



Introduction, Overview of PV Market and Technology

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Short Introduction. Our Services.



TÜV Rheinland – History.

1872



1900



1960



1970



1997



2012



Our goal is to be the world's best independent provider of technical services for testing, inspection, certification, consultation and training.

Business Streams

Industry



Products



Mobility



Systems



Academy & Life Care



ICT & Business Solutions




TÜV Rheinland 2015 – Facts & Figures.

EBIT in Mil. EUROS
5.4% Margin



101.4 

HEADQUARTERS COLOGNE

1872 

Founded in Germany

LOCATIONS/COUNTRIES

500  66 


EMPLOYEES

19,600 

LABORATORIES

200 

SALES IN BIL. EUROS
Growth 9%

 1.88

Solar Technology



World number **1** in PV plant assessment and component testing

More than **30** years experience in PV

Inspected PV portfolio > **20** GW

Power plant inspections since **1990**

PV Product testing since **1982**

6 photovoltaic test centres worldwide

500 locations worldwide

History of TÜV Rheinland Business Field Solar Energy

1979

Joint project between the Indonesian and German government to build and test different solar systems

1991

Partner in the 1000 PV-roofs program

1994

First start-up of the new solar simulator in Cologne



2004

First PV conference in Cologne

2007

Opening of the PV laboratory in China

2009

Opening of the PV laboratory in Taiwan

2009

First start-up of the worlds most modern solar simulator



2014

200 PV experts worldwide, 60 in Cologne



1985

Development of the solar laboratory in Cologne

1996

First type-approval certification of a crystalline PV module



2007

Grand opening of the PV laboratory in Japan



2008

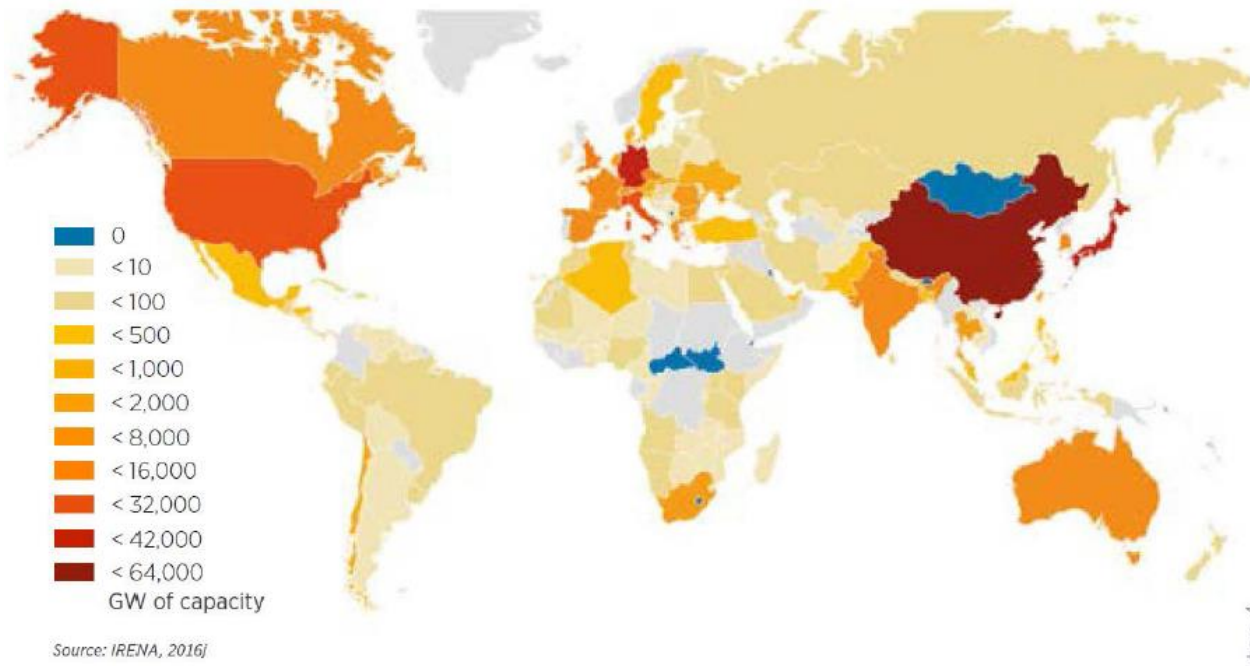
Joint venture between Arizona State University and TÜV Rheinland

2010

Opening of the sixth PV laboratory in India

The current state of PV expansion

Global cumulative installed solar PV capacity by country, 2015

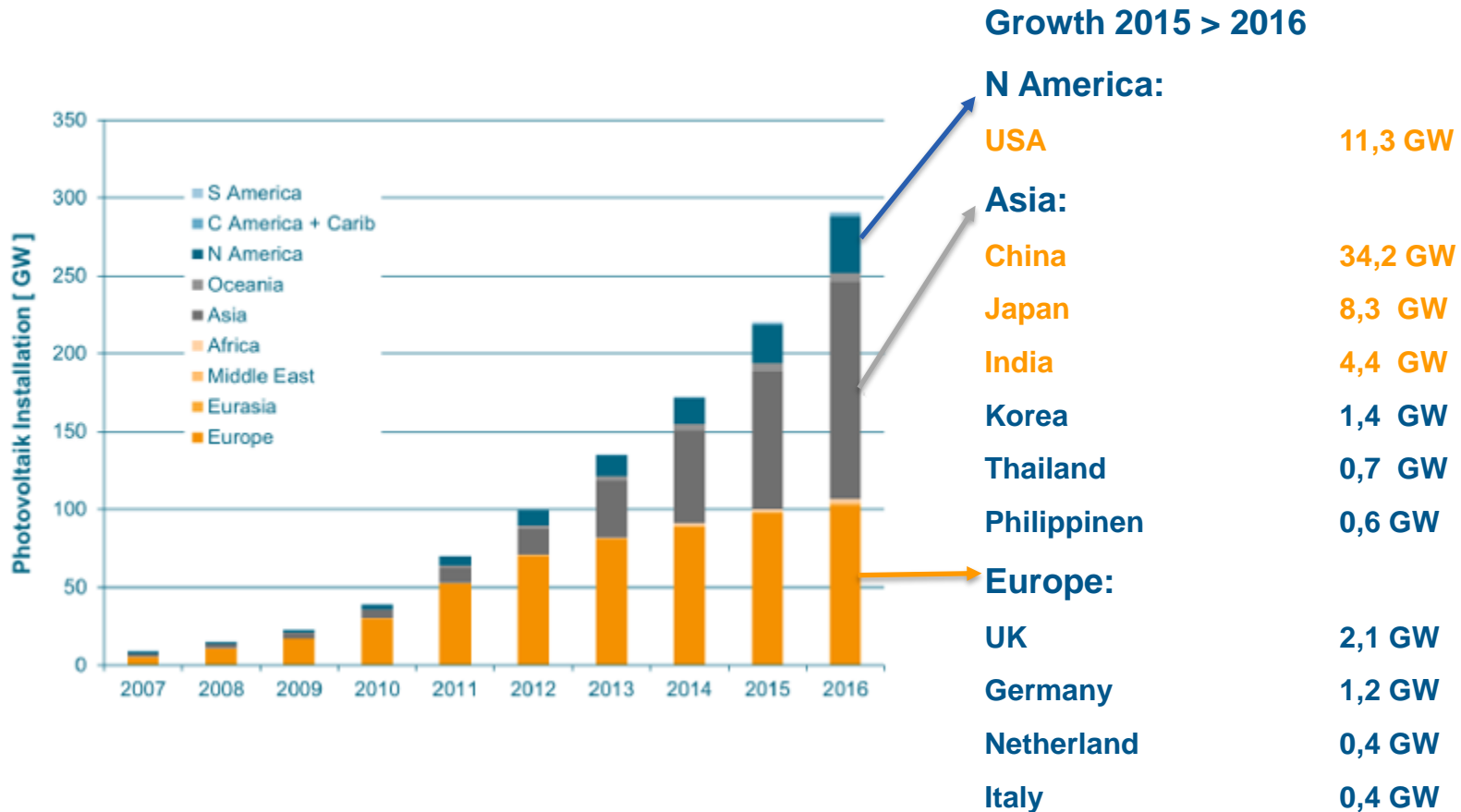


The End of 2016:

China	77 GW
Japan	41 GW
Germany	41 GW
USA	32 GW
Italy	19 GW
UK	11 GW
India	10 GW
France	7 GW
Australia	7 GW
Korea	5 GW
Spain	5 GW
Belgium	3 GW

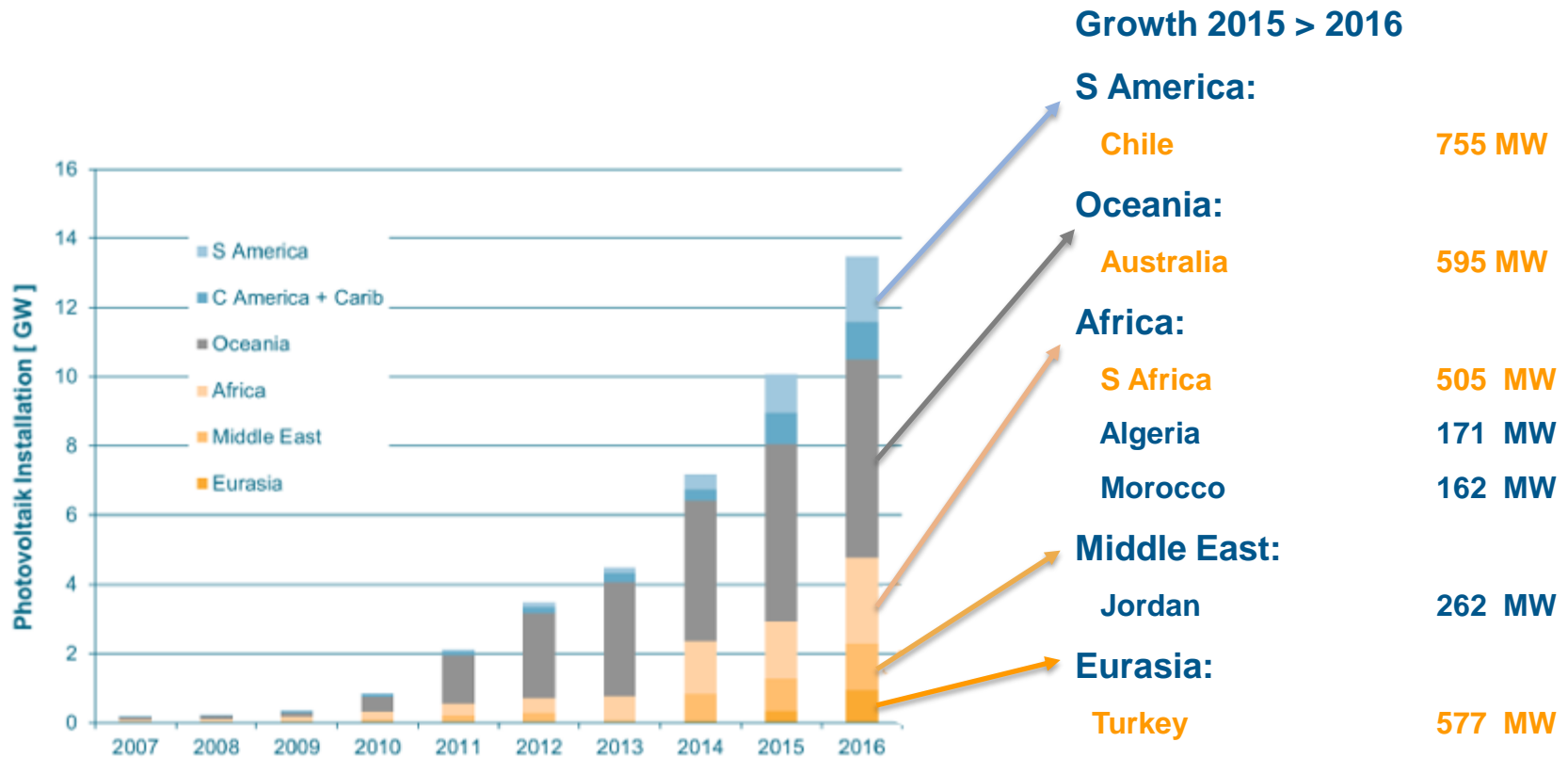
Source: VDMA

Where is the photovoltaic market growth ?



Source: VDMA

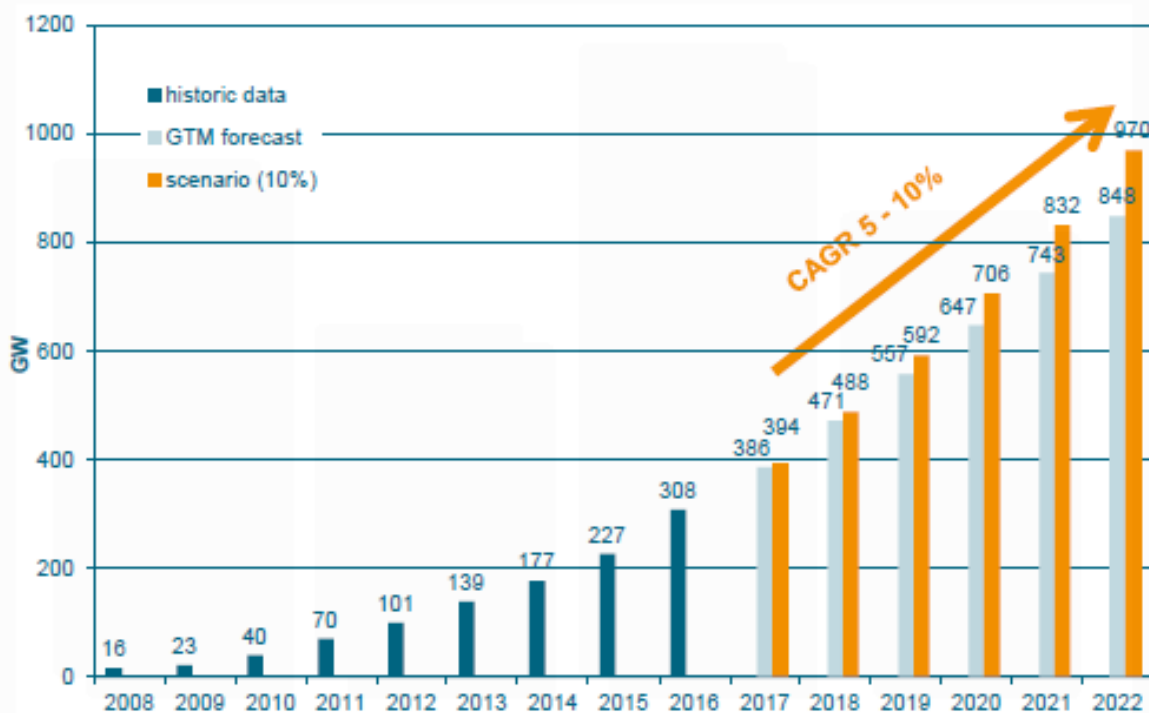
In which emerging countries is the solar PV market growing?



Source: VDMA

The key to success: highly efficient Wafer-, cell- and module technology

End-Market installed PV Basis global



78 GW

New installed PV-Base in 2016

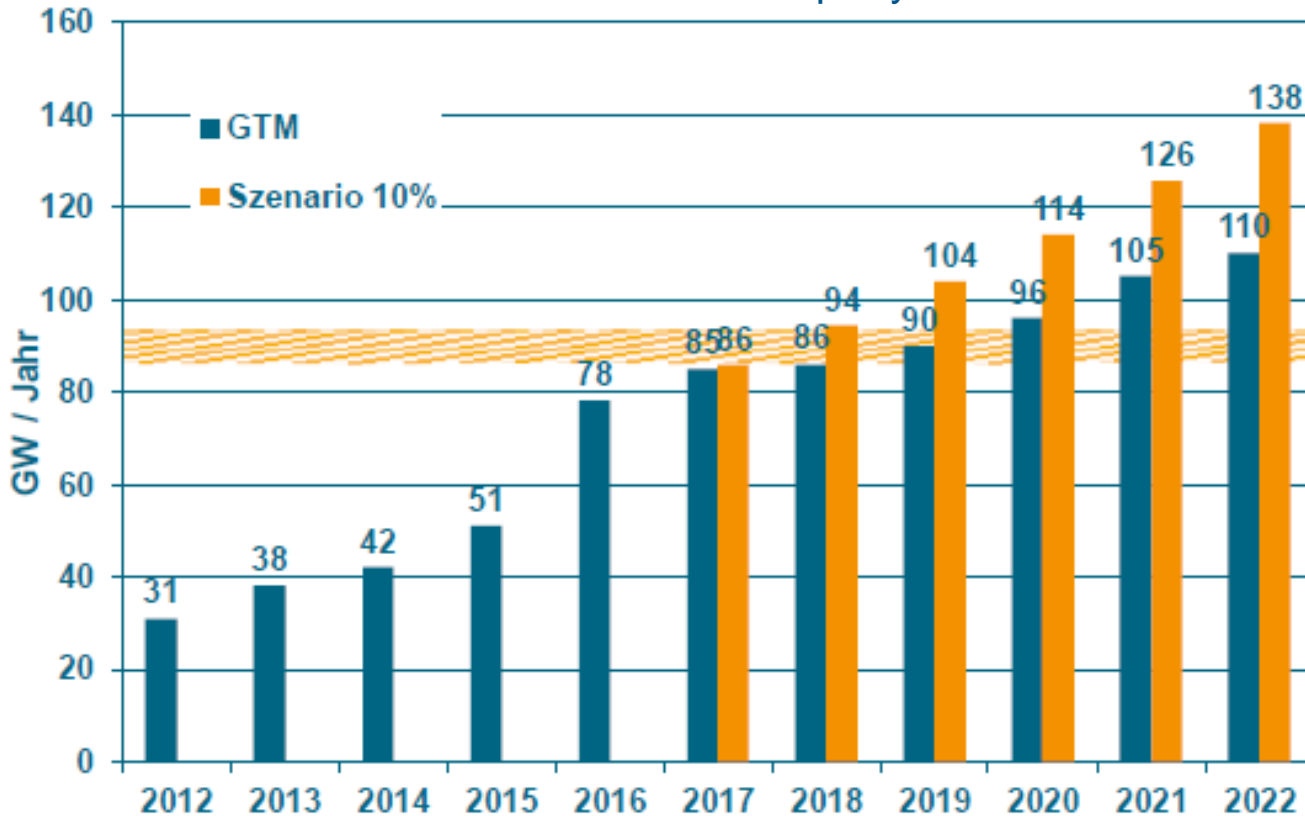
The total installed PV capacities with 308 GW in 2016

- Until 2022 the estimated installed PV-basis will increase to around 800 –1000 GW

Source: VDMA

The annual growth of the PV market

Additional installed GW per year



The current production capacity

About 90 GW end of 2016

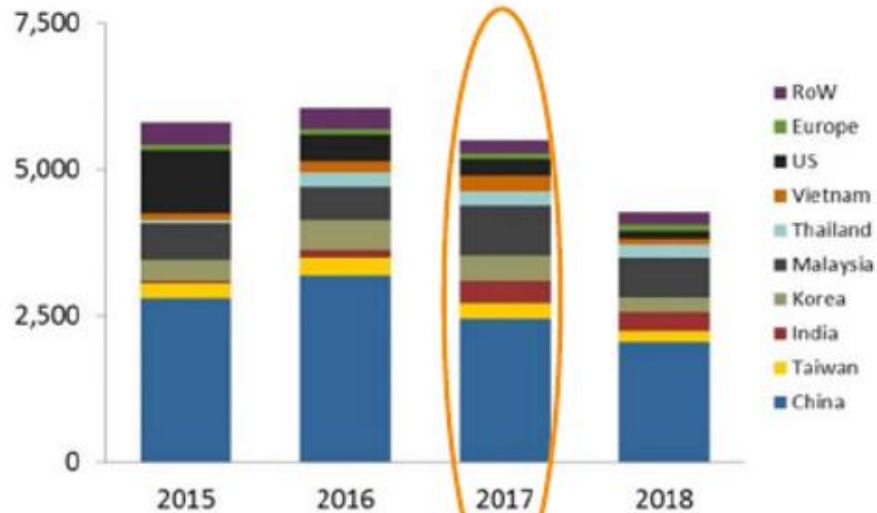
Until 2022 necessary production extension

5 – 15 GW per year

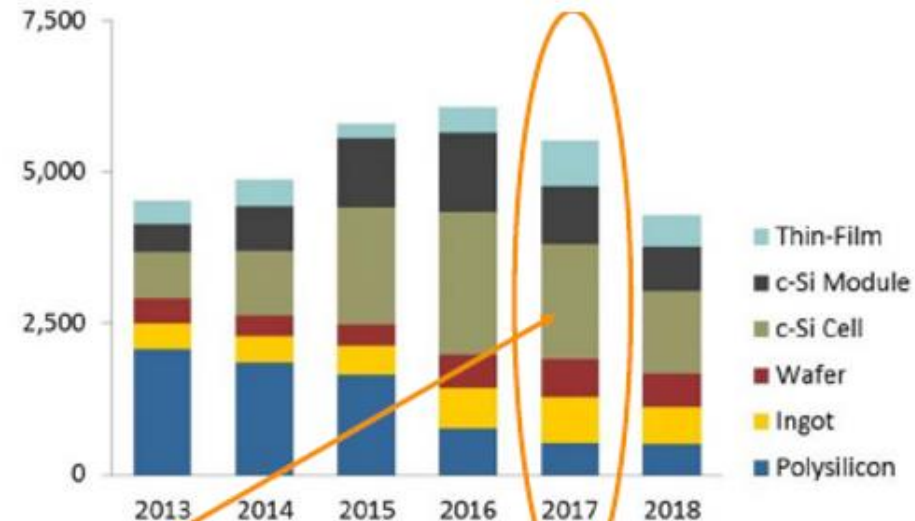
Source: VDMA

What are the planned investments for PV manufacturing and in which part of the value chain?

Total PV Capex by Spending Location (USD\$M)



Total PV Capex by Value-Chain Segment (USD\$M)



2017:
Planned installations in: China, Malaysia, Korea, India, ...
Biggest percentage in Cell

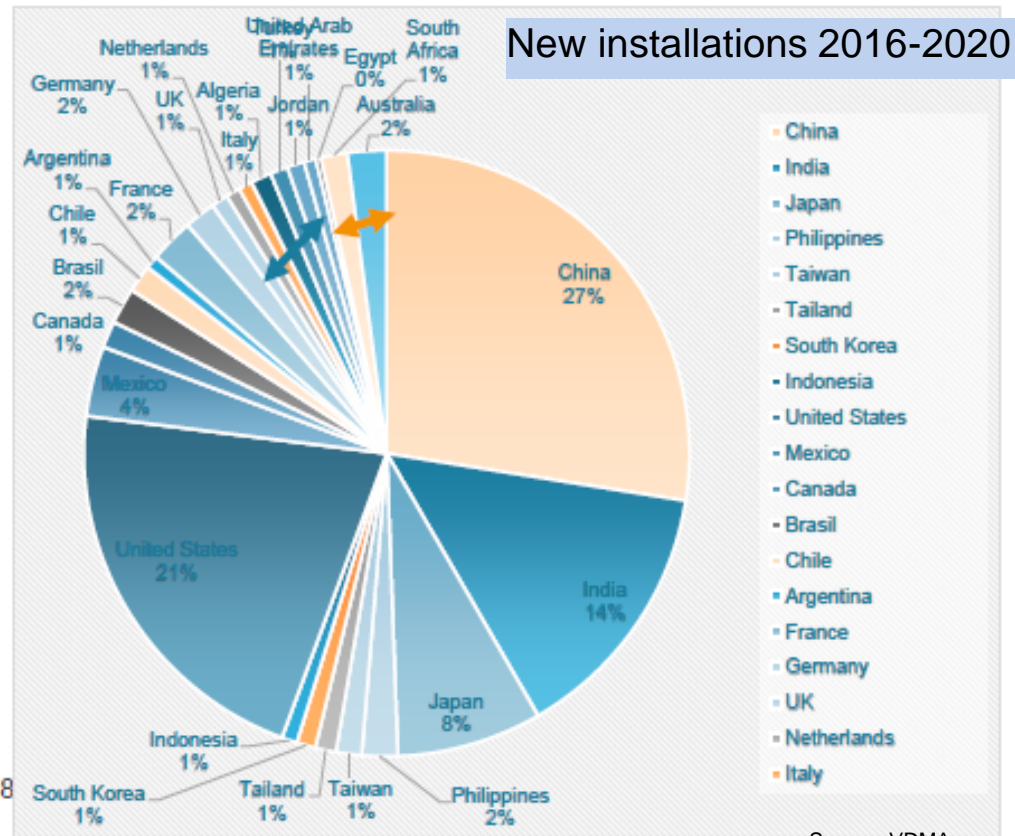
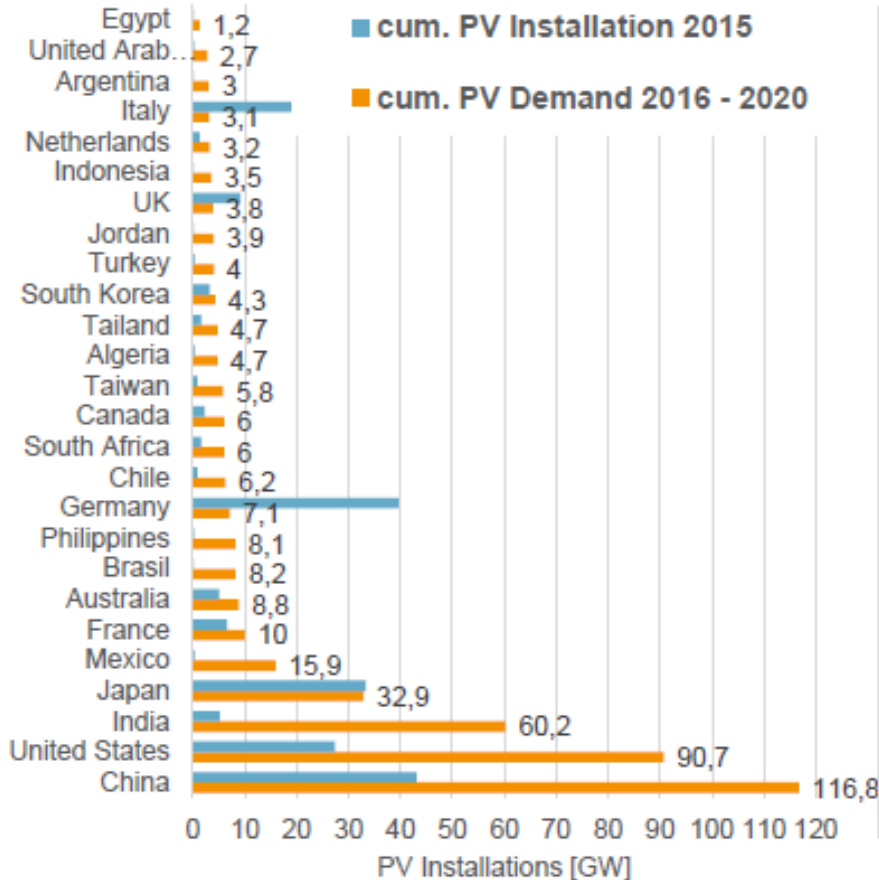
Source: PVTech

<https://www.pv-tech.org/editors-blog/global-solar-pv-manufacturing-capacity-expansion-plans-rebound-in-q1>

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Cumulative PV installations 2015 vs. Demand 2016-2020

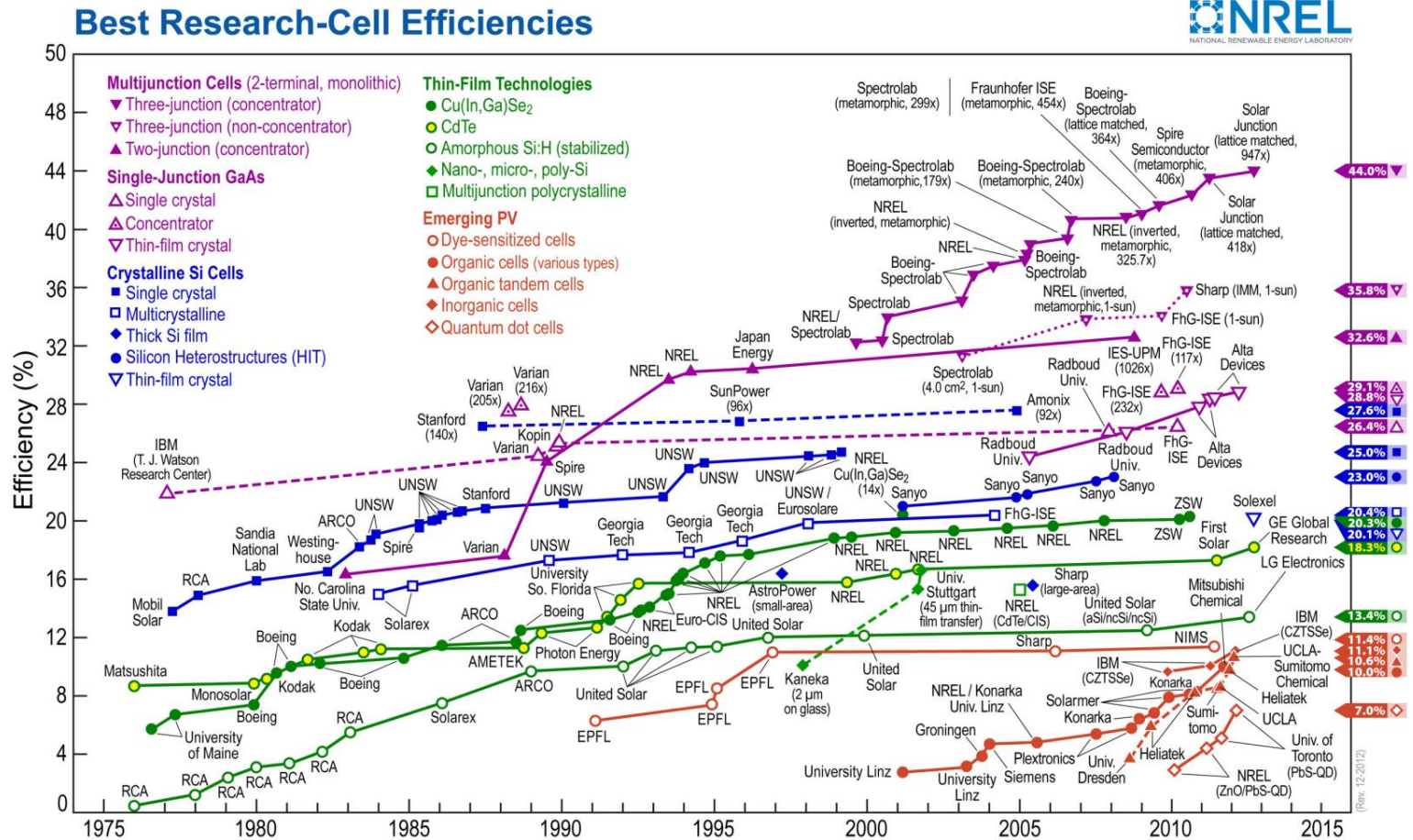
Shift also to the new market



Source: VDMA

PV Module Technologies, Efficiencies

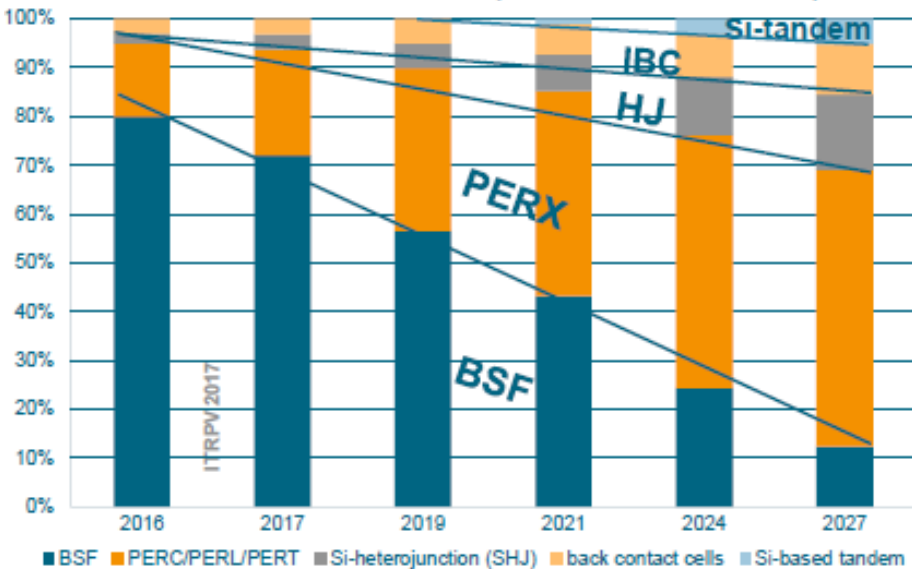
- Cell efficiency records / thin-film efficiency records (laboratory results) [1]



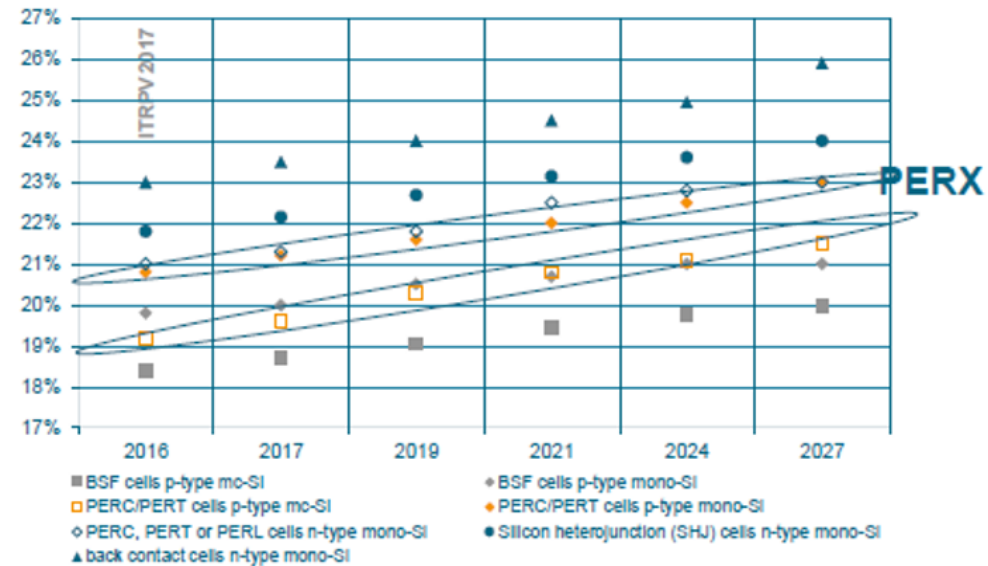
References: [1]: NREL

Cell Production: technologies / efficiency trends

Trend: market share of cell concepts 2016:
PERX ≈15% (in line w/ IHS Markit)



Trend: stabilized cell efficiencies;
 → p-type PERX outperforms



PERX is gaining market share (20% 2017)

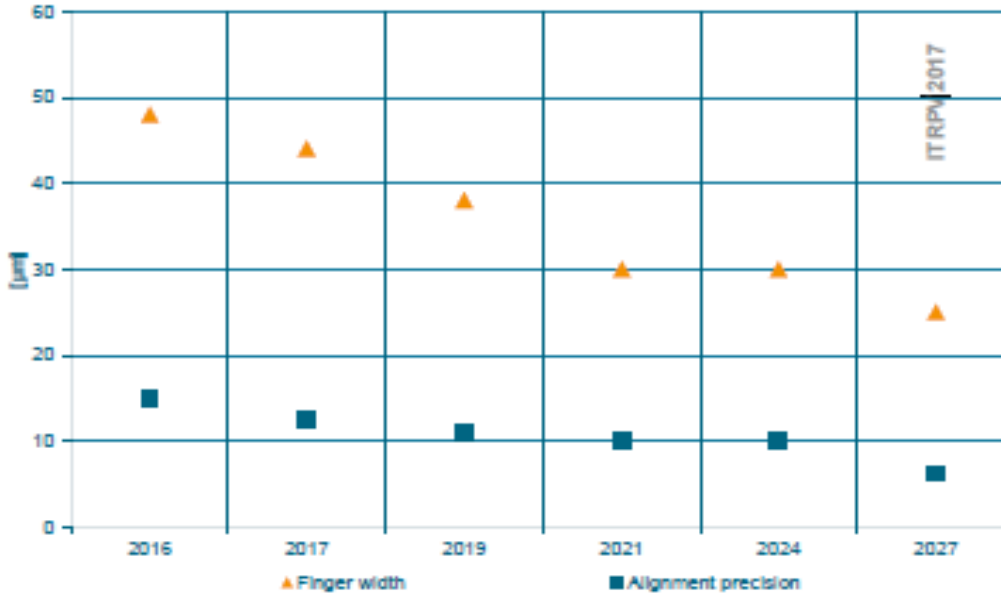
- **Back Surface Field** share is shrinking
- **Back contact + HJ**: slow increase in share
- **Si tandem**: under development

- stabilized >21% p-type mono PERX is in production

Source: VDMA | International Technology Roadmap PV, ITRPV 2017

Cell processes: finger width / number of bus bars / bifacial

Trend: Finger width / alignment precision



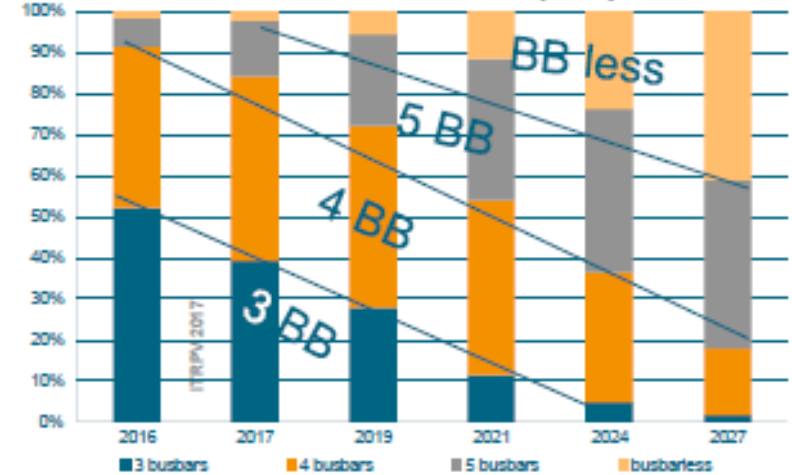
Front side grid finger width reduction continues
 → Ag reduction

→ 4BB are mainstream – 3 BB will disappear

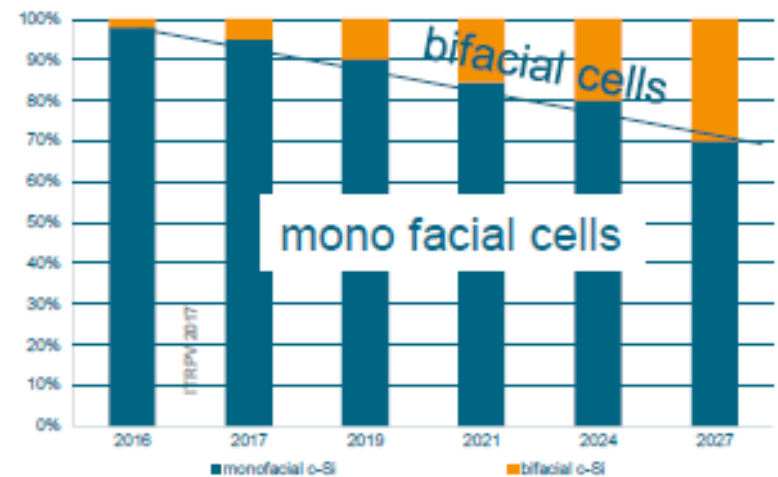
→ Selective emitters + Bifacial cells require good alignment

→ Bifacial cells will increase market share

Trend: number of bus bars (BB)



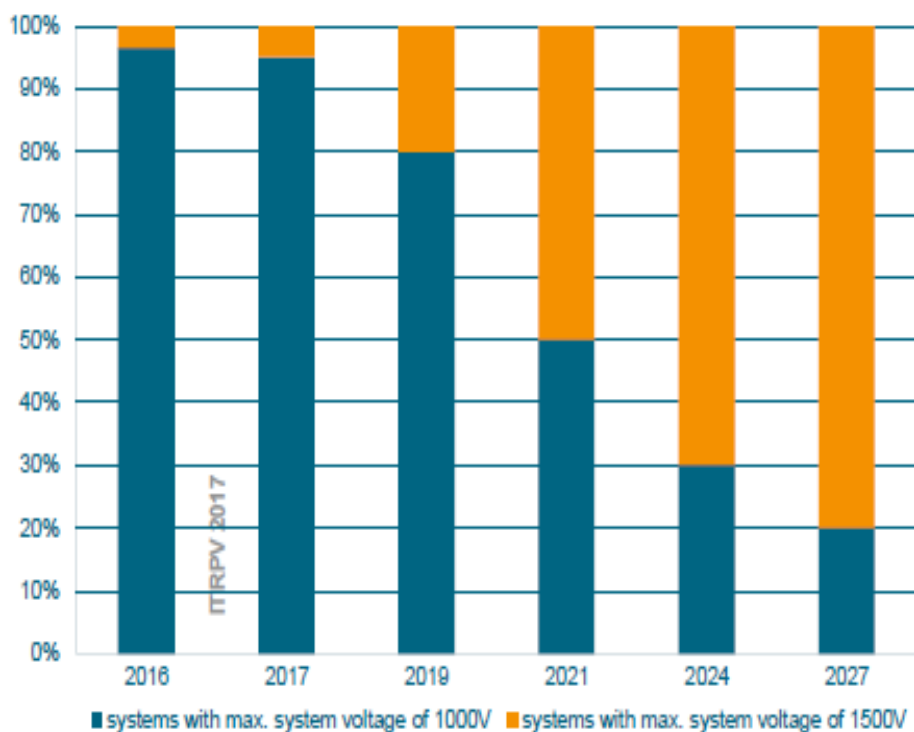
Trend: market share of bifacial cells



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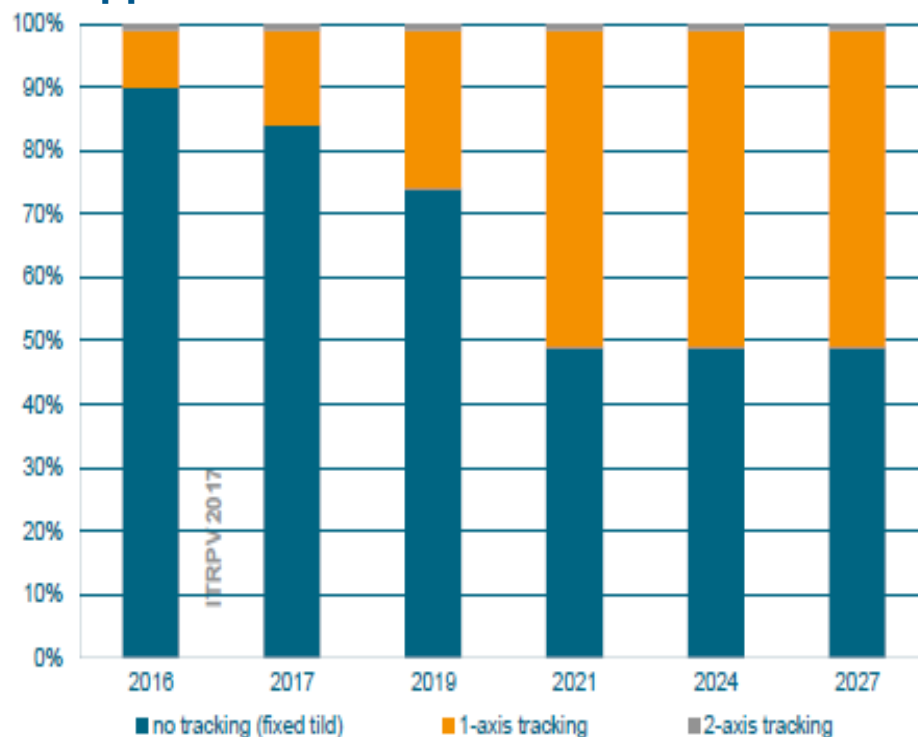
System Components: System voltage / tracking

Trend: system voltage



1500V are the future

Trend: tracker systems in power plant applications

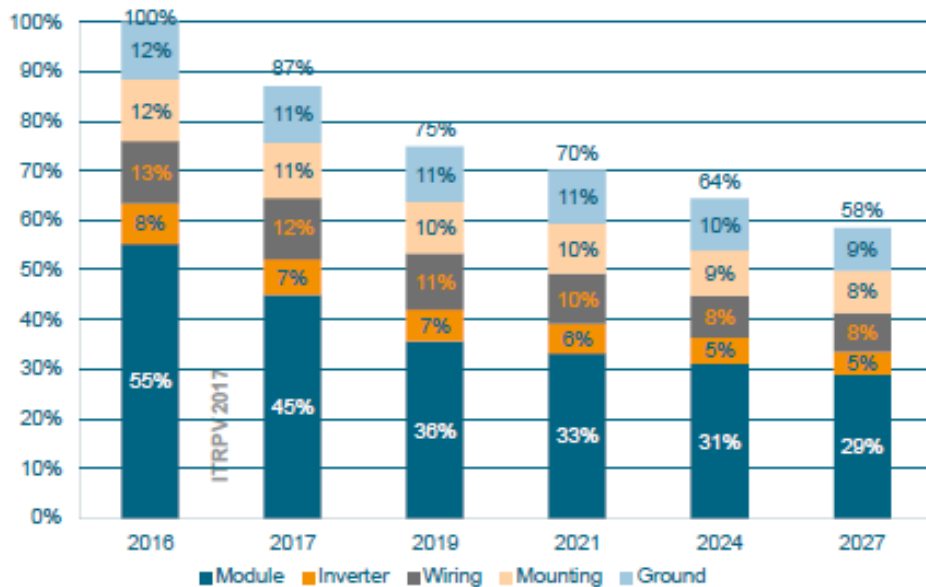


1-axis trackers will gain market share

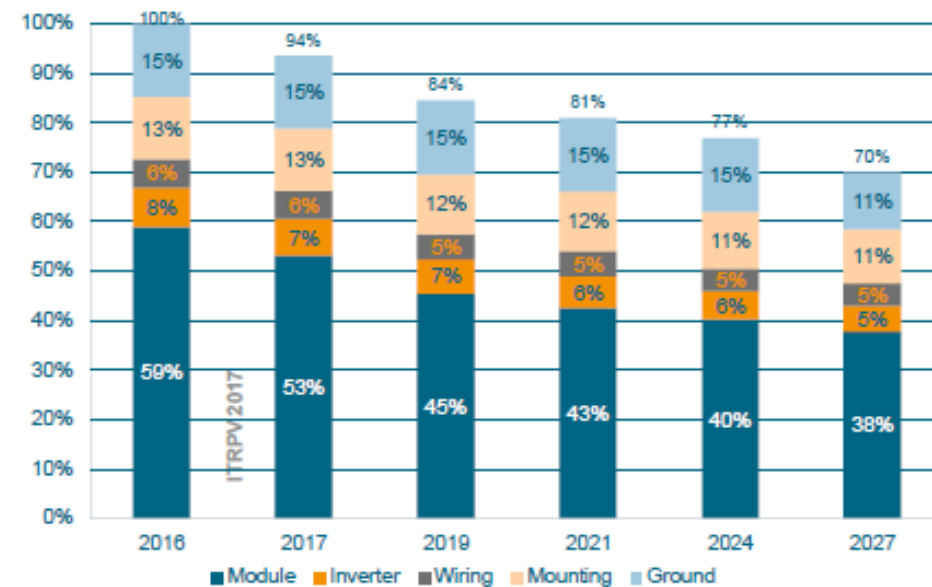
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Balance of system (BOS) for power plants

Trend: BOS in Europe and US



Trend: BOS in Asia

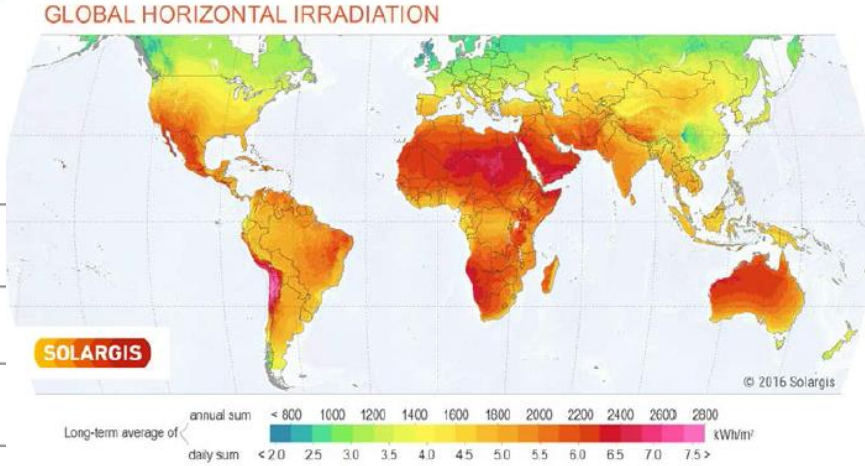
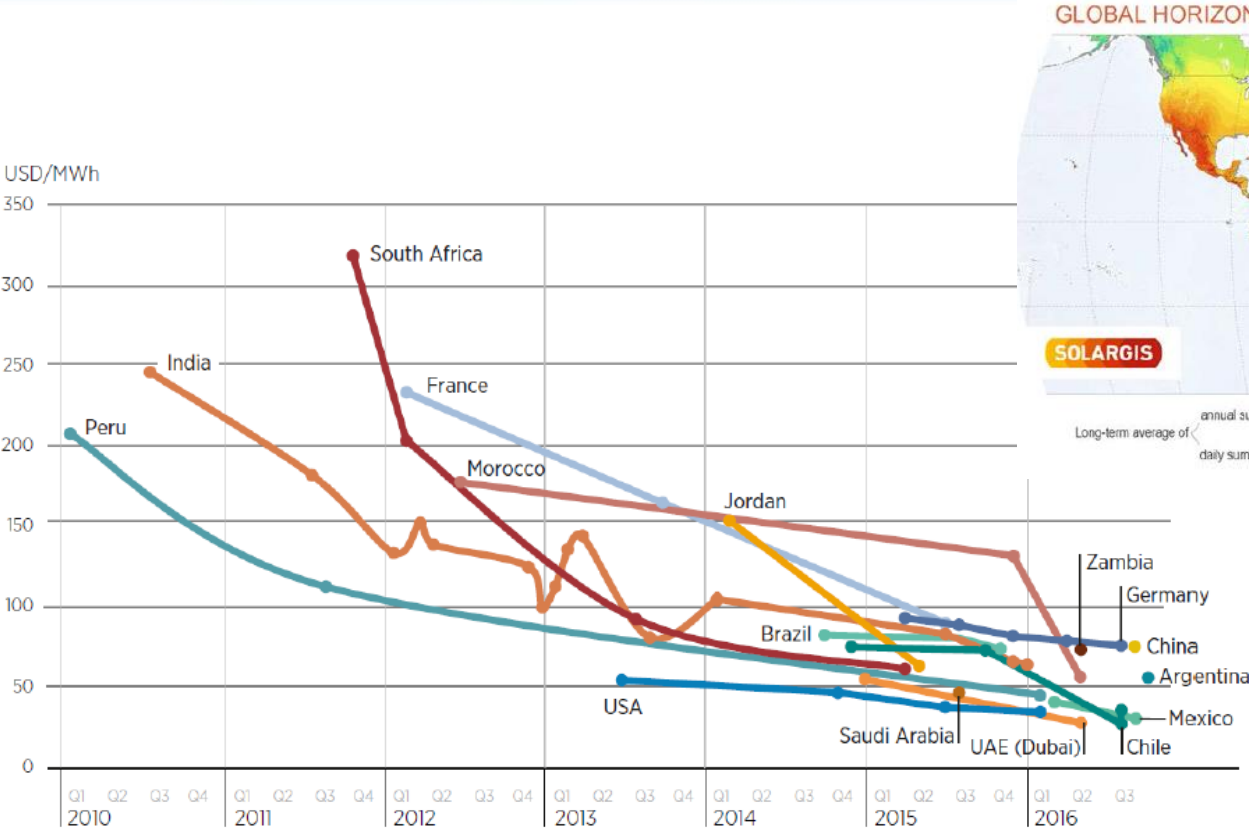


Significant cost reduction still foreseen

Costs in Asia are assumed to be significantly lower

Source: VDMA | International Technology Roadmap PV, ITRPV 2017

Evolution of the PV bid prices utility-scale



Bid pricing: 2,49 \$cent/kWh (UEA) - 6,9 €cent/kWh (DE)

Factor 2,5 in solar radiation

Source: VDMA

More for less money: The renewable energy in 2016 was cheaper than ever before

UN-Environment, Bloomberg New Energy Finance and the Frankfurt School-UNEP Collaborating Centre :

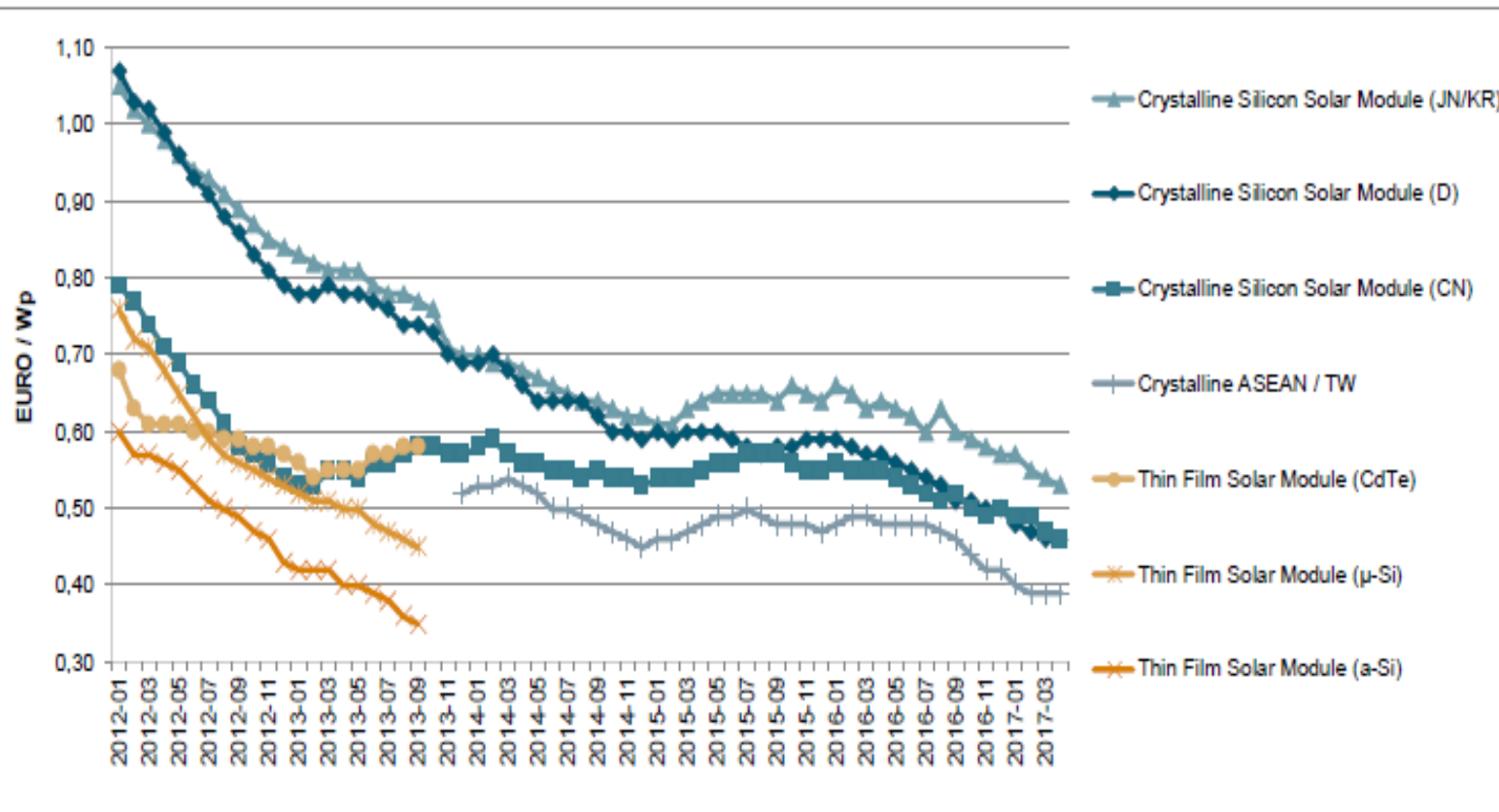
Investment 34% lower (Comparison of 2015 and 2016)

But the capacity has increased by 50 % (50GW > 75GW)

The new investment in solar totaled \$113.7 billion, is enough for adding new 75 GW capacities.

Source: VDMA

PV Cell Weekly Spot Price Crystalline-Si–Thin Film Modules



Module price:

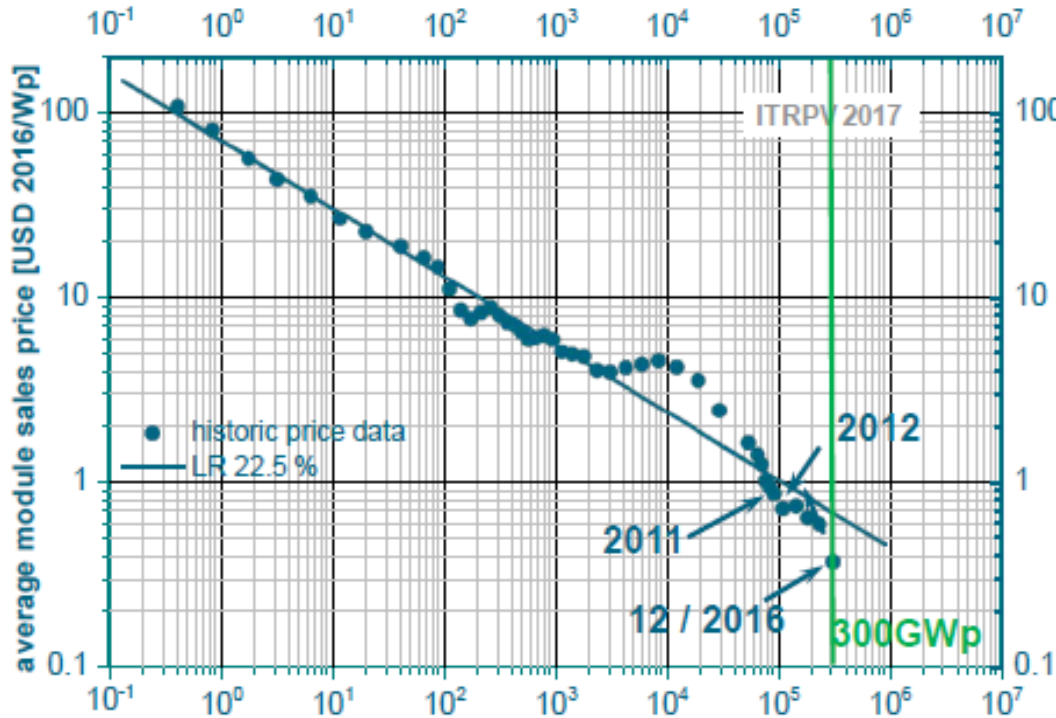
JP / KR the highest

D / CN same price

Asean / TW the cheapest

Source: pvinsights

PV learning Curve



Shipments / avg. price at years end:

2016: 75 GWp / 0,37 US\$/Wp

o/a shipment: ≈ 308 GWp

o/a installation: ≈ 300 GWp

300 GWp landmark was passed!

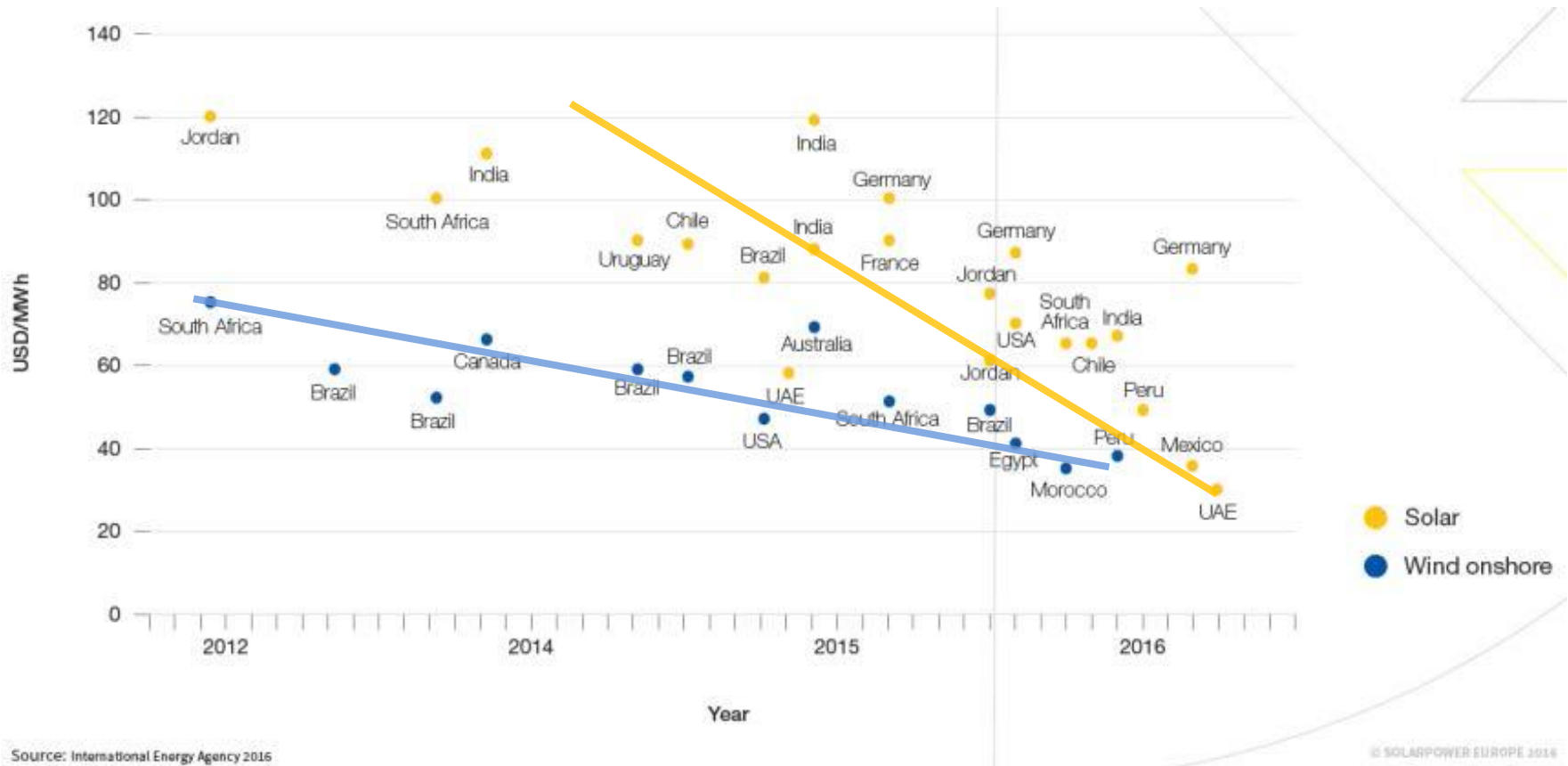
LR 21,5% (1976...2016)

Dramatic price drop due to market situation

➤ Comparable to 2011/2012, but faster

Source: VDMA | ITRPV 2017

Comparison of price degradation PV - Wind



Source: International Energy Agency 2016

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A fast PV learning curve

Source: VDMA



Thank you for attention!