Rethinking the energy system: The potential of distributed energy

The Case of Germany

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Overview

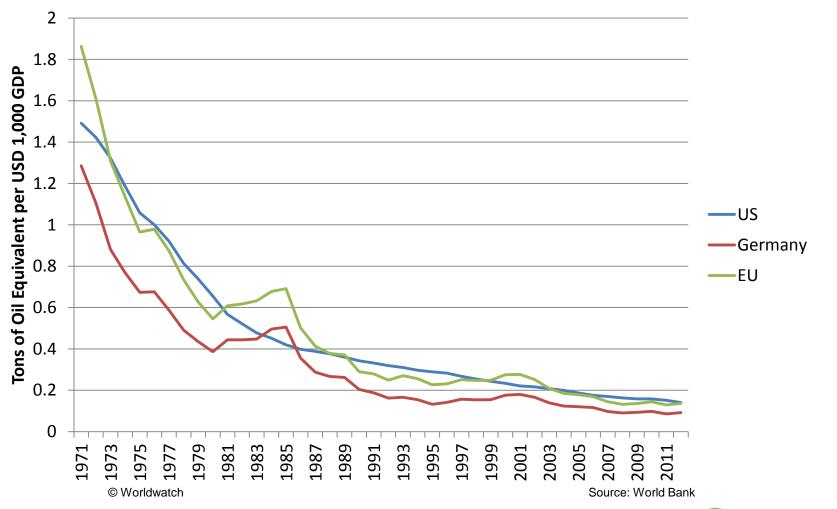
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- 3. the impacts | Busted myths, changed paradigms
- 4. the lessons | Key take-aways



1. *the trends* Germany's Energy Transition

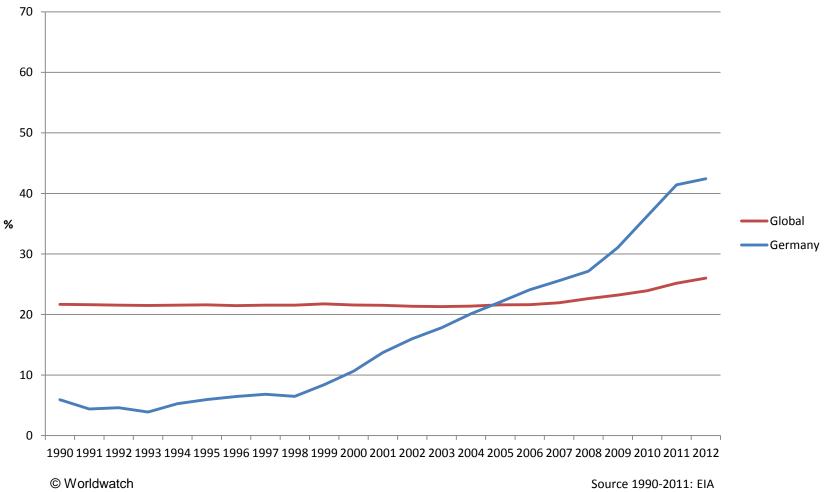


Energy efficiency



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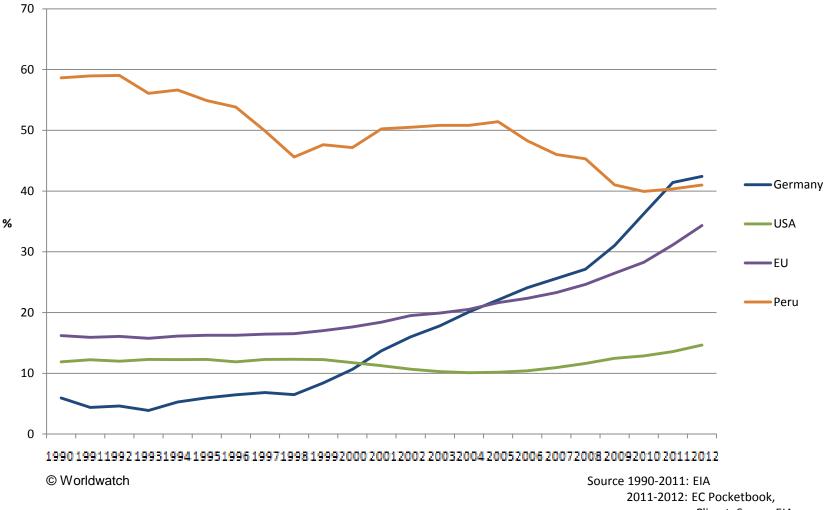
Renewables share in electricity mix



2011-2012: EC Pocketbook



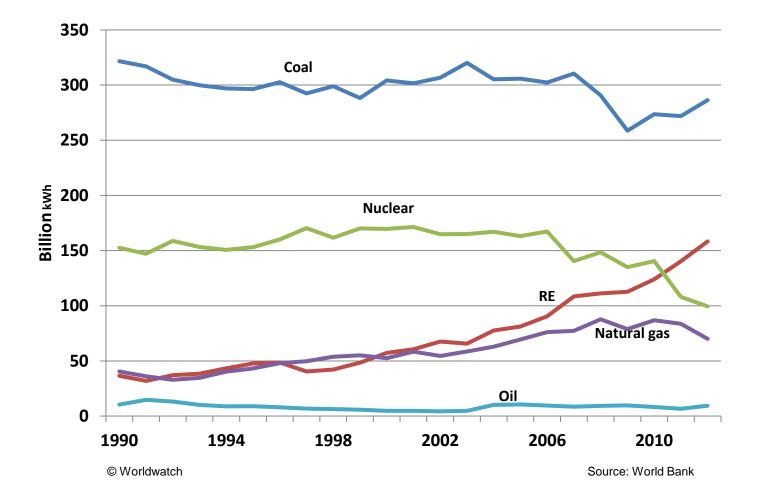
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ClimateScope, EIA



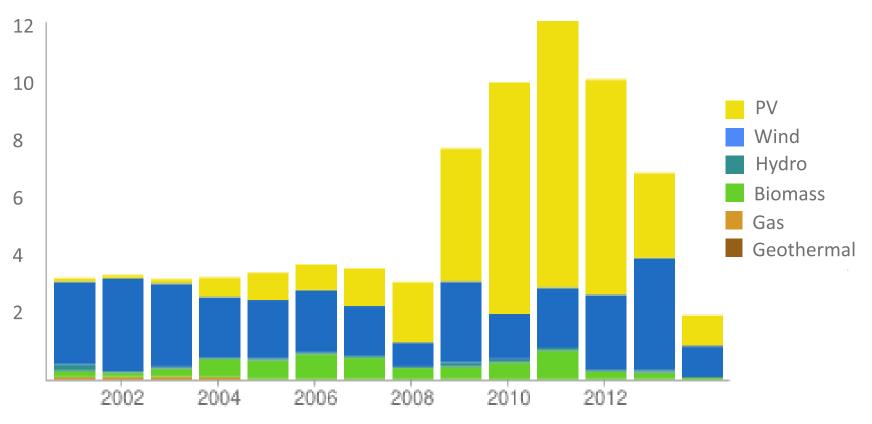
Generation trends in Germany





Annual RE additions, Germany

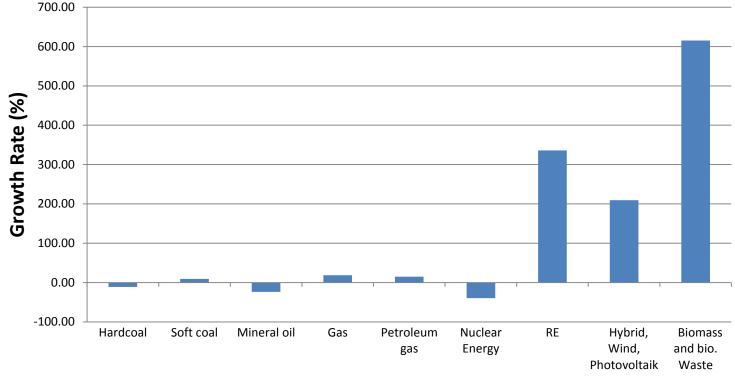
Million KW



Source: EnergyMap



Growth of Technology Germany 2000-2013

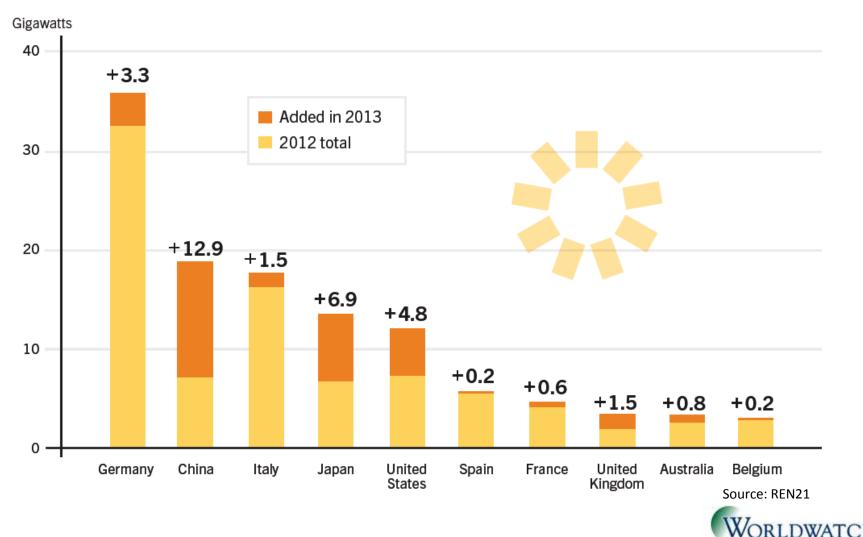


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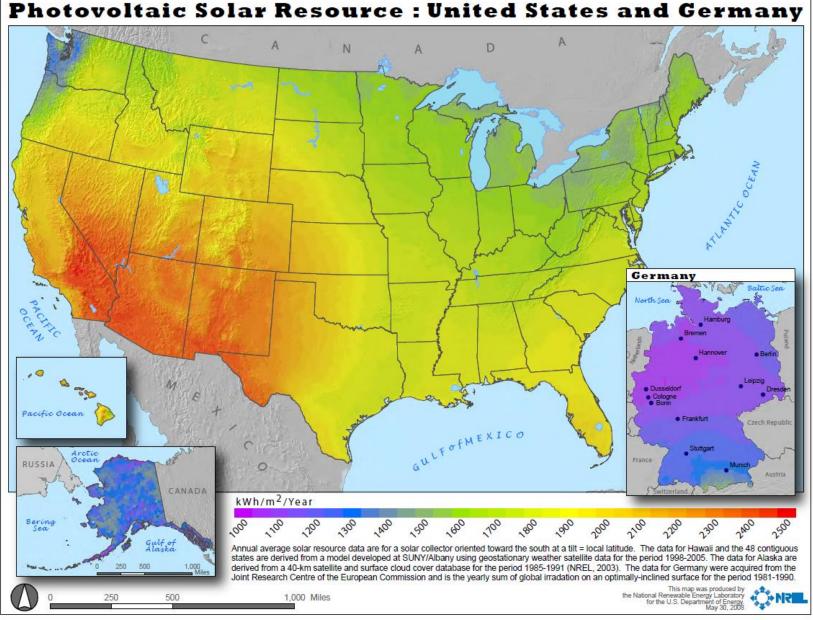
Source: AGEB



Total Solar PV Capacity Global Leaders, 2013



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Map credit: NREL

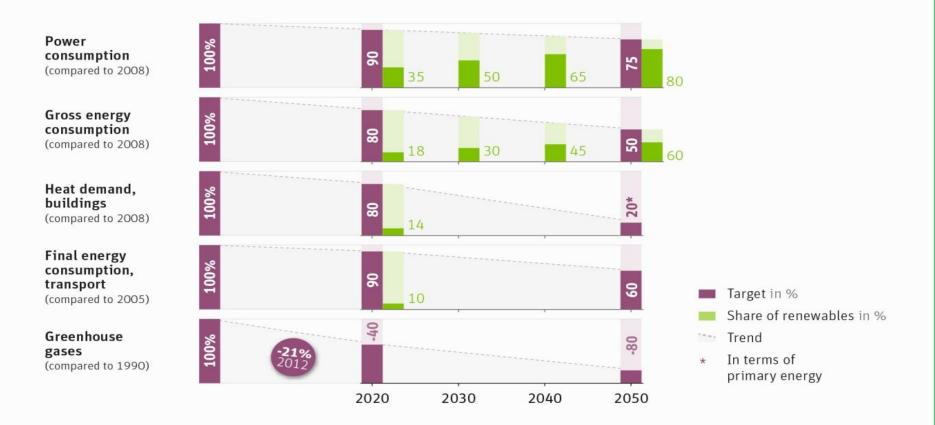
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2. the enablers Vision & Goals Policies & Measures Effective Governance & Administration



German energy transition: high certainty with long-term targets

Long-term, comprehensive energy and climate targets set by the German government in 2010 *Source: BMU*



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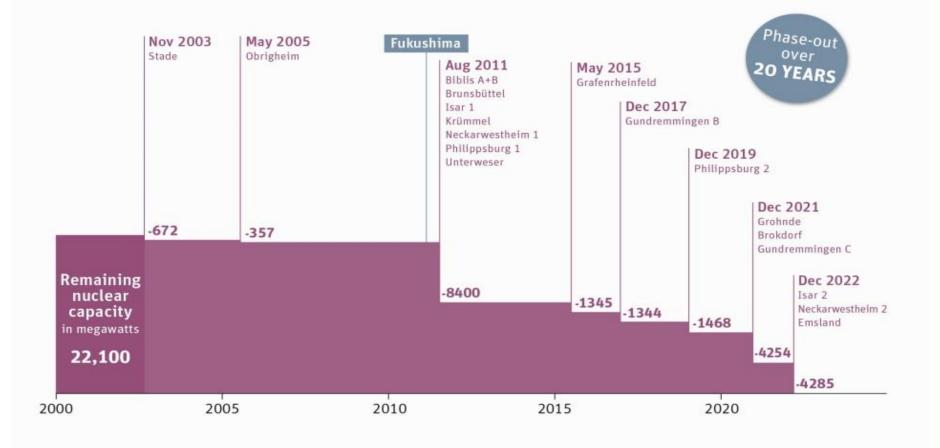




Germany is gradually shutting down all nuclear power plants

Declining nuclear energy installed capacity in Germany, 2000-2022

Source: Institute of Applied Ecology, BMJ, own calculations



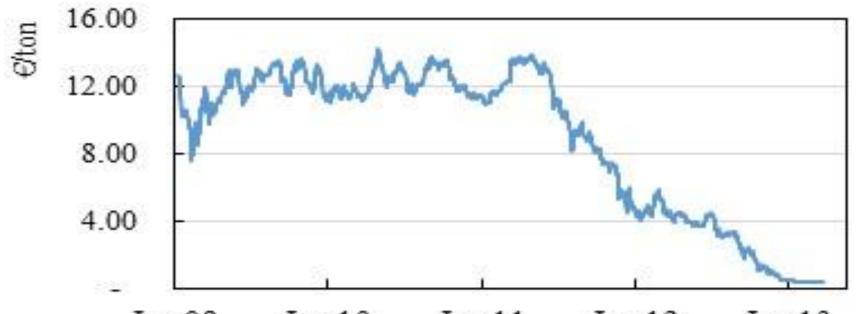
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Policies & Instruments: Emissions Trading



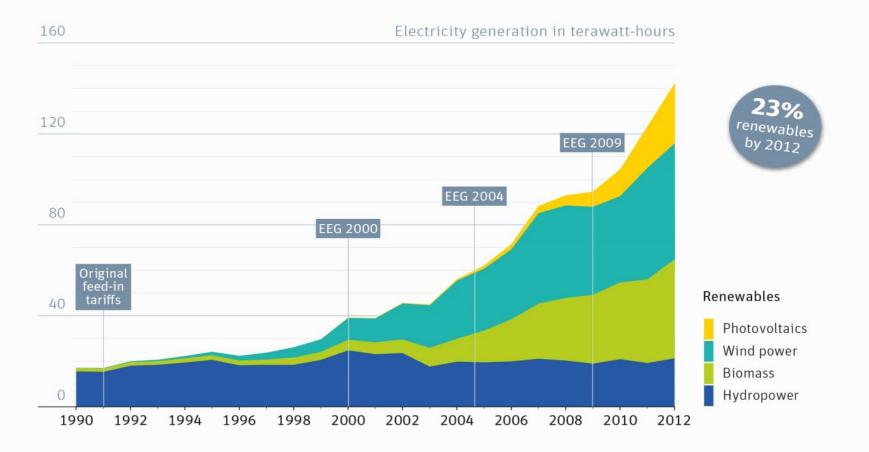
Jan-09 Jan-10 Jan-11 Jan-12 Jan-13 Figure 1. ICE CER Futures - Emissions CER Index Source: IntercontinentalExchange, Inc.



Feed-in tariffs grow renewables

Renewable electricity generation in Germany, 1990–2012

Source: BMU



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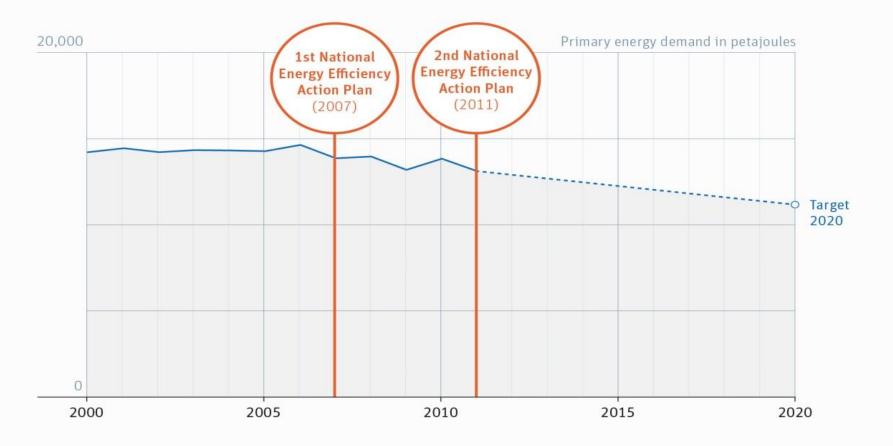


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Germany's plan: drive down energy demand

Primary energy demand in Germany, 2000-2020

Source: AGEB, BMWi



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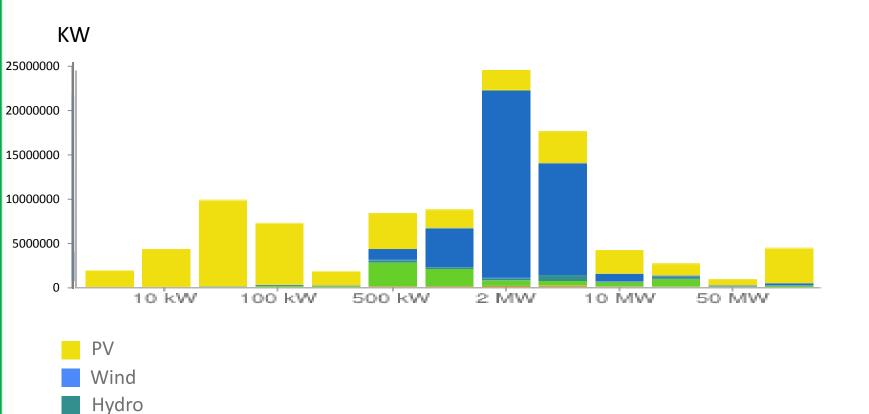


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3. *the impacts* Busted Myths | Changed Paradigms



Centralized vs. Distributed Power 1990 - 2014



Biomass

Geothermal

Gas

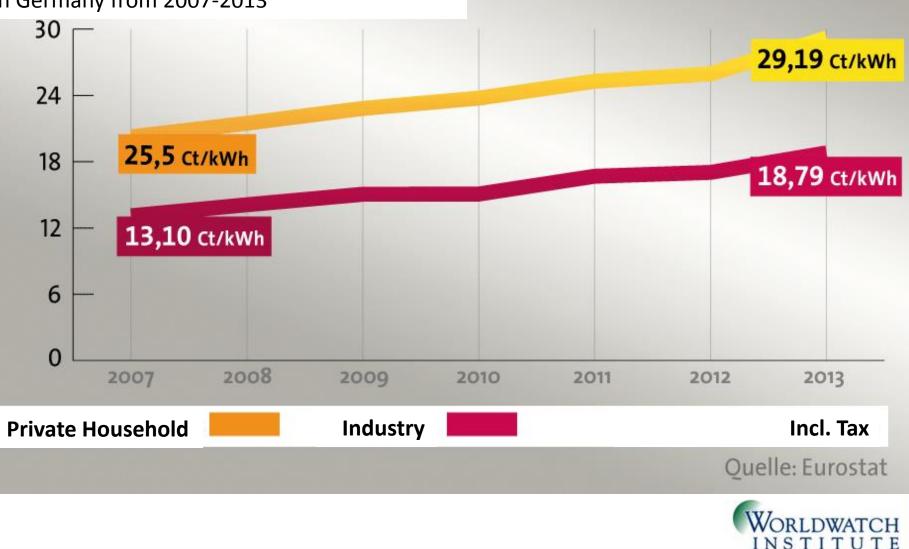
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Electricity Tariff Trends

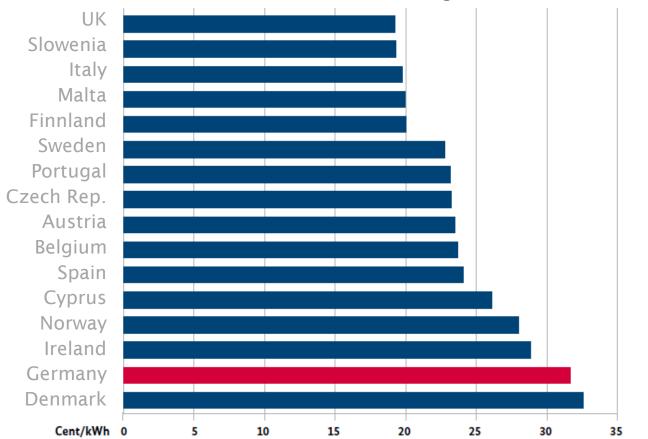
Development of the Electricity Tariff

In Germany from 2007-2013



Germany to other EU Countries

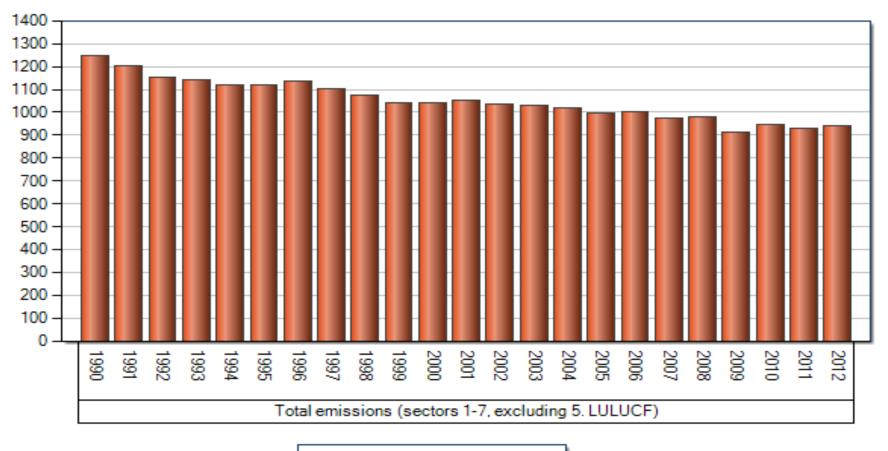
Internation Eletricity Tariffs Comparisment of private Households 2013 of an anual Usage of 1000 to 2500kwH





Quelle: Eurostat

GHG Emissions, Electricity Sector

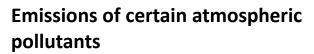


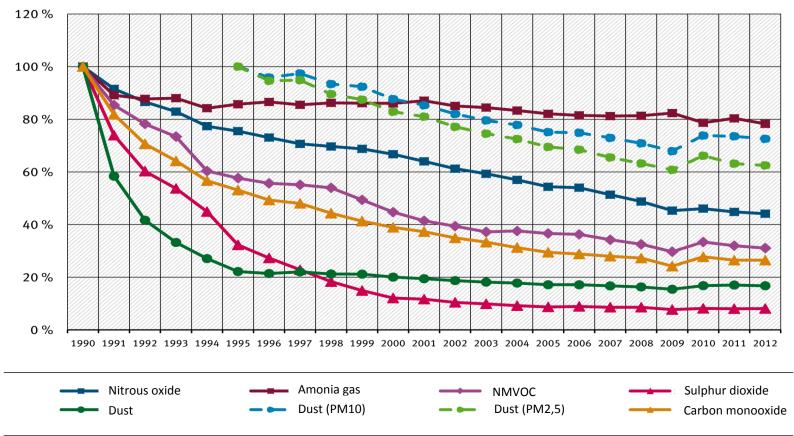
Emissions - Germany - Tg (million tonnes)

Source: EEA



Air & Water quality





Quelle: Umweltbundesamt, Nationale Trendtabellen für die deutsche Berichterstattung atmosphärischer Emissionen seit 1990, Emissionsentwicklung 1990 bis 2012 (Stand 15.04.2014)



Germany: growing economy, declining emissions

Change of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions in Germany, 1991–2012 Source: BMU, BMWi, Destatis



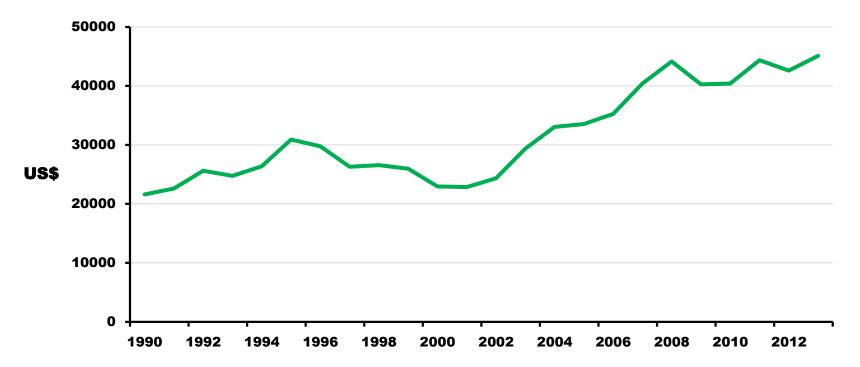
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Source: Worldbank



Renewables help make economy healthy

Gross Domestic Product and share of renewables in power generation from 1991–2012, Germany *Source: BMWI, AG Energiebilanzen, Destatis*



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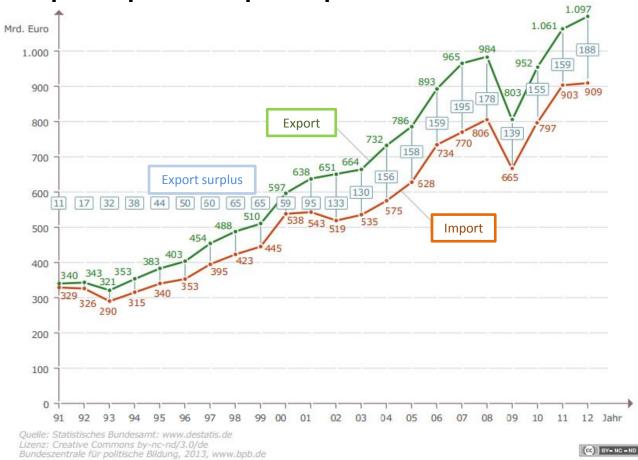
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Development of External Trade

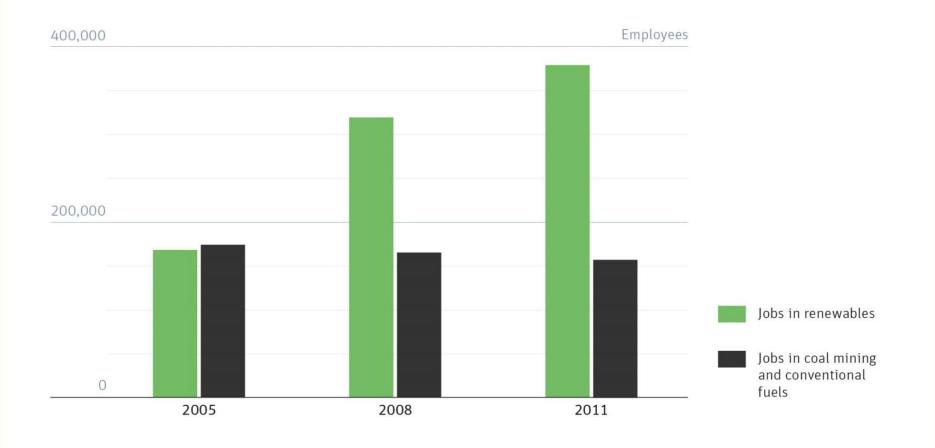
Import, Export and Export surplus, 1991-2012





Renewables create more jobs than conventional energy does

Employment in Germany in renewable and conventional energy sectors, 2005–2011 *Source: BMU, BMWI*



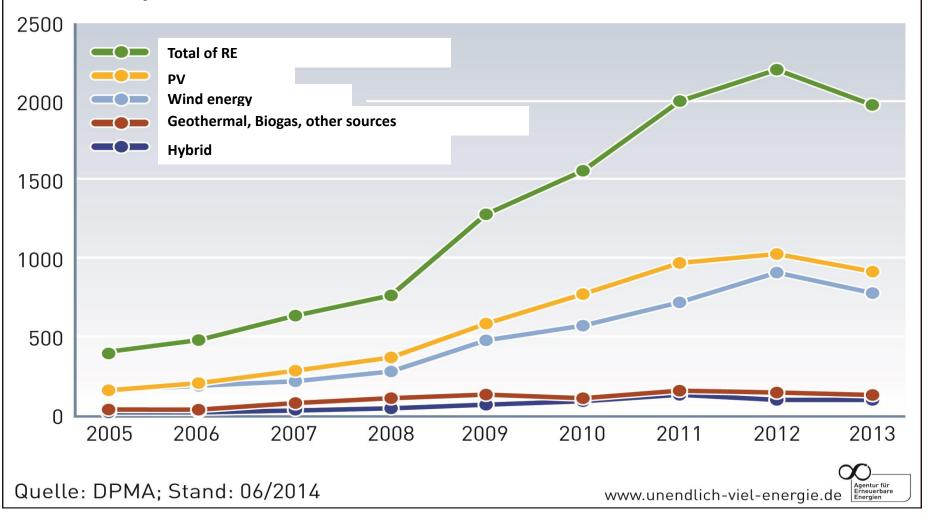
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Numbers of patent application in renewable Energy sector in Germany 2005-2013





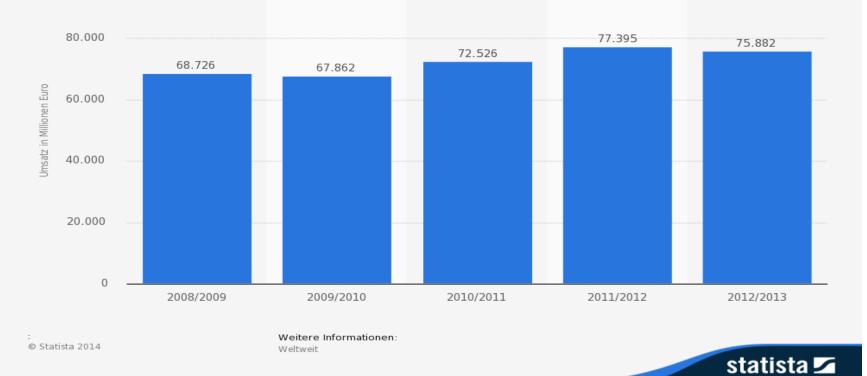
Impacts Yet to Come

- Likely "real" electricity price development
- Job prognoses



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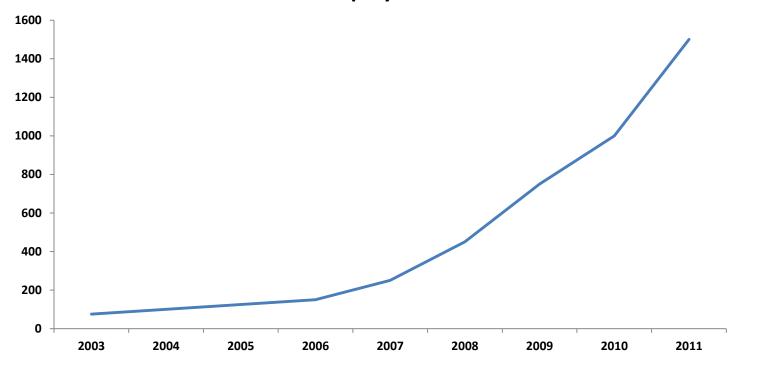
Revenue of Siemens AG of 2008/2009 till 2012/2013 in Million Euro







Employees







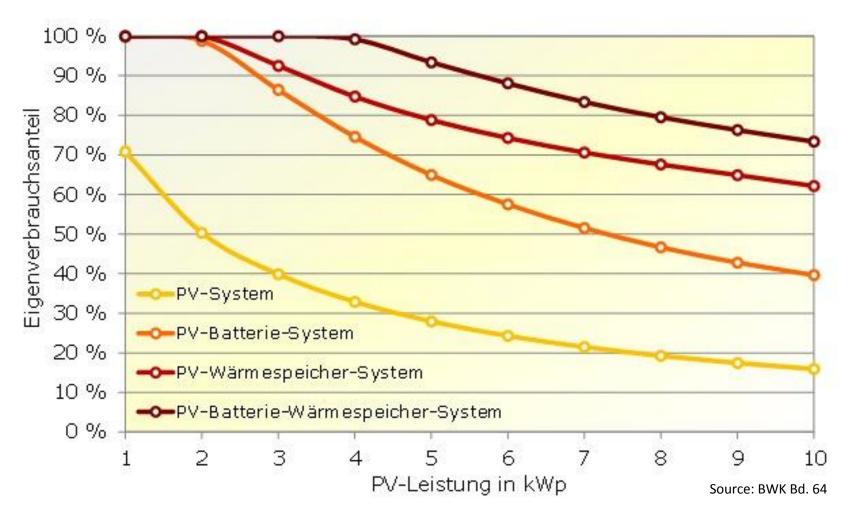
Founded 1988

Revenue:

- 2011: 122 Mio Euro
- 2012: 200 Mio Euro
- 2013: 234 Mio. Euro



Privat Sector





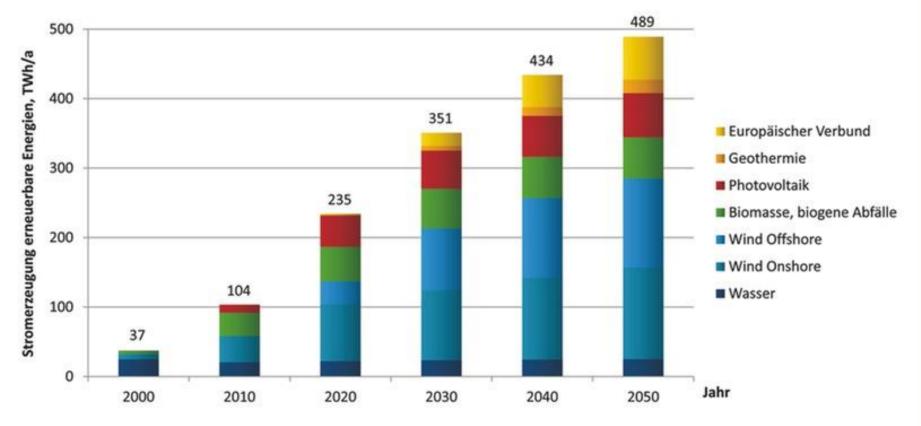
Case study

Photovoltaikanlage in Berlin-Zehlendorf	by 0%	by 20%	by 40% own consumption		
Lifetime Income of FiT	14.710€	11.776€	8.822€		
Lifetime Savings through own consumption	0€	8.973€	17.920€		
Overall Lifetime income (a year)	14.710€ (712€)	20.749€ (1.004€)	26.743€ (1.294€)		
Lifetime cost	12.562€				
Lifetime Surplus (a year)	2.148€ (104€)	8.186€ (396€)	14.180€ (686€)		
Rate of Return	2,26% p.a.	6,77% p.a.	10,29% p.a.		

Source: PVSolarstrom



Forecast of electricity landscape



Source: ET



4. *the lessons* Key Take-Aways



- Energy transition globally a necessity
- Energiewende produced enormous environmental, economic & social benefits
- Paradigm change is underway
- Winners and losers; policy-makers need to set market framework; corporations decide how to play
- Corporations are increasingly seeing opps, but need supporting policies
- Political and private sector decision-making should go hand in hand: stakeholder dialogues
- Integrated assessments/roadmaps: Technical, socioeconomic, financial, political analysis necessary



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the future New Challenges | New Ideas



Technology/Market Challenges

- The future grid How does it look like and what are the necessary investments? Who runs the grid/back-up in a distributed system?
- The need for storage What is are the right support systems for technical options?
- More research needed on DSM
- New Business model needed How to create the right market incentives and support sustainable energy business models?



Ideas

Portfolio of policies which provides ambitious and continuously updated goals and keep being reliable.

- These includes financial bonuses or rebates and reformation about legislation.
- For example: bill the building instead of the builder



Impact of insolvent Solarbranche

		Maintenance and Service	Preparation of	Total Employment 2013	Total Employment 2012
Wind onshore	100.800	18.200		119.000	104.000
Wind offshore	17.500	1.300		18.800	17.800
Photovoltaik	45.100	10.900		56.000	100.300
Solarthermie	10.100	1.300		11.400	12.200
Solarthermal Power Hybrid Geothermie Biogas Biomass Biofuel	1.100 8.300 14.600 17.200 16.100 6.000	4.800 2.700 11.800 12.500 8.600	20.200 23.000 8.400	25.600	12.900 16.400 50.400 51.700 25.400
Sum public funded Research/Administrat ion	230.800	63.500	68.800	363.100 8.300	
Sum				371.400	399.800

Source: Ec Pocketbook

