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# **Photovoltaik: wettbewerbsfähig von Kleinstsystemen in Entwicklungsländern bis großen „DESERTEC“ Kraftwerken“**

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# Reiner Lemoine and his Action

Reiner Lemoine was one of the Renewable Energy Pioniers

1978 Formation of *Wuseltronik*



1996 Formation of *Solon*



Reiner Lemoine  
co-founder of Q-Cells

1999 Formation of *Q-Cells*



2006 Formation of *Reiner Lemoine Stiftung (RLS)*



2010 Formation of *Reiner Lemoine Institut (RLI)*



Reiner Lemoine and colleagues  
co-founder of Wuseltronik in Berlin-Kreuzberg

**„Scheiß auf den Kommerz, lass  
uns was Richtiges machen.“**

Reiner Lemoine, EE Pionier

**„Am Ende des Tages treffen wir  
uns an der Kasse wieder.“**

Klaus-Dieter Maubach, Eon Vorstand

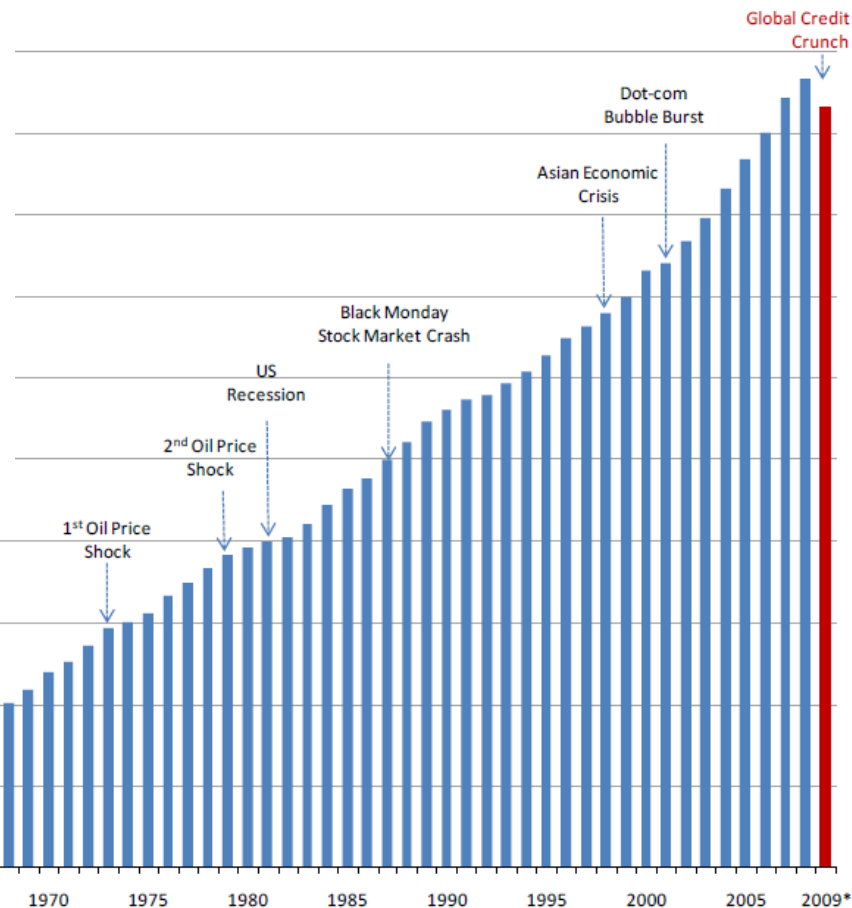
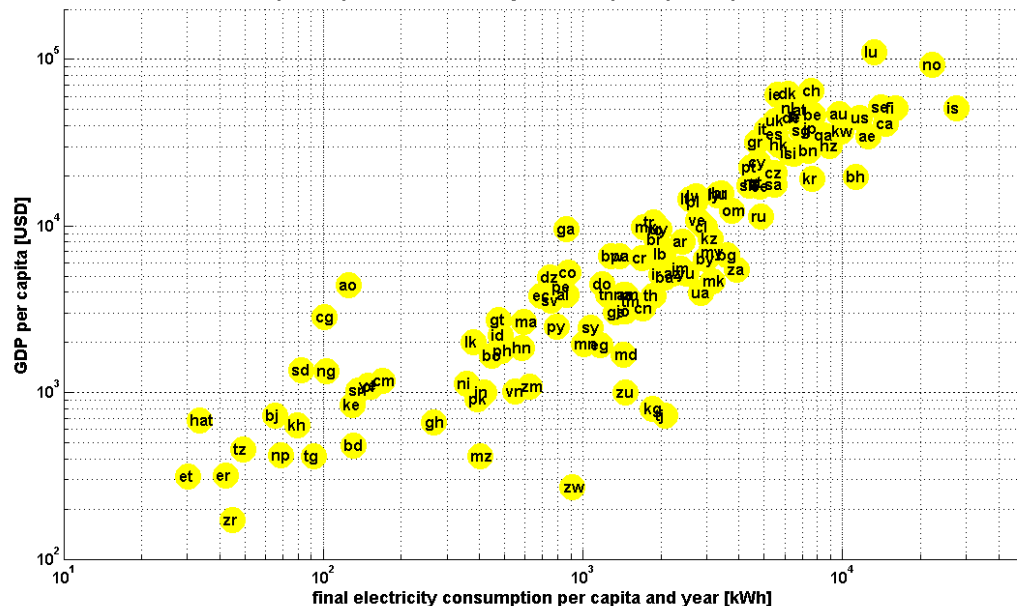
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# Electricity Constraints: Electricity Demand

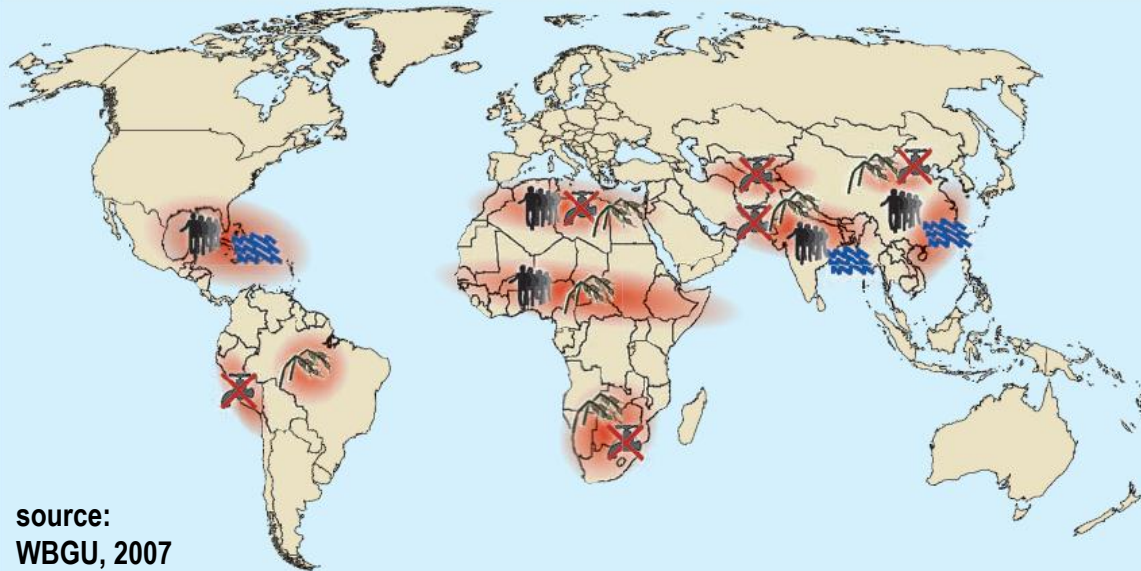
GDP per Capita and Electricity Consumption per Capita and Year



**Global Demand Growth**  
2035: 35,000 TWh<sub>el</sub>  
>2050: 55,000 TWh<sub>el</sub>

source: IEA, 2009

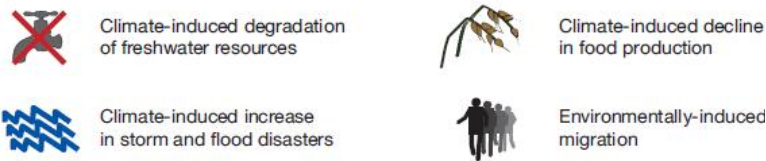
# Electricity Constraints: Climate Change



source:  
WBGU, 2007

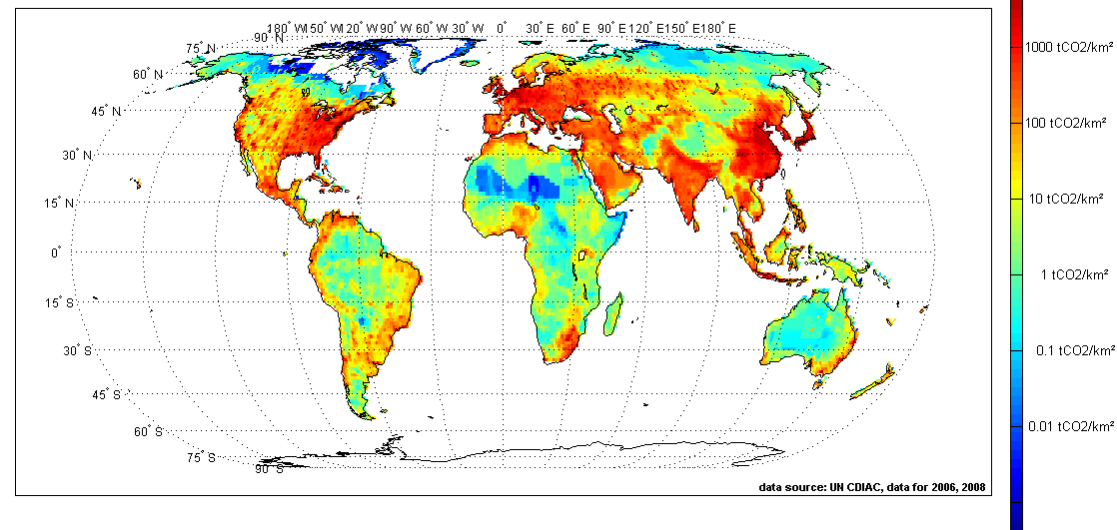
- Climate Change induces security risk
- regional imbalance of emissions and impact
- China is in the lead
- no 1 driver for global societal collapse in 21<sup>st</sup> century

Conflict constellations in selected hotspots

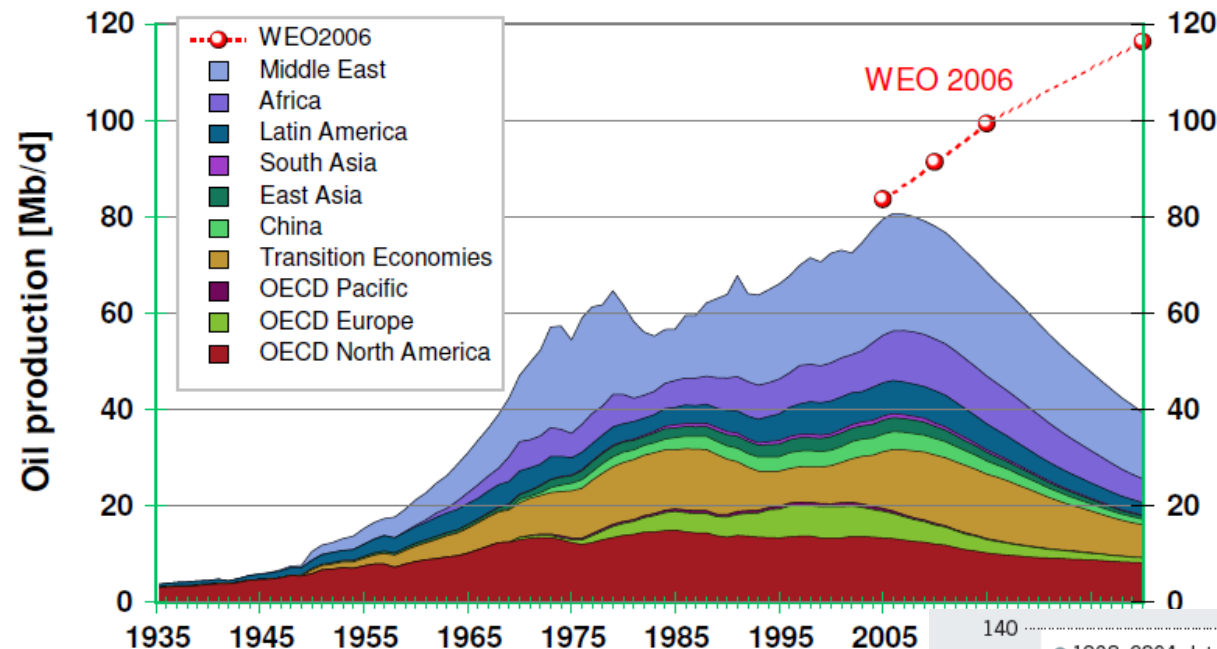


„Climate Change presents a unique challenge for economics: it is the greatest and widest-ranging market failure ever seen.“ Lord Nicholas Stern (former Chief Economist World Bank), 2006

Global Energy related CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions



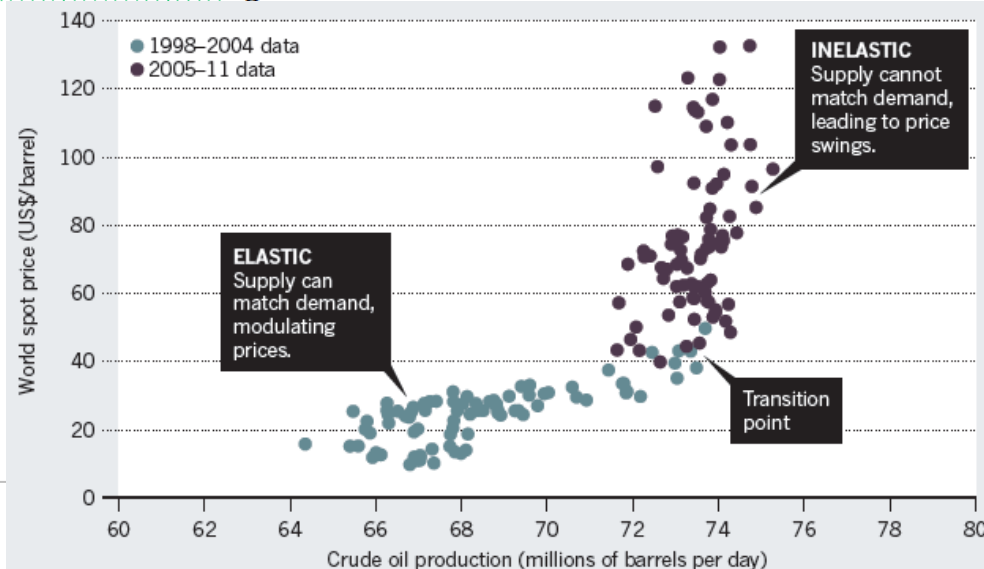
# Electricity Constraints: Diminishing Energy Fuels



source: Energy Watch Group, 2008;  
Murray J. and King. D., 2012.  
in nature

## Key insights:

- historic global production peak reached for oil; gas, coal and uranium will follow
- major growth driver for the last 100 years will threaten global prosperity
- peace among nations at risk

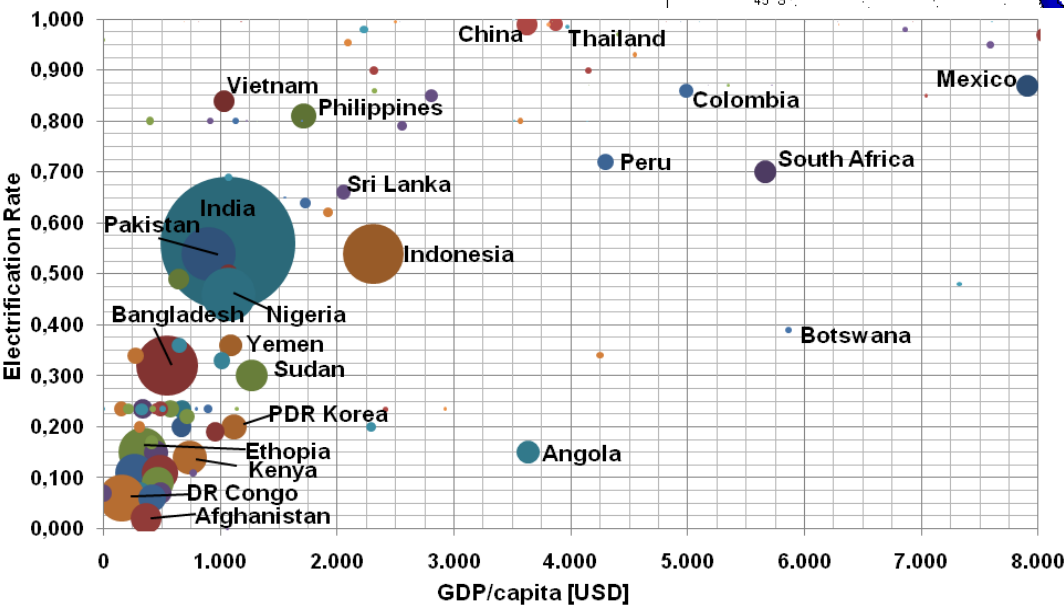
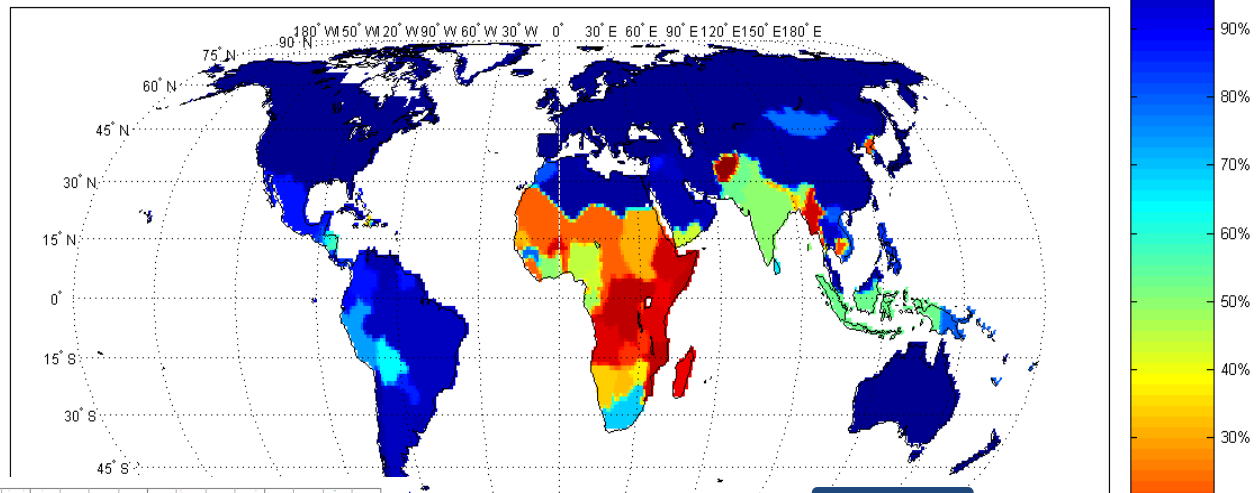


# Energy Constraints: Energy Injustice

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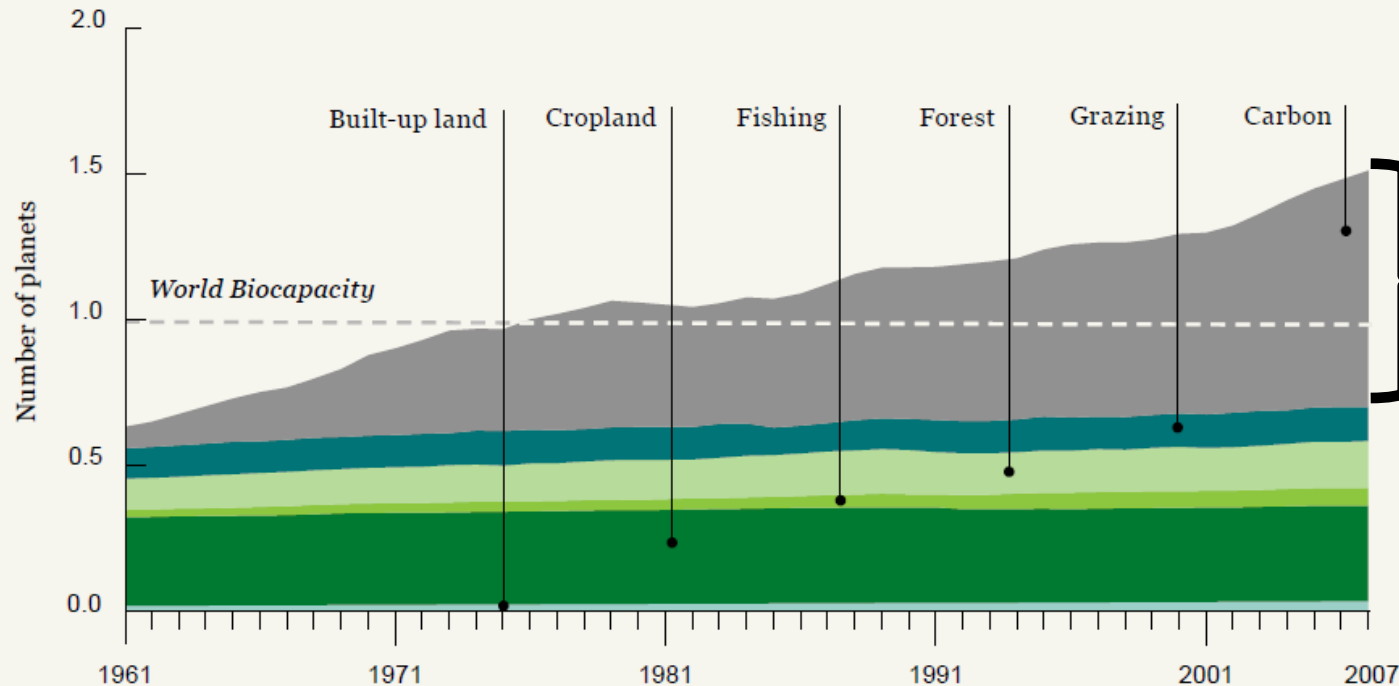
Breyer Ch., Werner C., et al., 2011. Off-Grid Photovoltaic Applications in Regions of Low Electrification: High Demand, Fast Financial Amortization and Large Market Potential, 26<sup>th</sup> EU PVSEC

Global Access to Electricity Distribution



Country	Population [mio pop]	Electricification rate	People without electricity [mio pop]	GDP/capita [USD]	population weighted irradiation optimally tilted [kWh/m <sup>2</sup> /y]
India	1,214.5	0.560	534.4	1,070	2,032
Bangladesh	164.4	0.320	111.8	540	1,908
Indonesia	233.7	0.540	107.5	2,310	1,809
Nigeria	158.3	0.460	85.5	1,070	1,978
Pakistan	184.8	0.540	85.0	900	2,135
Ethiopia	85.0	0.150	72.2	340	2,205
DR Congo	67.8	0.060	63.8	160	1,848
Burma	50.5	0.110	44.9	270	1,939
Tanzania	45.0	0.110	40.1	480	2,043
Kenya	40.9	0.140	35.1	740	2,124
Uganda	33.8	0.090	30.8	460	1,980
Sudan	43.2	0.300	30.2	1,260	2,271
Afghanistan	29.1	0.020	28.5	360	2,164
Mozambique	23.4	0.060	22.0	410	2,026
Nepal	29.9	0.330	20.0	420	2,176
PDR Korea	24.0	0.200	19.2	1,110	1,874
Philippines	93.6	0.810	17.8	1,710	1,842
Madagascar	20.1	0.150	17.1	450	2,091
Angola	19.0	0.150	16.1	3,630	2,084
Yemen	24.3	0.360	15.5	1,080	2,295
South Africa	50.5	0.700	15.1	5,660	2,166

# Energy Constraints: Ecological Footprint



decarbonised  
power systems are  
desperately needed

source:  
Wackernagel, 2010

## Historic Collapse Pattern (Jared Diamond)

- Over Exploitation of Resources
- Climate Change Impact
- Non Adaptive Social Behaviour
- Military Conflicts
- Structural Change in Trade Routes

our performance is  
excellent, unfortunately  
under the wrong sign

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# The Main PV Segments

## Utility



- large power plants (> 1 MW)
- Utility or electricity wholesale market as customer

## Commercial / Industrial



- Often > 100 kW installations
- Professional customers

## Residential



- 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 -**

# Do we have enough Sun?

YES!

Solarenergie

source:  
BMW, 2000

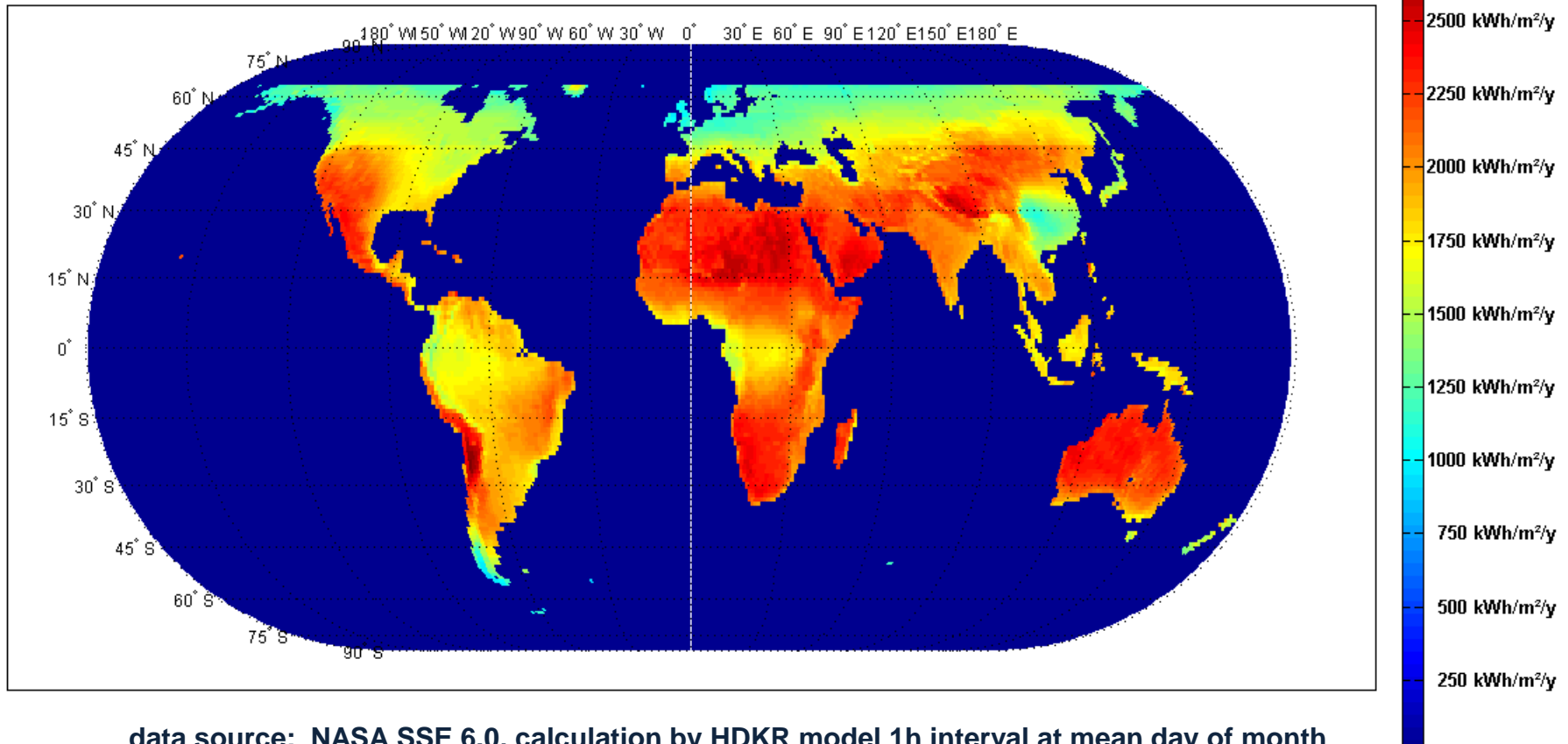
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Uran Gas Öl Kohle Jährlicher weltweiter Energieverbrauch



irradiation 0-axis fixed tilted optimal tilt angle

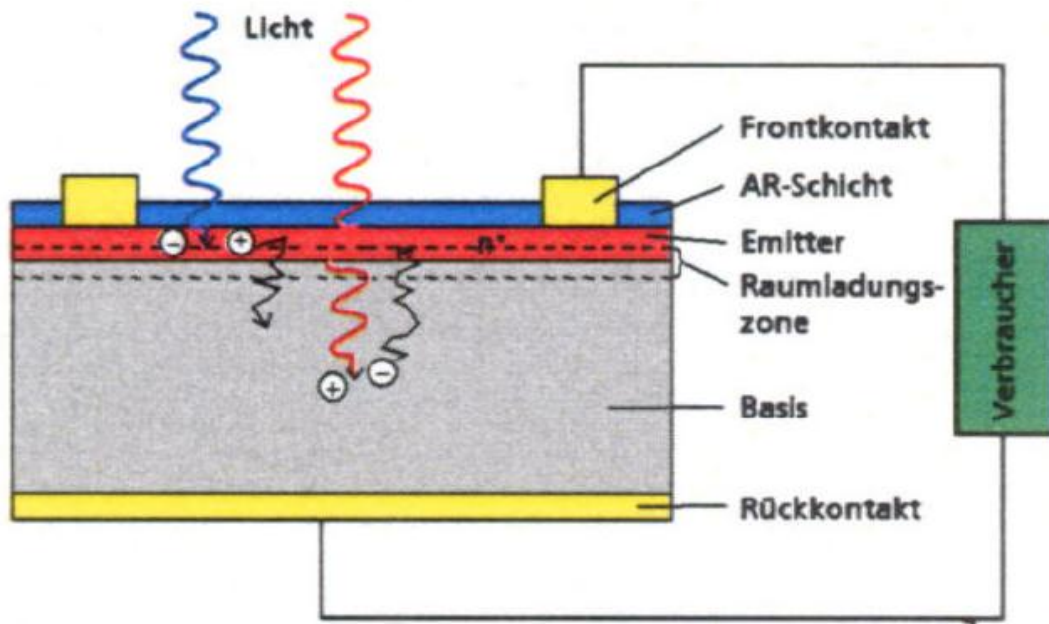


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# Do we understand a Solar Cell?

## Photovoltaics: unique advantages



### unique advantages

- no moving parts
- modularity
- direct conversion of solar radiation to electricity

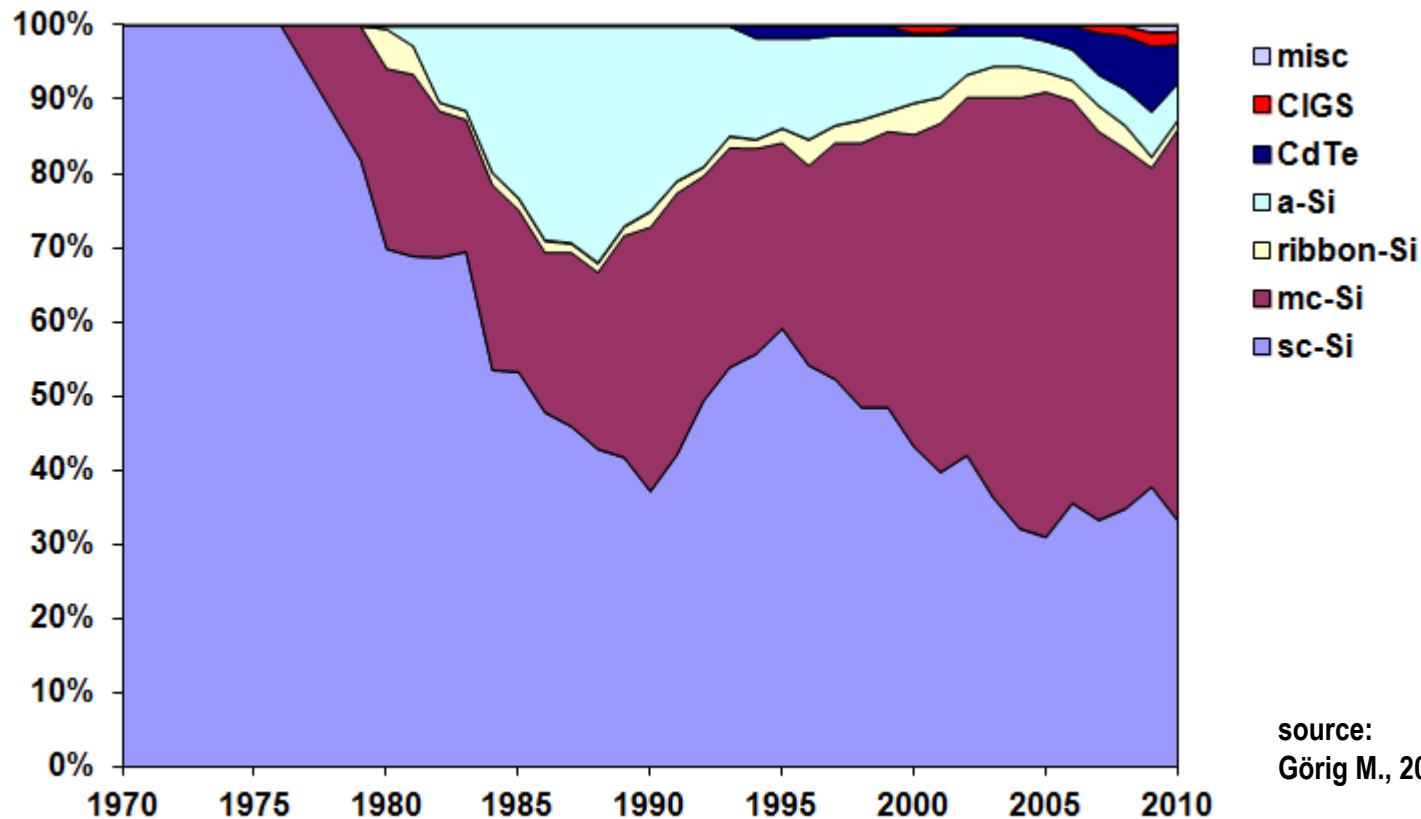
source: Glunz, 2007



$$efficiency = \frac{\text{generated electric power} [W_{el} / m^2]}{\text{incident radiative power} [W_{rad} / m^2]}$$

# Market Share of PV Technologies

ratio of PV technologies to total PV market



source:  
Görig M., 2011. Bachelor Thesis

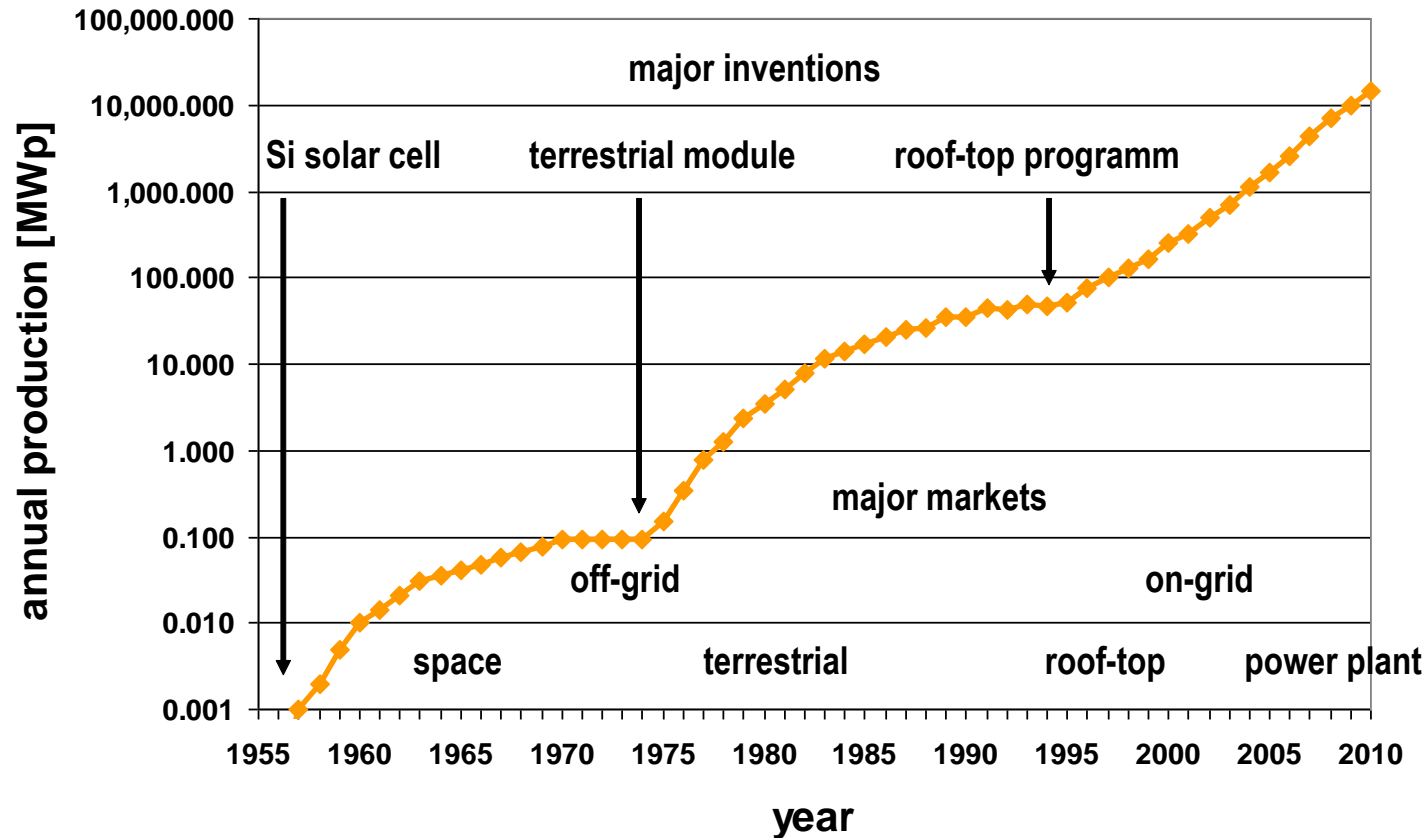
# Physical limit of solar cell efficiency

N. cells	Description	Reflectors?	Optimum gaps (eV)				Eff (%)	records as of 2012	
			E1	E2	E3	E4			
(Black body at 6000K)									
1	1 sun, no angular restriction	Yes	1.31	–	–	–	31.0	25.0%	sc-Si 1sun GaAs 1sun
	1 sun no angular restriction	No	1.31	–	–	–	31.0	26.4%	
	Maximum concentration	Yes	1.11	–	–	–	40.8		
	Maximum concentration	No	1.11	–	–	–	40.8		
2	1 sun, no angular restriction	Yes	0.98	1.87	–	–	42.9		43.5% TJ 454suns
	1 sun no angular restriction	No	0.98	1.88	–	–	42.7		
	Maximum concentration	Yes	0.77	1.70	–	–	55.9		
	Maximum concentration	No	0.78	1.71	–	–	55.6		
3	1 sun, no angular restriction	Yes	0.82	1.44	2.26	–	49.3		
	1 sun no angular restriction	No	0.83	1.45	2.26	–	49.1		
	Maximum concentration	Yes	0.62	1.26	2.10	–	63.8		
	Maximum concentration	No	0.63	1.27	2.11	–	63.5		
4	1 sun, no angular restriction	Yes	0.72	1.21	1.77	2.55	53.3		
	1 sun no angular restriction	No	0.73	1.23	1.78	2.56	53.0		
	Maximum concentration	Yes	0.52	1.03	1.61	2.41	68.8		
	Maximum concentration	No	0.53	1.05	1.68	2.41	68.4		
$\infty$	1 sun, no angular restriction	Yes	–	–	–	–	69.9		
	1 sun no angular restriction	No	–	–	–	–	69.9		
	Maximum concentration	Yes	–	–	–	–	86.8		
	Maximum concentration	No	–	–	–	–	86.8		

source: Martini, 1996



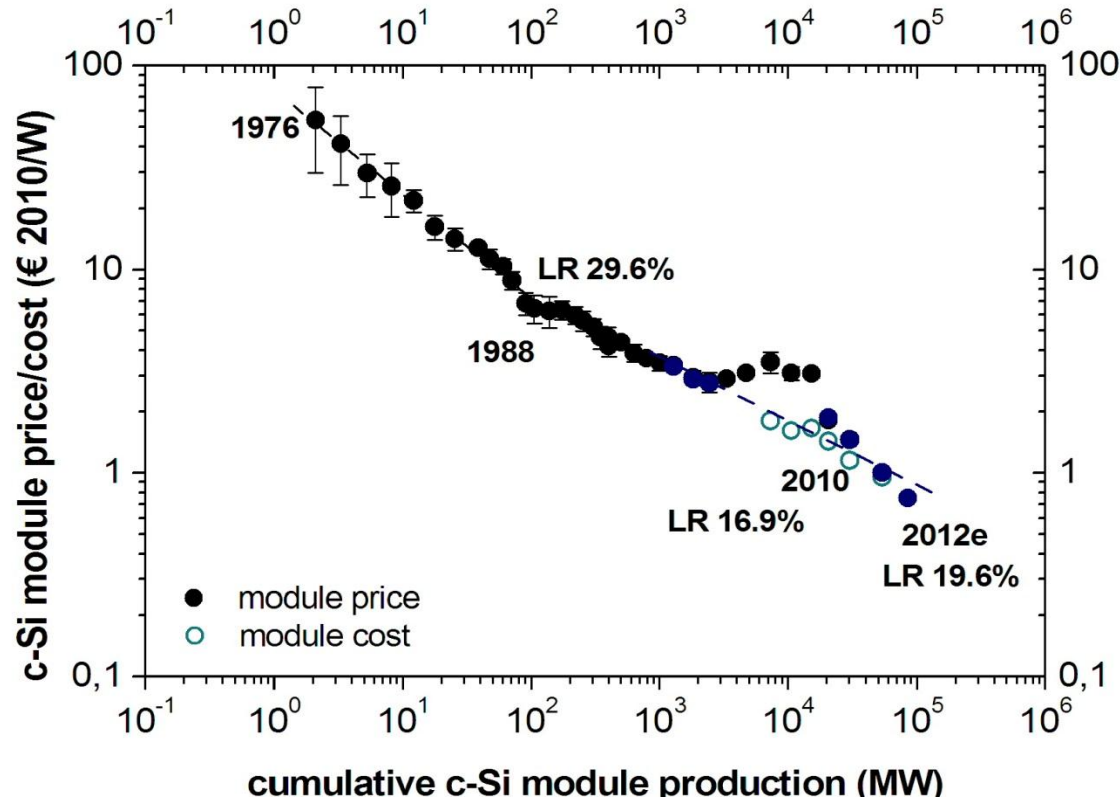
# Historic PV Diffusion Phases



- constant high growth rates of >30% p.a. in all diffusion phases
- growth rate of 45% over last 15 years

source: Breyer Ch. et al., 2010. Research and Development Investments in PV – A limiting Factor for a fast PV Diffusion?, 25<sup>th</sup> EU PVSEC/ WCPEC-5, Valencia, September 6–10

# PV Learning Rate: Stable over 50+ years



- learning rates in comparable industries
  - ~40% DRAMs (by getting smaller)
  - ~35% flat panels (by getting larger)
- typical learning rates in power sector
  - ~10% renewable power (wind, STEG)
  - negative nuclear power
- similar learning rates for PV inverter
- technology base for ongoing cost reduction is fast growing

**PV „BACK ON TRACK“  
ON  
20% LEARNING  
CURVE**

**doubling of cumulated  
production volume**

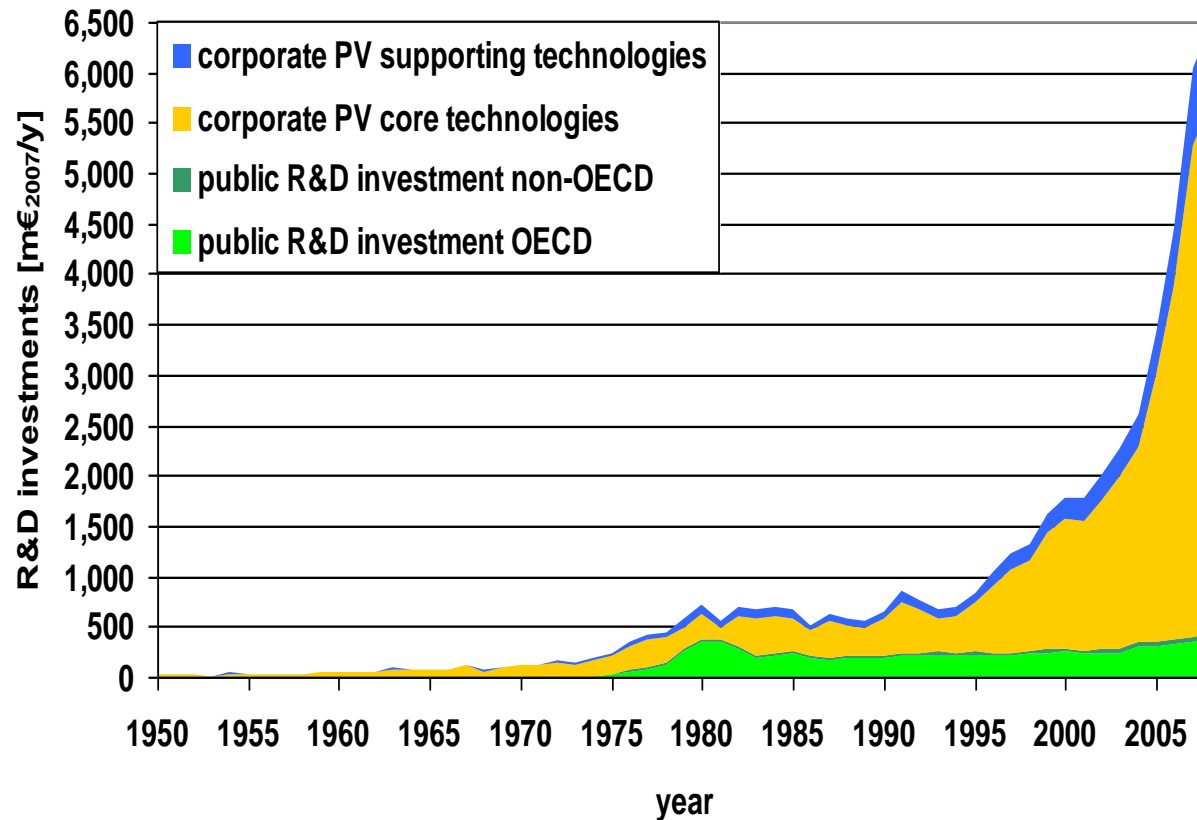


**-20% price reduction**

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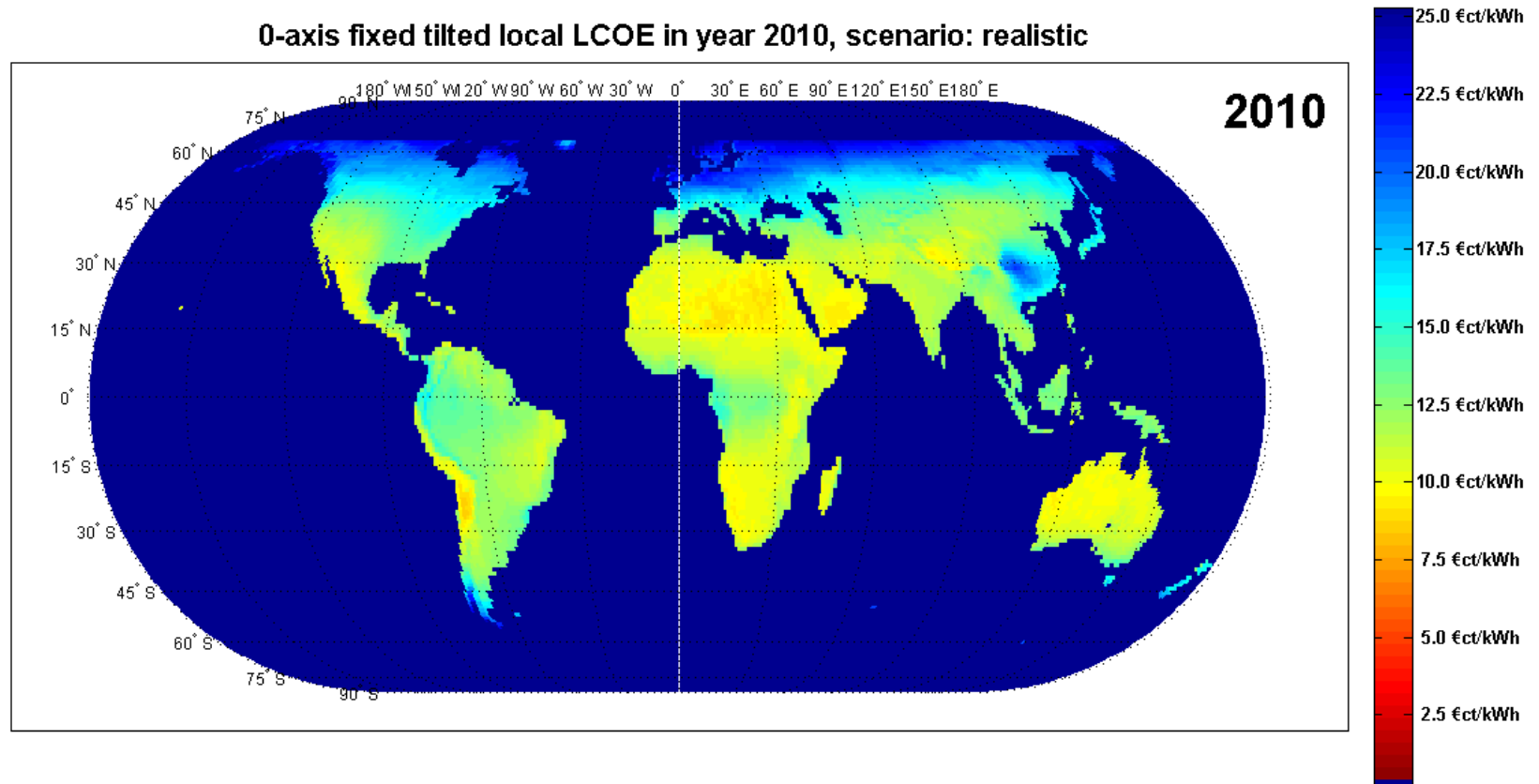
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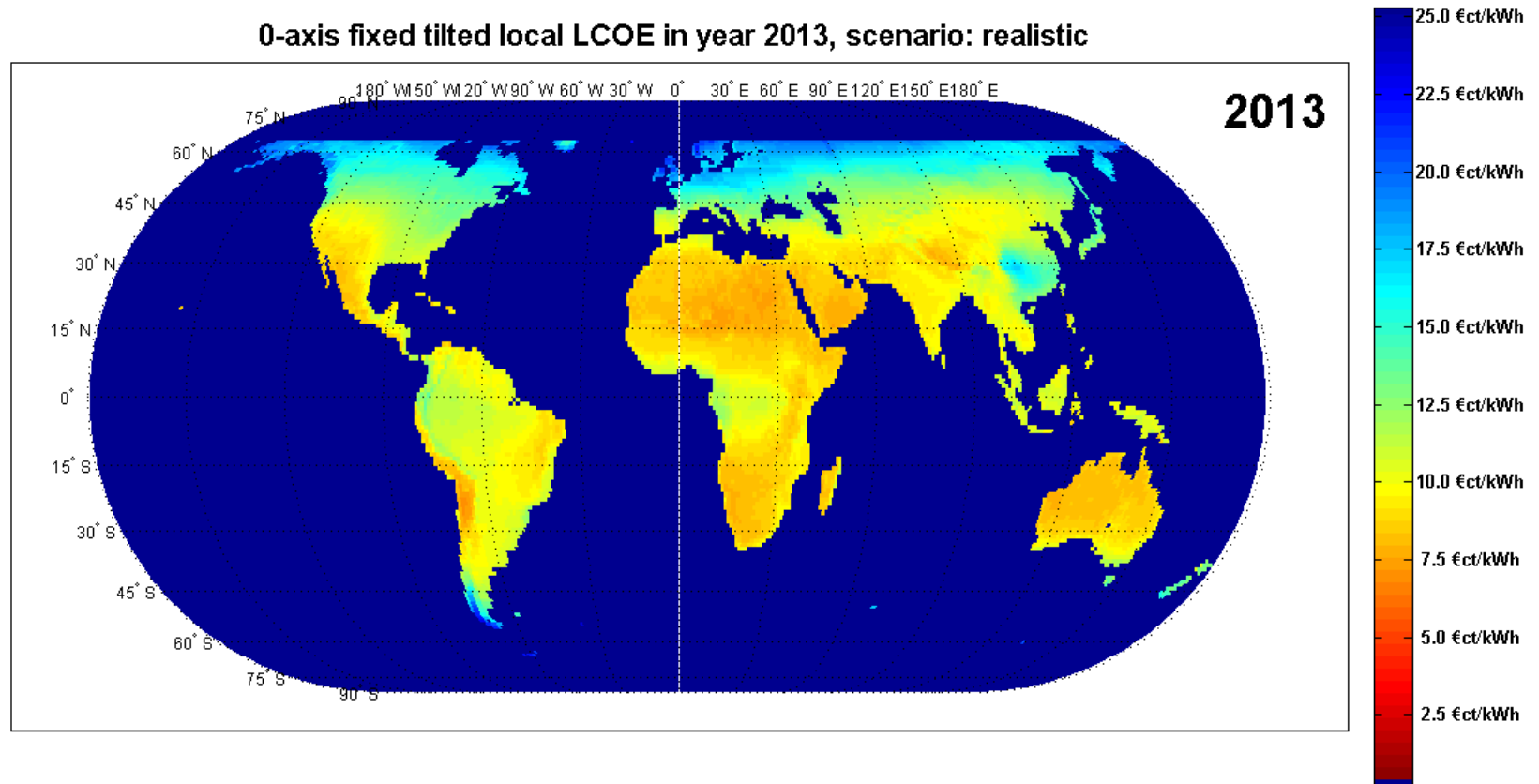
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- global PV patent database used for estimate (years 1900 – 2008)
- PV market diffusion patterns are reflected in R&D investments
- bottom-up analysis of 100+ companies led to 3.1bn€ corporate R&D investments, at least
- 20% learning rate is likely to stay stable for the next 10 years, at least
- PV R&D is driven by companies to a large extend
- public R&D investments do not reflect PV potential (in OECD: nuclear energy is much higher funded than RES, efficiency, storage and grid together)
- global historic cumulated PV R&D investment is about 44-50 bn€ (less than 2% of nuclear)
- breakdown of public energy R&D investment reflect historic political failure in energy policy since early 1980s

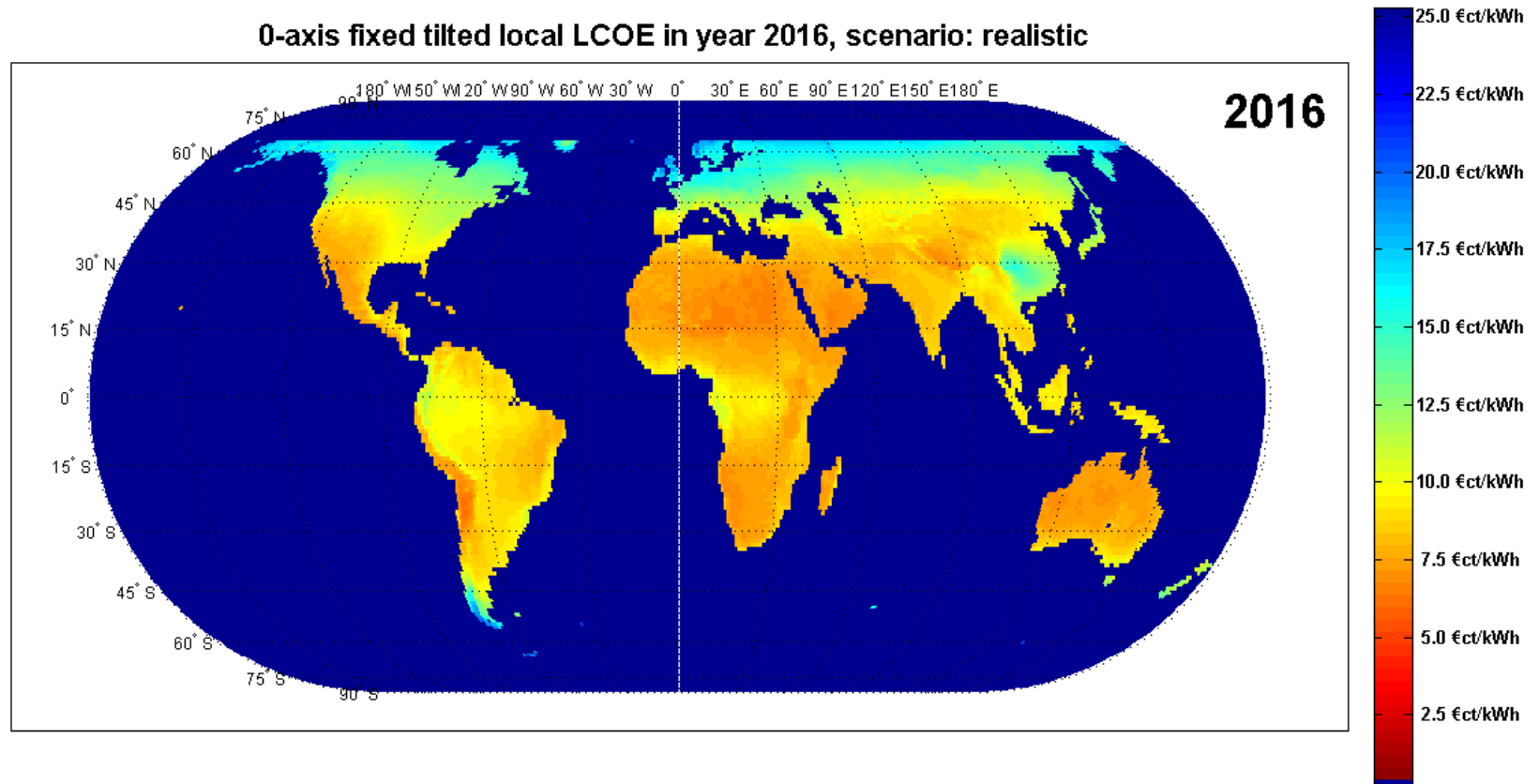




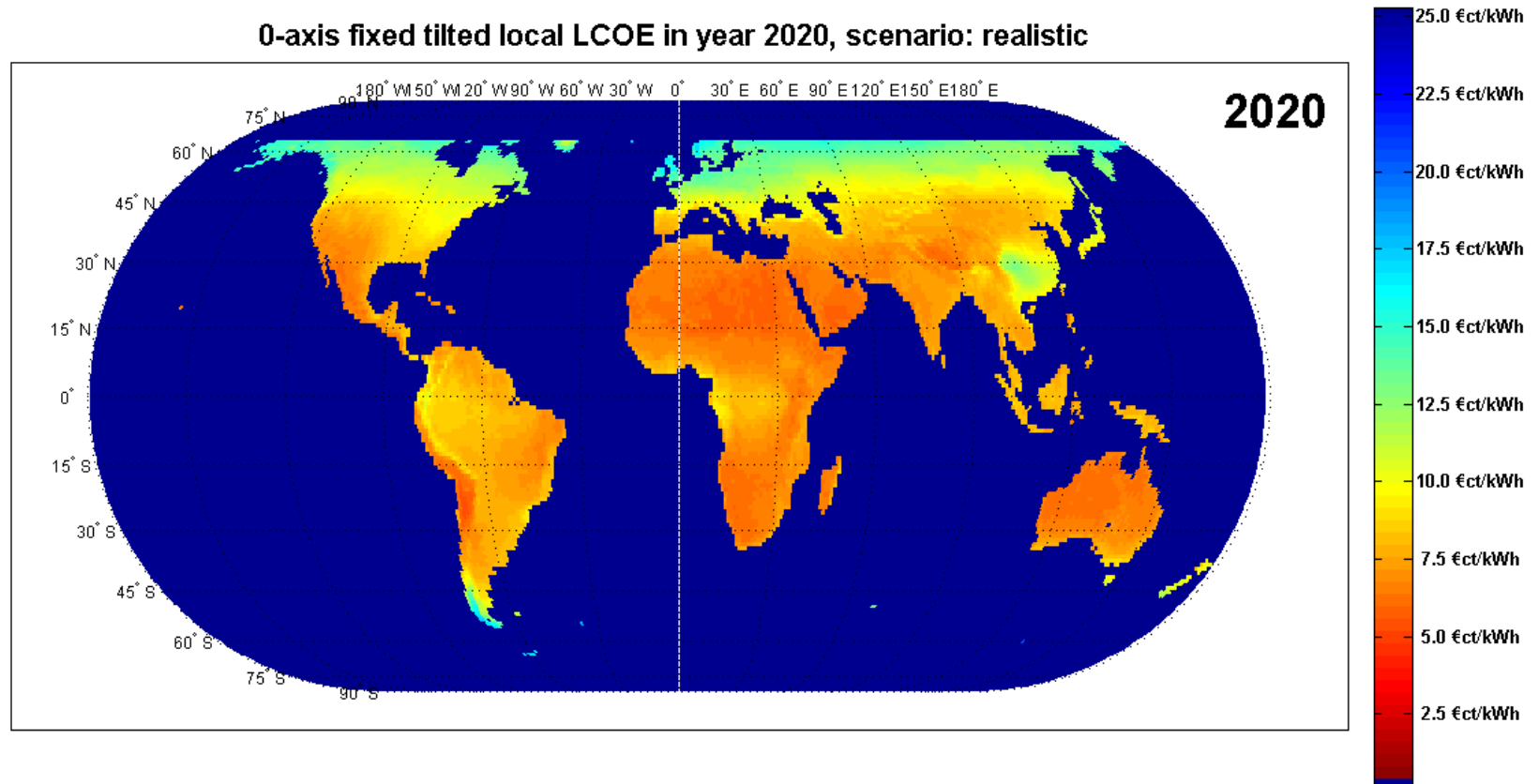
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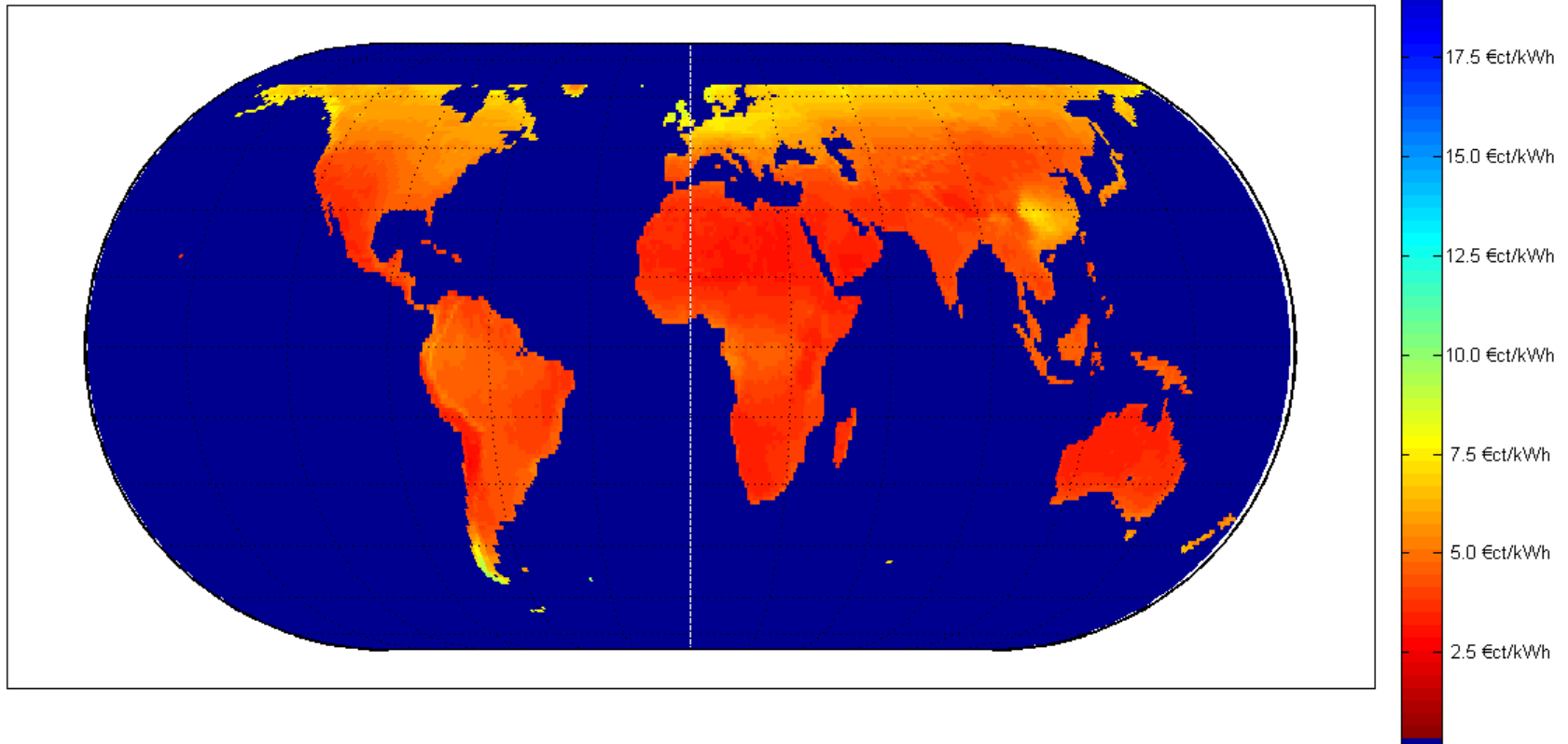
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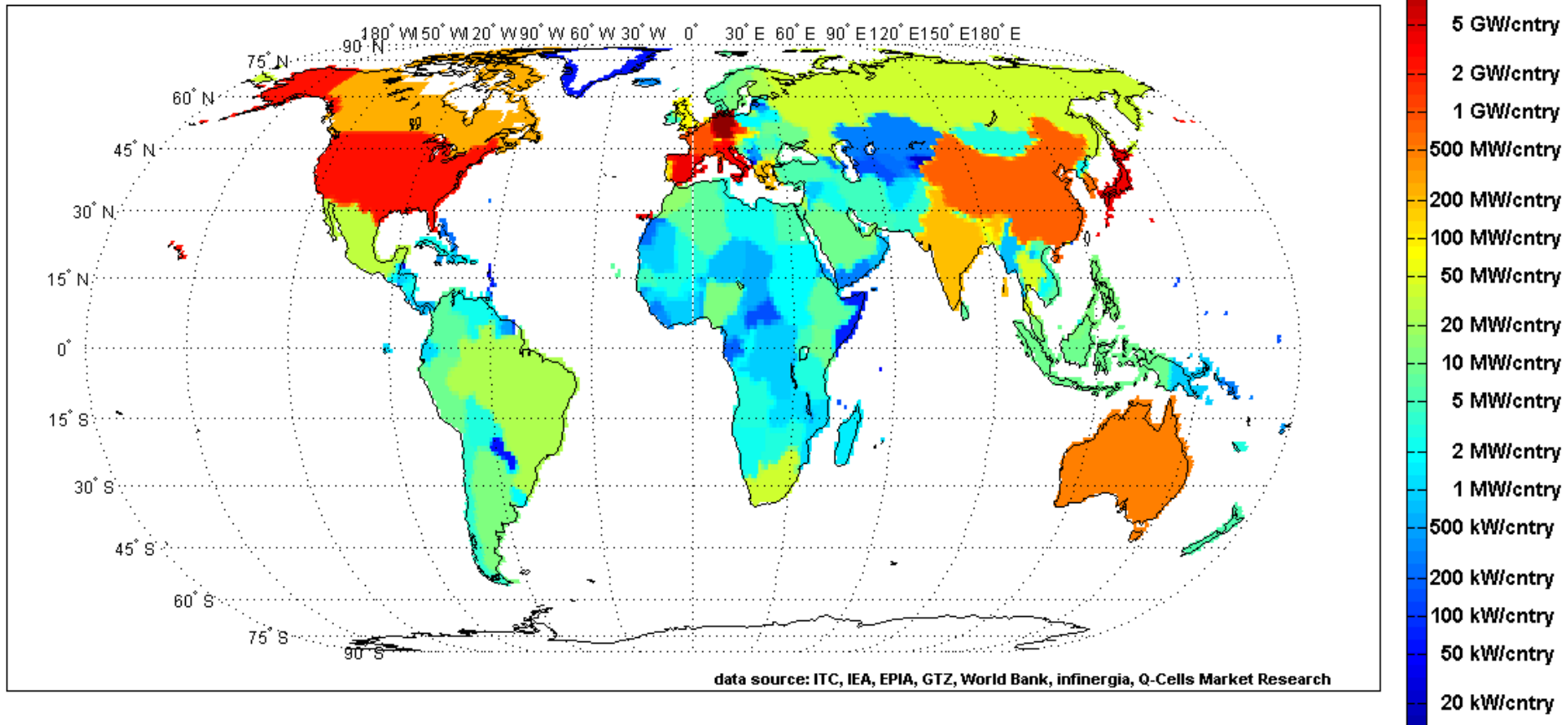
# LCOE: global temporal dynamics

lowest LCOE of all PV systems, year: 2020, scenario: aggressive



# Global installed PV Capacity

Global installed PV capacity per country end of 2010

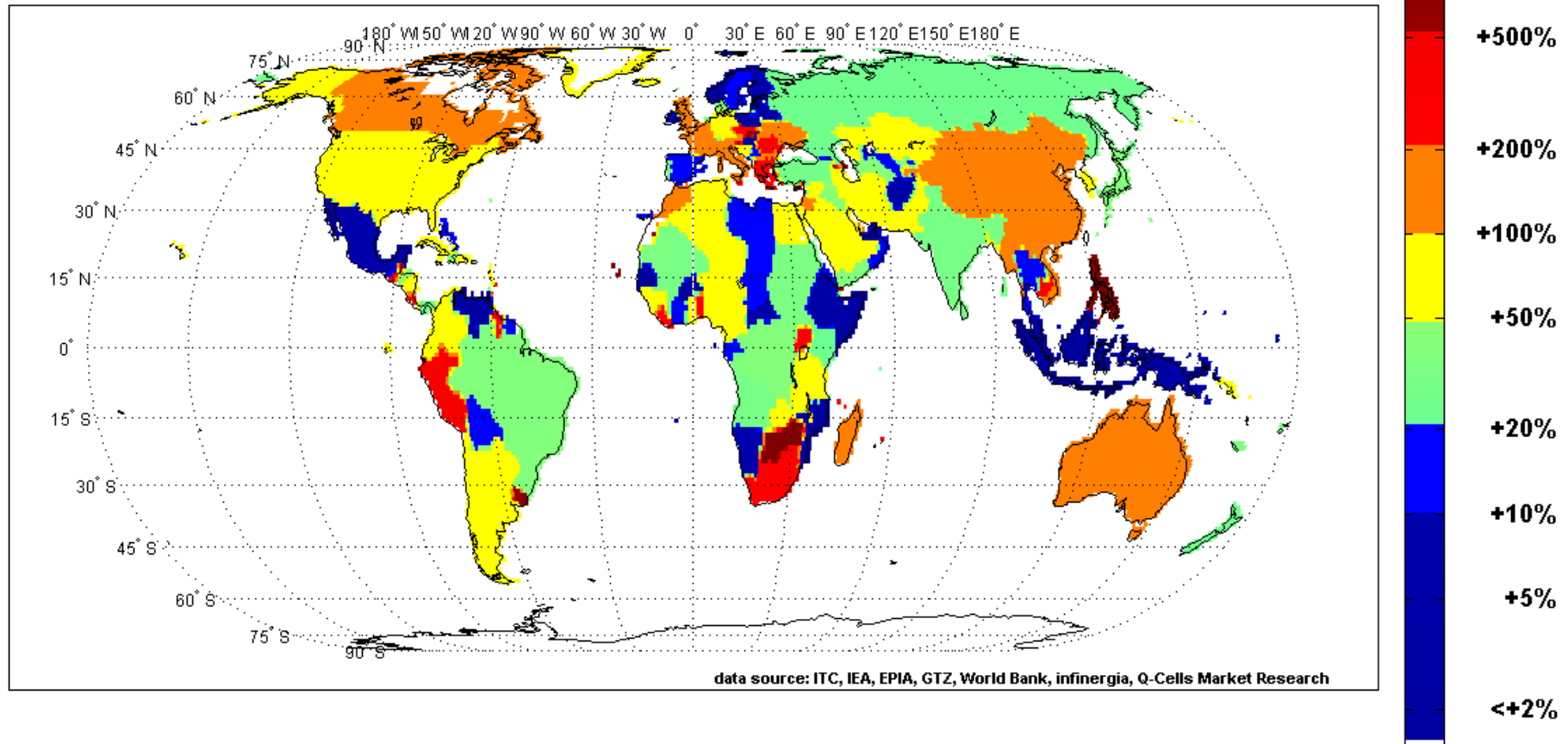


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**Germany in the lead by  
cumulated installations as of 2010**

# Global installed PV Capacity

Cumulative installation of PV capacity 2010 in relation to 2009

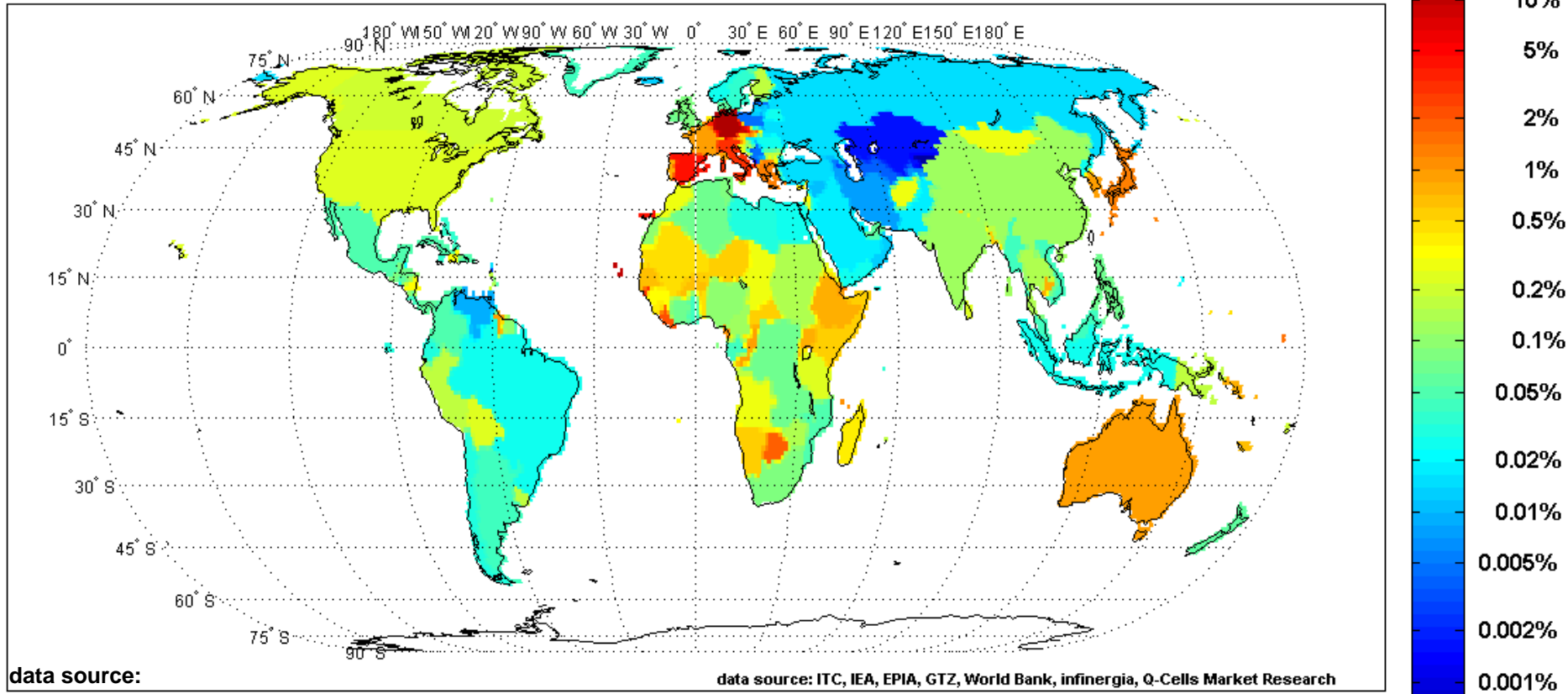


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majority of countries grew  
by more than 50% from 2009 to 2010

# Global installed PV Capacity

PV installations 2010 per installed power plant capacity in operation per country



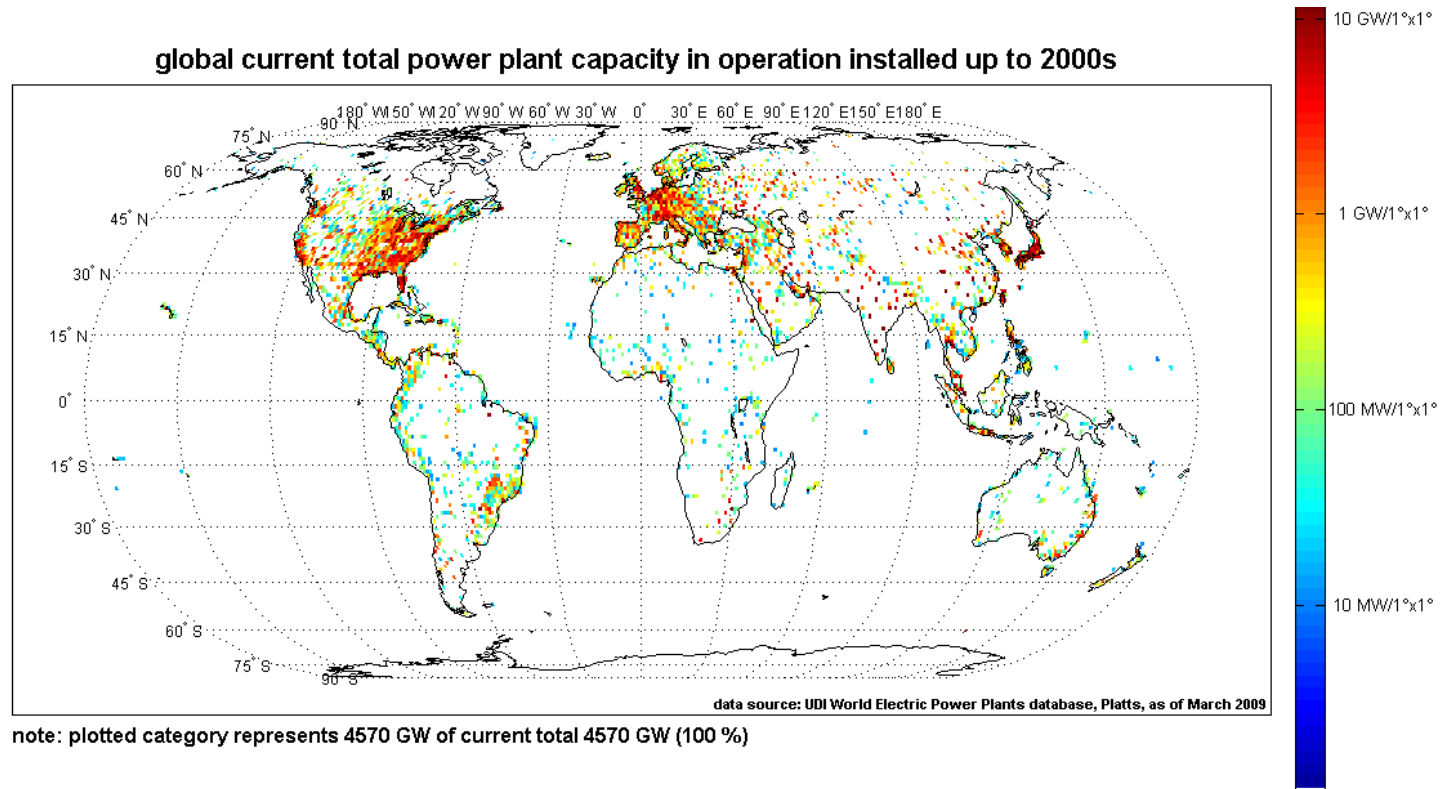
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Conv.: UDI WEPP database, Platts

enormous market growth ahead,  
since ~50%+ of conventional power capacity base could be  
supplemented by PV (there is NO competition to wind power)



# PV Potential and Power Plants of the World

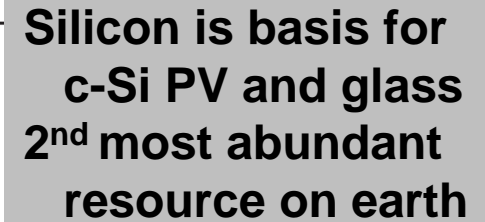


**Power plant capacity 2009:** ~4,600 GW    **PV capacity total 2011:** ~67 GW (~ 1.3% of capacity)  
**Power plant capacity additions:** ~150 GW/y    **PV capacity additions 2011:** ~27 GW (~ 18% of all conv. additions)  
**Electricity generation 2009:** ~20,000 TWh    **PV supply potential without storage ~10%:** ~2,000 TWh  
**Electricity generation weighted fixed tilted irradiation:** 1,700 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/y  
**PV capacity potential at least: ~1,500 GW (@ 0.77 PR)**

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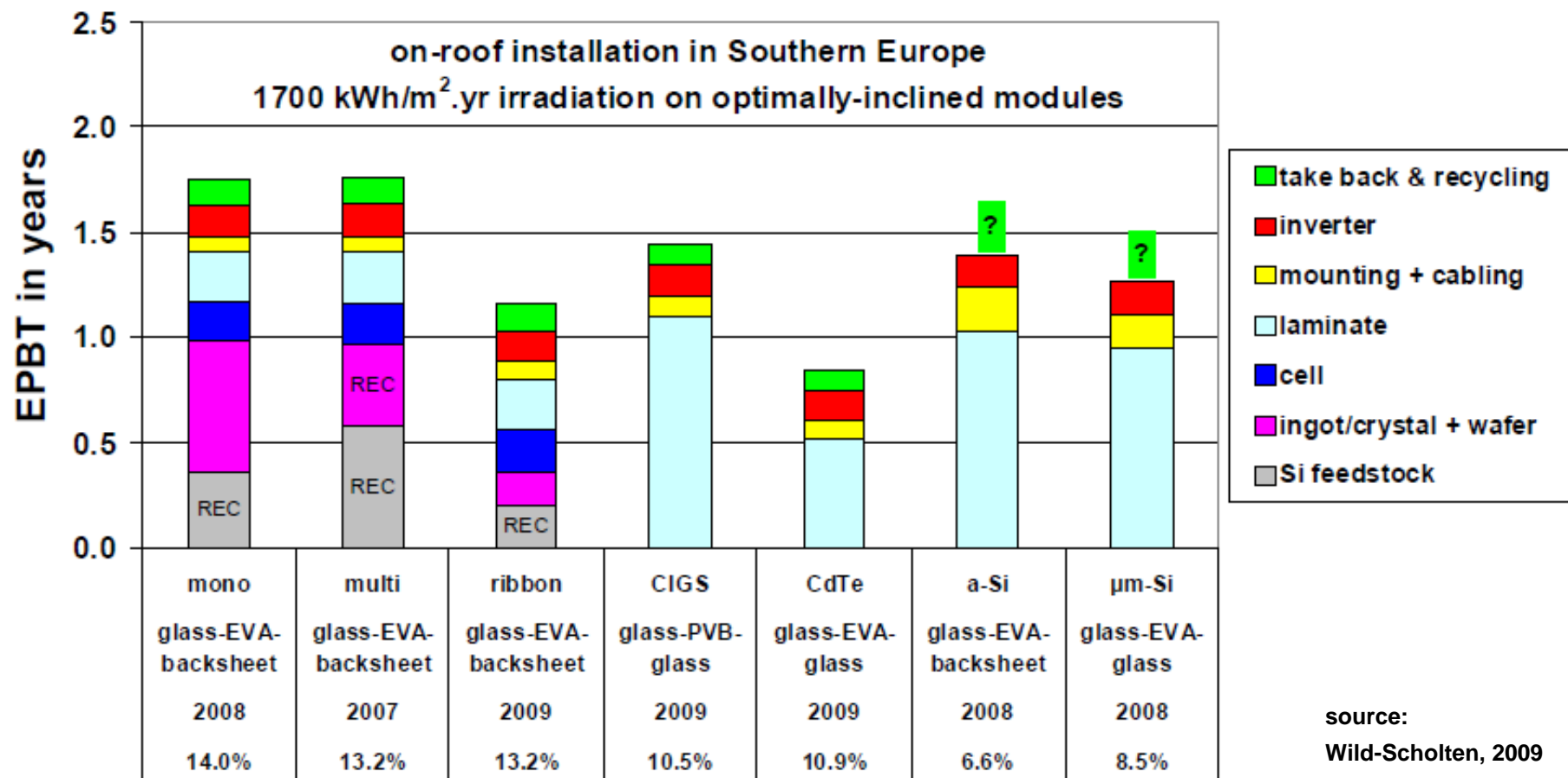
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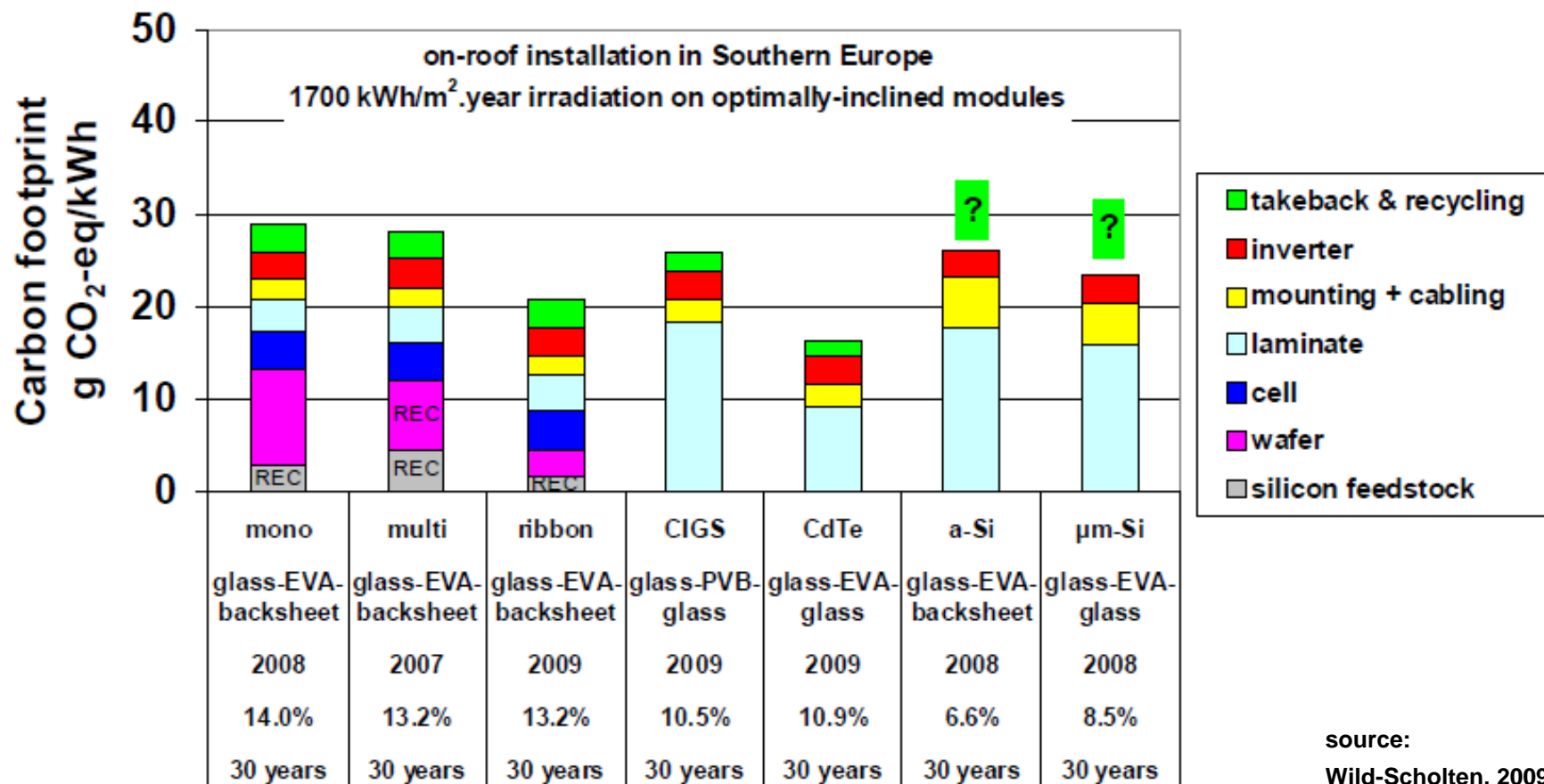
**source:**  
Green, 2006  
Andersson, 2000  
USGS, 1998

\* material reserves, 10% efficient modules  
\*\* annual production today and 2020 potential (efficiency, thickness, substitution, recovery, mining, extraction)

# Energy Pay-Back Time



## Carbon footprint PV = life-cycle CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent emissions



source:  
Wild-Scholten, 2009

Power technology	CO <sub>2</sub> emissions [g/kWh <sub>el</sub> ]	EROI
Hydro power	17 – 40	100:1
Wind power	7 – 24	20:1 – 50:1
Photovoltaic	12 – 42	16:1 – 51:1
Solar thermal power	22 – 33	50:1 – 70:1
Geothermal power	15 – 120	30:1 – 50:1
Biomass (Biogas)	120	n/a
Lignite coal power	1150 – 1210	not sustainable
Hard coal power	900 – 950	not sustainable
Clean coal with CCS	255 – 440	not sustainable
Natural gas power	400 – 760	not sustainable
Oil power	880	not sustainable
Nuclear power	66	not sustainable

source:

Breyer Ch., 2011. Economics of Hybrid Photovoltaic Power Plants, Dissertation, University of Kassel

# Energy Return on Energy Investment (EROI)

$$EROI_{dynamic} = \frac{N}{EPBT} \cdot (1 - DR)^N$$

$N = 30 \text{ y}$ ;  $EPBT = 0.8 \dots 1.7 \text{ y}$ ;  $DR = 0.3\%/y$

$EROI = 16:1 - 33:1$

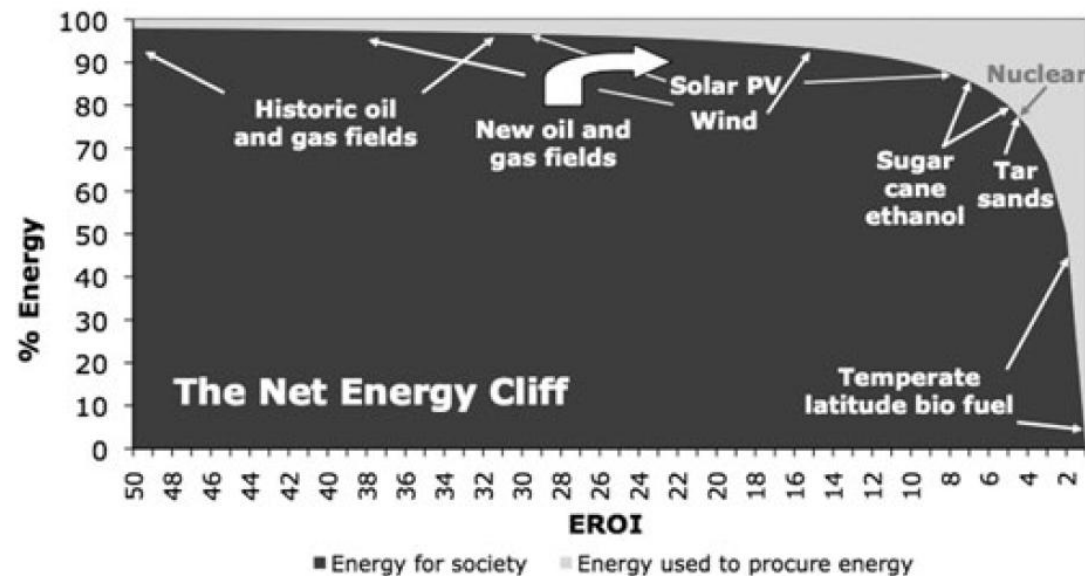
$$N = \frac{\log(P_N / P_0)}{\log(1 - DR)}$$

$P_N = 0.7$ ;  $P_0 = 1$ ;  $DR = 0.3 \dots 0.5\%/y$

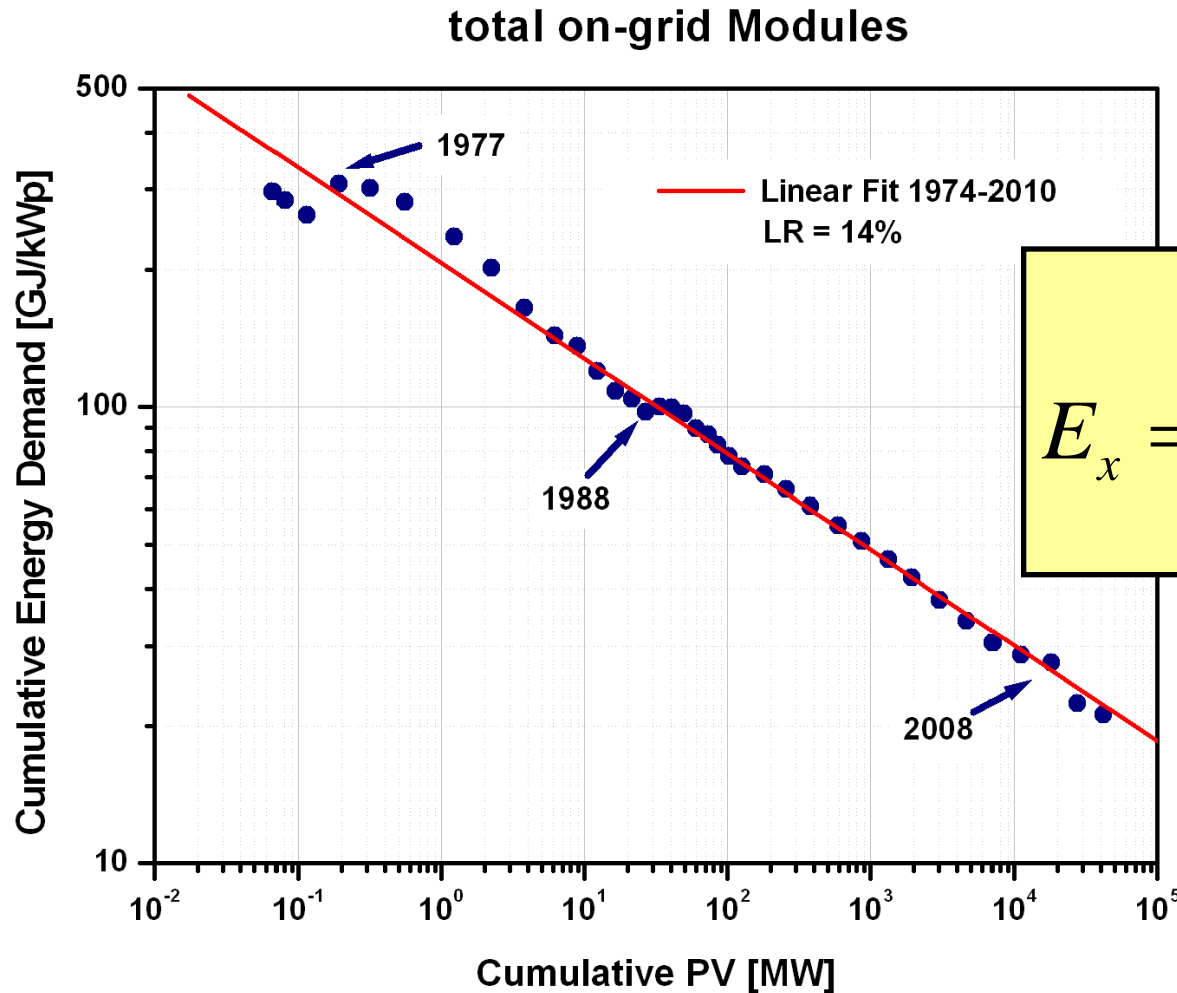
$N = 70 - 120y !!!$

**$N$ :** system lifetime  
 **$EPBT$ :** energy payback time  
 **$DR$ :** system degradation rate p.a.  
 **$P_N$ :** power of module in year  $N$   
 **$P_0$ :** power of module initially

source:  
Murphy, 2010



# Energetic Learning Curve



$$E_x = E_0 \cdot \left( \frac{P_x}{P_0} \right)^{\frac{\log(1-LR)}{\log 2}}$$

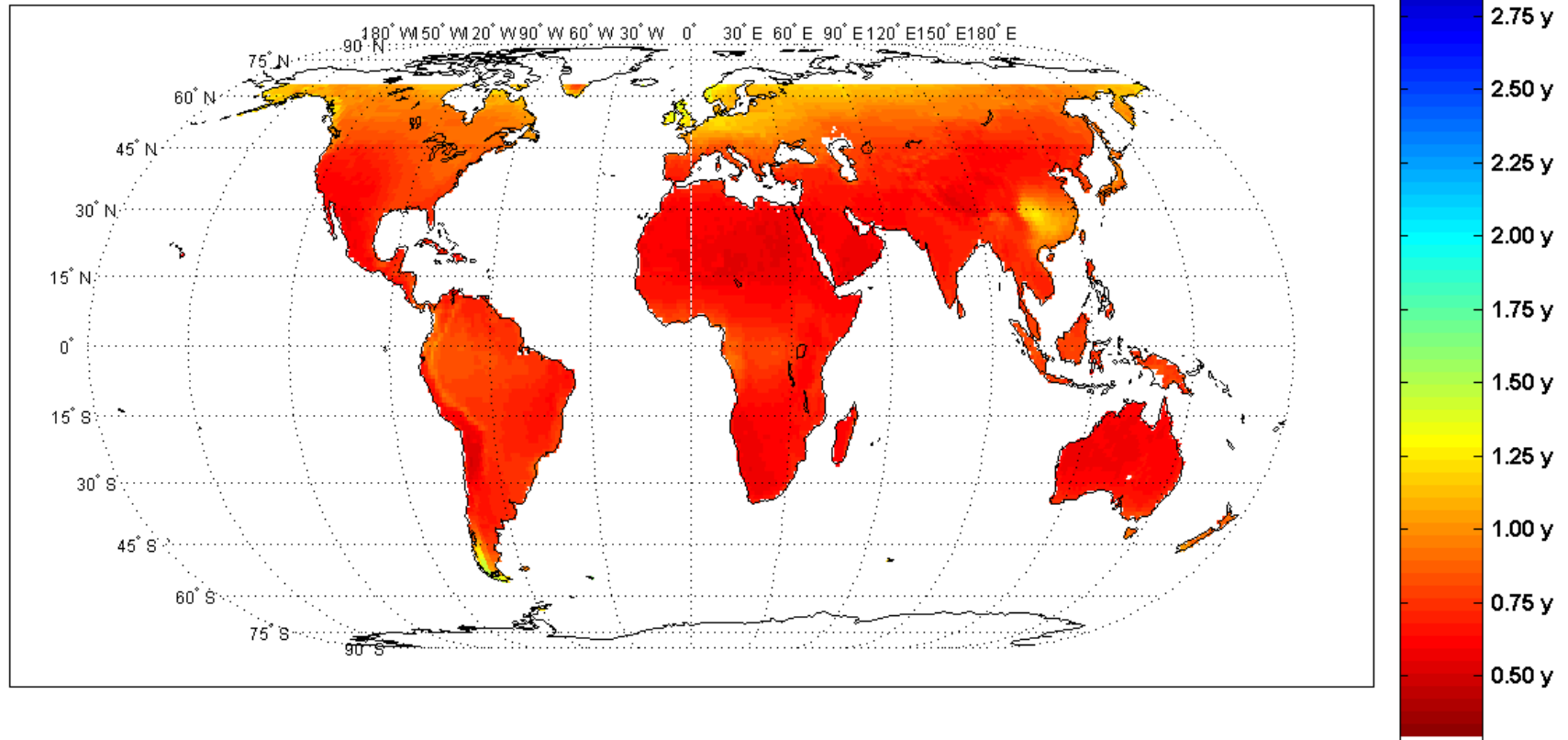
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# Energetic Learning Curve: Projection of EPBT

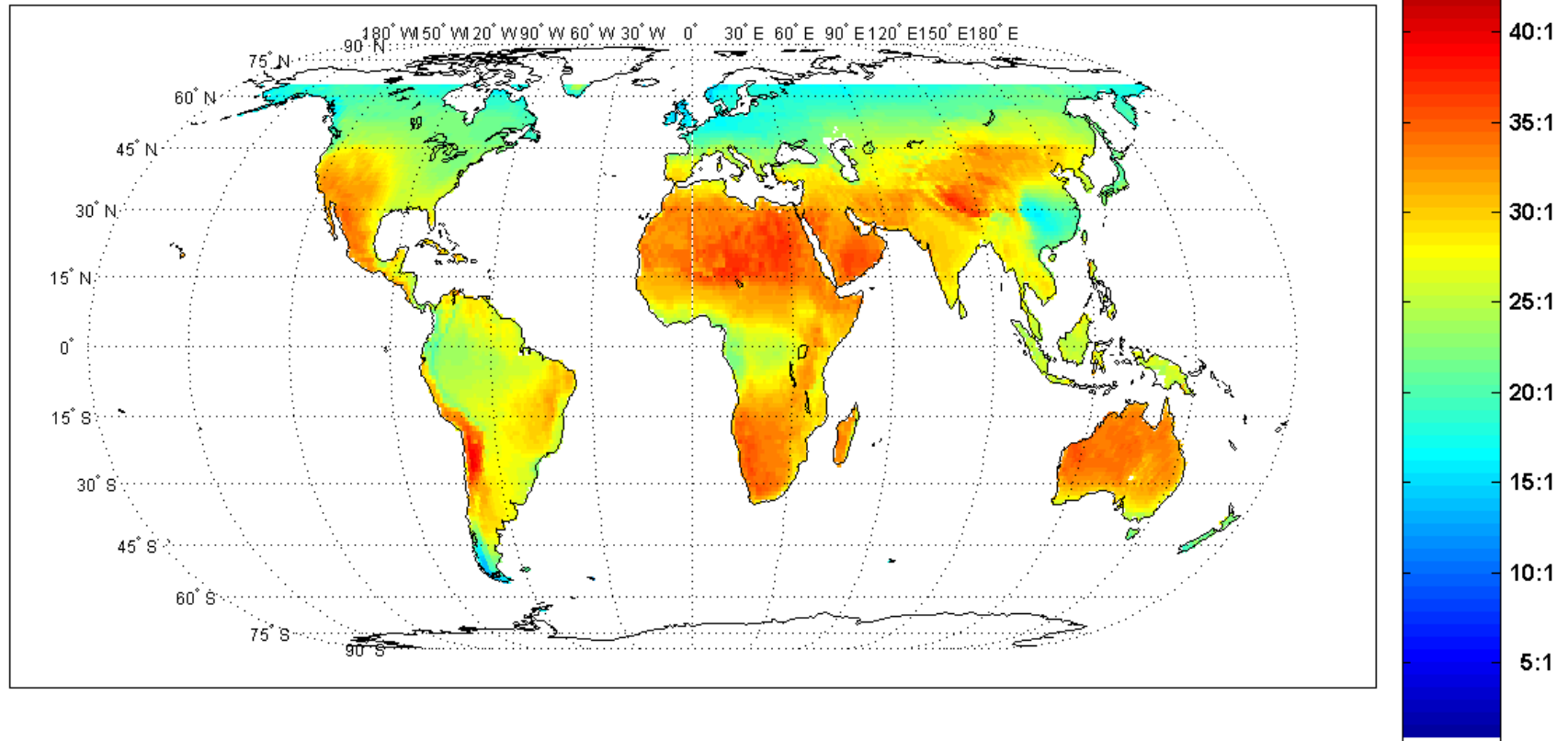
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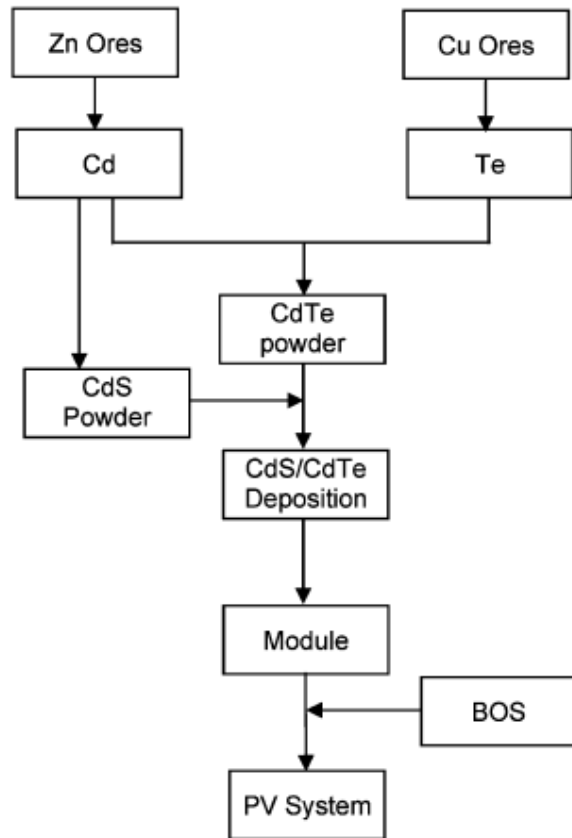
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# Cadmium emissions and CdTe PV



source: Fthenakis, 2008

Air emissions	Emission reduction	Unit	Percentage
GHG	450	tonne CO <sub>2</sub> -eq.	96
NO <sub>x</sub>	0.8	tonne	95
SO <sub>x</sub>	2	tonne	96
Arsenic	16	g	94
Cadmium	4	g	93
Chromium	17	g	89
Lead	50	g	93
Mercury	11	g	97
Nickel	240	g	97
Thorium-230	7	kBq	98
Uranium-238	34	kBq	98

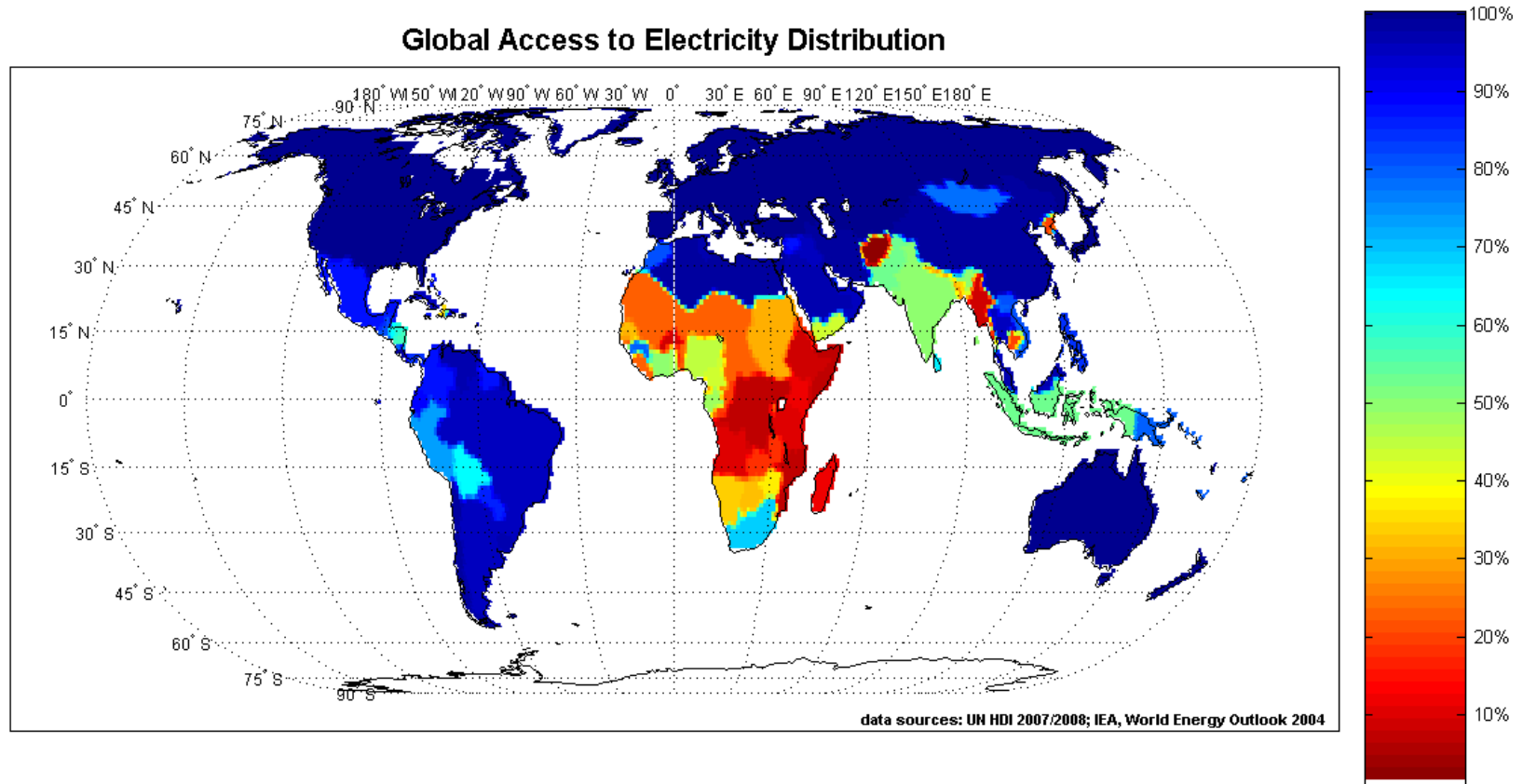
**Pollution prevented by using CdTe PV systems for each GWh of electricity generated compared with the UCTE grid mixture, 1,700 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/y, PR 0.8, lifetime 30 y**

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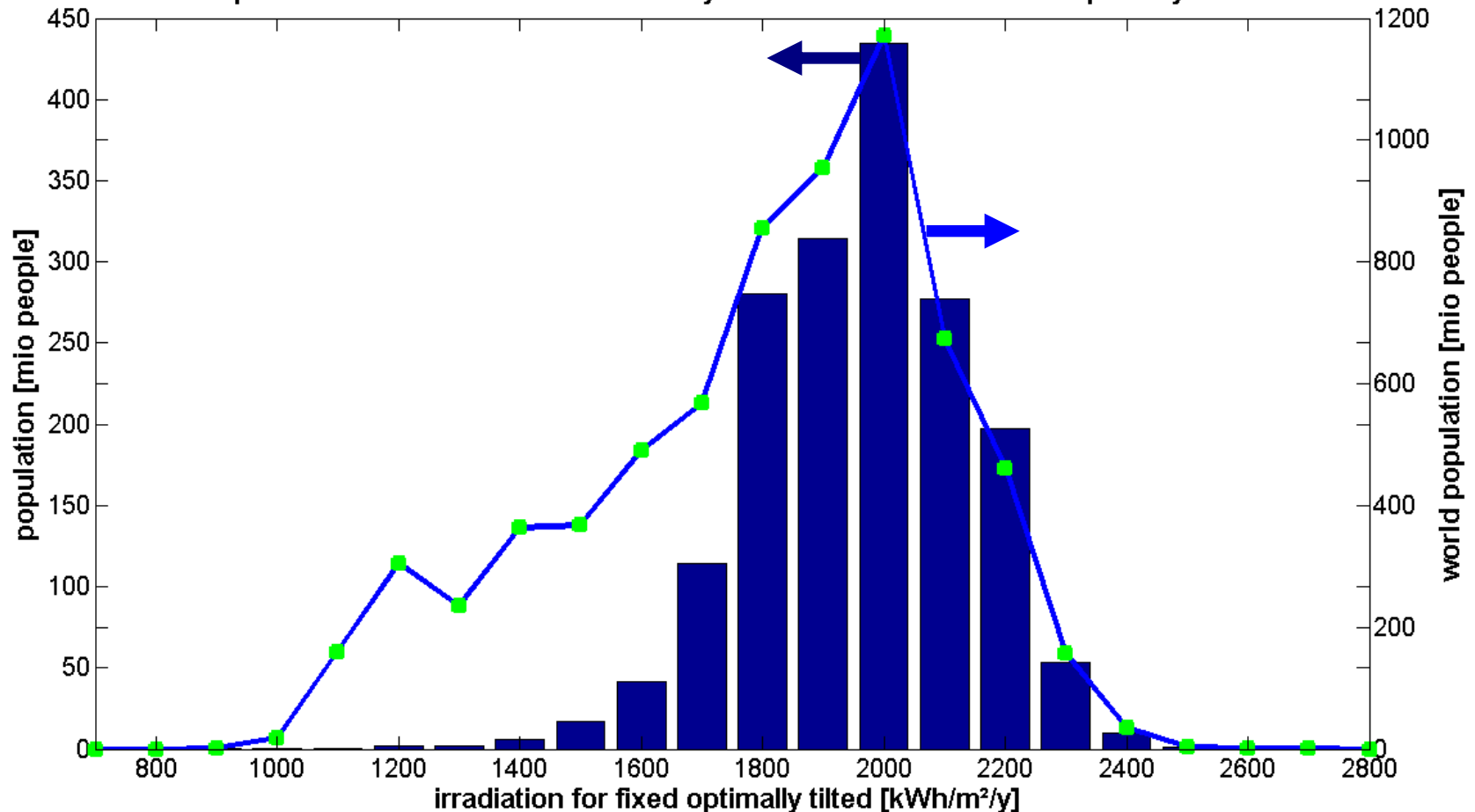
# 1.4 billion People without Access to Electricity



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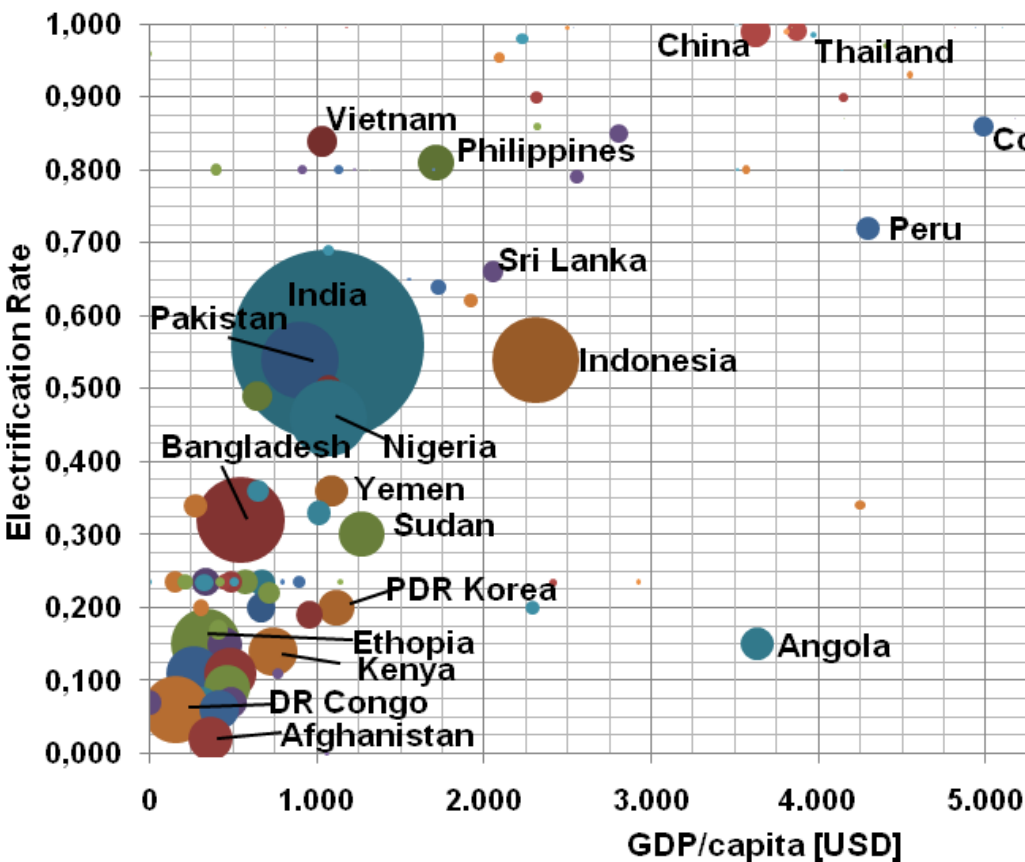
# No Electricity Access and Irradiation

Population without Access to Electricity in area of irradiation: fixed optimally tilted



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# Electrification and Poverty



Country	Population [mio pop]	Electrification rate	People without electricity [mio pop]	GDP/capita [USD]	population weighted irradiation optimally tilted [kWh/m <sup>2</sup> /y]
India	1,214.5	0.560	534.4	1,070	2,032
Bangladesh	164.4	0.320	111.8	540	1,908
Indonesia	233.7	0.540	107.5	2,310	1,809
Nigeria	158.3	0.460	85.5	1,070	1,978
Pakistan	184.8	0.540	85.0	900	2,135
Ethiopia	85.0	0.150	72.2	340	2,205
DR Congo	67.8	0.060	63.8	160	1,848
Burma	50.5	0.110	44.9	270	1,939
Tanzania	45.0	0.110	40.1	480	2,043
Kenya	40.9	0.140	35.1	740	2,124
Uganda	33.8	0.090	30.8	460	1,980
Sudan	43.2	0.300	30.2	1,260	2,271
Afghanistan	29.1	0.020	28.5	360	2,164
Mozambique	23.4	0.060	22.0	410	2,026
Nepal	29.9	0.330	20.0	420	2,176
PDR Korea	24.0	0.200	19.2	1,110	1,874
Philippines	93.6	0.810	17.8	1,710	1,842
Madagascar	20.1	0.150	17.1	450	2,091
Angola	19.0	0.150	16.1	3,630	2,084
Yemen	24.3	0.360	15.5	1,080	2,295
South Africa	50.5	0.700	15.1	5,660	2,166

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# Conventional Energy Use in Rural Areas

## Light



## Music



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# Solar Home System (SHS) in Ethiopia

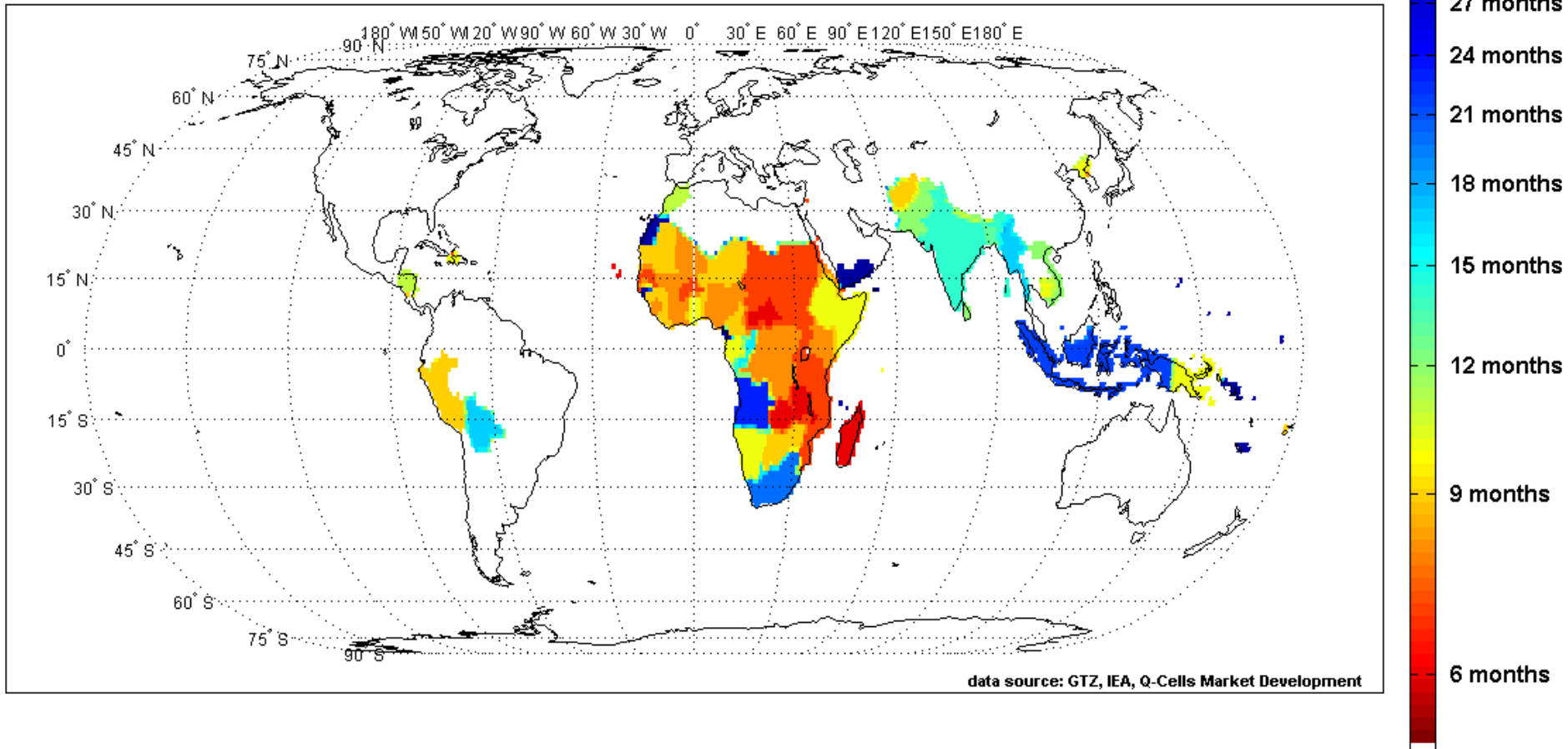


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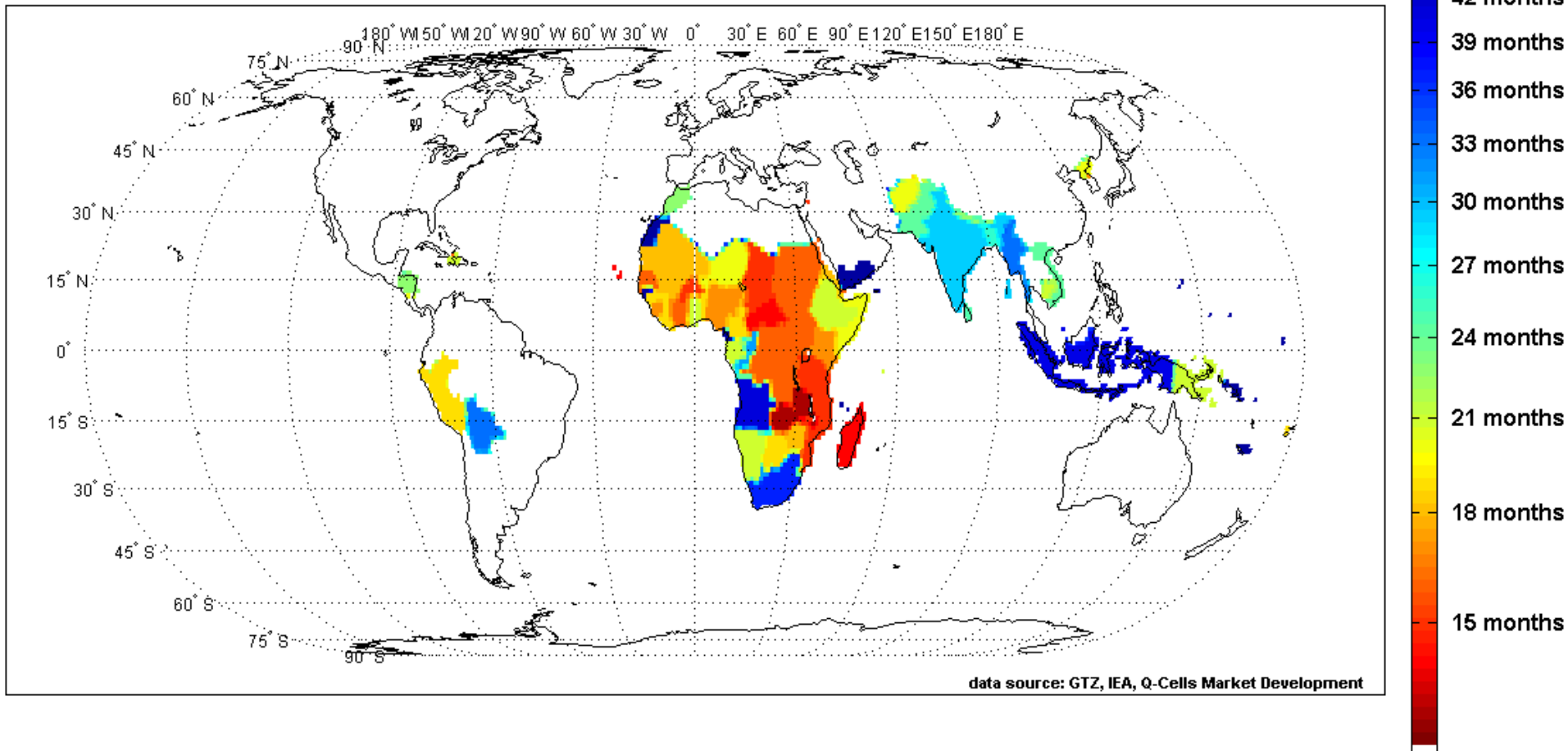
Amortisation period of a 2 Wp pico PV system (one lamp)



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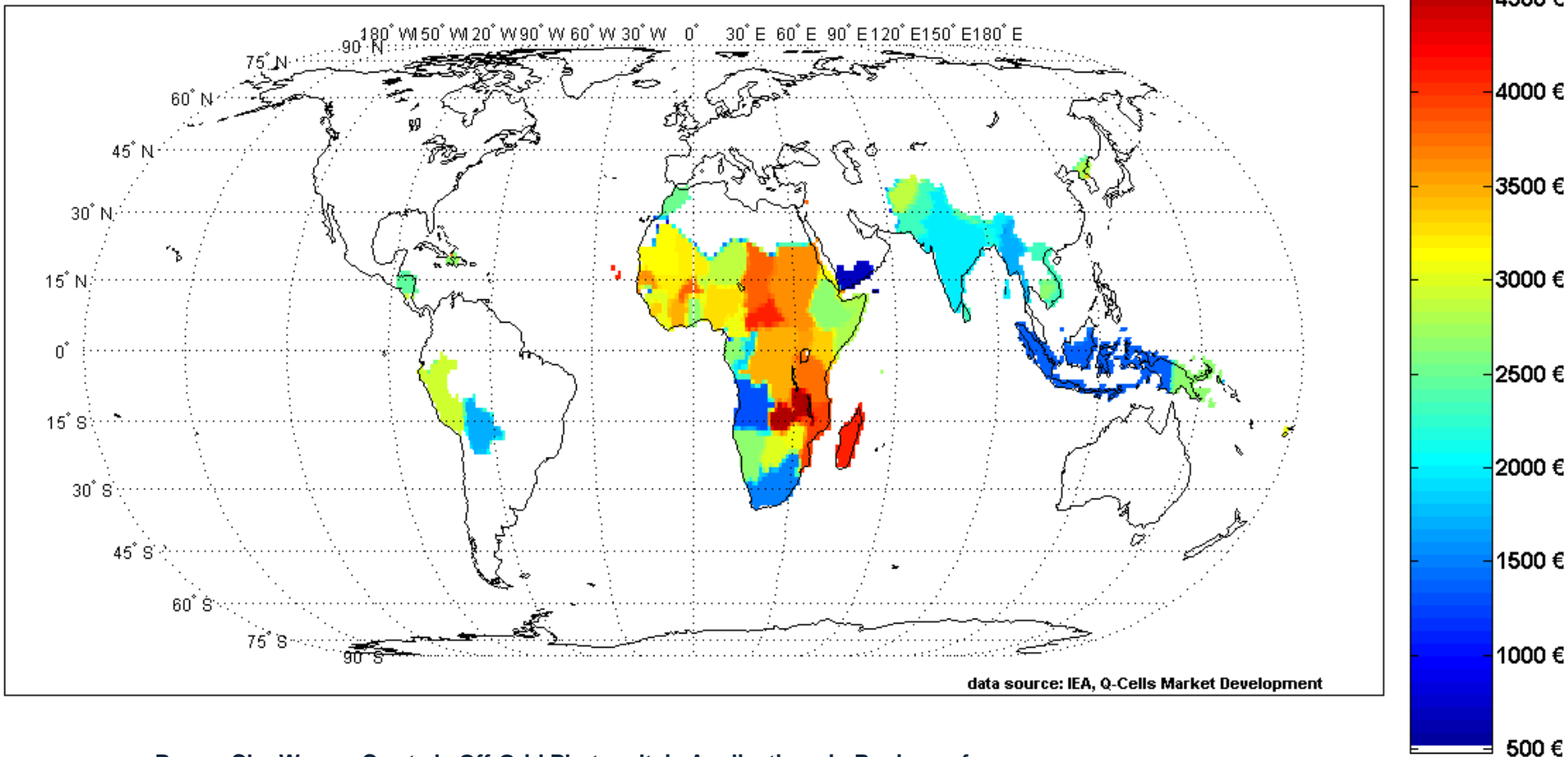
Amortisation period of a 10 Wp SHS (two lamps/one radio)



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Capitalized value at point of amortisation of a 10 Wp SHS (two lamps/one radio)



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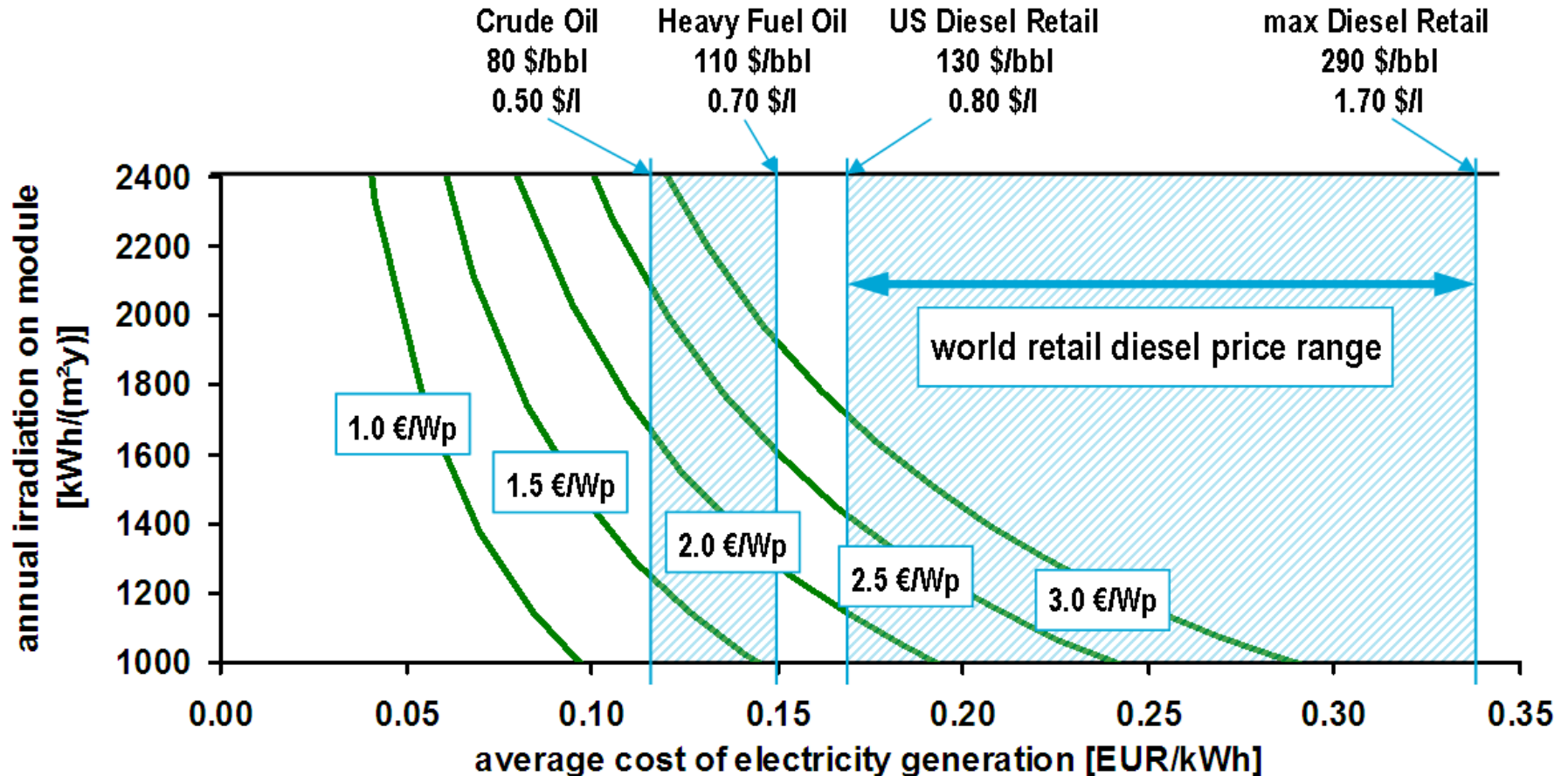
be aware: system cost in total < 250 €

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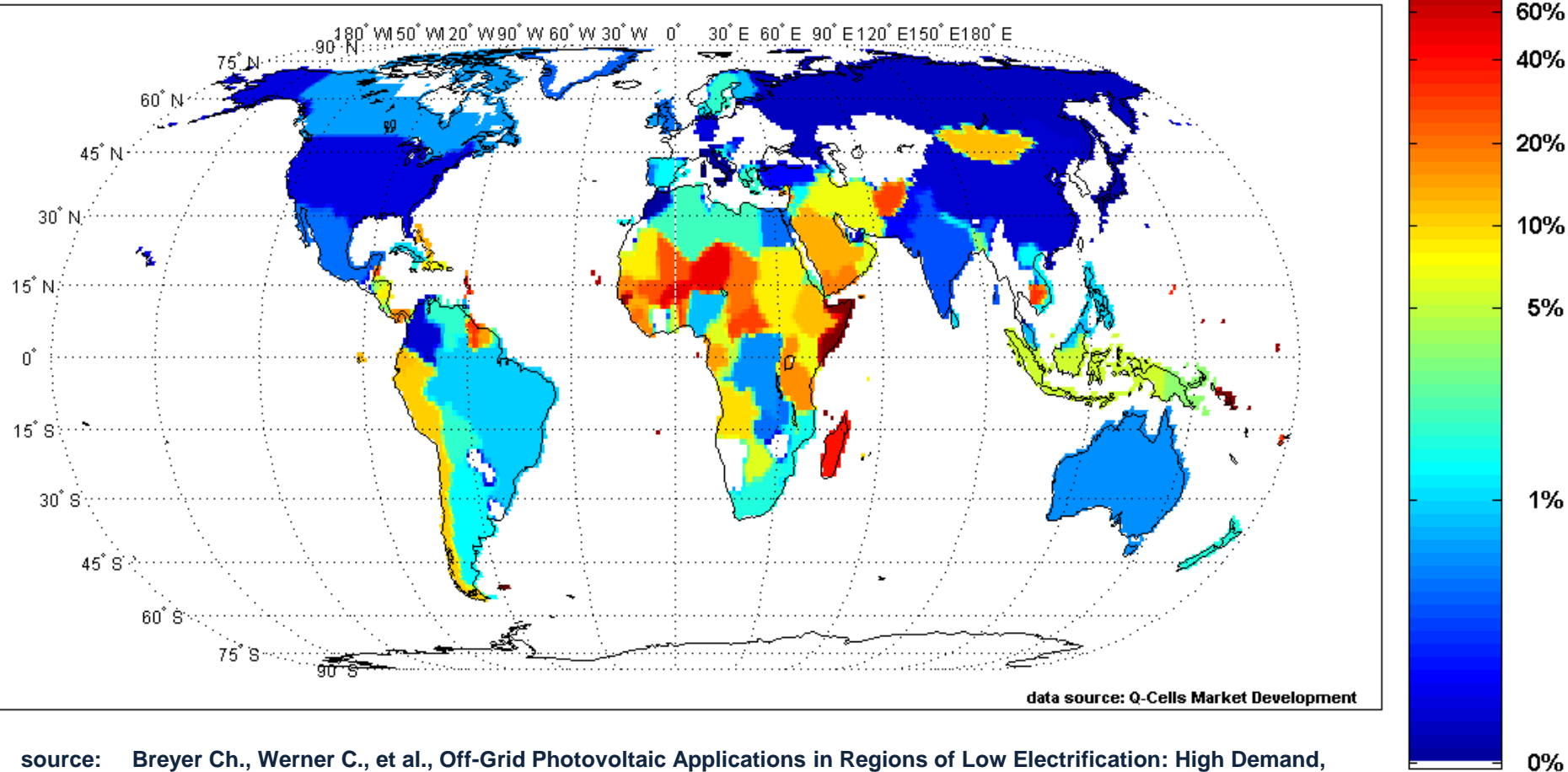
# Diesel-Parity: PV capex, Irradiation, Oil Price



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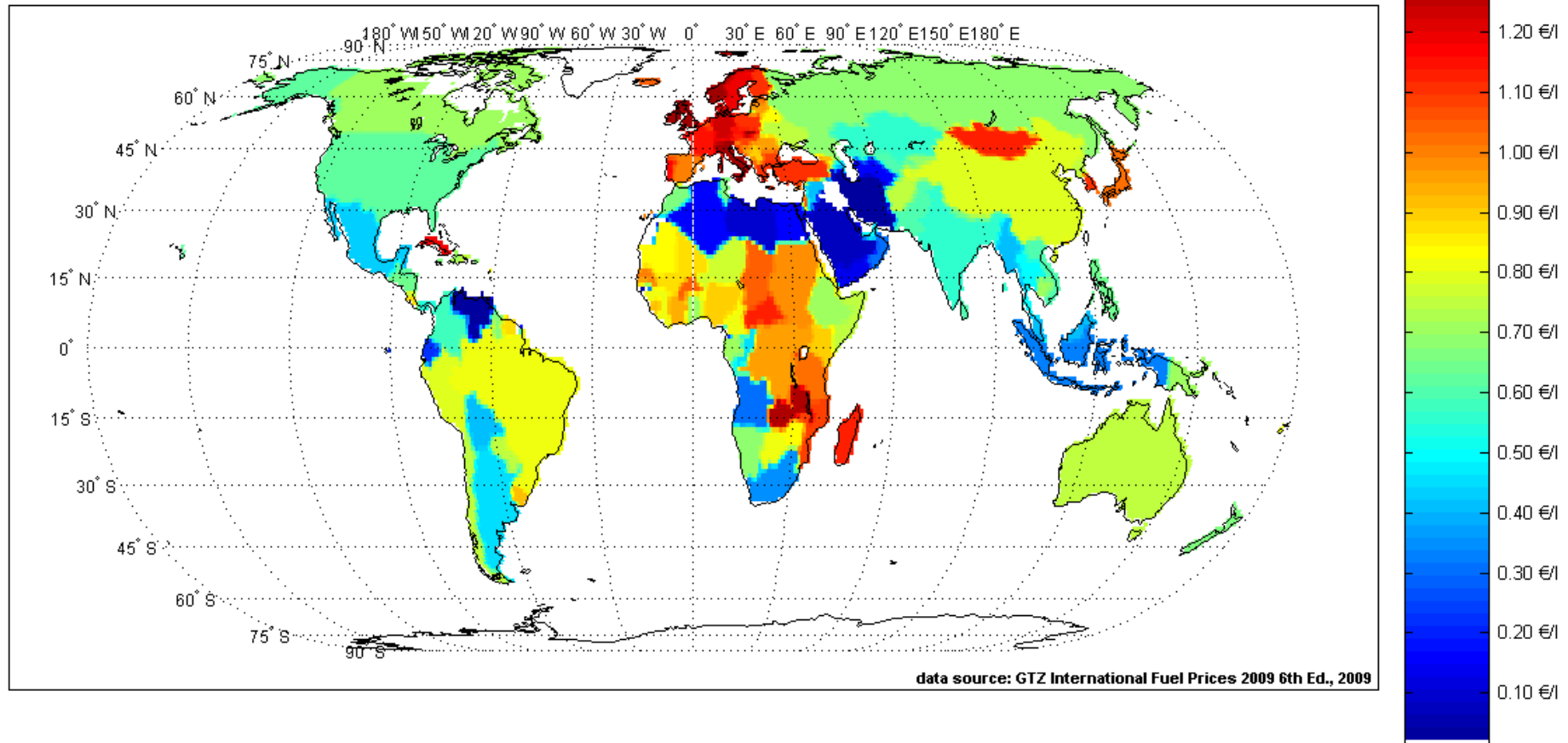
Share of diesel power plant capacity to total power plant capacity



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# Off-Grid: Global Diesel Prices

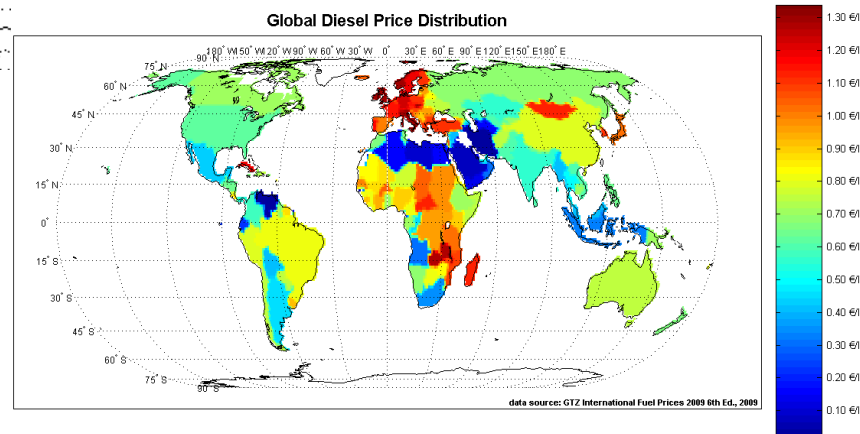
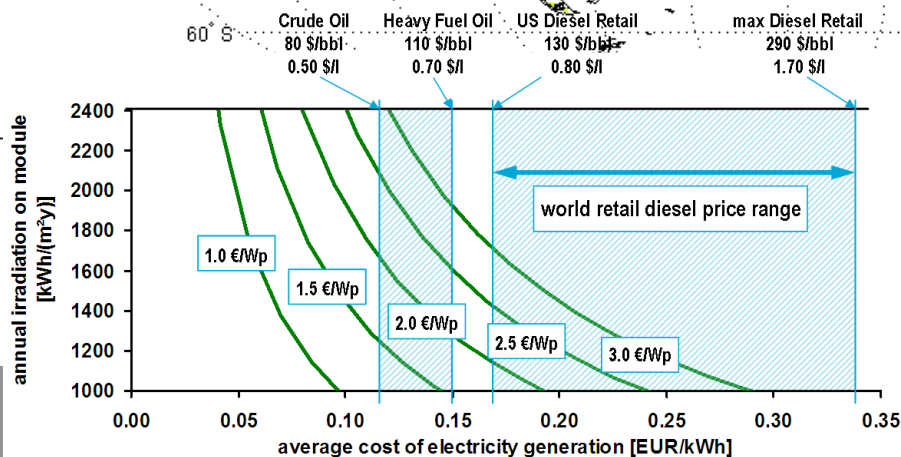
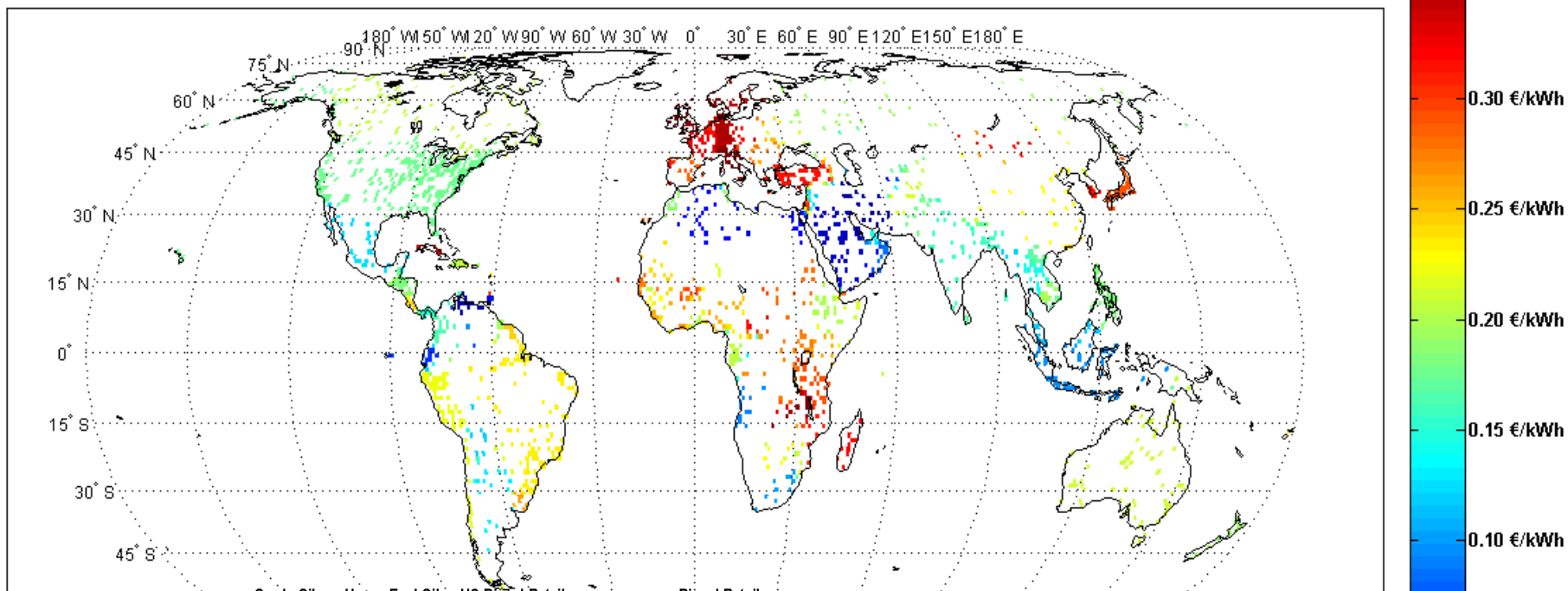
**Global Diesel Price Distribution**



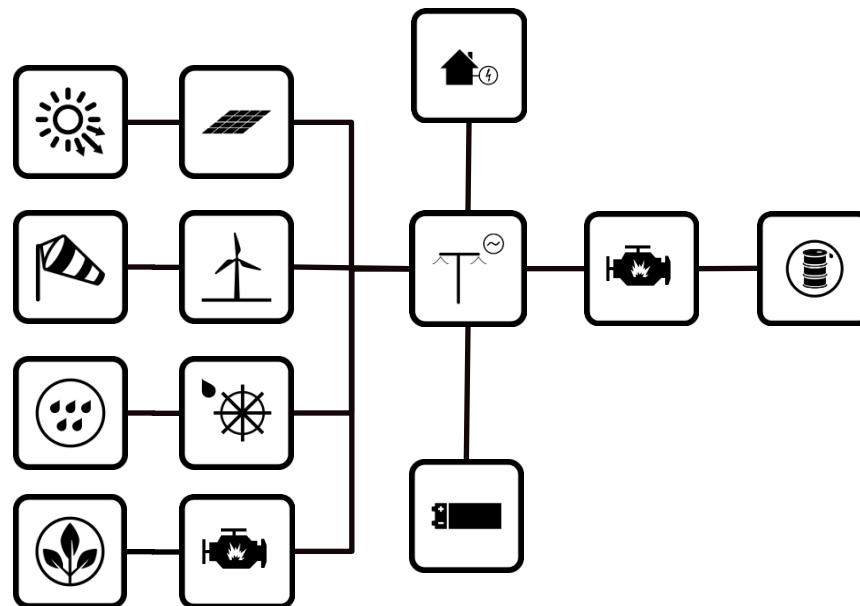
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# Off-Grid: Diesel Fuel Cost

diesel fuel cost per kWh at location of diesel power plants



# Off-Grid: Mini-Grid Structure



Literature overview (> 100 publications)

## Hybrid Systems found

35 PV-Battery

49 PV-Diesel-Battery

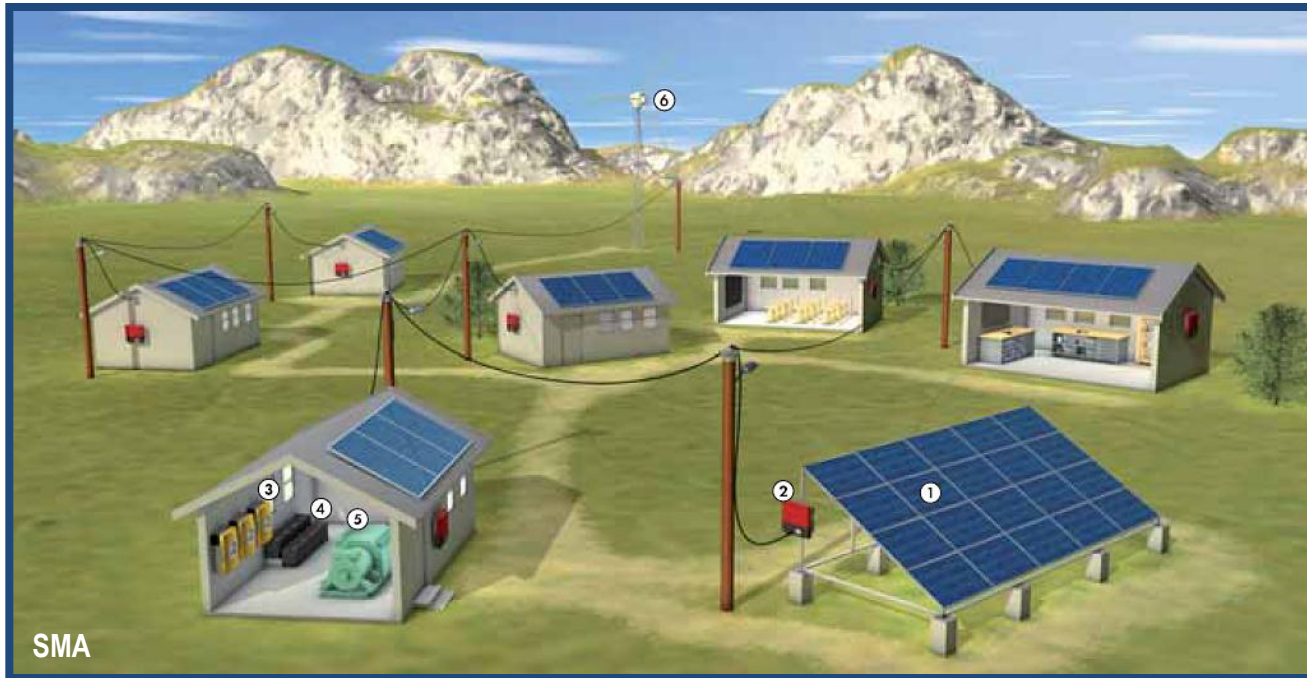
44 PV-Wind-(Diesel)-Battery

7 PV-Wind-Hydro-(Diesel)-Battery

0 PV-Wind-Biogas-(Diesel)-Battery



# Off-Grid: Mini-Grids



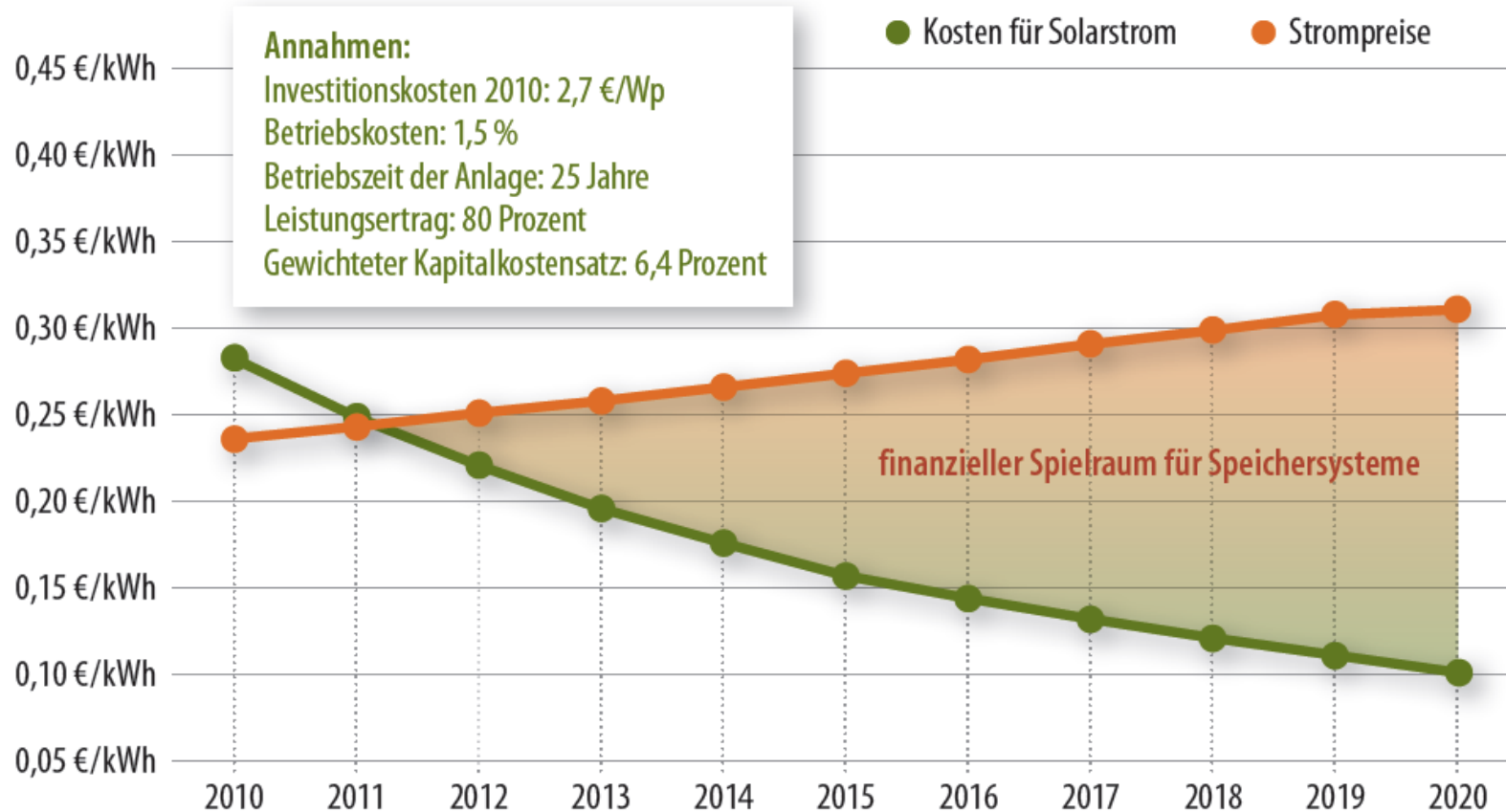
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# PV Netzparität (Endkunden Sicht)

## Grid-Parity der Photovoltaik in Deutschland

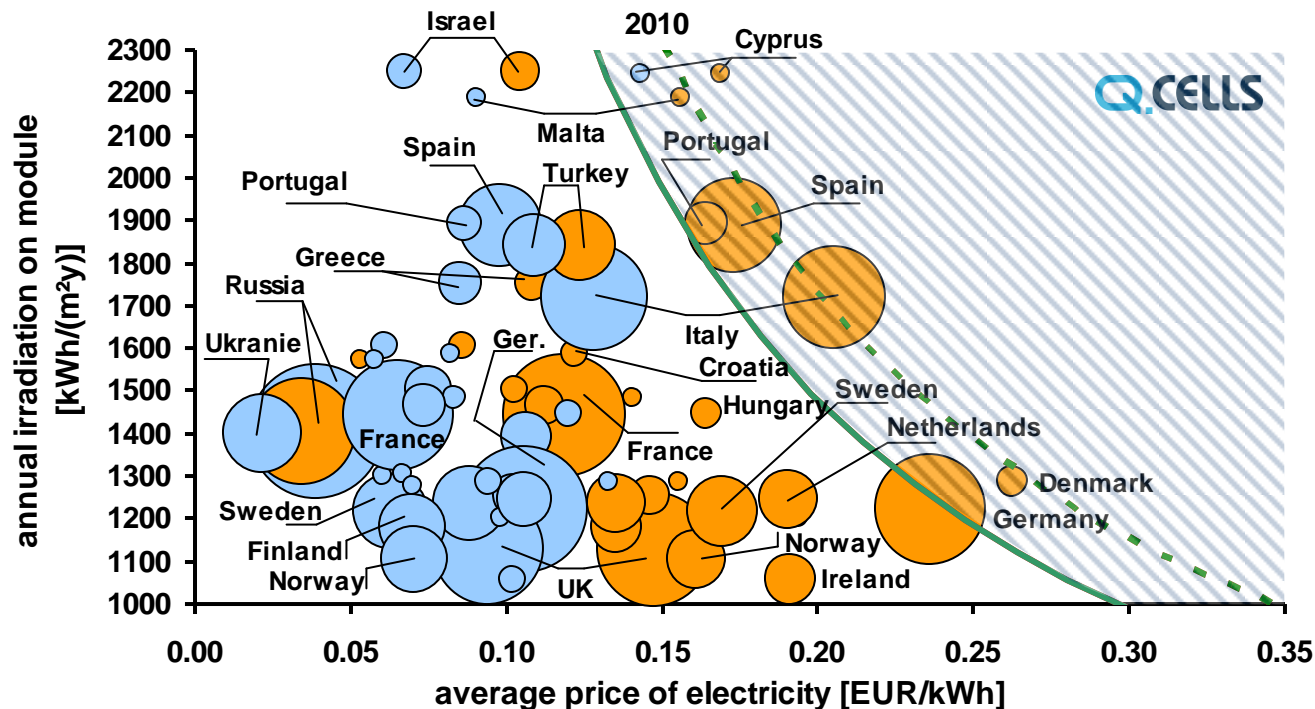


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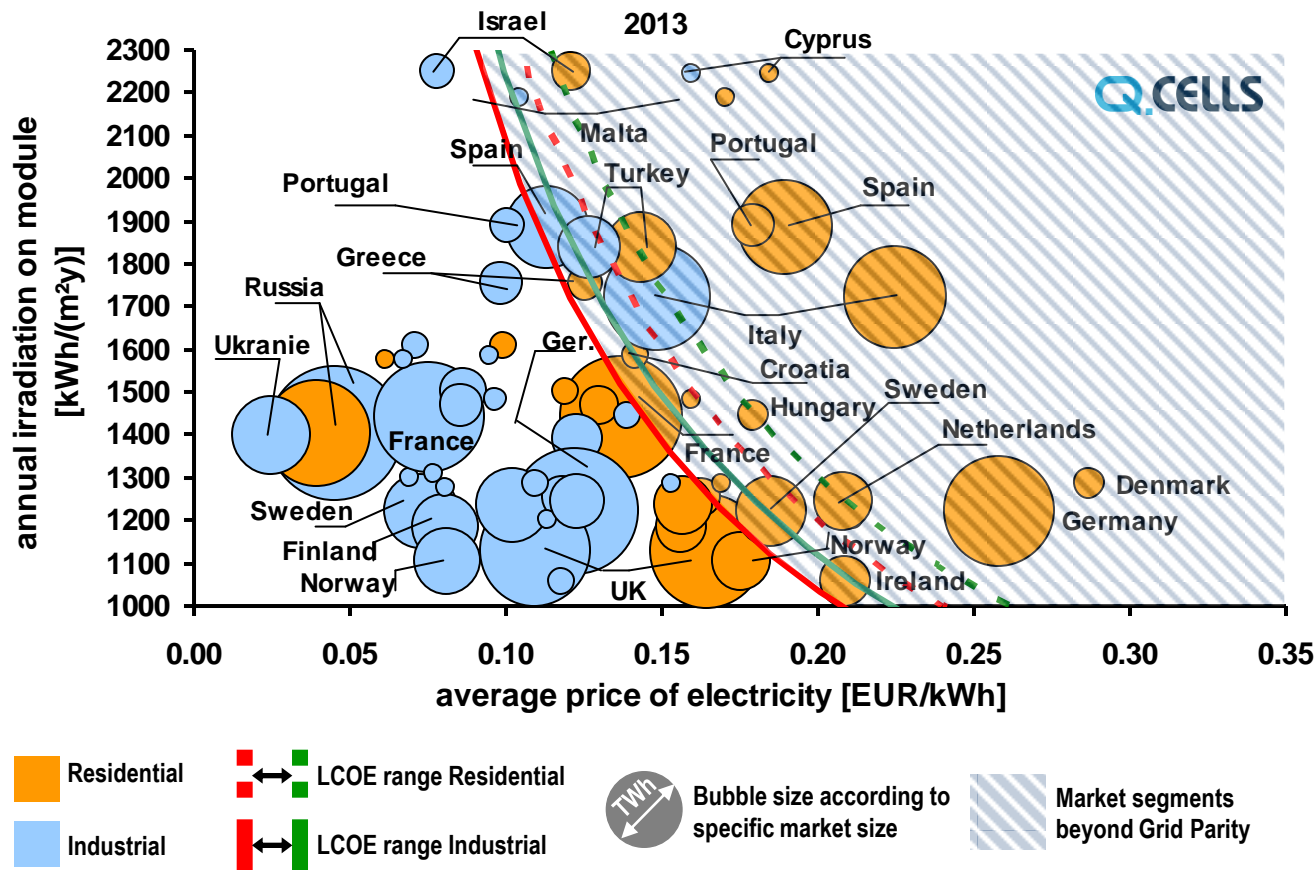


# 2010 Europe



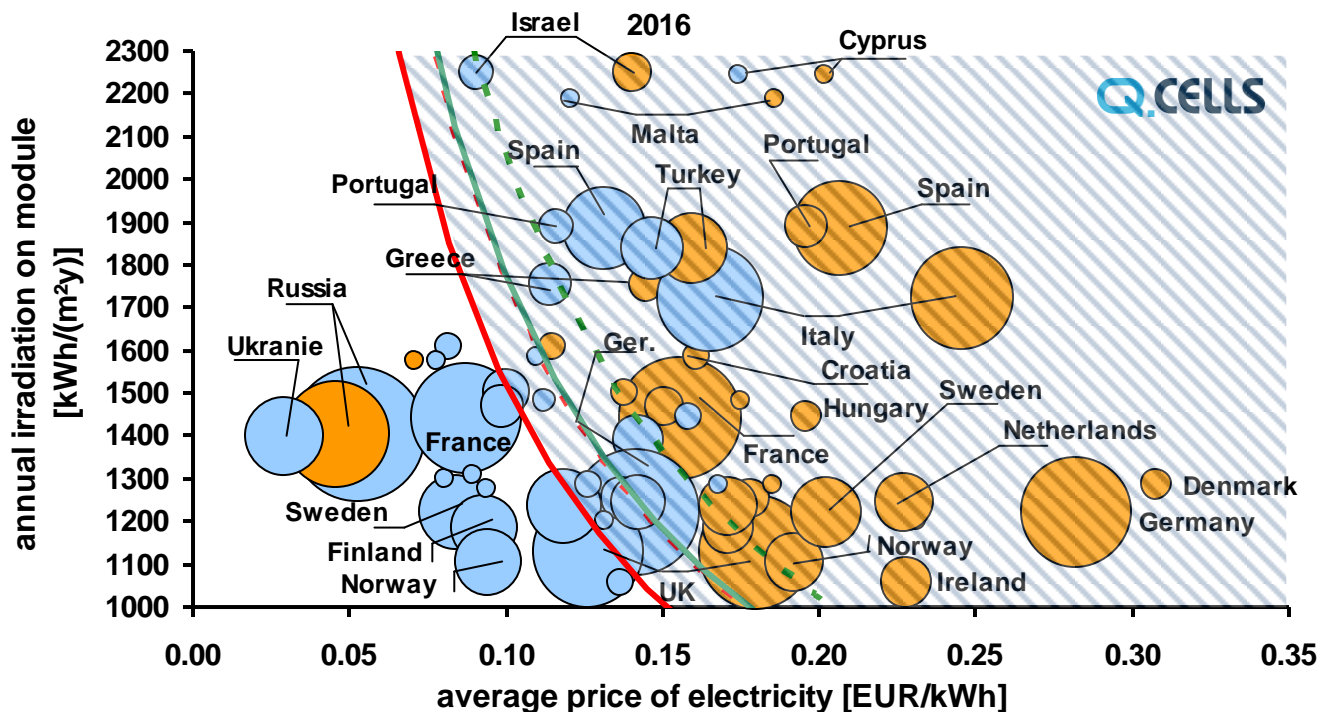
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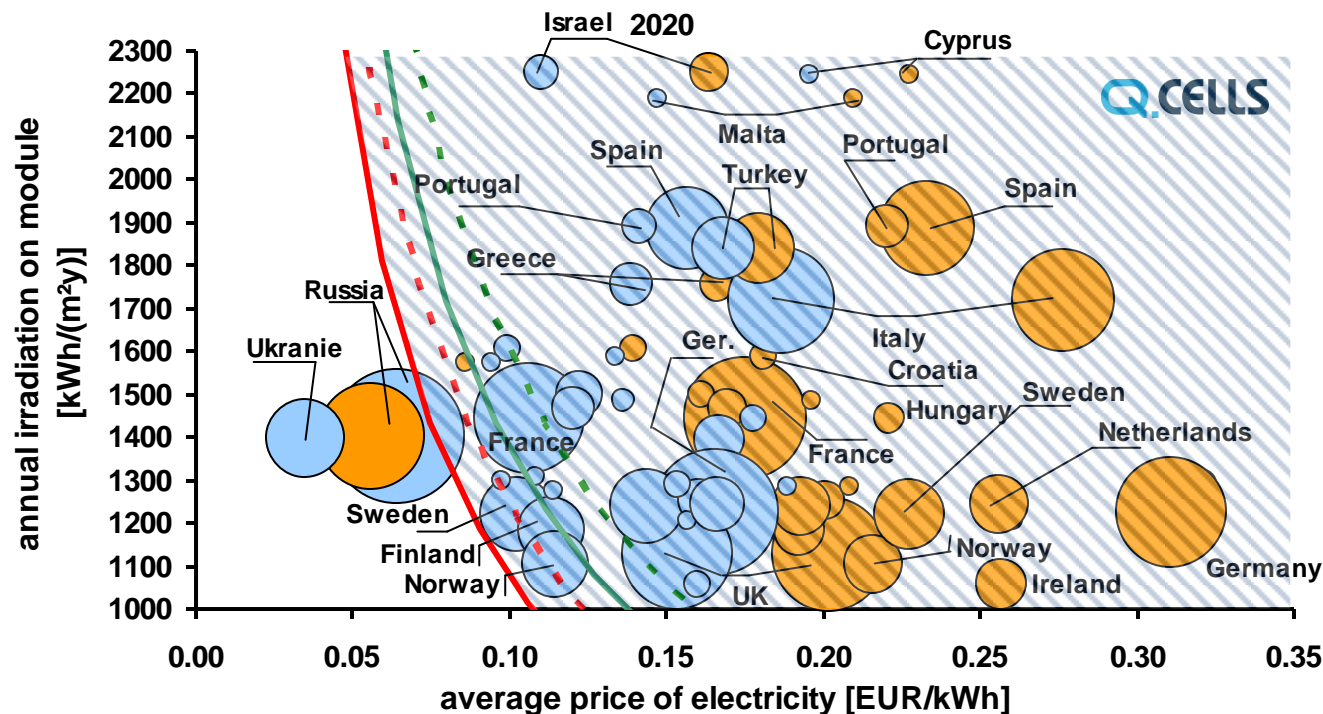
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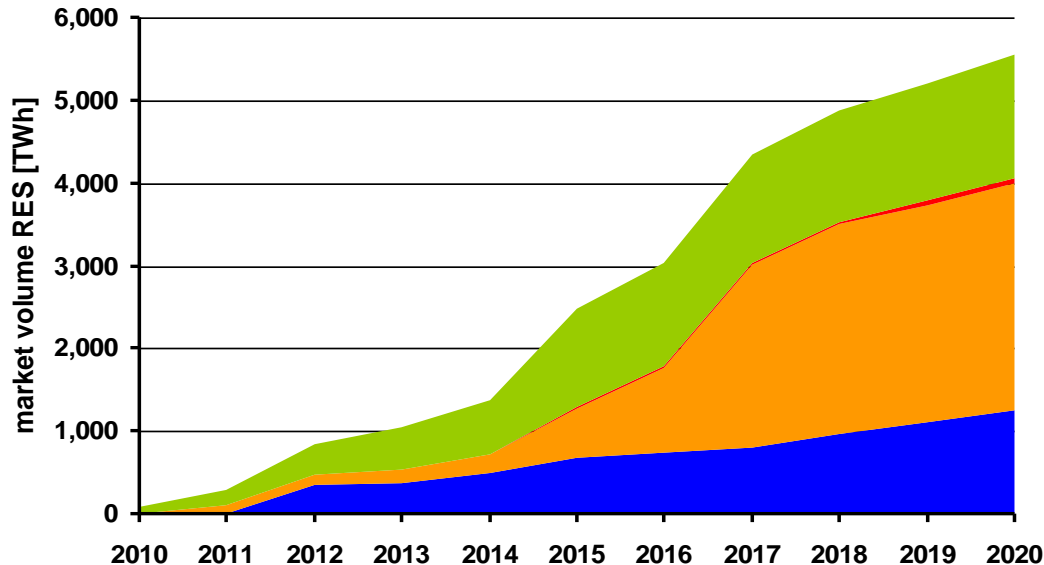
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# 2020 Europe



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# Grid-Parity: Global Trends



■ Asia ■ Americas ■ Africa ■ Europe

regarded countries for residential markets represent:  
 98.0% of world population  
 99.7% of global GDP  
 99.2% of global energy related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions  
 99.5% of global residential electricity consumption

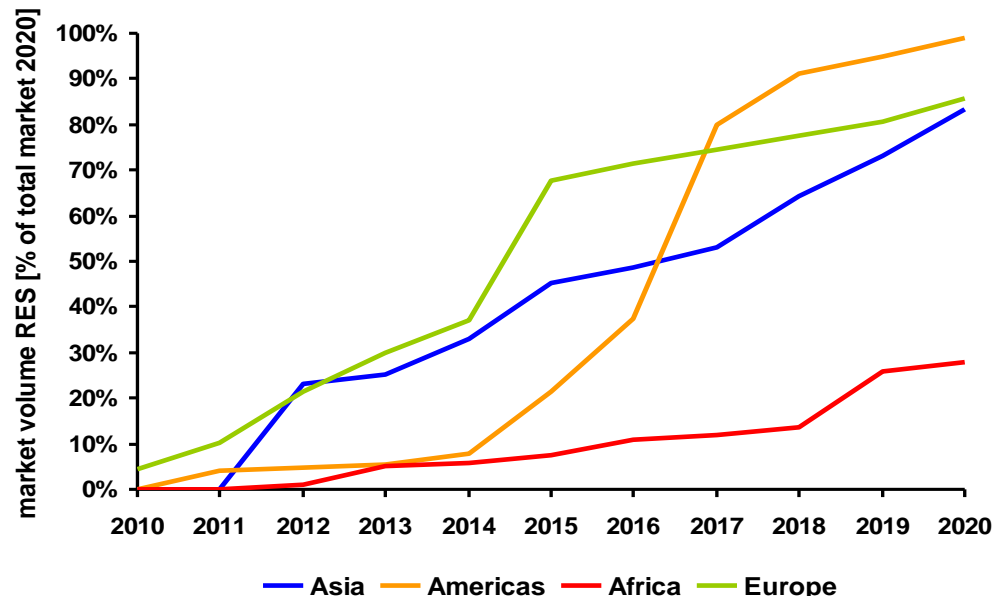
**total Grid-Parity translates to  
 2,000 - 3,900 GWp Market Potential in 2020**

**Assumptions: Capex 2010: ~2.7 €/Wp residential, ~2.4 €/Wp industrial; Opex: 1.5% of Capex; system lifetime 25 years; performance ratio 80%; WACC 6.4%; growth rate: ~30%/y; learning rate: 15-20%**

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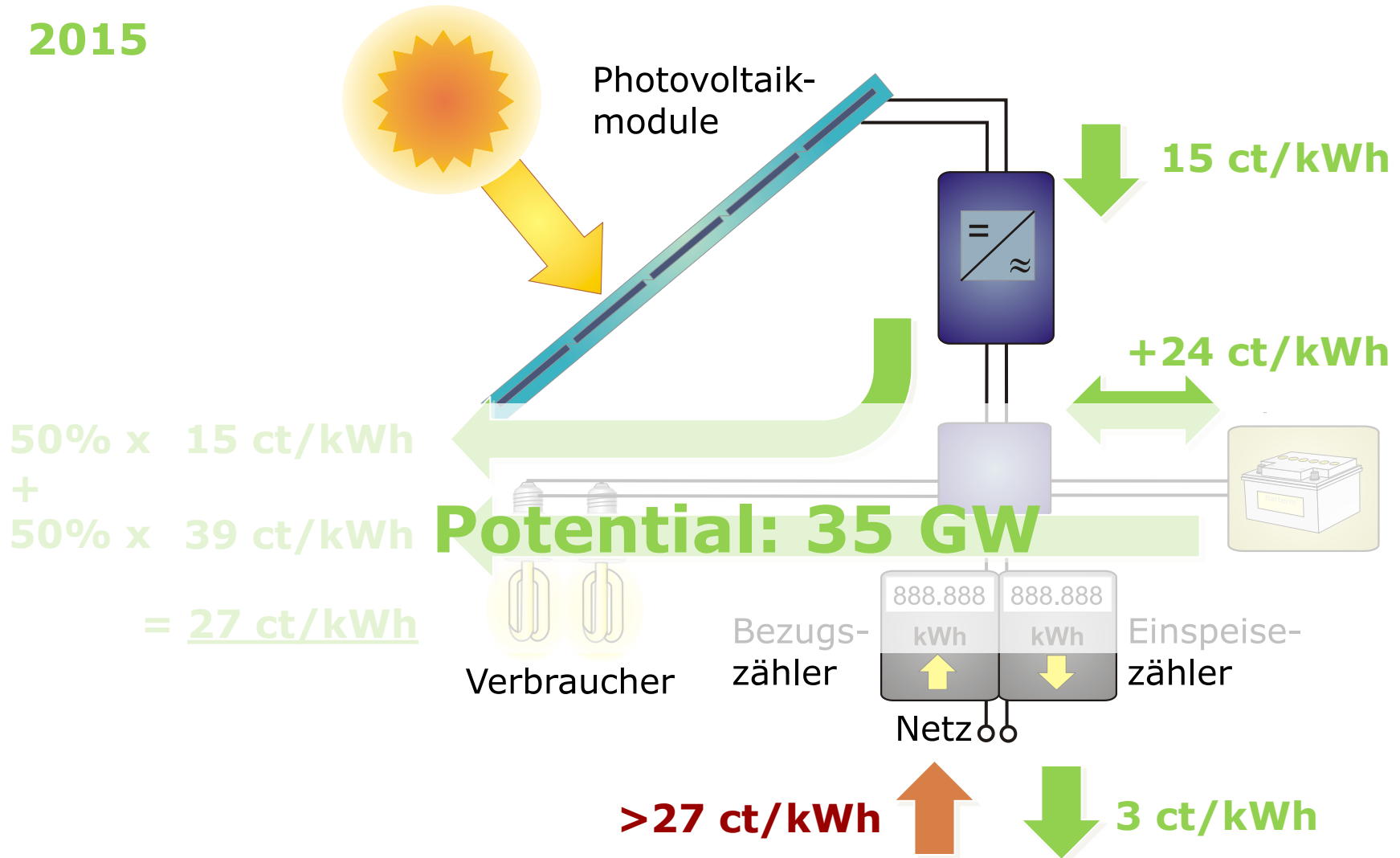
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# Netzgekoppeltes Batteriesystem

2015



# Photovoltaische Heizungsunterstützung

2017

12 ct/kWh

>12 ct/kWh

Photovoltaik-  
module

Wechsel-  
richter

25 %

29 ct/kWh

Kombi-  
Wärme-  
speicher

Heizkessel

Trink-  
wasser

Heiz-  
wasser

Heizung

Verbraucher

888.888 kWh  
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Zähler

Netz

>29 ct/kWh

2 ct/kWh 42 %

12 ct/kWh 33 %

**Potential:**  
**>90 GW**

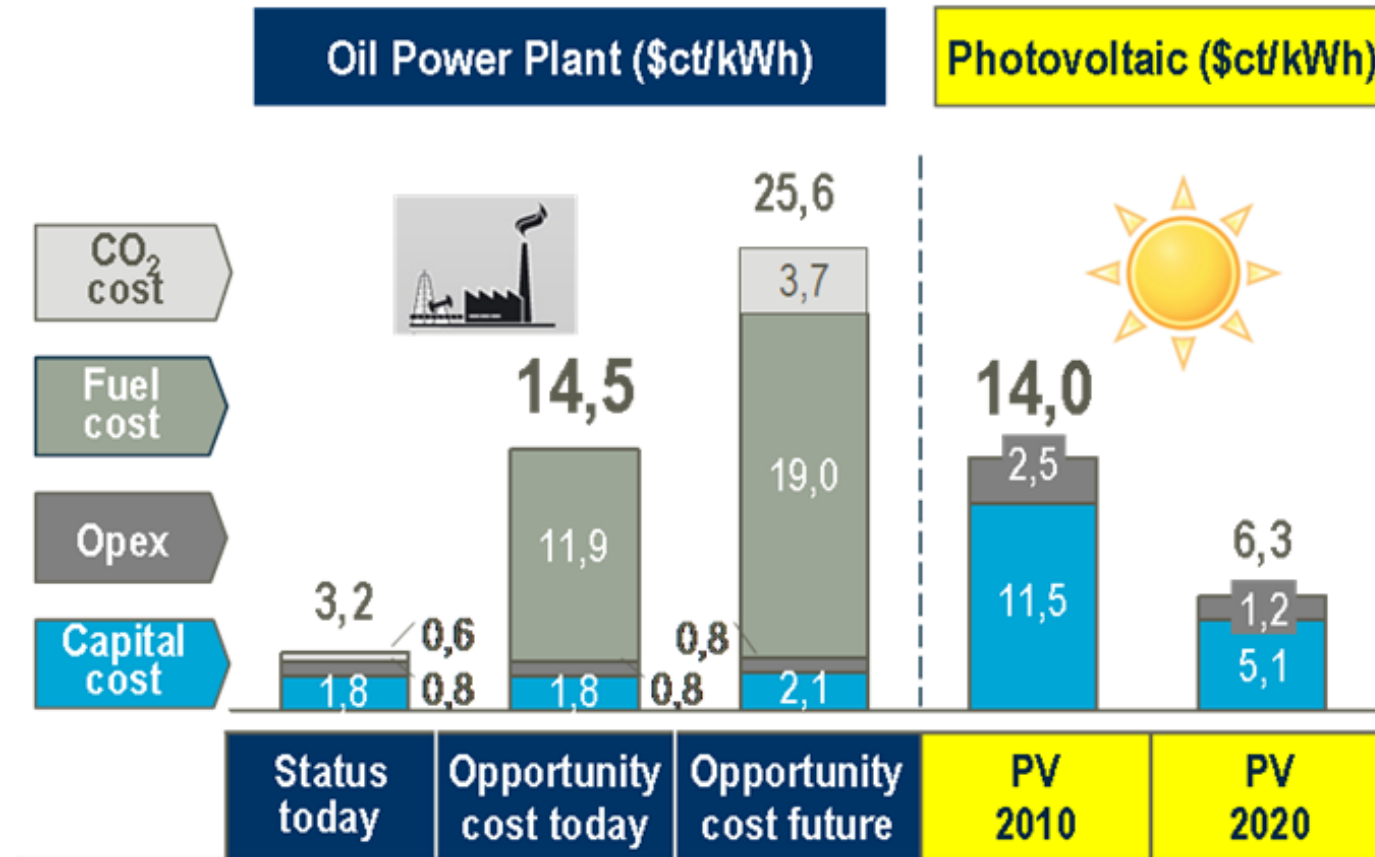


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# PV Oil Fuel-Parity in Sunny Regions

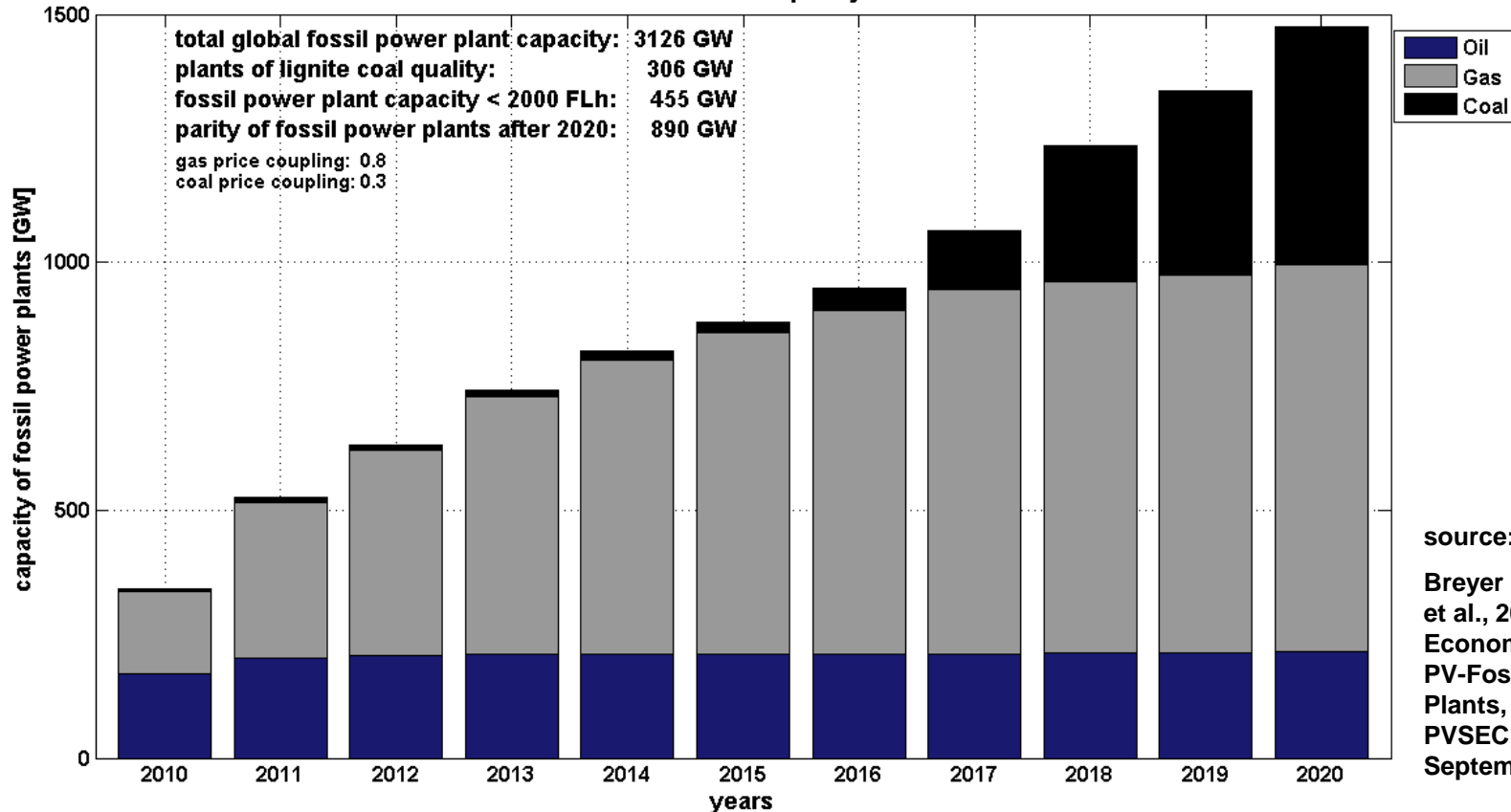


\* oil production cost 4 \$/barrel, world market price for opportunity cost today 80 \$/barrel and in future 160 \$/barrel, PV Capex 2,000 €/kWp (2010) and 1000 €/kWp (2020), 5% WACC

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# Hybrid PV-Fossil: Global Demand for the 2010s

Demand Curve of PV-Fossil Power Plants for total LCOE parity for local FLh >2000 h and scenario: realistic



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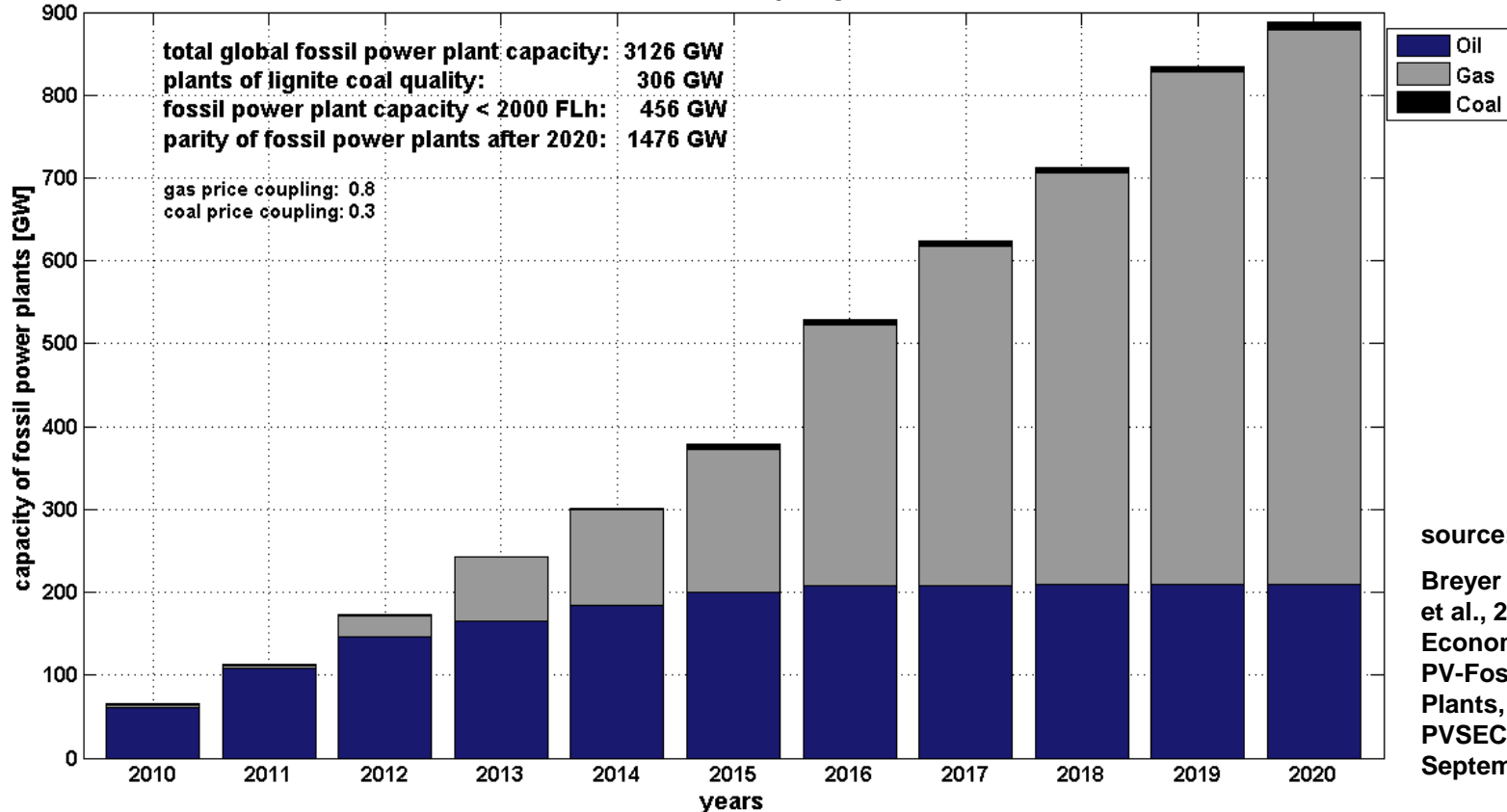
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$\text{total LCOE}_{\text{fossil}} > \text{total LCOE}_{\text{PV}} + \text{FLh-effect}_{\text{fossil}}$

more optimistic assumptions would lead to  
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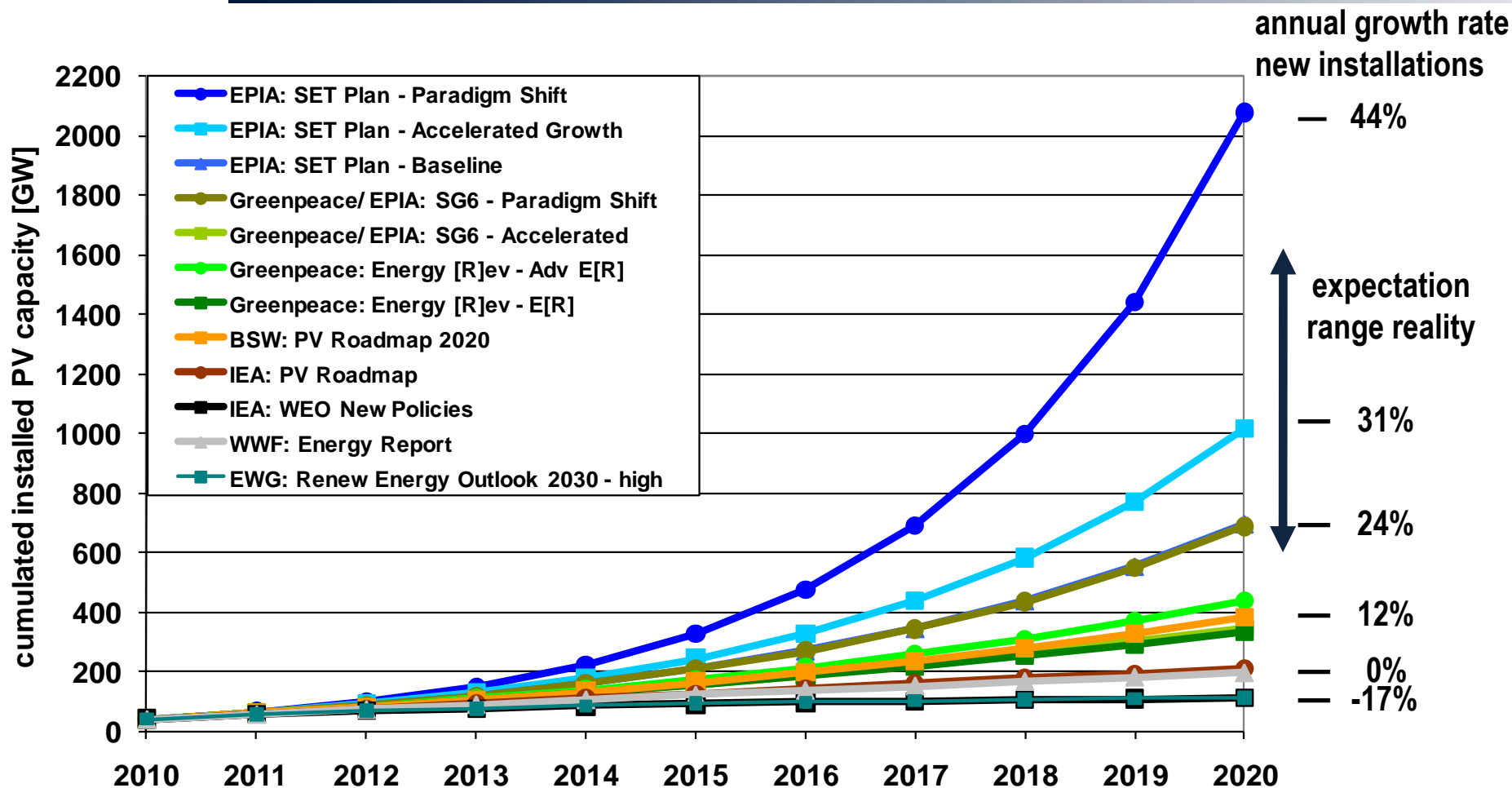
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$$\text{fuel LCOE}_{\text{fossil}} > \text{total LCOE}_{\text{PV}} + \text{FLh-effect}_{\text{fossil}}$$

more pessimistic assumptions would lead to at least 700 GW economic upgrading potential

# Cumulated Installed PV Capacity - World



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Grid-Parity Analysis	2,000 – 3,900 GWp
Fuel-Parity Analysis	1,200 – 2,000 GWp
Economic Market Potential (on-grid)	2,700 – 4,200 GWp
Economic Market Potential (off-grid)	100 GWp
Pessimistic Case	~20% of Potential: ~600 GWp
Realistic Case	~35% of Potential: ~1,000 GWp
Optimistic Case	~50% of Potential: ~1,600 GWp

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# PV and Wind: Ressource Availability

**Data: NASA Surface Meteorology and  
Solar Energy SSE Release 6.0**

**22 years, 1 h time-resolved and  
1° spatially-resolved**

**PV: modeling of 1 GW power plant  
(optimally tilted, dependent on  
temperatur and irradiation , c-Si  
Module, central inverter)**

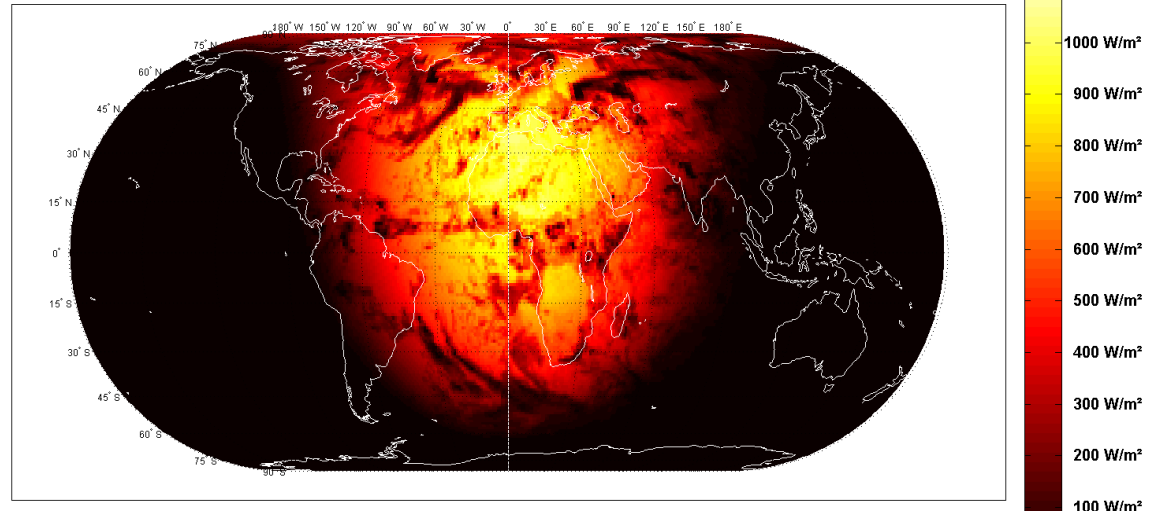
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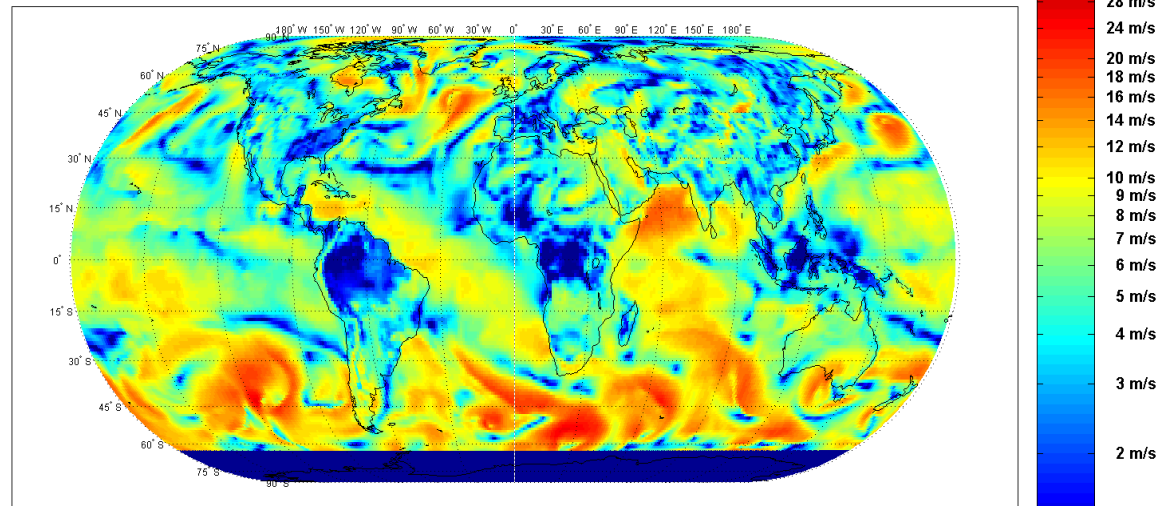
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**Global horizontal irradiation (GHI) worldwide, 2005-06-21 12:30 UTC**



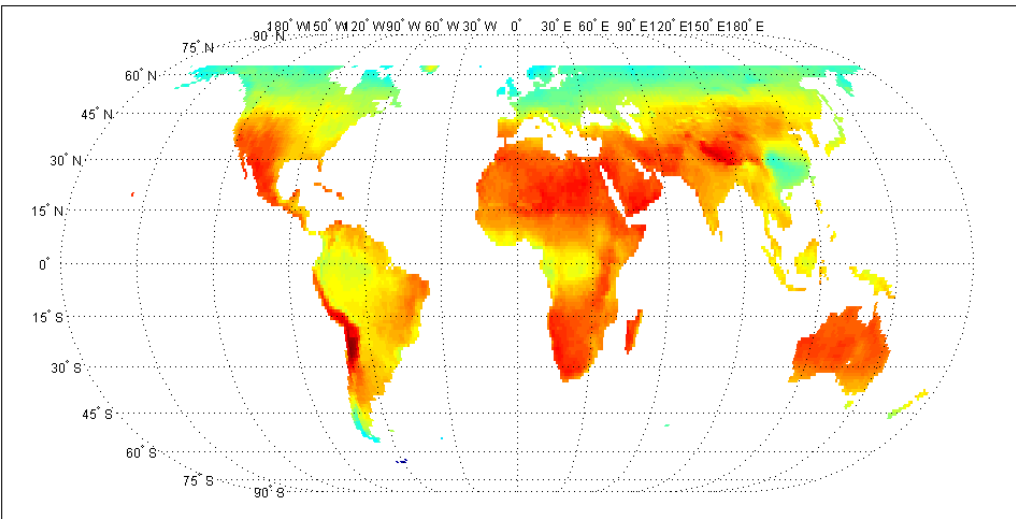
**Wind speeds worldwide, 2005-06-21 12:30 UTC**





# Full Load Hours of PV and Wind Power

Full load hours PV worldwide, 2005

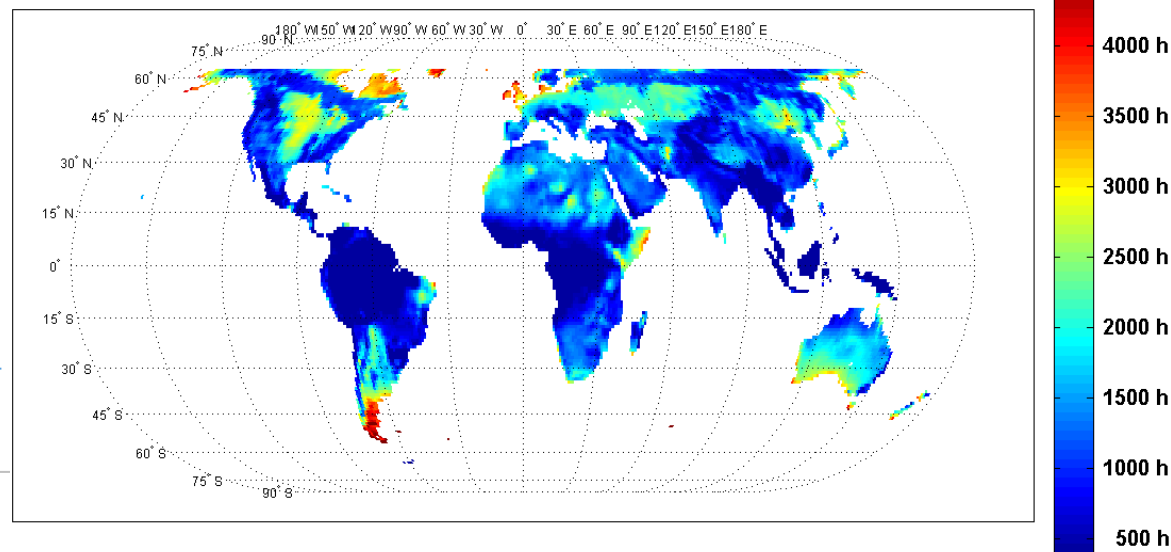


		Technical Potential		PV [TW]	Wind [TW]
2000 h					
1800 h					
1600 h	Weingart	1978	> 100	-	
1400 h	WBGU	2003	infinite	90	
1200 h	Greenpeace	2008	150	35	
1000 h	Sawin and Moomaw	2008	145	55	
800 h	Lu et al.	2009	-	80 - 150	
600 h	Jacobson and Delucchi	2009	580	40 - 85	
400 h	WBGU	2011	8900	54	
200 h	IPCC SRREN	2011	120000	190	
	Current Global Energy Demand				
	including waste of heat	[TW]	17.0		
	direct energy demand	[TW]	11.5		

$$FLh_{PV} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{8760} (P_{PV,i}) \right) \cdot 1GW^{-1}$$

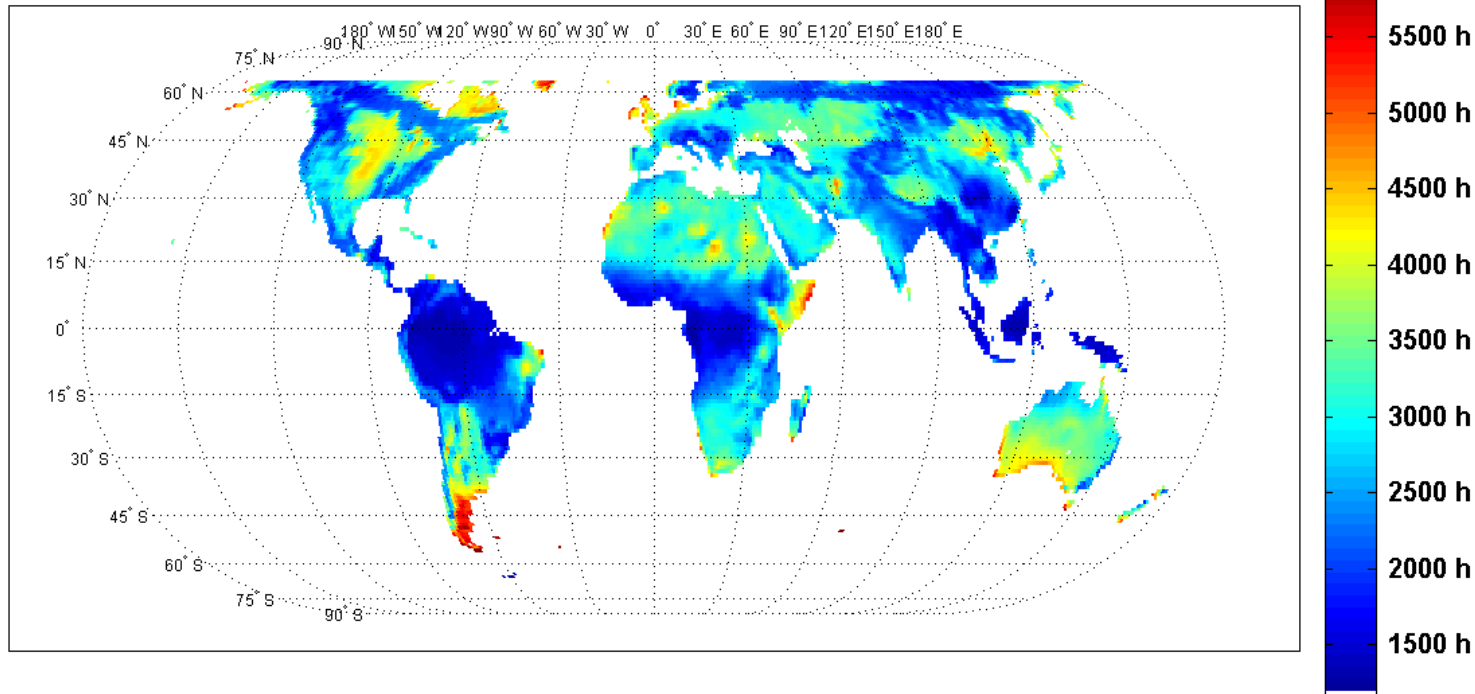
$$FLh_{Wind} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{8760} (P_{Wind,i}) \right) \cdot 1GW^{-1}$$

Full load hours Wind worldwide, 2005



# Full Load Hours of PV and Wind Power

Full load hours PV plus Wind worldwide, 2005



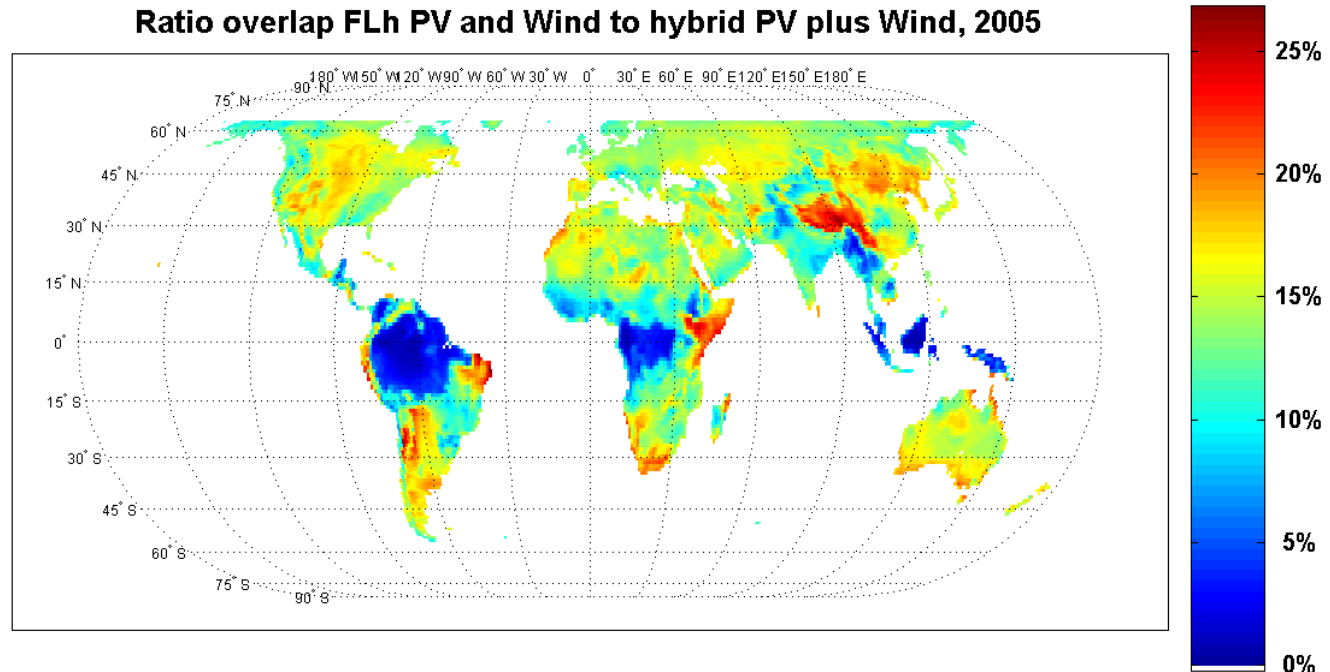
$$FLh_{PV,Wind} = FLh_{PV} + FLh_{Wind}$$

**Question:** How much of PV and Wind energy has been produced at the same time?

# Overlap of PV and Wind Power

**Overlap**  
ranging between  
**5 ... 25 %**  
of total energy

Ratio overlap FLh PV and Wind to hybrid PV plus Wind, 2005



$$FLh_{OL} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{8760} \min(P_{PV,i}, P_{Wind,i}) \right) \cdot 1GW^{-1}$$

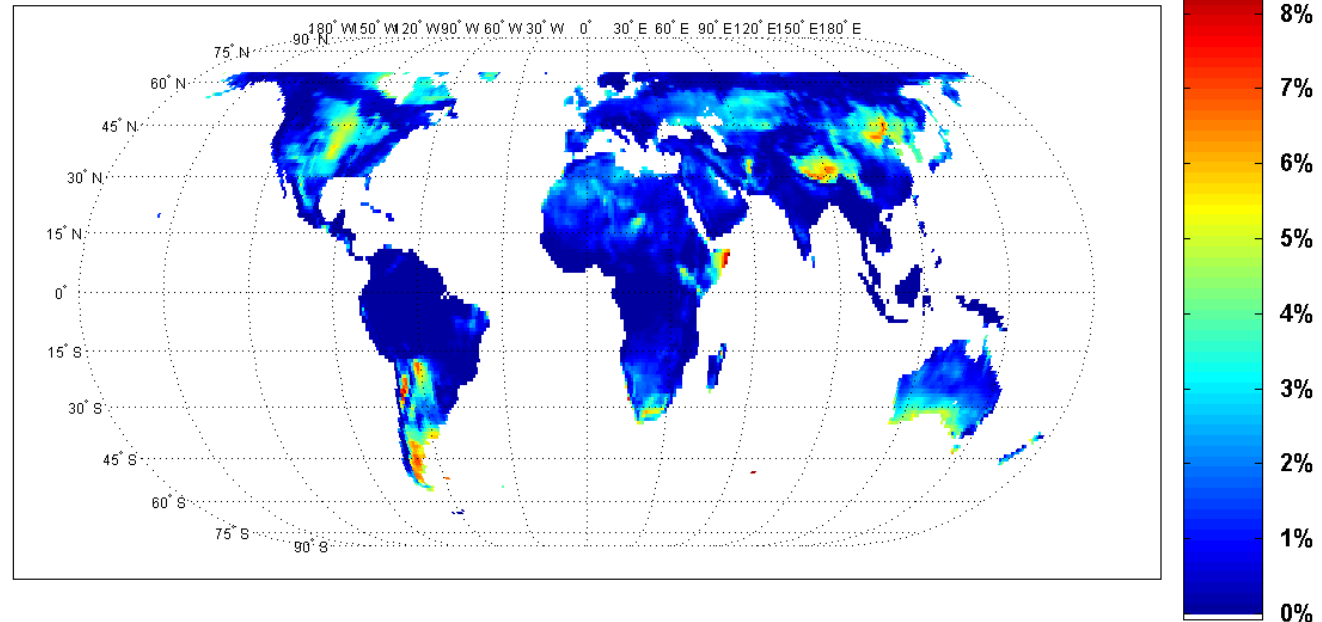
**Question:** How much of the overlap energy is critical?

**Critical Overlap**  
**< 9 %**  
of total energy

critical due to limitations in

- grid capacity,
- storage capacity,
- balancing systems,
- etc.

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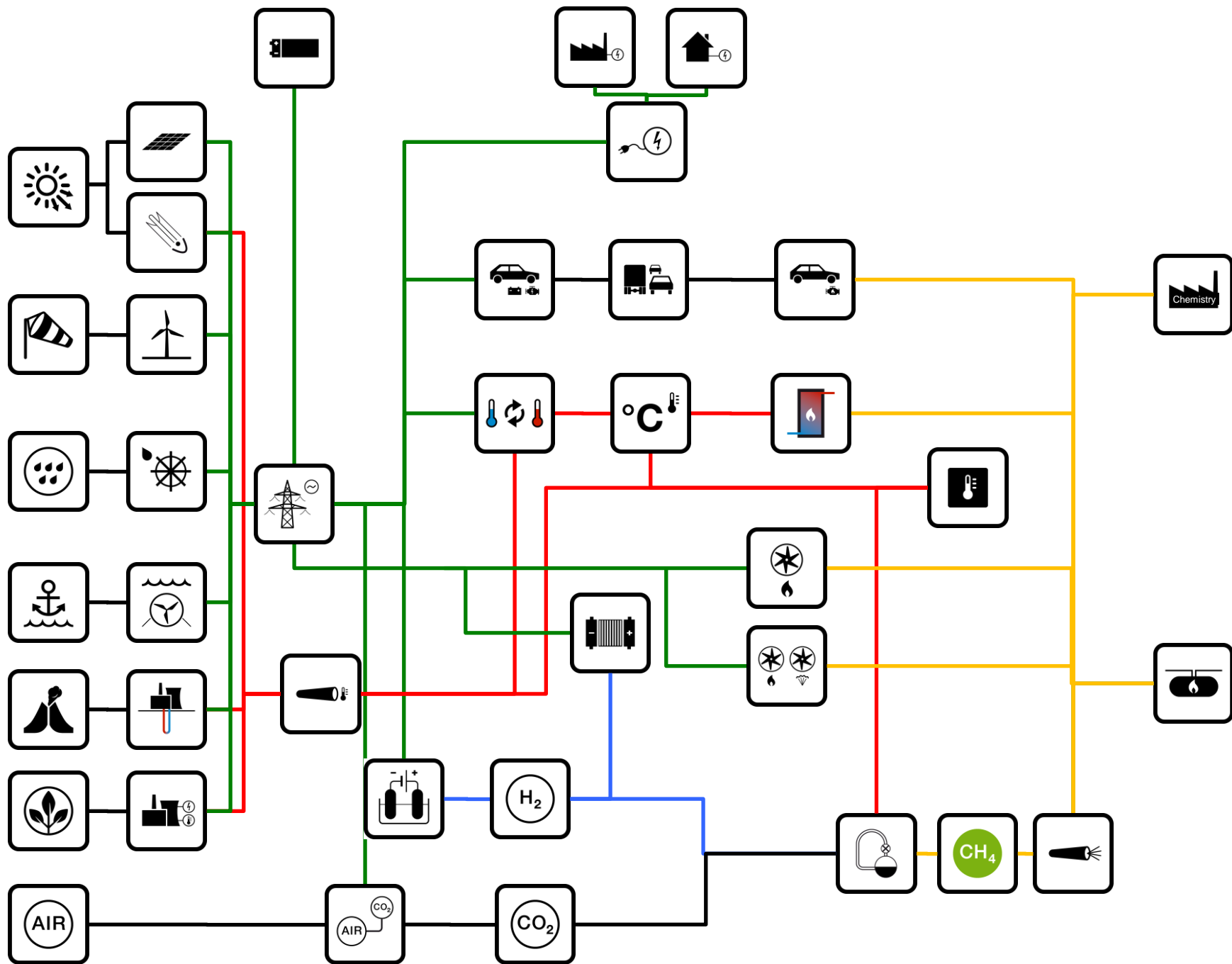
$$FLh_{COL} = \left( \sum_{\forall i \in \{(P_{PV,i} + P_{Wind,i}) > 1GW\}} P_{PV,i} + P_{Wind,i} - 1GW \right) \cdot 1GW^{-1}$$

→ in most parts of the world **only 1 – 3 %** of total energy production would be critical

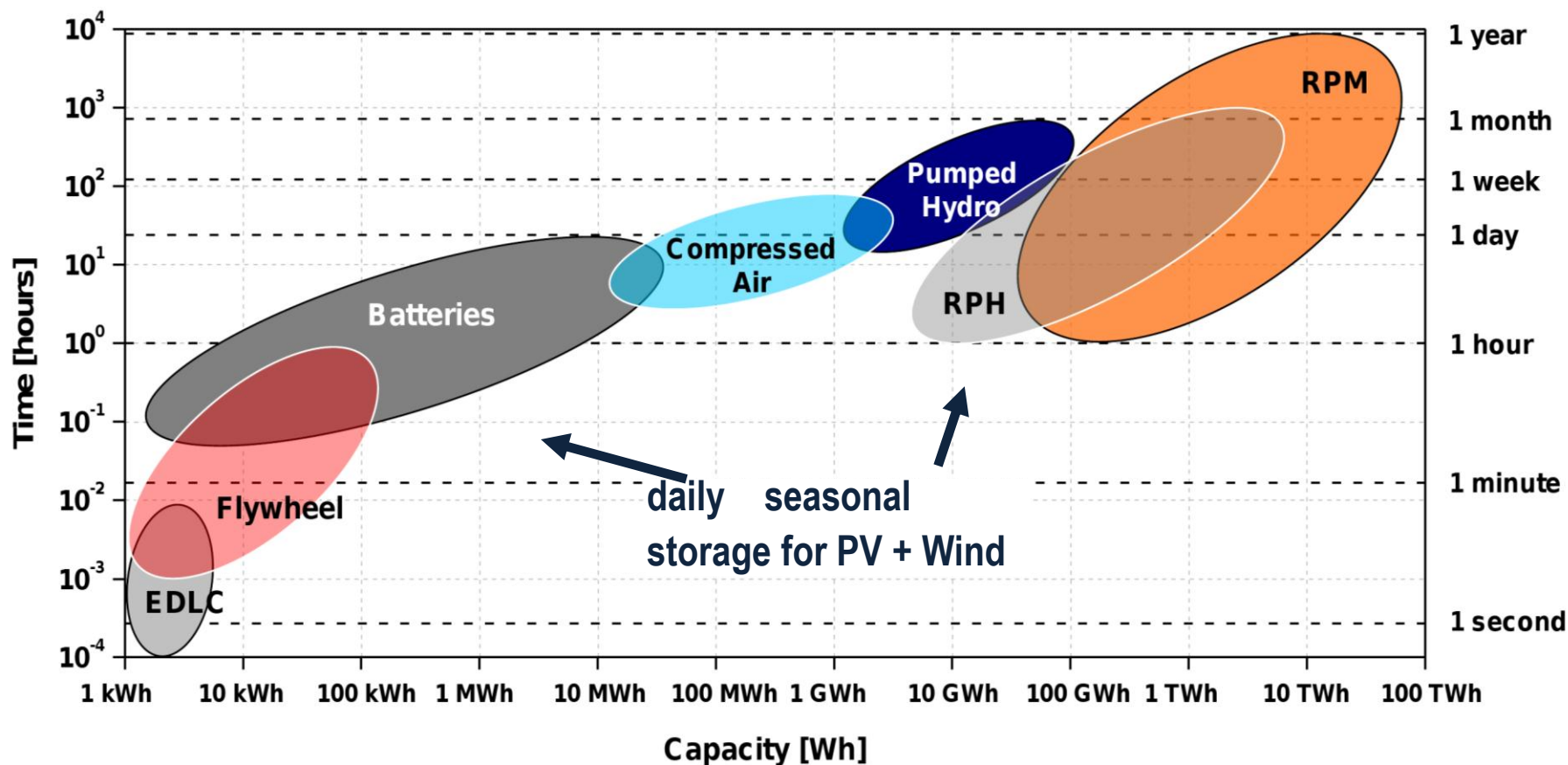
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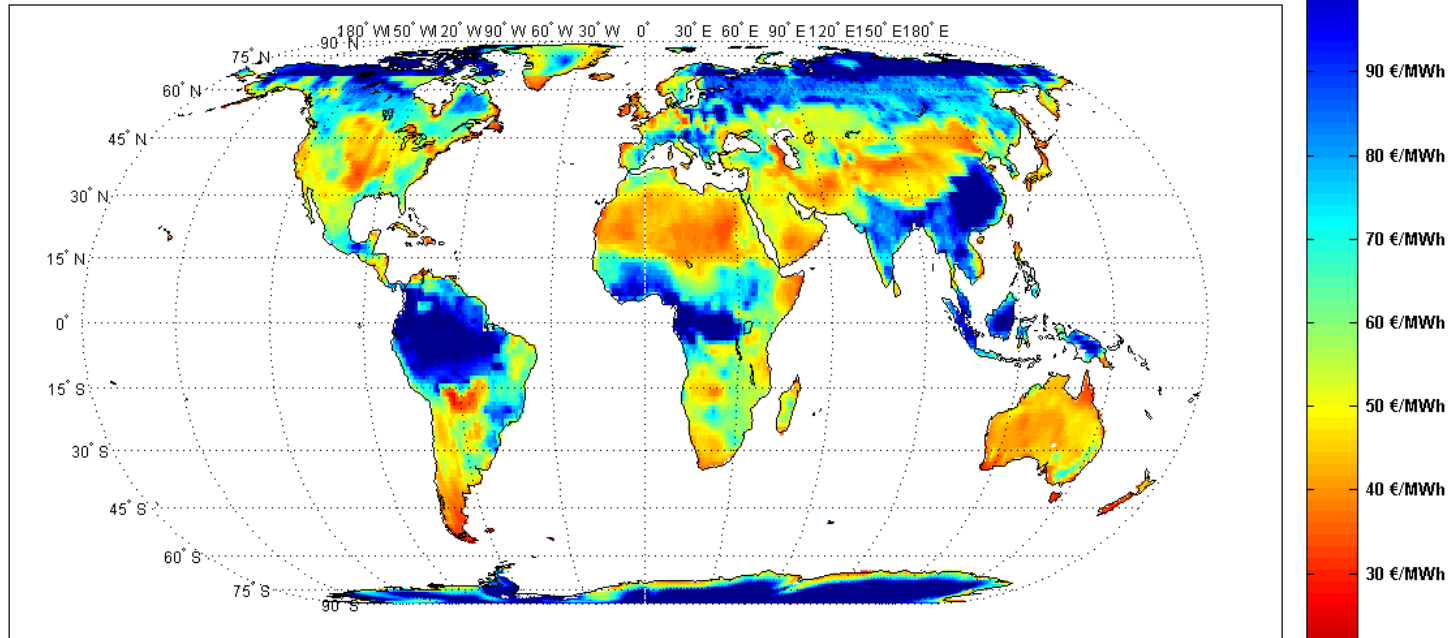
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**RPM: most relevant TWh seasonal storage**  
(Capex, Opex, efficiency, infrastructure)

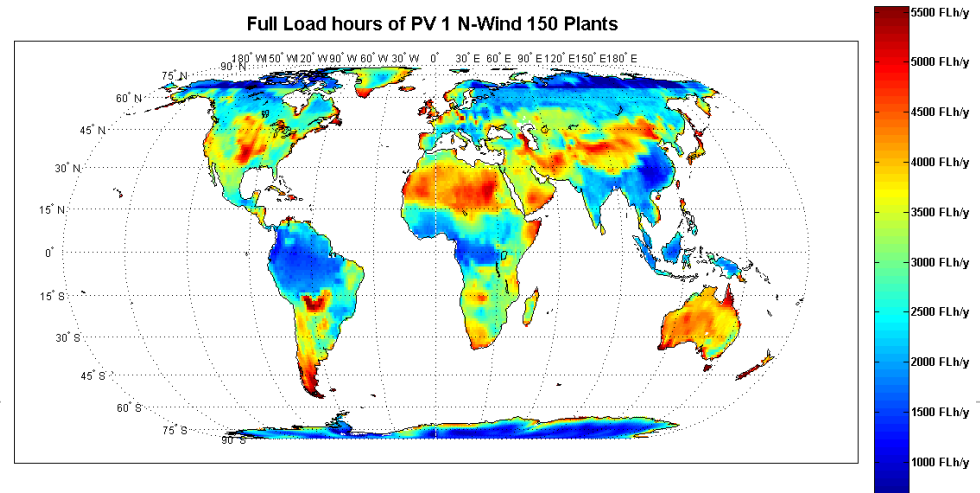


# RPM: hybrid PV-Wind power plant basis

LCOE of PV 1 N-Wind 150 Plants in year 2020



Full Load hours of PV 1 N-Wind 150 Plants

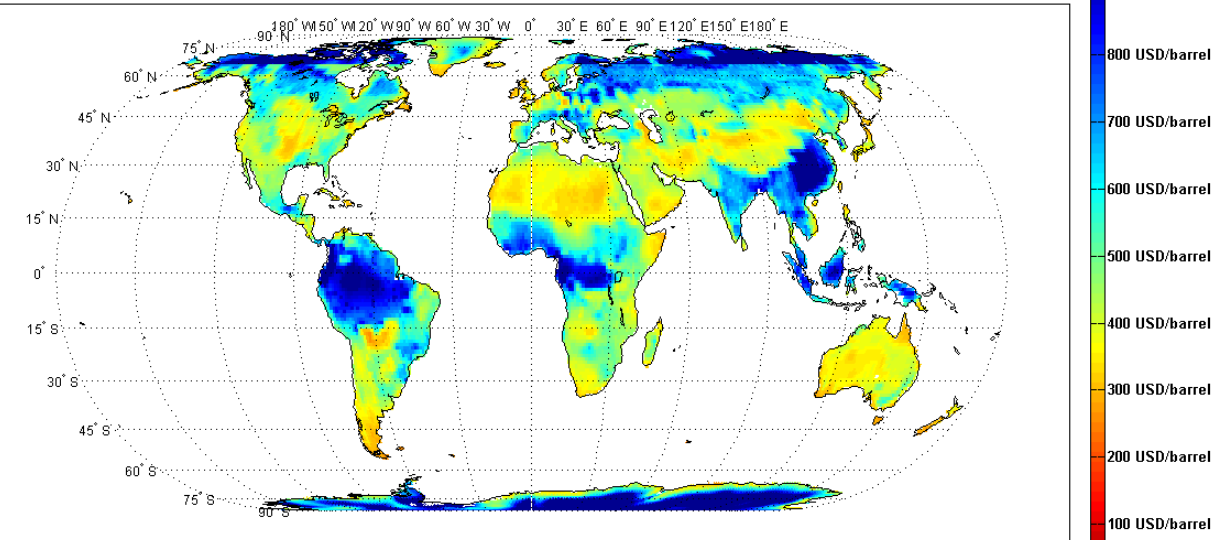


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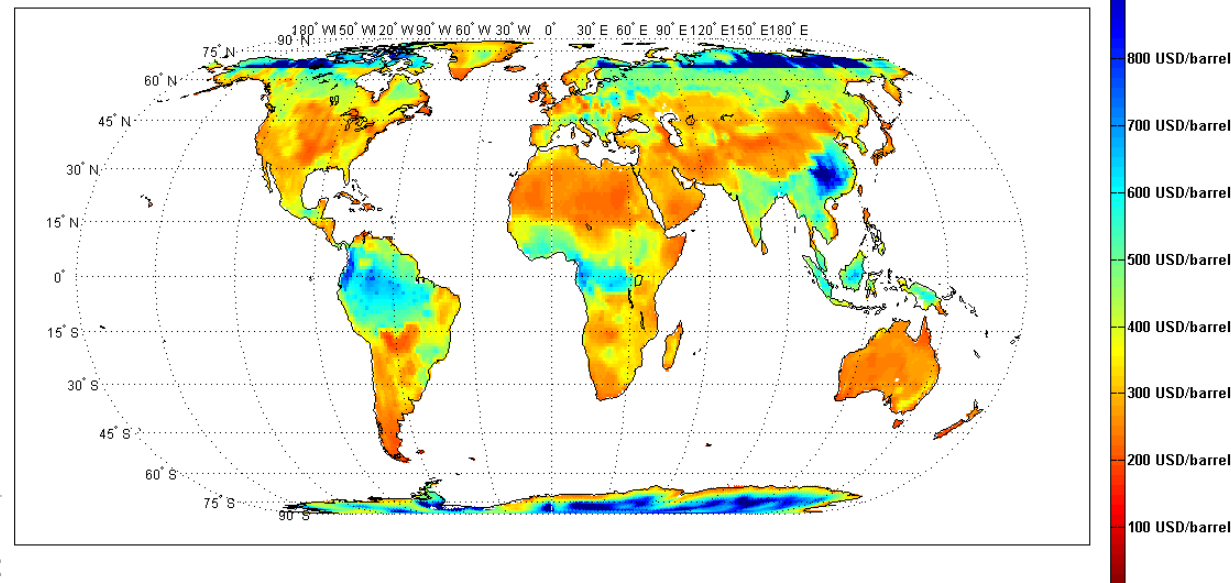
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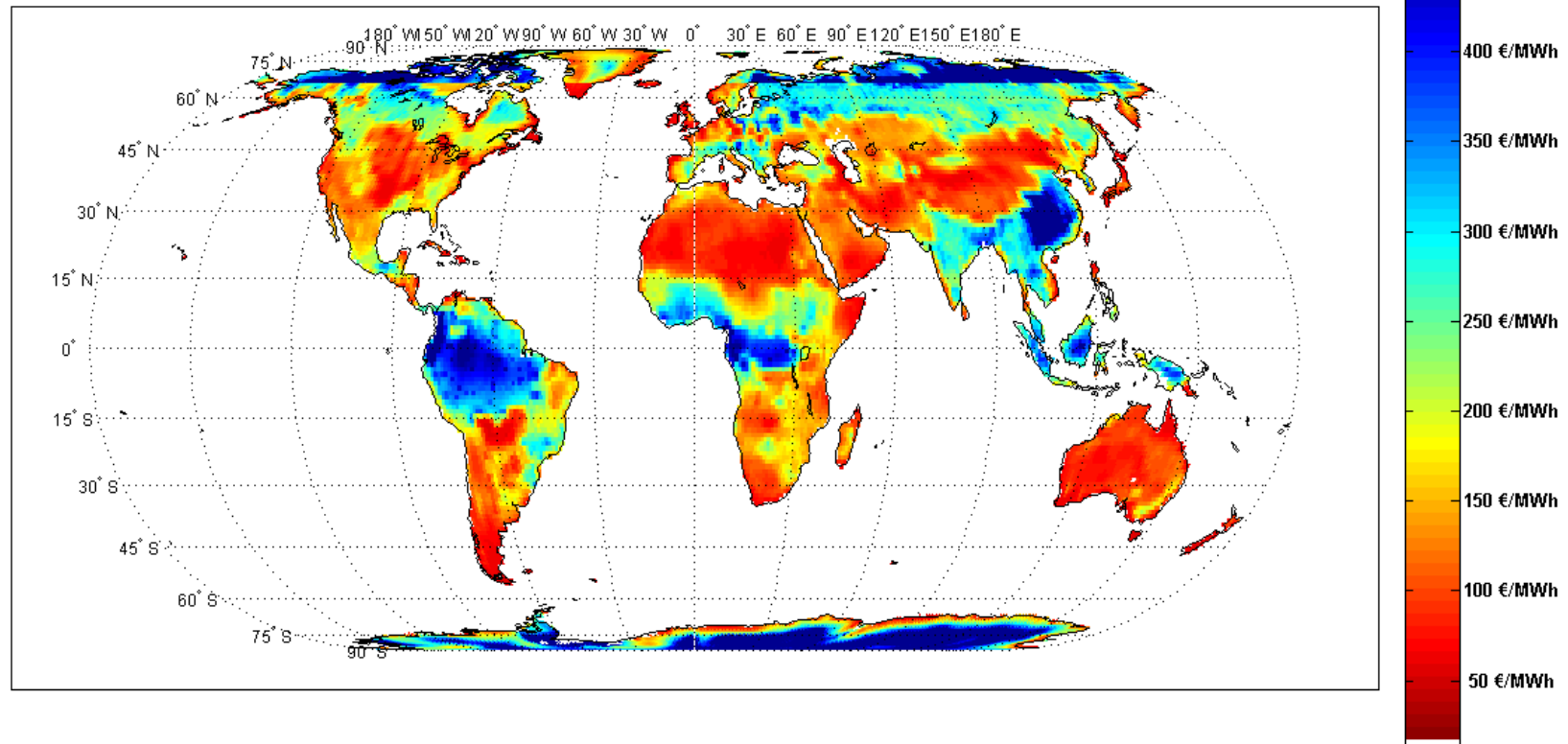


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# RPM: hybrid PV-Wind power plant basis

Total LCOE RES air Methane CCGT of PV 1 N-Wind 150 Plants at 5000 FLh in year 2020

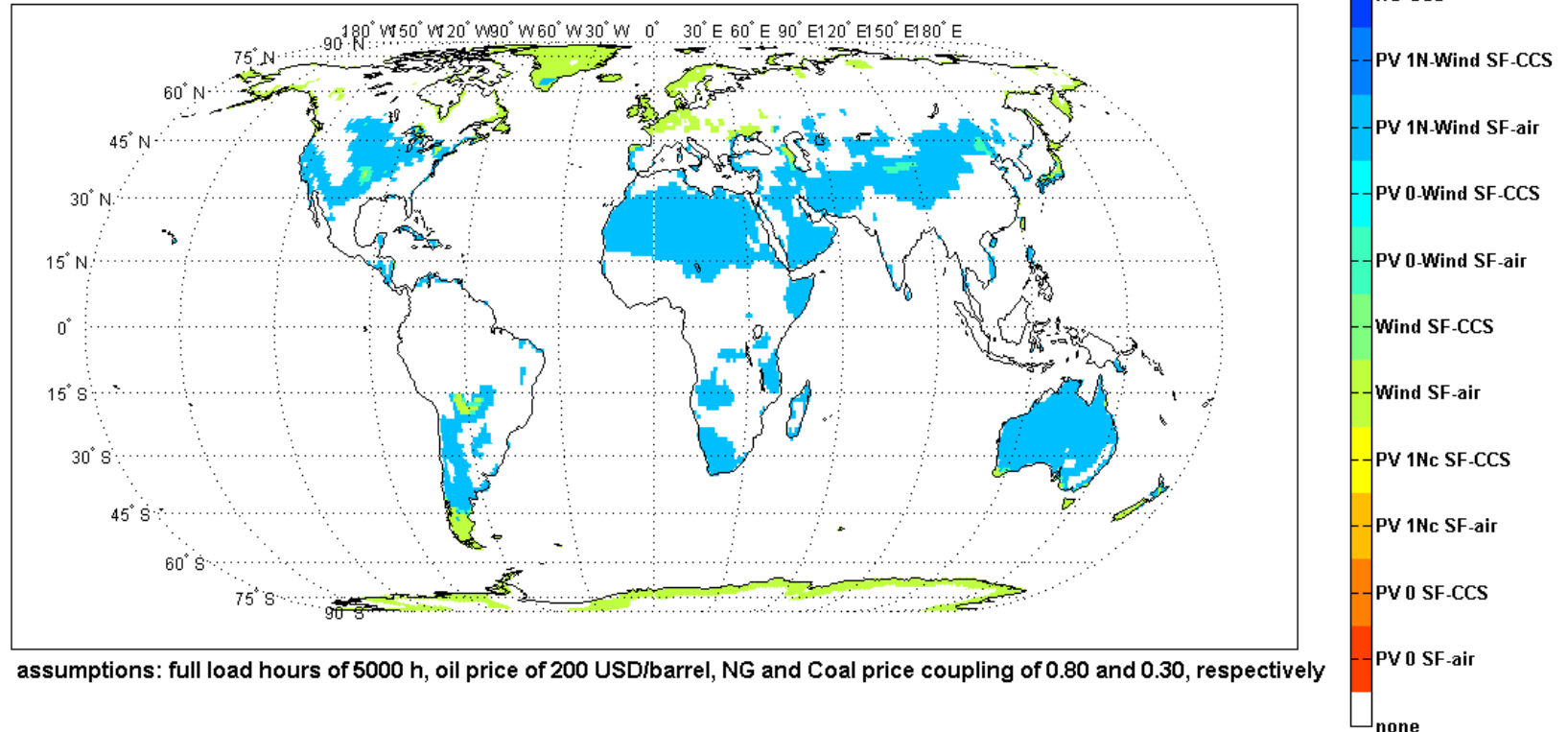


source:

Breyer Ch. et al., 2011. Hybrid PV-Wind-Renewable Methane Power Plants – A Potential Cornerstone of Global Energy Supply, 26<sup>th</sup> EU PVSEC, Hamburg, September 5–9

# Least LCOE systems as basis for global supply

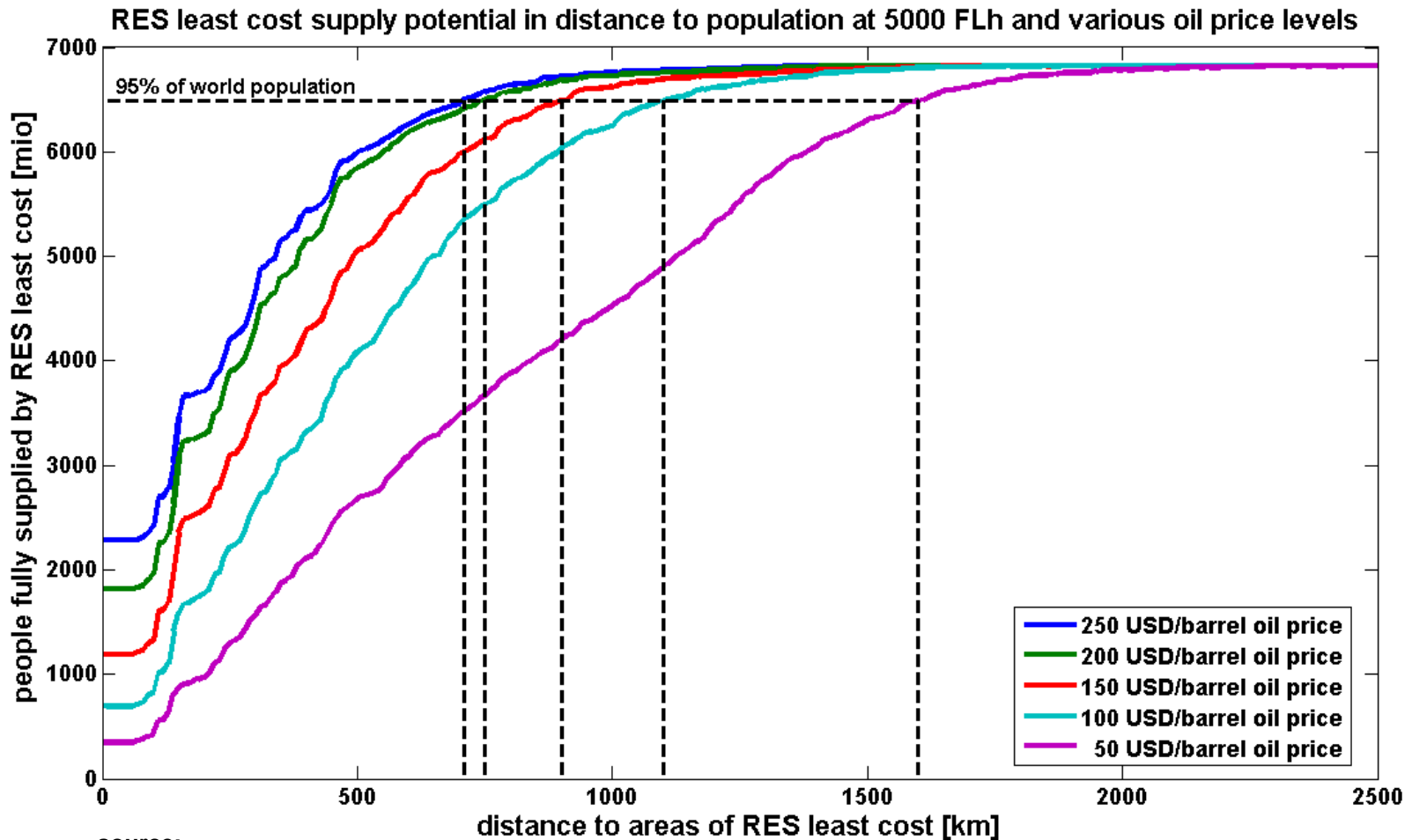
**RES-only Methane and NG-/Coal-CCS Plant of least local cost in year 2020**



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# Energiewende: 100% EE – Autarkie (Mitteldeutschland)



Speicher, täglich, dezentral



Speicher, täglich, zentral



Methan (Erdgas) GuD-Kraftwerk



Photovoltaik

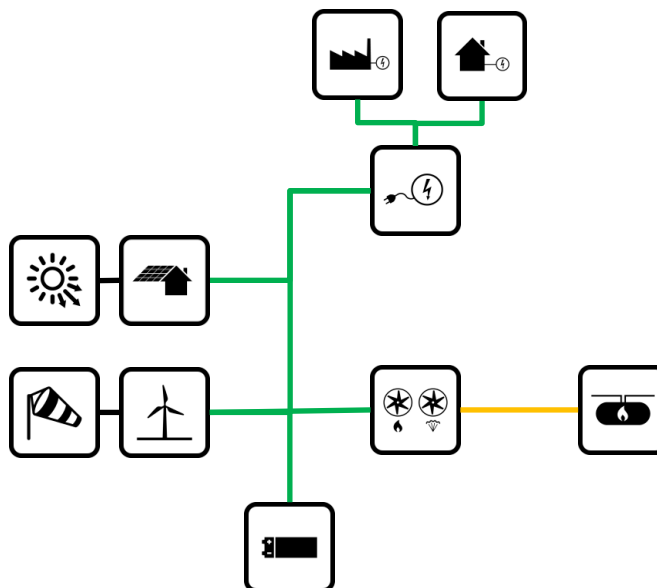


Windkraft

0% EE  
100% Erdgas

→

100% EE  
0% Erdgas



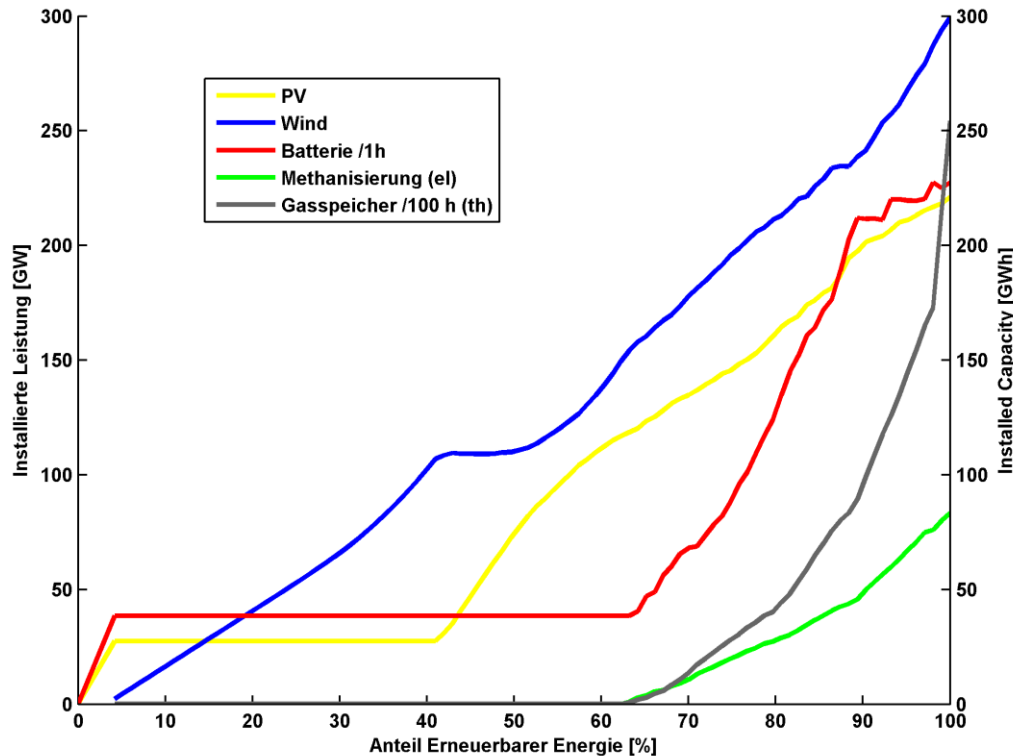
Speicher, saisonal, zentral  
EE-Methan Anlage

es fehlen (noch):

- Biogas dezentral/ Biomethan zentral
- Wasserkraft
- Kopplung Wärme
- Kopplung Mobilität
- Kopplung Verbundnetz



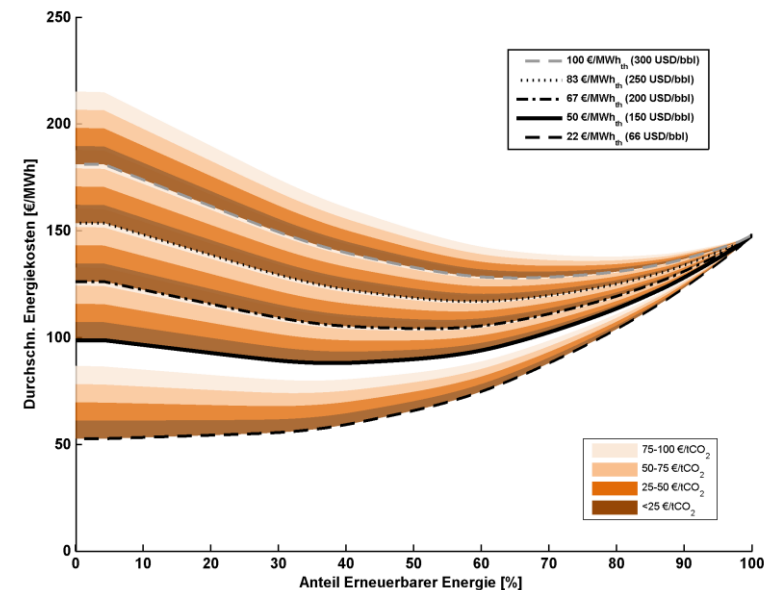
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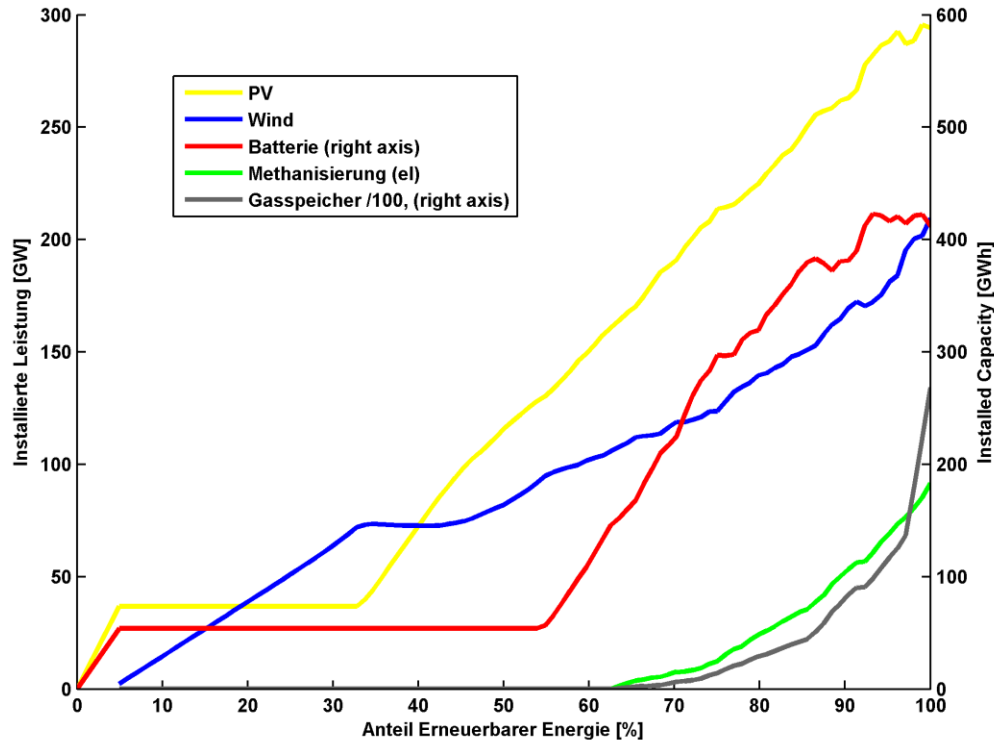
- PV und Windkraft mit vergleichbarer Leistung
- Stundenspeicher erst dezentral dann zentral
- saisonaler Speicher ab 60 - 70 % EE
- die ersten 40 – 50 % EE senken sicher die Kosten

## Annahmen:

- PV plus Speicher Netzparität
- Rest kostenoptimiert Netzebene
- Referenzjahre: 2020 (Kosten EE), 2005 (Wetter), 2010 (Lastgang)
- Capex: PV (1000 €/kW), Wind (1000 €/kW), Batterie (175 €/kWh)
- WACC: 6,4 %
- VLh: PV (~ 1000), Wind (~ 2000)



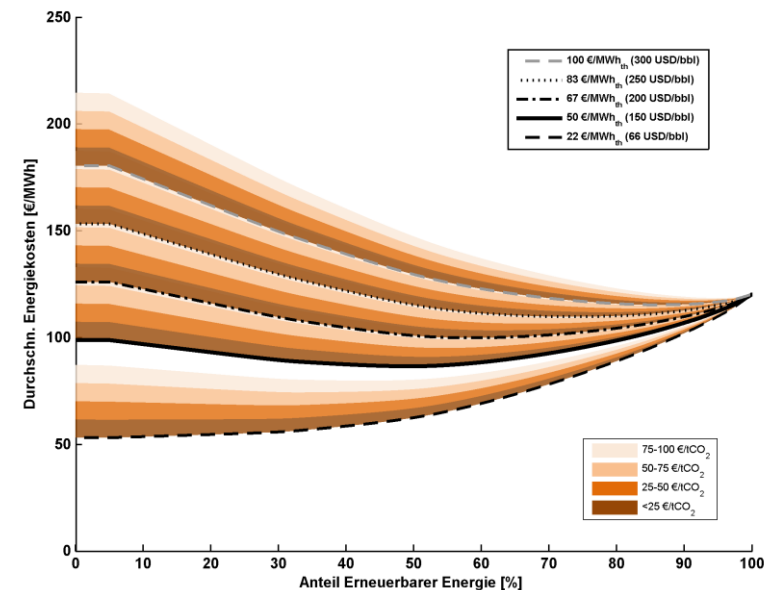
# Energiewende 2030: 100% EE - Autarkie



- PV und Windkraft mit vergleichbarer Leistung
- Stundenspeicher erst dezentral dann zentral
- saisonaler Speicher ab 60 - 70 % EE
- die ersten 80 % EE sind kostenneutral

## Annahmen:

- PV plus Speicher Netzparität
- Rest kostenoptimiert Netzebene
- Referenzjahre: 2020 (Kosten EE), 2005 (Wetter), 2010 (Lastgang)
- Capex: PV (730 €/kW), Wind (1000 €/kW), Batterie (100 €/kWh)
- WACC: 6,4 %
- VLh: PV (~ 1000), Wind (~ 2000)



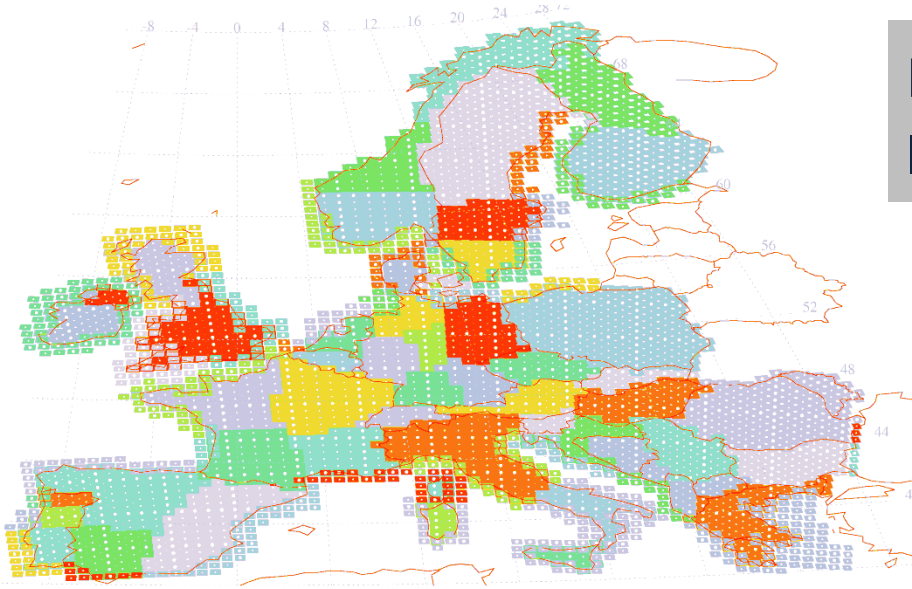
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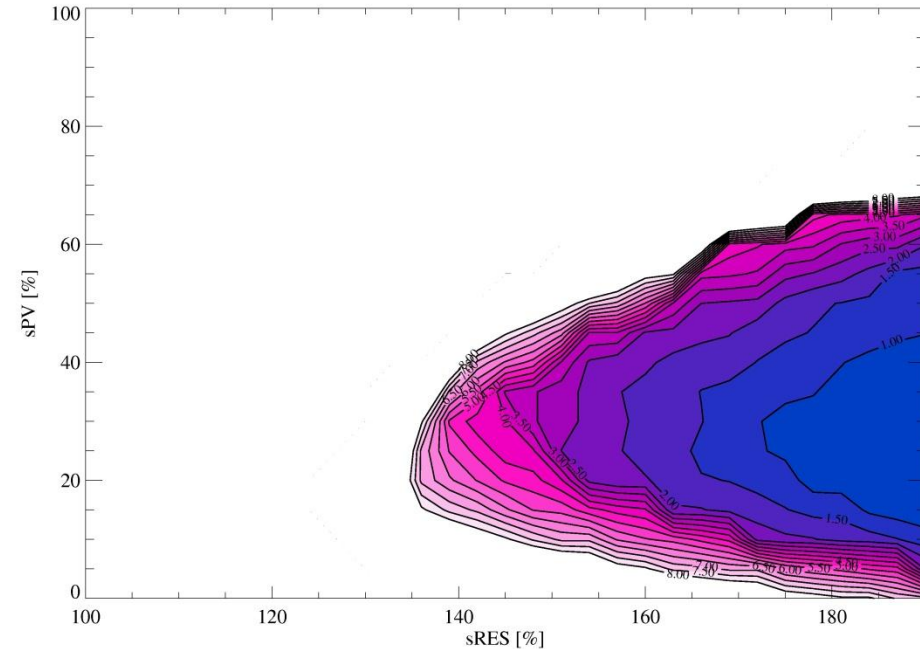
# Europe: Growth limits for PV

## PV potential in Europe assuming excellent grids and substantial storage



**EPIA PV target 2020: 12% of supply**  
**It might be too conservative!**

**20 - 50% PV supply in the European electricity system might be possible**



source: Hoffmann C., 2008. IRES-III Berlin  
(study by Siemens and FhG-IWES)

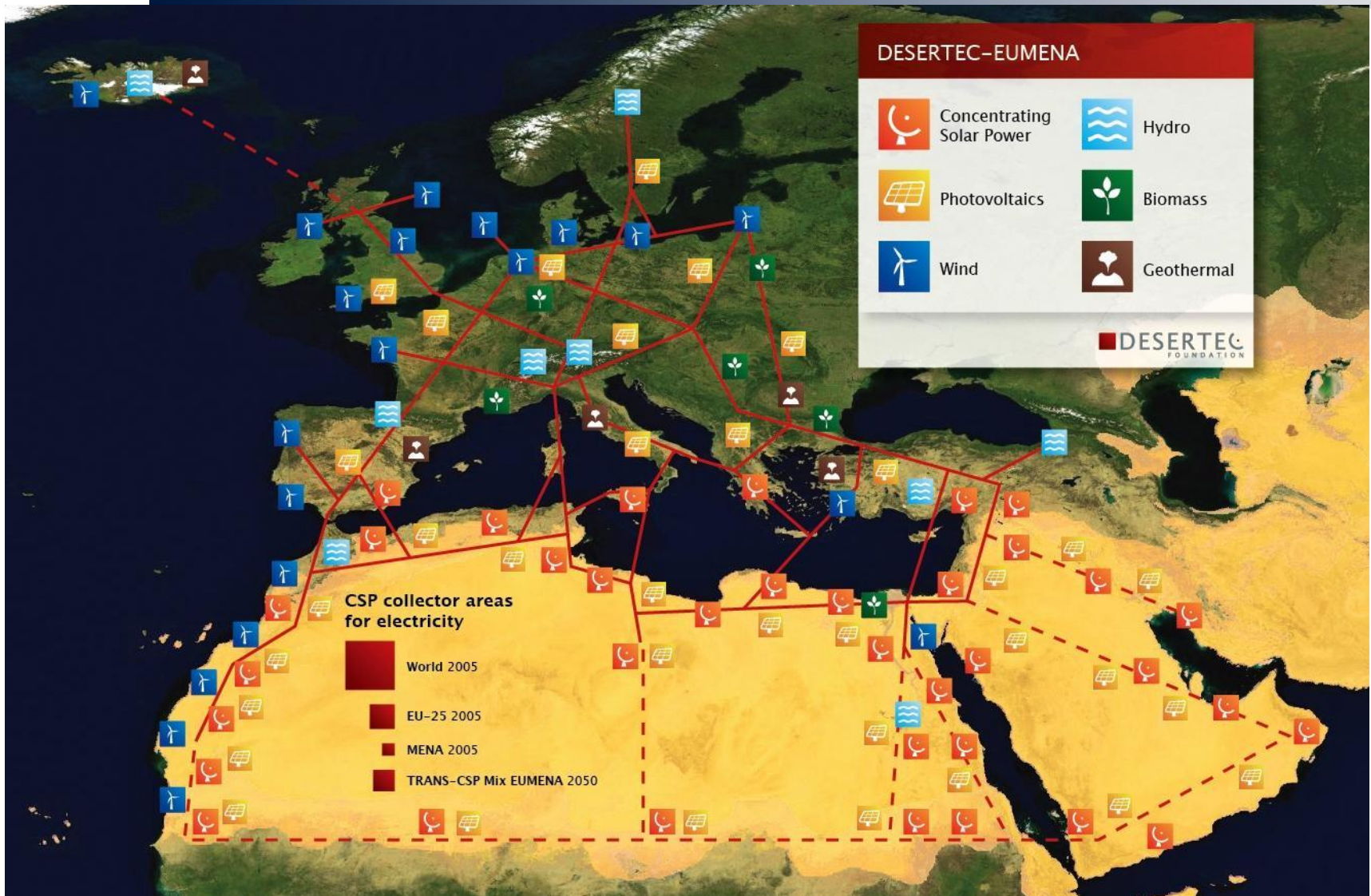


# DESERTEC concept: Major Technologies





# DESERTEC concept for EU-MENA



# Grand Solar Plan for the US

## A Solar Grand Plan



**50% solar electricity supply target  
(25% by PV and 25% by solar thermal)**

### More Details in:

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- ongoing fast PV cost reduction is very likely
- high (economic) demand for adapted off-grid PV solutions
- 30-40% more tracking yield equals 5-10% lower LCOE
- economic PV market potential by 2020 roughly 2,800 – 4,300 GWp
- cumulative installed capacity by 2020 roughly 600 – 1,600 GWp
- PV and wind power complement each other perfectly
- renewable power methane may become an attractive storage option
- >95% of mankind live <1,000 km to least cost PV-Wind-RPM-CCGT sites

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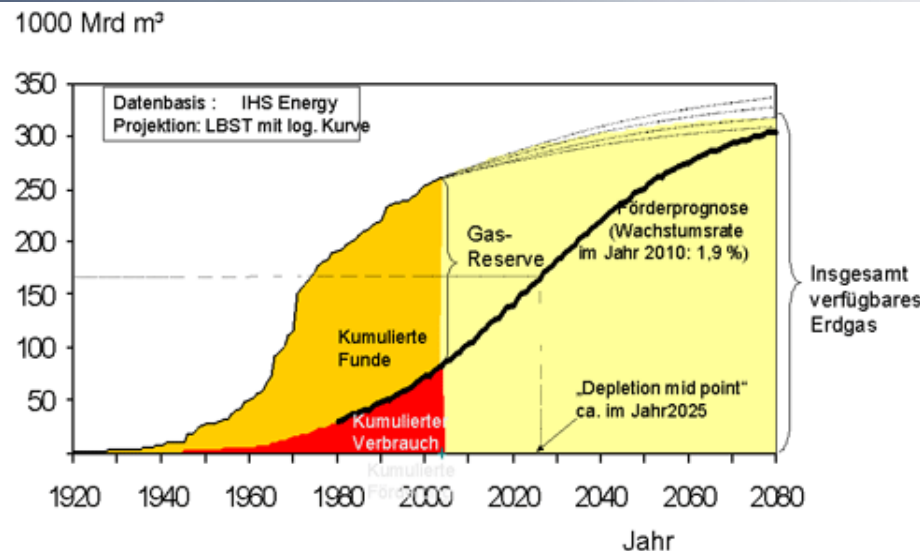
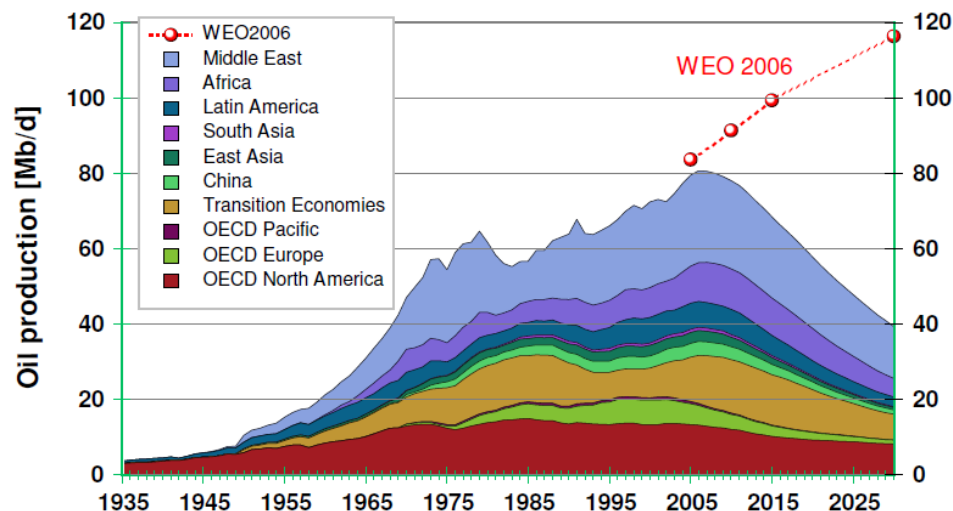
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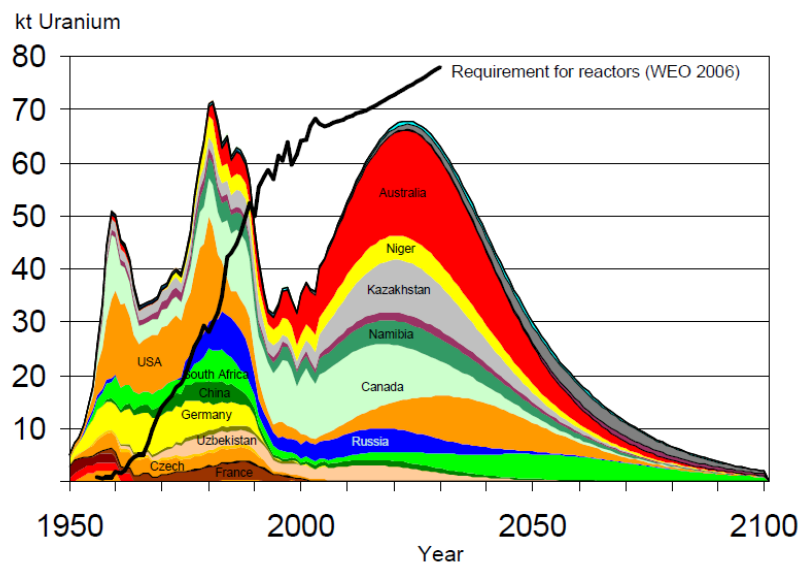
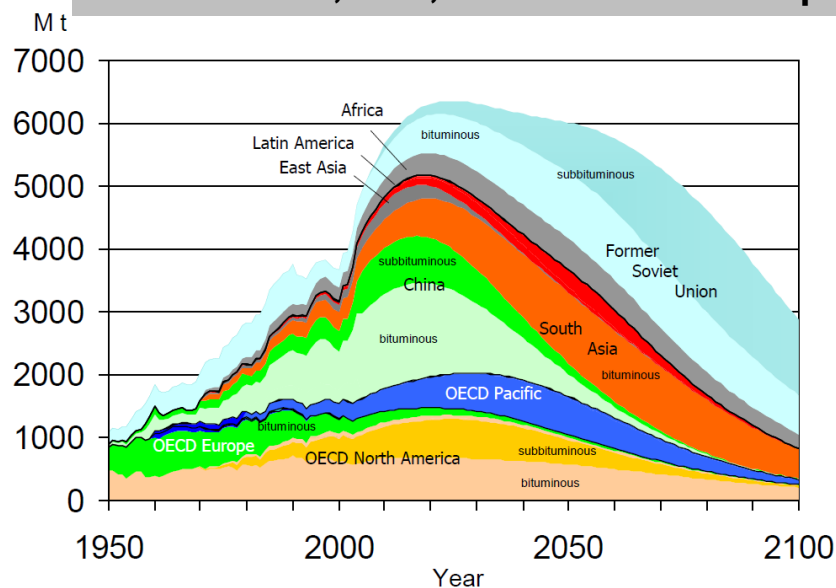




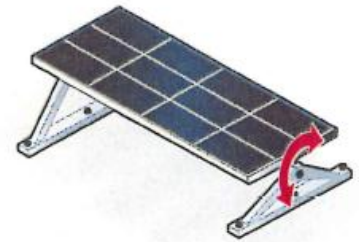
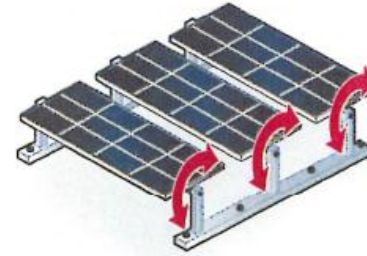
# Electricity Constraints: Diminishing Energy Fuels



**Peak of Oil, Gas, Coal and Uranium production within next 5 – 25 years (very likely)**



# Major Tracking Systems

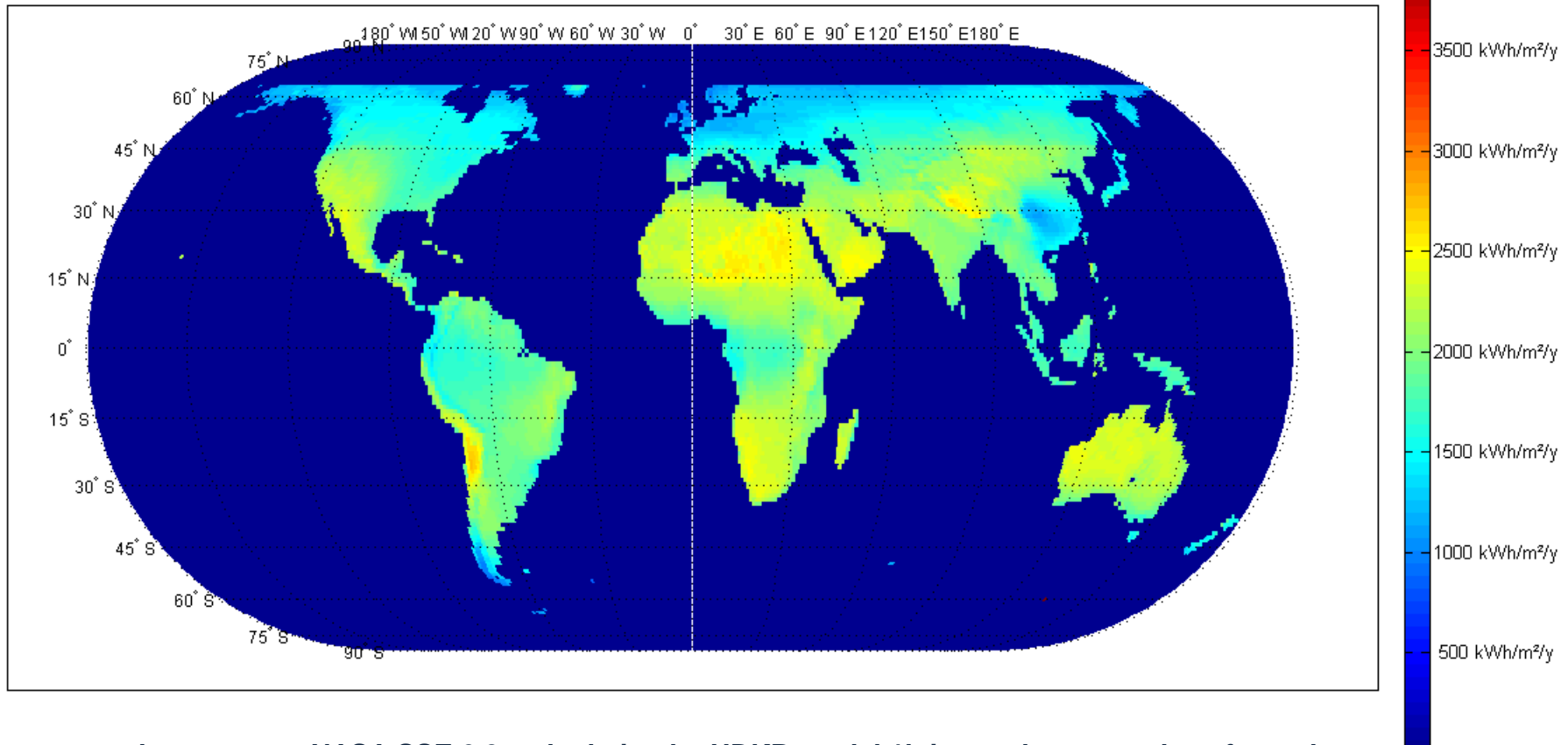


0-axis fixed tilted  
1-axis horizontal  
1-axis tilted  
1-axis vertical  
2-axes



# Irradiation: Fixed Tilted at Optimal Tilt Angle

irradiation 0-axis fixed tilted optimal tilt angle



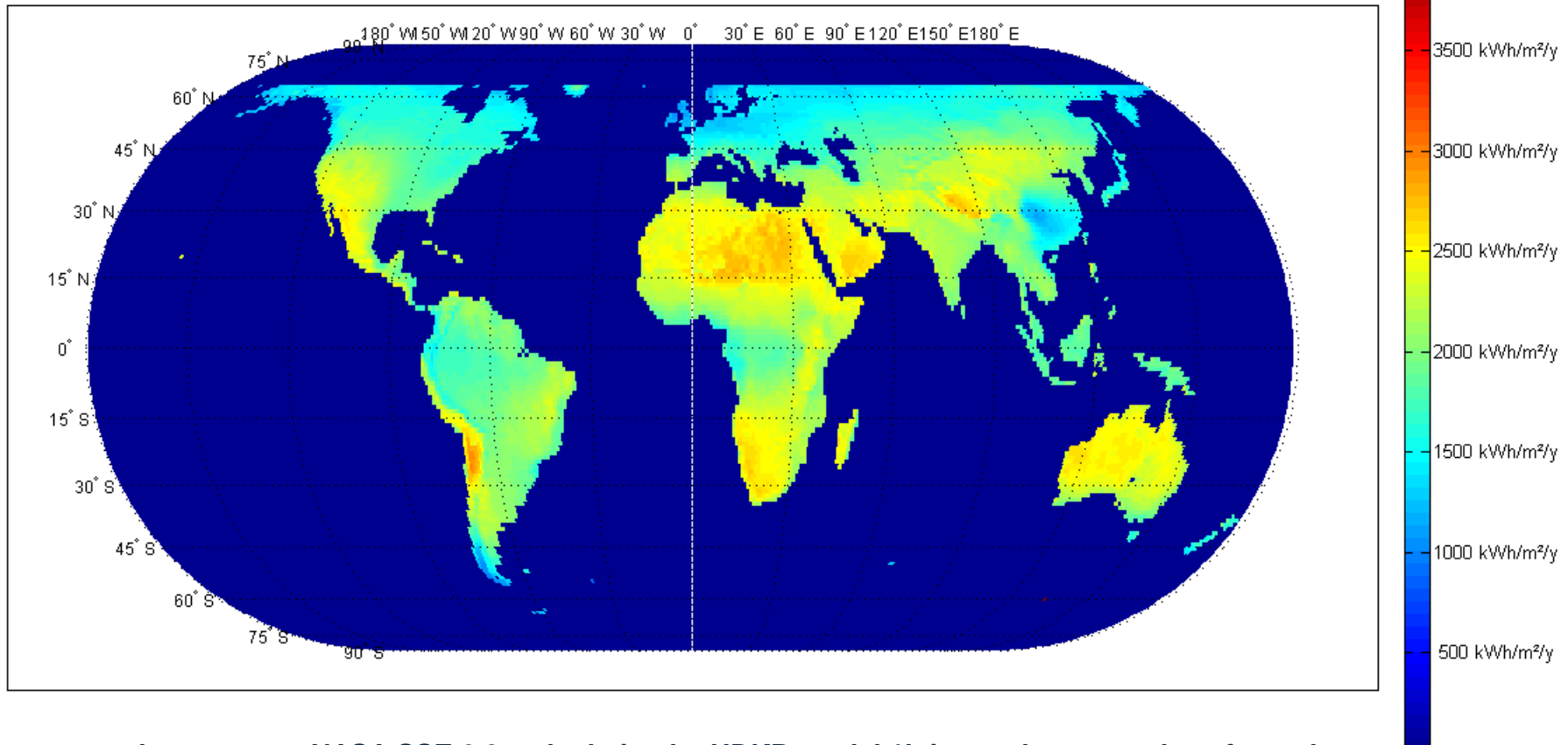
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# Irradiation: 1-axis E-W Horizontal Continuous

irradiation 1-axis E-W horizontal continuous tracking

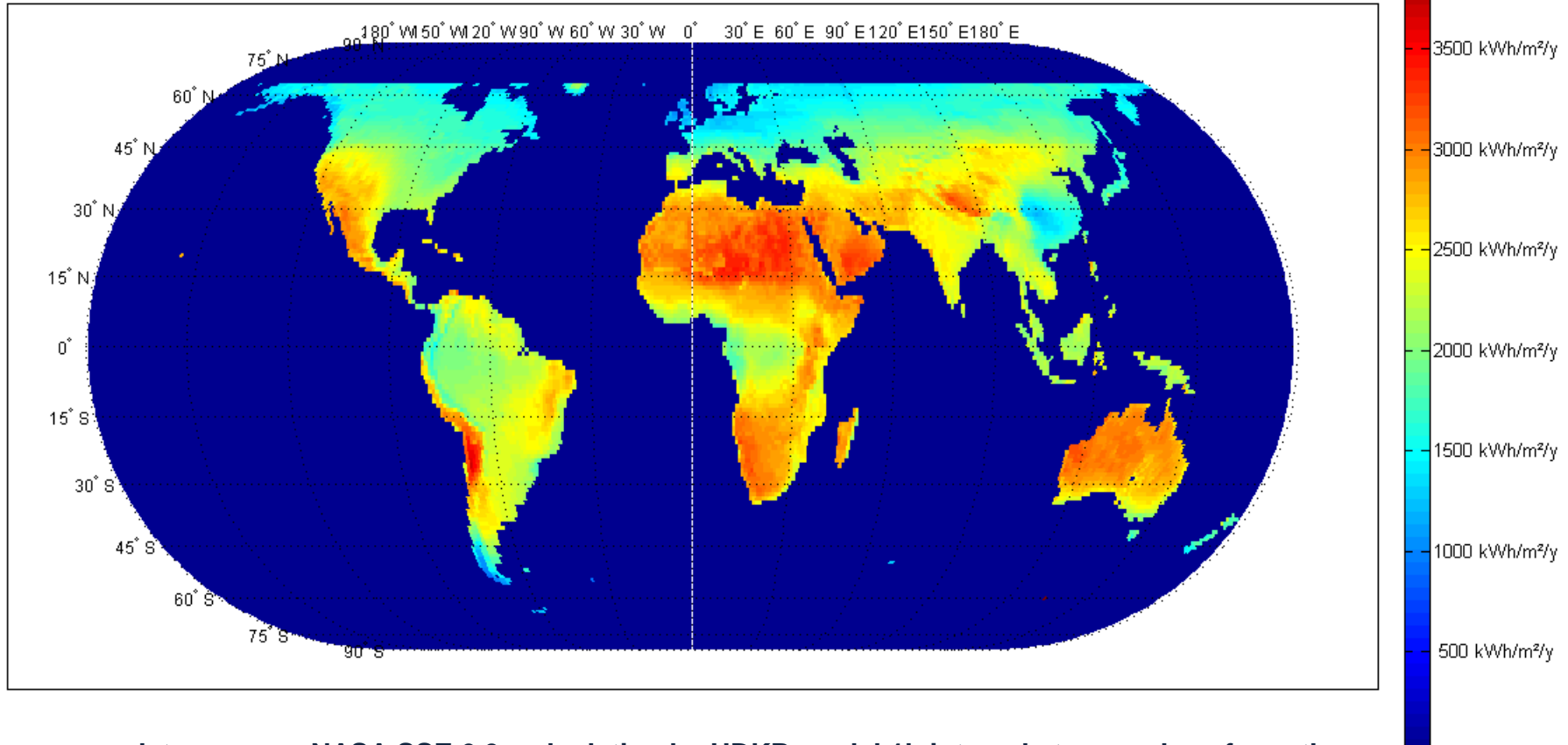


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# Irradiation: 1-axis N-S Horizontal Continuous

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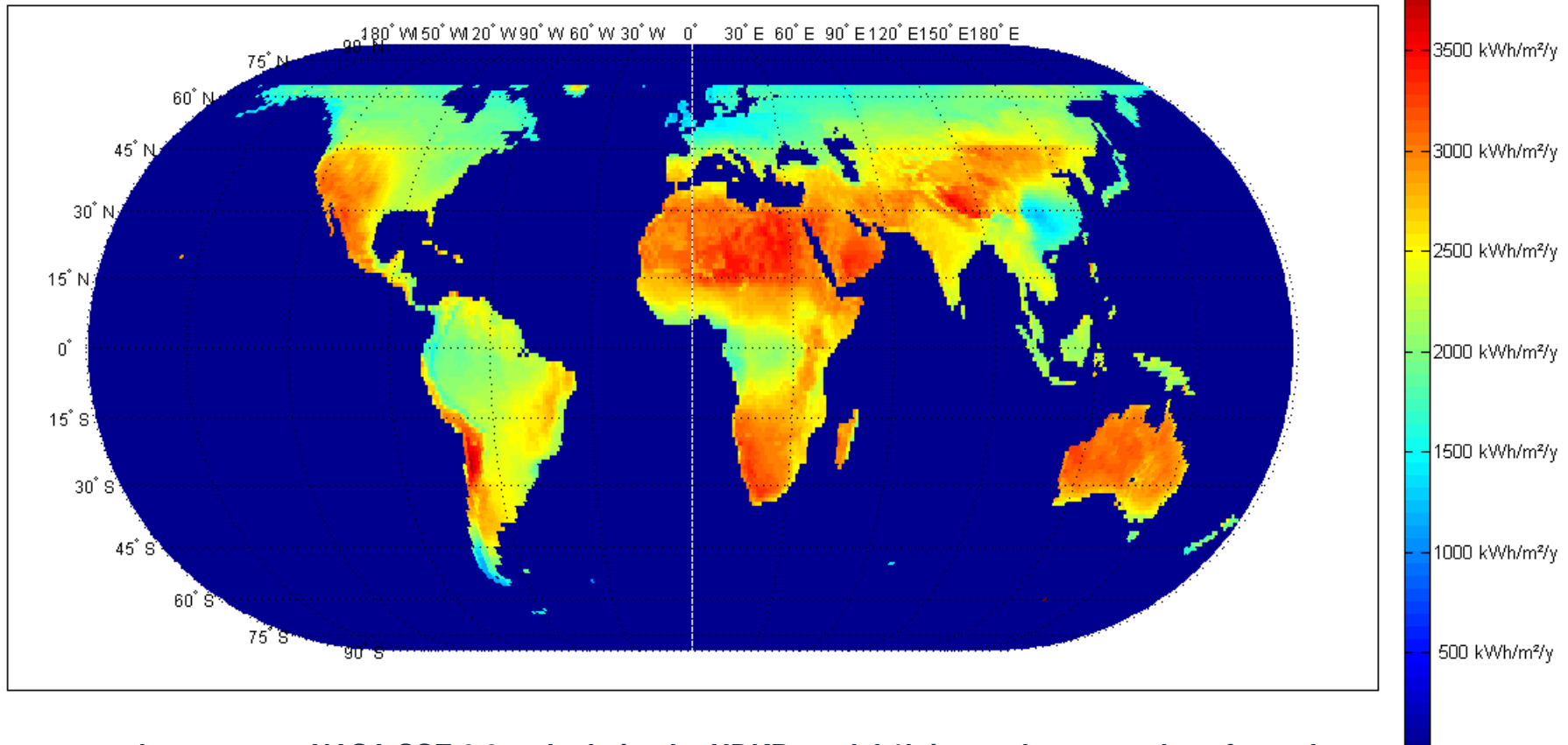


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# Irradiation: 1-axis Vertical at Optimal Tilt Angle

irradiation 1-axis vertical tracking at optimal tilt angle

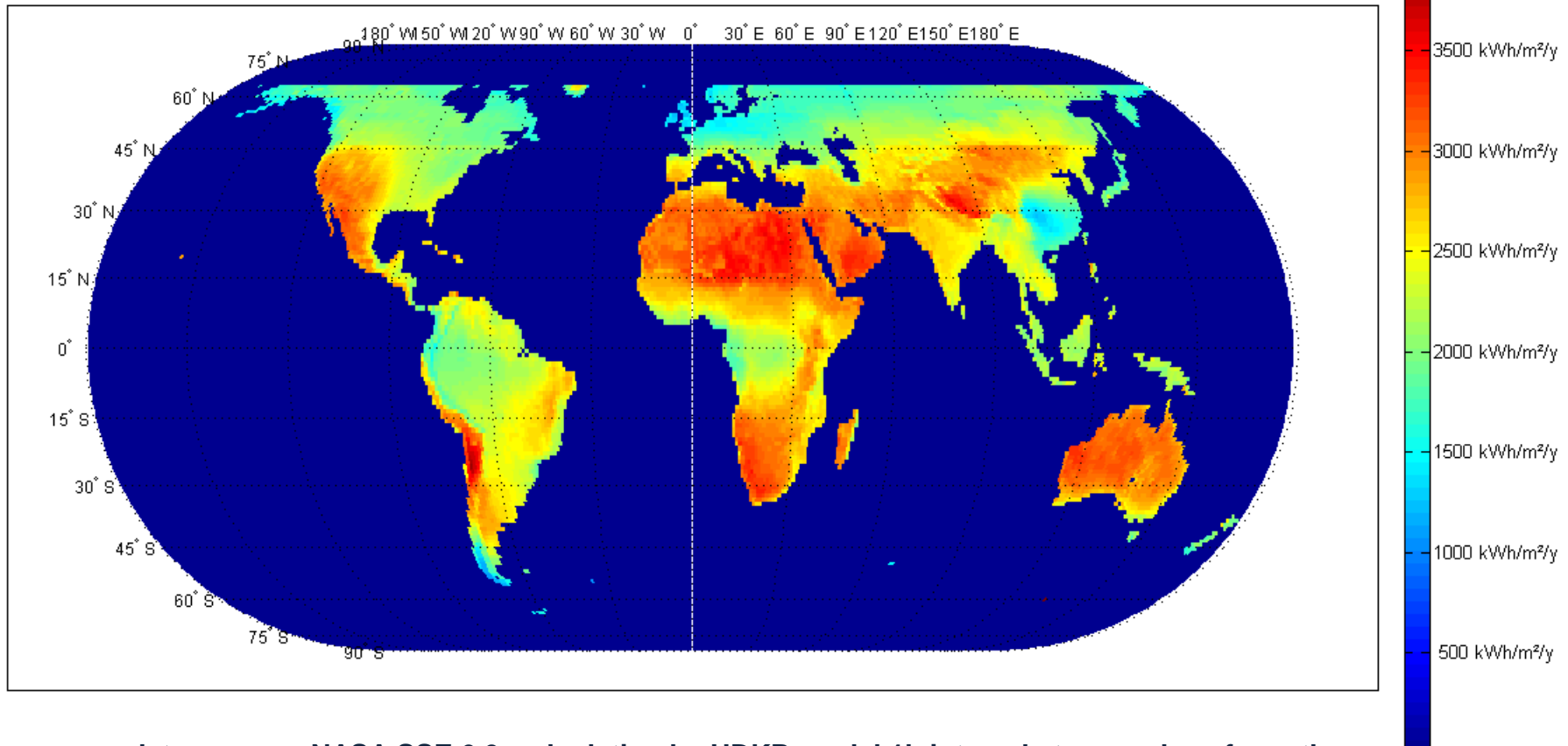


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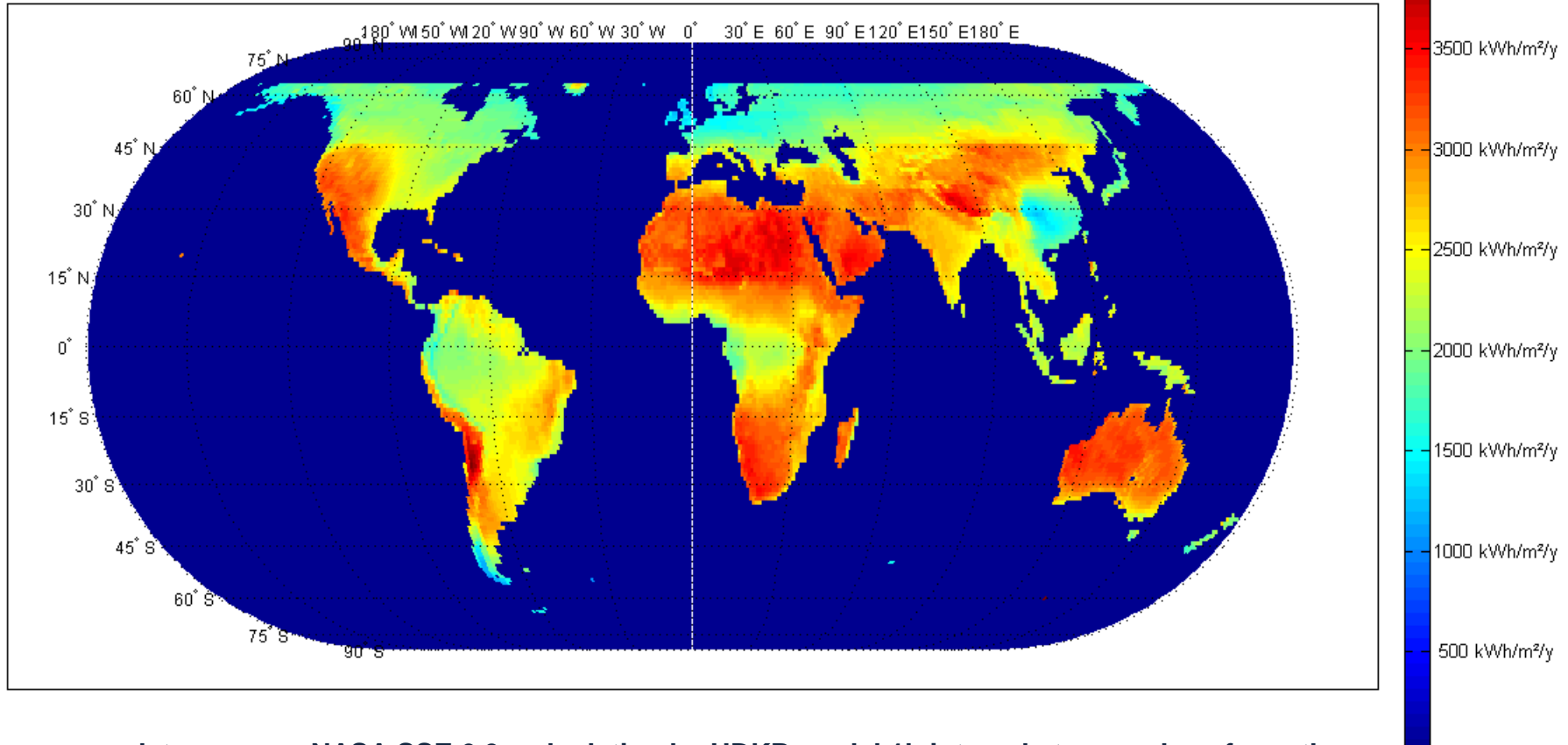


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# Irradiation: 2-axes (Global Normal Irradiation)

irradiation 2-axes tracking (GNI)



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- generation costs have to be compared to other electricity generation technologies in cost per energy [€/kWh]
- transformation of €/kW in €/kWh: Capex, capital cost, annual cost, full load hours at site

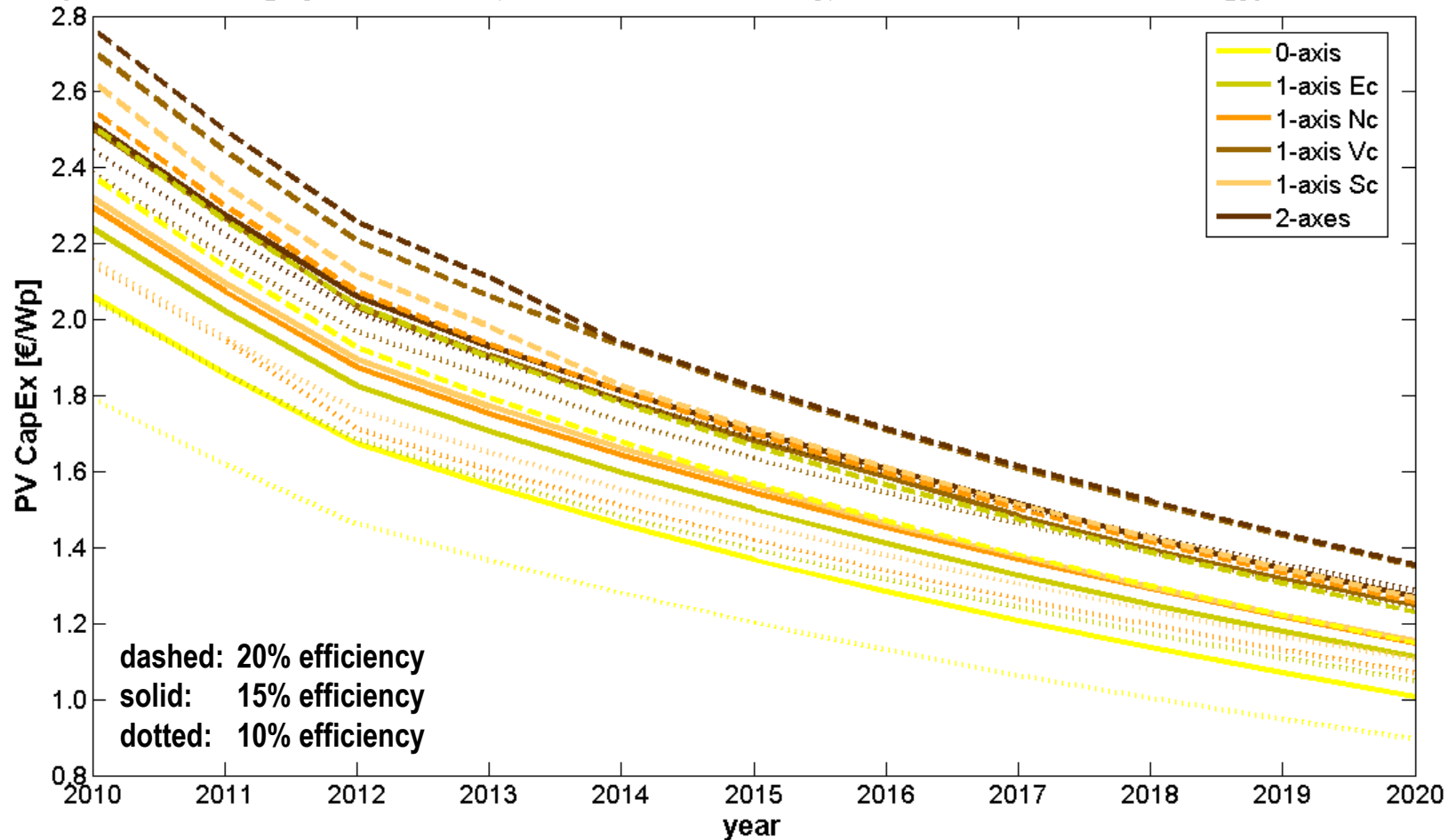
$$\text{LCOE} = \frac{\text{Capex} \cdot \text{crf} + \text{Opex}}{\text{FLh}} = \frac{\text{Capex} \cdot \text{crf} + \text{Opex}}{\text{Yref} \cdot \text{PR}}$$

$$\text{crf} = \frac{\text{WACC} \cdot (1 + \text{WACC})^N}{(1 + \text{WACC})^N - 1}$$

- calculation of LCOE is simplified by
  - neglecting tax rates
  - neglecting system residual value
  - treating annual cost as fixed over lifetime
- abbreviations in formulas
  - crf: capital recovery factor
  - FLh: full load hours
  - Yref: reference yield
  - PR: performance ratio
  - N: lifetime

# Capex of PV Power Plants in 2010s (realistic)

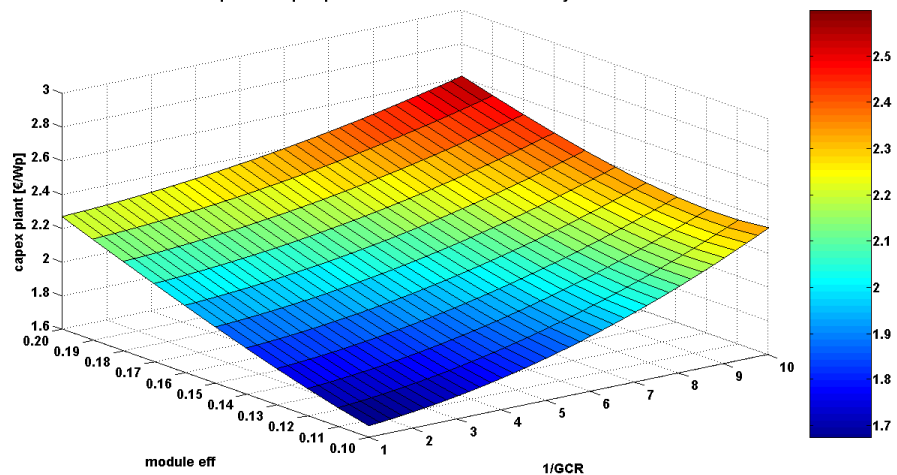
PV CapEx for tracking systems at 10%, 15% and 20% efficiency, location: 25.5°N 28.5°E in Egypt scenario: realistic



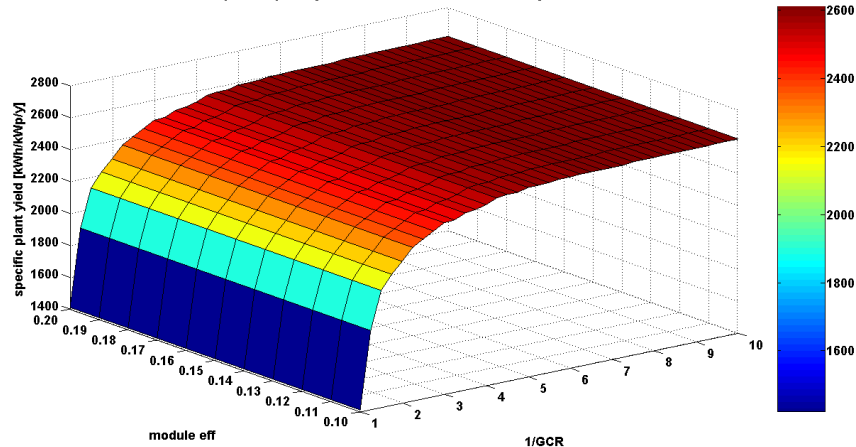


# LCOE: Niger/ Sahara – 1-axis N-S (aggressive)

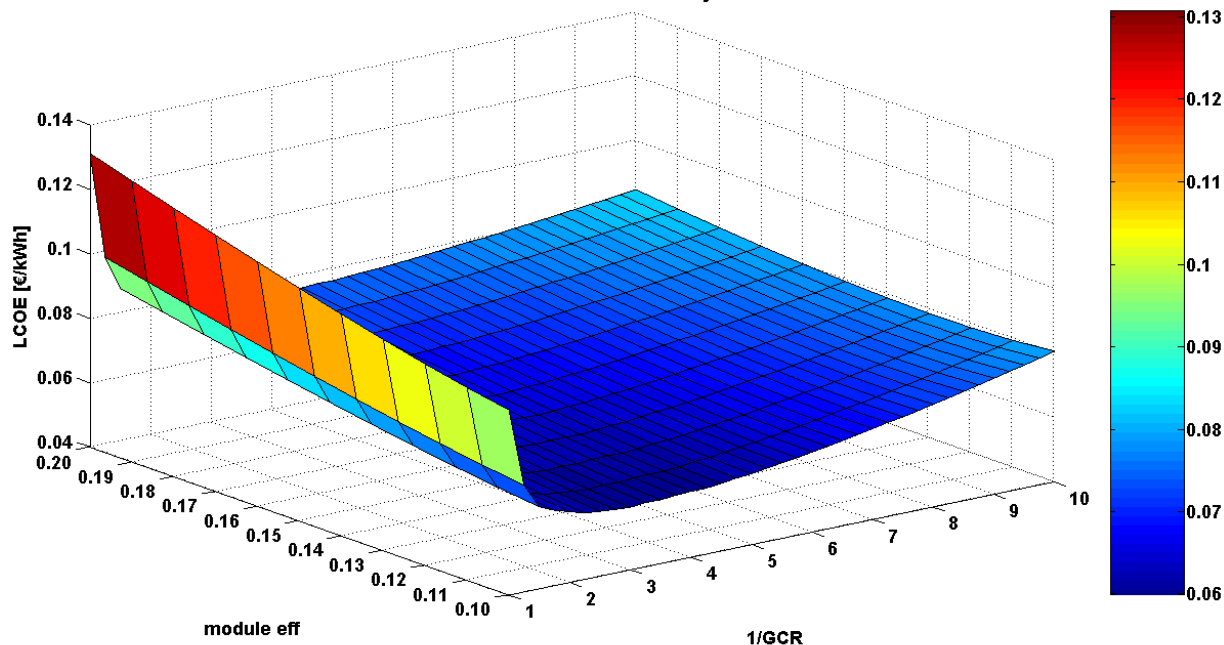
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specific plant yield for 1-axis horizontal N-S systems

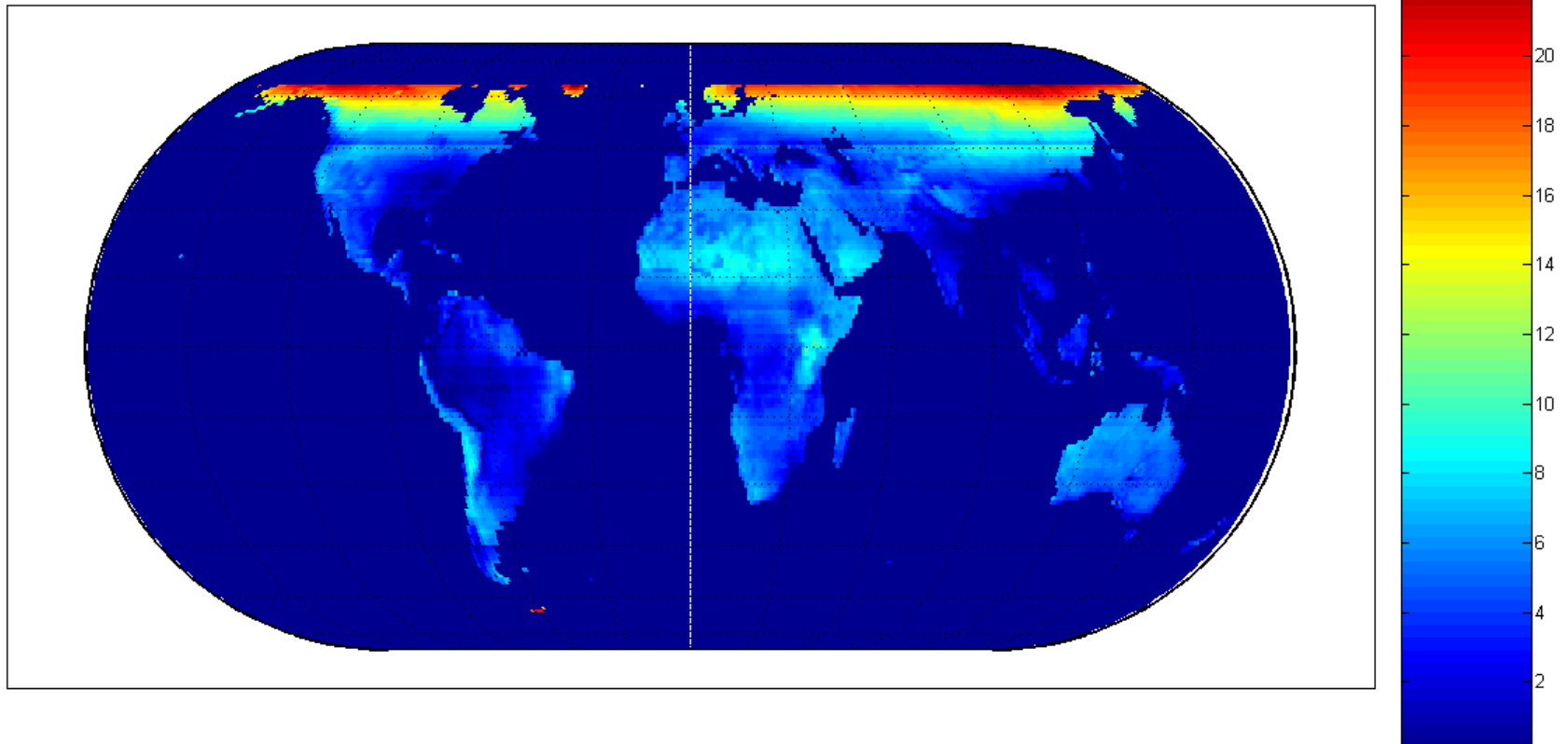


LCOE for 1-axis horizontal N-S systems



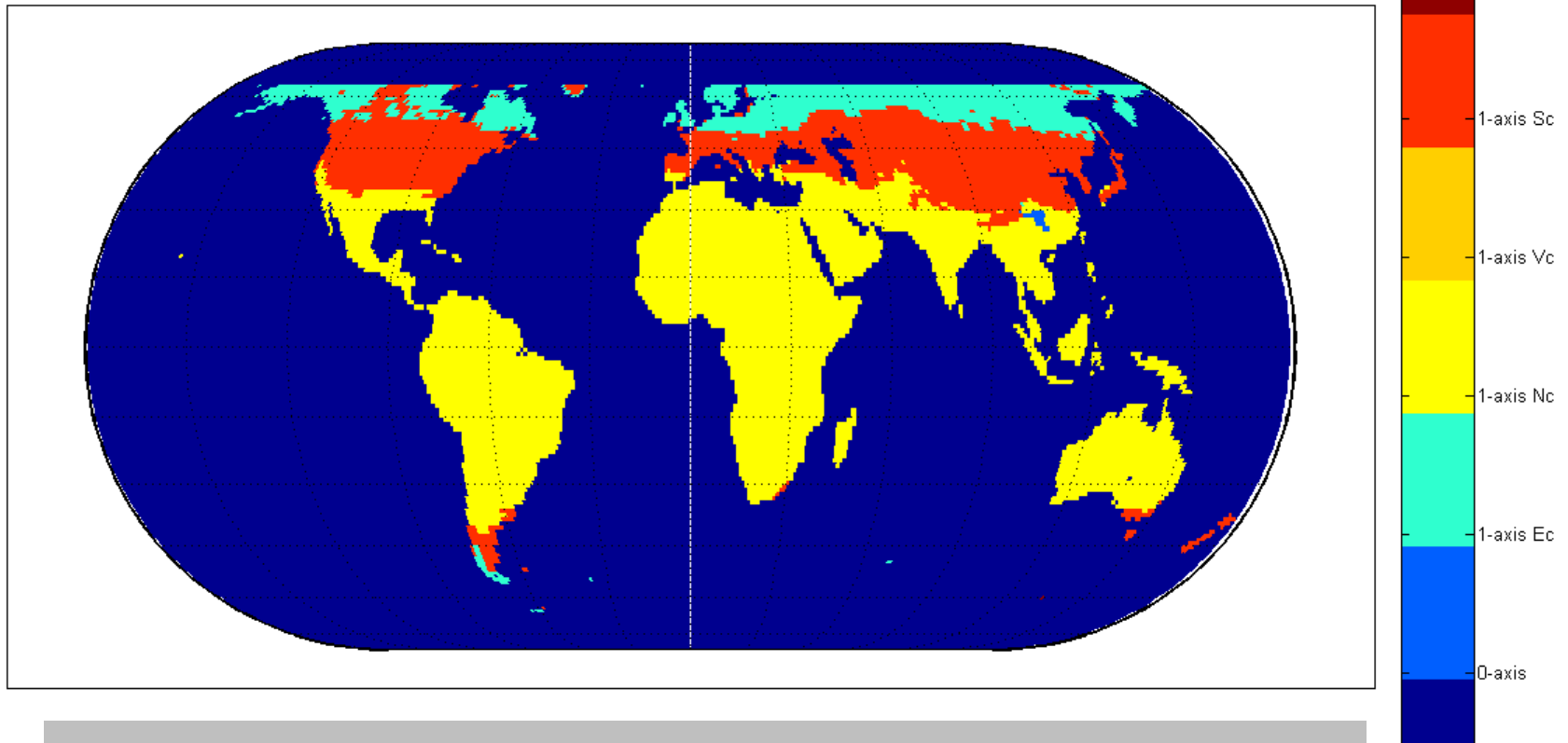
# LCOE: Global View 2010 0-axis (aggressive)

0-axis difference to lowest local cost system [%] scenario: aggressive



# System Dependence on Efficiency: realistic

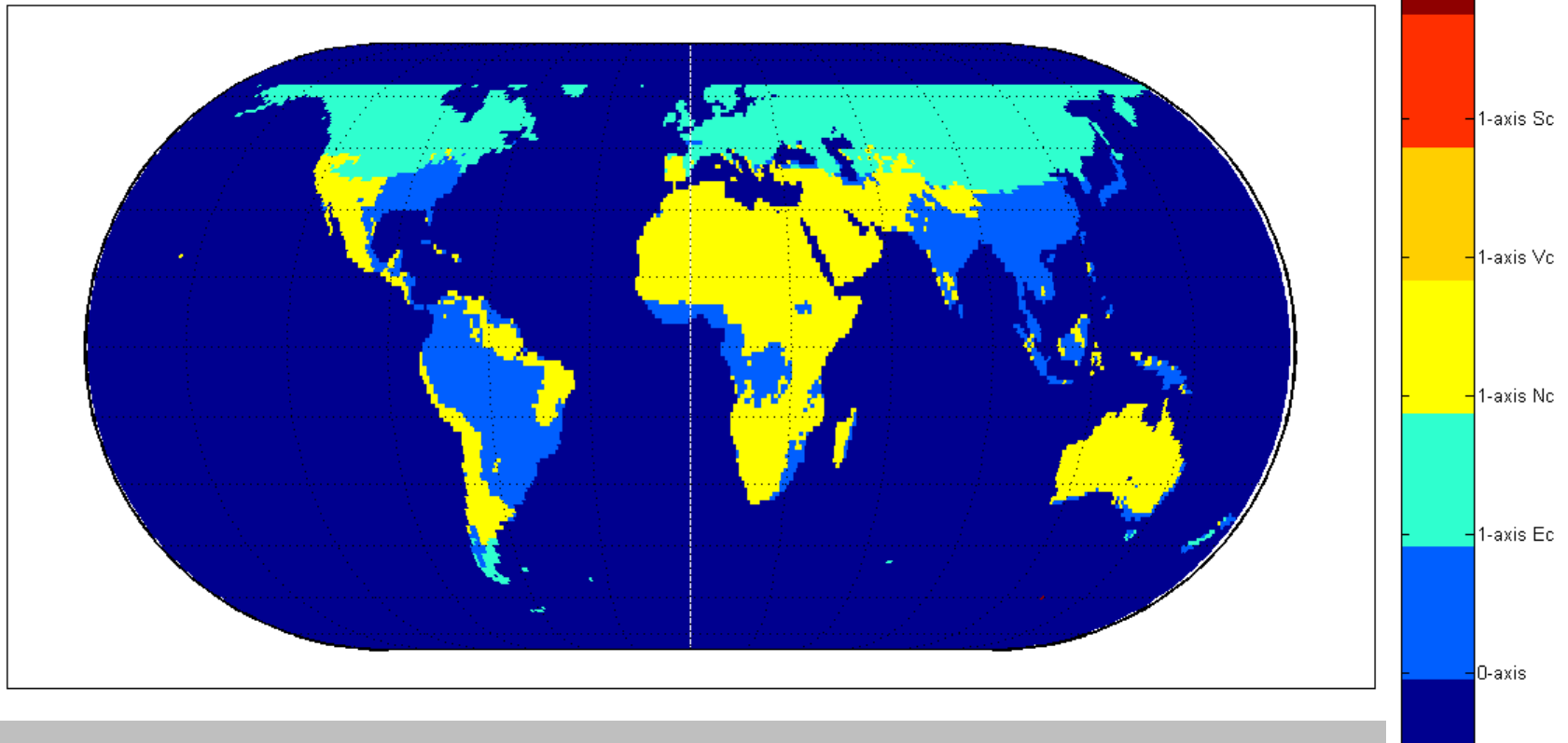
PV system of lowest local cost, efficiency: 0.20, year: 2009, scenario: realistic



**the higher module efficiency the more least cost sites via tracking**

# System Dependence on Time: aggressive

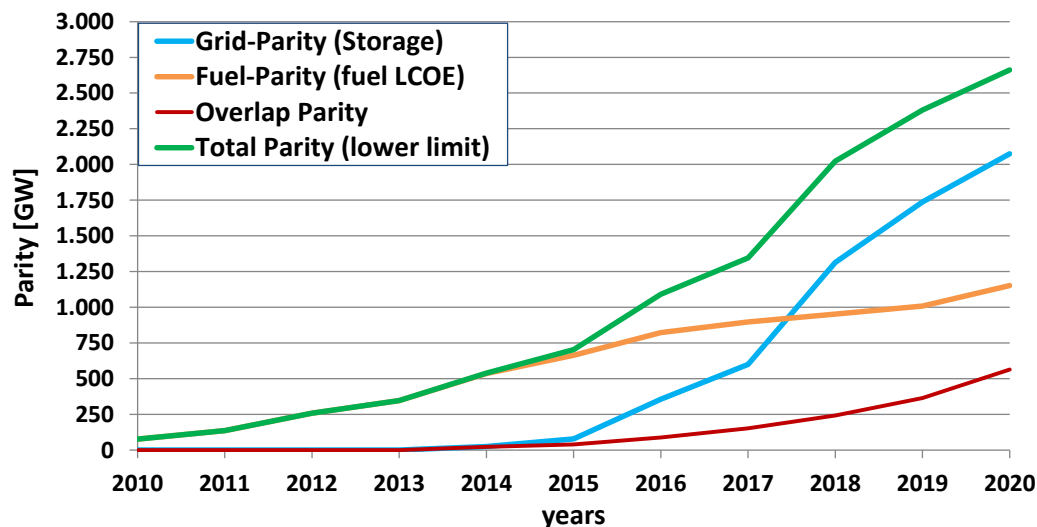
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**cost reduction module > tracking leads to fewer least cost sites via tracking**

# Total Parity: Grid-Parity and Fuel-Parity

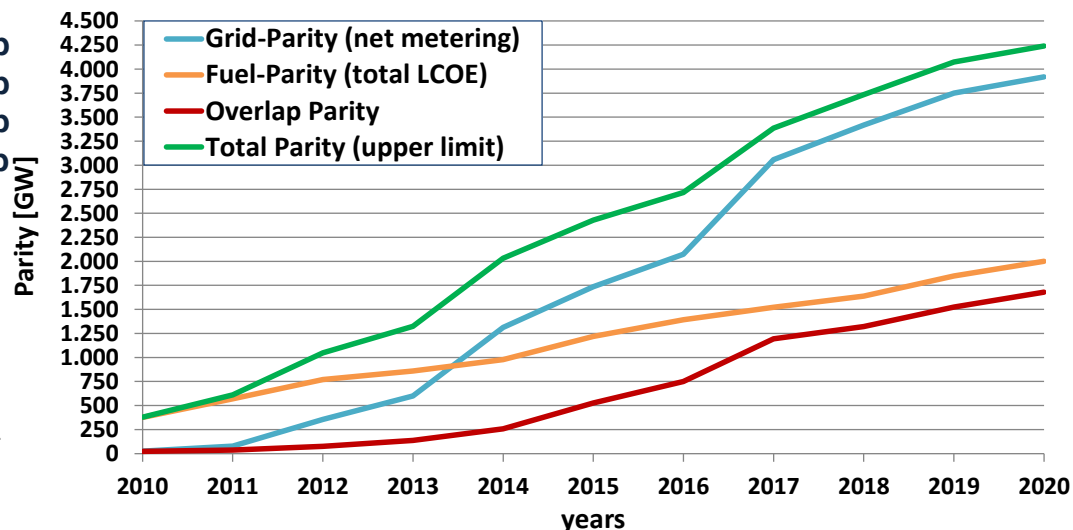
**Total Parity Economic Market Potential lower realistic limit**  
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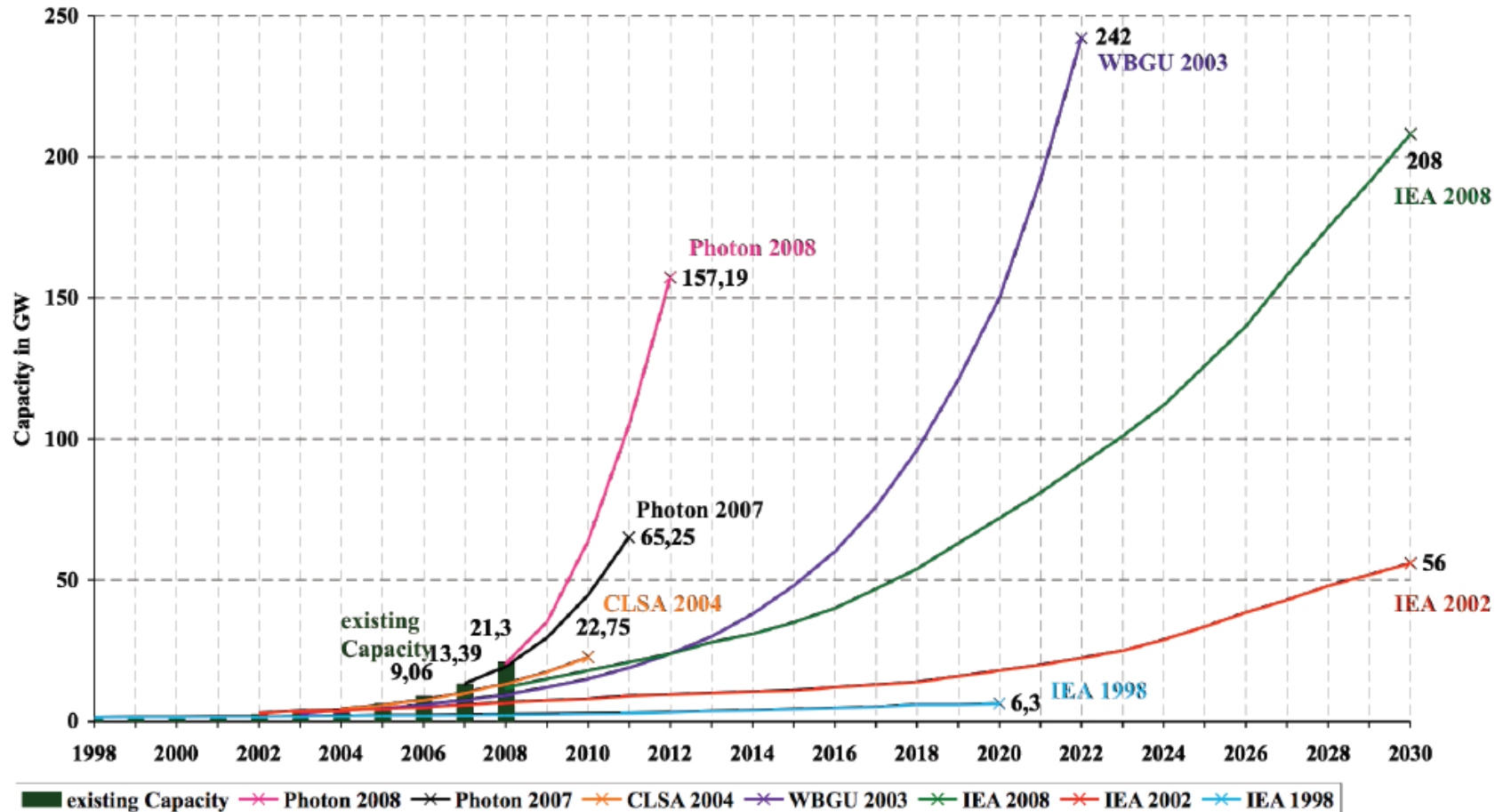
**Parity Economic Market Potential upper realistic limit**  
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**Grid-Parity Analysis** 2,000 – 3,900 GWp  
**Fuel-Parity Analysis** 1,200 – 2,000 GWp  
**Economic Market Potential (on-grid)** 2,700 – 4,200 GWp  
**Economic Market Potential (off-grid)** 100 GWp

**Pessimistic Case** ~20% of Potential: ~600 GWp  
**Realistic Case** ~35% of Potential: ~1,000 GWp  
**Optimistic Case** ~50% of Potential: ~1,600 GWp

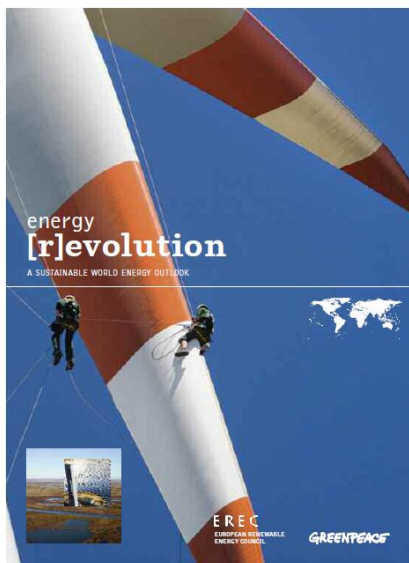
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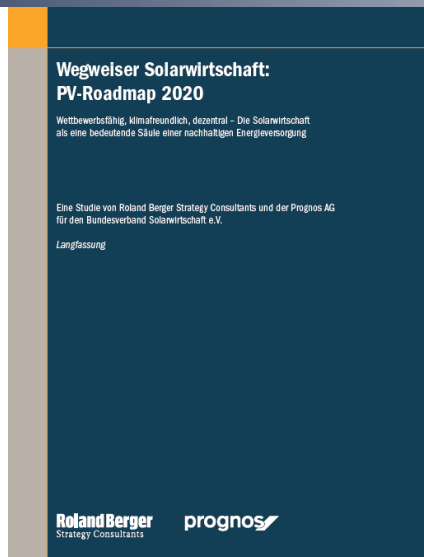
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