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Solar Photovoltaic (PV) in Germany



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GIZ profile

- Federal enterprise to support the **German Government** in achieving its objectives in the field of **international cooperation** for sustainable development
- Operations in Germany and in over **130 countries** around the world
- Around **17,000 employees**
- Operates **in India since 60 years**. Currently **250 staff members** in India



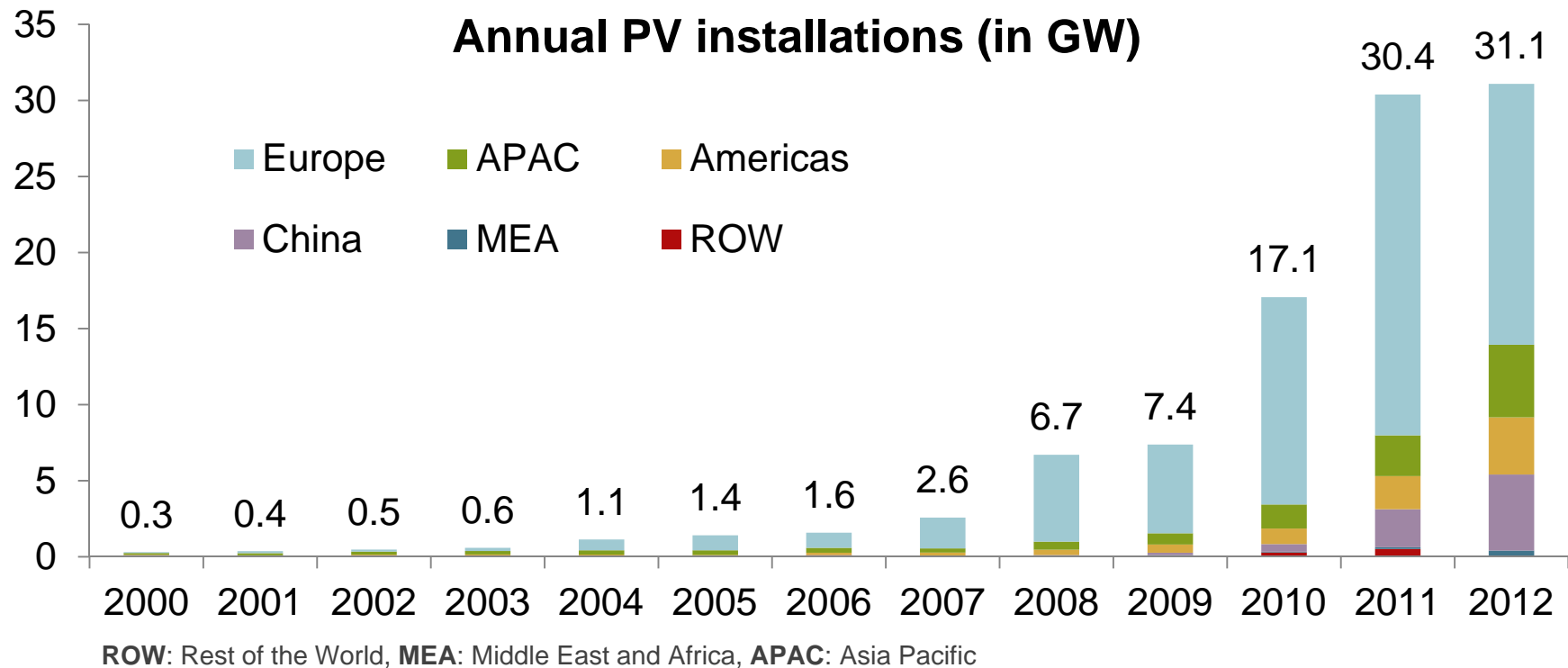
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Global PV Market - Trends 2012

(Sources: IEA PVPS, EPIA, BSW)

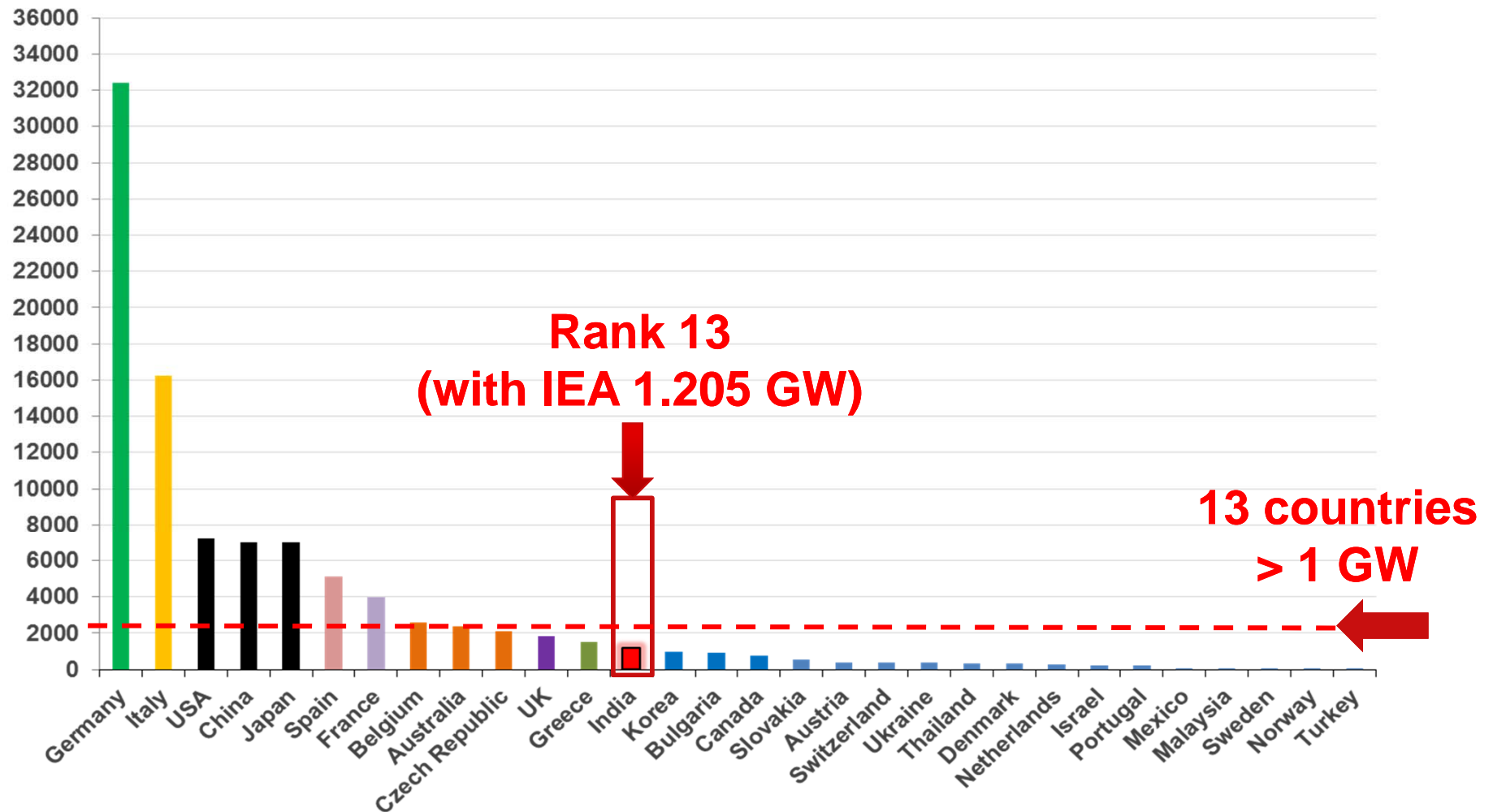




Country ranking by cumulative capacity

(Source: IEA PVPS)

Installed PV total capacity 31-12-2012 (MWp)

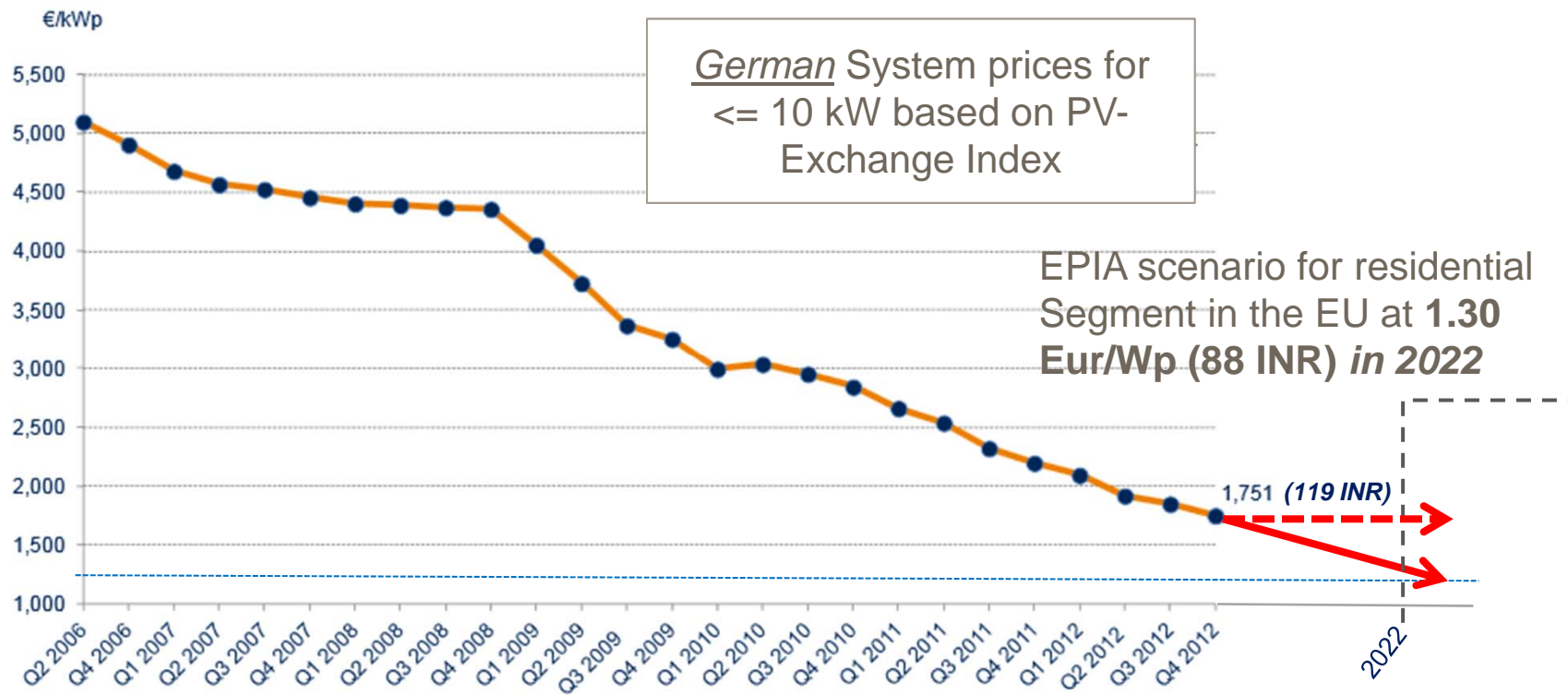




Massive PV system price reduction

(Source: BSW, PV-Exchange 2012, own calculations)

- Cost reduction to 1/3 in last 6 years (340 INR to 119 INR/ Wp)
- LCOE decrease 16 INR to 7 INR/ kWh (LCOE over 20 yrs @ CUF 15%)
- Still big differences in country specific prices (especially residential)





Global PV Trends 2012 – Summary & Conclusions

- **100 GWp** capacity exceeded worldwide
- First **drop in EU PV Growth** within last 10 years (ever)
- System **costs reduced to 1/3** within last 6 years
- **13 countries** entered the **GW capacity class** (9 more are close)

➔ **PV will play a key role in the global electricity mix**

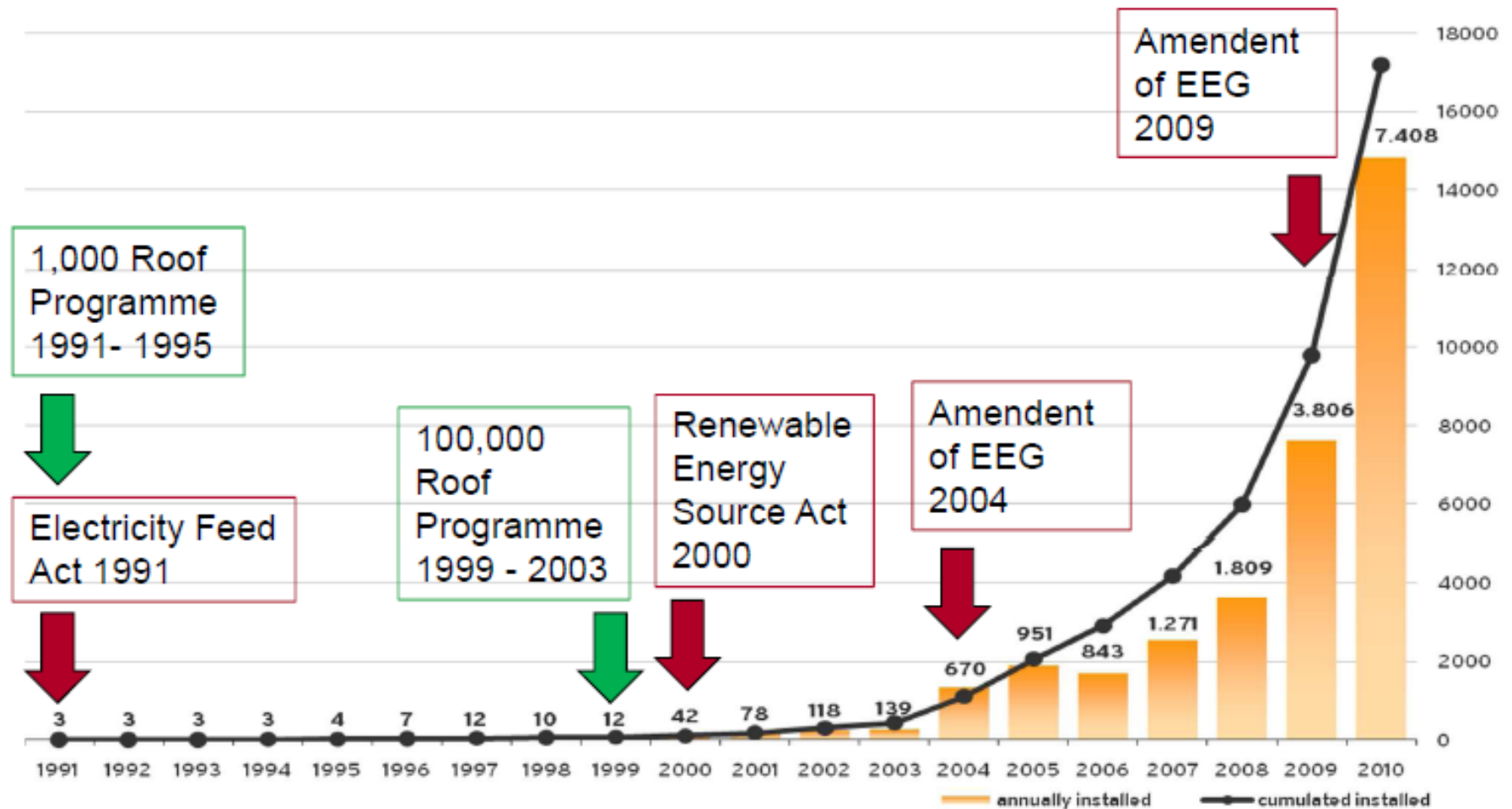


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Policy Milestones and Historical Development of PV sector





Remote Control for Data acquisition, Monitoring & Benchmarking - Direct Online Access to Operational data



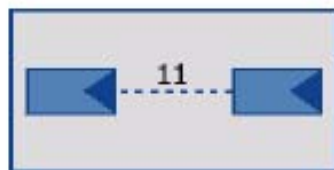
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Data evaluation programmes,
Automatic control algorithms



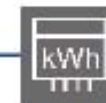
Internet Accessable
(VPN) Remote Control



PV system



inverter



meter



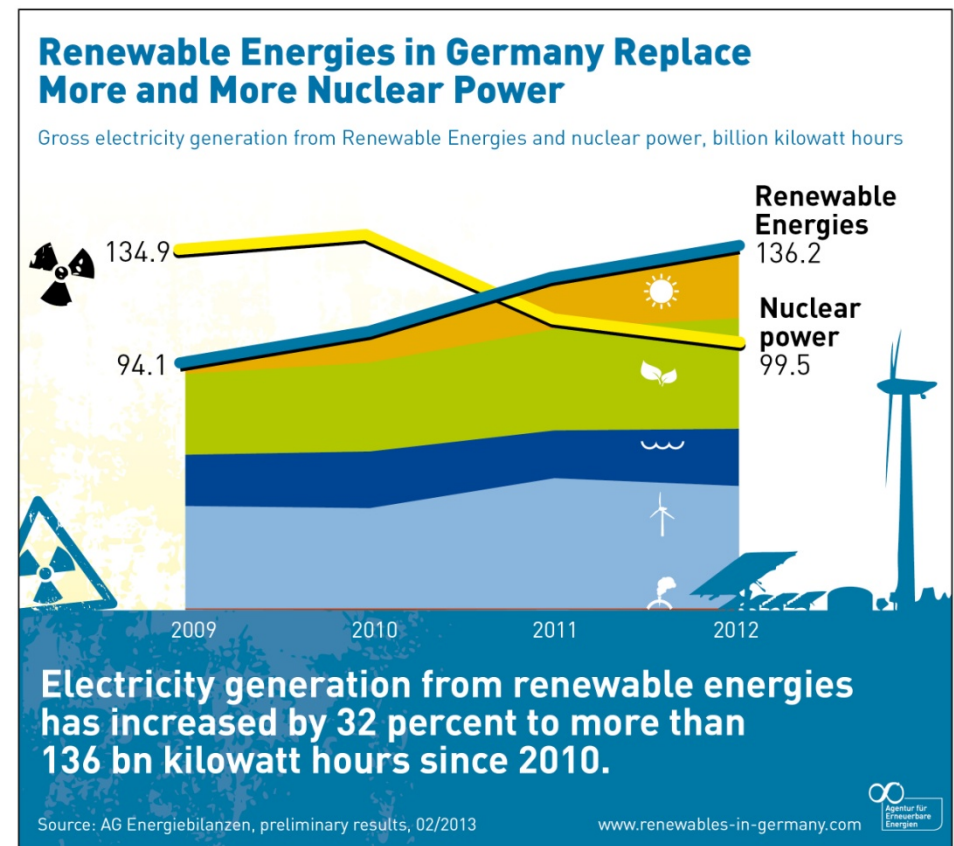
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Why is Germany pushing the pedal?

The energy transition: 80% RE 2050 & nuclear phase out until 2022 is planed to:

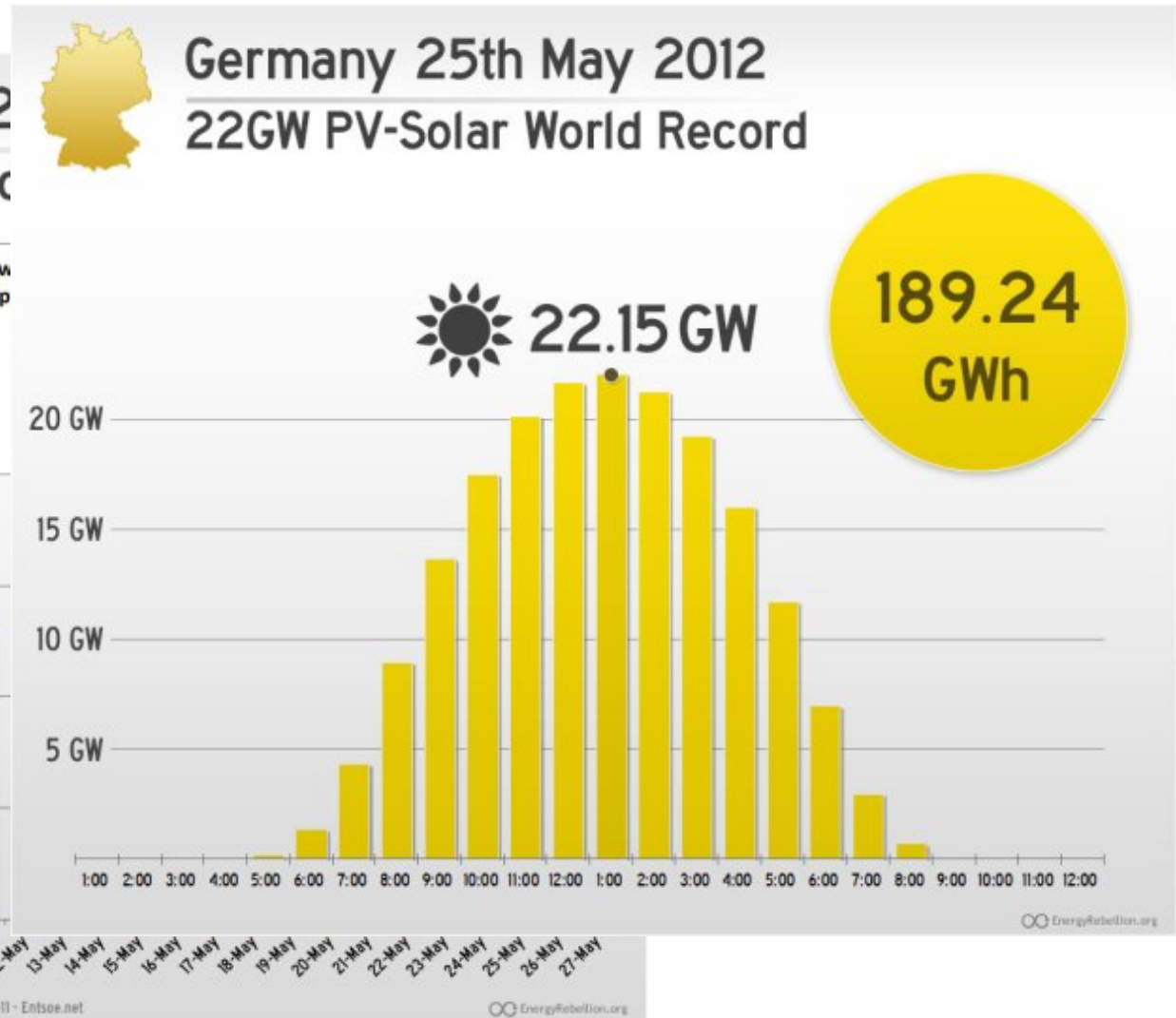
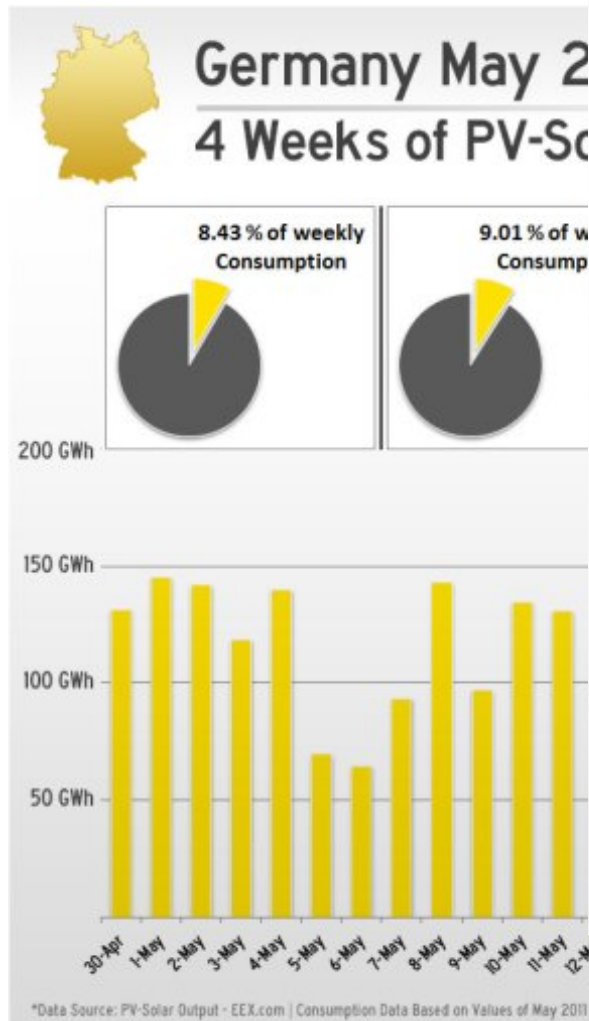
- Fight climate change
- Reduce energy imports
- Stimulate innovation & green economy
- Strengthen energy security & local economy



More details: www.energytransition.de

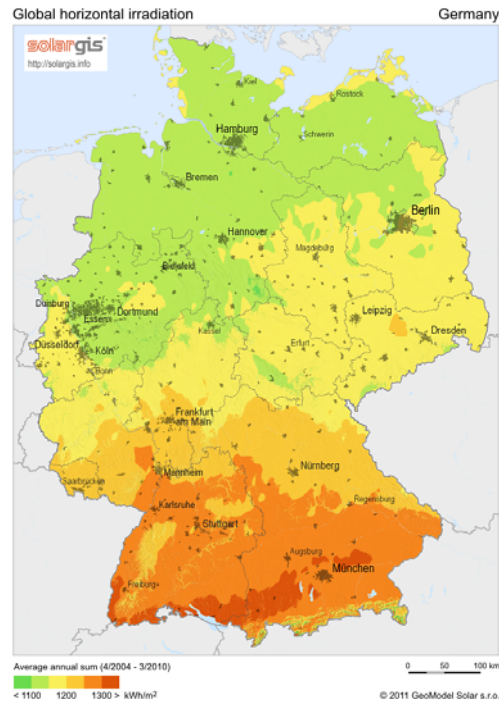


Beyond Gigawatts





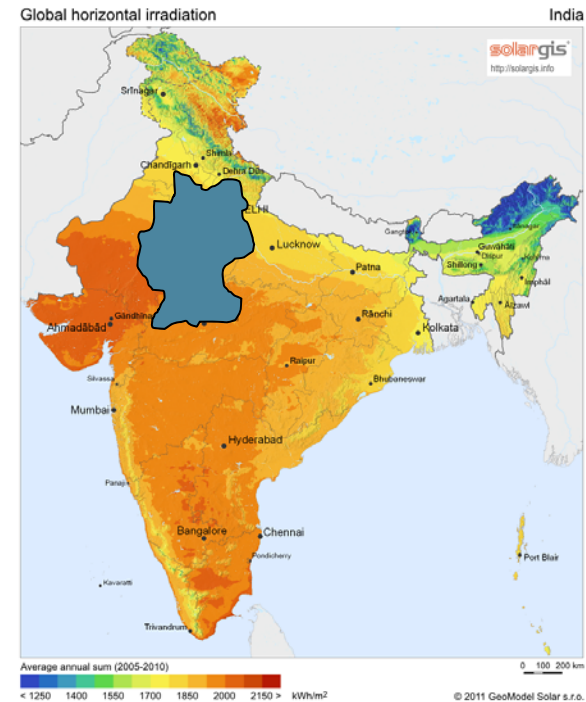
Relevant key facts compared:



900-1300 kWh/m²

80.3 Mio

357 021 km²



1250-2150 kWh/m²

1.2 Bn

3 287 263 km²

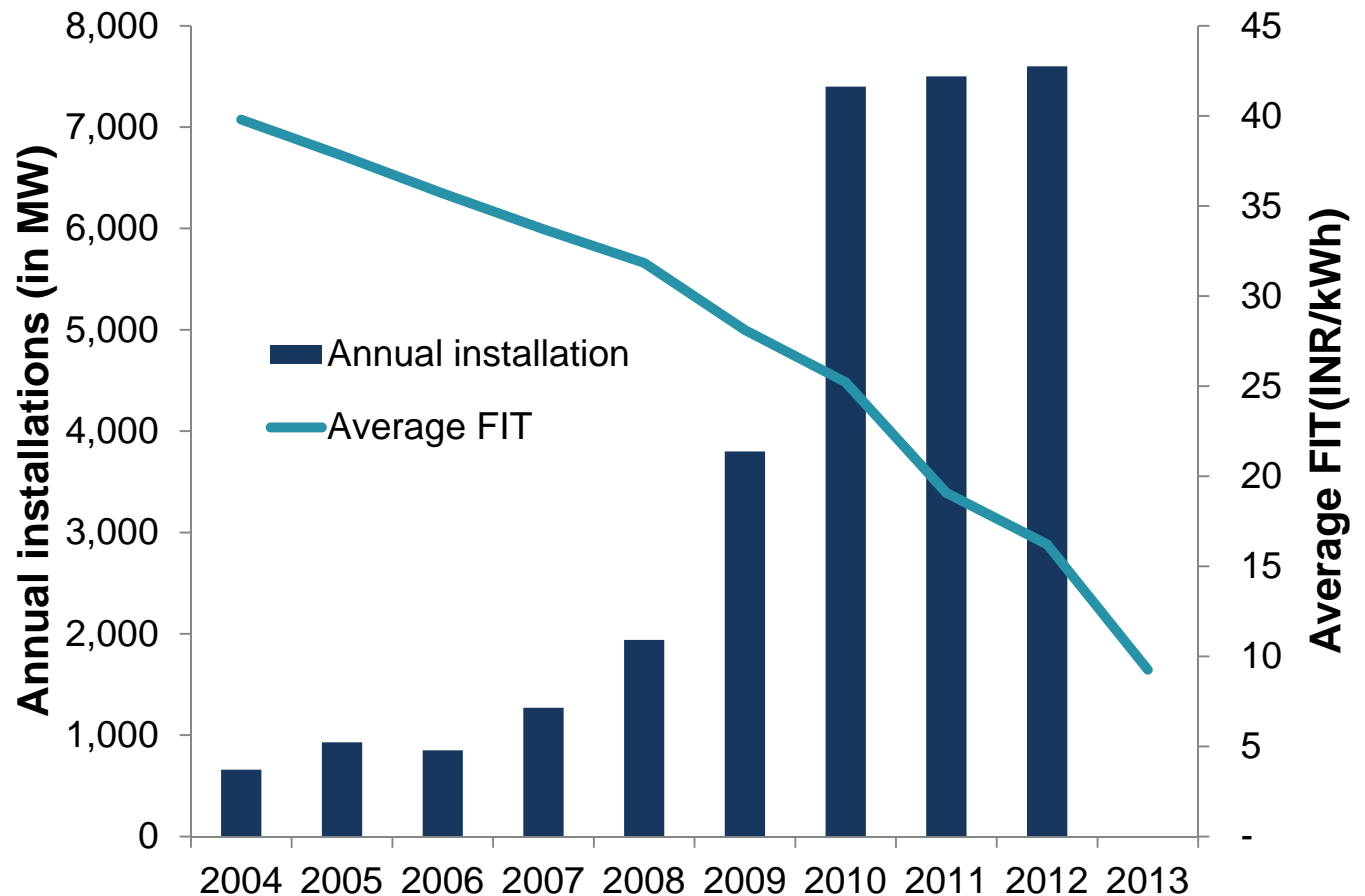


German PV Market 2012

(Source: BSW-Solar, own calculations)

By 31.12.2012:

- Total installed capacity: **32,400 MWp**
- Number of grid connected PV systems: **1,280,000**

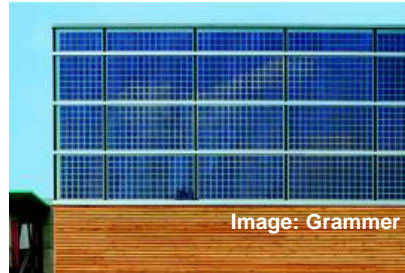


→ Subsidies to be phased out by 2020 – 52 GW



PV market segments in Germany

<1%
**Building
integrated**



28%
**Ground
Mounted**



**72% of PV installations in 2011
were on buildings**

Private buildings:
1-10 kWp

Social, commercial,
agricultural buildings:
10-100 kWp

Large commercial
buildings:
> 100 kWp

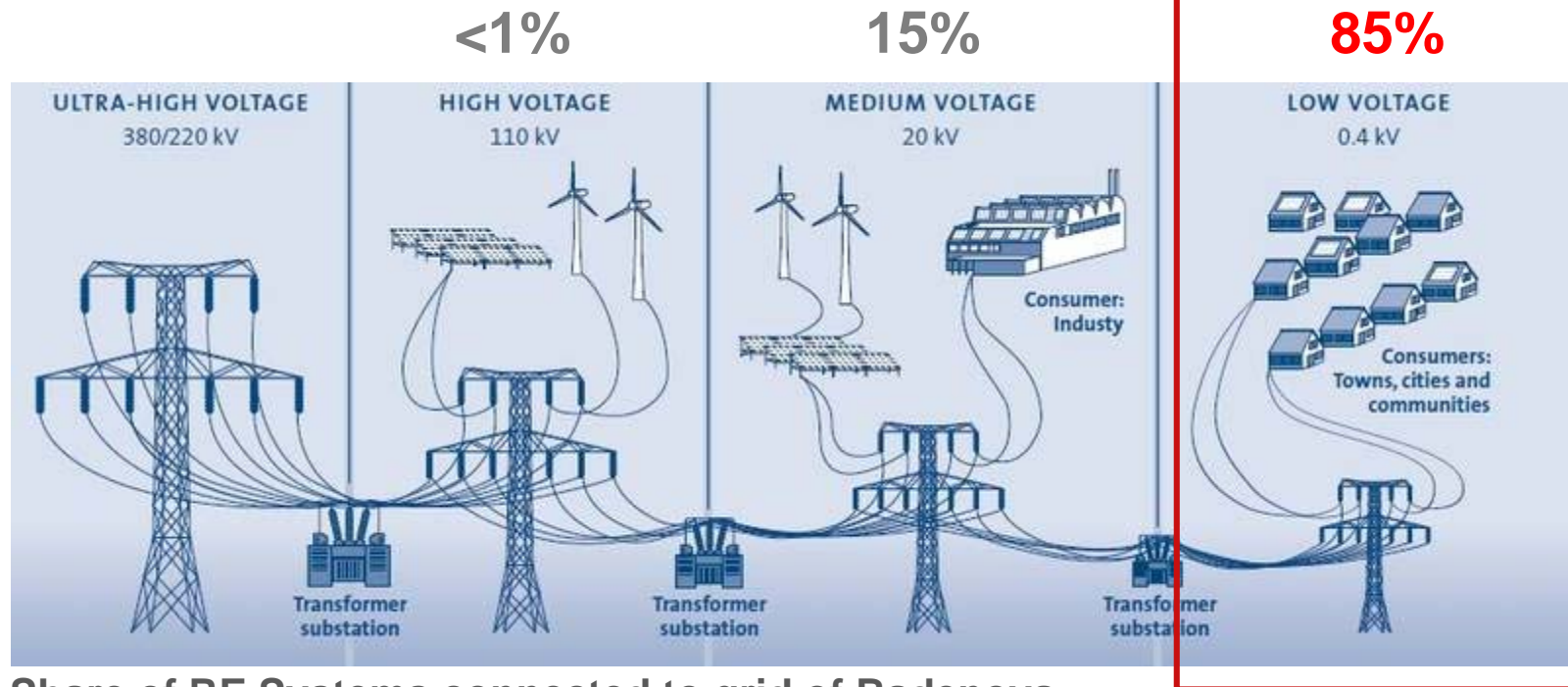
71%
Rooftop





Grid connection

(Sources: Badenova, RENI / Solarpraxis)



Share of RE Systems connected to grid of Badenova

- From top-down structure to fluctuating bi-directional power flow
- Distribution grid becomes “collector grid”

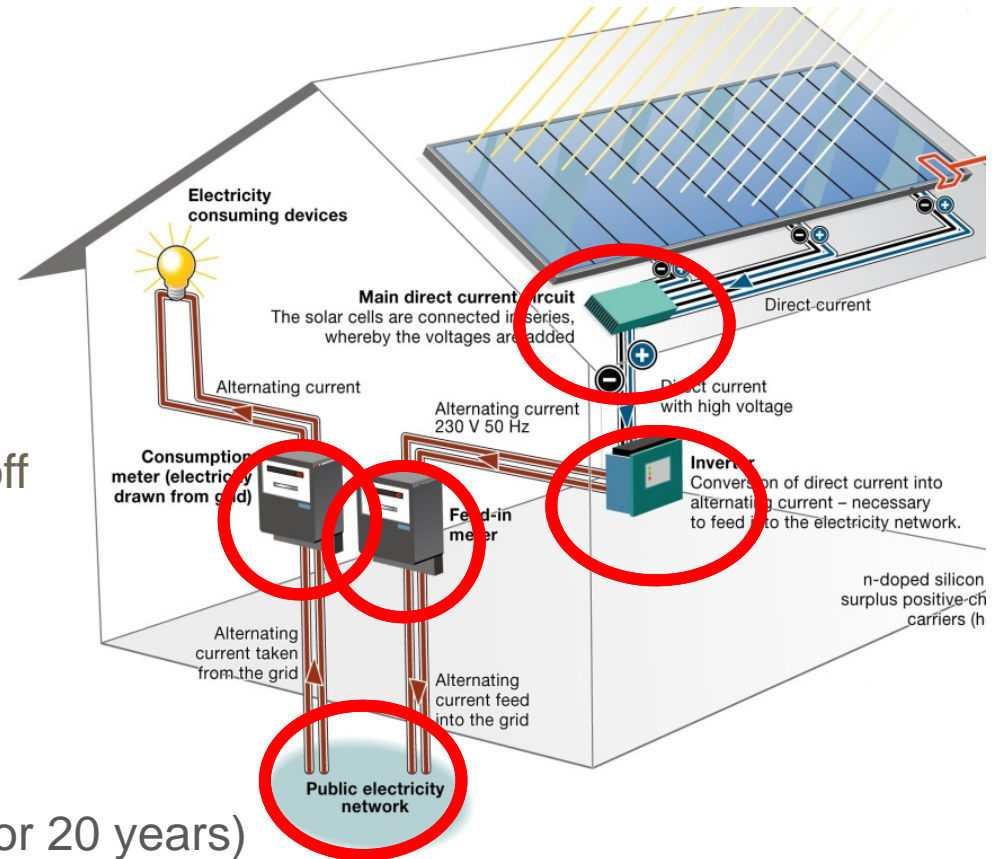
➔ **Distributed PV has main impact on LV distribution grid**



Typical German FIT Single line / scheme

(Picture Source: Agentur fuer Erneuerbare Energien)

- DC Switch / Junction Box
- Grid-tied Inverter
- Unidirectional Meter Feed-in
- Connection at Distribution board
- Unidirectional Meter Consumption
- ➔ Inverter will switch off when grid is off spec
- ➔ Solutions for captive supply now ramping up (e.g. new storage law)



Applicable EEG FIT as of 1st May (for 20 years)

Up to	10 kWp	40 kWp	1 MWp	10 MWp
Eur/cent	15.63	14.83	13.23	10.82
INR	10.63	10.08	9.00	7.36



Germany PV Market - Conclusions

1. Distributed PV is a success model

➔ Potential alone for “not-so-sunny” Germany: 203 GW (following calculations of Prof. Drg. Ing. Volker Quaschnig HTW Berlin)

2. Grid Integration is possible without problems

➔ Proven with 32 GWp in more than 1.2 Mio Systems on the grid

3. Solar PV is economical feasible & competitive – today

➔ *Storage is the next big issue coming up*

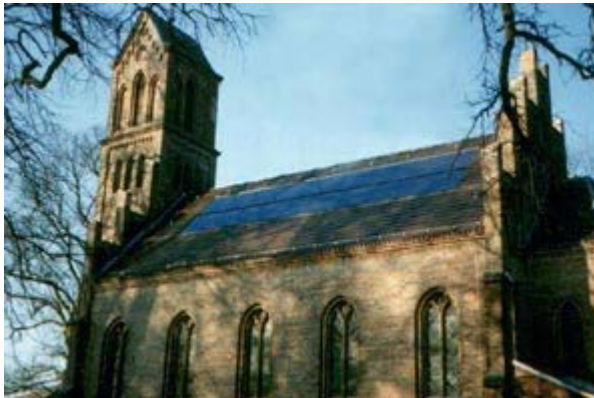


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Examples: Standard Rooftop



Picture: Parabel AG

Church – 5 KWp

Kablow, Berlin, Germany, 1994



Picture: Parabel AG

Cowshed 61,27 KWp

Hohenreinkendorf, Germany, 2005



Picture: IEA PVPS

Community center 135 KWp

Sonnenschiff, Freiburg, Germany, 2003



Picture: SOLON AG

Family home 9,7 KWp

Brieselang, Germany



Examples: Integrated PV



Picture: PVPS / BMW

Roof – integrated 824 KW
BMW World, Munich, Germany



Picture: SOLON AG

Facade – integrated 12 KW
Zara, Cologne, Germany, 2002



Picture: DB

Roof – integrated 189 KW
Mainstation, Berlin, Germany, 2002



Picture: SOLON AG

Roof – integrated 123 KW
Paul-Loebe-Haus, Berlin, Germany, 2002



Examples: Added value Systems



Picture: SOLON AG

Busport 2MW

Sevilla, Spain, SOLON AG



Picture: IEA-PVPS

Noise Protection 500 kW

Highway, Freiburg, Germany



Picture: Autohaus

Carport, 251 kW

Mainz, Germany, Juwi Solar



Picture: MEMC

Water protection 1 MW

Narmada Canal, India/ SunEdison/MEMC



Examples: Large Scale

Picture: IEA PVPS



Large rooftop

3.8 MW

Muggensturm, Germany.
2006, TAUBER-SOLAR

Picture: Q-Cells



Freeland

91 MW

Briest, Germany.
2011, Q-Cells

➔ Further case studies incl. details see <http://www.pvdatabase.org/>



Top 3 benefits of distributed PV systems

1. Cost competitive distributed generation – at place of consumption

→ *Grid Stabilization, elimination of transmission losses, fast installation*
(see <http://www.smallisprofitable.org/207Benefits.html> for 207 more benefits)

2. Green local value creation

→ *Creation of jobs (e.g. local installers), saving of fossil fuels thus prevention of value flow abroad, generation of local tax and lease revenues – all without producing any emissions*

3. No additional occupation of land

→ *Indian roofs have, following calculations of Prof. Atul H. Chokshi ¹, a potential to generate 1900 TWh p.a..*

¹ Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, “nuclear riddles”, current science 2012



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Top 3 Lessons learned

1. Simple opportunities/ low hanging fruits first

➔ *Integrated- and added value-systems induce extra efforts/ benefits*

2. Quality should have highest priority

➔ *Cheap hardware will cause high lifecycle costs and lower yields*

3. PV is not destabilizing the grid

➔ *32 GW / 1.2 Mio Systems connected without smart grid approaches – with no verifiable effect on stability.*

➔ *Of course proper implementation with view on final feeder/ distribution grid overvoltage and harmonics is required.*



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Thank you!

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