PHOTOVOLTAICS AS MAJOR ELECTRICITY SOURCE



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Cornerstones for the Transformation of our Energy System to efficient use of finally 100% renewable energy –

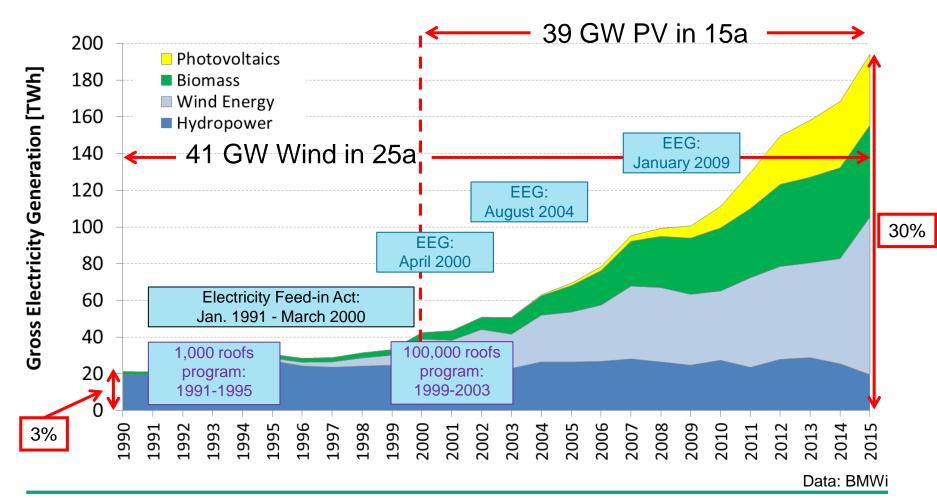
Energy efficiency: buildings, production, transport

- Massive increase in renewable energies: photovoltaics, solar and geo thermal, wind, hydro, biomass...
- Fast development of the electric grid: transmission and distribution grid, bidirectional
- Small and large scale energy storage systems: electricity, hydrogen, methane, methanol, biogas, solar heat, hydro.....
- Sustainable mobility as integral part of the energy system: electric mobility with batteries and hydrogen/fuel cells

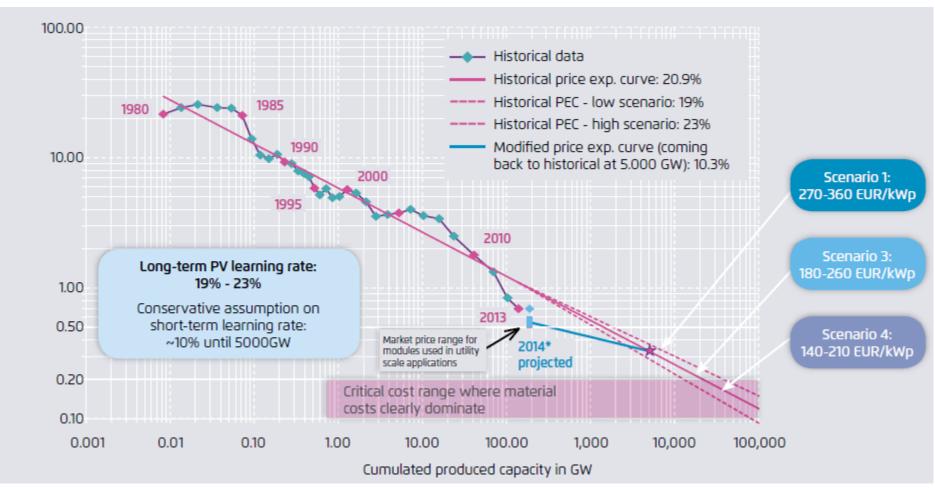




Contribution of RES to Electricity Supply in Germany Historical Development



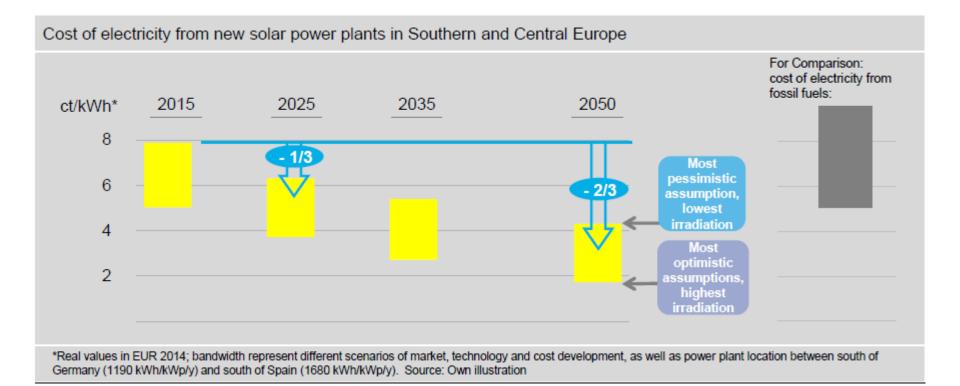
Long-term utility-scale PV system price scenarios



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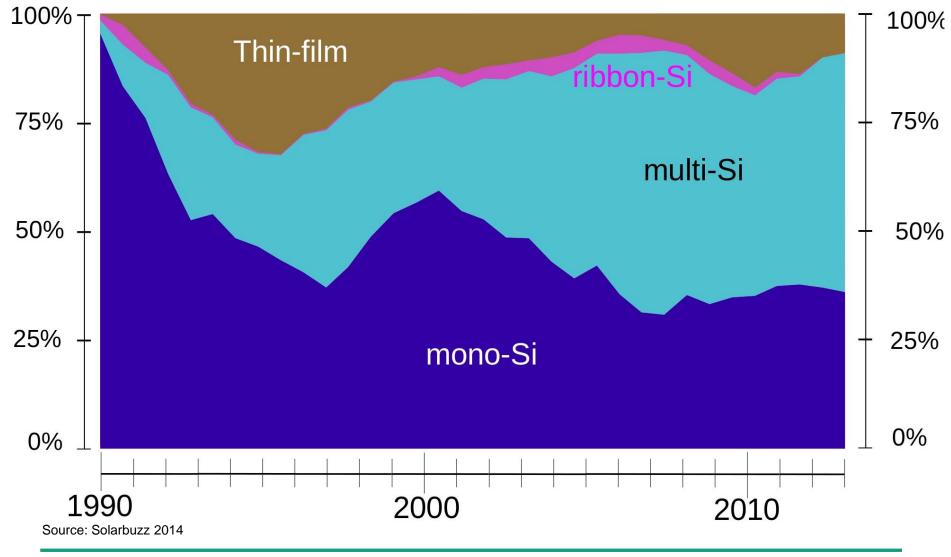
Levelized Cost of Electricity Solar Power will soon be the Cheapest Form of Electricity in Many Regions of the World



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Global Market Share by PV Technology from 1990 to 2013



Crystalline Silicon Technology Portfolio c-Si PV is not a Commodity, but a High-Tech Product!

material quality

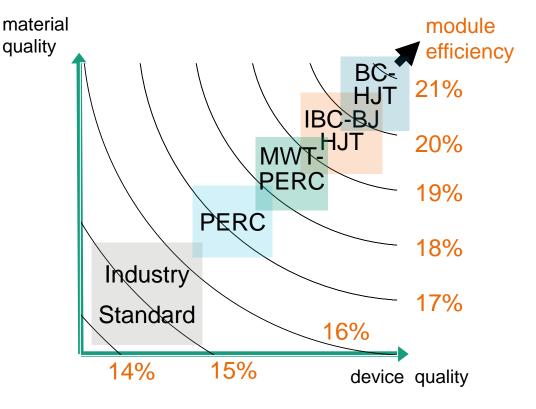
- diffusion length
- base conductivity

device quality

- passivation of surfaces
- low series resistance
- light confinement

cell structures

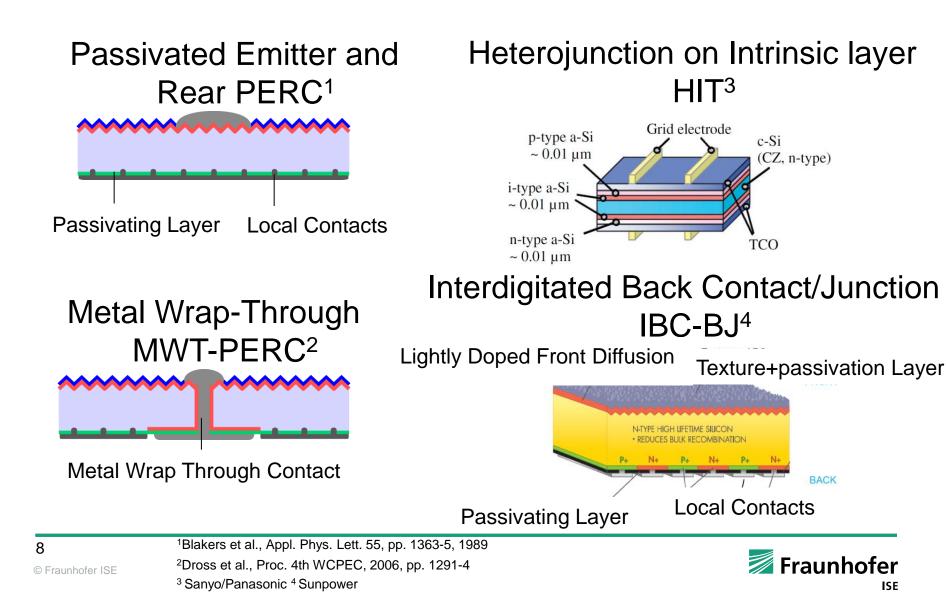
- PERC: Passivated Emitter and Rear Cell
- MWT: Metal Wrap Through
- **IBC-BJ:** Interdigitated Back Contact – Back Junction
- HJT: Hetero Junction Technology



Adapted from Preu et al., EU-PVSEC 2009

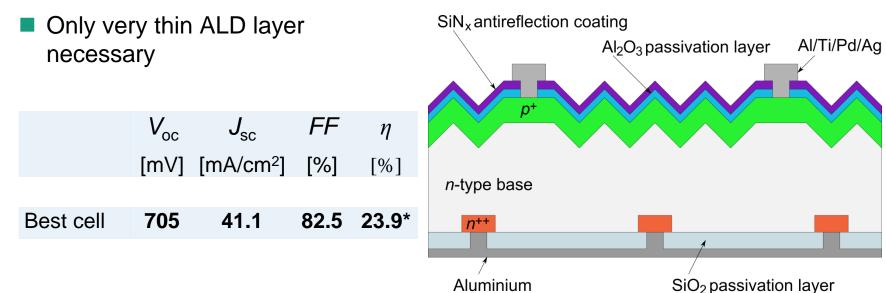


Advanced Cell Technologies



High-efficiency n-type PERL Cells Lab Results

Excellent performance at cell level



*Confirmed at Fraunhofer ISE CalLab

ap = aperture area (= bus bar included in illuminated area)

Benick et al., APL 92 (2008) Glunz et al., IEEE-PVSC (2010)



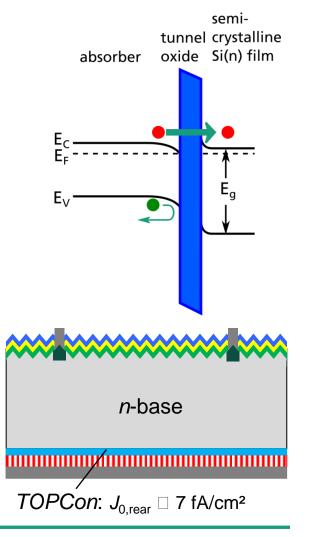
Advanced Cell Technologies Tunnel Oxide Passivated Contact (TOPCon)

TOPCon enables:

- Excellent carrier-selectivity
- High tolerance to high-temperature processes
- Very high V_{oc} and FF achieved due to
 - Excellent surface passivation
 - 1D carrier flow pattern in base

	V _{oc}	J _{sc}	FF	η
	[mV]	[mA/cm ²]	[%]	[%]
Champion	719	41.5	83.4	24.9 ^[*]

^[*]FZ-Si, *n*-type, 2x2 cm², aperture area, confirmed by Fraunhofer ISE Callab

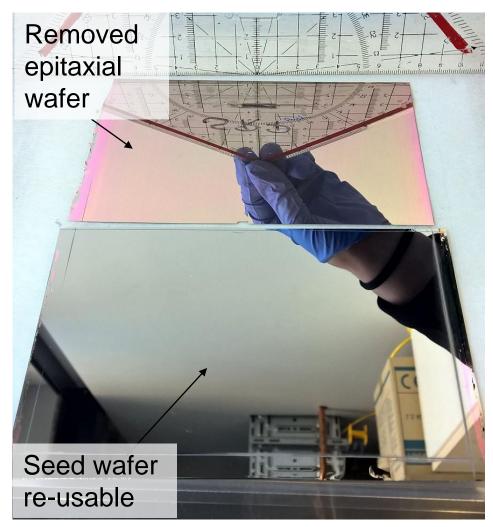




NexWafe:

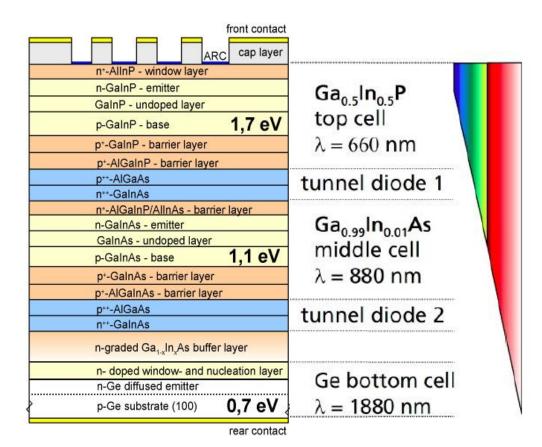
Kerfless Wafer Production for High-Efficiency PV

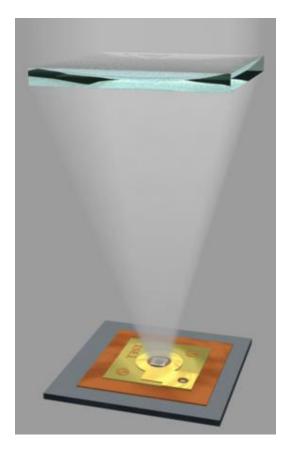
- Product: n-type wafer for high-efficiency solar cells
- ISE high-throughput ProConCVD to grow the epitaxial layer
- Wafer thickness 150 µm → "drop-in" replacement for Czwafer
- Proof-of-concept verified on small scale, upscaling under way!
- Wafers available 2017!





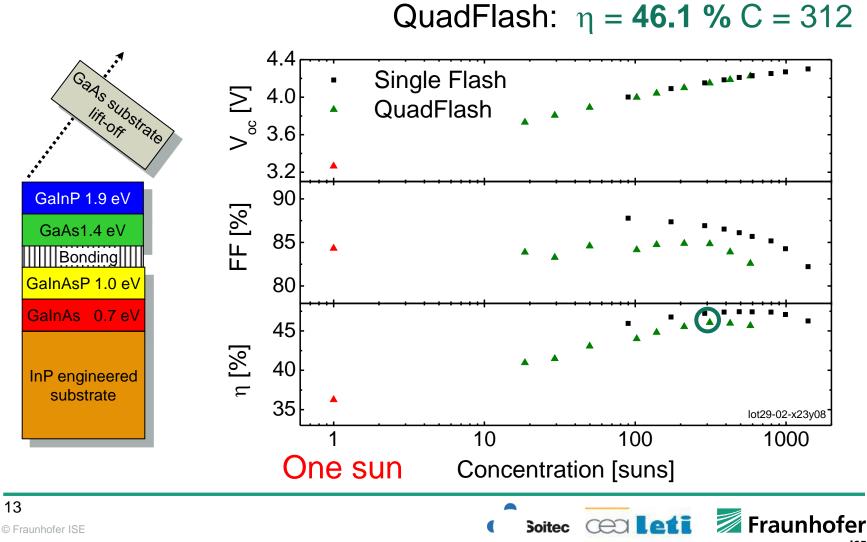
High-Efficiency III/V Based Triple-Junction Solar Cells





Slide: courtesy of F. Dimroth

InP based 4-Junction Solar Cell Results on Engineered Substrate



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Nanowire Array Solar Cells

- may bring to the market single-Xtal III-V solar cells to the cost of Thin Films

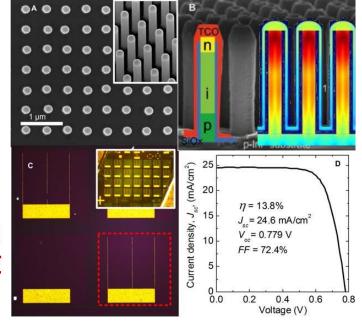
BUT - how will this be achieved?

- Nanowire arrays from EPITAXY
- Nanowire arrays from AEROTAXY

InP Nanowire Array Solar Cells Achieving 13.8% Efficiency by Exceeding the Ray Optics Limit

Jesper Wallentin,¹ Nicklas Anttu,¹ Damir Asoli,² Maria Huffman,² Ingvar Åberg,² Martin H. Magnusson,² Gerald Siefer,³ Peter Fuss-Kailuweit,³ Frank Dimroth,³ Bernd Witzigmann,⁴ H. Q. Xu,^{1,5} Lars Samuelson,¹ Knut Deppert,¹ Magnus T. Borgström¹*

Photovoltaics based on nanowire arrays could reduce cost and materials consumption compared with planar devices but have exhibited low efficiency of light absorption and carrier collection. We fabricated a variety of millimeter-sized arrays of p-type/intrinsic/n-type (p-i-n) doped InP nanowires and found that the nanowire diameter and the length of the top n-segment were critical for cell performance. Efficiencies up to 13.8% (comparable to the record planar InP cell) were achieved by using resonant light trapping in 180-nanometer-diameter nanowires that only covered 12% of the surface. The share of sunlight converted into photocurrent (71%) was six times the limit in a simple ray optics description. Furthermore, the highest open-circuit voltage of 0.906 volt exceeds that of its planar counterpart, despite about 30 times higher surface-to-volume ratio of the nanowire cell.



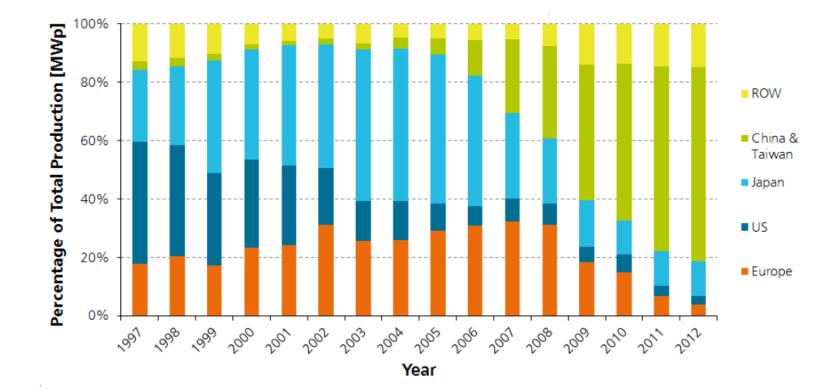


Lars Samuelson, Lund, Sweden: "Nanowire Array Solar Cells"

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PV-Production Capacity by Global Regions 1997-2012 Will China dominate the 100 GW/a World Market 2020?

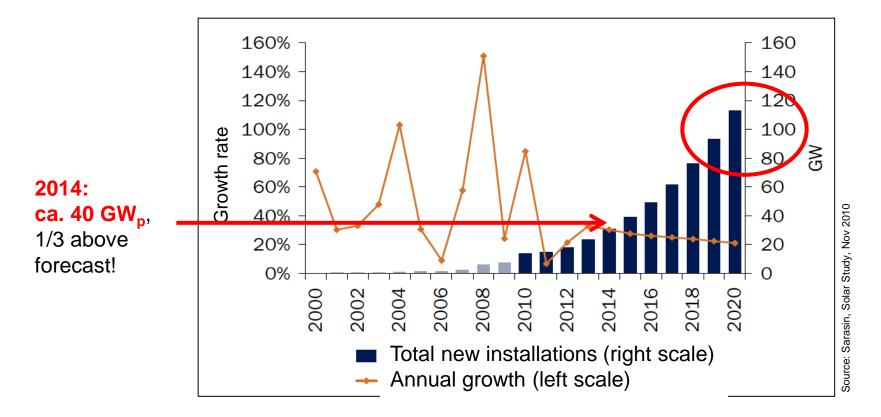


Source: Navigant Consulting, Grafics: PSE AG 2013



World Market Outlook: Experts are Optimistic **Example Sarasin Bank, November 2010**

market forecast (2010): 30 GW_p in 2014, 110 GW_p in 2020 annual growth rate: in the range of 20 % and 30 %





Global PV Production Capacity and Installations

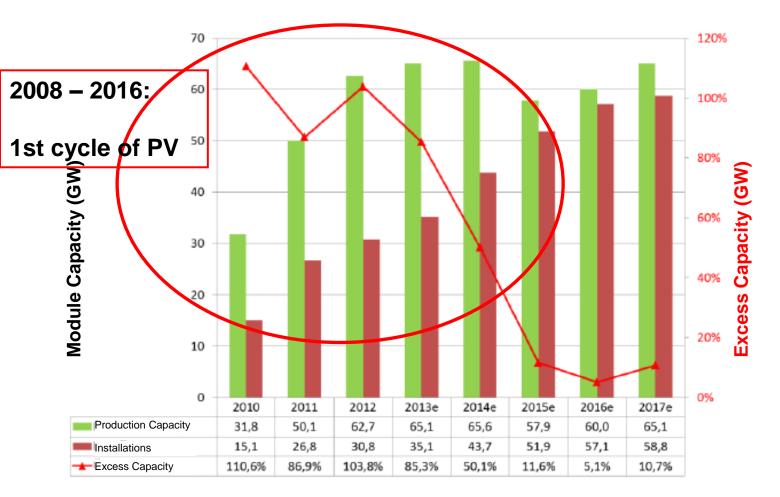


Outlook for the development of supply and demand in the global PV market.

Source: Lux Research Inc., Grafik: PSE AG

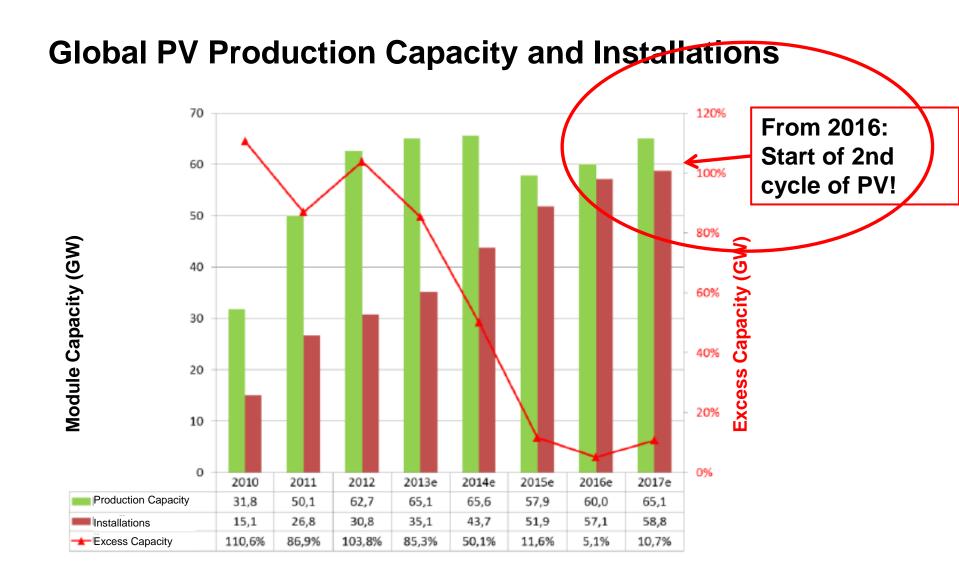


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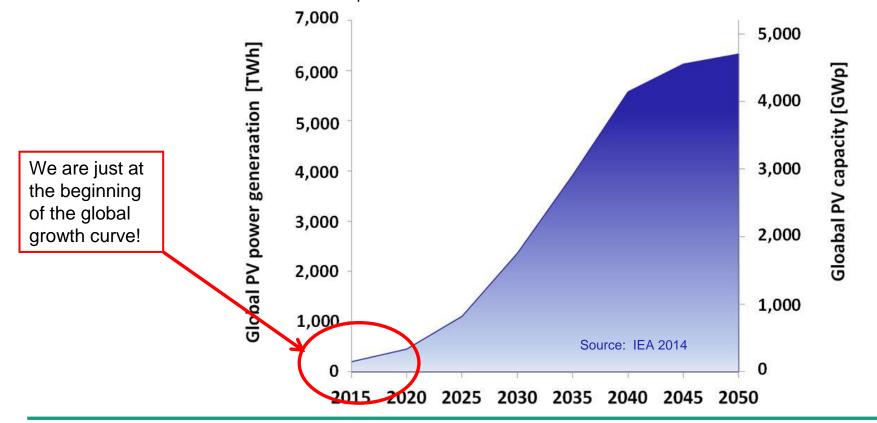


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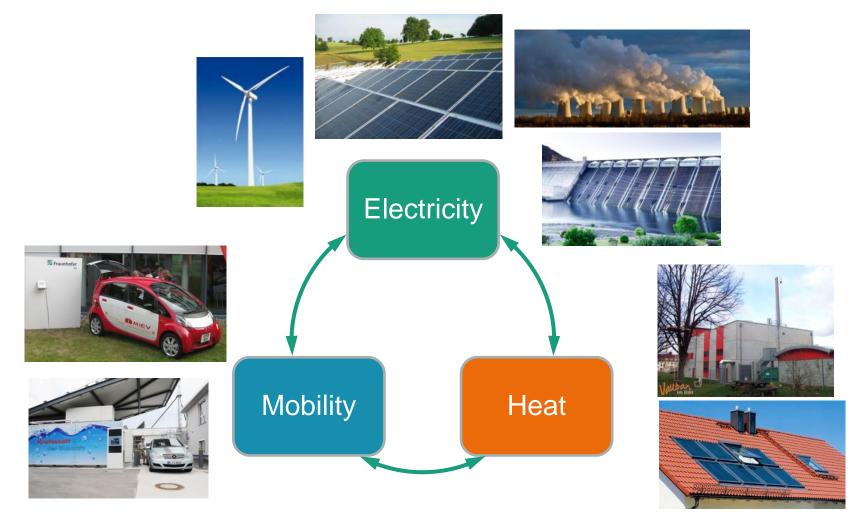
PV Market Growth: PV heading into the Terawatt Range!

- Rapid introduction of PV globally is fueled by availability of cost-competitive, distributed energy
- In 2050 between 4.000 and 30.000 GW_p PV will be installed!
- By 2015, less than 300 GW_p have been installed!





How Will the Energy System Look Like in 2050?



 \rightarrow Develop a model to simulate the transformation of the energy system



Optimization of Germany's future energy system based on hourly modeling

Comprehensive analysis of the overall system Electricity generation, storage and end-use

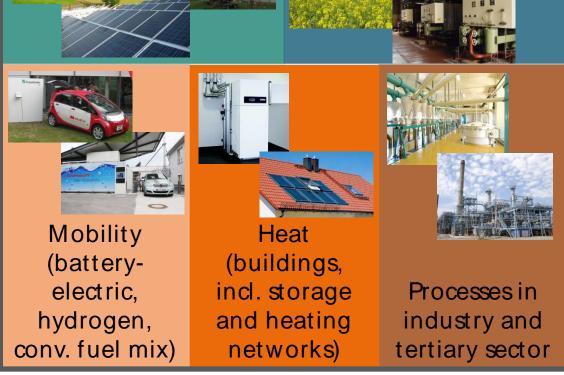


Fuels (including biomass and synthetic fuels from RE)

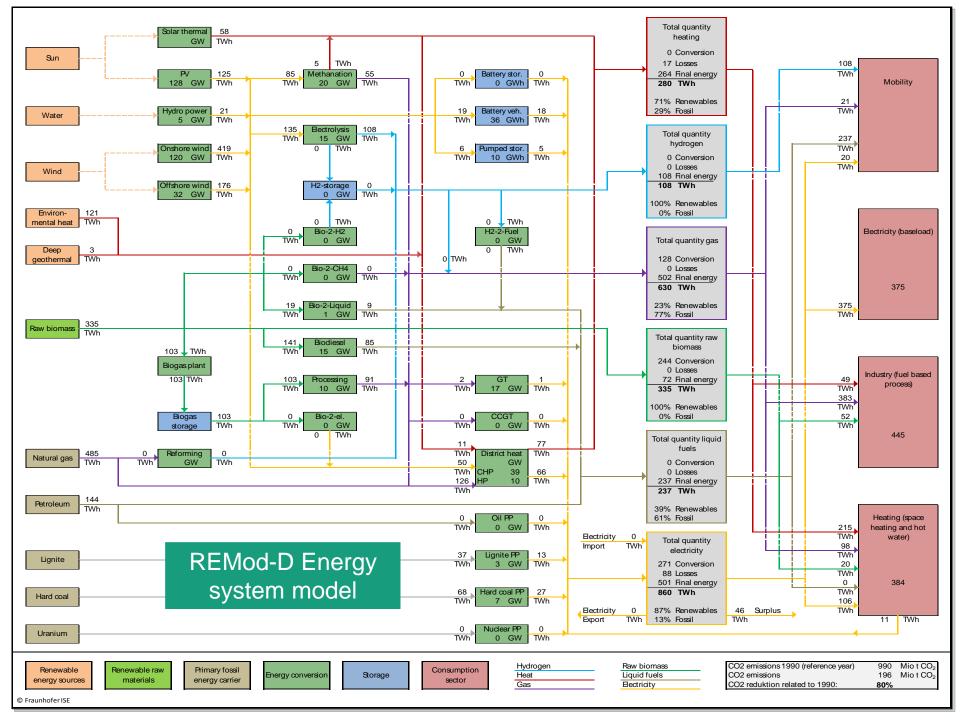
REM od-D Renewable

Energy Model – Deutschland

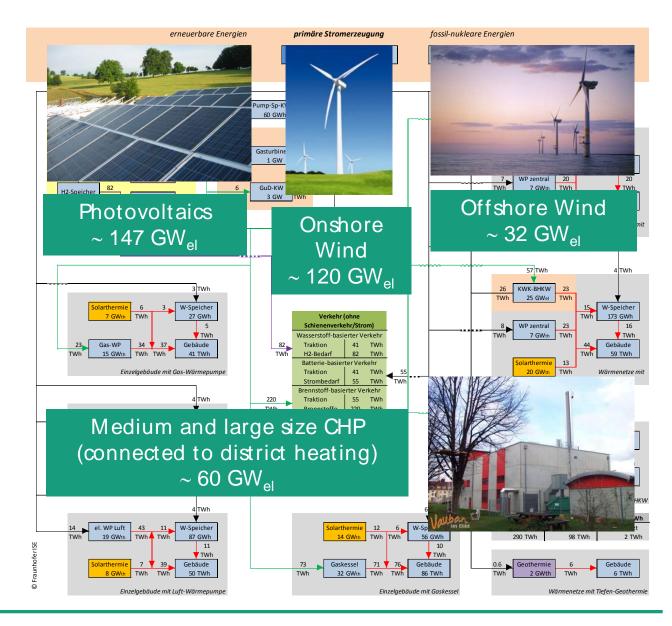
Slide courtesy Hans-Martin Henning 2014







Electricity generation



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Scenario results hourly modeling 2014-205 Cumulative total cost

 \blacksquare No penalty on CO₂ emissions

■ Stable fossil fuel prices

- Investments Fossil fuels Operation and mantainance Biomass Financing 9000 cumulative costs 2015-2050 in billion € 8000 7000 6000 1659 5000 1214 1143 995 1075 1540 1044 4000 812 249 247 735 739 651 678 3000 1746 1971 1976 1968 2020 2000 1911 3319 1000 1885 1461 1416 1427 1304 1023 0 Ref. #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 #6
- -80 % CO₂, low rate building #1 energy retrofit, electric vehicles dominant. coal until 2050
- -80 % CO₂, low rate building #2 energy retrofit, mix of vehicles, coal until 2050
- -80 % CO₂, high rate building #3 energy retrofit, mix of vehicles, coal until 2050
- -80 % CO₂, high rate building #4 energy retrofit, mix of vehicles, coal until 2040
- #5 -85 % CO₂, high rate building energy retrofit, mix of vehicles, coal until 2040
- #6 -90 % CO₂, high rate building energy retrofit, mix of vehicles, coal until 2040
- Ref today's system; no change



Scenario results Cumulative total cost

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Cumulative cost of scenarios # 4 und # 5 approx. 1100 bn € higher than reference for the total time 2014 – 2050 (about 0.8 % of German GDP)

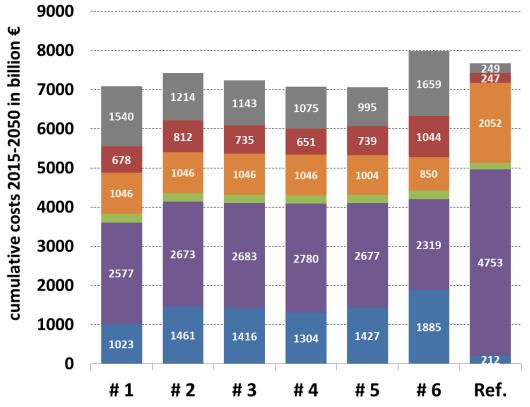
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- Biomass
- Operation and mantainance



Fossil fuels CO2-costs Financing

- \blacksquare Rising penalty cost for CO₂ emissions up to 100 € per ton in 2030; then stable
- Price increase for fossil fuels 2 % p.a.
- #1 $-80 \% CO_2$, low rate building energy retrofit, electric vehicles dominant. coal until 2050
- With CO₂ pricing, the total #2 cost of business-as-usual till 20150 will be even #(higher than for the transformed system!
- #4 -80 % CO₂, high rate building energy retrofit, mix of vehicles, coal until 2040
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Essential messages out of the model:

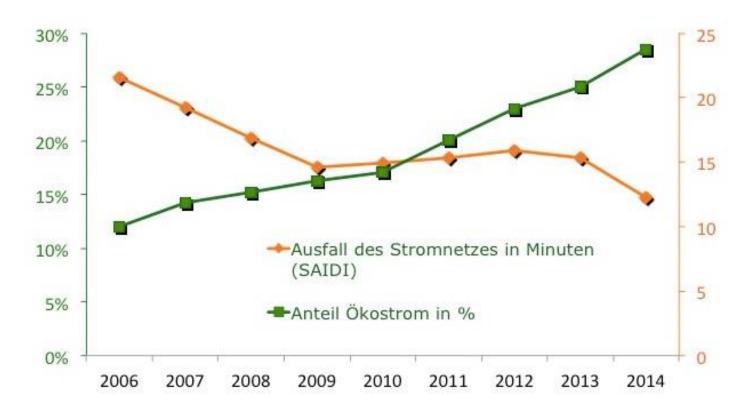
The cost of the new Energy System is not higher than the cost for the current system!

The cost for transformation is in the same order as maintaining the current system!





Grid stability with growing amounts of fluctuating RE: Grid in Germany today more stable than in 2006!



Quelle: Bundesnetzagentur (2015); http://www.bundesnetzagentur.de/DE/ Sachgebiete/ElektrizitaetundGas/Unternehmen_Institutionen/ Versorgungssicherheit/Stromnetze/Versorgungsqualität/Versorgungsqualitätnode.html; BMU, BEE, bdew

Hans-Josef Fell – MdB (1998-2013) Präsident der Energy Watch Group



Photovoltaics as Major Electricity Source

- Technology development combined with rapid growth of production volumes resulted in an unprecedented reduction in PV production cost and prices, by more than an order of magnitude in the last decades!
- The market is dominated by crystalline-Si technologies; a multitude of further technology advances, allowing higher efficiencies at lower production costs, are ready to be implemented in c-Si PV cells and modules.
- The cost of PV systems will decrease further, driven by technology developments, accompanied by supportive financial and regulatory environments.
- PV will grow soon into the Terawatt range, making it the cheapest form of electricity in many regions of the world → 2-4 ct/kWh.
- The key for a stable energy system based on RE is to link the electricity, heat and transport sectors.
- The challenge for the EU will be to maintain the current technological leadership position, by keeping a stable market, combined with local PV production along the whole food chain, from research to deployment!



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