

Solar Energy Perspectives

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Building on...



Technology Roadmap Solar photovoltaic energy



Technology Roadmap Concentrating Solar Power





- Solar electricity and other roadmaps
- World Energy Outlook
- Energy Technology Perspectives
- Also starring...
 - Solar heating and cooling
 - **Forthcoming IEA Roadmap**
 - **Solar Fuels**
 - From PV and CSP, H₂ and liquids © OECD/IEA, 2012

Growing shares of renewables



All scenarios point out a large growth of renewables

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Strategies to 2050

The primary role of renewables in the BLUE scenarios



Renewables provide from almost half to three quarters of the global electricity mix in 2050



RE generation in 2050 for key countries/regions



The mix varies according to resources

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In search of synergies...

Solar Energy Perspectives Between various solar technologies
With other RE/EE technologies

Source: SunEarth Inc.

Solar thermal collectors

Solar PV panels



Integrated PV-thermal collectors

Source: Solimpeks Solar Energy

Driven by analyses of the demand for various uses

DNI often compares with GHI...

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Markets: Electricity

- PV takes all light
- PV almost everywhere
- Mostly at end-users'
- Variable
- Peak & mid-peak
- Grid parity by 2020

Smart grids

- CSP takes direct light
 - CSP semi-arid countries
 - Mostly for utilities
 - Firm, dispatchable Sbackup
 - Peak to base-load Storage
 - **Competitive peak power by 2020**
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Electricity generation from renewable in 2050, BLUE Map scenario



Note: Percentages above columns show the share of renewables in total electricity generation.

Firm & flexible CSP capacities can help integrate more PV

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The CSP Roadmap: 2050





Repartition of the solar resource for CSP plants in kWh/m²/y, and of the production and consumption of CSP electricity (in TWh) by world region in 2050 as foreseen in this roadmap. Arrows represent transfers of CSP electricity from sunniest regions or countries to large electricity demand centres.

Sources: Breyer & Knies, 2009 based on DNI data from DLR-ISIS and IEA Analysis.



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Markets: Buildings



An integrated approach increases efficiency and reduces total costs © OECD/IEA, 2012

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Focus: Space heating and cooling

- Storage is key
 - Compact thermo-chemical?
 - Large-scale heat storage
 - Ground-source heat pumps = effective low-temp storage





Source: ESTIF, 2007



 (Wind and) Solar electricity + heat pumps the best option for heating?
Thermally-driven or (solar) electricitydriven cooling?

Markets: industry

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- Large heat needs at various temperature levels in industry and services; low-temp. solar heat available everywhere, demand all year round
- High-temp. solar heat under hot and dry climates

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But solar electricity and biomass key to reduce the use of fossil fuels in industry



Source: Breyer

and Gerlach, 2010

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Cost reductions will continue

Cost targets for the residential sector

		2010	2020	2030	2050
Typical turnkey system price (2010 USD/kW)		3800	1960	1405	1040
	2000 kWh/kW	228	116	79	56
Typical electricity generation costs (2010 USD/MWH)*	1500 kWh/kW	304	155	106	75
	1000 kWh/kW	456	232	159	112

Cost targets for the commercial sector

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		2010	2020	2030	2050
Typical turnkey system price (2010 USD/kW)		3400	1850	1325	980
	2000 kWh/kW	204	107	75	54
Typical electricity generation costs (2010 USD/MWH)*	1500 kWh/kW	272	143	100	72
	1000 kWh/kW	408	214	150	108

Cost targets for the utility sector

		2010	2020	2030	2050
Typical turnkey system price (2010 USD/kW)		3120	1390	1100	850
	2000 kWh/kW	187	81	62	48
Typical electricity generation costs (2010 USD/MWH)*	1500 kWh/kW	249	108	83	64
	1000 kWh/kW	374	162	125	96

Notes: Based on the following assumptions: interest rate 10%, technical lifetime 25 years (2008), 30 years (2020), 35 years (2030) and 40 years (2050). Numbers in italics are considered more speculative. Sources: IEA 2010*d*, Bloomberg New Energy Finance, and IEA data and analysis.

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Deployment: Are we on track?

Well... not for CSP!





Geothermal Solar PV ■ Tide, wave & ocean Solar CSP HWT **WEO 2020**

RE technologies: competitiveness



•Prices for many technologies have been declining (dotted line, right hand scale).

•Growing set of circumstances in which RET are competitive *(straight line, left hand scale)*

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Technologies: solar thermal electricity

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Source: Torresol Energy

- Key value of STE/CSP is in thermal storage to better match demand
 - effective and cheaper than electrical storage
- Concentration requires good direct irradiance
- Many different designs and options



On-going CSP targets and plants Spain France 2 746 by 2014; 540 by 2020 🚤 🛲 🚧 5 079 by 2020 troughs 232.5 Fresnel 12 dish 38 Solar Italy tower 50 USA 600 by 2020 troughs 1 270 Energy troughs 3 746 Fresnel 30 troughs 55 troughs 100/1 180 Perspectives tower 50 troughs 5/30 tower 3 045 troughs 850 Greece dishes 110 250 by 2020 Portugal tower 502 130 by 2014; tower 38 Jordan troughs 810 500 by 2020 troughs 50 Fresnel 100 troughs 421 China Fresnel 13 troughs 75/3 800 1 000 by 2015 Cyprus Iran tower 5 Algeria 75 by 2020 troughs 17/467 troughs 231.1 Fresnel 5 7 000 by 2030 troughs 50/1 000 Israel UAE troughs 215/1 200 Mexico tower 100 troughs 20/150 troughs 440 troughs 100 troughs 12/465 Egypt Tunisia India troughs 100; 100/1 200, troughs 100 10 000 by 2020 troughs 20/150 tower 2 000 troughs 380 Target I Fresnel 100 Morocco Sudan Planned tower 10 2 000 by 2020 Fresnel 2 000 Australia troughs 10 Fresnel 250 troughs 125 South Africa Under construction I troughs 20/470 Fresnel 5/750 200 by 2014; Fresnel 3/2 000 Operational 1 200 by 2030 tower 100

Note: xx/yy: for Integrated Solar Combined Cycle or fuel saver systems, xx indicates the solar capacity, yy indicates the overall capacity.

Unit: MW

Emerging challenges: grid integration

Variability is not new, but it does get bigger

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Source: Western Wind and Solar Integration Study, GE Energy for NREL (2010)

Load-matching rather than base-load



Source: Mills and Cheng, 2011

Time of use payments are key

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Possible roles of storage



be used to shift production, to extend it to base load or to concentrate it to super peak load





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Back-up/hybridisation

- Firming capacities
- Increase the solar share in the mix
- Walk the learning curve
 - Currently in use:
 - Back-up or routine fuel use in PT plants; efficient?

Solar field

Tower

To solar receiver

- Fresnel pre-heating feedwater in coal plants
- Steam augmentation in bottoming cycles (ISCC)
- Options to be developped
 - Main steam augmentation in efficient coal plants
 - Hybrid solar-gas with combined cycle



Source: PEGASE/CNRS

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Storage for large-scale variable RE

- Small or large, batteries are expensive
- G2V to avoid curtailment. V2G to shave peaks?
- Pumped-hydro plants the reference solution
 - 140 GW in service, much more necessary
 - Daily/weekly storage does not require large areas
 - Can be built on the coast or offshore using seawater
 - Less efficient than thermal storage but affordable



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Technologies: solar fuelsFrom hydrocarbon (incl. biomass) or water

Cheaper with high-temp. heat than electricity?



H₂ easier to use blended with natural gas, could be stored then used in balancing plants
Can be converted into various energy carriers
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Global government support for renewables-based electricity generation in the New Policies Scenario



Global government support for renewables reached \$37 billion in 2009 and grows to \$140 billion in 2035; support costs per unit of electricity fall over time as technologies mature

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The way forward: testing the limits

- A possible vision, under severe climate constraints, if other low-carbon energy options are not available...
- Where are the technical limits to solar energy?
 - Many electricity technologies converging towards USD100/MWh (incl. CO₂) around 2030 [Roadmaps, ETP]
 - Cost no longer main limit, but footprint, variability and convenience issues
 - Not necessarily least cost, but affordable options:
 - Sunny and dry climates, where CSP dominates
 - Sunny and wet climates, with PV backed by hydro
 - Temperate climates, with wind power and PV backed by pumped-hydro and solar-H₂/NG balancing plants
 - Assuming efficiency improvements as in ETP but further electrification of buildings, industry and transport:
 - → Under best conditions, solar energy (mostly electricity) could become a key contributor to the global energy mix
 - ightarrow Some fossil fuels still needed in transport, industry, electricity



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500 000 km2 of hypothetical onground solar power plants

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Source: landartgenerator.



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Testing the limits: 2060



Technology	Capacity (GW)	Electricity generation (TWh/y)
PV	12 000	18 000
CSP	* <mark>6 0</mark> 00	25 000
Solar fuels	**3 000	2 000
Wind power	10 000	25 000
Hydro power and marine	1 600	9 000
Base load (Geothermal, nuclear, solid biomass w. CCS)	1 200	10 000
Natural gas	**3 000	1 000
Total		90 000

* Thermal storage would give CSP plants an average capacity factor of almost 50%. **Shared capacities.



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Capacities requires for peak deamnd after sunset with low winds in non-CSP areas





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Testing the limits: Total final energy by sources, 2060





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The way forward: policies

Integrated approach	Current gaps
Support to R&D	Solar Fuels
Support to innovation	Process heat
Addressing split incentives	Solar obligations for DHW (but Israel and Spain)
Pushing toward integrated solutions	Buildings regulations (but in the EU)
Addressing financing needs (e.g. off-grid solar electricity)	Linking MDA, climate change money and micro- finance
Support to early deployment	Not all sunny countries support deployment
	Integrated approachSupport to R&DSupport to innovationSupport to innovationAddressing split incentivesPushing toward integrated solutionsAddressing financing needs (e.g. off-grid solar electricity)Support to early deployment



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A global approach is needed

- The bulk of the forthcoming growth of energy demand is in sunny countries
 - 7 out of 9 billion people, growing economies
- Solar provides access to modern energy services
 - Potentially changing the lives of 1.4 billion people
- Solar energy has the potential to become a key contributor to final energy demand
 - Under the assumptions of a massive penetration of electricity, efficiency improvements and willingness to decarbonise the energy sector
- Efforts/benefits need to be shared globally
 - "Spend wisely, share widely"