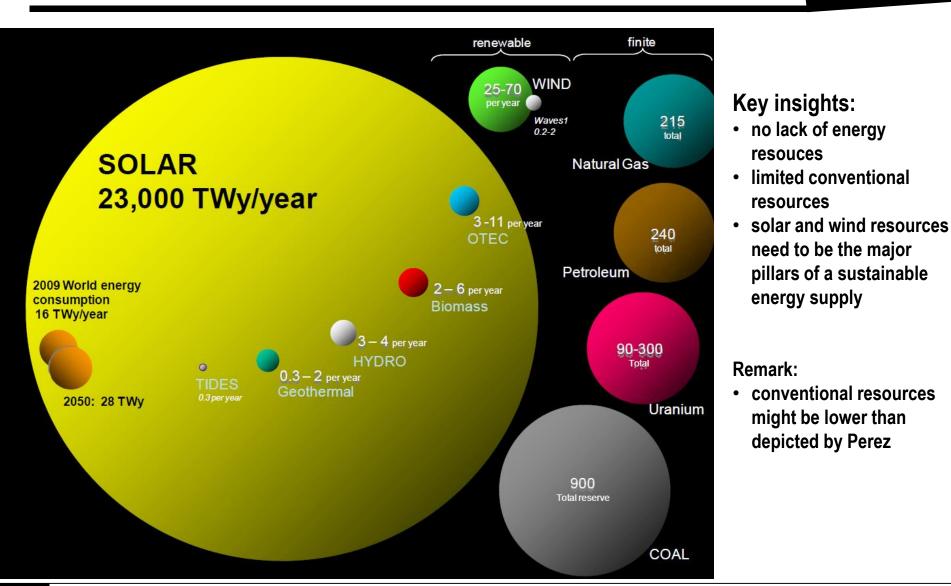




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source: Brunila A., 2012. Fortum – Power and heat company in the Nordic countries, Russia, Poland and the Baltics

## **Resources and Energy Demand**



source: Perez R. and Perez M., 2009. A fundamental look on energy reserves for the planet. The IEA SHC Solar Update, Volume 50

### Key steps for reaching Sustainable Energy supply



- 1. Public actions for investments in sustainable RE investments (mainly PV and wind energy)
- 2. Bio-energy production to be favoured BUT ONLY if sustainability criteria are fulfilled
- 3. Offshore wind energy is important but not top priority
- 4. Decentralised RE deployment including strong involvement of citizens to be preferred
- 5. RE electricity will gain also high contribution in the heat and mobility sector
- 6. Do not forget low cost energy efficiency measures and improvement in the building sector
- 7. Grid enforcement wherever necessary
- 8. Storage investments have to be taken into account
- 9. No new coal fired power plants
- 10. No new nuclear power plants
- 11. Internalization of external costs for reducing the high level of subsidies
- 12. RE industrial policy need to be redefined in Europe

# Sustainable Energy system is feasible: technical, economical, ecological but also political?



# **Criteria for Sustainable Energy Scenarios**

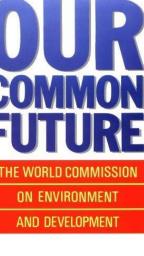
### **Definition of Sustainability:**

Sustainable development is development that meets the <u>needs of the present</u> without compromising the ability of <u>future generations</u> to meet their own needs. World Commission on Environment and Development, 1987

### Major criteria for sustainable energy scenarios

- Energy resource base
- Climate change impact
- Societal cost
- Coverage of energy sectors
- Energy access for all

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# **Current Global Energy Supply in 2011**

Coal

Oil

Gas

Nuclear

Hydro

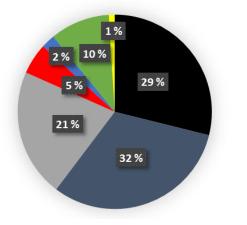
RE-Bio

RE-others

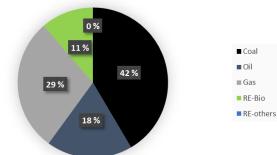


source: IEA, WEO 2013	Total	[TWhth]	161 023
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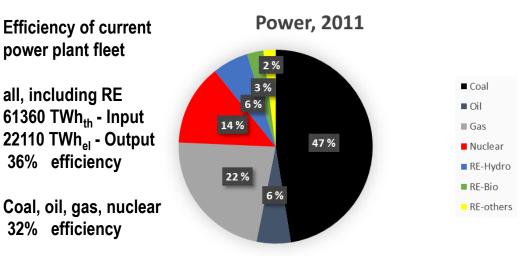
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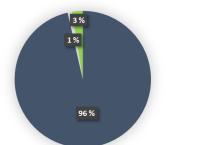
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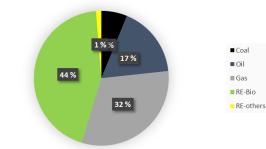


■ Oil

Power

RE-Bio

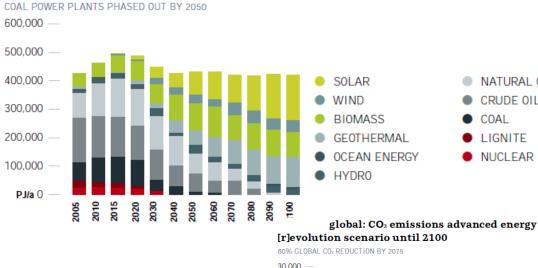
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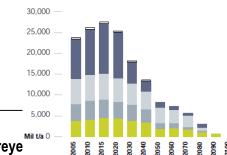


# **Greenpeace energy** [r]evolution, 2100

### Maybe, the transition should be faster!

#### global: primary energy demand in the advanced energy [r]evolution scenario until 2100





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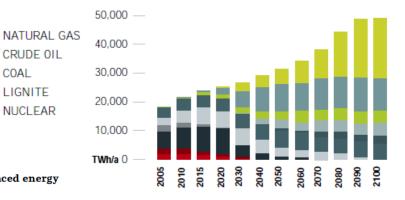
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- ELECTRICITY & STEAM GENERATION
- TRANSPORT
- OTHER SECTORS
- INDUSTRY



# **Overview, Global Energy Scenarios**





	<b>Current Status</b>	IEA	Exxon	Greenpeace	WWF	Shell	IEA-PVPS	Greenpeace
	today	2035	2040	2050	2050	2060	2100	2100
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Climate change impact								
Societal cost								
Energy access for all								
Coverage of energy sectors								

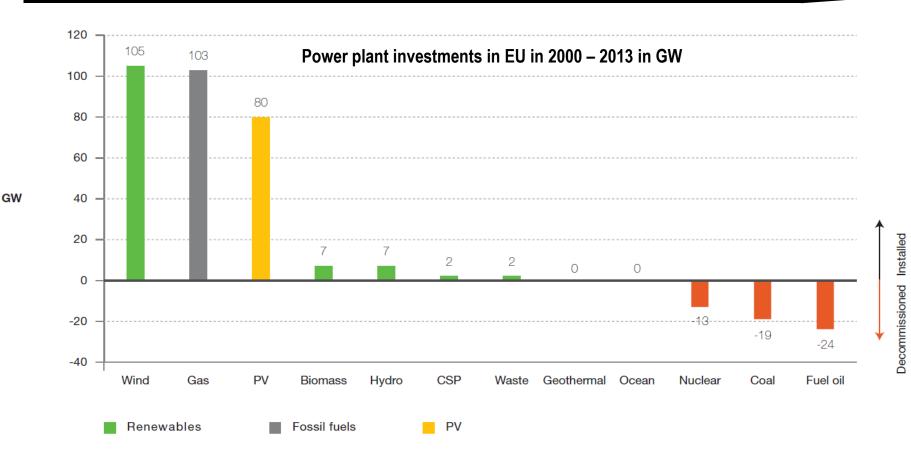
Key insights and general remarks:

- climate change as a major challenge accepted by all energy scenarios (lacking behind: Exxon)
- increasing share of RE is accepted by all scenarios (lacking behind: Exxon)
- assumptions on future energy demand and energy efficiency efforts differ widely
- NO scenario discusses impact of peak-oil, -gas, -coal and -uranium and respective price impacts
- dominance of power sector in future only understood by WWF and Greenpeace
- cost advantage of solar PV vs CSP reflected only by IEA-PVPS
- role of storage and long distance grids reflected by NO scenario
- power-to-gas technology as storage and bridging technology reflected by NO scenario
- coupling of energy sectors reflected by WWF, Greenpeace, IEA-PVPS but no cost transparency



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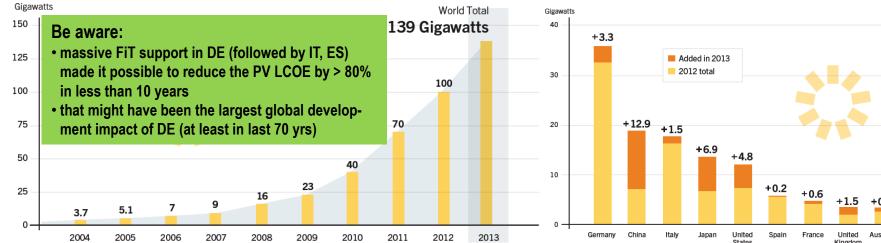
# Power plant investments in EU (2000 – 2013)



- PV and wind power will become the core pillars of a sustainable power supply
- gas fired power plants are the bridging technology towards a 100% RE power supply
- investments in gas infrastructure are <u>NO</u> stranded investments (unlike coal and nuclear)

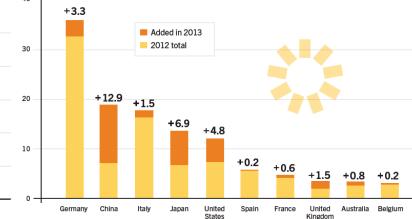
## Global installed capacity: solar PV and Wind

Solar PV Total Global Capacity, 2004-2013

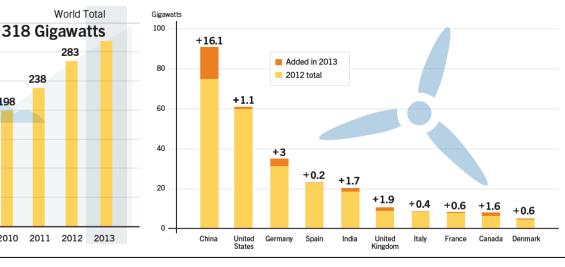


Wind Power Total World Capacity, 2000-2013

Gigawatts



Wind Power Capacity and Additions, Top 10 Countries, 2013



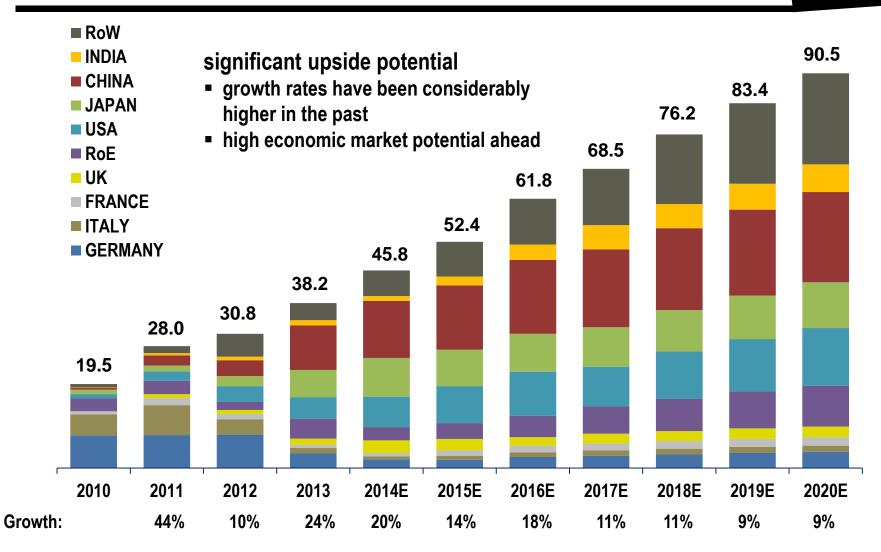
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# **Global PV Market till 2020**





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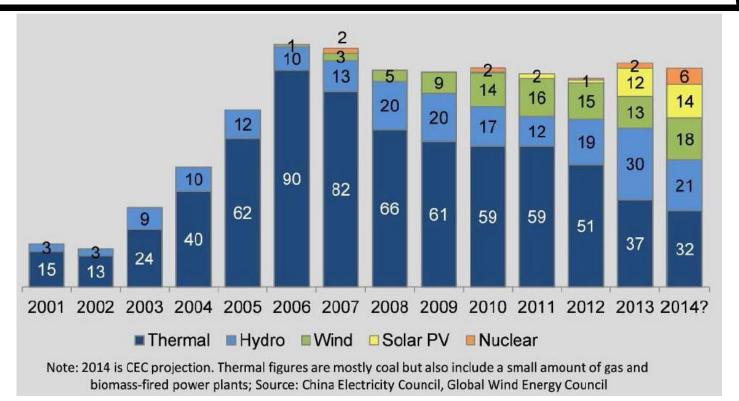
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Solar PV	1764 GW	1840 GW	1721 GW
CSP	714 GW	20 GW	261 GW
Wind	2908 GW	1318 GW	960 GW

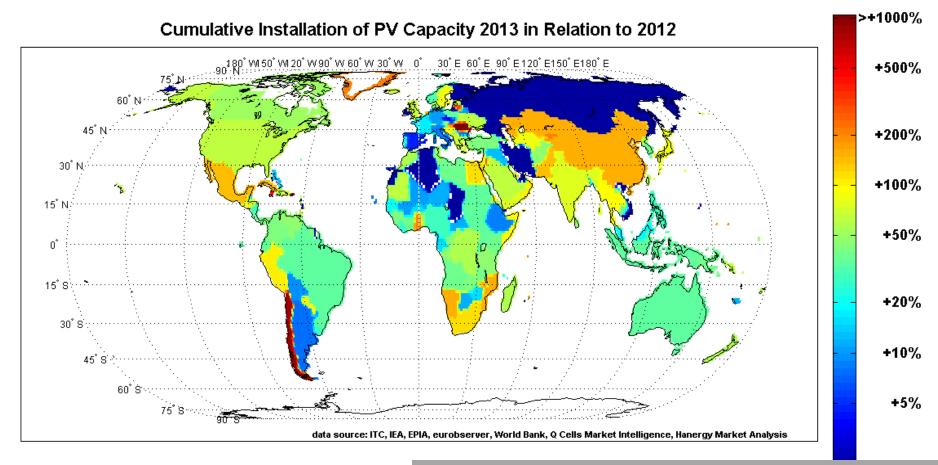
# **China's Power Capacity Investments**



- we witness a historic turning point, since no 1 power investor structurally changes the investment strategy (reason: reduction of total societal costs of energy generation)
- this will have a dramatic impact on the global investment trends since many countries accept China leading many fields
- it should be no surprise if international climate change policy will be pushed by China (obvious reason: China is the largest manufacturer of the products needed ...)

### **Global Installed PV Capacity: Growth Rates**

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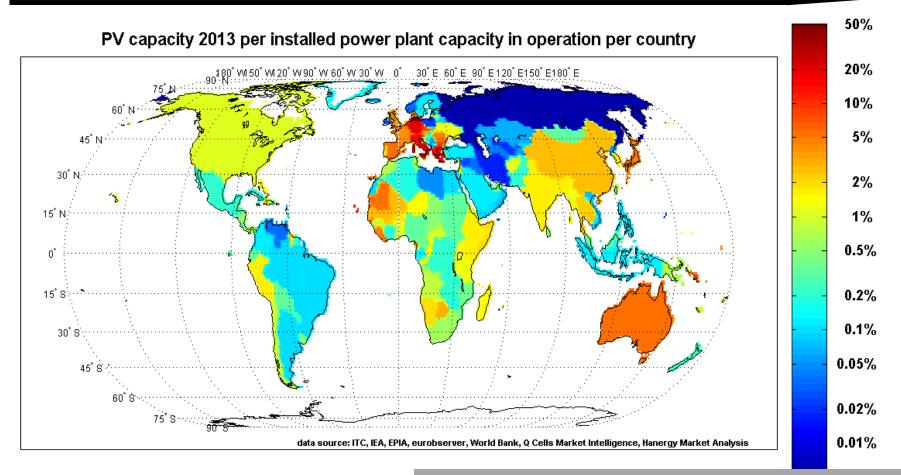


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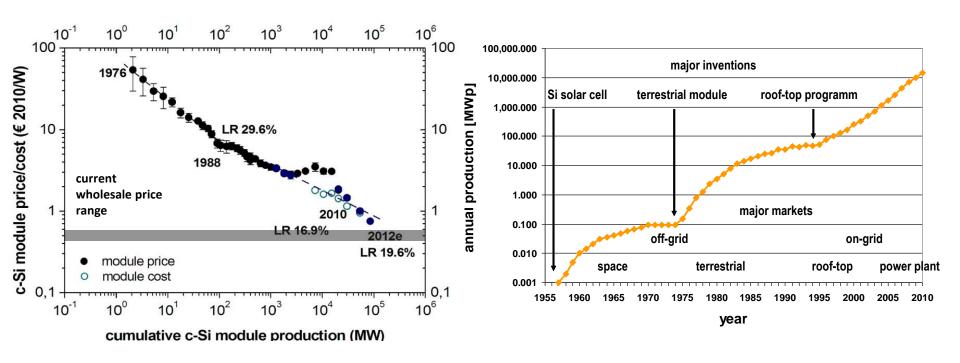
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### Experience Curve: driven by growth and learning



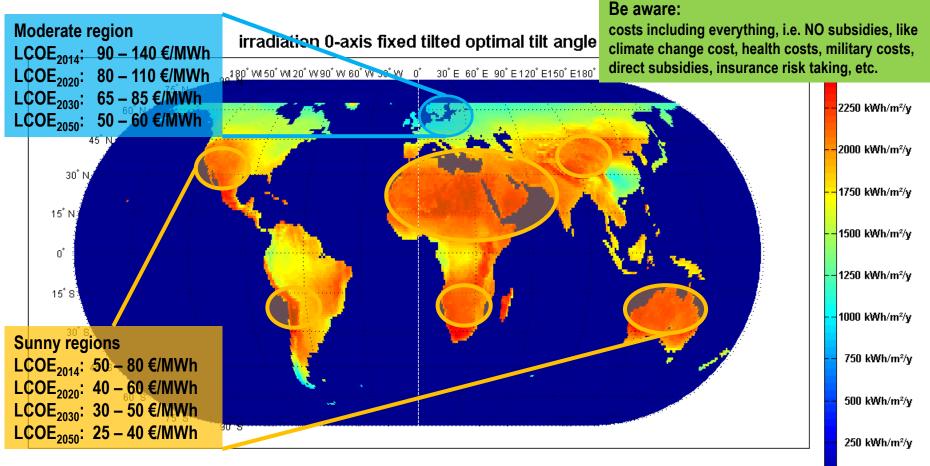
cost reduction by x% per each doubling of cumulated historic capacity (PV modules: ~20%, PV systems: ~16%)



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### Solar Resource and current and projected cost

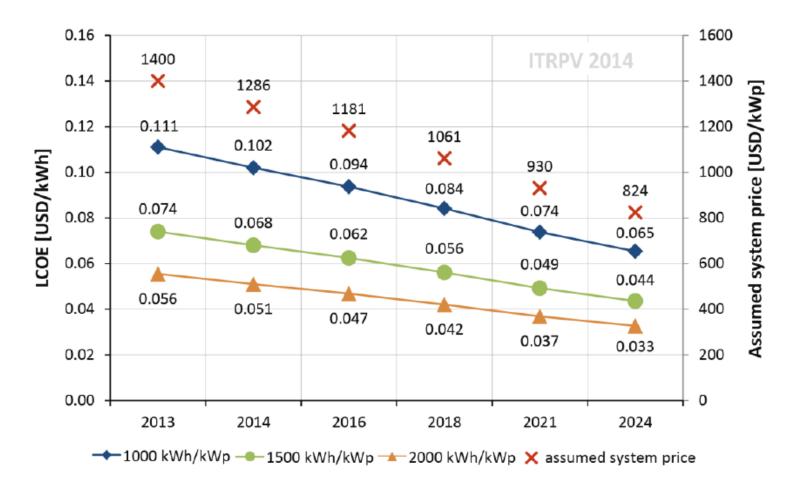




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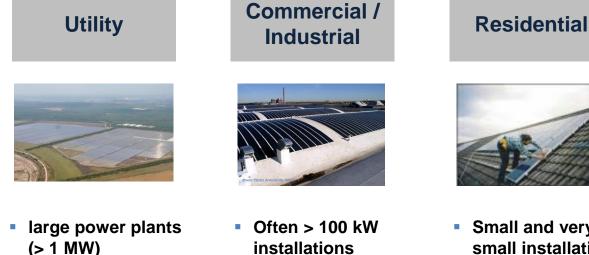
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### Solar emerges to least cost energy source

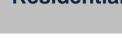


**ITRPV 2014:** Calculated LCOE values for different insolation conditions. Financial conditions: 80% debt, 5%/a interest rate, 20 years loan tenor, 2%/a inflation rate, 25 years usable system life.

#### source: ITRPV, 2014. International Technology Roadmap for Photovoltaic – 2013 Results, ITRPV supported by semi



- Utility or electricity wholesale market as customer
- installations Professional
- customers





- Small and very small installations (< 10 kW)
- Mainly homeowners



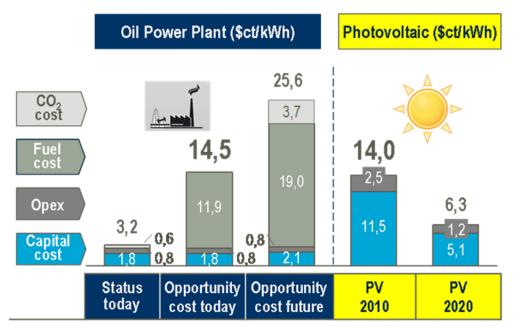
**Off-Grid** 

- Varying system sizes
- Varying customer types

PV can be used in all regions in the world, by the poorest to the richest, in decentral and central applications

- highly modular and flexibly adaptable to respective needs -





\* oil production cost 4 \$/barrel, world market price for opportunity cost today 80 \$/barrel and in future 160 \$/barrel, PV Capex 2000 €/kWp (2010) and 1000 €/kWp (2020), 5% WACC

Breyer Ch. and Reiß A., 2014. Hybrid PV Power Plants: Least Cost Power Options for the MENA Region,  $29^{th}$  EU PVSEC, Amsterdam, September 22-26

### Macroeconomic implications for MENA

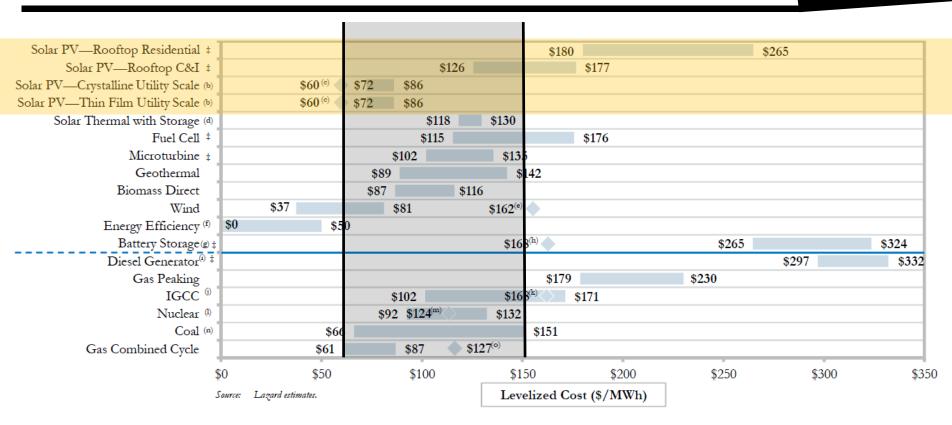
- MENA among first fuel-parity markets in the world
- 1 GW PV saves 2.0 2.5m bbl oil per year
- Investment in PV results in 20% IRR for MENA region due to higher oil export revenues

Reality in the year 2014

- Oil LCOE about 19 \$ct/kWh
- PV LCOE about 8 \$ct/kWh

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### Cost comparison to other power technologies



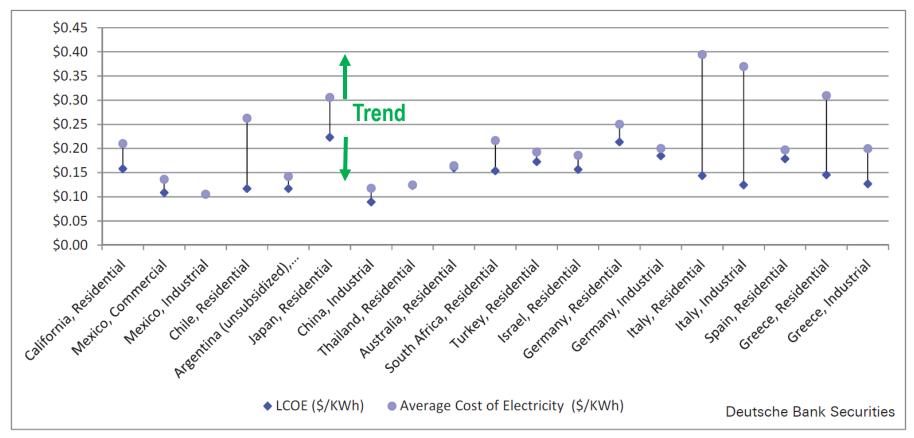
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- utility PV already competitive to new gas and coal fired power plants
- solar PV lower in cost than gas and coal from about 2015 onwards
- solar PV and wind are the least cost power sources from about 2015 onwards
- STEG significantly higher in cost than solar PV
- new nuclear already higher in cost than solar PV (despite of nuclear subsidies)

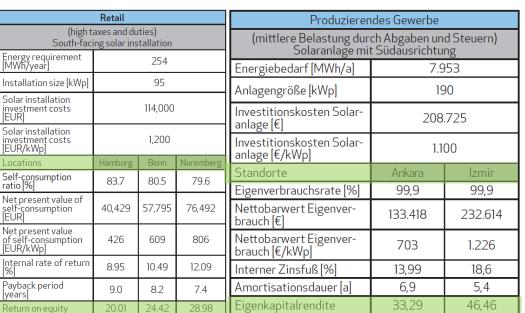
## **Solar PV and End-user Economics**





Source: DB, BLS, Ontario Energy Board, Mexican Ministry of Energy, Chile Energy Group, Argentinean Secretary of Energy, NASA, Tepco, Chinese Economic Observer, Beijing International, Indian Central Regulatory Commission, Australia Power and Gas, Saudi Electric Company, Eksom, EuroStat

### Impression for (Commercial) End-User Profitability





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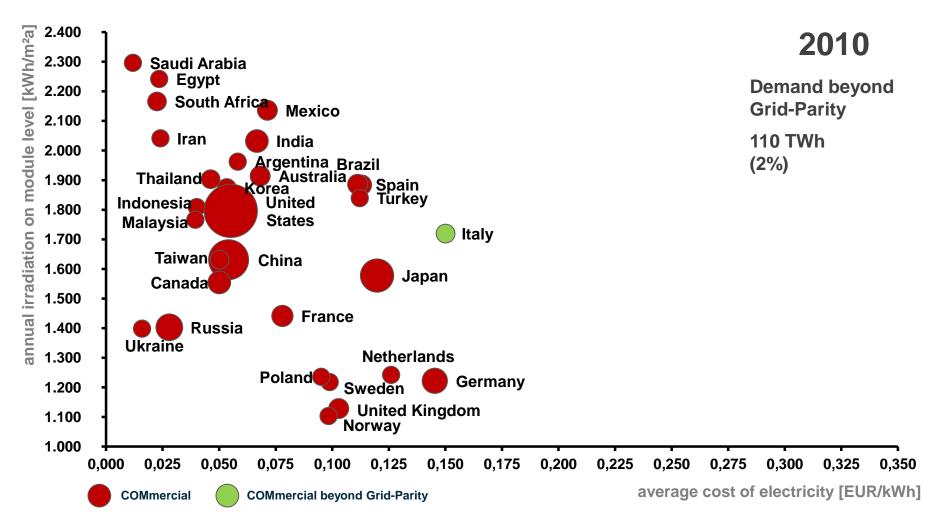
source: REC Solar, 2014. Study on the Profitability of Commercial Self-Consumption Solar Installations in Germany; Italy and Turkey (only in German available)

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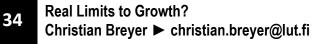
- both systems on the right are part of a 220 kWp commercial solar PV system
- · it is financially beneficial for the university

source: Kosonen A., Ahola J., Breyer Ch., Albó A., 2014. Large Scale Solar Power Plant in Nordic Conditions, 16<sup>th</sup> EU Conference on Power Electronics and Applications, August 26-28

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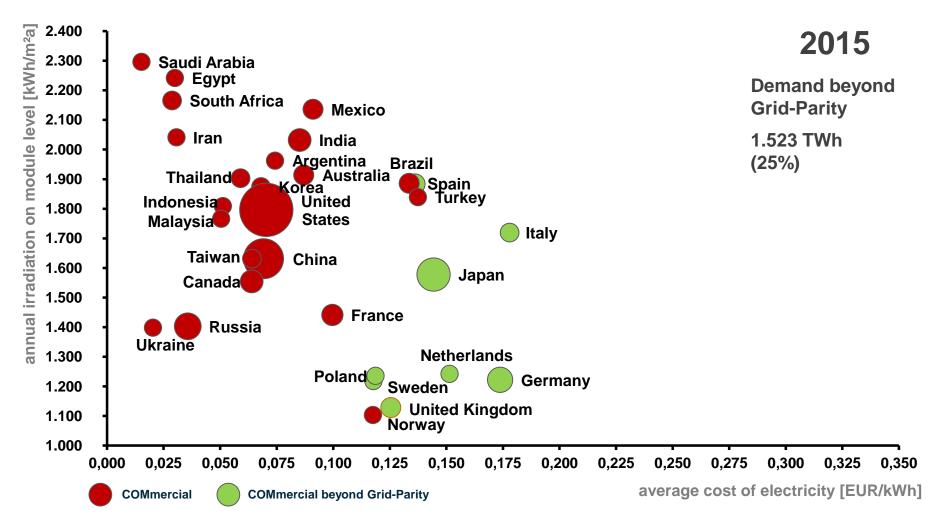


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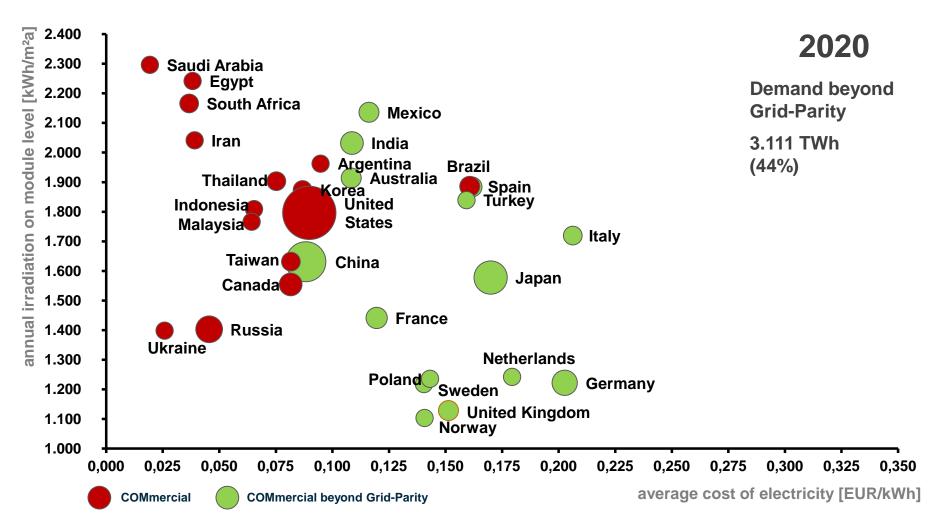


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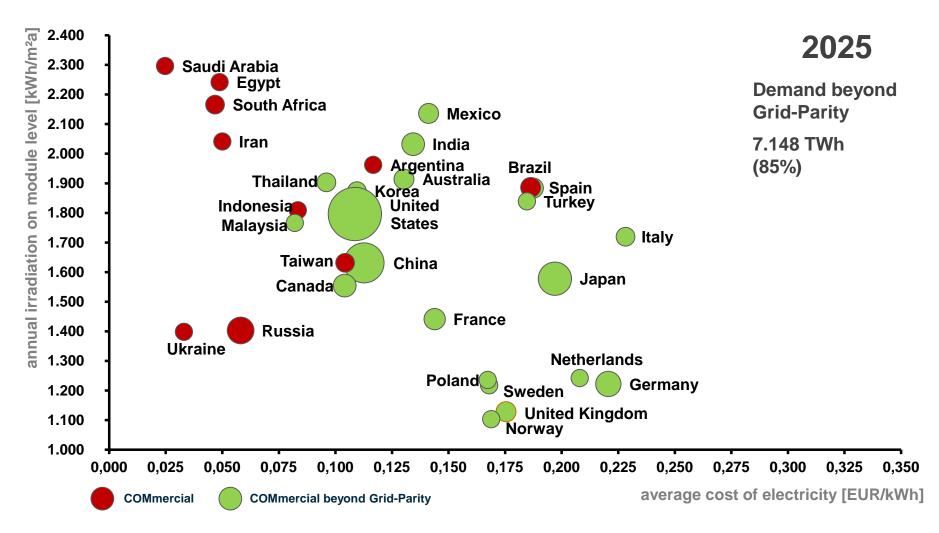


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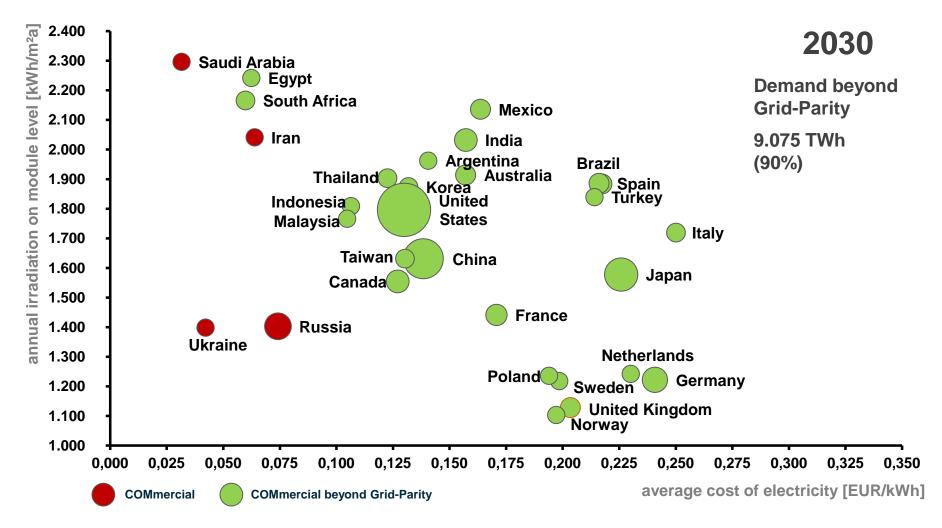


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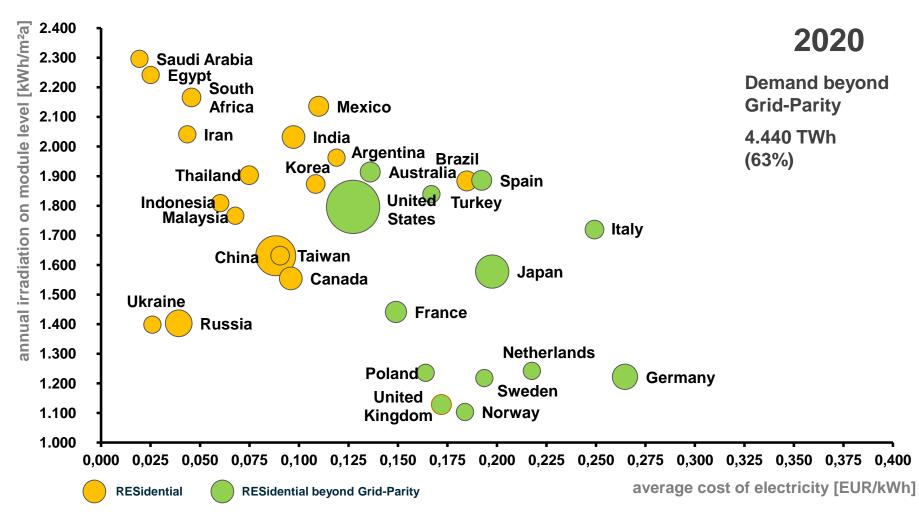


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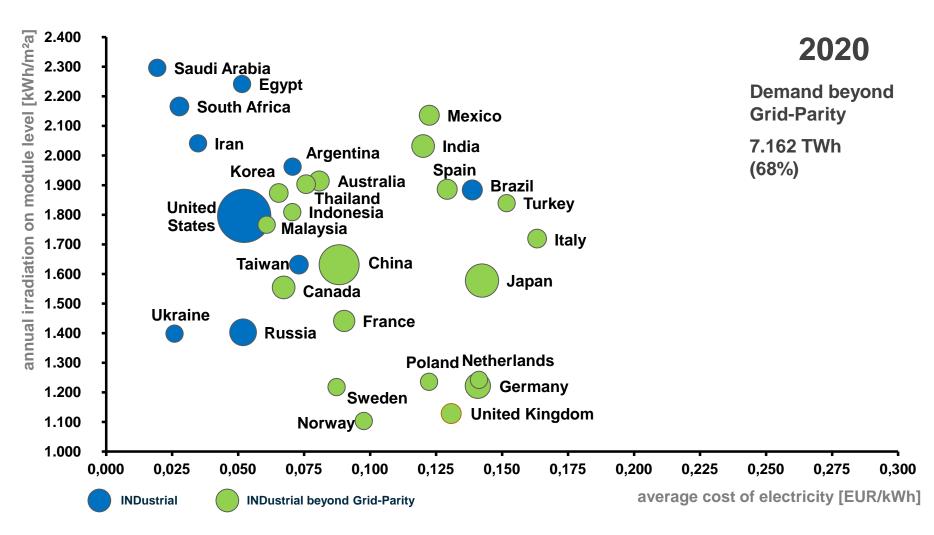
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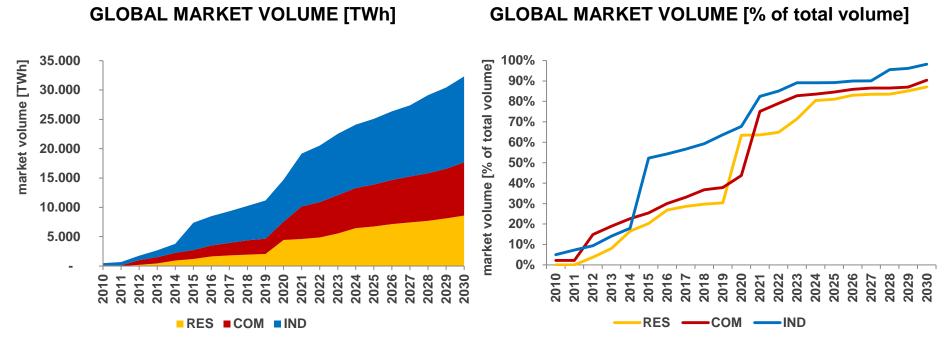
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### NUMBER OF MARKETS BEYOND GRID-PARITY BY SEGMENT

Years	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
RES	2	3	15	24	34	44	54	66	71	79	94	100	106	116	120	121	128	131	133	138	141
COM	11	11	26	31	40	49	64	80	85	99	105	113	122	127	134	138	142	143	144	148	150
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### A technical and economic analysis of one potential pathway to a 100% renewable energy system

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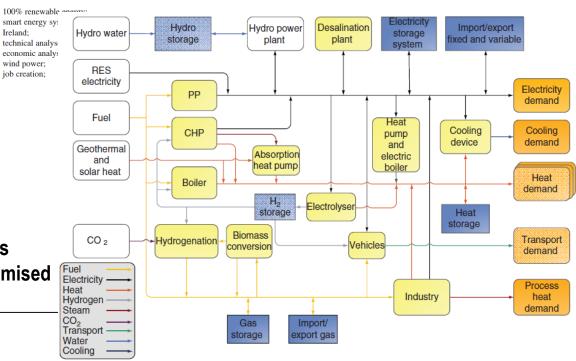
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Ireland;

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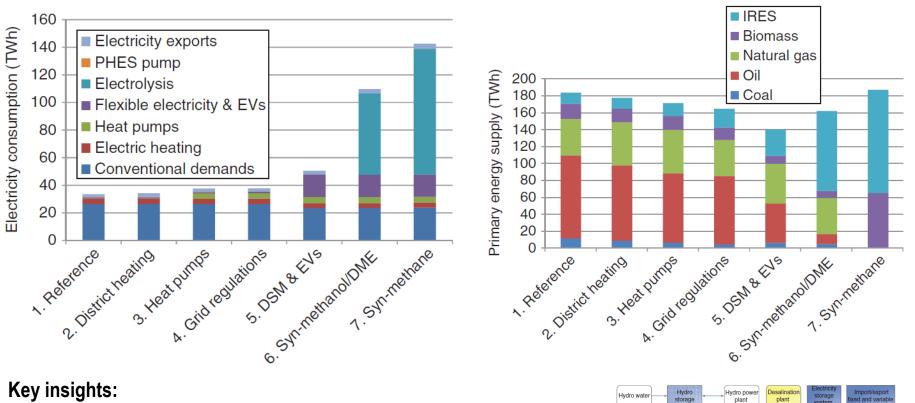
- 100% RE system for all sector
- hourly resolved simulation
- solar PV, forgotten'
- well balanced RE-heat and RE-mobility
- focus on energy flows and system costs
- no grid, no import/ export, not fully optimised



source:

Connolly D. and Mathiesen V., 2014. A technical and economic analysis of one potential pathway to a 100% renewable energy system, Int. J. Sustain Energy Planning and Mgm

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RES electricity

Fuel

Geothermal

and

solar heat

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Electricity

Cooling

PP

CHP

Boiler

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Absorption

heat pump

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Electricity

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Cooling

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Heat

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Transport

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Heat

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Industry

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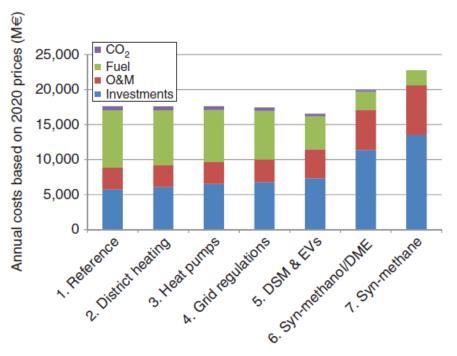
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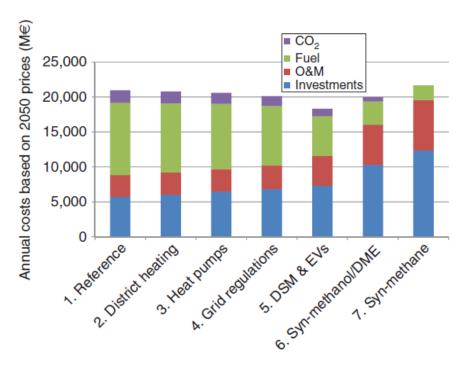
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- 7 step approach feasible
- significant increase in power demand (~ +350%)
- BUT, no change in total primary energy demand (TPED)
- highly efficient power-based RE system enables powerto-gas/liquid pathways



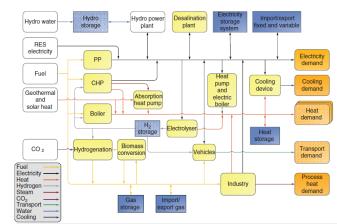
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Key insights:

- 2020 system cost only 30% higher than reference (neglecting: cost of climate change, cancer deaths, negative trade balance effects, lower level of employment in energy sector, less tax income)
- 2050 system cost identical to reference
- simplified standard economic consideration, neglecting the full view on total societal cost
- otherwise, maybe 30% less in cost (personal estimate)
- significant increase in employment (> 100 000 jobs)



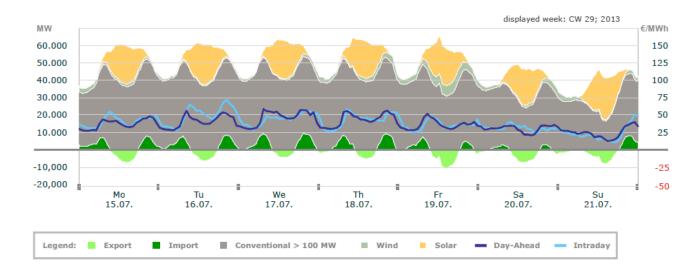
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# System consequences of PV in Germany

### Electricity Production and Spot-Prices: CW 29 2013



### source: Fraunhofer ISE

## Key insights:

- PV induces pressure on wholesale price
- gas is substituted first
- hard coal starts to be substituted
- lignite coal/ nuclear not adapted but exported in times of PV feed-in
- highest electricity exports of Germany
   in its history

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min. Leistung (GW) max. Leistung (GW) Wochenenergie (TWh)



Anzeigewoche: KW 29; 2013

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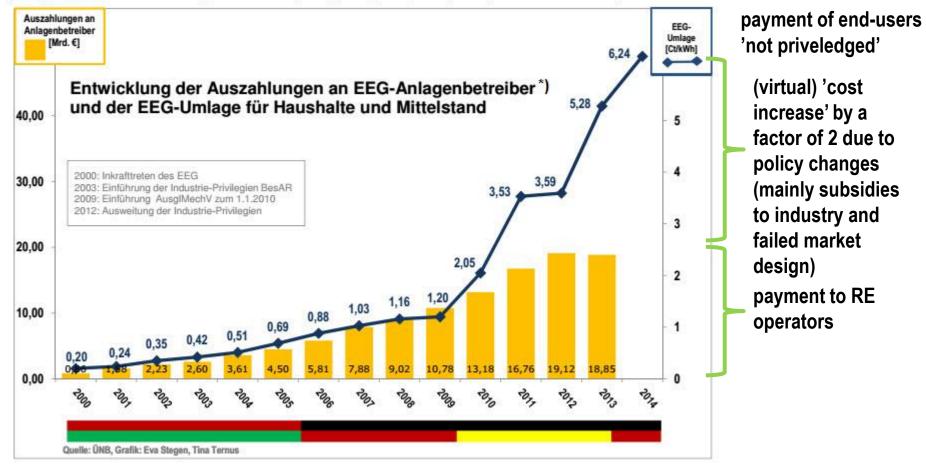
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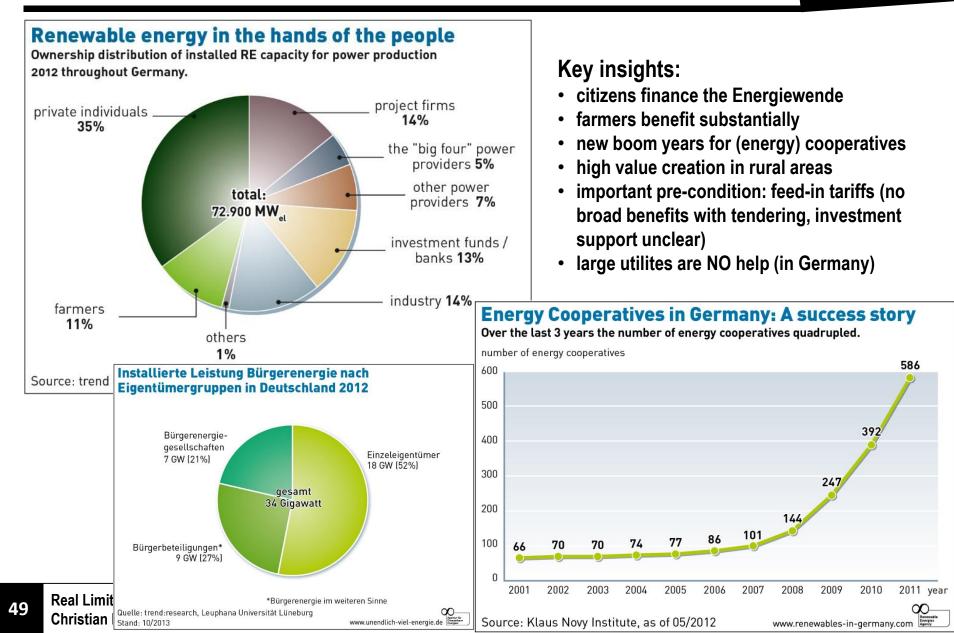
# **Cost of the Energiewende – Negative Politics**

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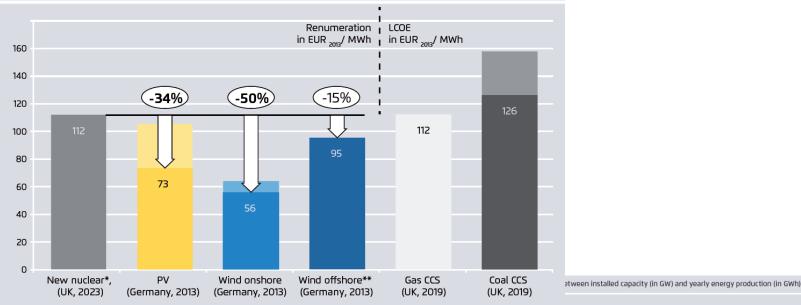
# **Investors in Renewable Energy in Germany**





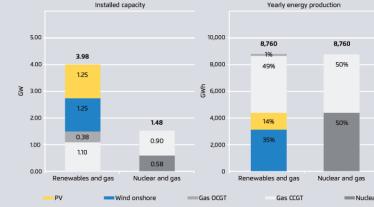
# 50% RE in Germany – Agora Energiewende

Comparison of average remuneration for new nuclear power, PV, wind and the levelized cost of electricity for gas/coal CCS



Key insights:

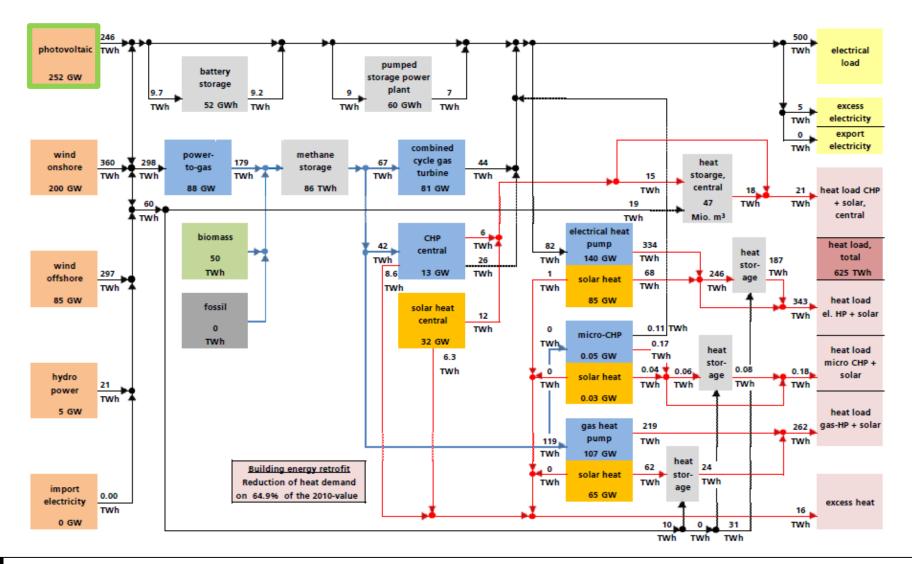
- PV-Wind-Gas is the least cost option
- nuclear and coal-CCS is too expensive
- nuclear and coal-CCS are high risk technologies
- high value added for PV-Wind due to higher capacities needed



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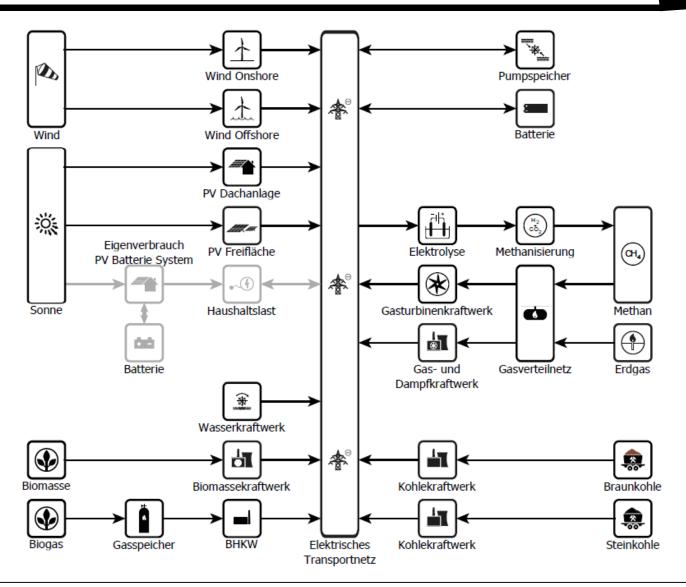
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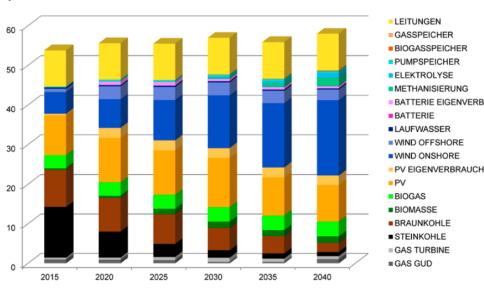
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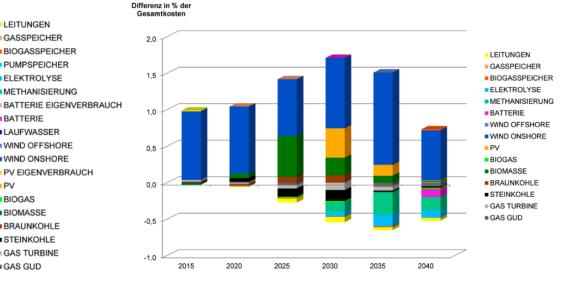


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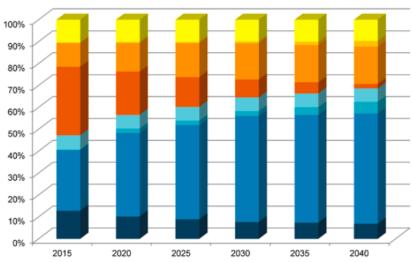




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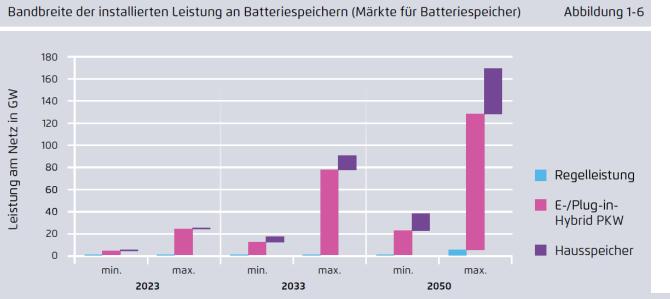
### Key insights:

- cost of 100% RE similar to today's cost
- decentral and central option cost are more or less the same
- system is switching from operational to capital expenditures and fuel is squeezed out
- BUT, operational fraction still one third equivalent to more jobs than today



Opex Leitungen
Opex Speicher
Opex Erneuerbar
Opex Fossil
Capex Leitungen
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# Agora Energiewende – Role of Electricity



Bandbreite der installierten Leistung von *Power-to-Gas/-Liquid/-Chemicals* (Märkte für *Power-to-X*)

Abbildung 1-7

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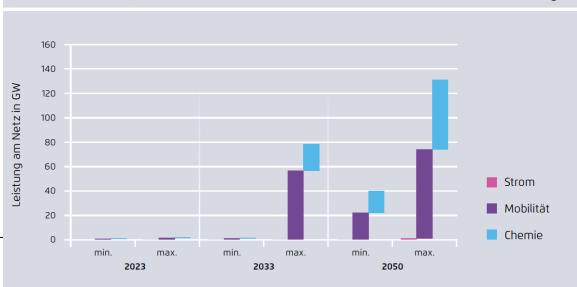
### Key insights:

- mobility will be powered by electricity (batteries and PtG)
- chemistry will change the resource basis towards ,electricity'

#### source:

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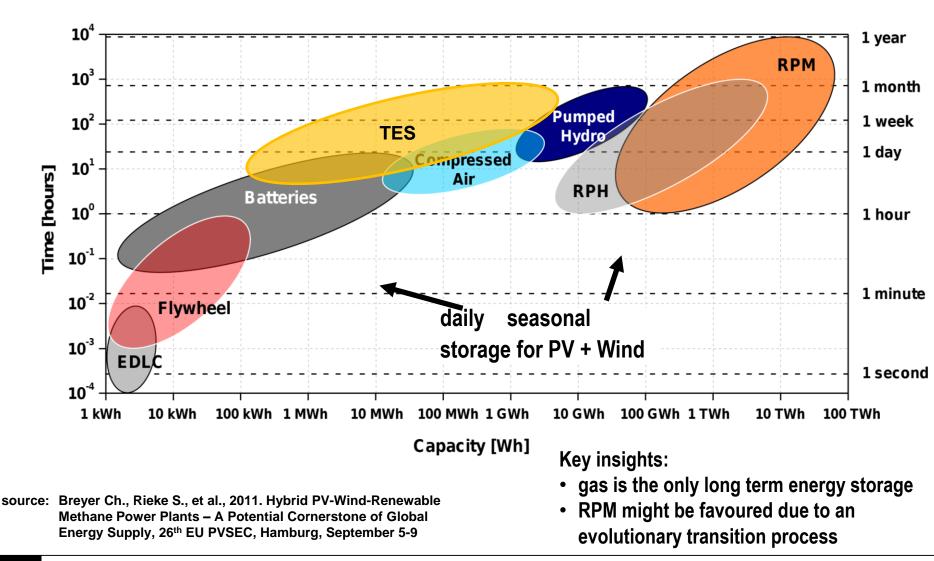
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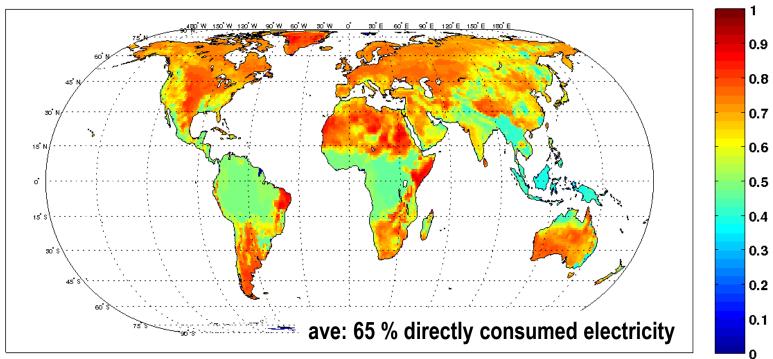
# **Storage Options in General and PtG**



# How much energy is to be stored?



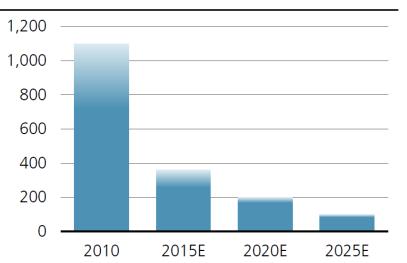
Ratio of directly consumed electricity to total consumption in a 100% RES based on PV, Wind, CSP, RPM, Batteries, CCGT and OCGT (2020)



- on average, one third of the consumed energy comes from storage
- the regionally optimal amount of stored energy depends on the type of RE source used
- in particular tropical regions have lower ratio of immediatly consumed RE electricity

# Storage: The story of PV reloaded?





Lithium battery cost to decline >50% by 2020

#### Source: Tesla, Umicore, UBSe. Cost estimates are for the battery pack (€/kWh). 4.500 13 % Kostenreduktion Power-to-X in €/kW 4.000 2014 3.500 Annahme 2023 3.000 Annahme 2033 Abschätzung 2.500 obere untere 2014 cost level Investitionskosten für Annahme 2050 2.000 1.500 1.000 500 0 installierte 0.01 0.1 10 100 PtG-Leistung in GW

### Key insights (Battery):

- 100 €/kWh battery pack capex translates roughly into 200 €/kWh battery system capex
- tremendous boost for decentral PV-battery applications (on-grid)
- cost for storing a kWh then <10 €ct/kWh</li>
- stored 30-50% of generation, LCOS are 3-5 €ct/kWh
- PV LCOE might be 3-6 €ct/kWh
- 6-11 €ct/kWh for very high self-supply shares

## Key insights (PtG):

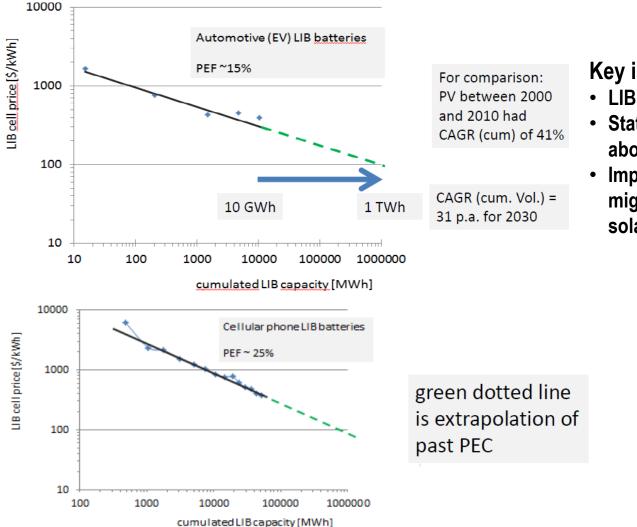
- first 1 GW very important for cost scaling
- 500 1000 €/kW capex will trigger continuous growth for PtG
- PtG is one of the most valuable technologies in 21<sup>st</sup> century
- Neo-Carbon Energy (LUT, VTT, UTU) launched in July by Tekes
- Finland could catch up with leading Germany, but industrial will needed

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source: UBS, 2014. Will solar, batteries and electric cars re-shape the electricity system?, August 20; Agora Energiewende, 2014. Stromspeicher in der Energiewende, September 16

# **LIB Learning Rate**



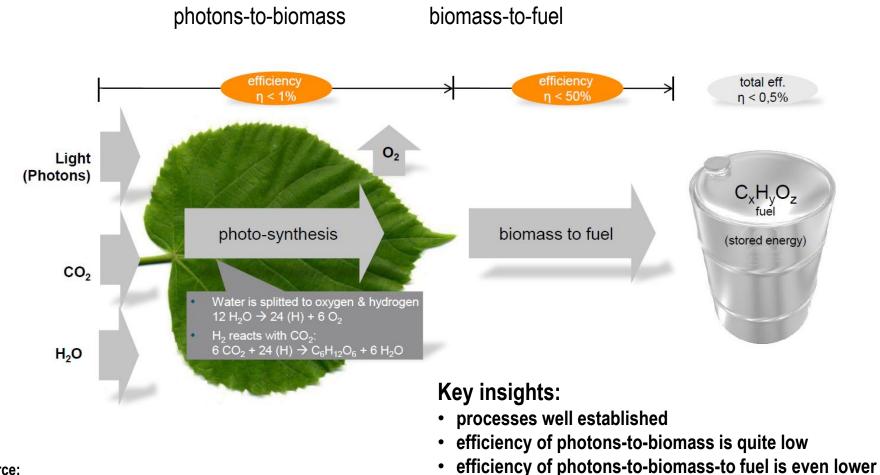


### Key insights:

- LIB learning rate between 15-25%
- Stationary applications might have about 20%
- Impact of LIB in coming 8 years might be about the same as that of solar PV in the last 8 years

# **Learning from Nature**

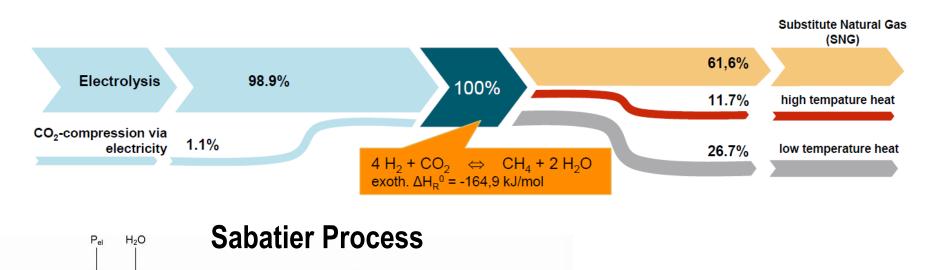


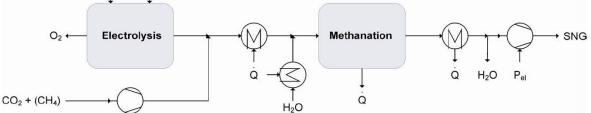


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# Power-to-Gas (PtG, or P2G/ RPM/ ...)





### Key insights:

- 2 step process: electrolysis + methanation
- input: electricity, H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub>
- output: CH<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, H<sub>2</sub> (optionally), O<sub>2</sub>
- power-to-gas efficiency: ~60% (>80% with use of waste heat)

source: ETOGAS, ZSW, 2010

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# **Spotlight on Storage**



### Insights:

- up to 50% RE (PV and wind) nearly NO storage is needed, but a flexible power system
- intermittent solar PV and wind will be the major energy sources in future
- societal cost of RE energy is 40 60 €/MWh (for some today, for the rest in next decade)
- ALL conventional energy sources are higher in societal costs

**Question:** 

Role and impact of storage technologies?

**Expectation I (case of chemical batteries):** 

- > current cost of storage attractive in mobile IT, emerging in transport, niche in power
- > growth in mobile IT and i.p. transport could reduce cost of storage to < 20 €/MWh stored elec
- > every generation and demand within days would cost 50 80 €/MWh
- > NO OECD country has such low tariffs for end-users!!
- > todays investments have to take that into account for avoiding stranded investments
- > JP, KR, CN in the industrial lead

Expectation II (case of power-to-gas)

- bridging technology: coupling of gas and mobility sector to power sector
- > the only substantial seasonal power storage we know today
- > DE in the lead, FI could catch up (if FI industrial players are willing to do)

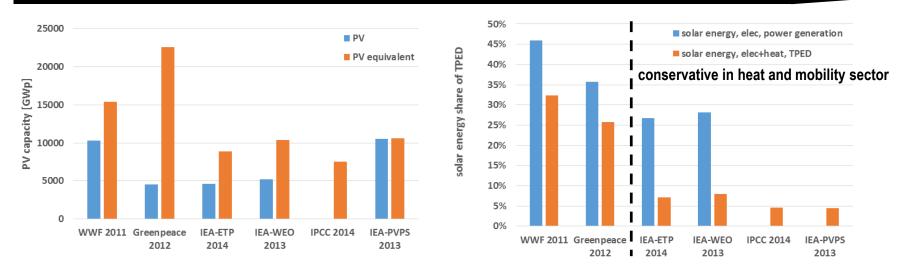
# Do we know the long-term PV demand?

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The results of some recent studies might help ...



# Focus on PV for the year 2050



- all reports acknowledge significant relevance of PV ( $\geq$  5 TW)
- BUT, the variation in results (input) is high, despite of progressive/ RE-based scenarios
- closer view to the key numbers might provide a valuable guideline
- my view I: own published numbers would be 7.5 12 TW for about 2050
- my view II: updated insights in 2014 lead to ~25 TW (2050) and 65-100 TW (2050 2100)



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- solar PV diffusion trend is stable for decades (leaning rate, growth rate, cost reduction)
- more and more market segments are becoming profitable
- PV and Wind emerge to the backbone of global energy supply
- 100% RE system is feasible: technical, economical, ecological
- highest risk for RE is not economics it is politics
- opportunities are huge but only for the ones who act (the rest will [have to] follow [for economic reasons])
- power business is/ will be radically transformed due to system impact of (decentralised, low scale) PV and storage

## Thanks for your attention!