

# Photovoltaic systems and technologies at AIT

Workshop on photovoltaics, grid Integration and funding of the next wave of PV expansion in Cyprus

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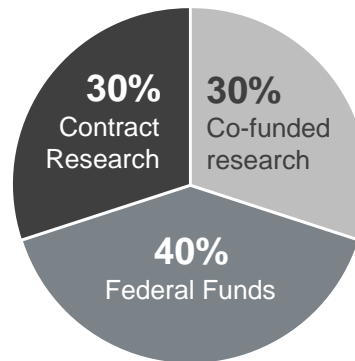
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# AIT Austrian Institute of Technology

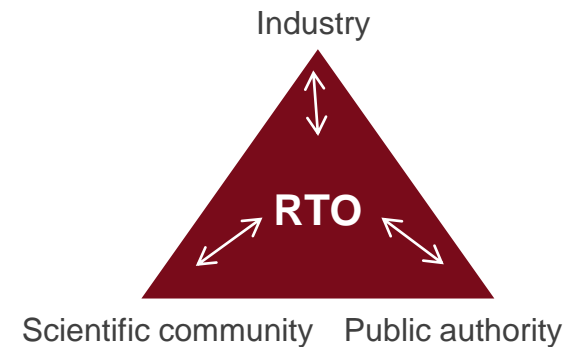
The AIT is **Austria's** largest non-university research institute



## Funding



## Research and Technology Organisation



## Ownership structure

**50.46%**

Republic of Austria

**49.54%** Federation  
of Austrian Industries

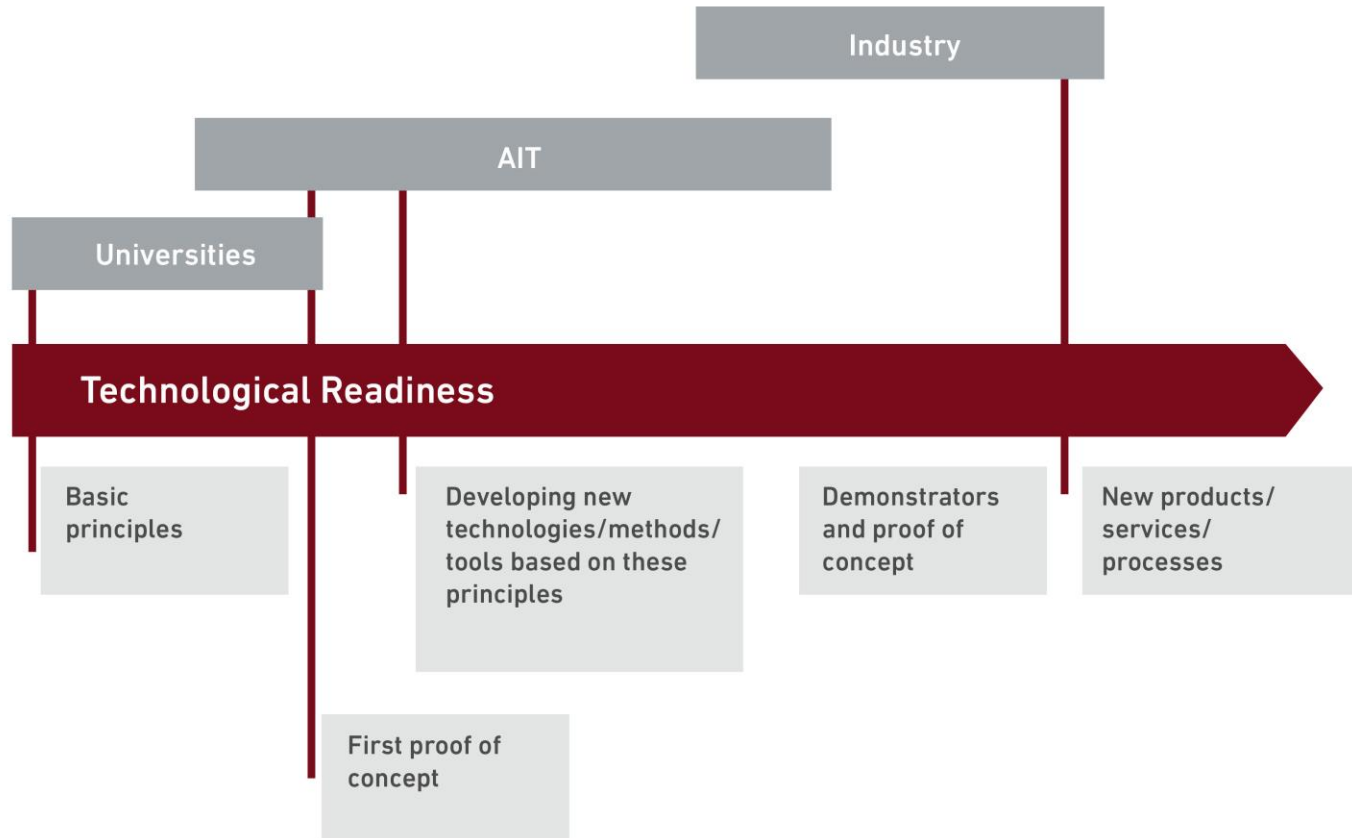
## AIT focuses on **Infrastructure-Research**



## Employees

**1,261**

## Role of AIT



# AIT Energy Department

The AIT Energy Department develops solutions for a sustainable energy system of tomorrow.

## Our Research Fields

- Energy Infrastructure
  - Smart Grids
  - Photovoltaics
  - Thermal Energy Systems
  - Smart Buildings
- Integrated Energy Systems
  - Smart Cities
  - Complex Energy Systems
  - Green Processes



## PHOTOVOLTAICS

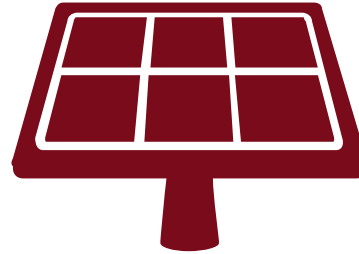


# Photovoltaics - Challenges

Large-scale implementation  
of solar power

use of abundant,  
non-toxic raw materials  
& recycling

Conversion with  
high efficiency



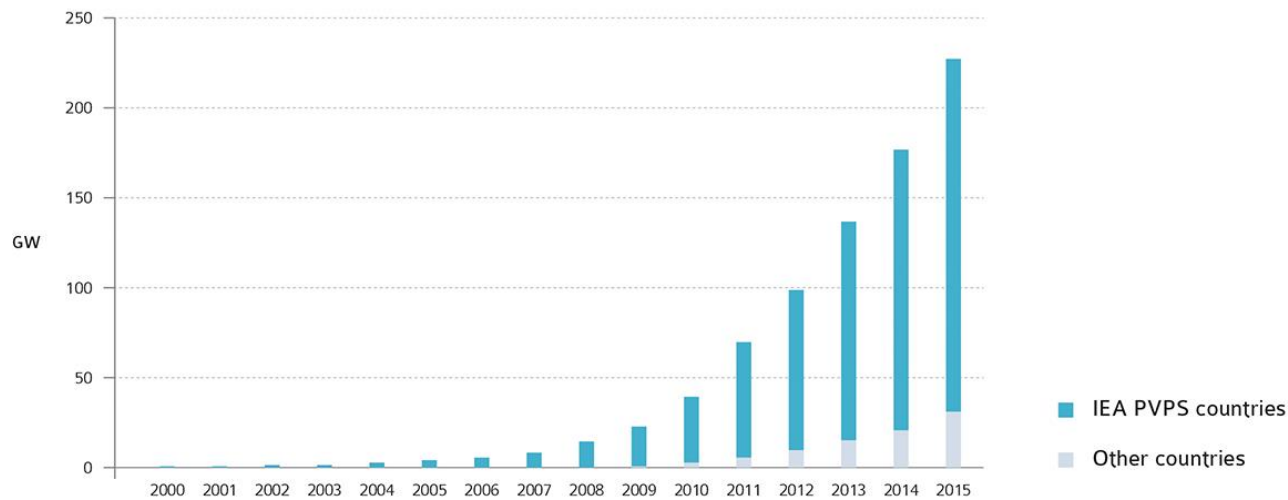
Versatile & multi-  
functional applications

Reducing  
production costs

Long-term reliable operation

# Photovoltaic Development

EVOLUTION OF PV INSTALLATIONS (GW)



**228 GW**  
**global PV capacity**  
 end of 2015

**50,7 GW**  
**commissioned in 2015**

With more than 50 GW connected to the grid in 2015, PV continues to prove its ability to significantly contribute to the decarbonization of the power sector. High penetration shares are common and were reached in a few years, at a decreasing cost.

SOURCE IEA PVPS & OTHERS.

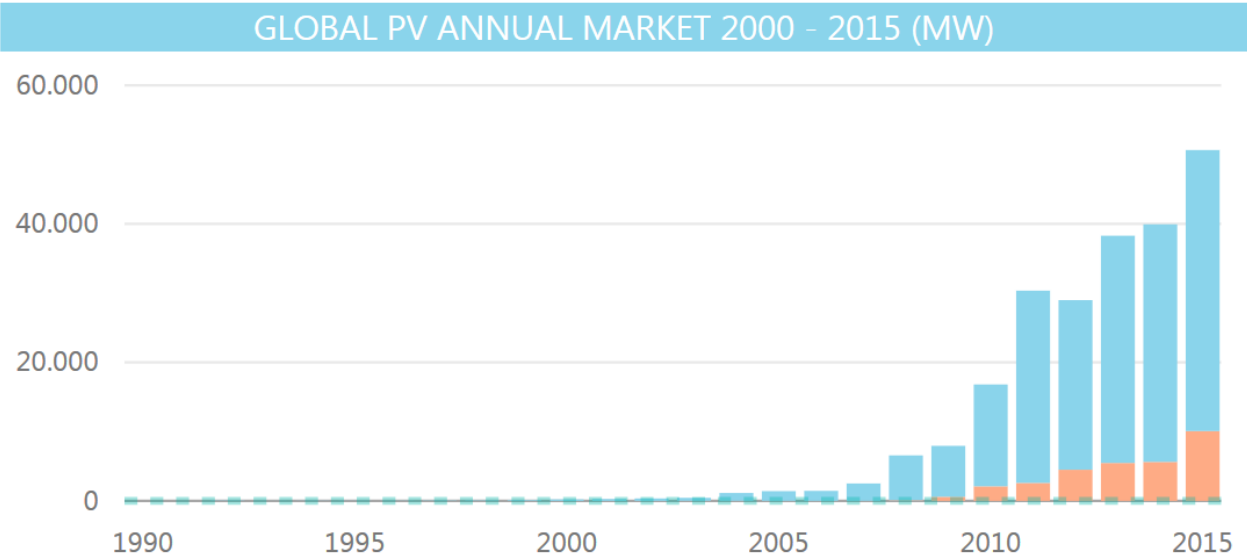
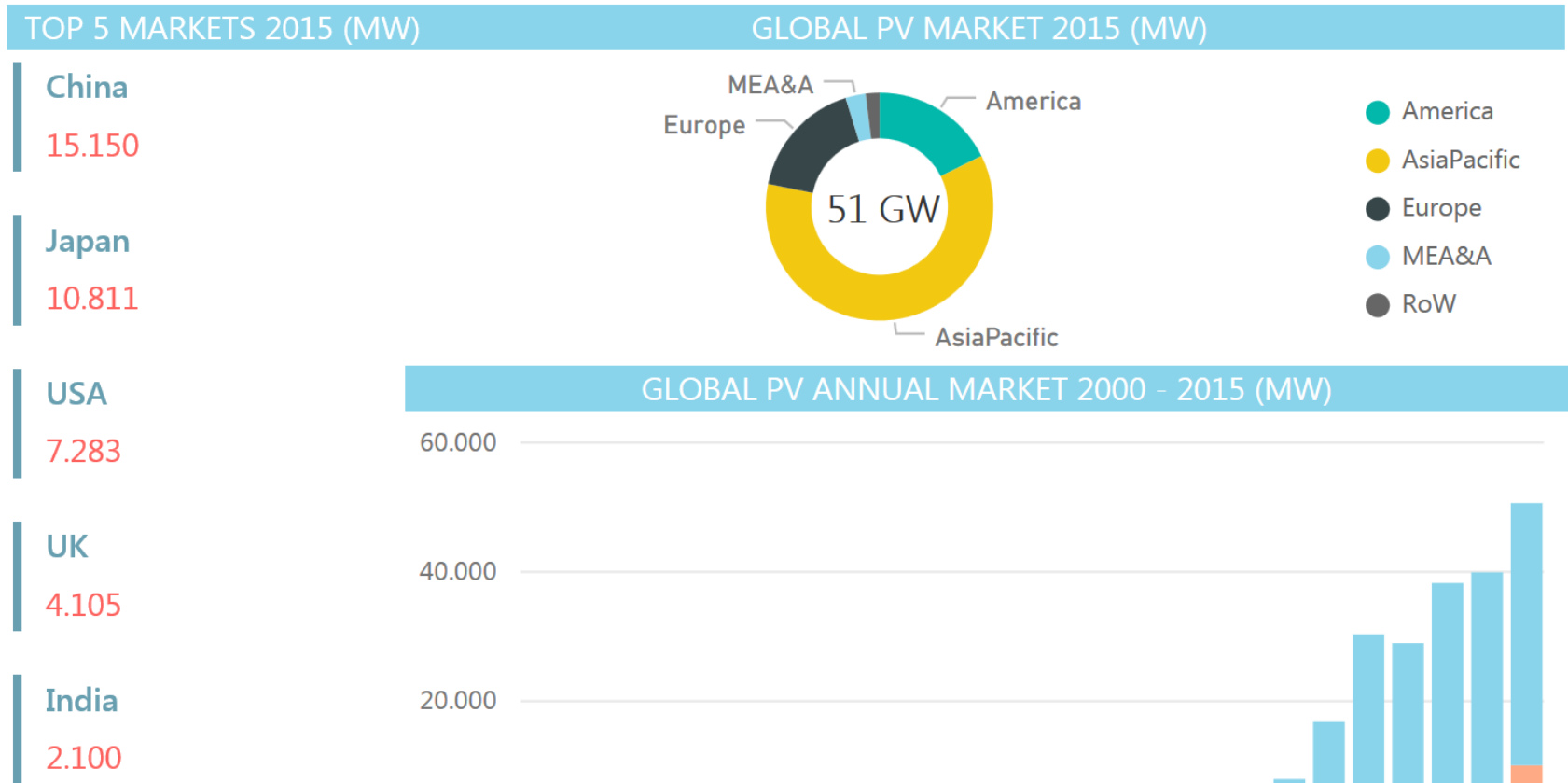


# Global PV development 2015

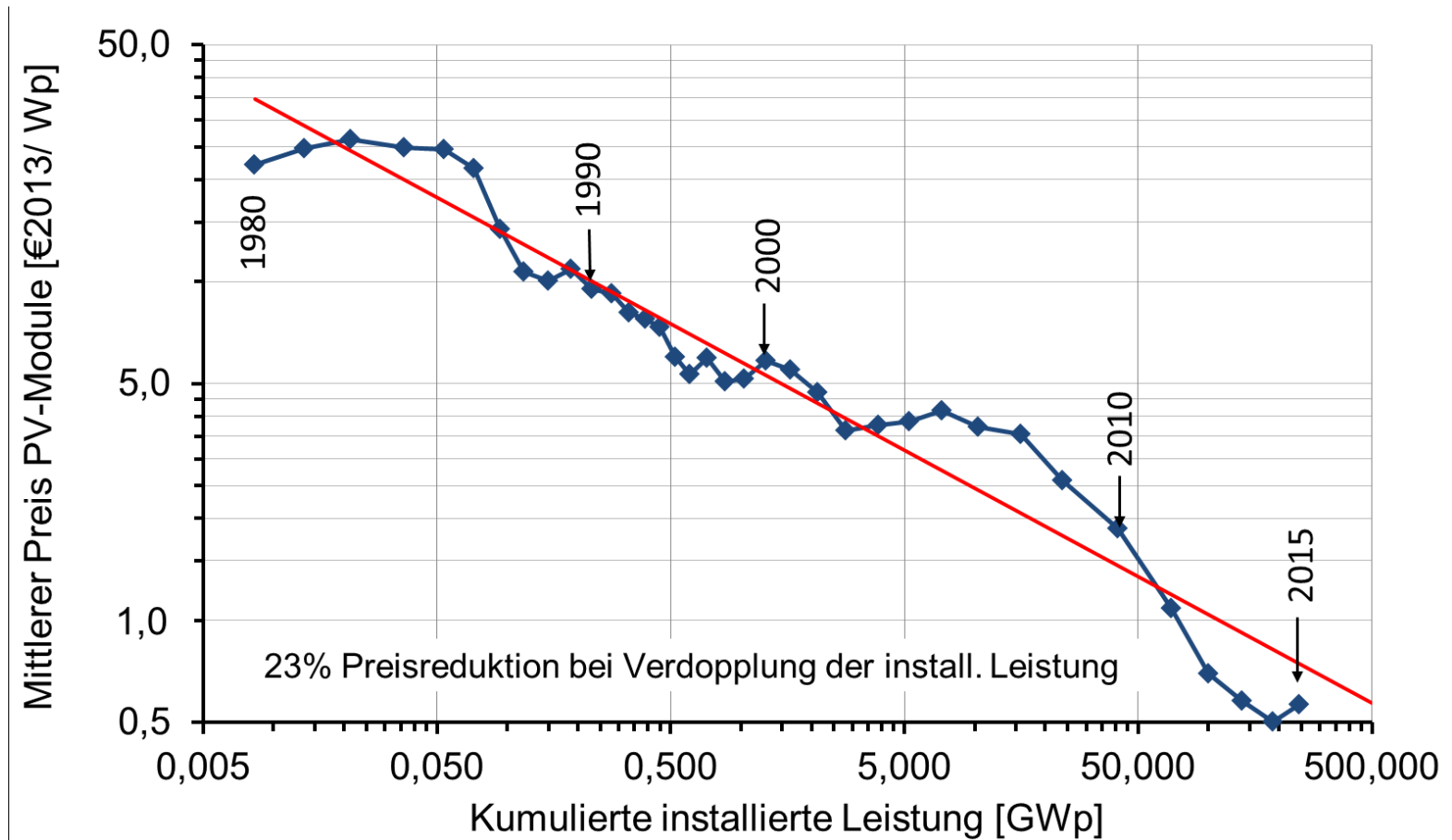


## TRENDS IN PHOTOVOLTAIC APPLICATIONS - 2016

Photovoltaic Power Systems Programme - <http://www.iea-pvps.org>

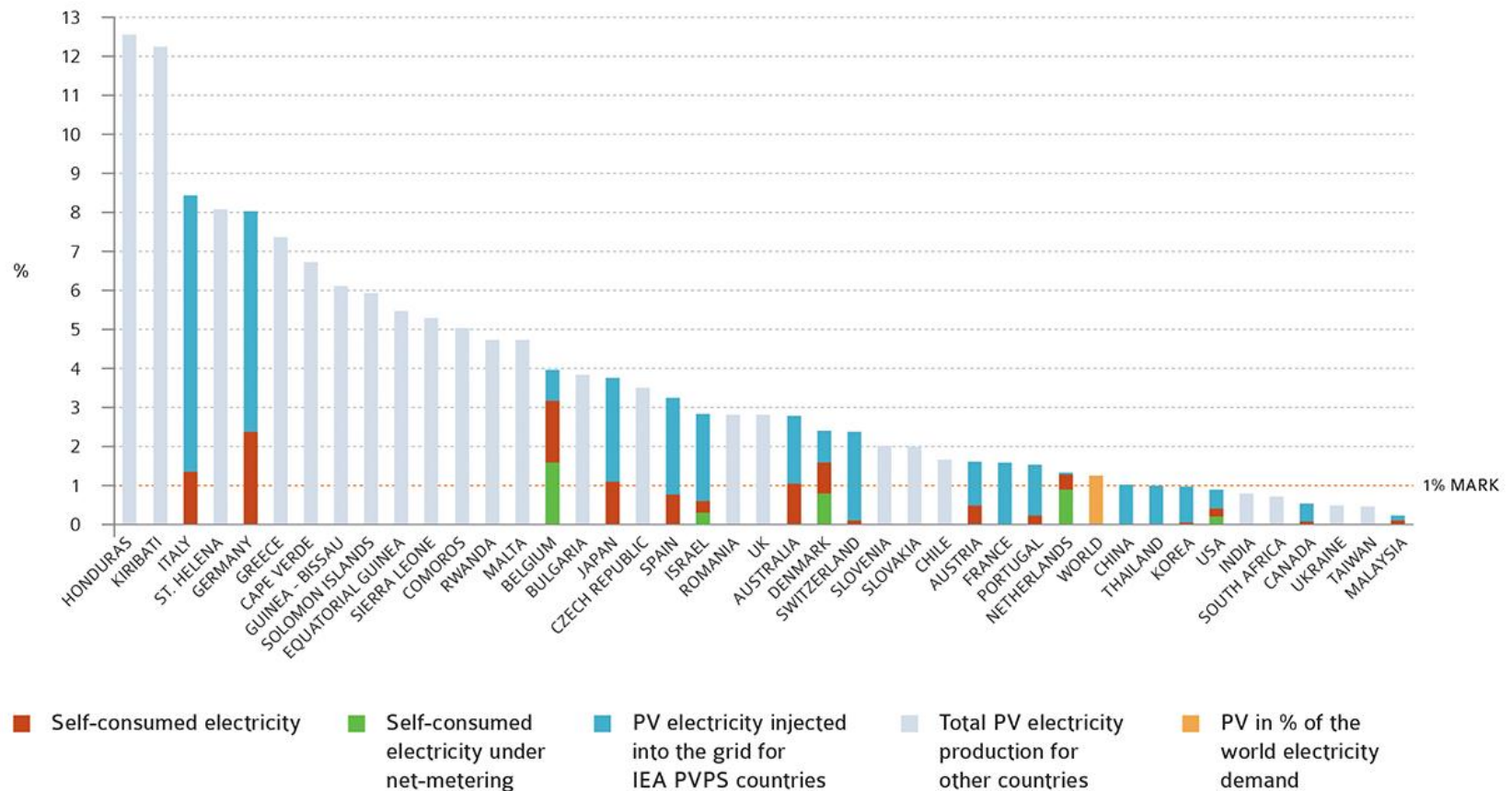


# Long term PV learning rate

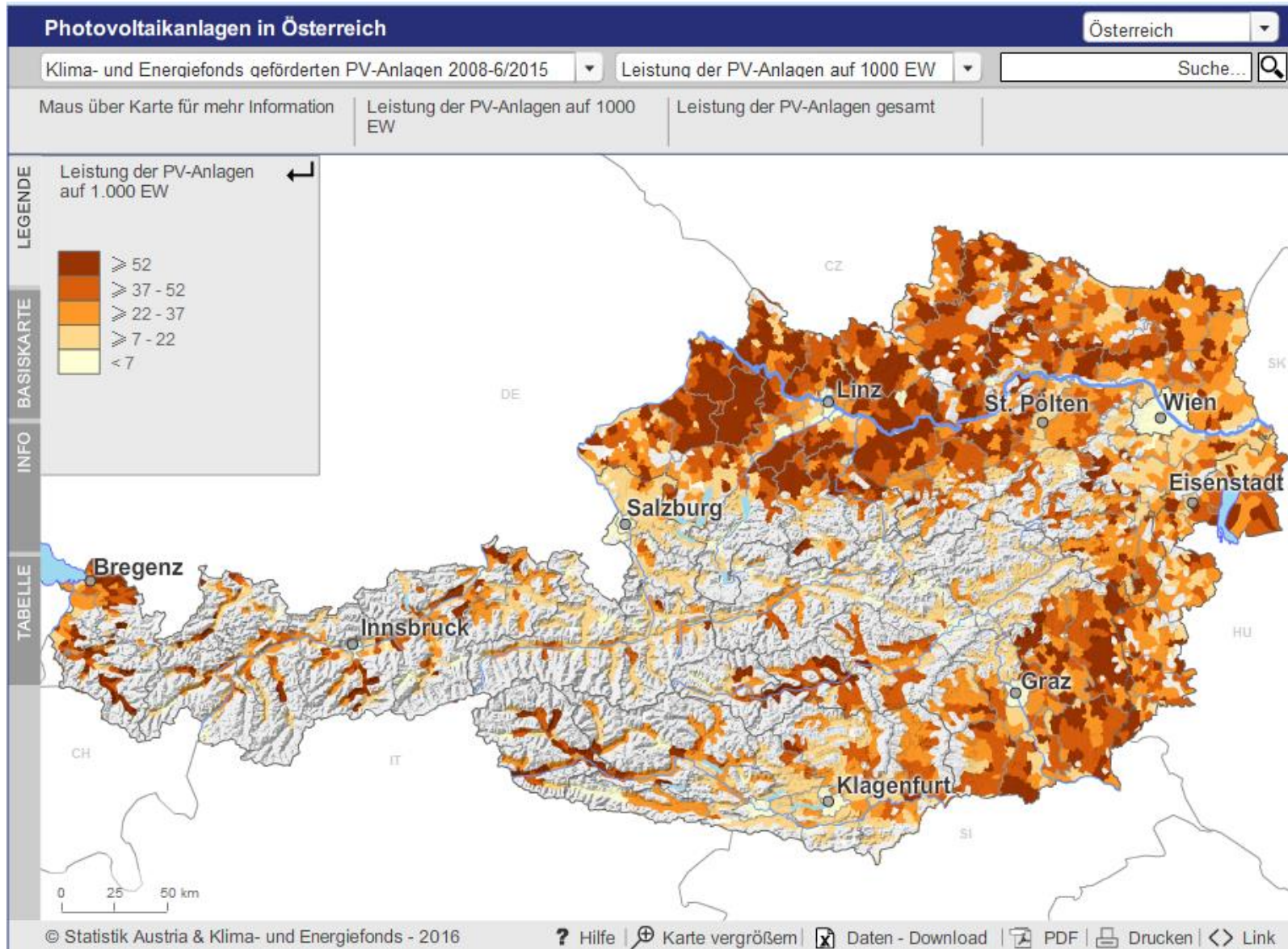


# Photovoltaic contribution levels

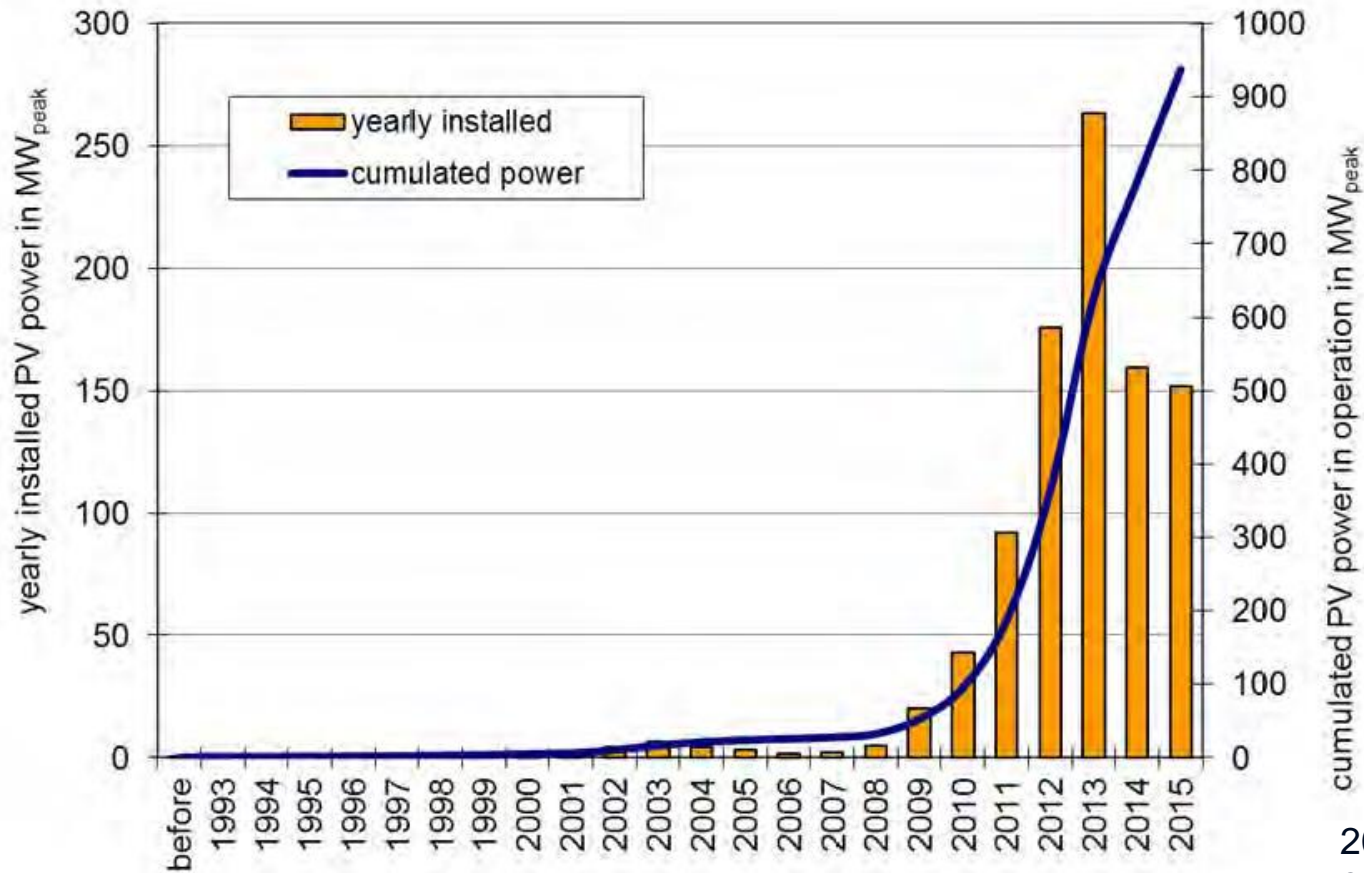
PV CONTRIBUTION TO THE ELECTRICITY DEMAND IN 2015



# Photovoltaic in Austria

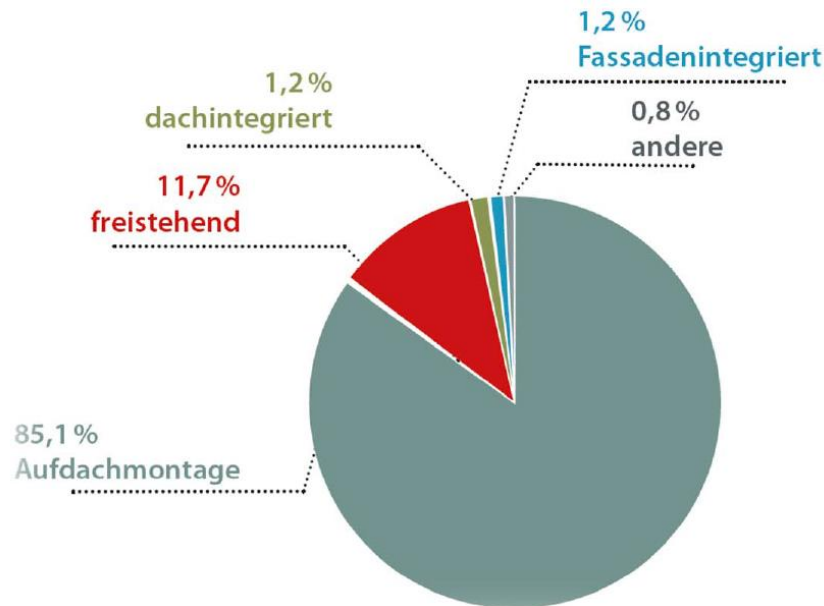


# Photovoltaic – development in Austria



2015: 151.8 MW  
 2016: ~130 MW  
 Total: 1070 MW

# PV installations in Austria



PV installation types in Austria

(Source: Innovative Energietechnologien in Österreich Marktentwicklung 2015)

85% rooftop installations

**Potential surfaces for solar generation:**  
230 km<sup>2</sup> total potential surface (approx. 70 km<sup>2</sup> facades)



# National Policy framework for the promotion of PV

## Renewable Energy Sources Act - RES Act 2014 (EEG):

- Feed in tariff system (e.g. 13,15ct/kWh , <10kWp)
- Gradual reduction
- **ONE** national law for all renewables


## FIT (Green energy act)

- PV on buildings 5 kWp...200 kWp
- 8,24 Cent/kWh, 13 years
- 375 Euro/kWp for all PV systems (max. 40 % of total costs)

## National investment subsidy:

- Max 5kWp
- 275 Euro/kWp ground mounted and rooftop PV systems (max. 35 % of total costs)
- 375 Euro/kWp for BIPV (max. 35 % of total costs)
- 8,5 Mio€

# PV programmes of federal states as of June 2016

 Photovoltaik-Förderung

**Tyrol**  
No support  
programme

**Salzburg**  
1-3 kW,  
600 €/kWp  
Alternative to KLIEN

**Upper Austria**  
150 €/kWp , or max.  
50% for >5kWp  
In addition to KliEn

**Lower Austria**  
Part of support for buildings  
(Wohnbau- Sanierungsf.)

**Vienna**  
275 €/kWp , or max.  
40% for up to 5kWp  
Alternative to KLIEN  
Min. 900kWh/a

**Styria**  
Min 1kWp, >3kWp  
PV+Storage.  
Complicated  
scheme, max 5 kW,

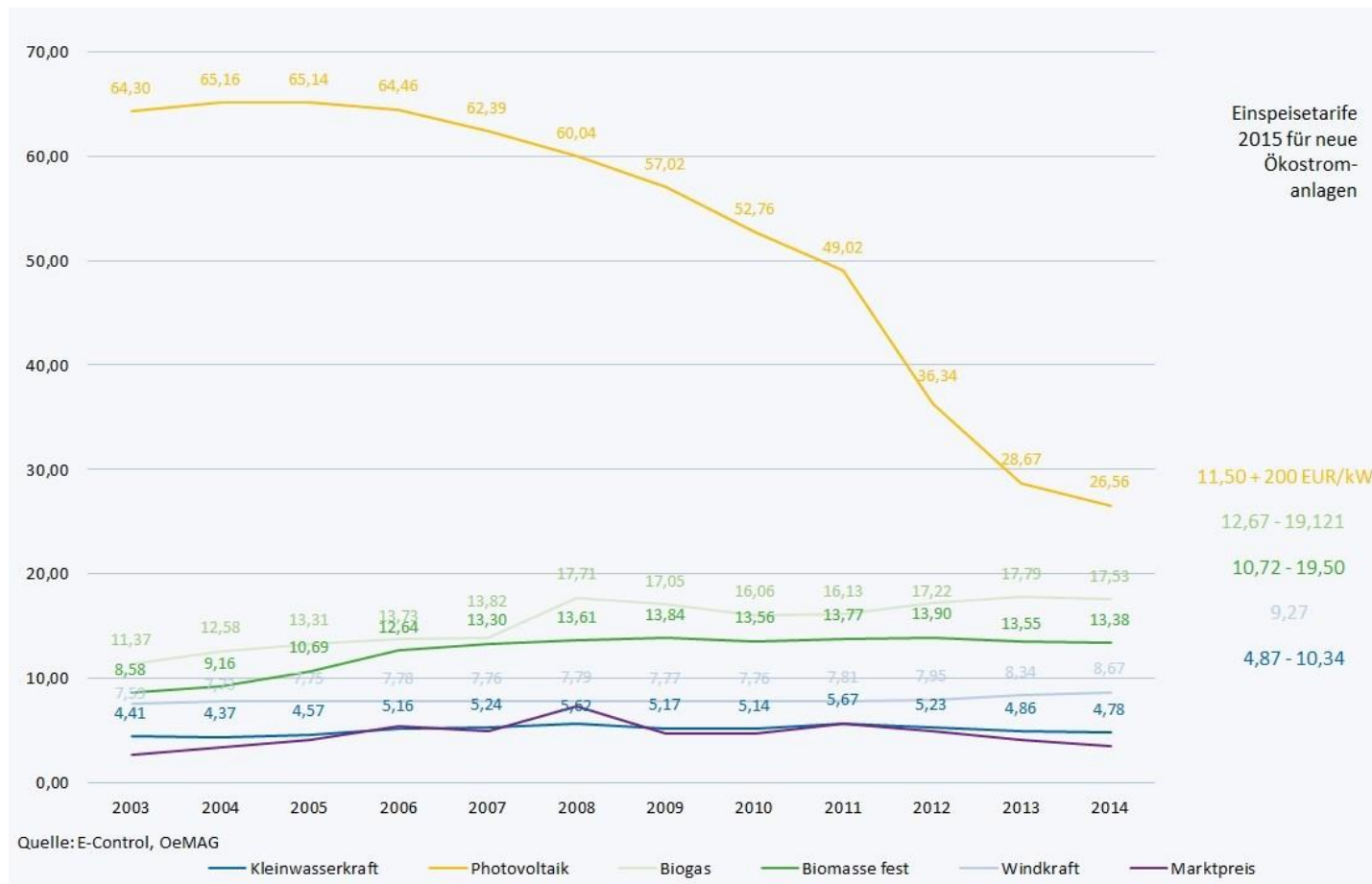
**Vorarlberg**  
No support  
programme

**Carinthia:**  
Part of support for buildings  
(Wohnbauförderung)

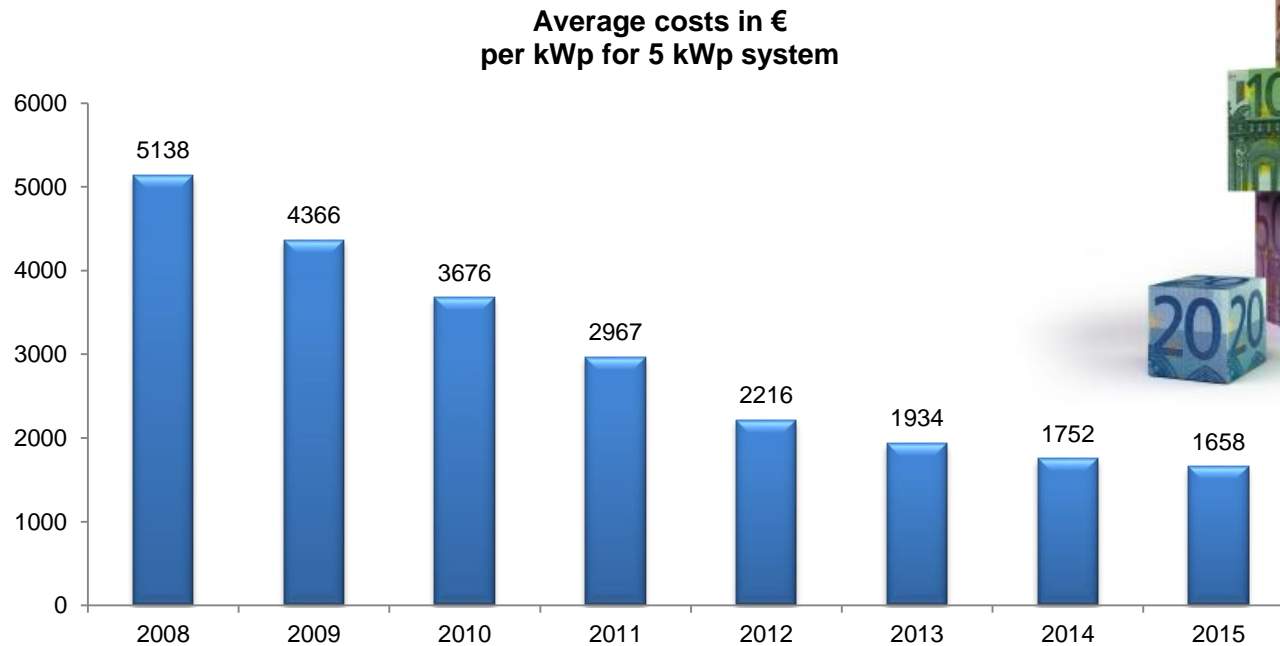
**Burgenland:**  
30% of costs, max.  
275€/kWp, max 5kWp  
Alternative to KLIEN



# National Policy framework for the promotion of PV: development

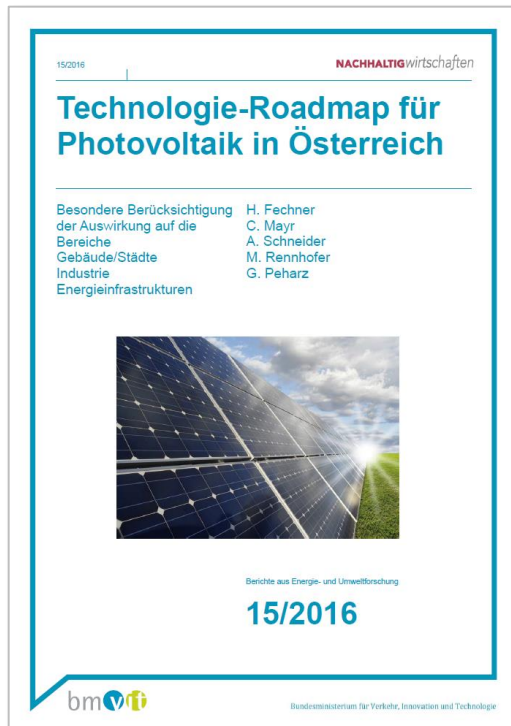


# Cost reduction of PV systems: -68% since 2008 in Austria



Average costs of complete installed PV plants based on 5kWp grid connected systems

# Study: Photovoltaic Roadmap for Austria



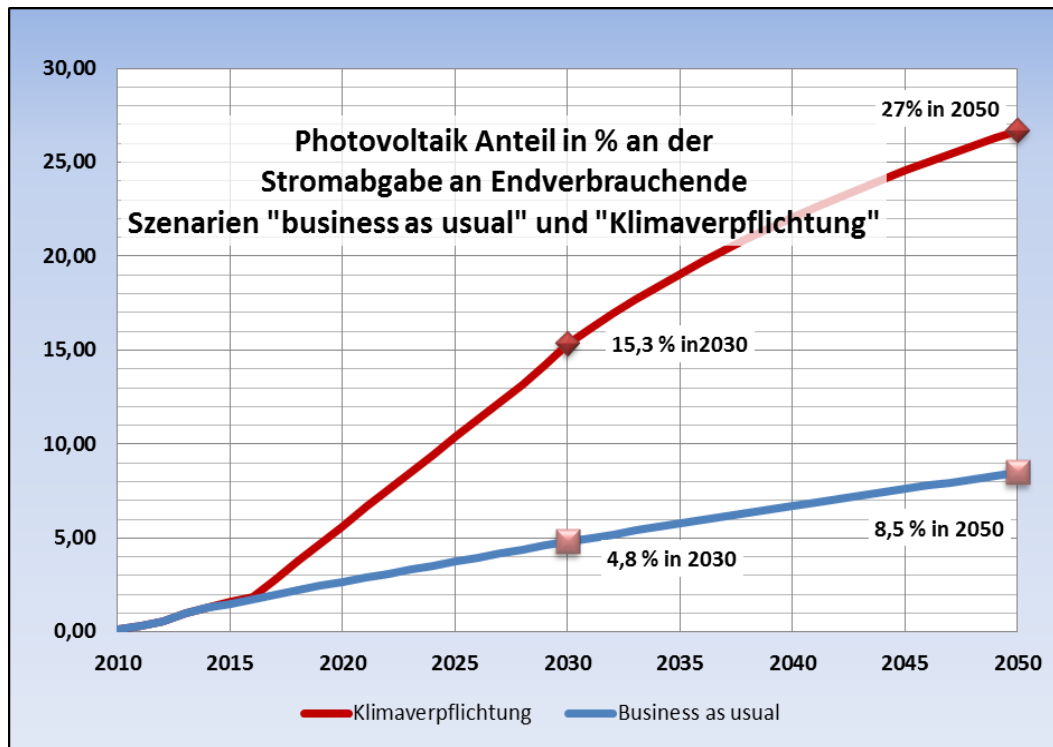
Study for the Austrian Ministry of Transportation, Innovation and Technology:

- “Technology-Roadmap for Photovoltaic in Austria”
- Basis: EU CO2 targets
- In accordance with recognized analyses for 100% renewables in Austria until 2050

In collaboration of AIT with FH-Technikum Wien  
and Joanneum Research



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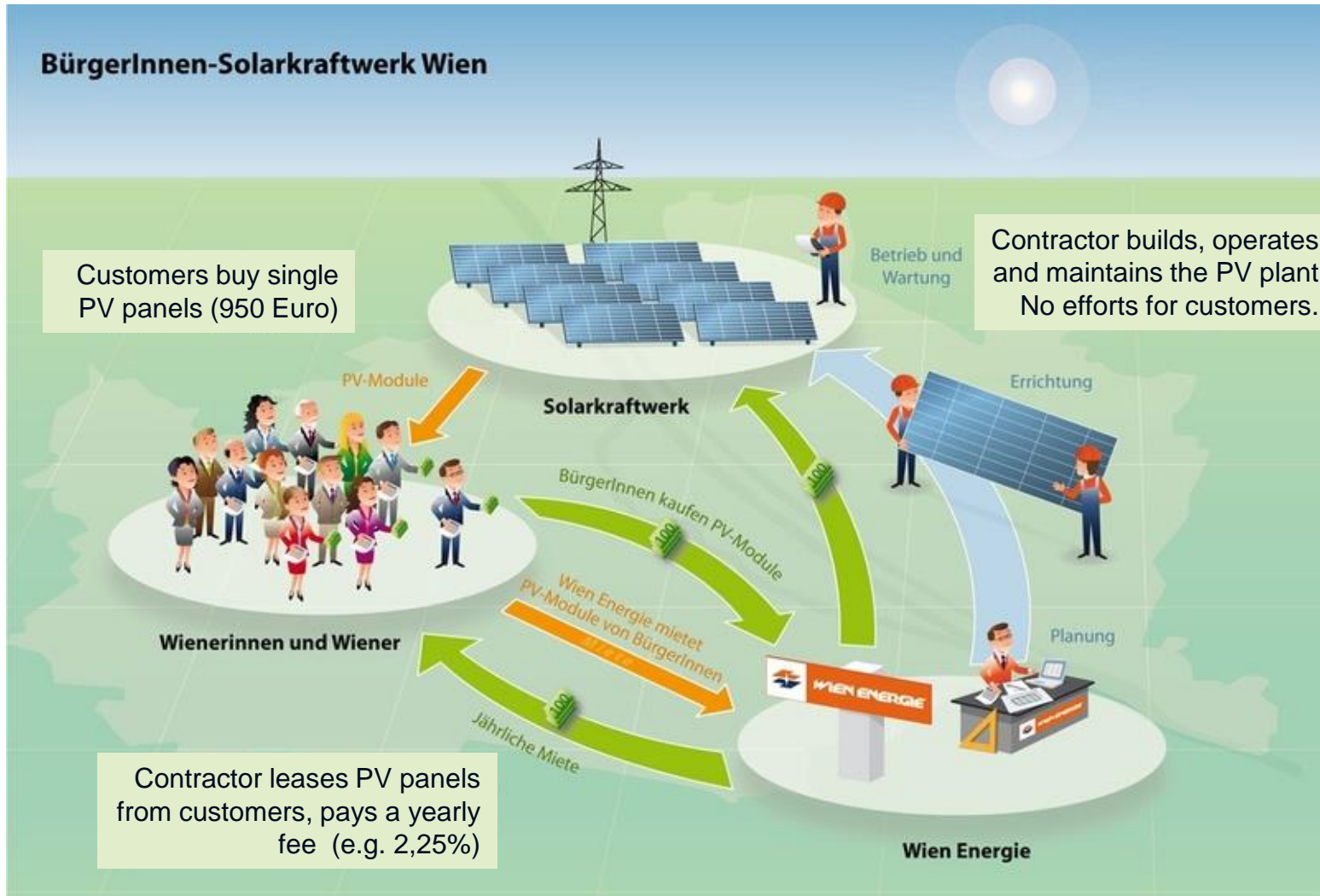
2050

- +25,6 GW until 2050,
- 27% of the electricity supply
- 12,4% of total energy supply

Building Integrated Photovoltaic will play a major role:

- 140 km<sup>2</sup> roof area
- 50 km<sup>2</sup> façade area

# Crowd funding: „Sale-and-Lease-Back“



## Crowd funding: „Voucher“

- 950 investment
- 60 Euro/a voucher for the supermarket
- 5,1% revenue
- After 25 years 400 Euro back



# Contracting: 12ct power plant

- Contractor builds PV plant >20kWp
- No investment,
- 12ct/kWh for the produced energy
- Self-consumption and feed-in of additional energy
- Costs only for 15 years maximum 980 kWh/kWp per year
- Every kWh in addition is for free

## Ihre Ersparnis bei einer 20 kWp Anlage (Beispielrechnung)\*\*

angenommener Strombedarf	übliche Stromkosten	installierte Leistung	erzeugter PV Strom	verrechneter PV Strom*	PV Strompreis	angenommener Eigenverbrauch	üblicher Überschusstarif	angenommene Strompreis-erhöhung
50.000 kWh	14 Cent/kWh	20 kWp	20.000 kWh	19.600 kWh	12 Cent/kWh	70%	6 Cent/kWh	2% pa.

	Stromkosten ohne Photovoltaikanlage	Stromkosten mit Photovoltaikanlage	Ihre Gesamtersparnis
nach 15 Jahren	€ 121.054,-	€ 116.213,-	€ 4.841,-
nach 25 Jahren	€ 224.212,-	€ 185.182,-	€ 39.030,-

\* Deckelung des verrechneten PV Stroms bei 980 kWh/kWp

\*\* Alle Beträge exkl. MwSt.

## Contracting: various models

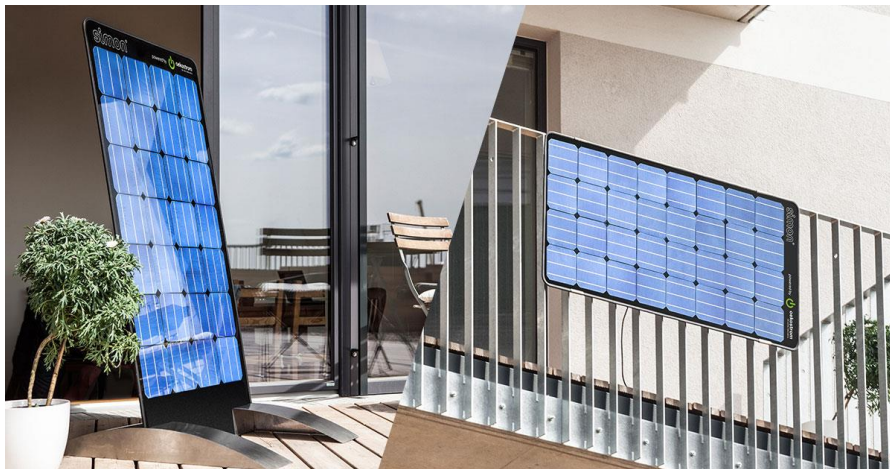
- Provision of roof for contractor
- FIT
  - 5% of FIT for customer for 13 years
  - After contracting time (13 years) customer get PV plant for free
- Self consumption
  - Direct consumption
  - 5% cheaper than from other utilities
  - After contracting time (negotiable) customer get PV plant for free



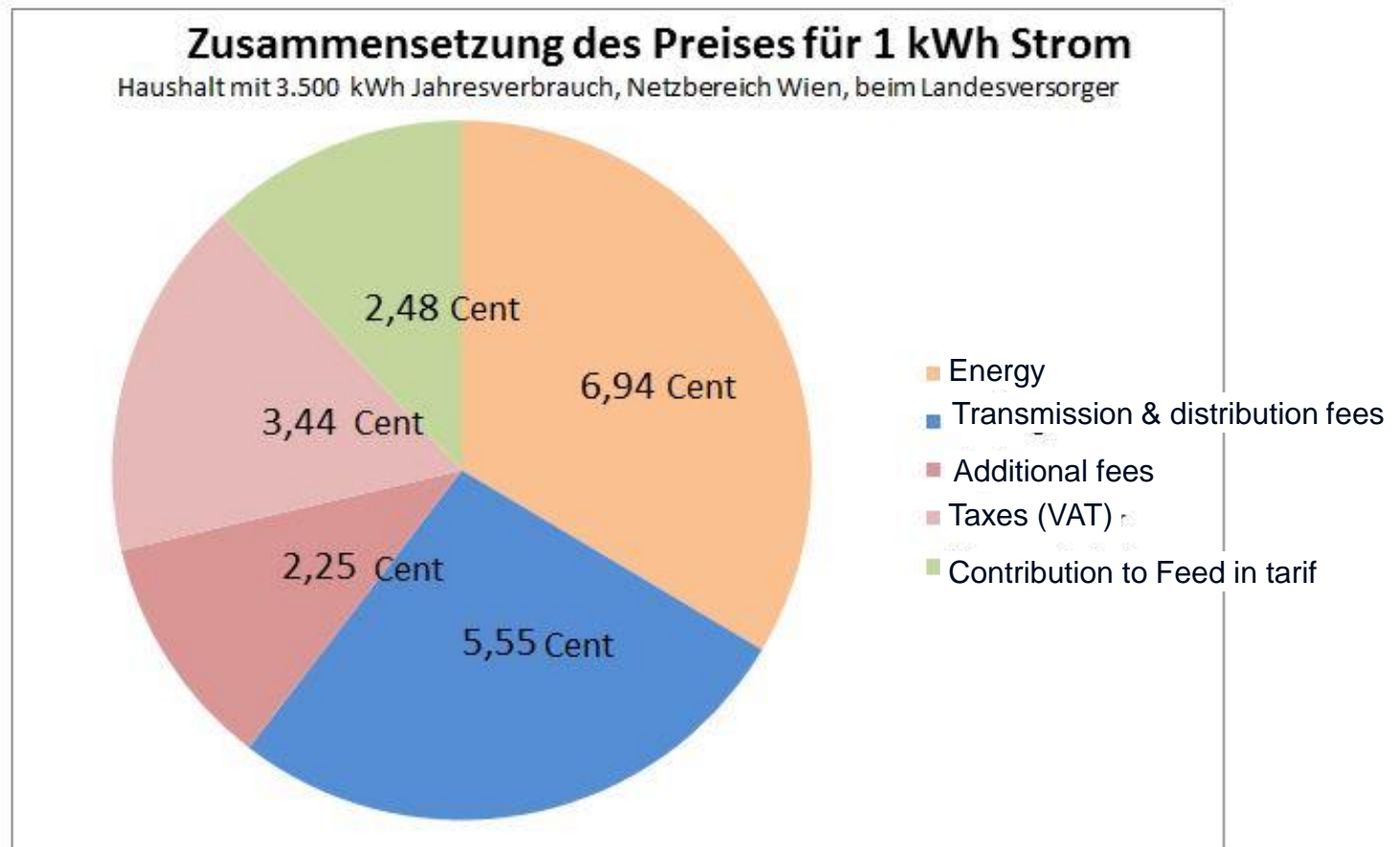


## AC modules for the people

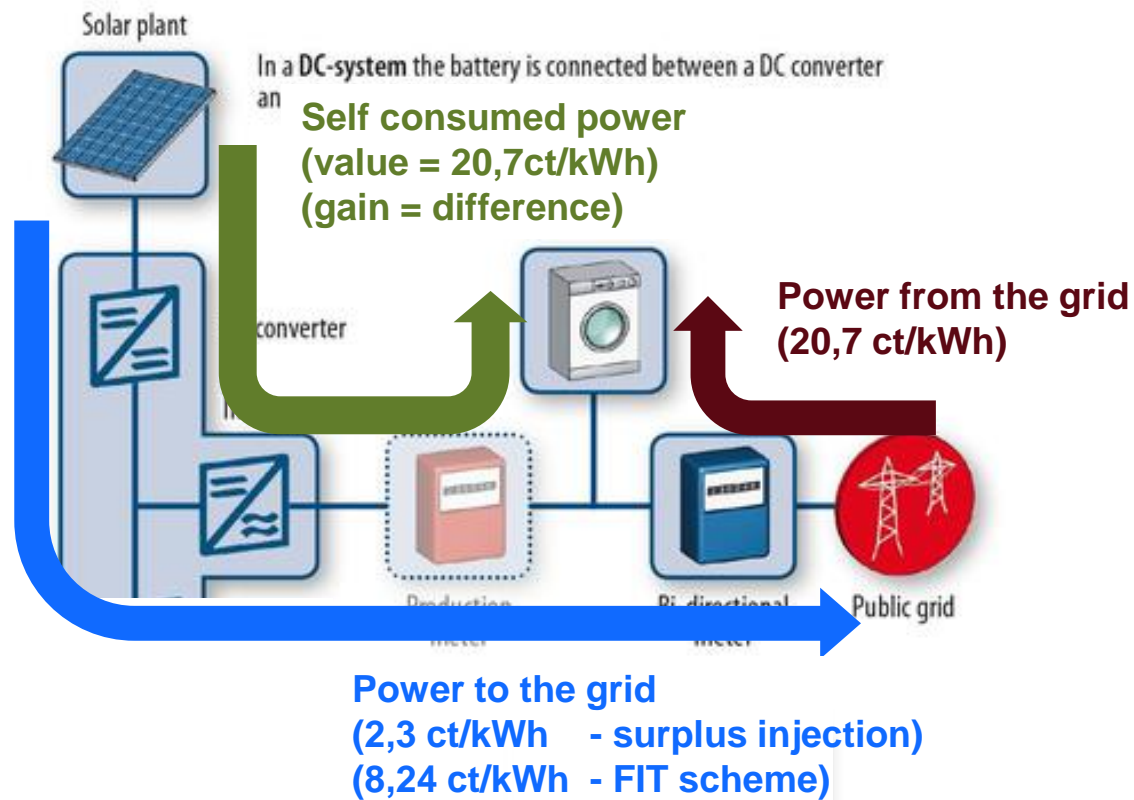
- Idea: „Plug and Safe“ module
- Design approach
- 150W
- 599 Euro + mounting kit
- TOR D4 allows AC modules up to 600W only for permanently connected generators (no plugs)
- Administrative burden and weak support by grid operators



# Price for electricity (1kWh)



# Business case PV



# PV generation in correlation with energy demand in household

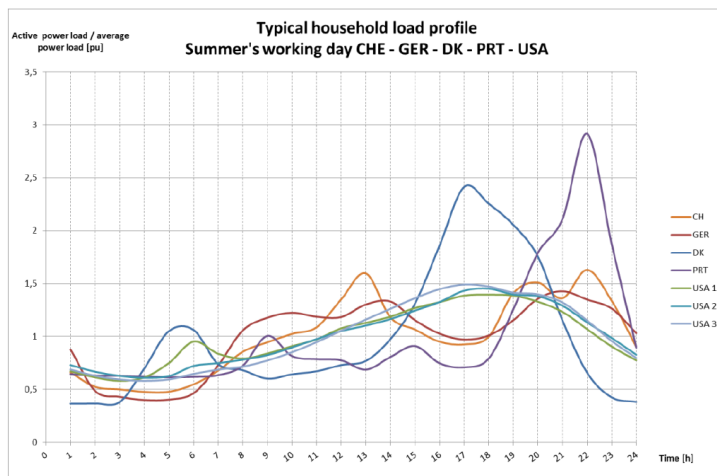
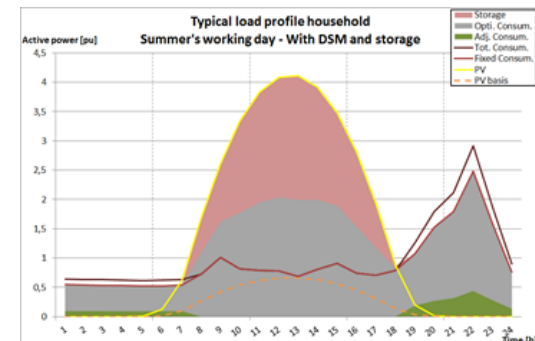
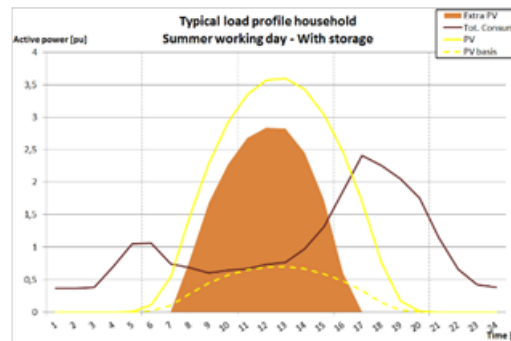
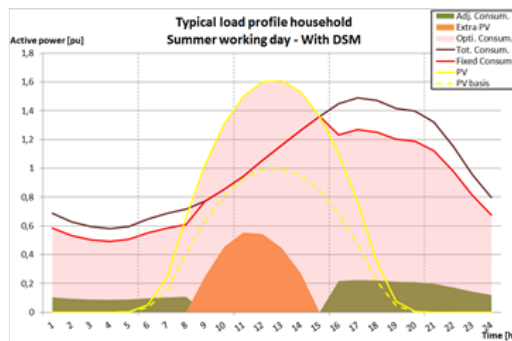


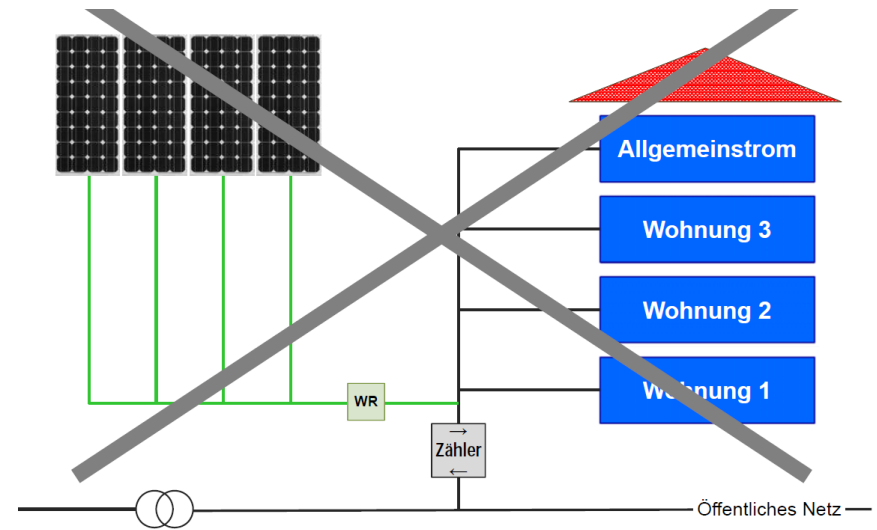
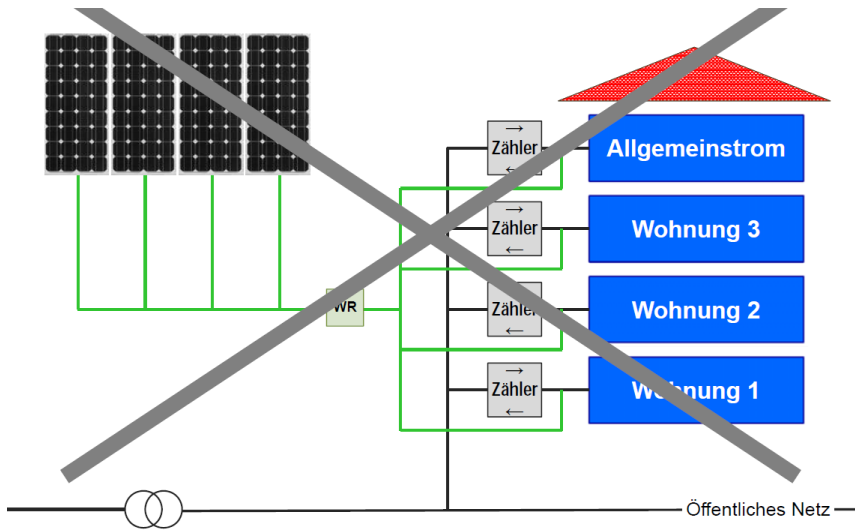
Figure 14 : Typical load profiles on summer's working day, normalized.

- How much PV I can integrate into the grid without reverse flow ?
- Case studies for PV integration (DK, PRG, USA, CH, DE)
  - Base case
  - Integration with DSM
  - Integration with Storage system (6 kWh)
  - Integration with DSM and Storage



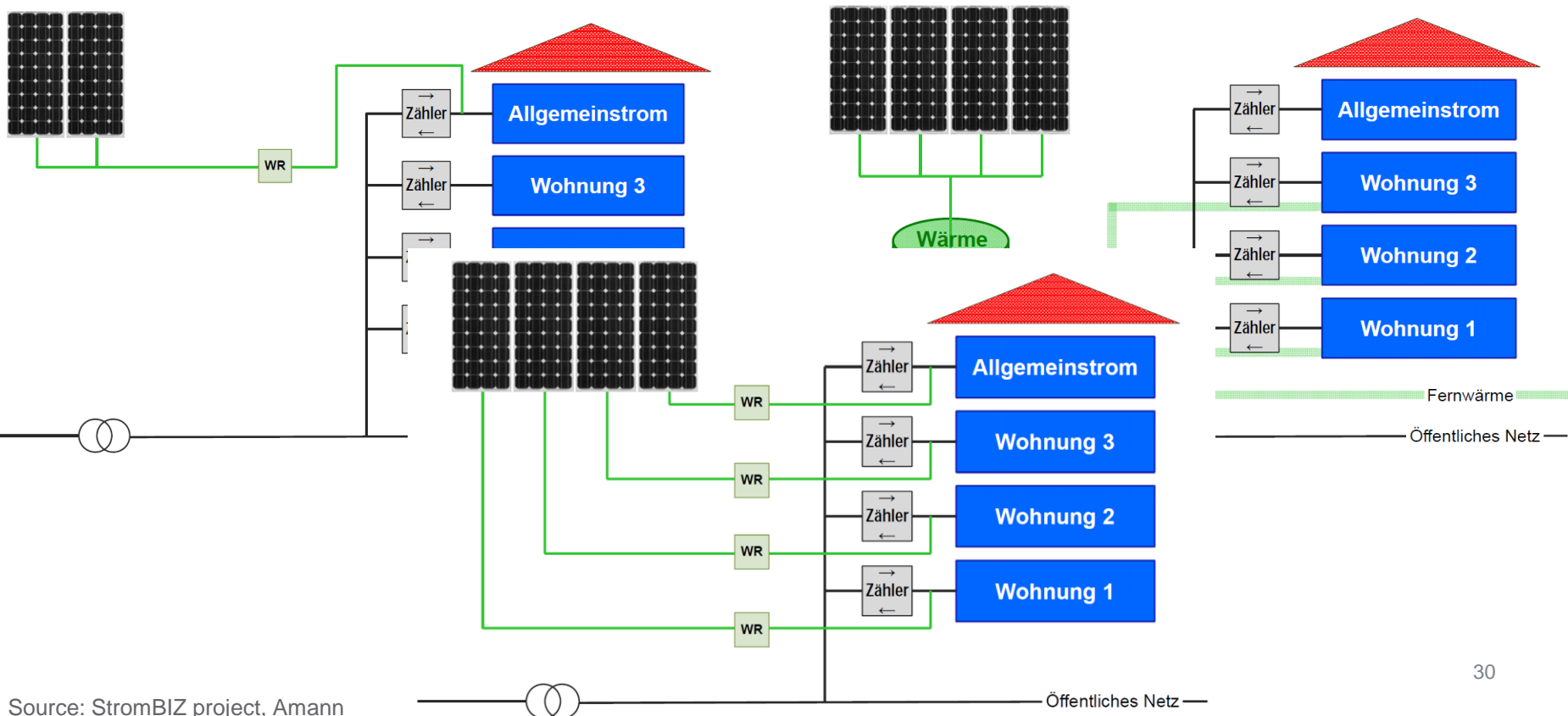
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- Not allowed

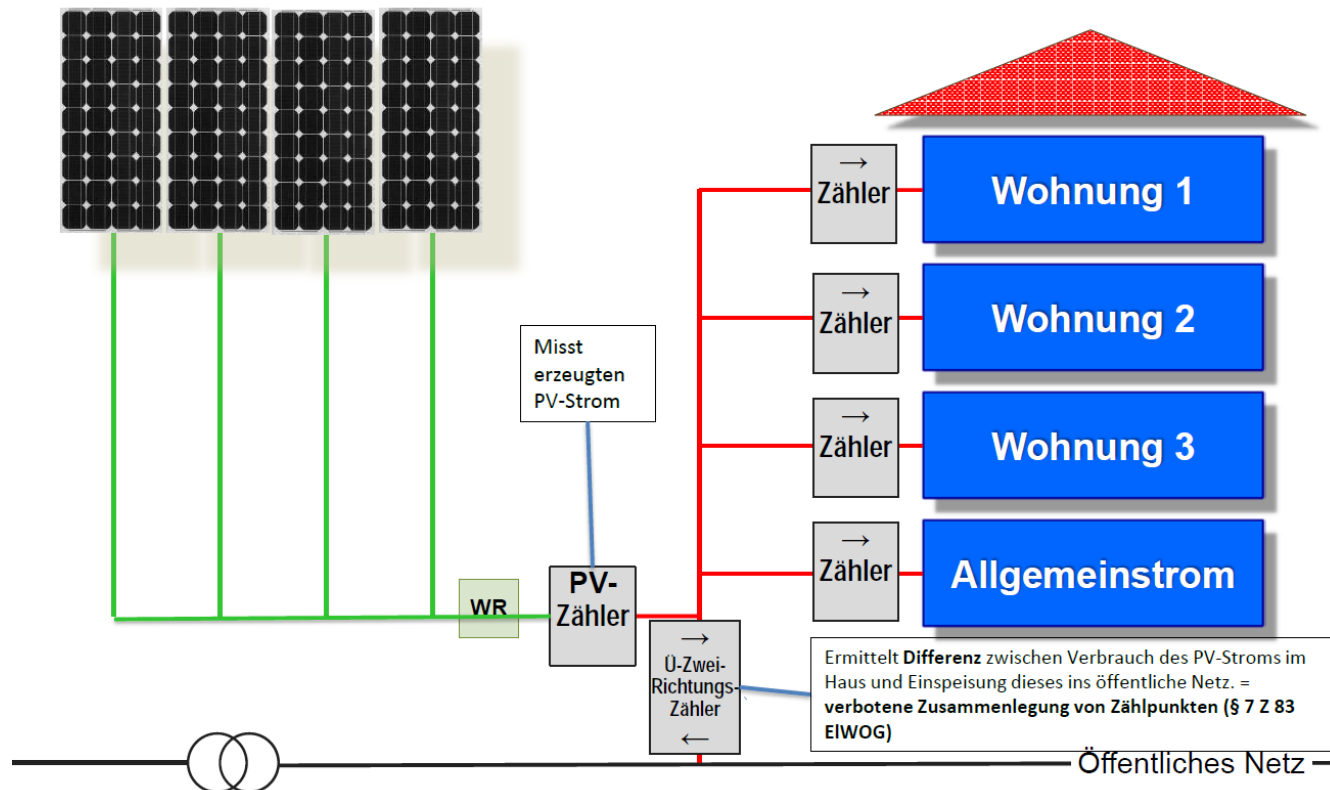


# Concepts for multi-family houses [2]

- Current practice



# Concepts for multi-family houses [3]: new approach



# Legal feasibility of business models



## Electricity Industry and Organisation Act

### ElWOG 2010

- Erzeuger/Lieferant
- Endverbraucher
- Netz
- Zähler
- Lieferantenwahl



## Right of abode

### Wohnrecht

- MRG
- WEG
- ABGB



## Consumer Protection Act

### Konsumentenschutzrecht

- KSchG
- ABGB
- Spez. ElWOG 2010
- FAGG



# Taxes

Tax fees apply on energy

- Provision (distribution) of electricity
- Consumption of electricity by energy suppliers
- Consumption of self produced electric energy (1,5ct/kWh)
  
- Up to 25 000 kWh/a no tax fees for PV plant operators



## Regulatory framework recently revised

- Interconnection requirement TOR D4 revised 02/2016
  - Threshold level for single phase interconnection reduced
  - Introduction of voltage control: Q(U), P(U)
  - Idea: increased hosting capacity by local measures on the generator
    - Consideration of energy storage: Same requirements as for DG
    - Definition of „micro generators“ <0,6 kW per installation with fit-and-inform approach
  
- Green Energy Act
  - Under revision
  
- ELWOG:
  - solutions for use of PV in multi-family homes under implementation



# EU-Directive for ‚Nearly Zero Energy Buildings‘

## New Driver for BIPV in EU -> Directive 2010/31/EU:

of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 May 2010 on the energy performance of buildings:

*„Nearly zero-energy building: a building that has a very high energy performance. The nearly zero or very low amount of energy required **should be covered to a very significant extent by energy from renewable sources, including energy from renewable sources produced on-site or nearby.**“*

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:32010L0031>



‚Efficient House Plus

Source: BMUB –Effizienzhaus Plus, Sobek Architect



Active Town House Nearly Zero Energy Building

Source: HHS - Hegger Architects, ABG Frankfurt Holding GmbH



Source: AIT, POS-Architects



Solar Refurbishment

Source: Astrid Schneider, Solar Architecture

# Tradition of Construction - Innovation



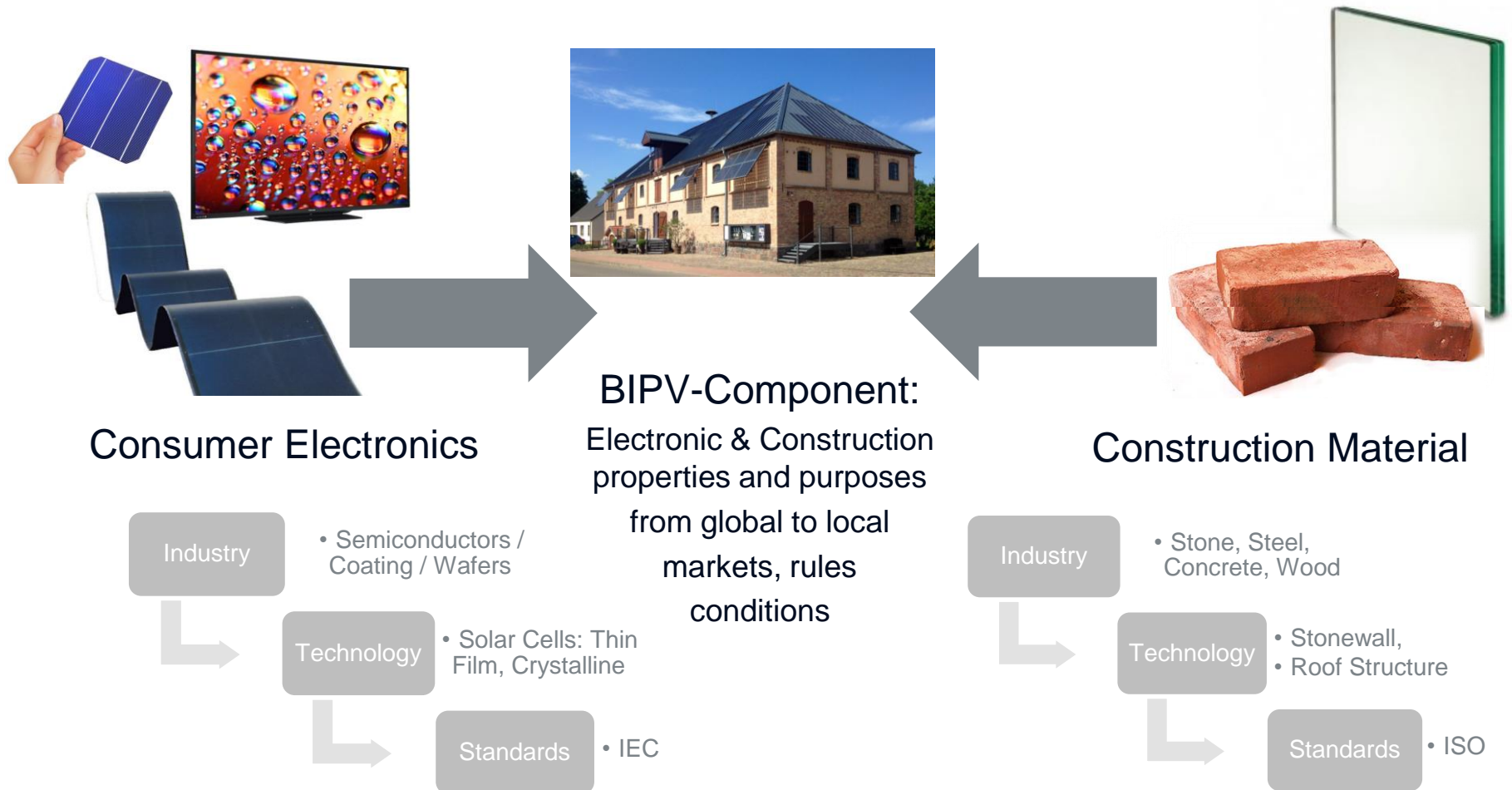
*Source: Astrid Schneider, Solar Architecture*

Historic Building before and after renovation with BIPV in Solar Village Nechlin, crystalline and amorphous PV

## Traditional procedures:

- materials known for centuries
- well known constructions
- DIN ‚Building Codes‘ and standard construction rules
- Industries for decades in ‚construction‘ (brick industry, wood, roof tiles ..)
- traditional education of installers and craftsman which need to be certified
- Engineers and Architects learning about the subject at university

# Building Integrated Photovoltaics: the Challenge



**Building integrated Solar Modules need to fulfill electric and construction standards – at national, European and international level**

## BIPV-Standards – Actual Status

- **NEW: EU – European Standard CENELEC - BIPV**

**Status:** EN Standard on BIPV published and in force since 1/2016:

- EN 50583-1 – „Photovoltaics in buildings - Part 1: BIPV modules”
- EN 50583-2 – „Photovoltaics in buildings - Part 2: BIPV systems”

- **ISO – PV Glass:**

**ISO/TC 160/SC 01/WG 09 "Glass in building - Building integrated photovoltaics"**

**Status:** DRAFT INTERNATIONAL STANDARD: ISO/DIS 18178

“Glass in building — Laminated solar PV glass”

- **IEC – International Standard on: Photovoltaics (PV) on roof**  
**„Photovoltaics (PV) on roof“: IEC 82/1055/NP**

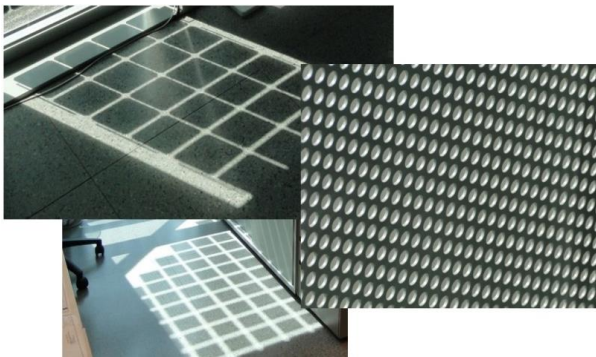
**Status:** NEW WORK ITEM PROPOSAL – Proposed by South Korea

- **IEC – International Standard on: Photovoltaics on Curtain Wall**  
**„Photovoltaic modules for building curtain wall applications“: IEC 82/888/NP**

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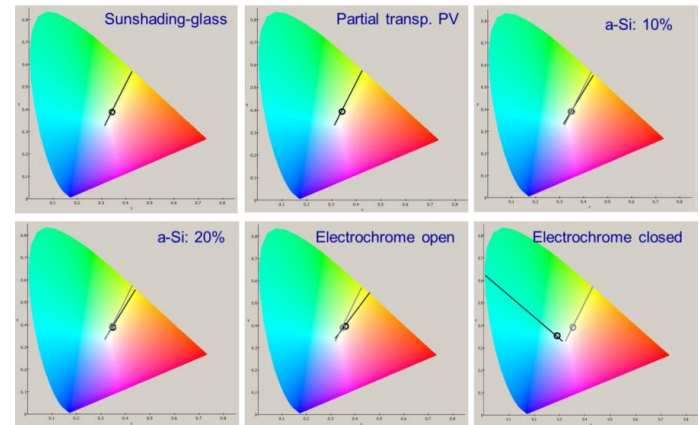
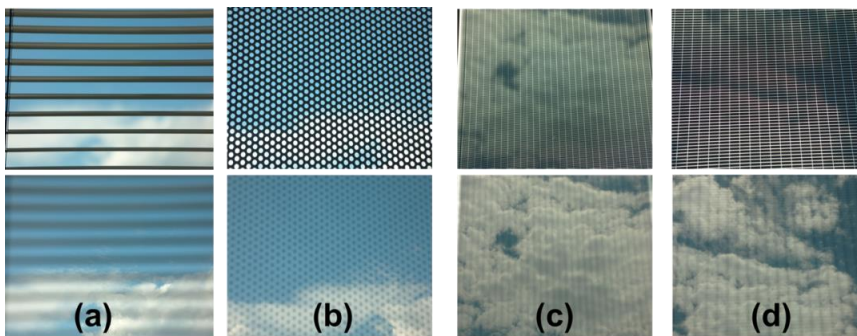
# Integrated solutions for PV in buildings (BIPV)

## Visual comfort



Architecture (Enzian-Tower / Bozen)

## Shading

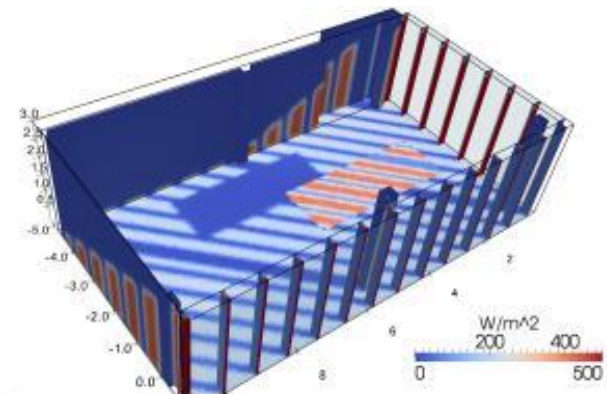
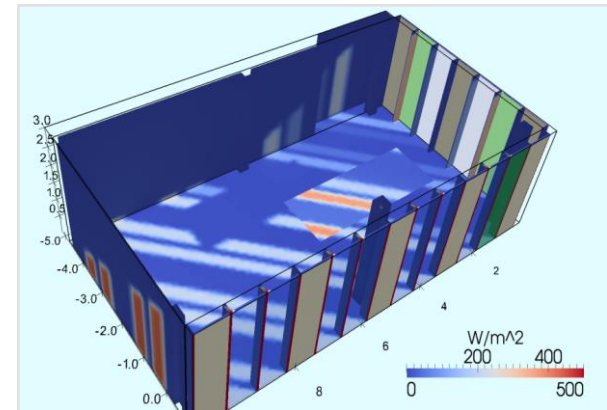
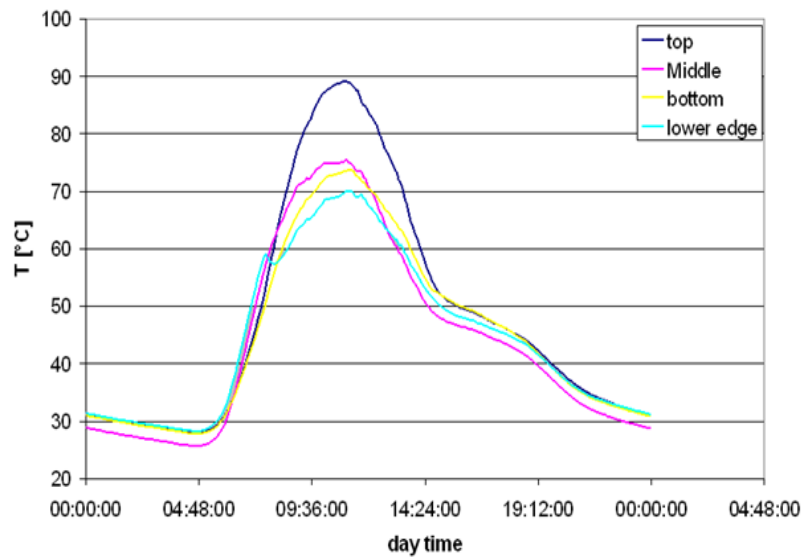


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# Integrated solutions for PV in buildings (BIPV)

## Thermal comfort

- Computational Fluid Dynamic Simulation (CFD)
- Calculation of surface temperatures

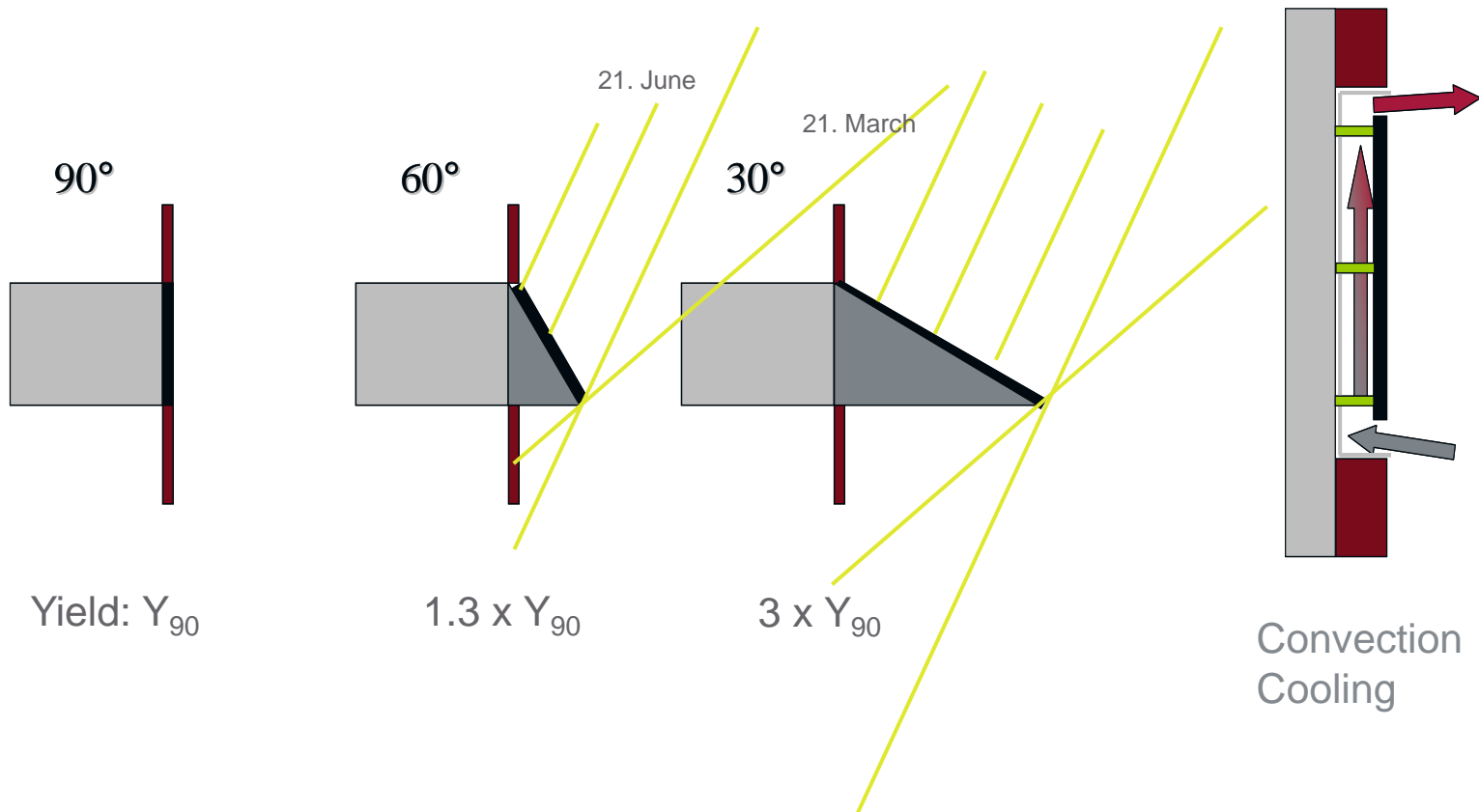




# Integrated solutions for PV in buildings (BIPV)

## Shading & PV-Cooling

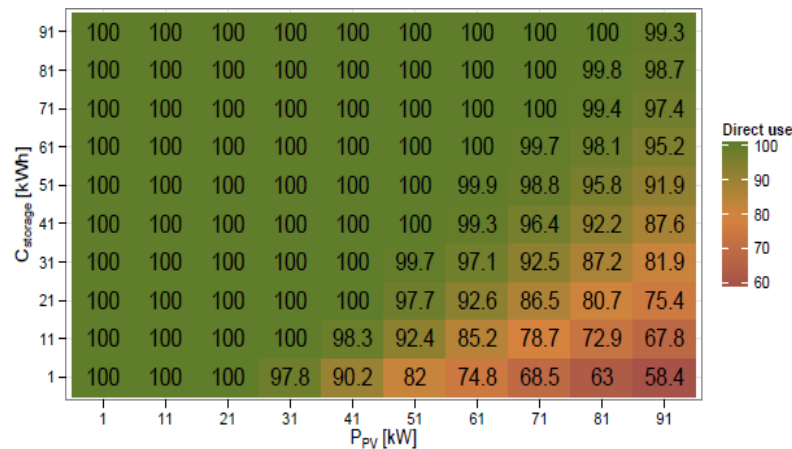
- Precise energy yield calculation



# Integrated solutions for PV in buildings (BIPV)

## Evaluation of state-of-the-art buildings with PV

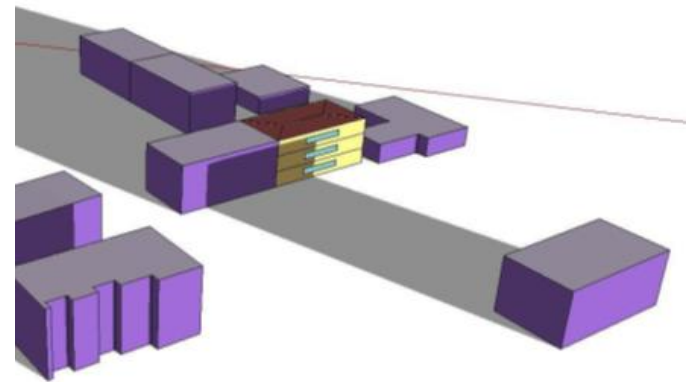
- Evaluation of potential for high self consumption with or without storage
- At once marketable
- Low supplementary costs
- Fast ROI
- Increase rating of building energy labeling



# Integrated solutions for PV in buildings (BIPV)

## Energy in buildings

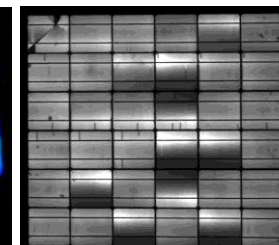
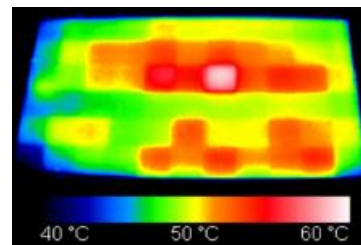
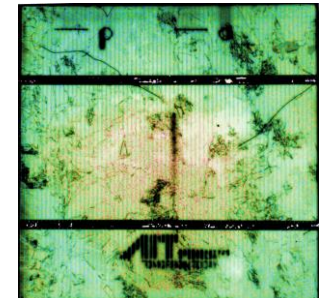
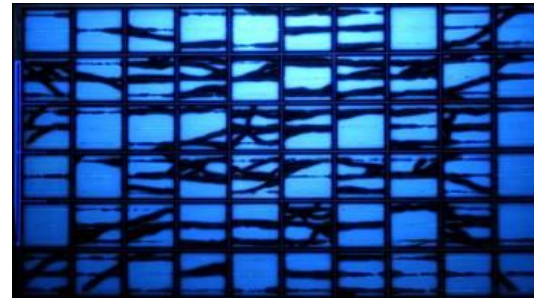
- **Rapid decision support** for planners, architects and developers using rapid building modelling tools to fasten and ease pre-conceptual studies and certification of energy performance
- **Data driven optimization of building performance** including fault detection to optimize energy efficiency, indoor comfort and aspects of health
- **Consultancy services** on how to fulfill legislative requirements (energy efficiency and resources) at minimum cost



# Integrated solutions for PV in buildings (BIPV)

## Reliability and performance

- Multifunctionability of BIPV
- Module performance
- System behavior
- yield optimization (partial shading)



# Democase ENERGYbase



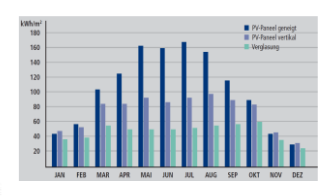
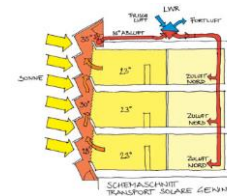
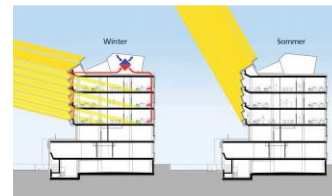
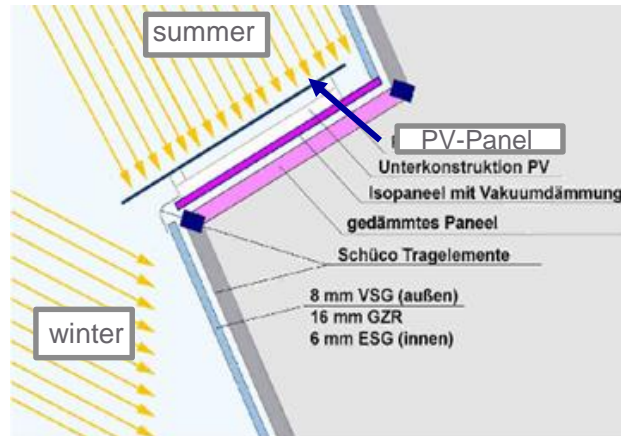
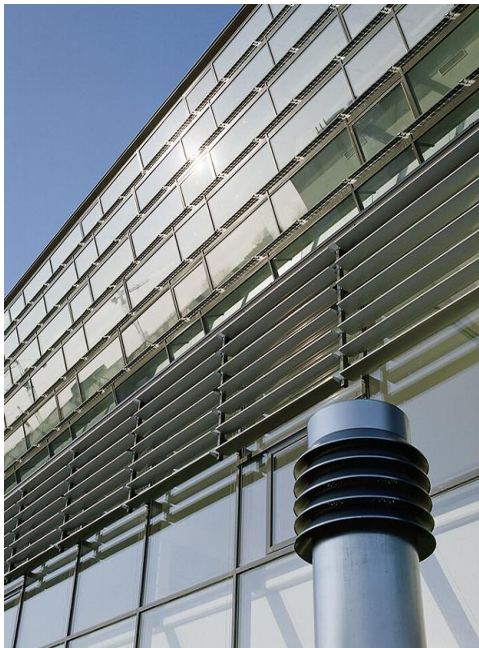
Solar Buildings like the 'ENERGYbase' are becoming the new standard with Europe's 'Energy Performance of Buildings Directive' Directive 2010/31/EU:

## *Energy System:*

- Photovoltaic system with folded facade
- Solar thermal collectors: Solar cooling by sorption chilling process
- Heat pumps coupled with ground water for passive cooling
- Concrete core activation
- Indoor plants for humidification

Total annual demand for heating, cooling and ventilation: **20 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>a**

# AIT 'ENERGYbase'- Solar Optimized BIPV-Façade



## The folded façade allows:

- Optimized solar power generation, shading, and daylighting
- +30% more Solar PV-Electricity Generation than vertical façade
- Building Integrated Photovoltaics generate ca. 30% of annual electricity consumption for heating, cooling and ventilation of the building

## Democase

# *Sheikh Zayed Desert Learning Center – Al Ain - UAE*



### *Scientific Planning Support*

- Building and HVAC simulation
- Optimisation by parameter study
- Passive cooling and Concrete core activation
- Measures for peak load reduction
- Photovoltaic system design

### *ENERGY MODELLING (LEED / ESTIDAMA Certification)*

- Modeling and Simulation
- Energy Assessment by simulation 'Baseline' versus 'As Designed'

# Cooperative Research: PV@Fassade Project

## » Project

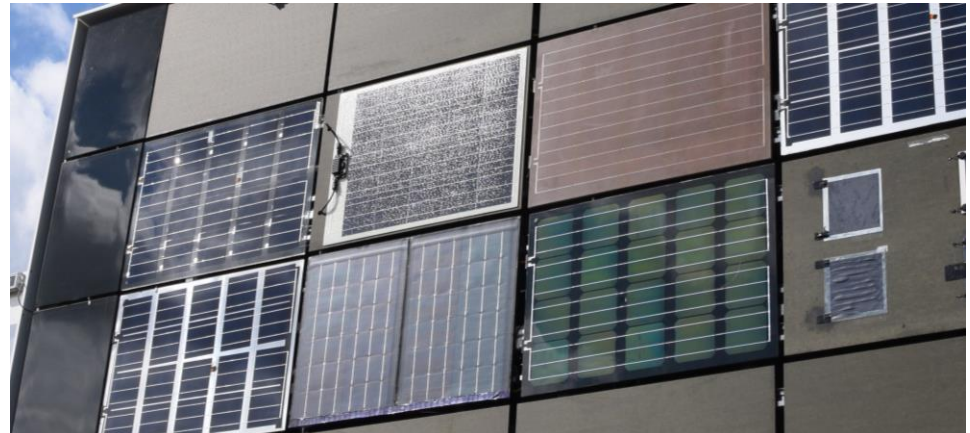
- e!MISSION project „PV@Fassade – façade modules with PV-active layers“

## Key data

- Coordination: OFI Technology & Innovation
- Duration: 1 April 2014 – 31 March 2017
- Budget: EUR 2,200,000
- AIT share: EUR 290,000

## Results

- Solutions for reliable, cost-effective and aesthetically pleasing building-integrated photovoltaics
- Façade integrated PV-solutions as an outcome of an intense cooperation of innovative Austrian thin-film-PV start-ups, with companies from the structural-facings sector and research
- Exploitation of the needs of planners, architects, installers and residents





# Shape-PV – The shape of BIPV to come: Concept for R&D

## Project

- National funded project, Energieforschung (e!MISSION) 2014

## Key data

- Coordination: AIT
- Duration: 1 September 2015– 31 August 2016
- Budget: EUR 237,529
- Consortium: University of Applied Sciences, Technikum Wien; ATB-Becker; Architecture office of Reinberg

## Results

- defines the requirements and future targets for BIPV for Austrian Market
- develops a research and implementation roadmap
- drafts a concept for a first implementation phase

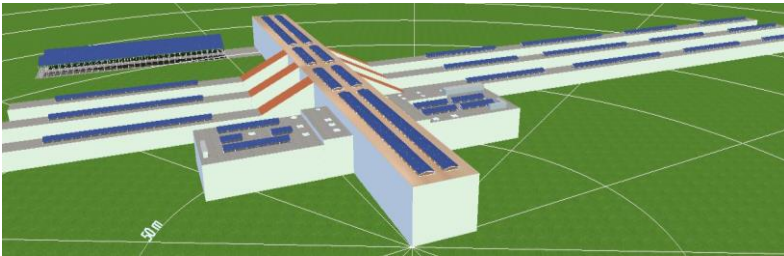


Ertext Solar – BIPV-Facade with LED, Fondation Pierre Arnault,  
 Architect: Jean Pierre Emery



Project:: Reinberg Architects, Vienna

# Consultancy's for Building Integration of Photovoltaics



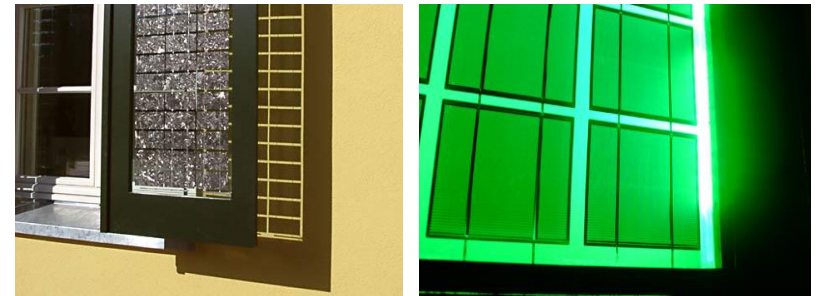
**PV-roof-integration for Railwaystation**  
ÖBB Railway operator



**PV-facade-integration for Office Building**  
Research Centre Jülich, Photovoltaic Institute



**PV-Roof as major energy source**  
Sheik Desert Centre



Consultancy on Solar cell and module Technologies,  
Colours and Shapes



# Cooperative Research: Print.PV

## Project

- National funded Flagship project (Energy Research)

## Objectives

- Development of a printing technology for flexible CZTS monograin foils, with max. web-speed of 40 m/min
- All process steps are addressed: polymer development, grain embedding, back contact, front transparent contact (FC),...
- AIT develops an all solution-processed composite front transparent contact, compatible with high web-speed processing

## Key data

- Coordination: Joanneum Research
- Duration: 1 April 2014 – 31 March 2017
- Budget: EUR 4,000,000

## Results

- Solutions for highly transparent, highly conductive and stable front cover with high deposition rate
- Innovative chemical bath-deposited ZnO/AZO with high performance and low cost

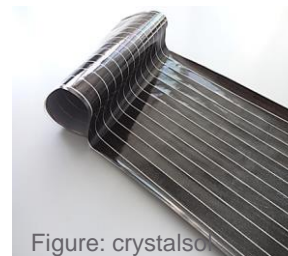
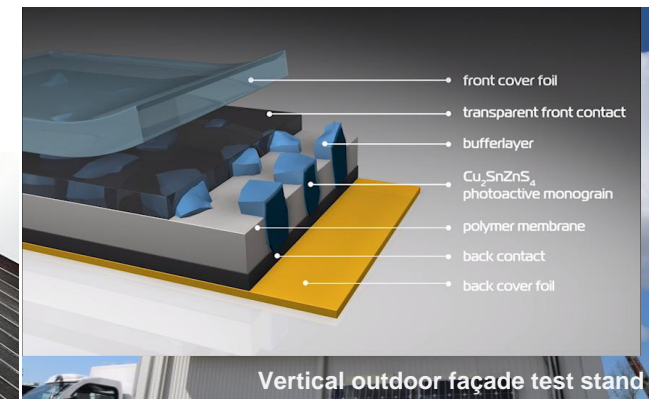


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# Climate Adaptation of Photovoltaic Modules: INFINITY Project

## Project

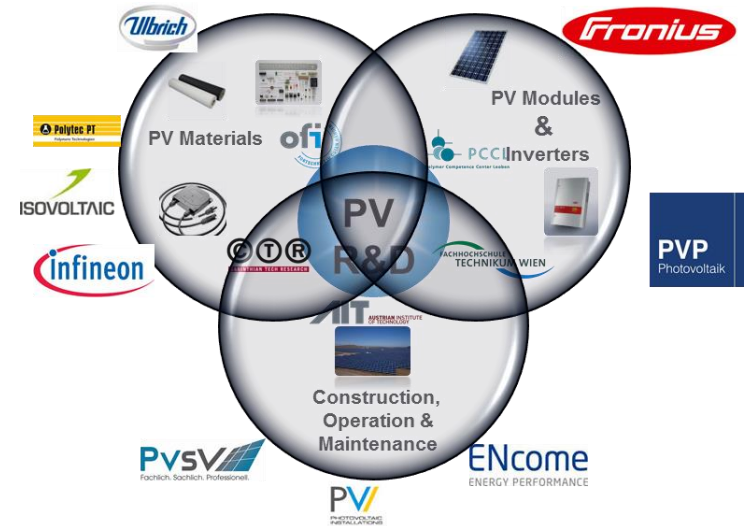
- National funded Flagship project: **INFINITY** „Climate-sensitive long-term reliability of PV“
- State funded research project together with main industry partners

## Objectives

- Adapt photovoltaic systems for different climate zones like desert, (sub)tropical or alpine regions
- Error analysis of materials, modules and inverters in extreme climates
- Improvement of climate protection and making companies more competitive at an international level

## Key data

- Coordination: CTR Carinthian Tech Research AG
- Scientific lead: AIT, Energy Department, PVS
- Duration: 1 November 2015 – 31 October 2018
- Budget: EUR 5,481,000
- AIT share: EUR 600,000



# European Research Collaboration with Industry: CHEETAH

## » Project

- Funded by European Union
- EU FP7 project aimed at combining Europe's research and development efforts in support of the European PV industry

## Objectives

- Solve specific R&D issues in the EERA-PV Joint Programme
- Overcome fragmentation of European PV R&D in Europe
- Intensify collaboration between R&D providers and industry to accelerate the uptake of innovations in the European PV industry

## Key data

- Coordination: ECN, Netherlands
- Duration: 1 January 2014 – 31 December 2017
- Budget: EUR 13,282,470

- Developing new concepts and technologies for wafer-based crystalline silicon PV (modules with ultrathin cells), thin-film PV (advanced light management) and organic PV (very low-cost barriers)
- Accelerating the implementation of innovative technologies in the PV industry

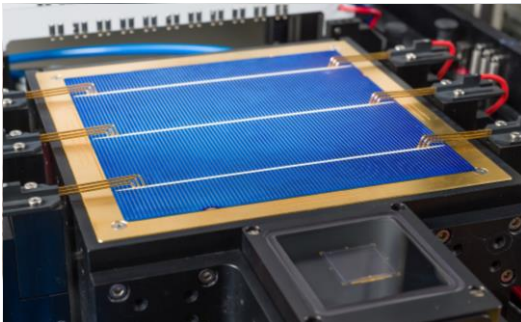


**CHEETAH: Cost Reduction through Material Optimisation and Higher Energy Output of Solar Photovoltaic Modules**

# Photovoltaic: collaboration and services by AIT

## Component manufacturers

- Accredited PV module test laboratory
- Development support and validation of photovoltaic components
- Development of new material combinations and cell concepts
- Design of manufacturing processes



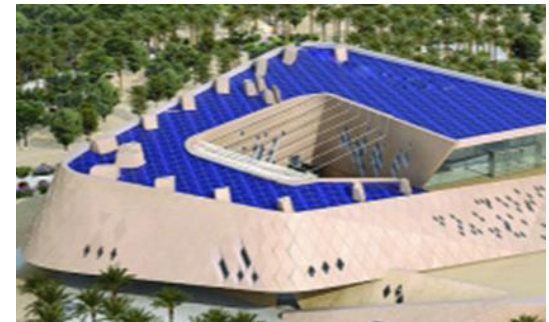
## System Developers and operators

- Planning and evaluation support
- Due diligence for PV parks
- Tendering support
- Quality assurance for high PV plant performance



## Building and Public Sector

- Planning support for BIPV facilities
- Quality assurance of BIPV components
- Consulting for technical integration issues and technology selection
- Studies for PV deployment



# Accredited PV Laboratory

## Services and expertise

- Development support for cell and module manufacturers
- Testing of photovoltaic components
- Precise characterization of PV technologies
- Electro-optical methods for Solar Cell and module analysis
- Independent performance measurements
- Quality assessment and life time testing

## Accreditation and standardisation activities

- Accredited test lab according to EN ISO/IEC 17025
- Member of IECEE CB Scheme
- Member of national and international standardisation committees (IEC/CLC TC82, TC64)

## Product certification

- In cooperation with the Austrian Electro-technical Association (OVE)

## Independent accredited testing

- IEC 61215 (new ed.)
- IEC 61646
- IEC 61730 (new ed.)
- IEC 60904 series



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# Quality Assurance of PV Systems

## Services and expertise

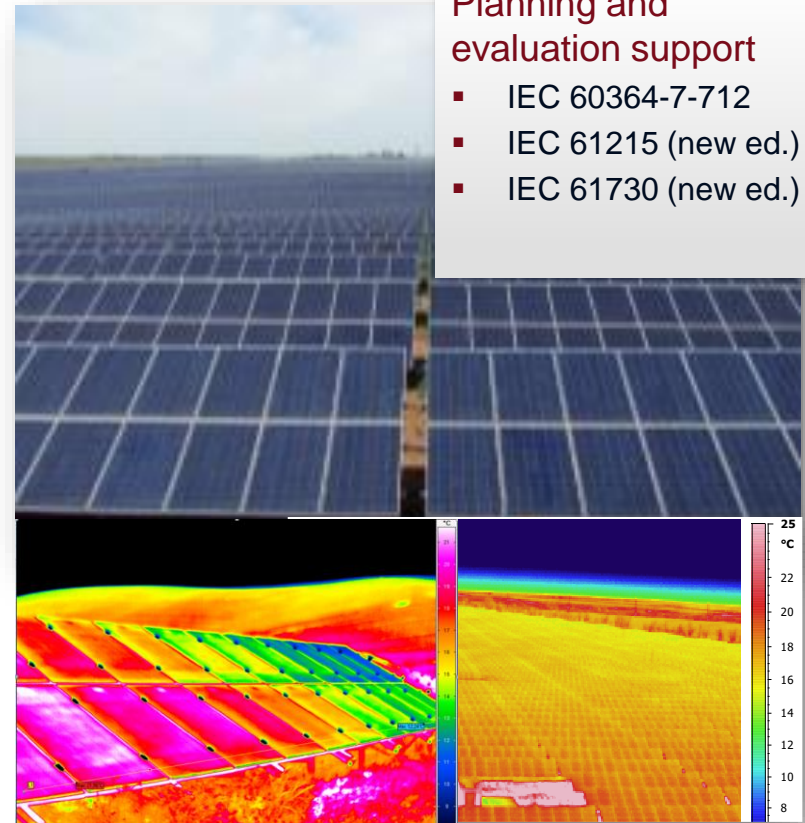
- High quality technical support for PV plants owners, investors, insurance companies and financial service providers
- Consulting for EPC providers
- Assessment of the quality, planning and operation of PV facilities
- Technical due diligence
- Yield prediction and site analysis
- Scientific analysis of high-resolution monitoring data for optimizing inverter and system performance

## Infrastructure

- Mobile outdoor test equipment
- Analysis tools for automated monitoring data evaluation

### Planning and evaluation support

- IEC 60364-7-712
- IEC 61215 (new ed.)
- IEC 61730 (new ed.)



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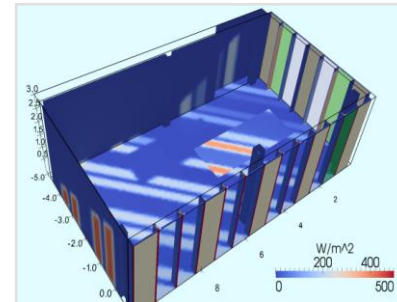
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# Integrated solutions for PV in buildings (BIPV)

## Services and expertise

- Analysis of electric performance, visual- and thermal comfort
- Combined simulation of BIPV components and buildings for integrated planning
- Feasibility studies and evaluation of innovative BIPV concepts in accordance with relevant standards and guidelines
- PV system behavior and yield optimization in the built environment



## Services for industry

- R&D support for BIPV products
- PV building integration solutions
- Advanced simulation services



## Infrastructure

- Advanced integrated performance measurement
- Software framework (CFD-simulation, MC-Ray tracer, 1D thermal modeling, PV-Sol, PV-SYST, SAM, SAPM)

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# Technologies for next-generation solar cells

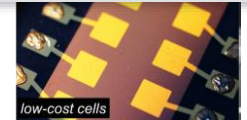
## Services and expertise

- Development of new material combinations and cell concepts
- Design of high-yield, cost-efficient fabrication processes for thin-film solar cells and modules
- Abundant, non-toxic and stable materials
- Nanostructures for advanced optical management



## Services for Industry

- Functional coatings and material processing
- Process development
- Innovative solar cell prototypes



## Infrastructure

- Vacuum-based techniques
- Patterning techniques
- Solution-based techniques



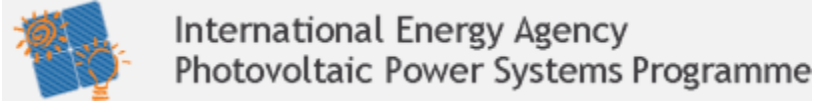
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# Networks and Partners

## Networks



## Partners



# Training and Education

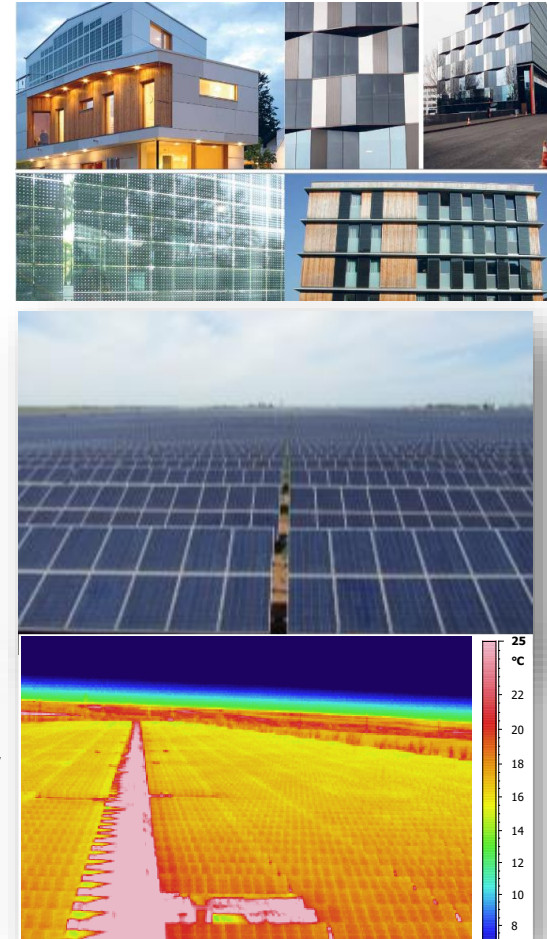
- 7 days basic **training** for
  - installers, electricians, roofer, planners, architects, engineering offices and distributors
- Additional specialization modules
- Ensuring **quality** of
  - planning,
  - installation,
  - operation and
  - maintainance



- <http://www.ait.ac.at/departments/energy/photovoltaics/?L=1>

# Summary

- PV integration in building skins to reach 100% renewable scenarios (urban areas)
- BIPV create technical and organizational challenges
- PV generation now significant in the power system
- High PV penetration situation create technical challenges:
  - At the local level: quality of supply, infrastructure stress
  - At the system level: system stability, need of flexibility
- Adequate technology, standards and grid codes for successful PV building and PV grid integration
- PV becomes mainstream, this also means to take over responsibility
- PV as reliable source of energy





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