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Renewables in the energy system

- Insights of the state of the art (SOA), mostly based on [Renewables 2020 Global Status Report](#)
- Selected concepts to reason about renewables
 - LCOE
 - Capacity Factor
 - Technology Learning curves
 - VRE: Dispatchability
 - System value

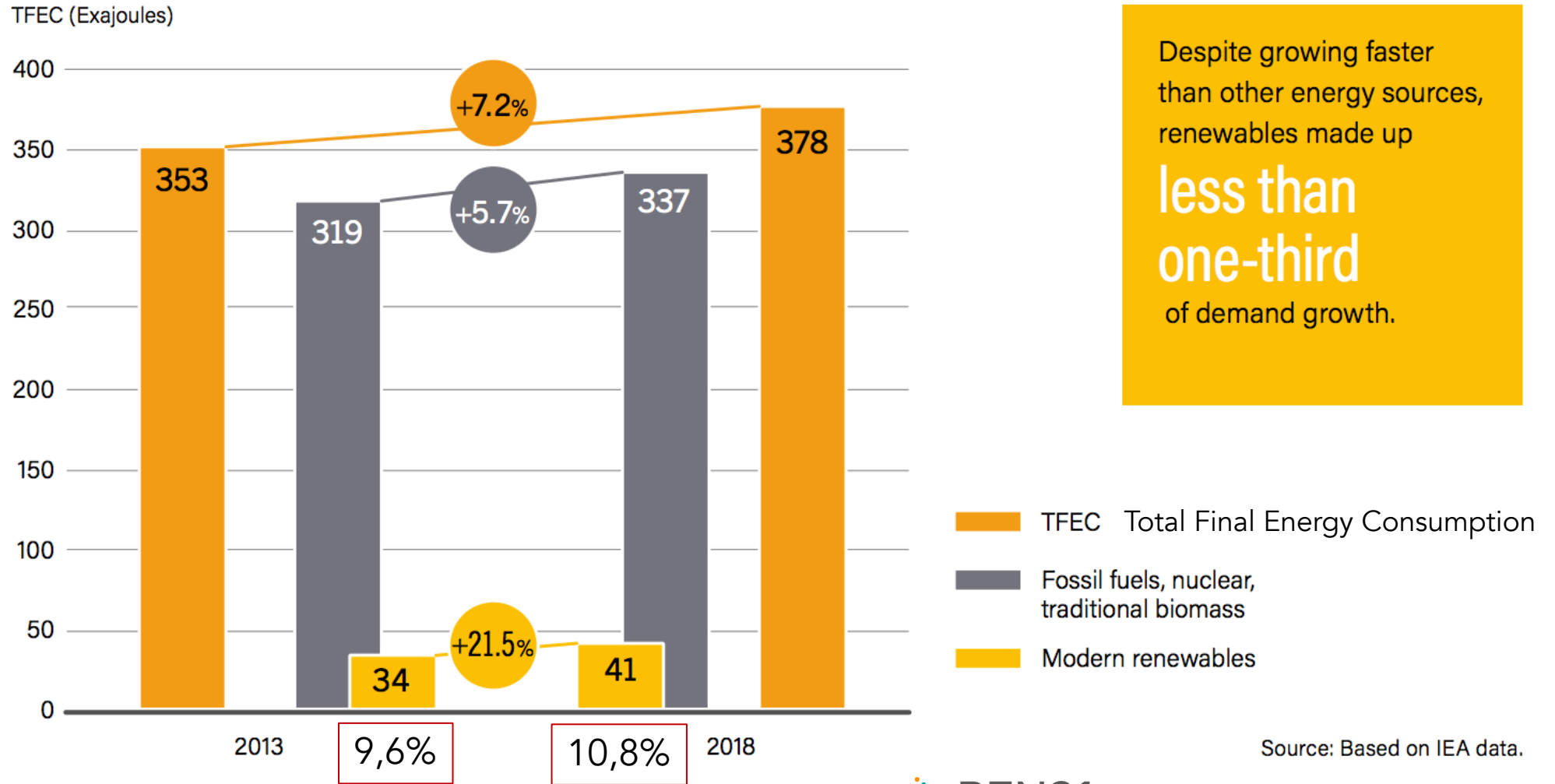
Airborne wind energy



[Twingtec](#)

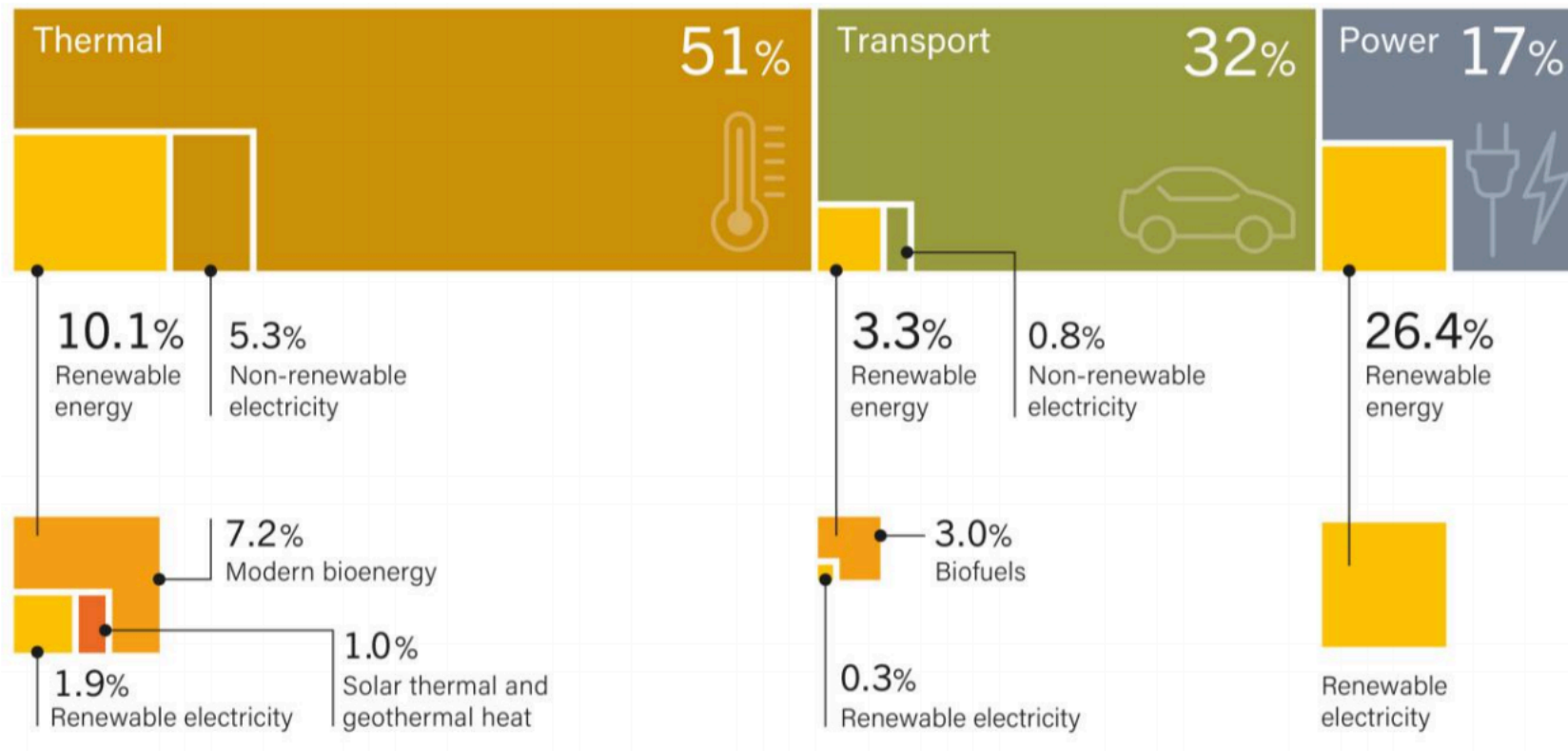
Explore more on AWE systems [here](#)

Estimated Global Growth in Renewable Energy Compared to Total Final Energy Consumption, 2013-2018



Renewables grew three times faster than fossil fuels

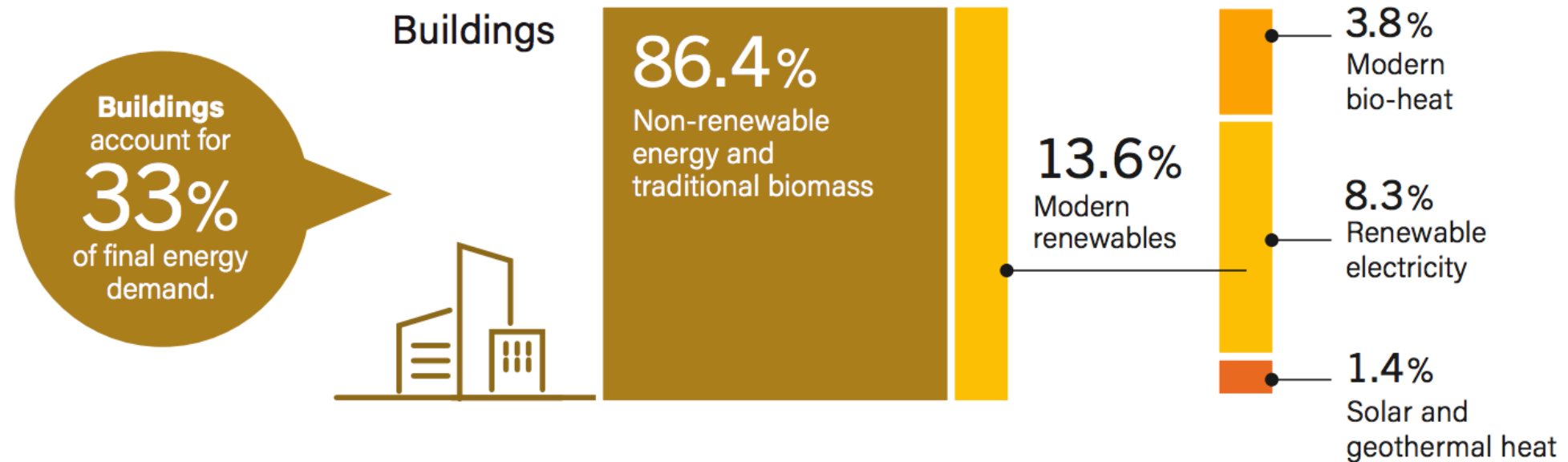
MORE THAN 80% OF OUR ENERGY FOR HEATING, COOLING, TRANSPORT



Most focus is on the power sector.

But the **greatest urgency** is in heating, cooling and transport.

Renewable Share of Total Final Energy Consumption in Buildings, 2017



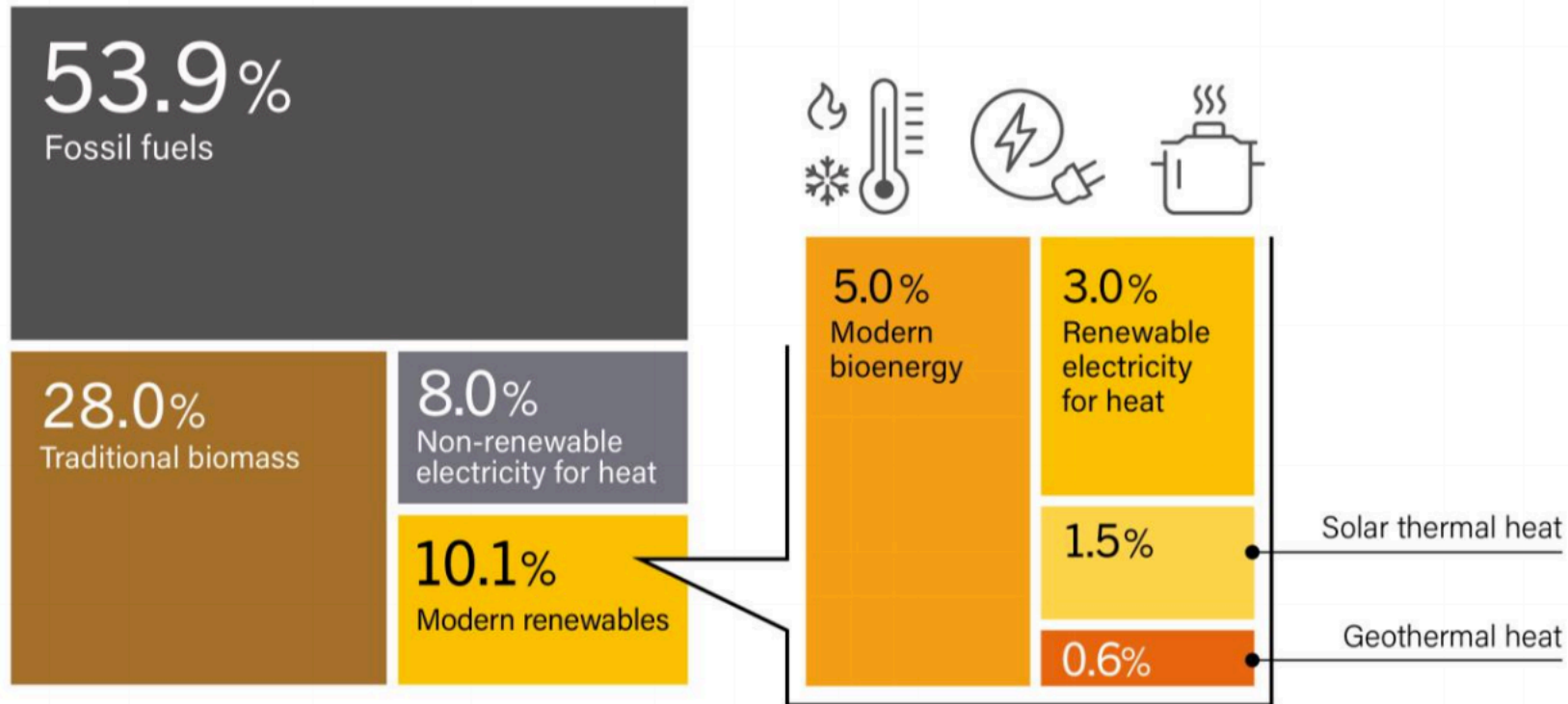
Note: Modern bio-heat includes heat supplied by district energy networks.
Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Source: Based on IEA data.



RENEWABLES WERE FASTEST GROWING ENERGY SOURCE IN BUILDINGS

RENEWABLE HEAT IS GRADUALLY GROWING IN BUILDINGS



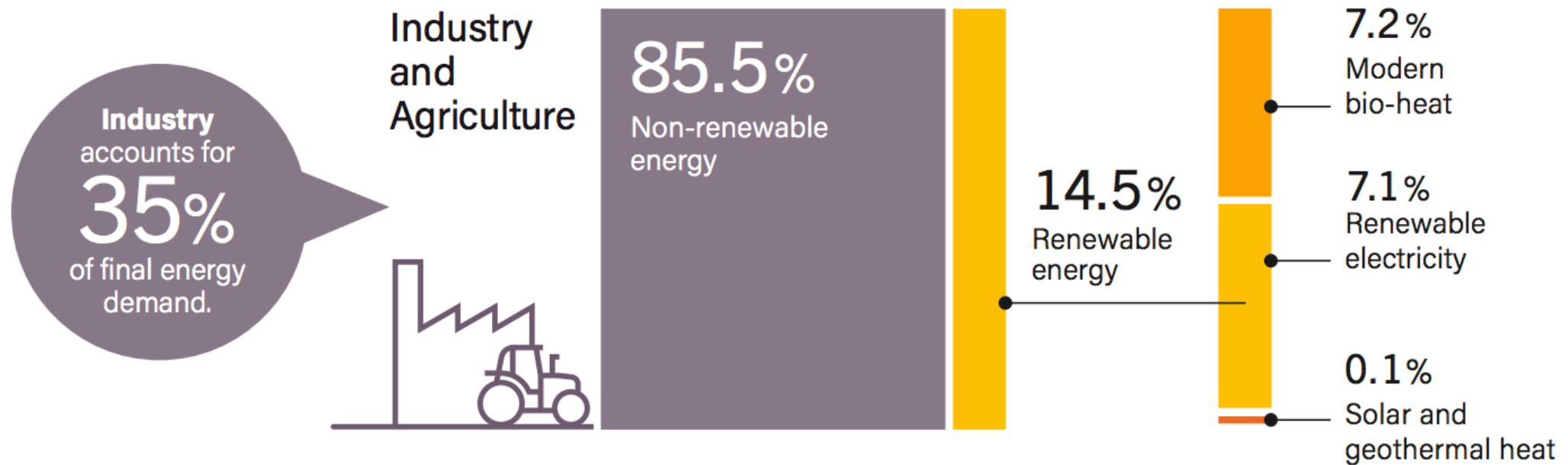
Note: Includes space heating, space cooling, water heating and cooking.
Modern bioenergy includes heat supplied by district energy networks.

Source: Based on IEA data.

Estimated Renewable
Share of Heating and
Cooling in Buildings, 2018

The share of renewable heating and cooling in buildings grew from **8% in 2010** to more than 10% in 2018.

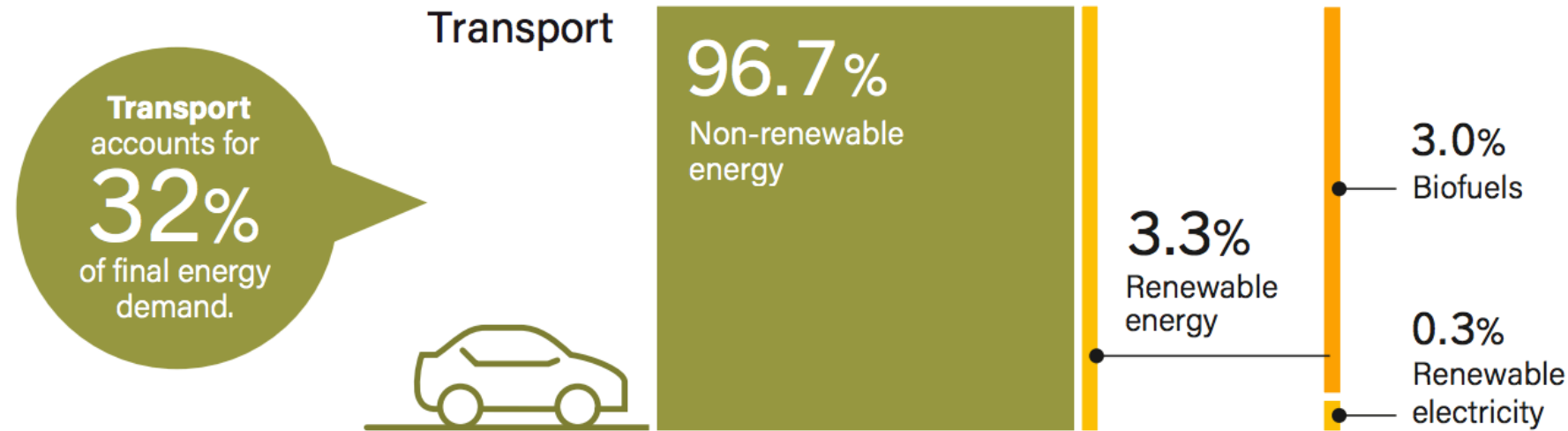
Renewable Share of Total Final Energy Consumption in Industry and Agriculture, 2017



Note: Modern bio-heat includes heat supplied by district energy networks.
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RENEWABLES IN INDUSTRIAL ENERGY USE REMAINS SMALL

Renewable Share of Total Final Energy Consumption in Transport, 2017

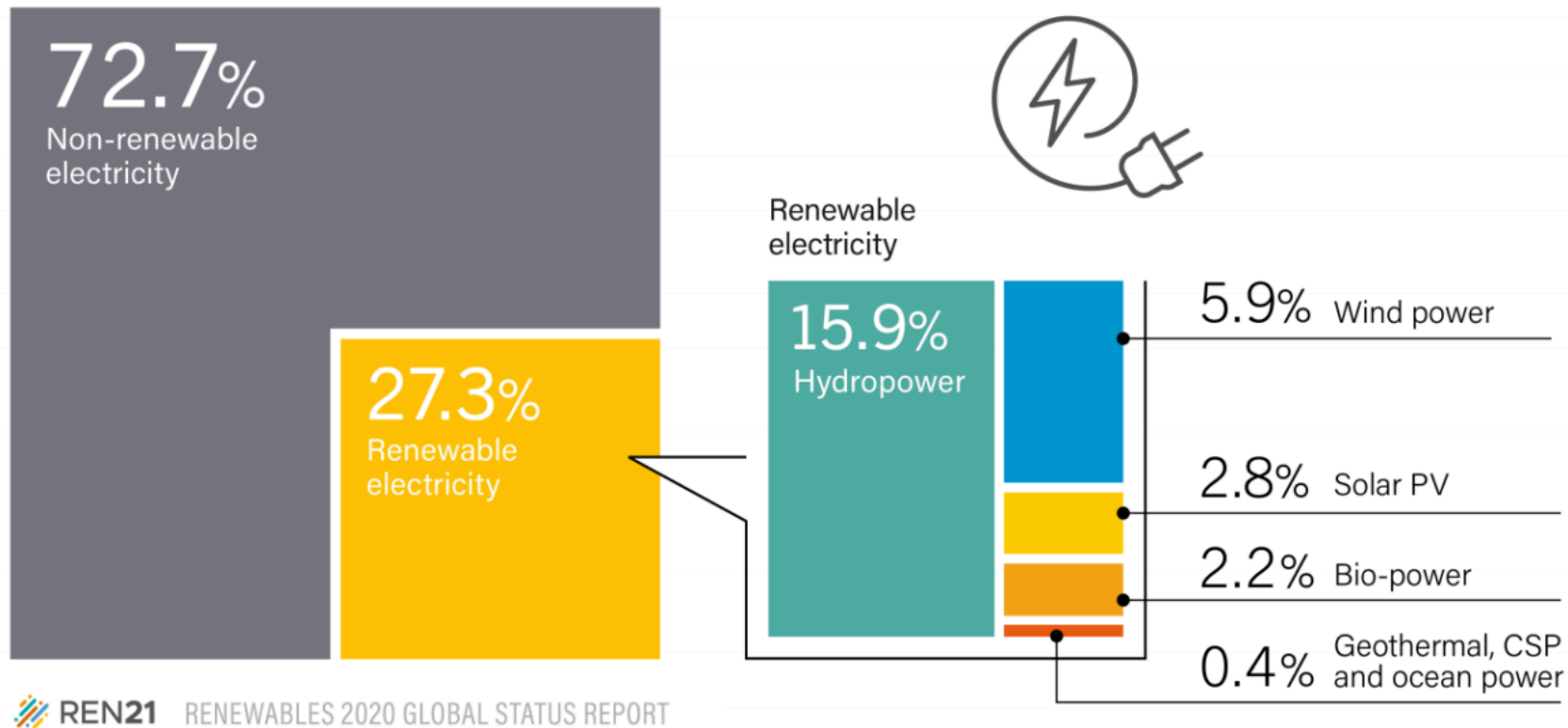


KEY BARRIERS

- Sector heavily relying on fossil fuel - Fossil fuel “centered” market structures - Fossil fuel subsidies – no level playing field
- Lack of strong policy support → no new countries with biofuel blend mandates since 2017
- Exploding demand growth
- Only nine countries with advanced mandates
- Limited options in aviation and shipping

MORE THAN 27% OF GLOBAL ELECTRICITY IS NOW RENEWABLE

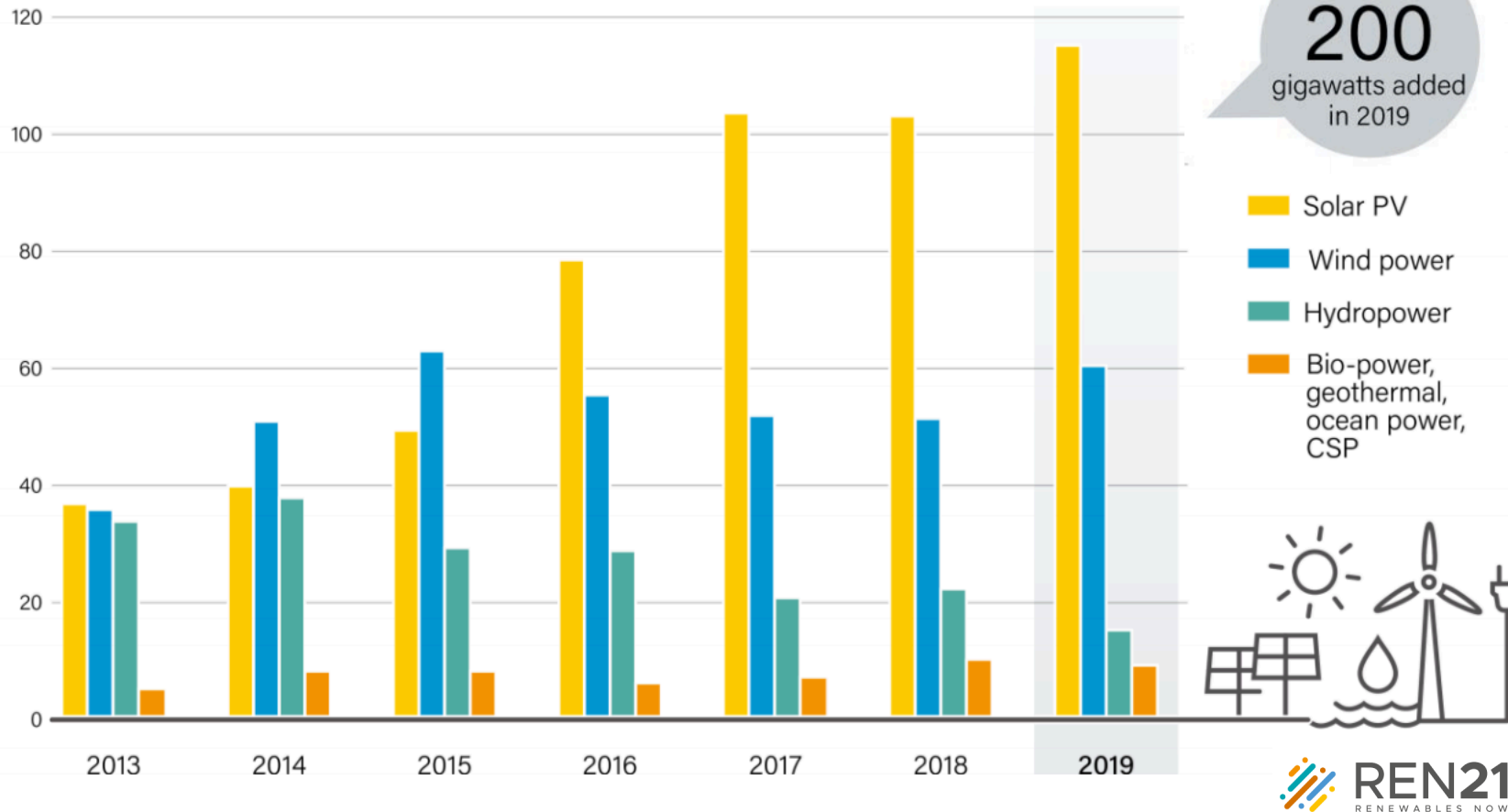
Estimated Renewable
Energy Share of Global
Electricity Production,
End-2019



The share of renewables
in electricity generation
is **rising in many
countries around the
world.**

MORE THAN 200 GIGAWATTS OF RENEWABLE POWER ADDED IN 2019

Additions by technology (Gigawatts)

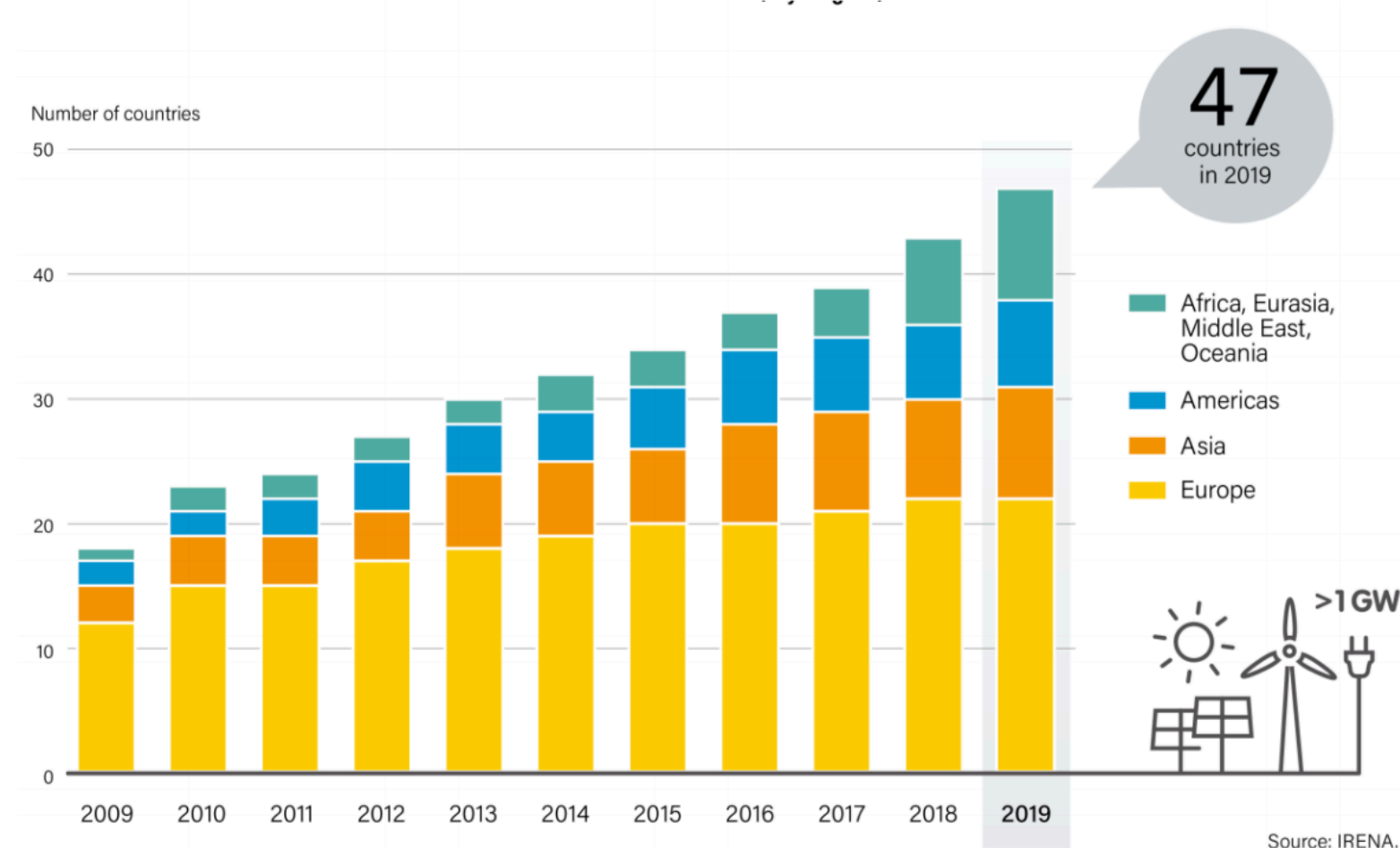


Annual Additions of Renewable Power Capacity, by Technology and Total, 2013-2019

Although most of the additions were from **solar PV (115 GW)**, global markets for wind power and bio-power also grew during 2019.

Total Installed Capacity in Portugal (2019): 22,3 GW (for comparison purpose)

SOLAR PV AND WIND POWER ARE SPREADING AROUND THE WORLD



Number of Countries with More Than 1 GW of Solar PV and Wind Power, by Region, 2009-2019

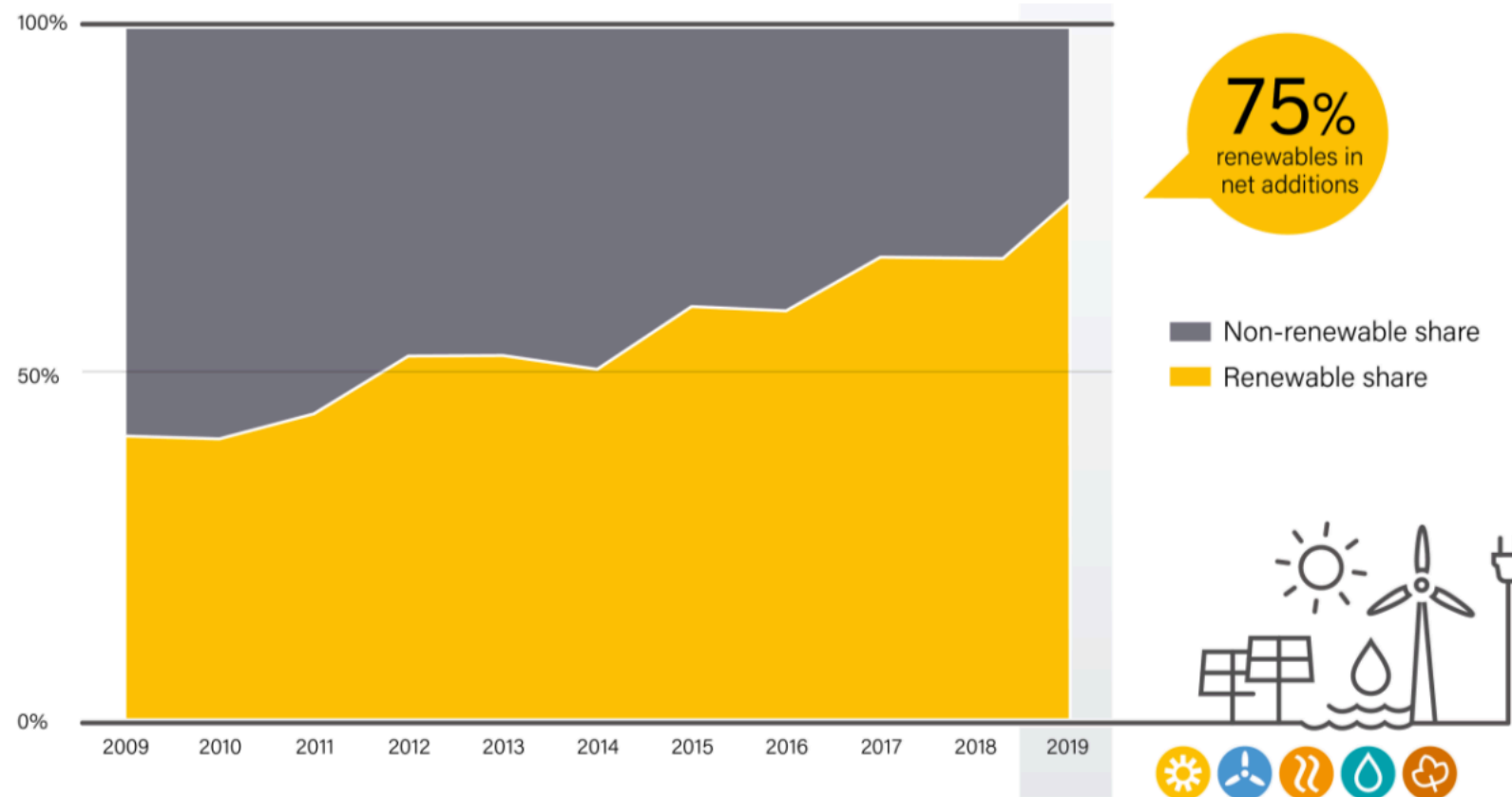
47 countries had installed at least 1 GW of solar PV and wind power. compared to **18 countries** in 2009.

TOTAL CAPACITY OR GENERATION AS OF END-2019

Countries in **bold** indicate change from 2018.

	1	2	3	4	5
POWER					
Renewable power capacity (including hydropower)	China	United States	Brazil	India	Germany
Renewable power capacity (not including hydropower)	China	United States	Germany	India	Japan
Renewable power capacity <i>per capita</i> (not including hydropower) ¹	Iceland	Denmark	Sweden	Germany	Australia
🌱 Bio-power capacity	China	United States	Brazil	India	Germany
🌋 Geothermal power capacity	United States	Indonesia	Philippines	Turkey	New Zealand
💧 Hydropower capacity ²	China	Brazil	Canada	United States	Russian Federation
💧 Hydropower generation ²	China	Brazil	Canada	United States	Russian Federation
☀️ Solar PV capacity	China	United States	Japan	Germany	India
☀️ Concentrating solar thermal power (CSP) capacity	Spain	United States	Morocco	South Africa	China
💨 Wind power capacity	China	United States	Germany	India	Spain

MORE RENEWABLE POWER ADDED THAN FOSSIL FUEL AND NUCLEAR

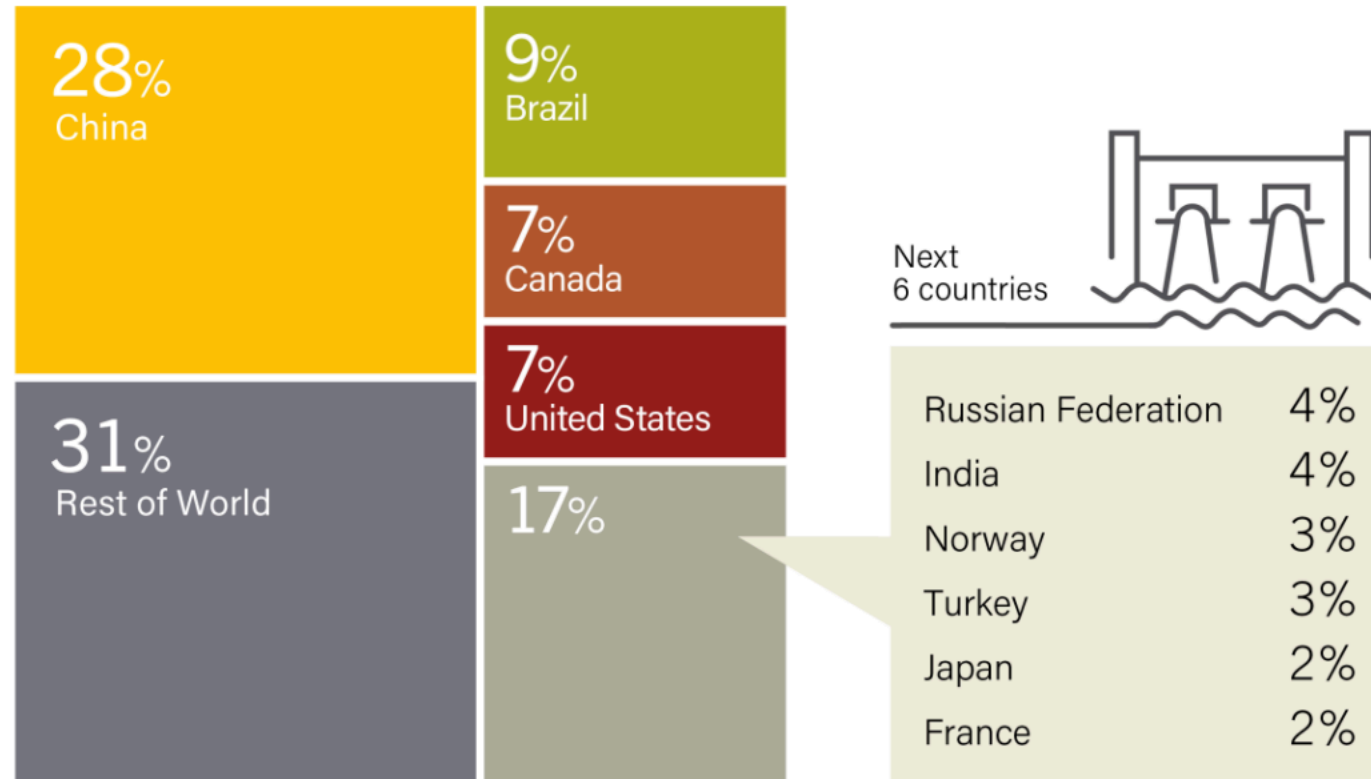


Renewable and Non-renewable Shares of Net Annual Additions in Power Generating Capacity, 2009-2019

For the fifth year in a row, net additions of renewable power generation capacity were higher than net installations of both fossil fuel and nuclear power capacity combined.

Net additions mean decommissioned plants were subtracted

HYDROPOWER CHARACTERISED BY MARKET STABILITY



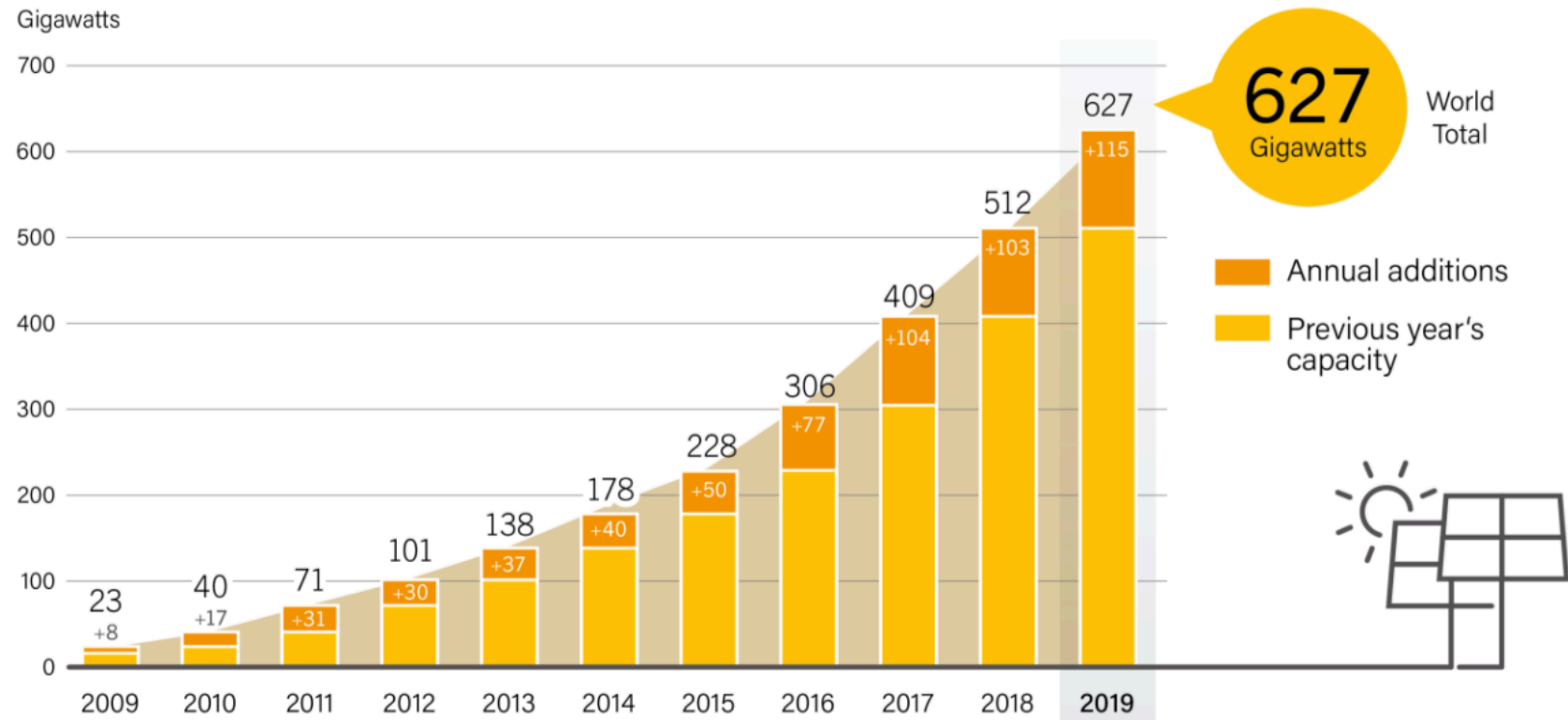
Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Source: Global total from IHA.

Hydropower Global Capacity, Shares of Top 10 Countries and Rest of World, 2019

Only 15.6 GW added in 2019, continuing a multi-year trend of market deceleration.

SOLAR PV CAPACITY ADDITIONS PASSED 115 GW MARK IN 2019



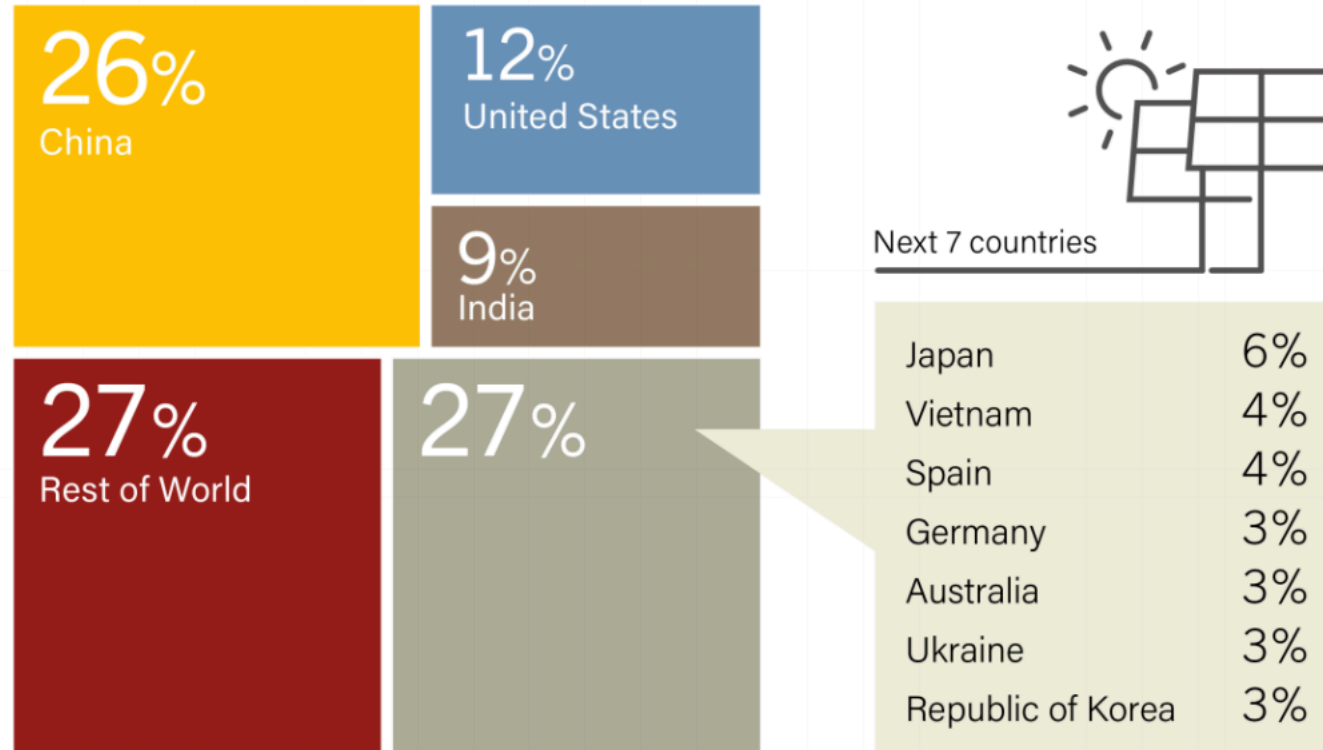
Solar PV Global Capacity and Annual Additions, 2009-2019

By the end of 2019, **22 countries** had enough capacity in operation to meet **at least 3% of their** electricity demand with solar PV.

Note: Data are provided in direct current (DC).
Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Source: Becquerel Institute and IEA PVPS.

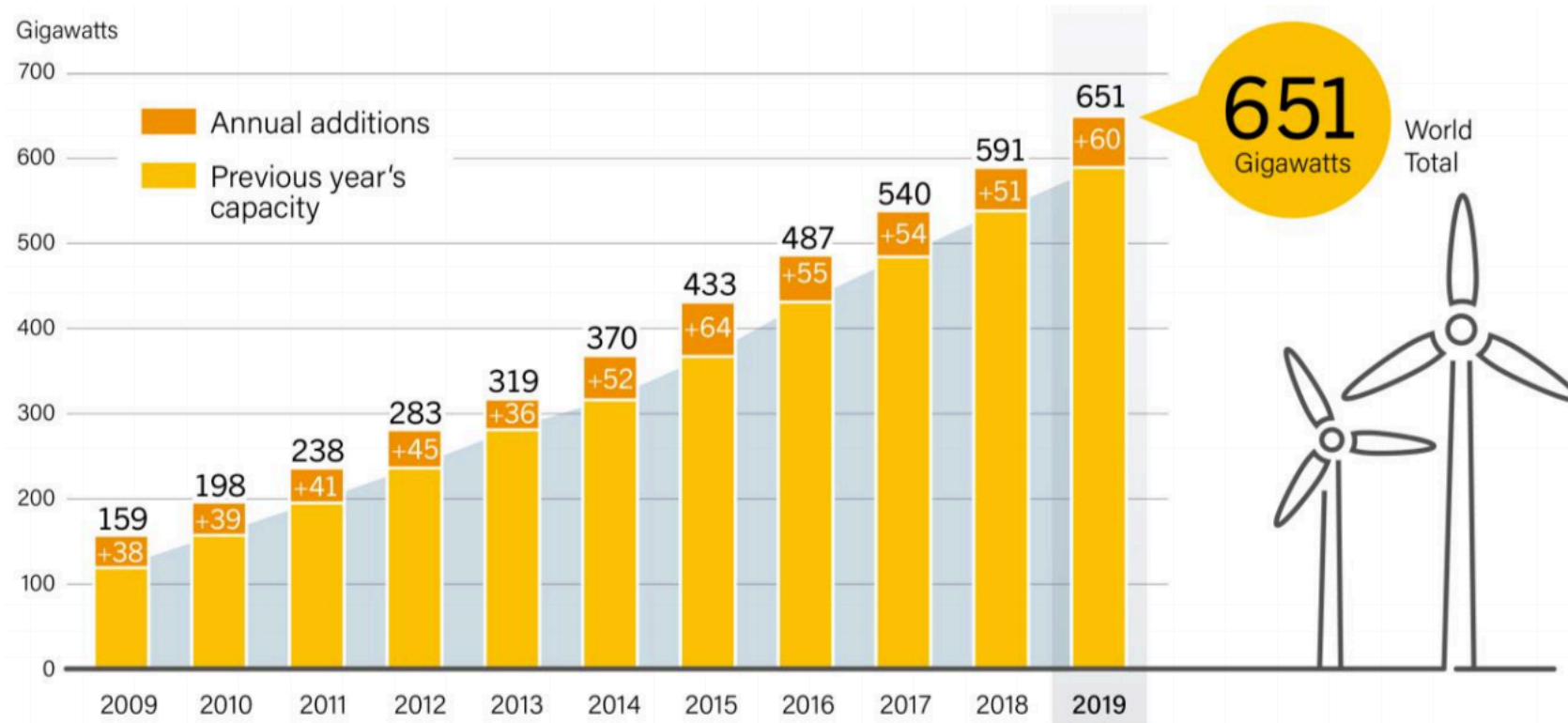
ASIA: MAIN REGIONAL SOLAR PV MARKET FOR 7TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR



Solar PV Global Capacity Additions, Shares of Top 10 Countries and Rest of World, 2019

Asia accounted for half of global additions, despite declines in the region's top three markets (China, India and Japan).

WIND POWER CAPACITY CONTINUES INCREASE STEADILY YEAR-ON-YEAR



Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Source: GWEC.

 **REN21** RENEWABLES 2020 GLOBAL STATUS REPORT

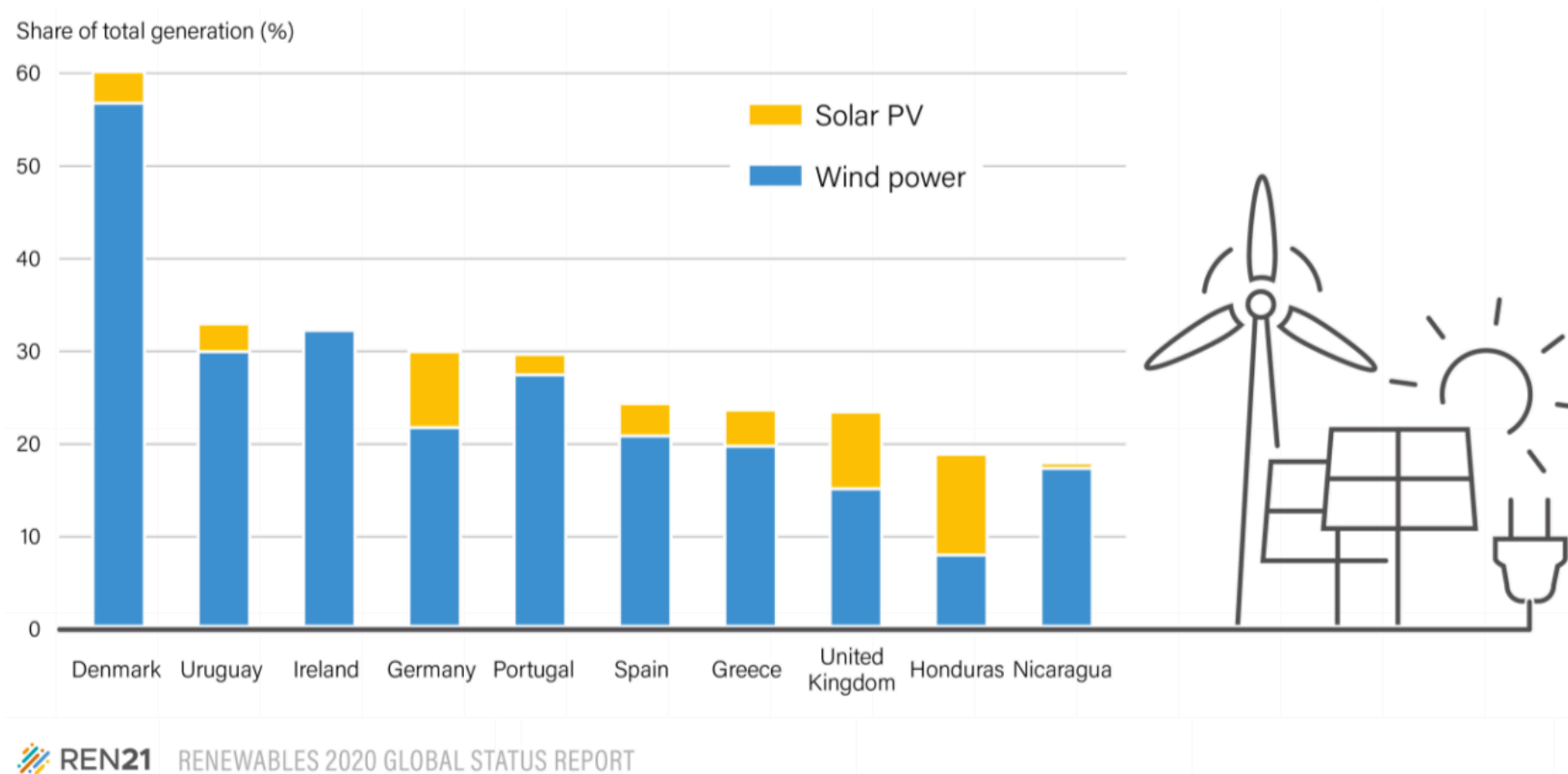
Wind Power Global
Capacity and Annual
Additions, 2009-2019

The global wind power market saw its **second largest** annual increase in 2019.

China again saw an increase in new installations (**up 22%**) during 2019, adding around 26.8 GW.

MORE THAN HALF OF NEW WIND POWER CAPACITY IN ASIA

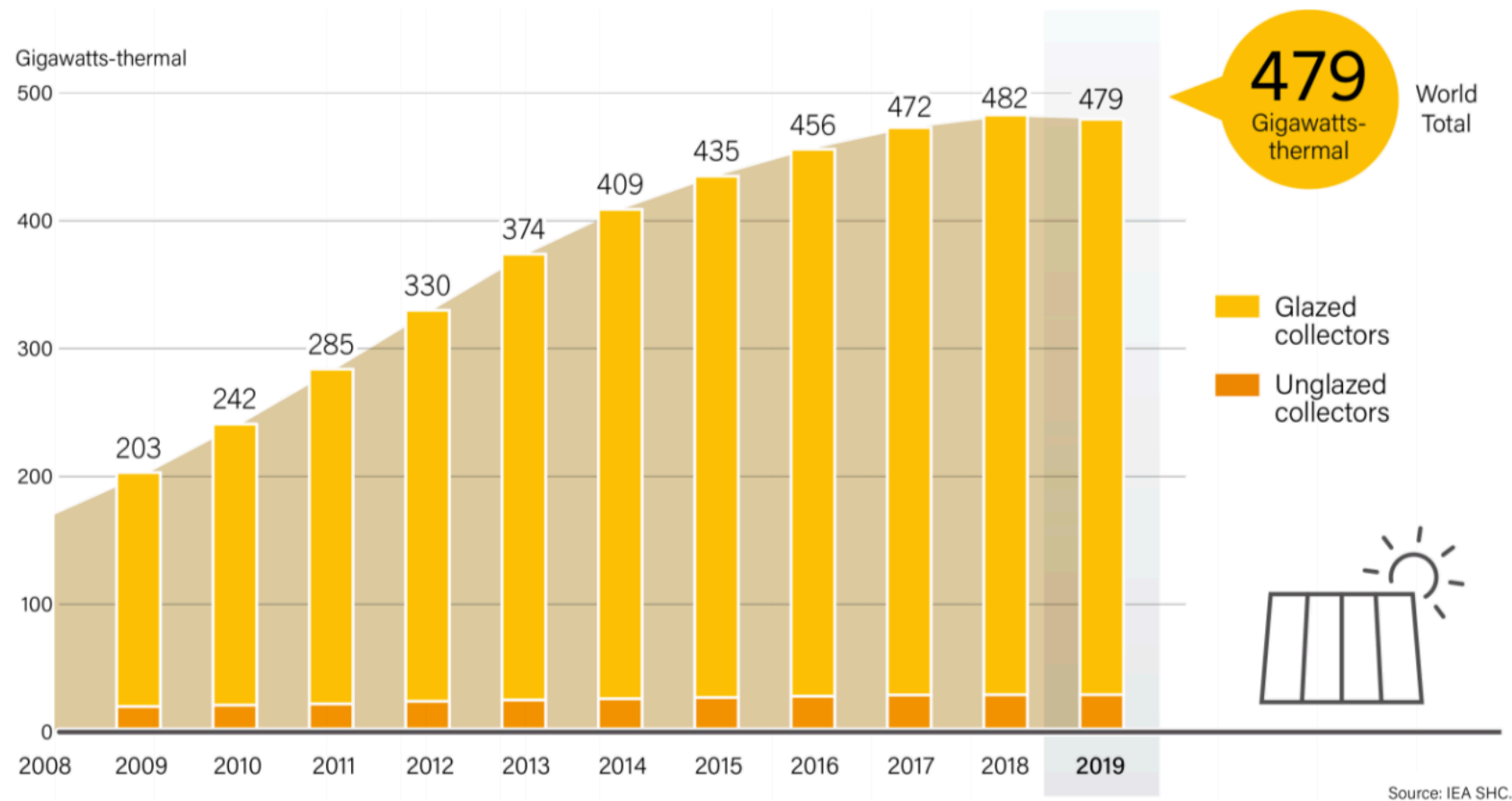
VARIABLE RENEWABLES REACHING HIGH SHARES IN MANY COUNTRIES



Share of Electricity Generation from Variable Renewable Electricity, Top Countries, 2019

At least four countries met **more than 30%** of their electricity generation from VRE in 2019 including **Denmark, Germany, Ireland and Uruguay.**

INSTALLED SOLAR WATER HEATING CAPACITY DECLINED



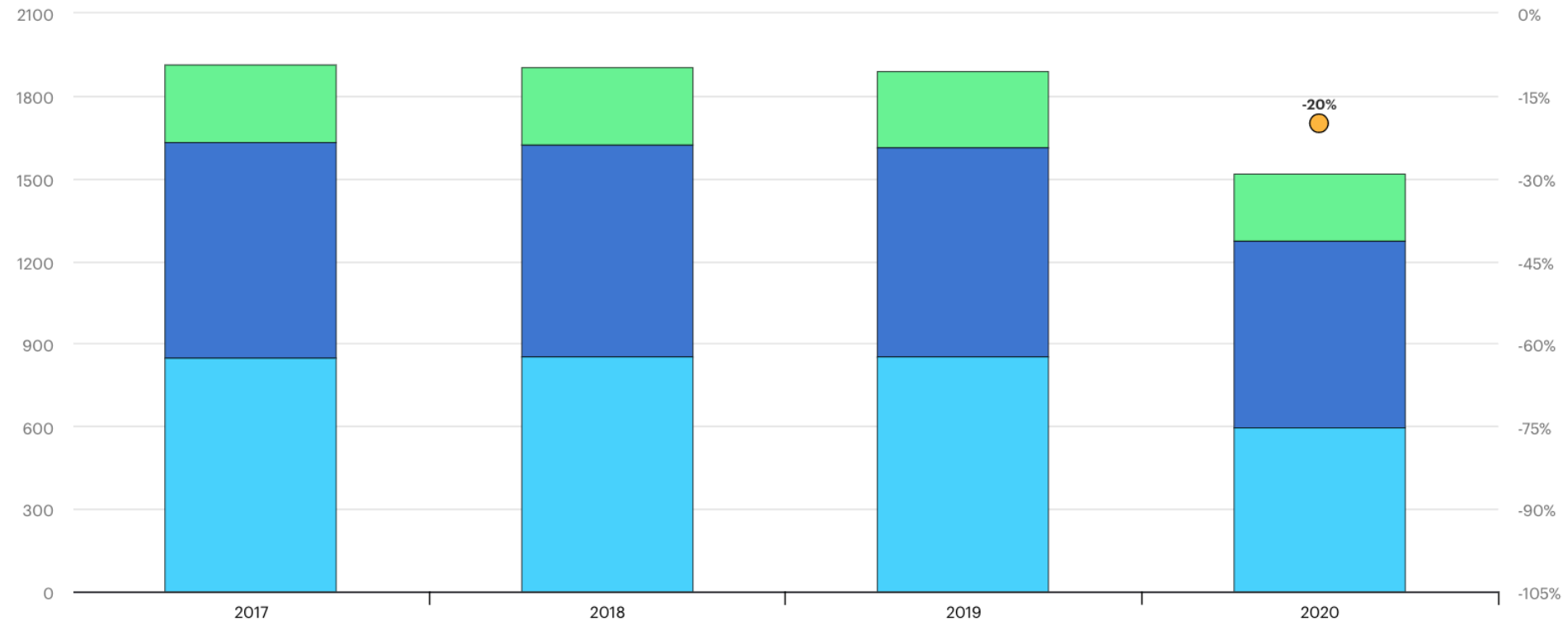
Solar Water Heating
Collectors Global Capacity,
2009-2019

For the first time ever,
global operating solar
thermal capacity
declined, down 1% from
2018.

Total global energy investment, 2017-2020

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USD (2019) billion



Energy investment is set to fall by one-fifth in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic

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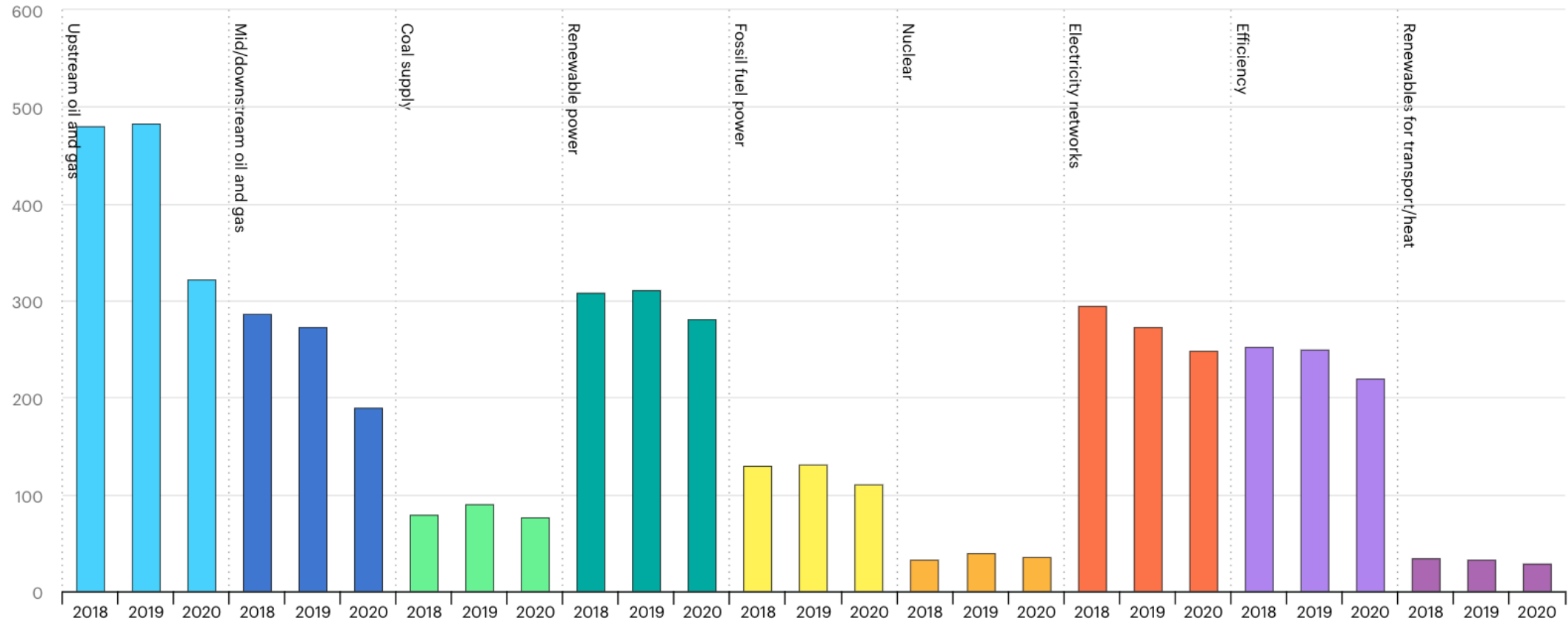
Fuel supply Power sector Energy end use and efficiency Change from previous year

Read more [here](#).

Energy investment by sector, 2018-2020

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billion USD (2019)

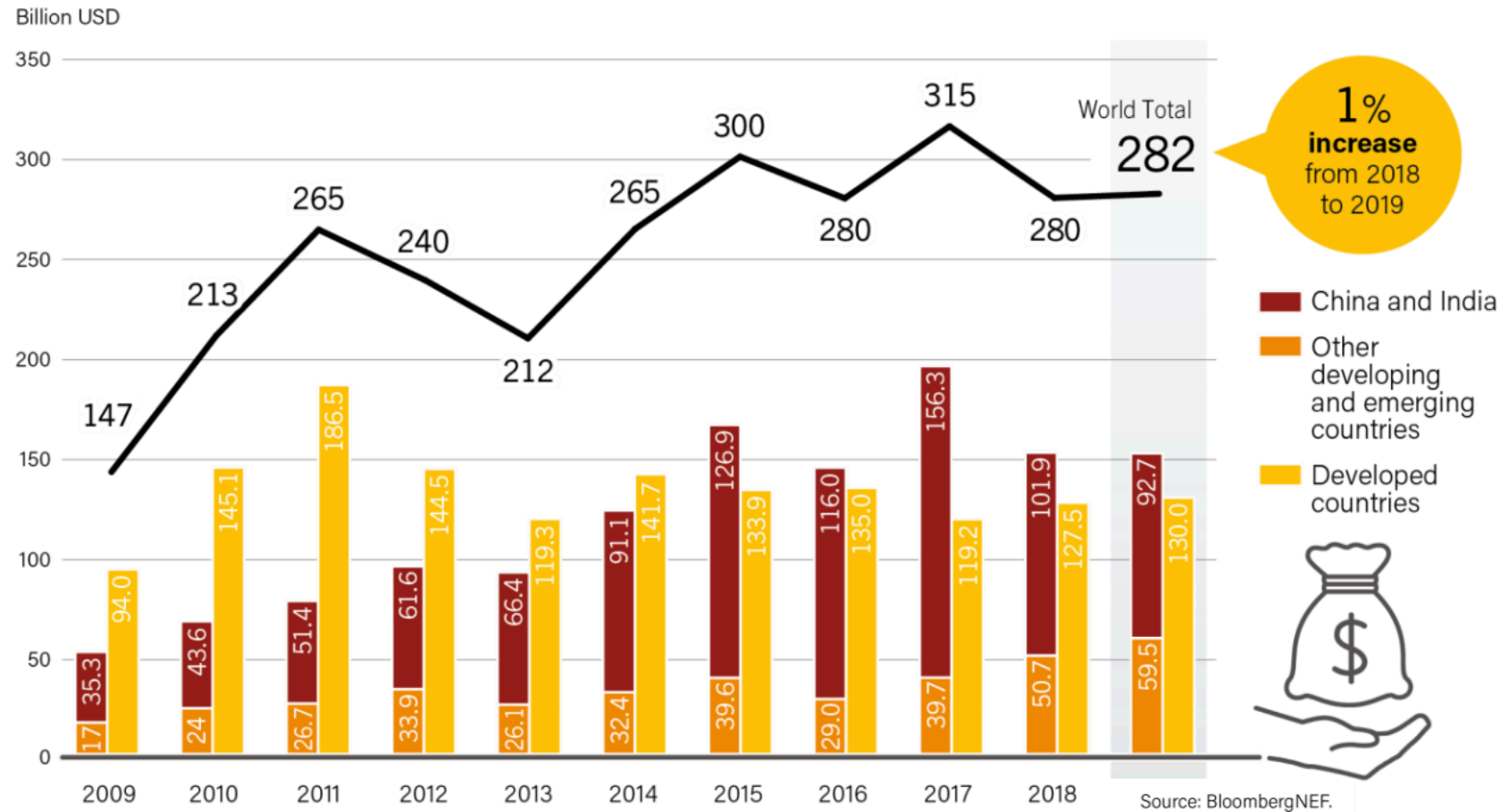


Fuel supply investments have been hit hardest in 2020 while utility-scale renewable power has been more resilient, but this crisis has touched every part of the energy sector

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INVESTMENT IN RENEWABLES HAS BARELY GROWN



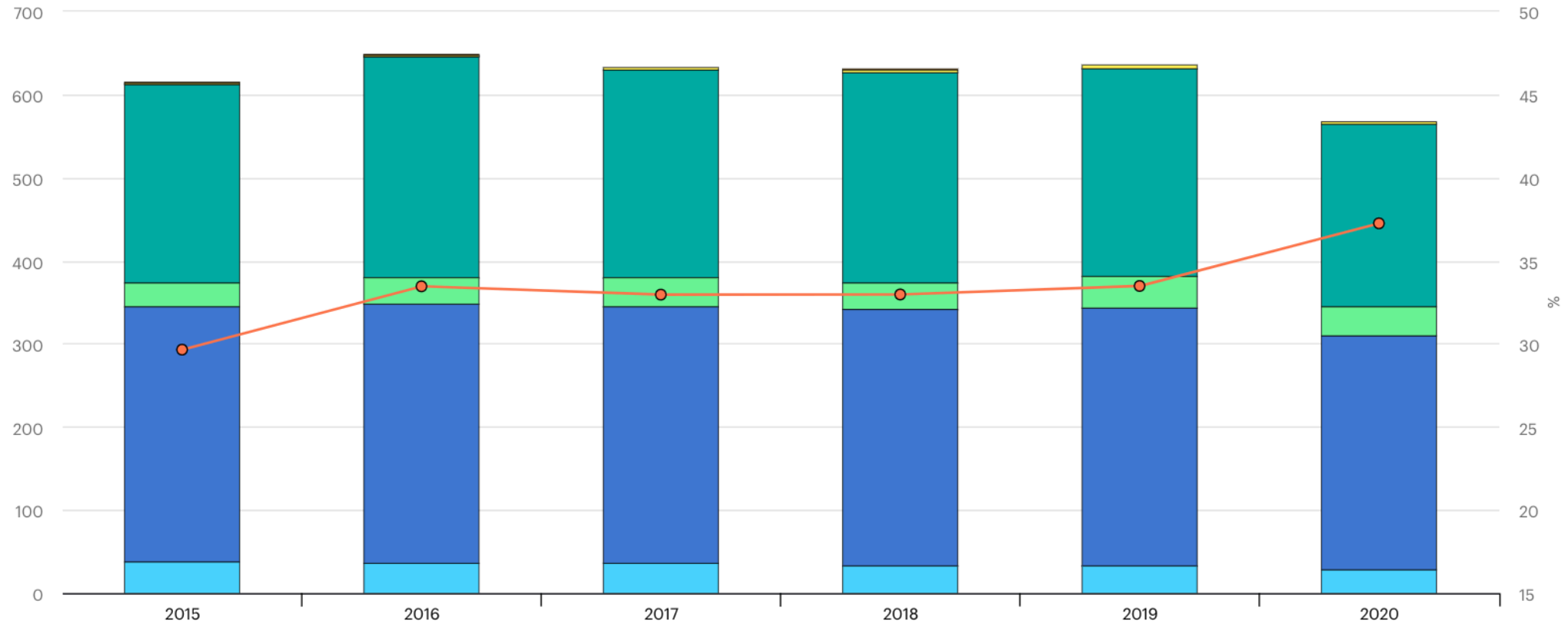
Global New Investment in Renewable Power and Fuel Capacity in Developed, Emerging and Developing Countries, 2009-2019

Developing and emerging economies surpassed developed countries in renewable energy capacity investment for the fifth year running, reaching USD 152 billion.

Global investment in clean energy and efficiency and share in total investment, 2015-2020

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USD (2019) billion



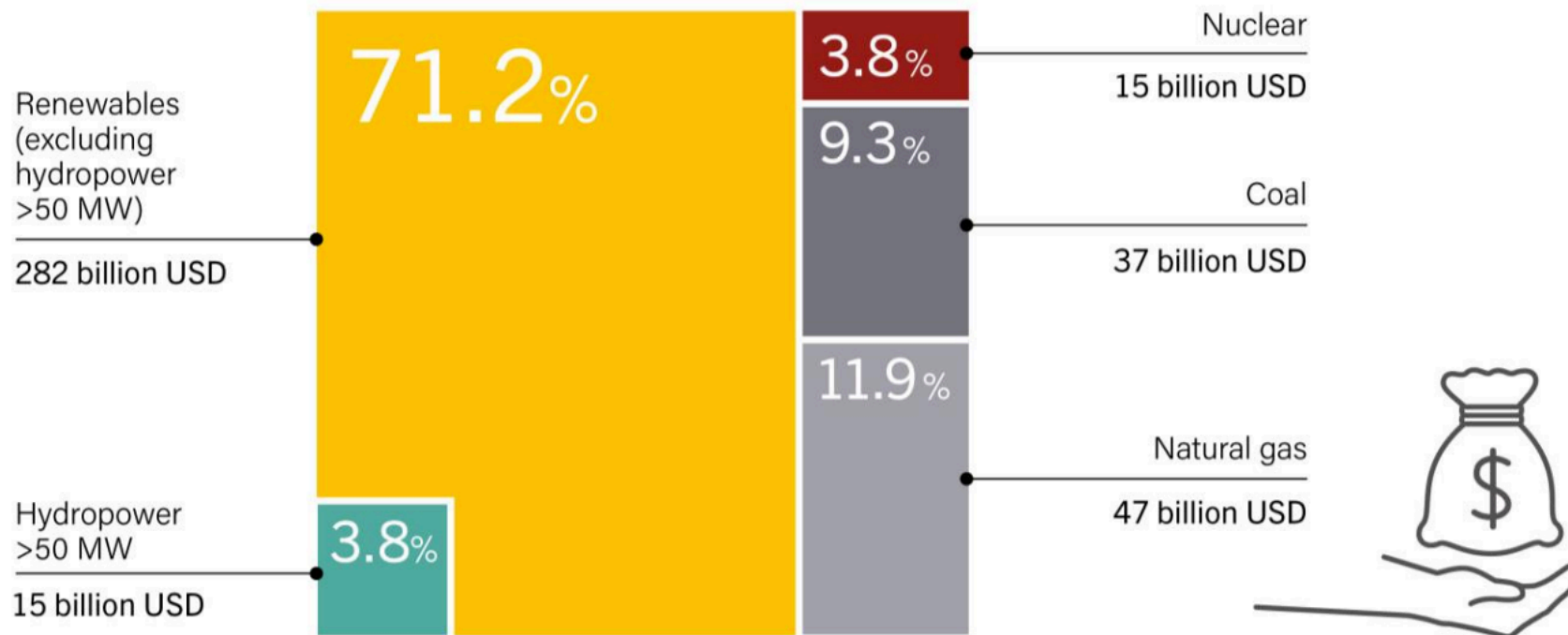
Clean energy investment has been relatively resilient in the downturn, but a flat trend of spending since 2015 is far from enough to bring a lasting reduction in emissions

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● Renewable transport & heat
 ● Renewable power
 ● Nuclear
 ● Energy efficiency
 ● Battery storage
 ● CCUS
 ● Share of clean energy and efficiency in total (right axis)

Read more [here](#).

3X MORE INVESTMENT IN RENEWABLES THAN IN COAL, GAS AND NUCLEAR



Note: Renewable investment data in figure exclude biofuels and some types of non-capacity investment.

Global Investment in New Power Capacity by Type (Renewables, Coal, Gas and Nuclear Power), 2019

In 2019, **renewable power technologies continued to attract far more investment dollars** than did coal, natural gas or nuclear power generating plants.

Source: BloombergNEF.

Key concepts to understand the role of renewable sin the energy systems

- LCOE: levelized cost of electricity
- Technology learning curve
- Capacity factor
- Dispatchability
- Energy system value

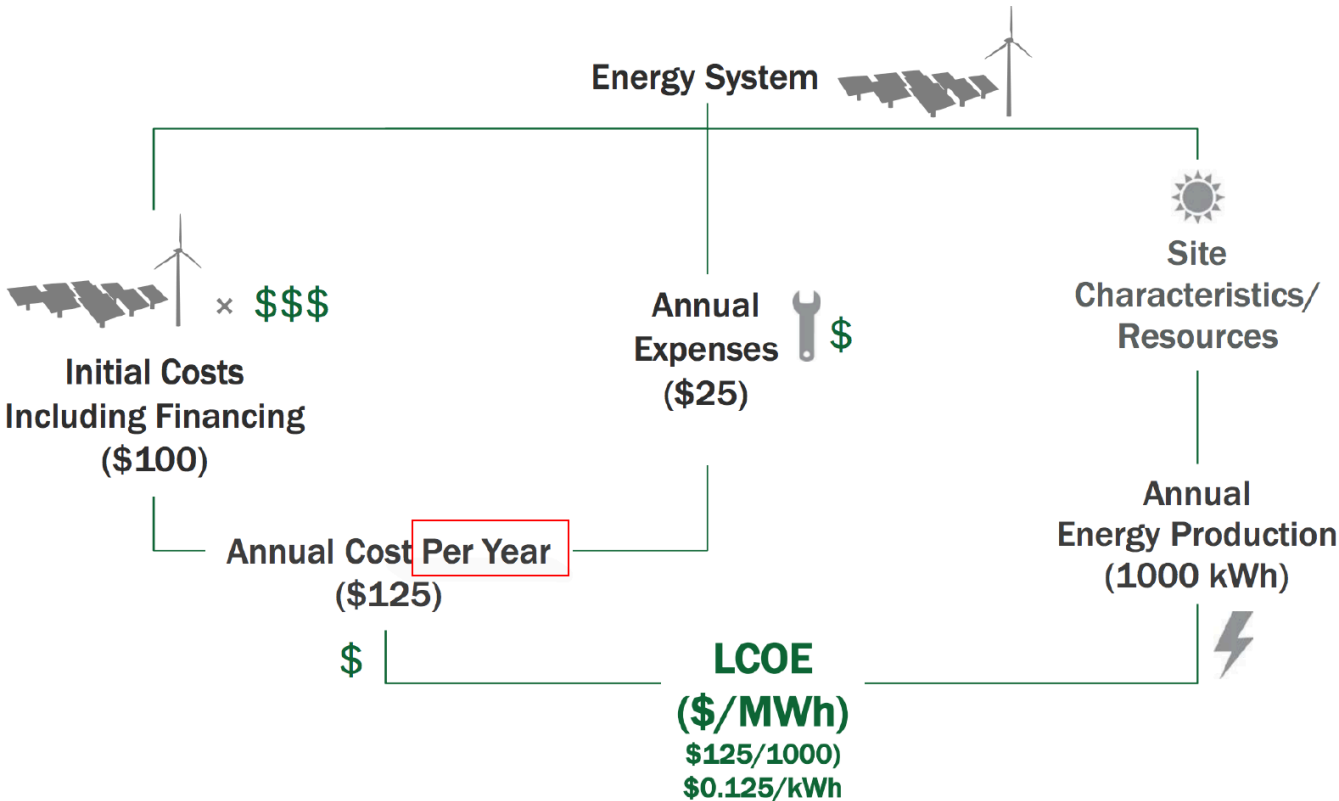
HOW TO COMPARE THE COST OF ELETRICITY PRODUCTION FROM DIFFERENT TECHNOLOGIES?

Table 5.1: Typical capital and operating costs for power plants. Note that these costs do not include subsidies, incentives, or any "social costs" (e.g., air or water emissions)

Technology	Capital Cost (\$/kW)	Operating Cost (\$/kWh)
Coal-fired combustion turbine	\$500 — \$1,000	0.02 — 0.04
Natural gas combustion turbine	\$400 — \$800	0.04 — 0.10
Coal gasification combined-cycle (IGCC)	\$1,000 — \$1,500	0.04 — 0.08
Natural gas combined-cycle	\$600 — \$1,200	0.04 — 0.10
Wind turbine (includes offshore wind)	\$1,200 — \$5,000	Less than 0.01
Nuclear	\$1,200 — \$5,000	0.02 — 0.05
Photovoltaic Solar	\$4,500 and up	Less than 0.01
Hydroelectric	\$1,200 — \$5,000	Less than 0.01

Basic economics of power generation, transmission and distribution, PennState Univ

Read more [here](#)



Adapted from European Wind Energy Association, "Economics of Wind Energy,"
http://www.ewea.org/fileadmin/ewea_documents/documents/00_POLICY_document/Economics_of_Wind_Energy_March_2009_.pdf

Measure lifetime costs divided by energy production

Calculates present value of the total cost of building and operating a power plant over an assumed lifetime

Allows the comparison of different technologies (e.g. coal, gas, solar) of unequal life spans, project size, different capital costs, risk, return and capacities

$$\text{LCOE} = \frac{\text{NPV of Total Costs Over Lifetime}}{\text{NPV of Electrical Energy Produced Over Lifetime}}$$

$$\text{LCOE} = \frac{\sum \frac{(I_t + M_t + F_t)}{(1 + r)^t}}{\sum \frac{E_t}{(1 + r)^t}}$$

The total costs associated with the project will include:

- The initial cost of investment expenditures (I)
- Maintenance and operations expenditures (M)
- Fuel expenditures (if applicable) (F)

The total output of the power-generating asset will include:

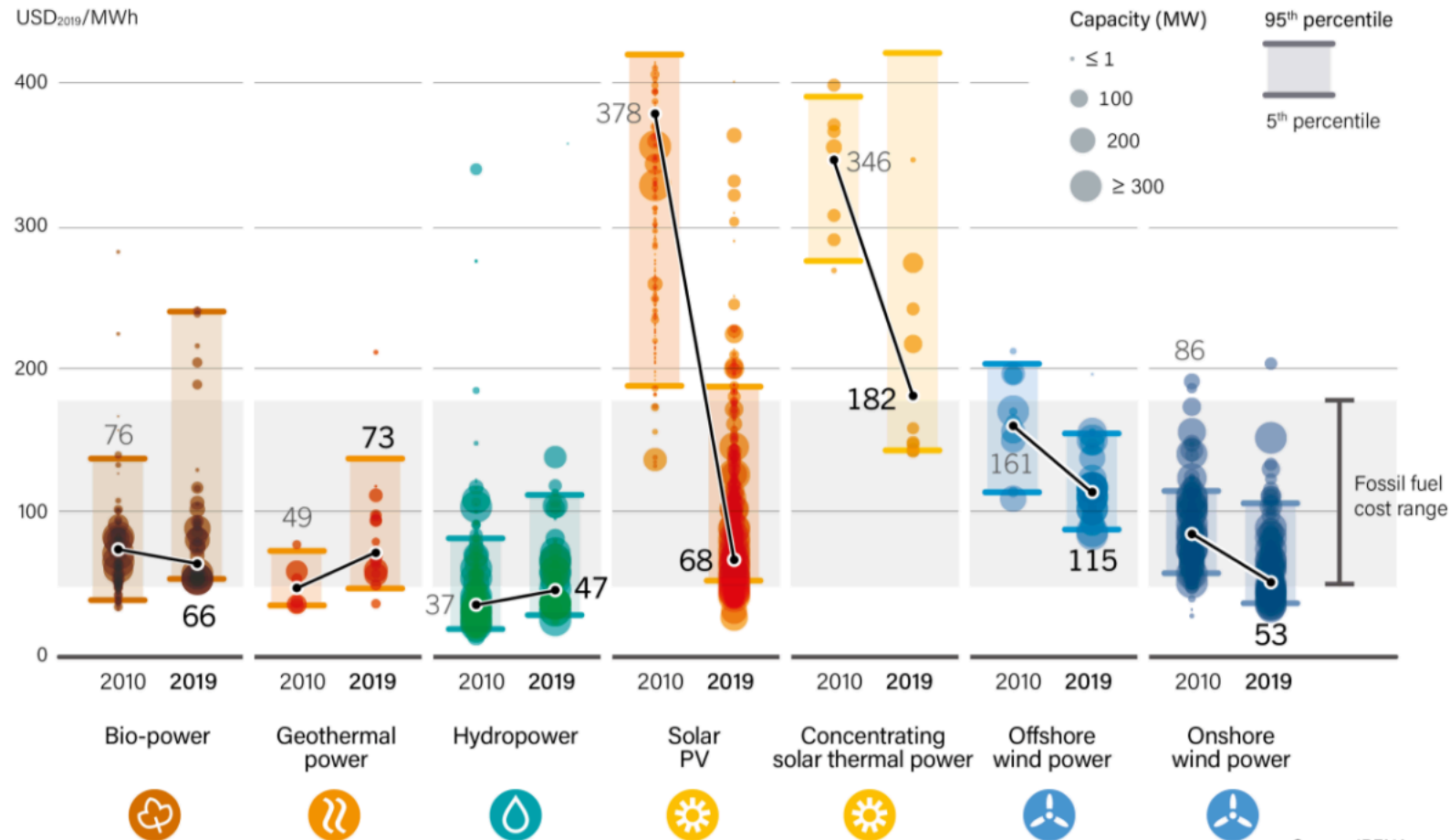
- The sum of all electricity generated (E)

Two important factors to be considered are:

- The discount rate of the project (r)
- The life of the system (n)

Learn more [here](#), with examples.

RENEWABLE POWER COSTS KEEP FALLING

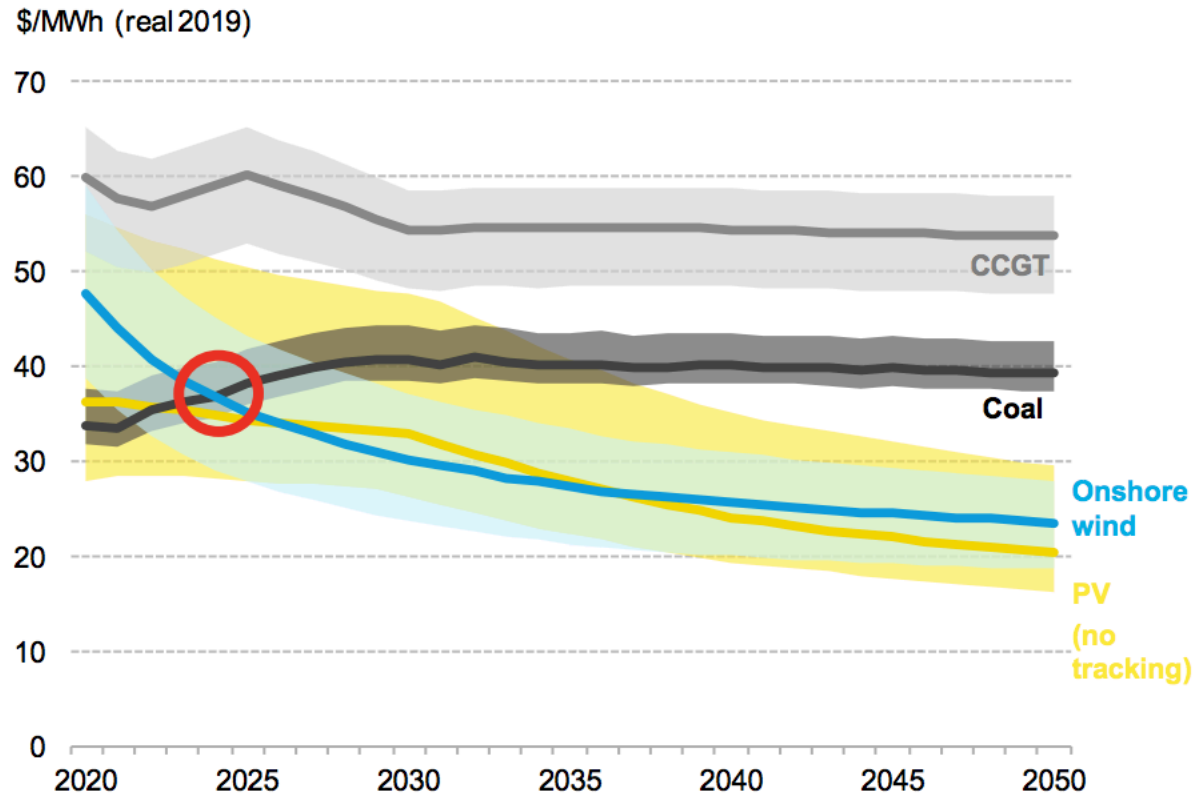


Global Levelised Cost of Electricity from Newly Commissioned, Utility-scale Renewable Power Generation Technologies, 2010-2019

Costs for solar PV and CSP as well as onshore and offshore wind have **fallen sharply over the past decade.**

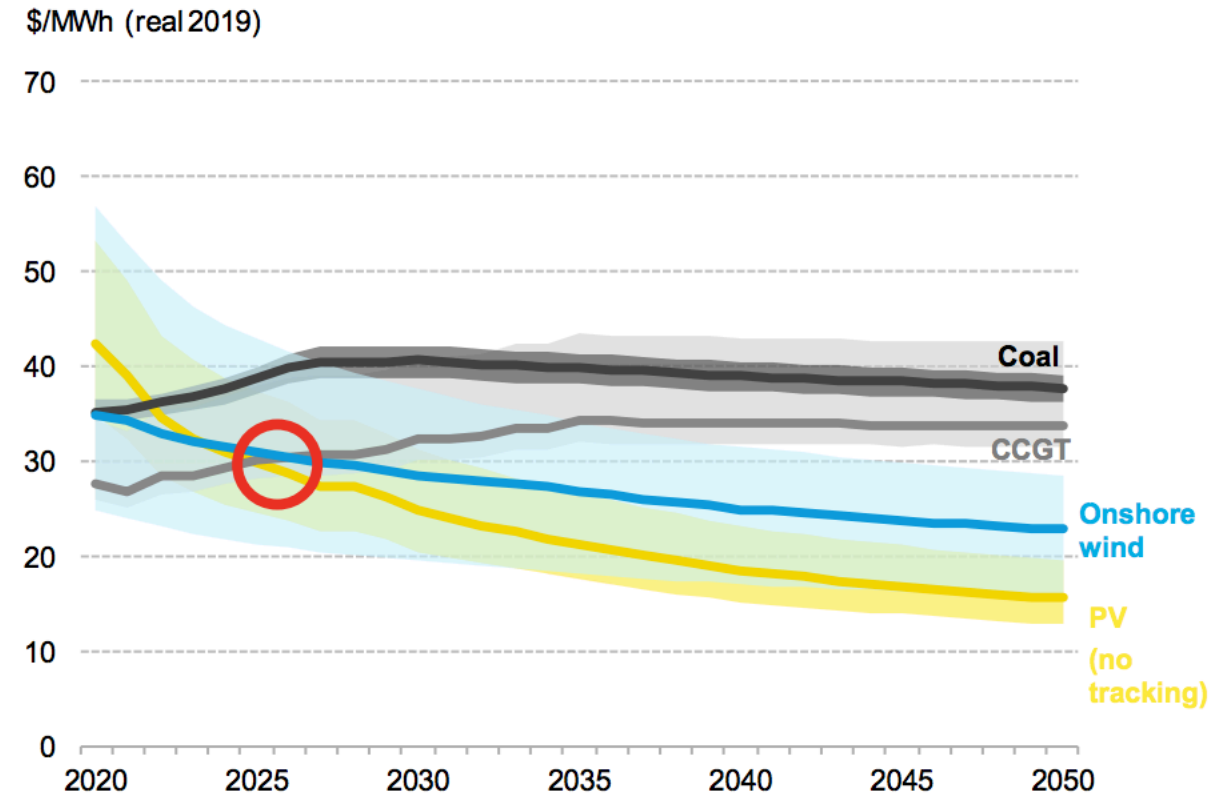
In the next 5 years, wind & PV are on track to be cheaper than running existing coal and gas

China: new wind & PV vs. existing coal & gas



Source: BloombergNEF

United States: new wind and PV vs. existing coal & gas



Source: BloombergNEF

2016

2030

2050

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		CF Range		CAPEX Range		OPEX			LCOE Range	
Technology		Min. (%)	Max. (%)	Min. (\$/kW)	Max. (\$/kW)	Fuel Costs (\$/MWh)	Fixed O&M (\$/kW-yr)	Variable O&M (\$/MWh)	Min. (\$/MWh)	Max. (\$/MWh)
Dispatchable										
Coal	PC	53%	85%	\$ 3,896	\$ 3,896	\$ 19	\$ 33	\$ 5	\$ 74	\$ 105
	IGCC	53%	85%	\$ 4,180	\$ 4,180	\$ 19	\$ 54	\$ 8	\$ 84	\$ 118
	CCS-30%	53%	85%	\$ 5,392	\$ 5,392	\$ 21	\$ 69	\$ 7	\$ 102	\$ 145
	CCS-90%	53%	85%	\$ 5,962	\$ 5,962	\$ 25	\$ 80	\$ 10	\$ 117	\$ 166
Natural Gas	CT	8%	30%	\$ 898	\$ 898	\$ 28	\$ 12	\$ 7	\$ 59	\$ 122
	CC	56%	87%	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,050	\$ 19	\$ 10	\$ 3	\$ 30	\$ 36
	CC-CCS	56%	87%	\$ 2,192	\$ 2,192	\$ 22	\$ 33	\$ 7	\$ 49	\$ 61
Nuclear		92%	92%	\$ 6,070	\$ 6,070	\$ 7	\$ 99	\$ 2	\$ 63	\$ 63
Biopower		56%	56%	\$ 3,942	\$ 4,070	\$ 39	\$ 53	\$ 5	\$ 107	\$ 109
Geothermal		80%	90%	\$ 5,100	\$ 13,601	\$ 0	\$ 145	\$ 317	\$ 76	\$ 219
CSP with 10-hr TES		44%	60%	\$ 7,842	\$ 7,842	\$ 0	\$ 67	\$ 4	\$ 95	\$ 128
Non-Dispatchable										
Wind	Land-based	11%	48%	\$ 1,523	\$ 1,744	\$ 0	\$ 51	\$ 0	\$ 22	\$ 166
	Offshore	31%	51%	\$ 3,776	\$ 8,152	\$ 0	\$ 131	\$ 0	\$ 95	\$ 241
Photovoltaic	Utility	15%	27%	\$ 1,774	\$ 1,774	\$ 0	\$ 14	\$ 0	\$ 35	\$ 63
	Commercial	12%	20%	\$ 2,591	\$ 2,591	\$ 0	\$ 18	\$ 0	\$ 69	\$ 113
	Residential	13%	21%	\$ 3,782	\$ 3,782	\$ 0	\$ 23	\$ 0	\$ 92	\$ 153
Hydropower		60%	66%	\$ 3,956	\$ 7,383	\$ 0	\$ 41	\$ 0	\$ 35	\$ 69

Explore more [here](#)

2016

2030

2050

2016

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		CF Range		CAPEX Range		OPEX			LCOE Range	
Technology		Min. (%)	Max. (%)	Min. (\$/kW)	Max. (\$/kW)	Fuel Costs (\$/MWh)	Fixed O&M (\$/kW-yr)	Variable O&M (\$/MWh)	Min. (\$/MWh)	Max. (\$/MWh)
Dispatchable										
Coal	PC	53%	85%	\$ 3748	\$ 3748	\$ 20	\$ 33	\$ 5	\$ 85	\$ 120
	IGCC	53%	85%	\$ 3,898	\$ 3,898	\$ 17	\$ 54	\$ 8	\$ 90	\$ 128
	CCS-30%	53%	85%	\$ 5,099	\$ 5,099	\$ 21	\$ 69	\$ 7	\$ 113	\$ 164
	CCS-90%	53%	85%	\$ 5,638	\$ 5,638	\$ 21	\$ 80	\$ 10	\$ 125	\$ 181
Natural Gas	CT	8%	30%	\$ 849	\$ 849	\$ 41	\$ 12	\$ 7	\$ 76	\$ 147
	CC	56%	87%	\$ 997	\$ 997	\$ 28	\$ 10	\$ 3	\$ 42	\$ 48
	CC-CCS	56%	87%	\$ 1,983	\$ 1,983	\$ 34	\$ 33	\$ 7	\$ 64	\$ 77
Nuclear		92%	92%	\$ 5,803	\$ 5,803	\$ 7	\$ 99	\$ 2	\$ 72	\$ 72
Biopower		56%	56%	\$ 3,706	\$ 3,928	\$ 39	\$ 51	\$ 5	\$ 115	\$ 117
Geothermal		80%	90%	\$ 4,922	\$ 13,125	\$ 0	\$ 145	\$ 317	\$ 83	\$ 240
CSP with 10-hr TES		44%	60%	\$ 5,784	\$ 5,784	\$ 0	\$ 50	\$ 4	\$ 88	\$ 119
Non-Dispatchable										
Wind	Land-based	16%	51%	\$ 1,299	\$ 2,046	\$ 0	\$ 47	\$ 0	\$ 32	\$ 147
	Offshore	33%	52%	\$ 2,514	\$ 5,909	\$ 0	\$ 127	\$ 0	\$ 74	\$ 193
Photovoltaic	Utility	15%	27%	\$ 819	\$ 819	\$ 0	\$ 7	\$ 0	\$ 22	\$ 40
	Commercial	12%	20%	\$ 1,108	\$ 1,108	\$ 0	\$ 8	\$ 0	\$ 40	\$ 66
	Residential	13%	21%	\$ 1,493	\$ 1,493	\$ 0	\$ 9	\$ 0	\$ 50	\$ 83
Hydropower		60%	66%	\$ 3,956	\$ 7,105	\$ 0	\$ 41	\$ 0	\$ 45	\$ 83

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LCOE changes with countries, because physical conditions, e.g. sun hours in the case of PV (amount of electricity varies)

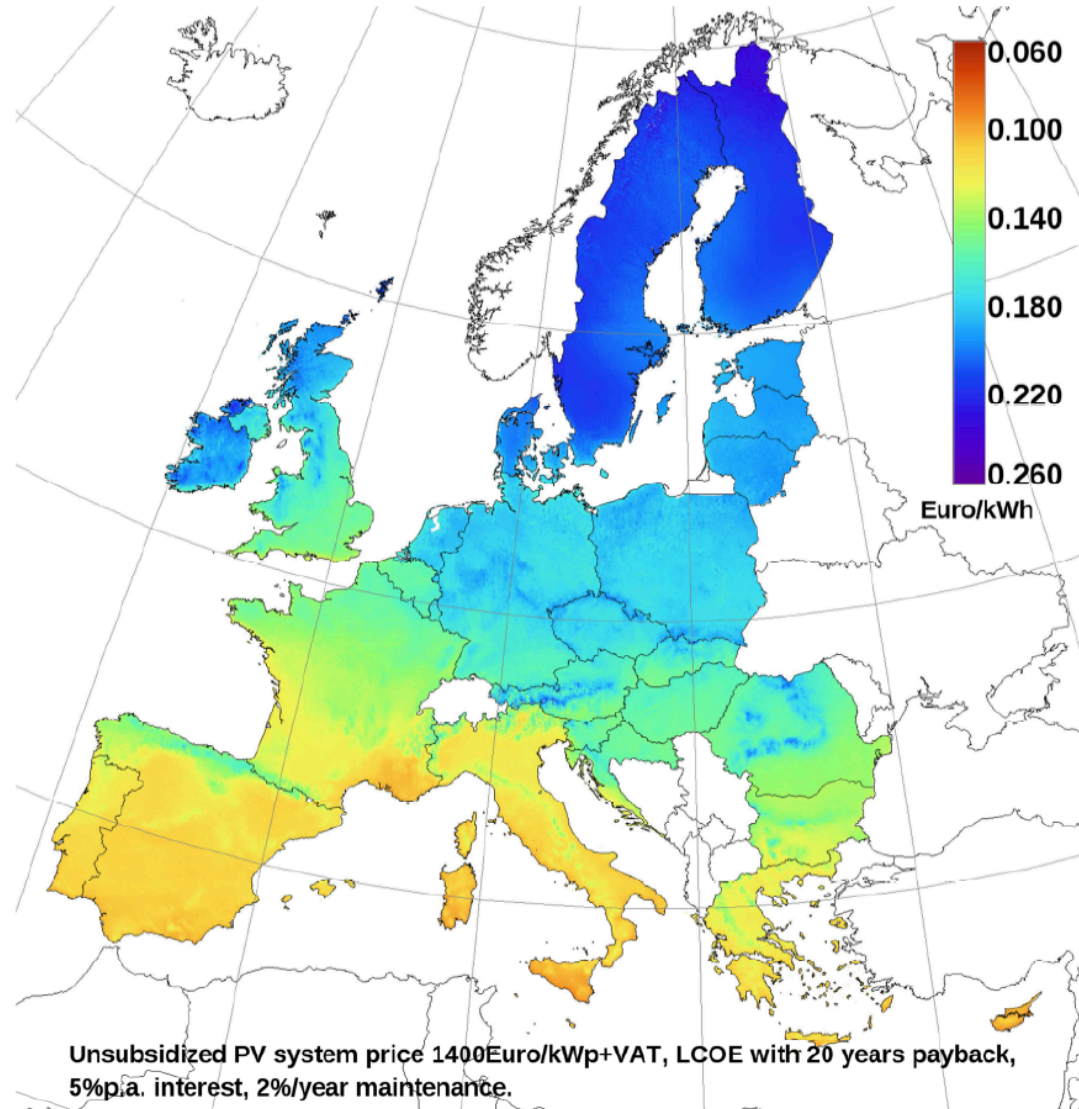


Fig. 1 Distribution of the levelised cost of PV electricity in Europe (Read [here](#))

(Huld et al, 2014)

HOW TO REFER TO THE LOCAL CONDITIONS OF A RENEWABLE POWER TECHNOLOGY?

Capacity factor is the ratio of the actual electrical energy produced in a given period of time, to the hypothetical maximum possible electrical energy output over that period.

What factors limit the electricity generation along the day or along the year?

- availability of the technology (e.g. maintenance)
- availability of the resources (sun: daily profile; hydro: seasonal profile), depending on the local

$$\text{Annual Capacity Factor} = \frac{\text{Actual generation}}{\text{Maximum generation}}$$

$$= \frac{10,000 \text{ kWh}}{2 \text{ kW} * 8760 \text{ hr}} = 57\%$$

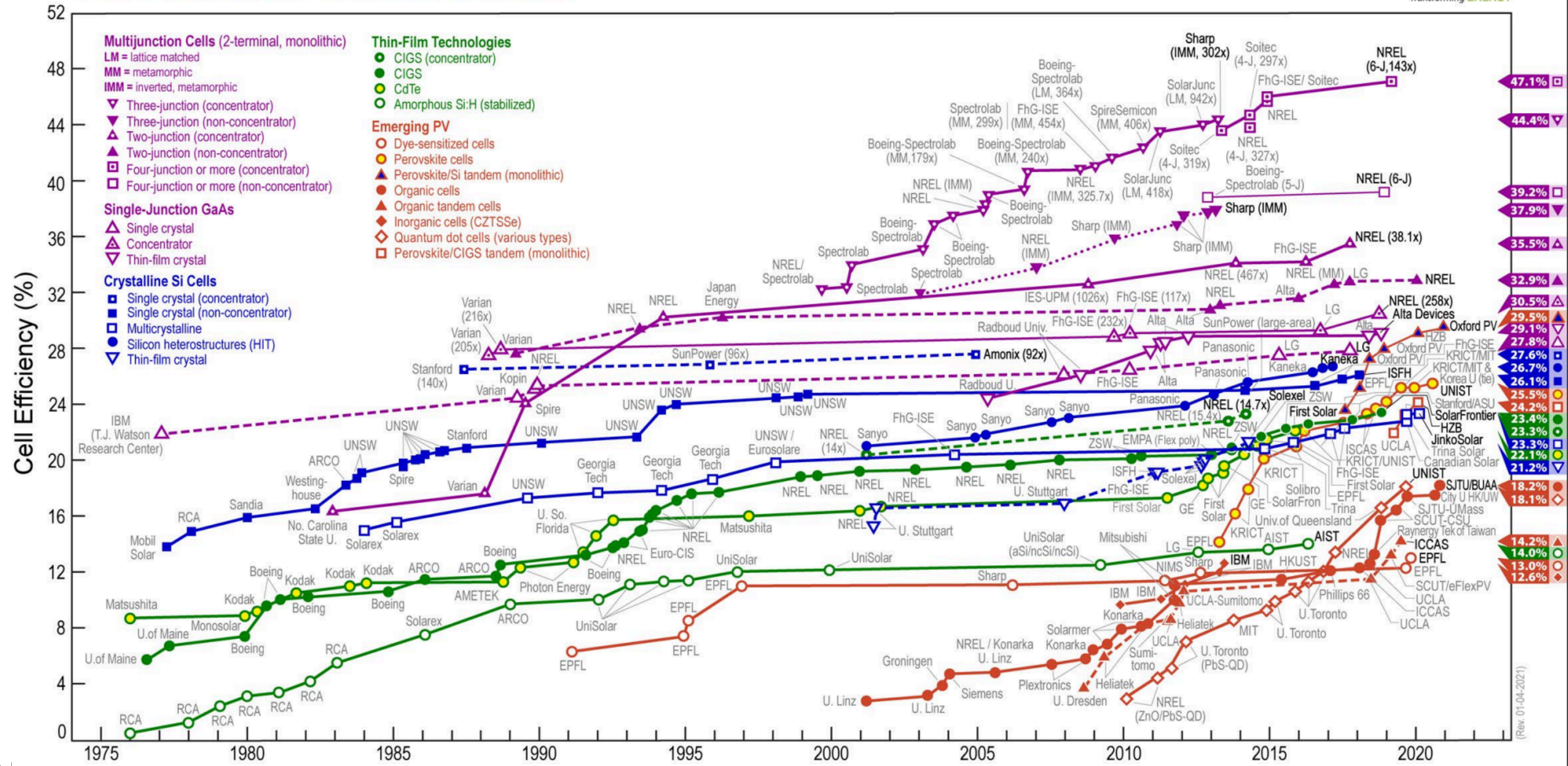
Number of total hours in a year

The capacity factor (CF) is directly related with **natural endogenous conditions** and impacts the amount of electricity generated: higher CF more electricity produced

Table 6.7.B. Capacity Factors for Utility Scale Generators Not Primarily Using Fossil Fuels, January 2013-February 2018

Period	Nuclear	Conventional Hydropower	Wind	Solar Photovoltaic	Solar Thermal	Landfill Gas and Municipal Solid Waste	Other Biomass Including Wood	Geothermal
Annual Factors								
2013	89.9%	38.9%	32.4%	NA	NA	68.9%	56.7%	73.6%
2014	91.7%	37.3%	34.0%	25.9%	19.8%	68.9%	58.9%	74.0%
2015	92.3%	35.8%	32.2%	25.8%	22.1%	68.7%	55.3%	74.3%
2016	92.3%	38.2%	34.5%	25.1%	22.2%	69.7%	55.6%	73.9%
2017	92.2%	45.2%	36.7%	27.0%	21.8%	70.9%	50.7%	76.4%
Year 2016								
January	98.5%	43.6%	33.9%	15.2%	6.8%	68.3%	58.5%	73.4%
February	95.3%	43.8%	39.6%	22.9%	19.5%	67.6%	61.2%	73.2%
March	89.9%	45.9%	40.2%	24.9%	19.6%	67.2%	55.8%	72.5%
April	88.1%	44.6%	39.3%	27.2%	20.9%	69.3%	45.8%	68.8%
May	90.5%	42.8%	34.2%	30.2%	28.9%	72.9%	47.0%	73.9%
June	94.2%	40.6%	30.5%	30.3%	33.5%	72.0%	54.7%	71.2%
July	94.5%	36.1%	31.9%	31.7%	36.9%	70.9%	59.3%	72.2%
August	96.1%	33.0%	24.5%	31.7%	29.2%	70.3%	63.5%	73.0%
Sept	90.9%	28.6%	30.4%	28.5%	30.2%	67.9%	58.5%	75.5%
October	81.7%	29.3%	36.4%	24.0%	19.1%	63.8%	48.9%	74.6%
November	90.9%	32.8%	35.3%	20.4%	14.4%	72.6%	54.9%	77.7%
December	96.7%	37.9%	38.8%	16.2%	7.0%	73.4%	59.6%	80.1%

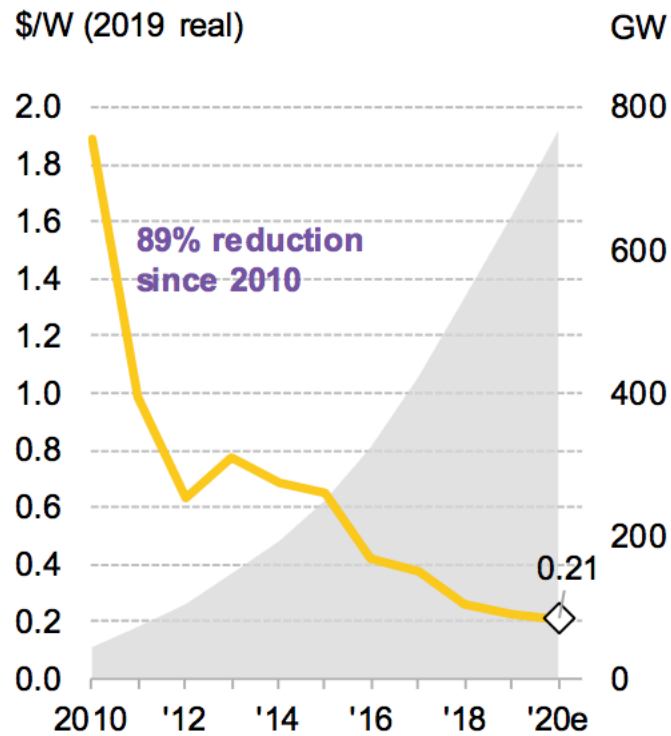
Best Research-Cell Efficiencies



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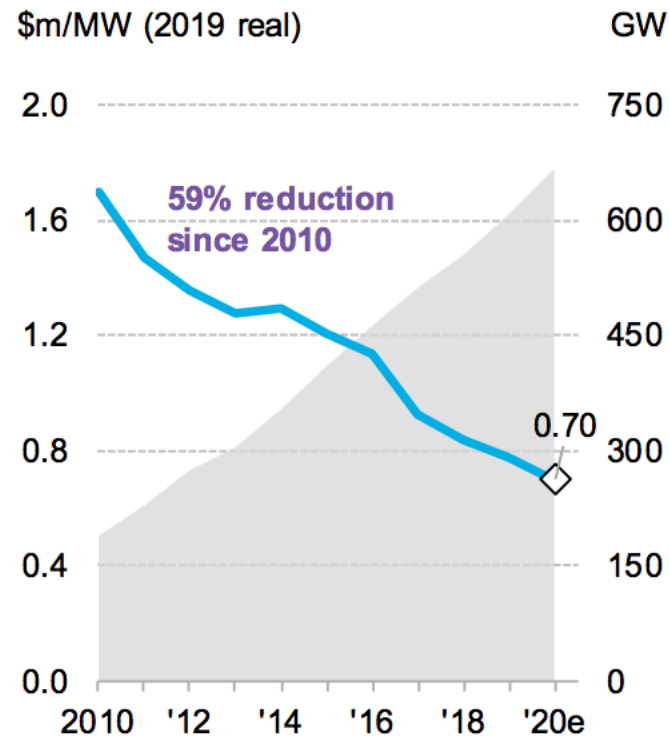
Innovation and scale have driven down the costs of renewable technology...

PV module price and cumulative installed capacity



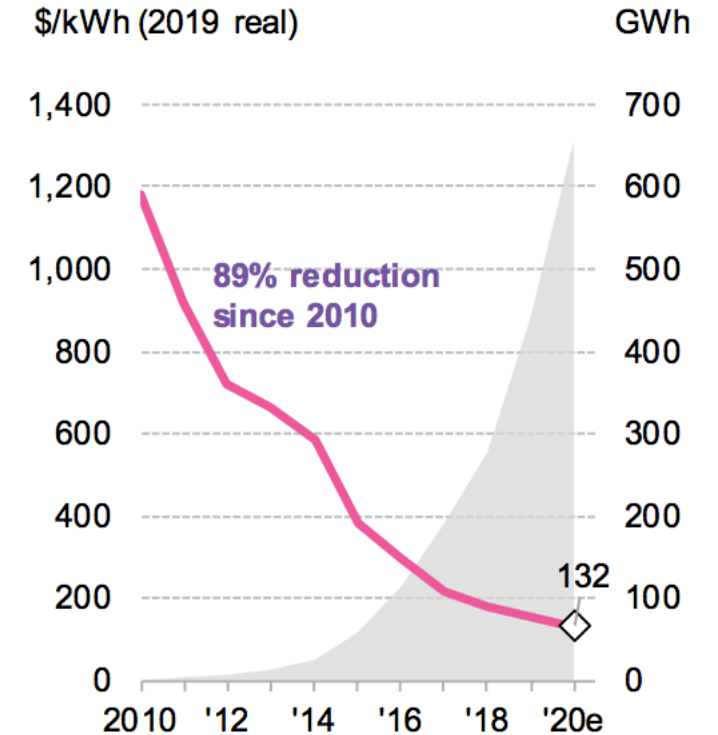
Source: BloombergNEF

Onshore wind turbine price and cumulative installed capacity



Source: BloombergNEF

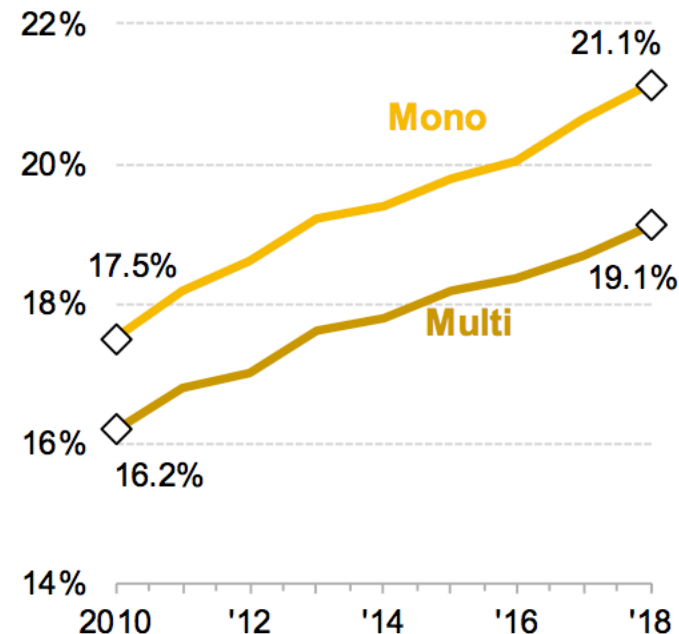
Li-ion battery pack price and demand



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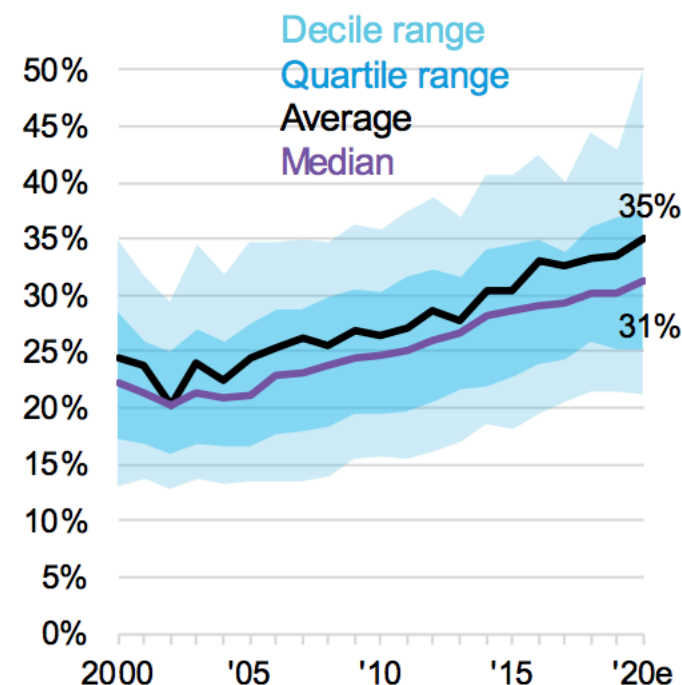
...and at the same time the technology keeps getting better

PV module efficiency



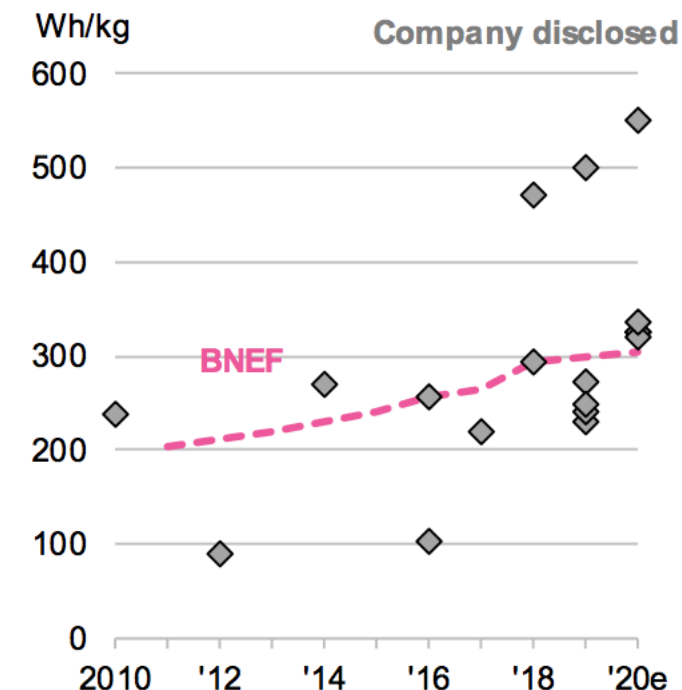
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Onshore wind capacity factors



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Battery cell energy density



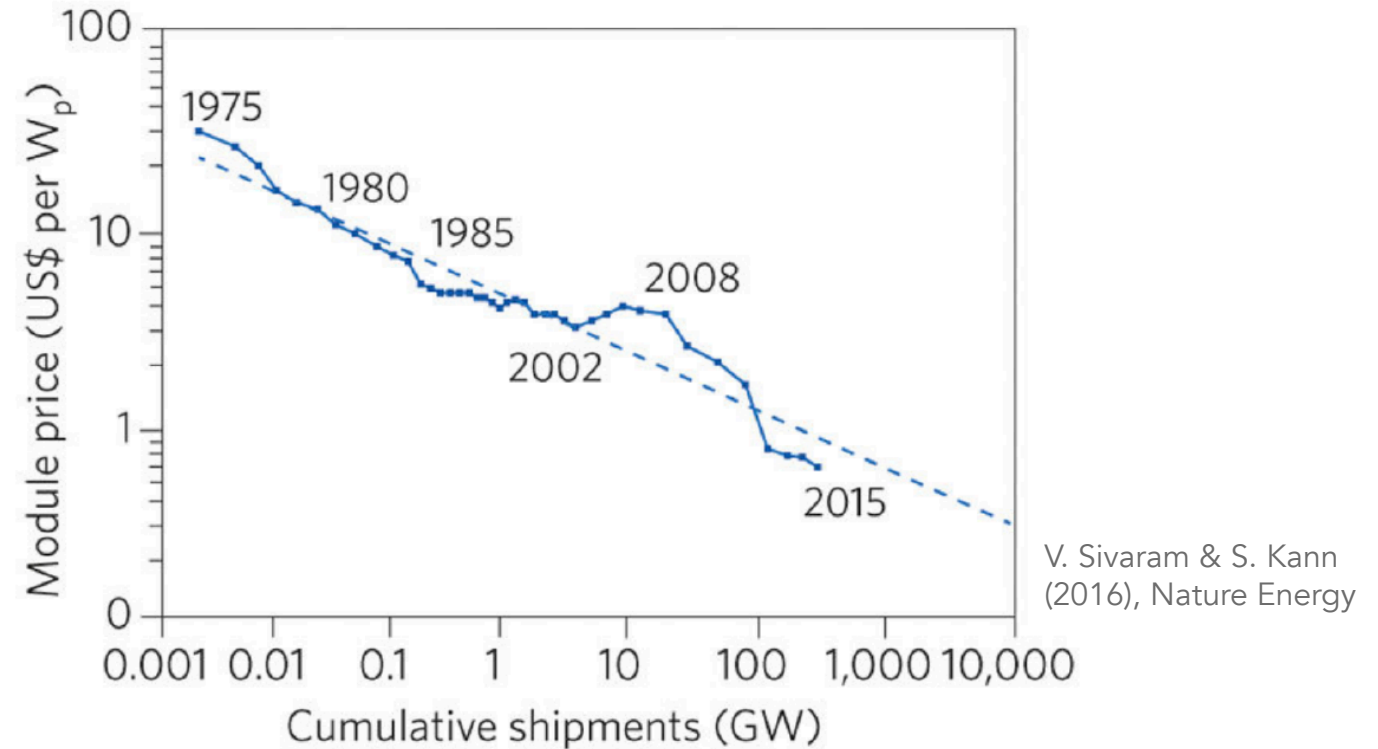
Source: BloombergNEF, public announcements, company interviews

HOW TO ASSESS COST EVOLUTION OF A TECHNOLOGY?

Learning rate: expresses the constant percentage improvement (usually in terms of cost reductions) in a technology for each doubling of the technology's cumulative installed capacity

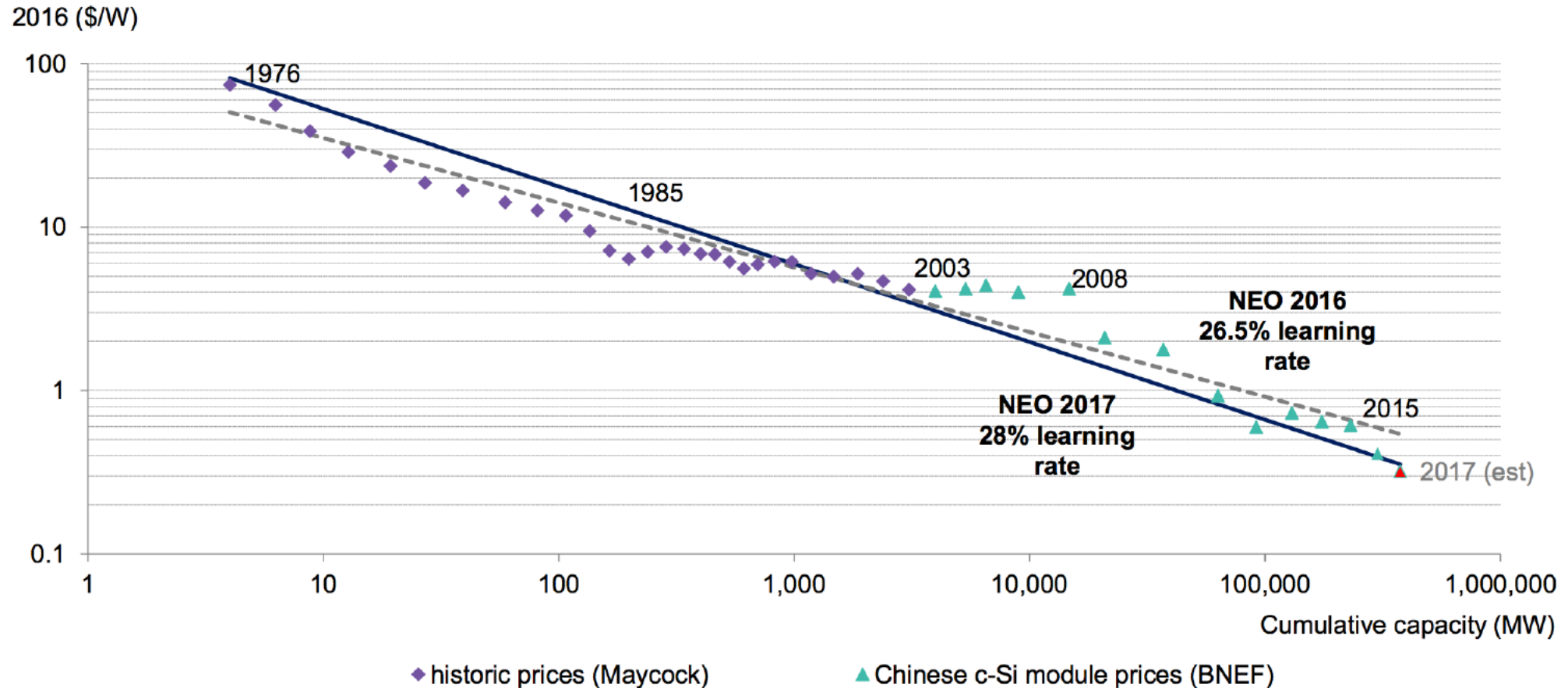
Figure 2 : Historical learning curve for PV modules.

From: [Solar power needs a more ambitious cost target](#)



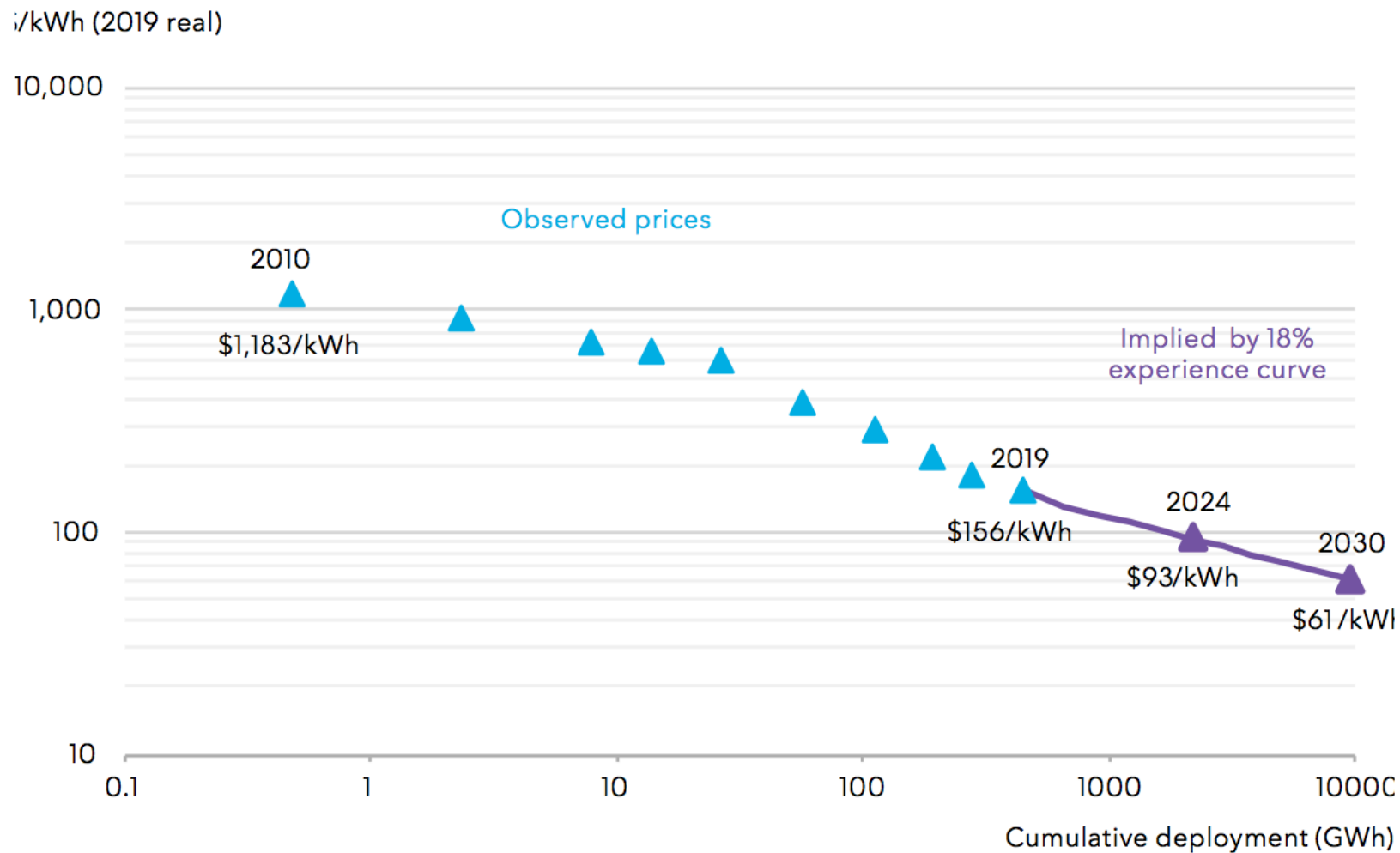
The dashed line shows the average decline in module price as a function of cumulative production, which from 1975 to 2015 has been approximately 18% for every doubling of cumulative production. Note that price is an imperfect proxy for cost in the short term. For example, above-average declines in price between 2008 and 2012 comprise a cost-reduction component as well as a profit margin compression component. Over long periods, however, price trends should reflect underlying cost trends. W_p, peak power output in watts. Data taken from GTM Research PV Cost Database, 2016.

Solar technology is getting cheaper, faster



Source: Maycock, Bloomberg New Energy Finance

Figure 3: Lithium-ion battery pack price outlook



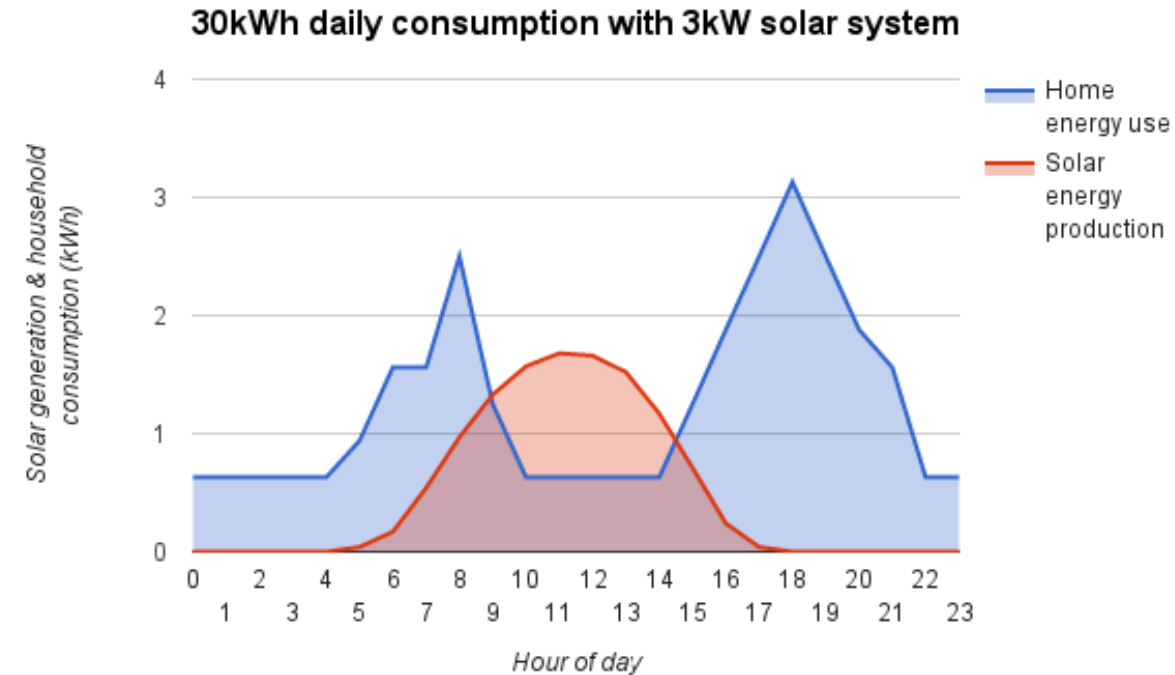
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HOW TO MANAGE THE VARIABILITY OF RENEWABLES?

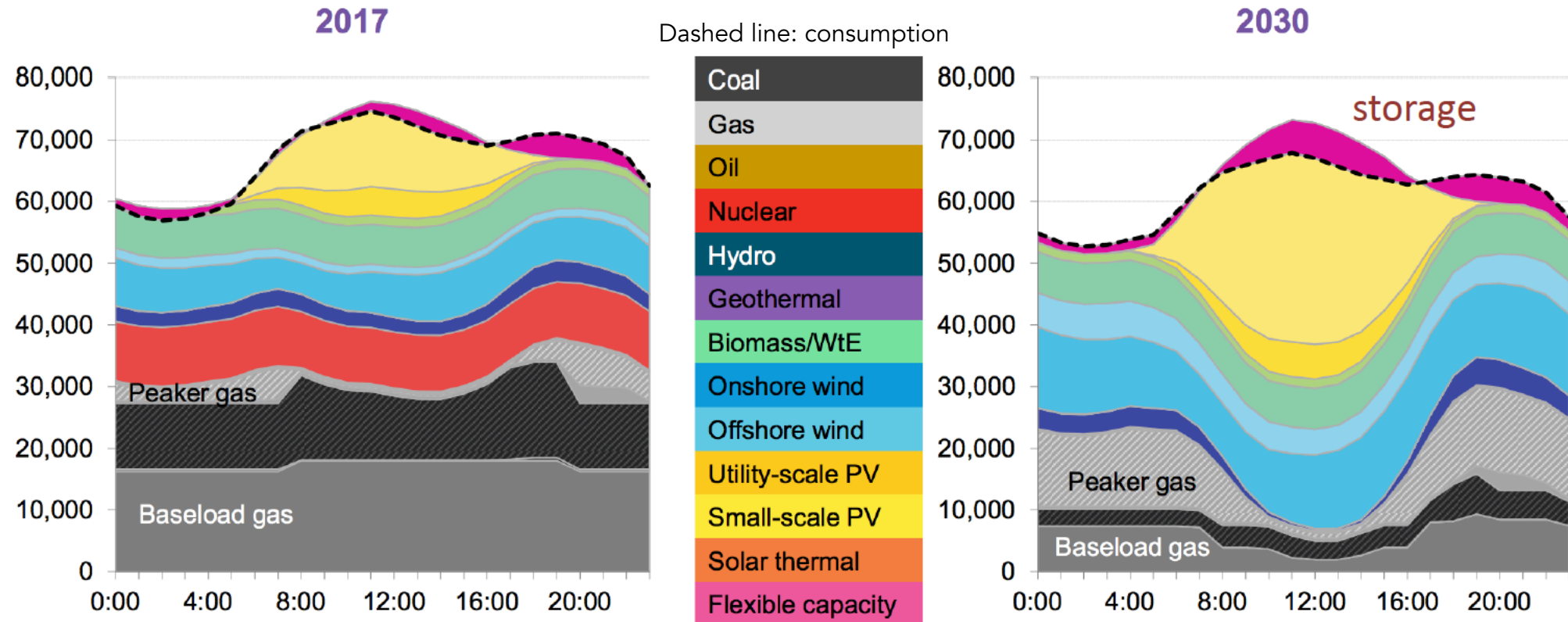
A dispatchable source of electricity refers to an electrical power system, such as a power plant, that can be turned on or off; in other words they can adjust their power output supplied to the electrical grid on demand. Most conventional power sources such as coal or nuclear power plants are dispatchable in order to meet the always changing electricity demands of the population.

In contrast, many renewable energy sources are intermittent and non-dispatchable, such as wind power or solar power which can only generate electricity while their energy flow is input on them.

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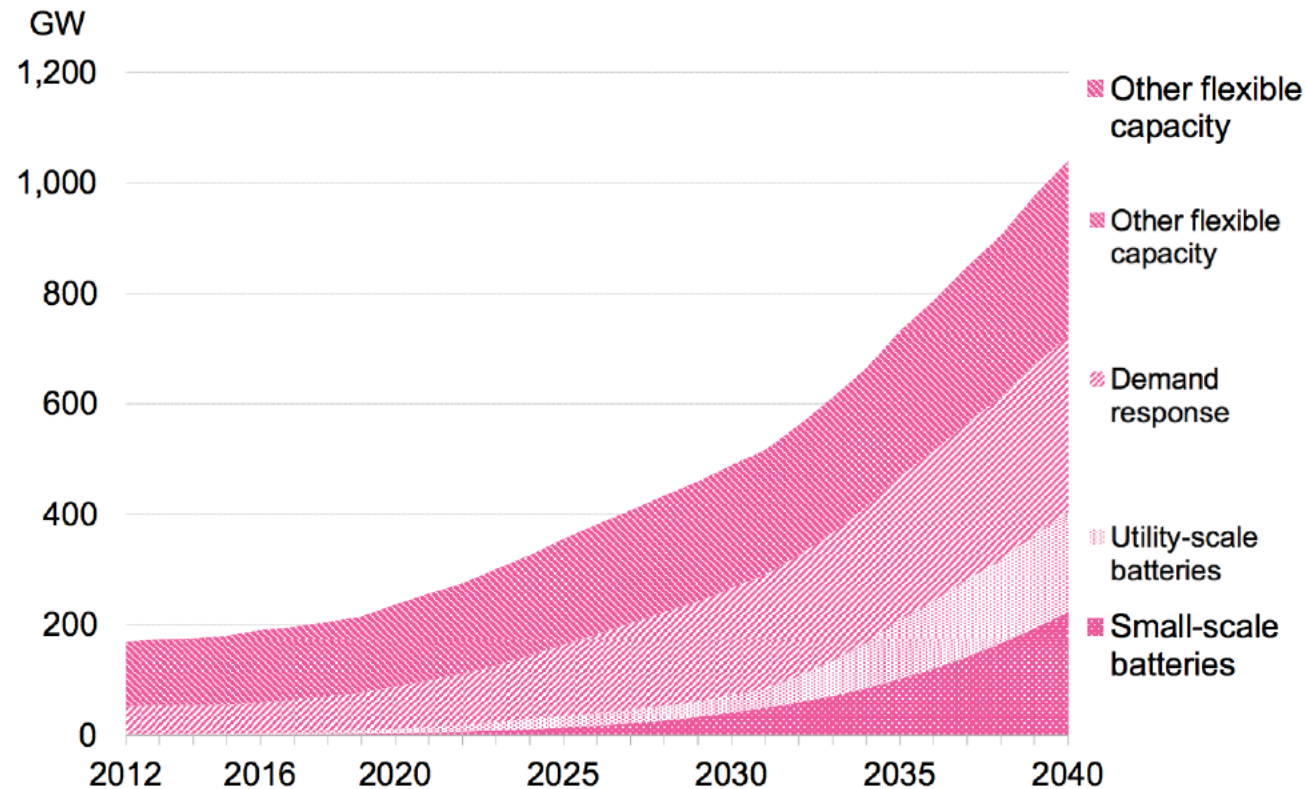
Germany hourly dispatch



Source: Bloomberg New Energy Forecast

Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance

Demand response and batteries help meet peak demand and help balance the grid



Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance



Top 5 markets in 2040	
China	343GW
U.S.	200GW
India	127GW
Japan	62GW
Germany	30GW

IS LCOE ENOUGH TO CAPTURE THE VALUE OF RENEWABLES?

FROM COST TO VALUE:

Renewable energy can make a contribution to energy, environmental and economic benefits:

- 1) **energy security** (not depending from volatile international markets);
- 2) **reduction of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions** and other environmental impacts (air pollution reduction);
- 3) **economic development** (jobs creation)
- 4) **new businesses** based on local empowerment schemes (prosumers)

LCOE is not enough!
→ energy systems
analysis

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