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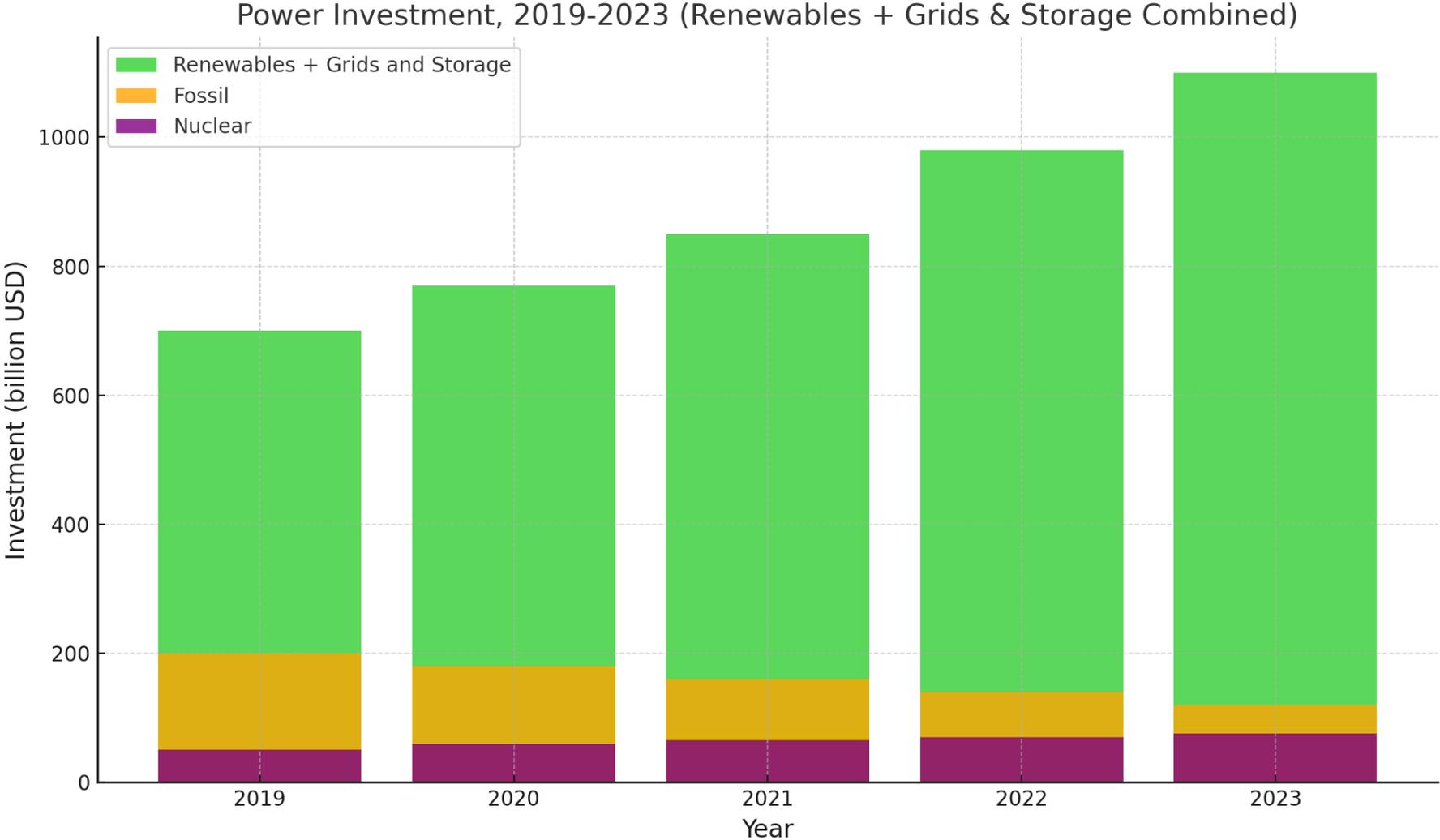
# Impianti fotovoltaici

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# GLOBAL POWER INVESTMENTS



# THE ROLE OF PHOTOVOLTAICS

<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>2022 [GW]</b>	<b>2021 [GW]</b>	<b>Variation [%]</b>
Photovoltaics	1055	866	21.8
Wind	899	826	8.8
Biomass, solid biofuels and waste	277	262	5.7
Gas	1895	1853	2.3
Hydropower	1392	1360	2.4
Coal	2142	2139	0.1
Nuclear	371	390	-4.9

# THE ROLE OF PHOTOVOLTAICS

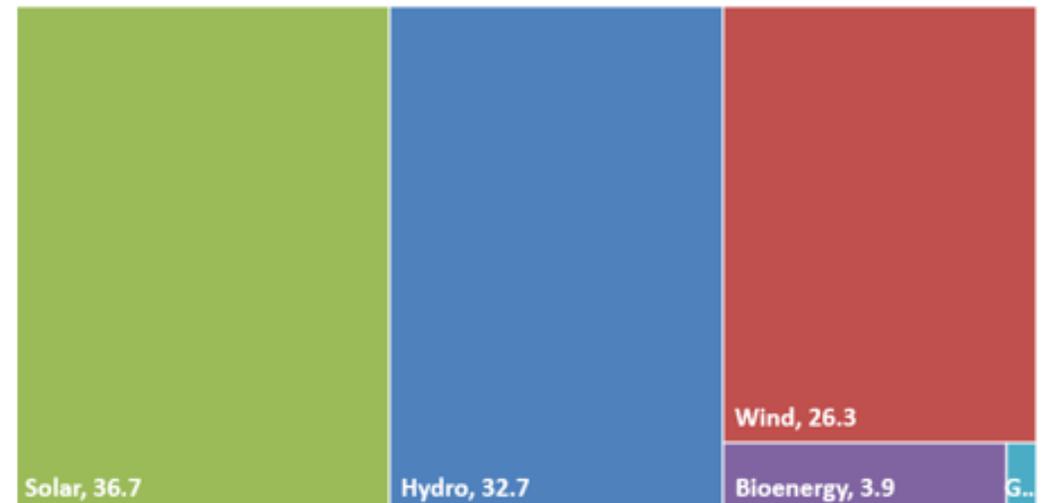
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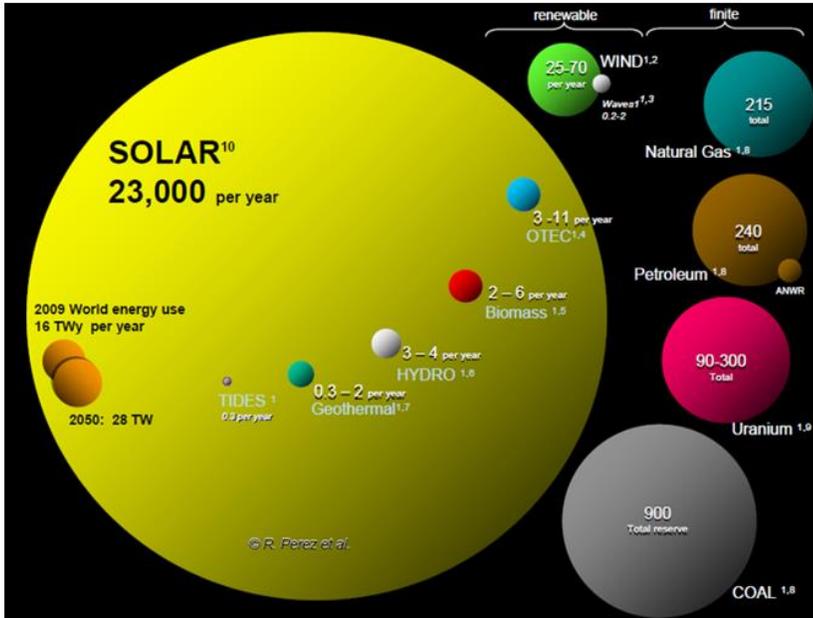
2022



2023



# Why photovoltaics?



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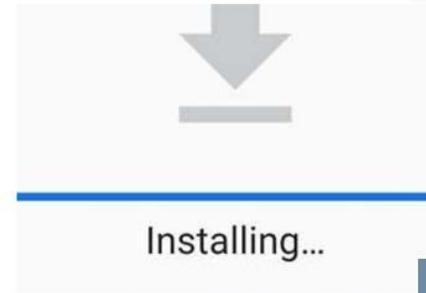
Fuel source is vast and essentially infinite

Low costs

# Why photovoltaics?



**Reliable and durable**



**Easy and quick installation**

# Why photovoltaics?



**Modular  
technology**

**No moving parts, no noise  
(no emissions)**

# It isn't true!



**PV requires too much land to meet significant fraction of world needs**



**PV is polluting**



**PV efficiency is a problem**

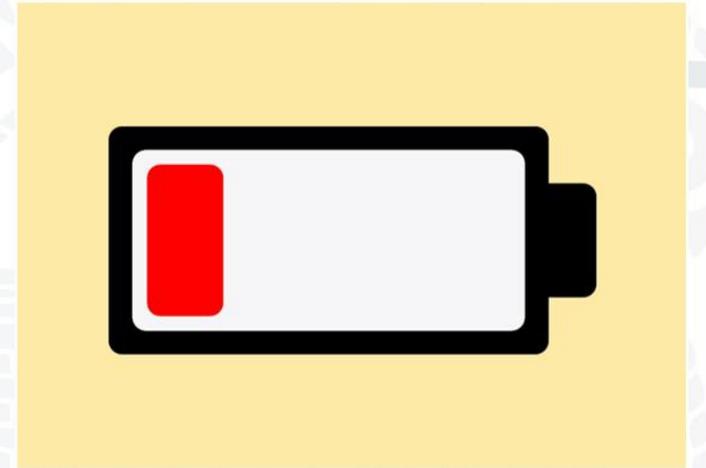
# It isn't true!



**PV is a niche market**

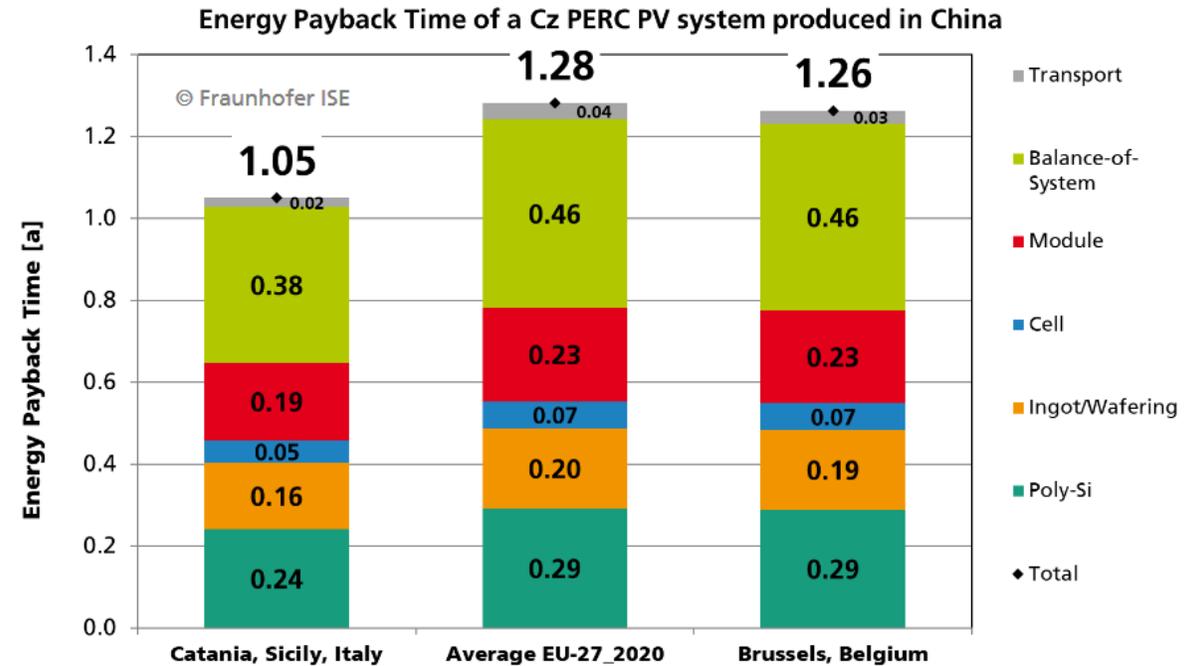
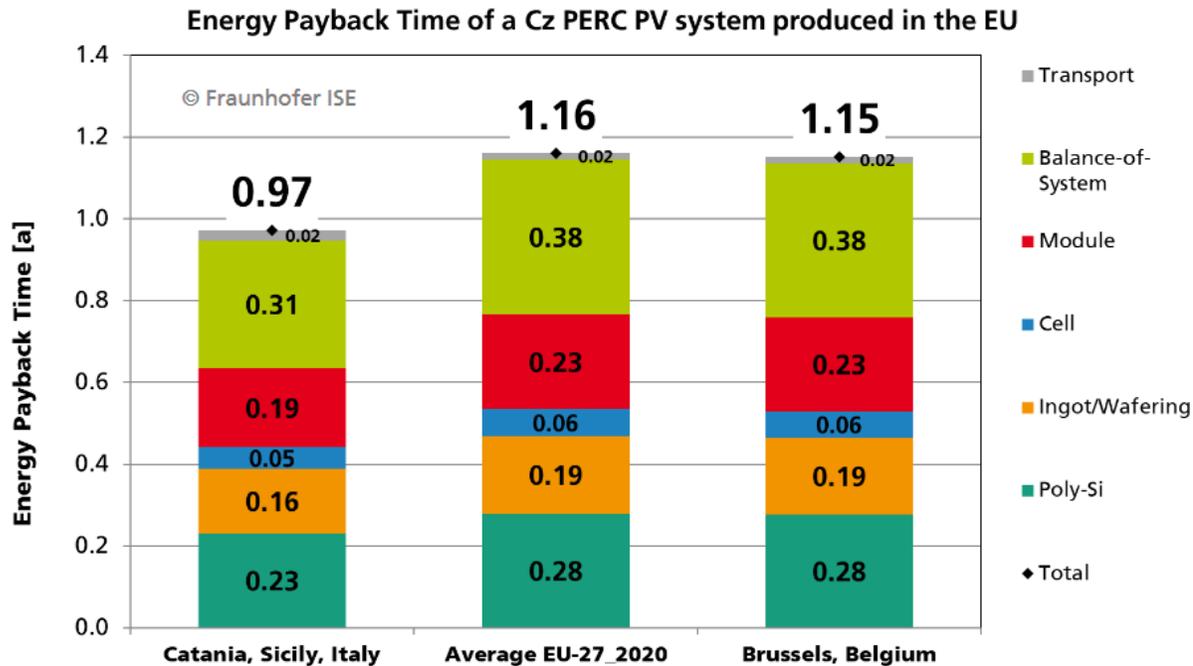


**PV is too expensive**



**PV modules never  
recover the energy  
required to make them**

# PV modules energy payback time



# AN «ANCIENT IDEA»

# SCIENCE



*G. Ciamician*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1912

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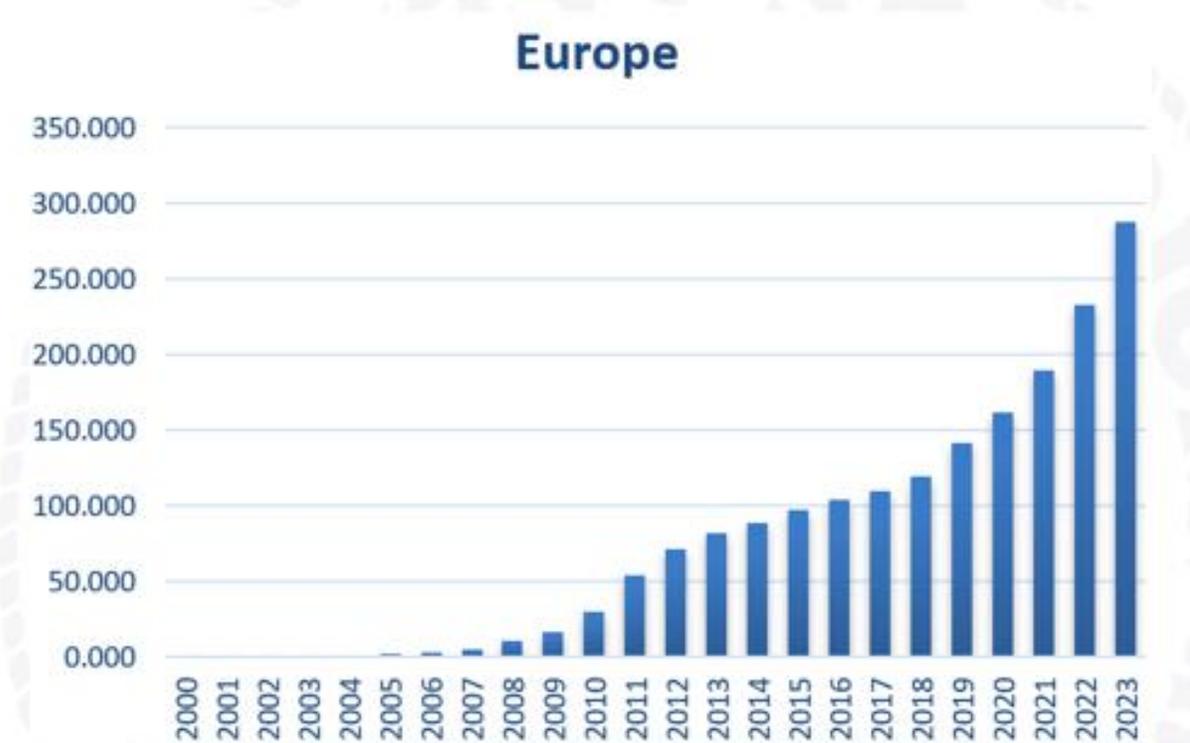
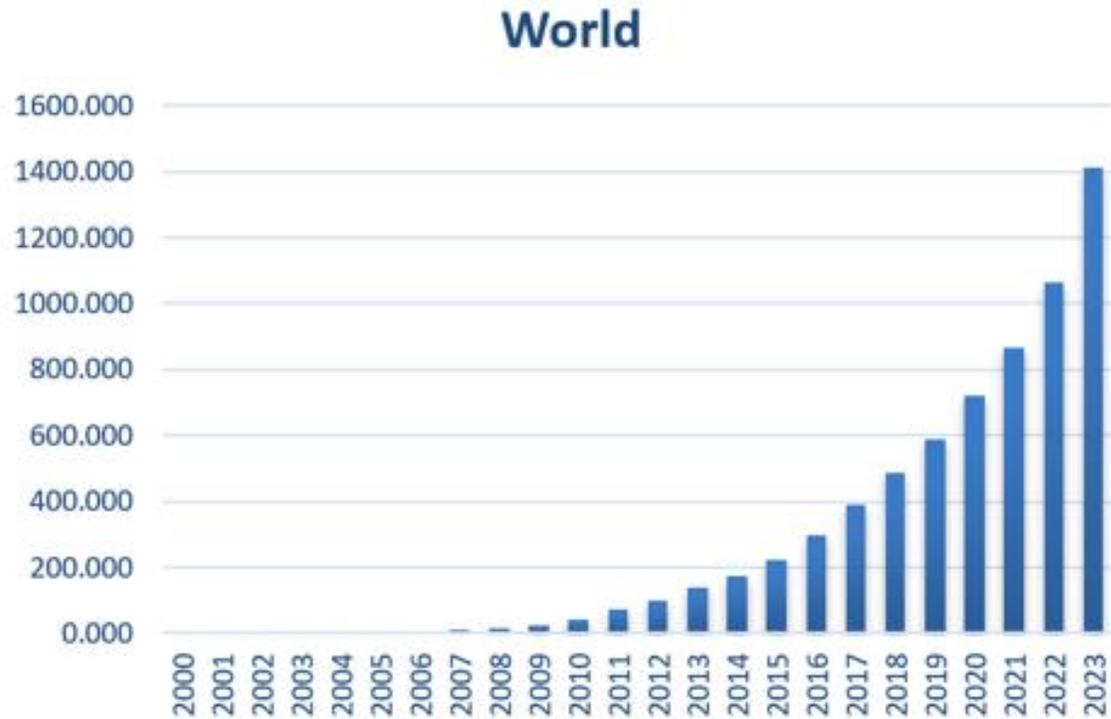
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## *THE PHOTOCHEMISTRY OF THE FUTURE*<sup>1</sup>

MODERN civilization is the daughter of coal, for this offers to mankind the solar energy in its most concentrated form; that is, in a form in which it has been accumulated in a long series of centuries. Modern man uses it with increasing eagerness and thoughtless prodigality for the conquest of the world and, like the mythical gold of the Rhine, coal is to-day the greatest source of energy and wealth.

"...if our black and nervous civilization, based on coal, shall be followed by a quieter civilization based on the utilization of solar energy, that will not be harmful to progress and to human happiness."

# Cumulative installed power [MWp]



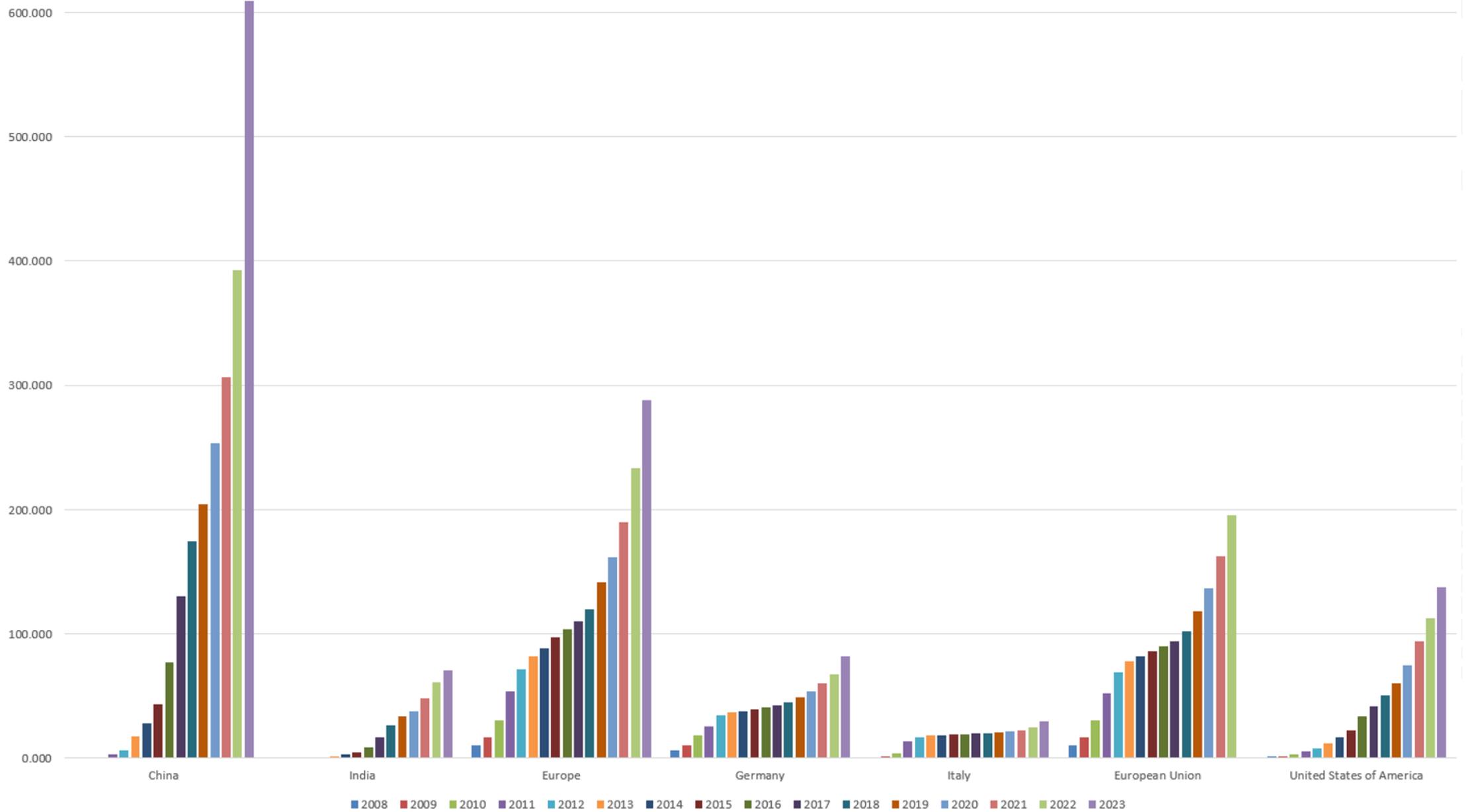


Tabella 10 - Obiettivi di crescita della potenza da fonte rinnovabile al 2030 (MW) [Fonte: RSE, GSE]

	2020	2021	2025	2030
Idrica*	19.106	19.172	19.172	19.172
Geotermica	817	817	954	1.000
Eolica	10.907	11.290	17.314	28.140
- di cui off shore	0	0	300	2.100
Bioenergie	4.106	4.106	3.777	3.052
Solare	21.650	22.594	44.848	79.921
- di cui a concentrazione	0	0	300	873
<b>Totale</b>	<b>56.586</b>	<b>57.979</b>	<b>86.065</b>	<b>131.285</b>

*Servono 7.6GW all'anno!*

**2,5 GW nel 2022, 5,2 GW nel 2023, 6.8 nel 2024**

**Germania (7 nel 2022, 15 nel 2023, 16.2 nel 2024!!!!)**

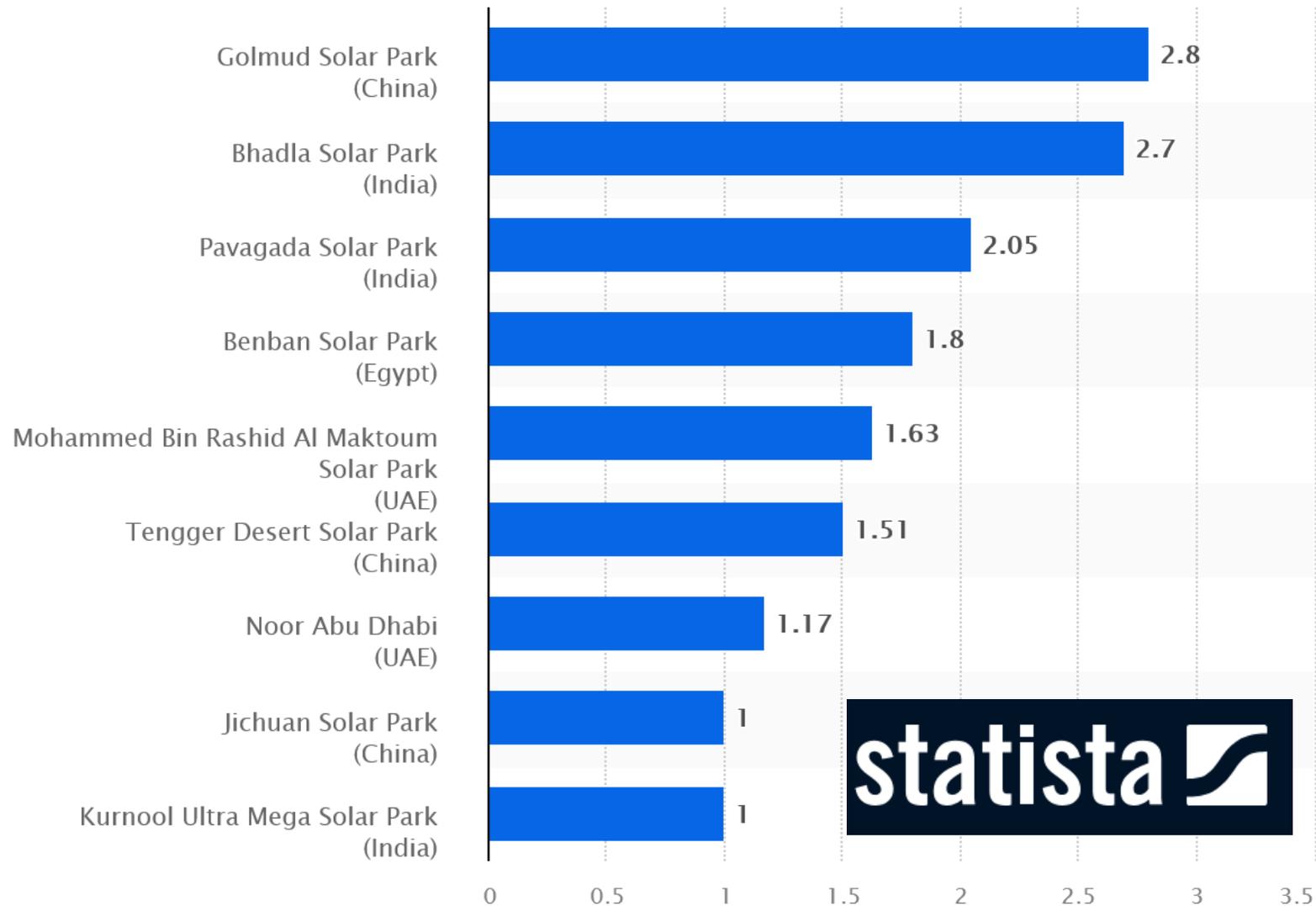
# PV POWER PER CAPITA

## THE FIRST SIGN

COUNTRY	INSTALLED POWER* [GW]	POPULATION* [MILIONI]	POWER PER CAPITA	GROWTH [%]
GERMANY	59.0	83.2	802	13.1 (9.6)
ITALY	25.1	59.0	425	11.1 (4.6)
JAPAN	83.1	124.5	667	7.1 (7.9)
EUROPE	223.0	446.7	499	14.5 (16.6)
USA	111.5	330.0	338	19.1 (24.8)
CHINA	392.4	1412	278	27.3 (21.6)
INDIA	62.9	1380	46	20.5 (25.7)

\* 2022

# GROUND-MOUNTED PV SYSTEMS



2000 – 0.02MW

2008 – 1 MW

2018 – 1,365MW

statista

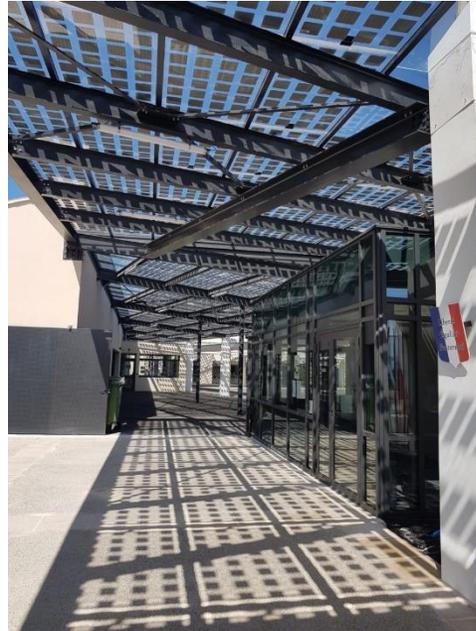
# C&I ROOFTOP PV SYSTEMS

Power [1]	Location	Description [2]	On Grid
20 MW	 South Korea, <i>Busan</i>	Renault, Samsung facility	2012
13 MW	 Belgium, <i>Kallo</i>	Loghiden City, Katoen Natie	2010
12.5 MW	 Italy, <i>Padova</i>	Interporto Padova	2010-2011
12 MW	 India, <i>Amritsar</i>	RSSB-EES PV Roof System	2015
11.9 MW	 France, <i>Maubeuge</i>	Renault Solar Project	2012
11.9 MW	 France, <i>Batilly</i>	Renault Solar Project	2012
11.8 MW	 Spain, <i>Figueruelas</i>	GM facility	2008
		Picture courtesy: United Solar Ovonic	
11 MW	 Spain, <i>Martorell</i>	Seat al Sol, SEAT facility	2010-2013
10.6 MW	 France, <i>Flins</i>	Renault Solar Project	2012
10.5 MW	 France, <i>Sandouville</i>	Renault Solar Project	2012

# RESIDENTIAL



# BUILDING INTEGRATED PV (BIPV)



# COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL



# UTILITY SCALE





# FLOATING AND AGRIVOLTAICS

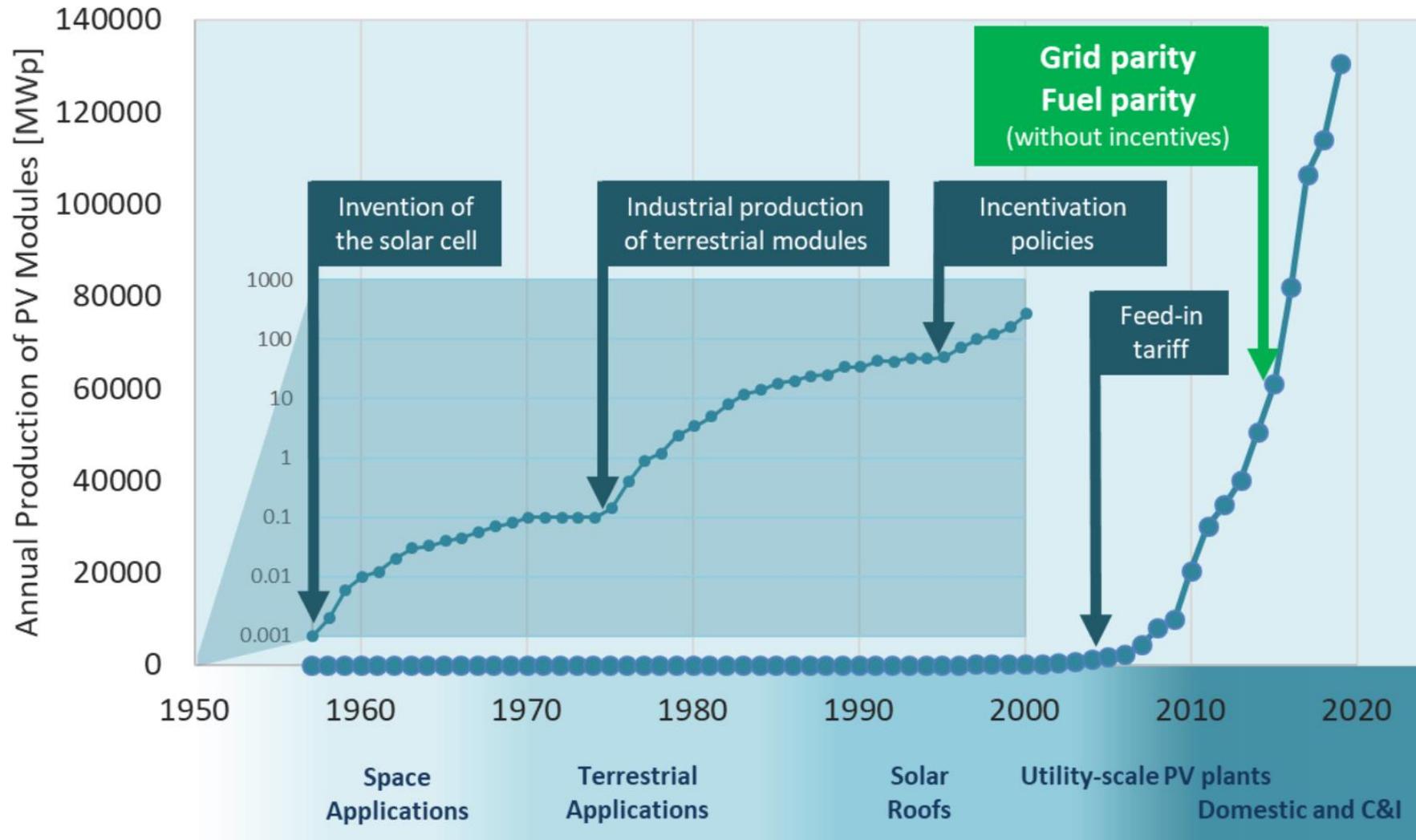


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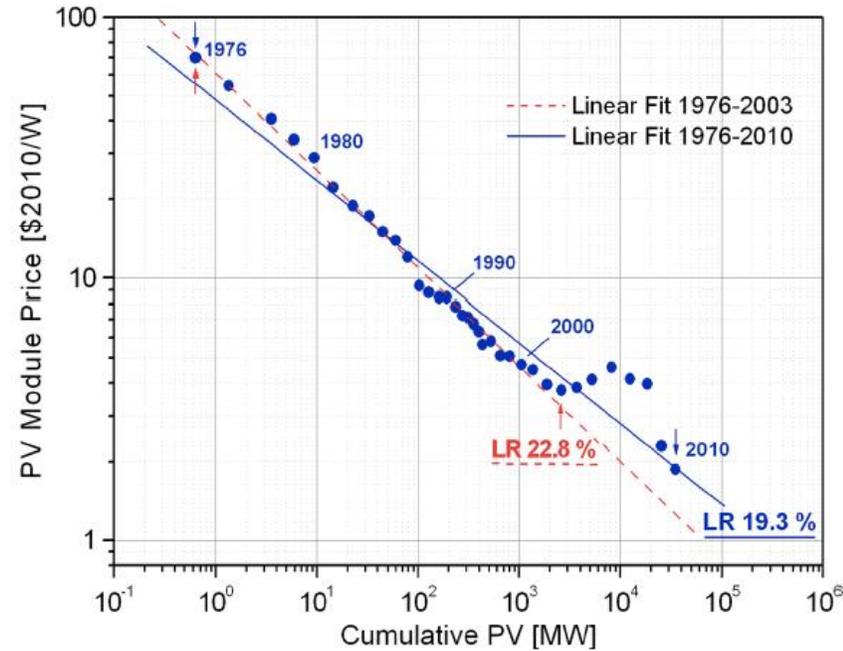


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# HISTORY OF PHOTOVOLTAICS



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1955, 1975, 1995, ... 2015 marks a fundamental milestone in the history of PV: THE GRID PARITY and the FUEL PARITY occurring in many countries of the world!!!

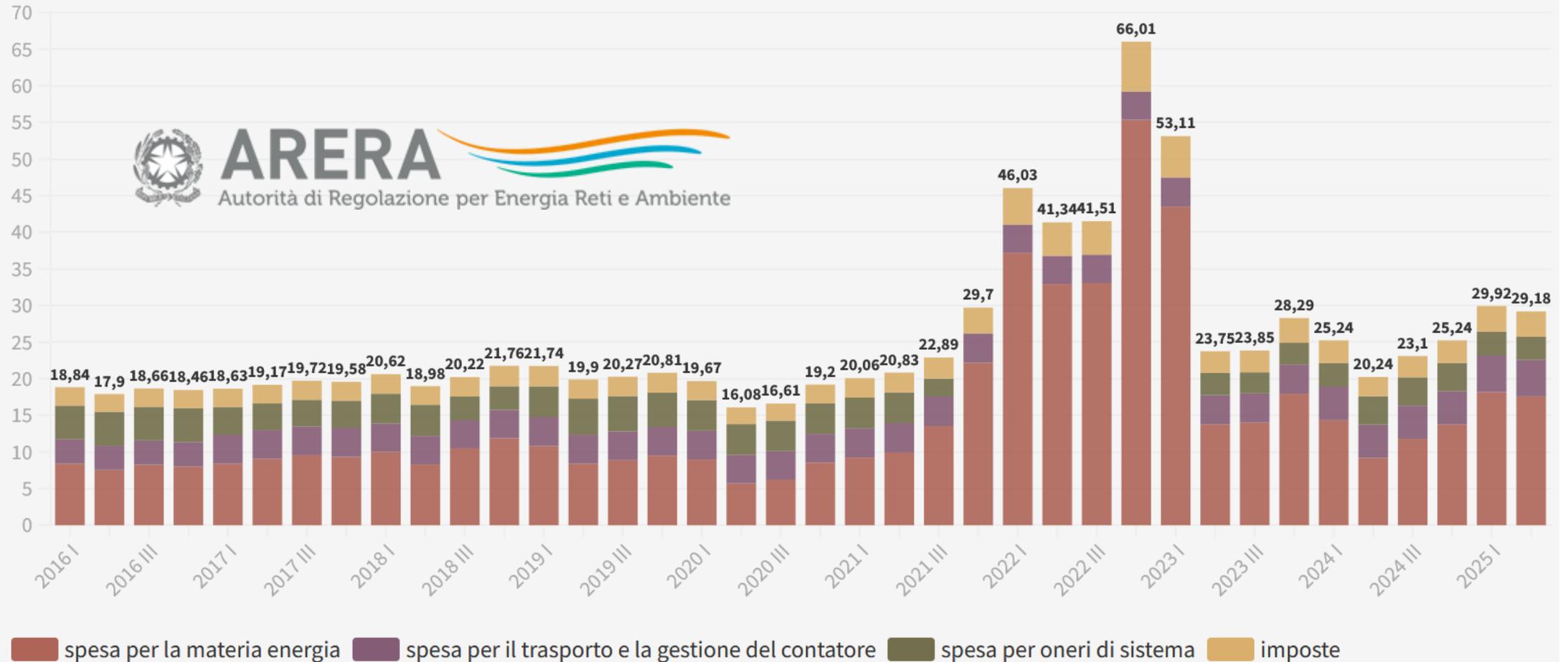
# GRID AND FUEL PARITIES

## THE SECOND SIGN

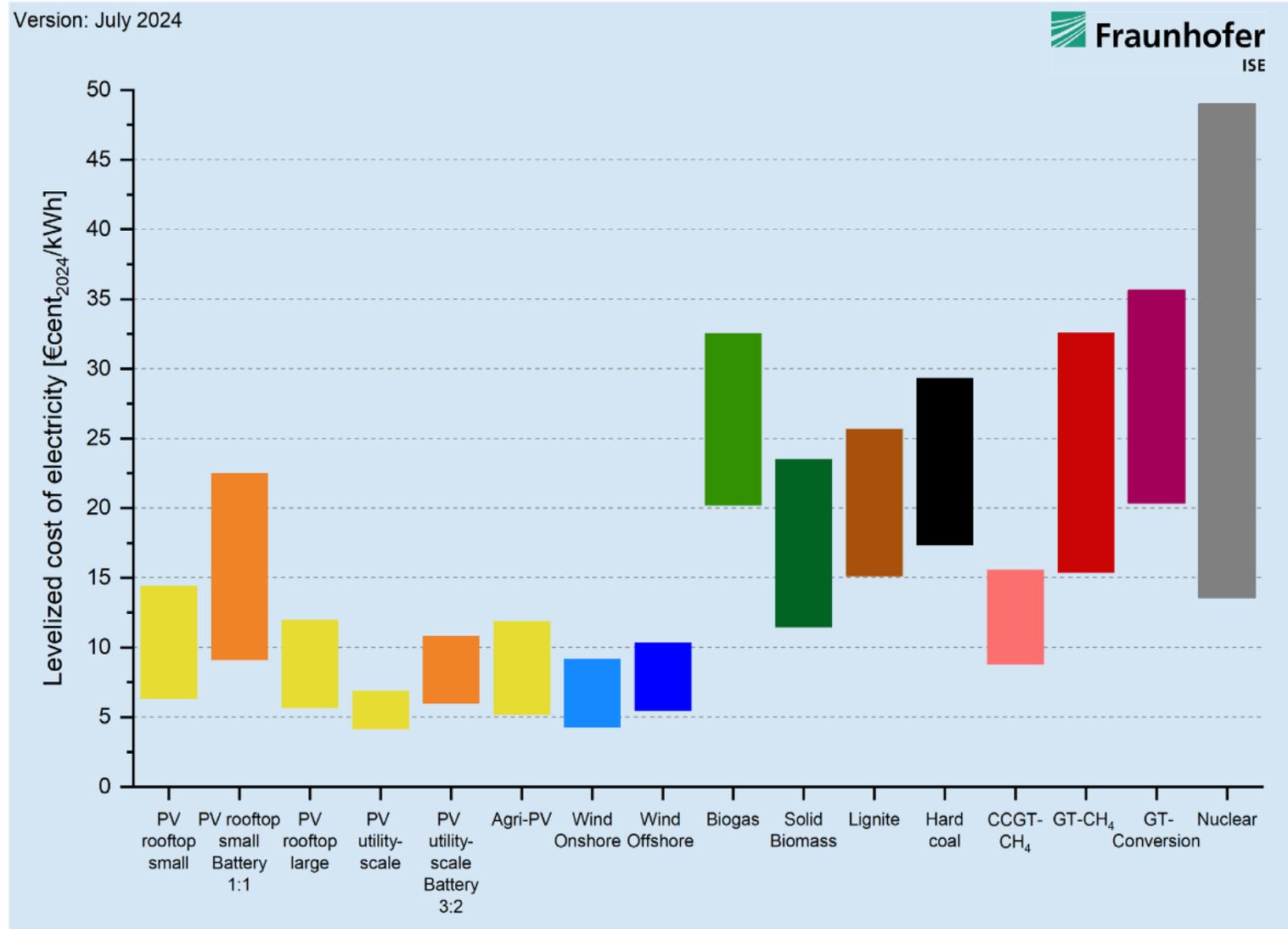
- The grid-parity occurs when the generation cost from PV (5 - 11 eurocent) is lower than the price the end consumer pays for the electricity (16 - 60 eurocent)
- The fuel-parity occurs when the cost of electricity from PV (3 - 5 eurocent) is comparable with the one from conventional technologies (4 - 19 eurocent)

# RUOLO DEL PREZZO DELL'ENERGIA ELETTRICA

**Prezzo complessivo dell'energia elettrica**  
con consumo annuo di 2700 kWh



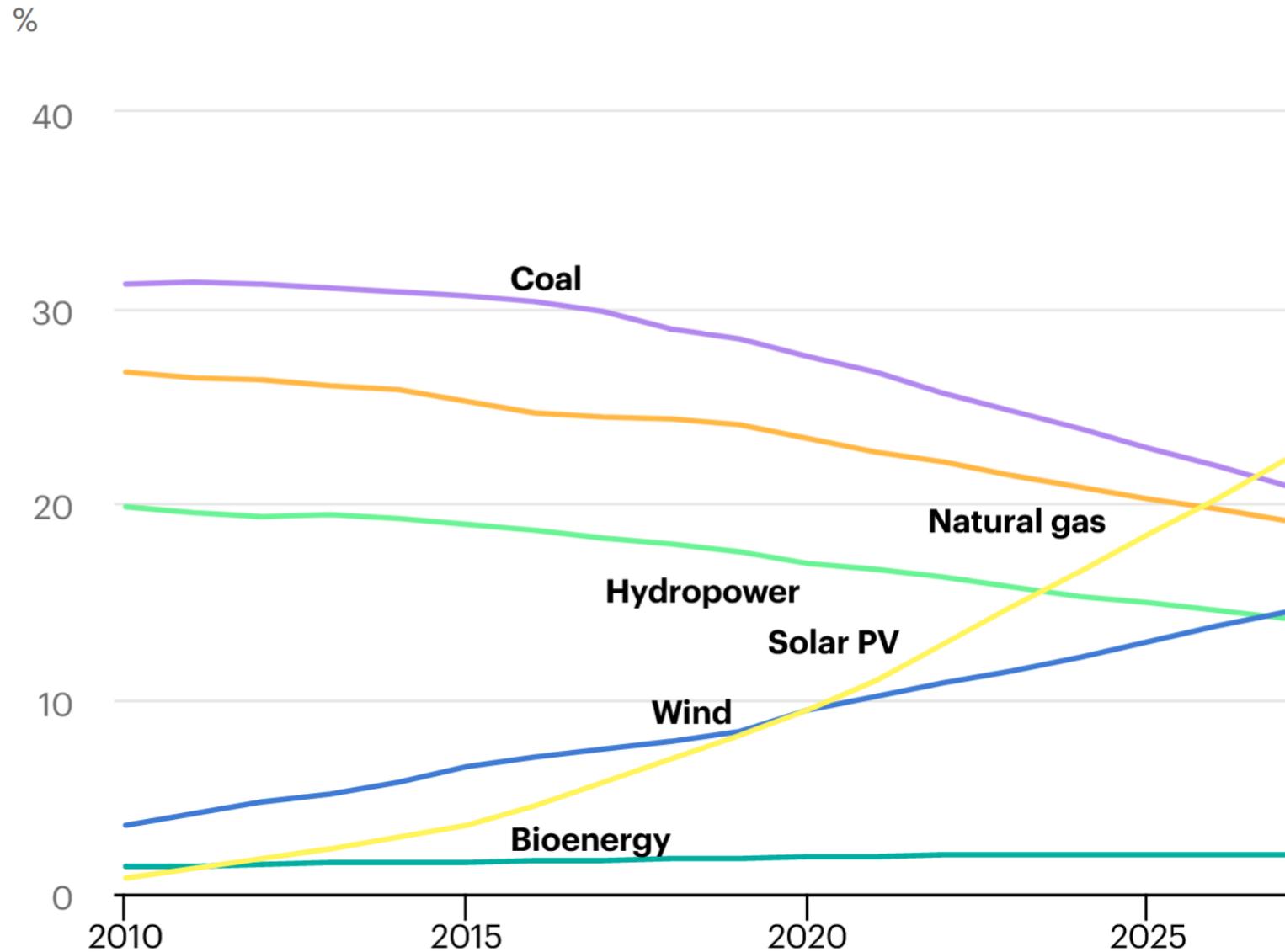
# RUOLO DEL PREZZO DELL'ENERGIA ELETTRICA



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# THE ROLE OF PHOTOVOLTAICS



# THE ROLE OF DSOs

## THE THIRD SIGN

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**Futur-E** MANIFESTO INITIATIVES ENERGY SCENARIO POWER PLANTS AND TERRITORY NEWS MEDIA

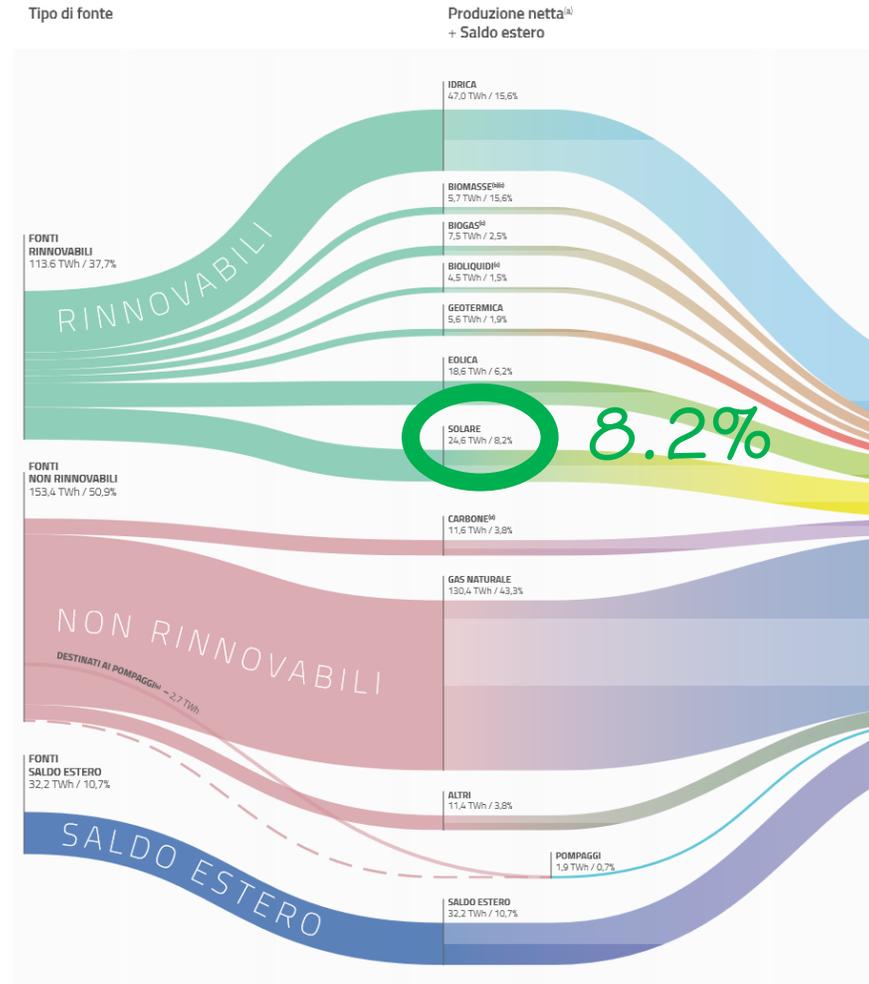
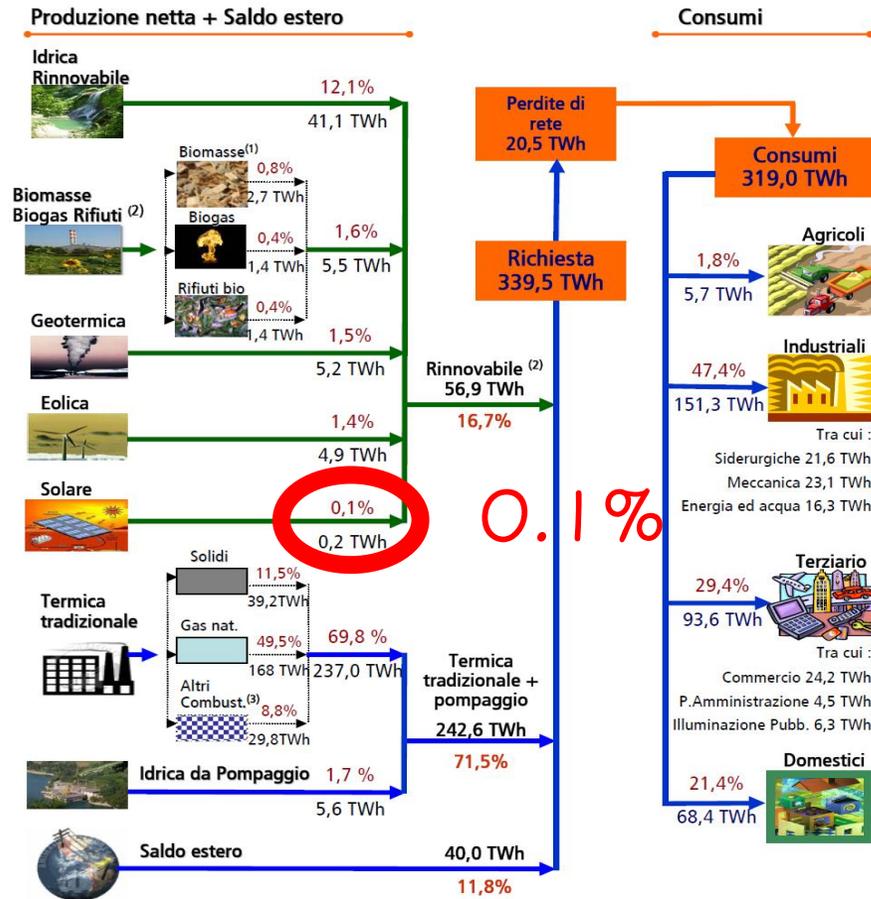
### ENEL AND THE ROAD FOR RELAUNCHING

The energy revolution will lead to a strong growth in domestic solar PV and the spread of energy storage devices

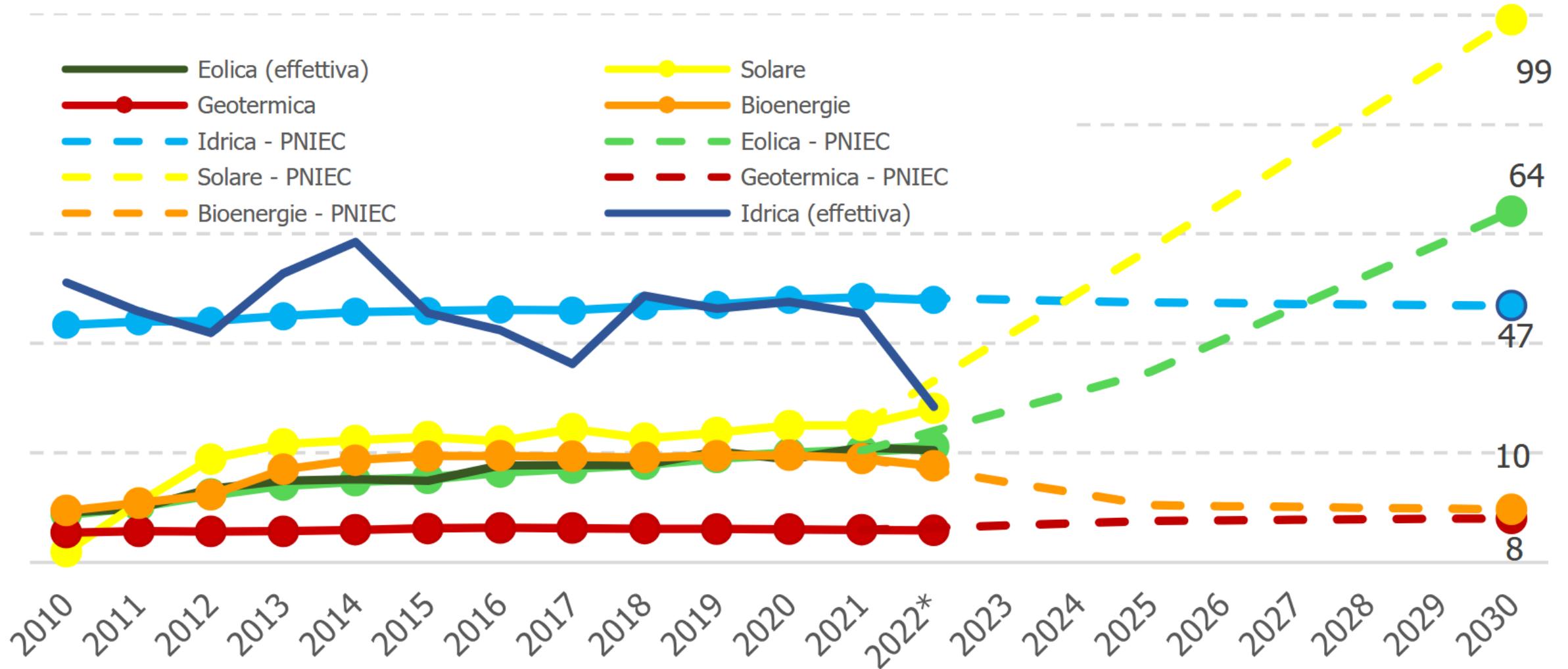
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# POWER SUPPLY CHAIN ITALY 2003 - 2020



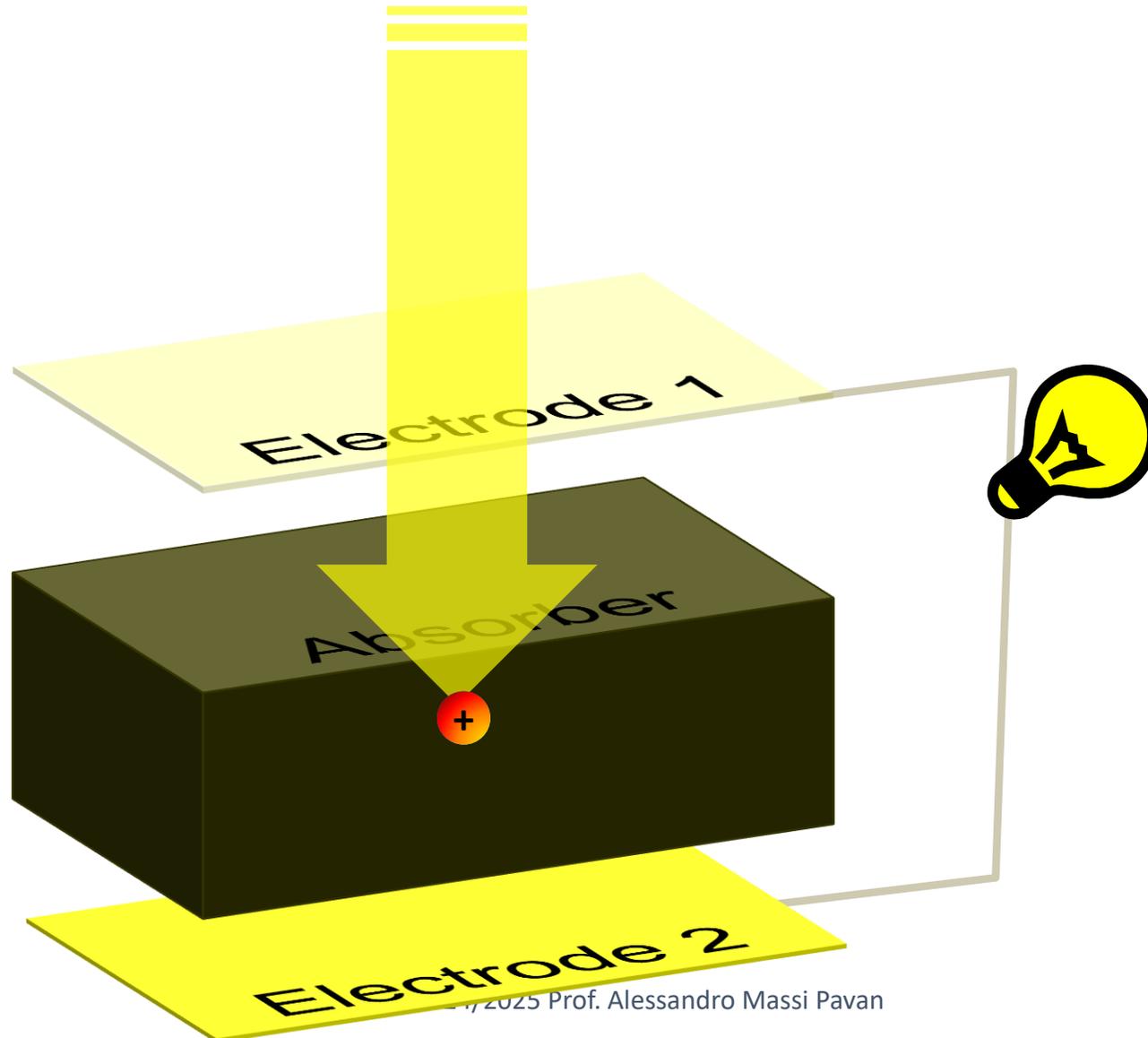
# Produzione elettrica da FER per fonte: dato rilevato e traiettoria PNIEC [TWh]





*“It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do little”*

# BASIC SOLAR CELL CONCEPT



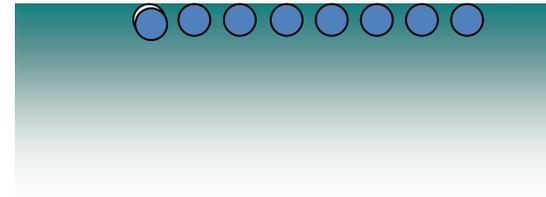
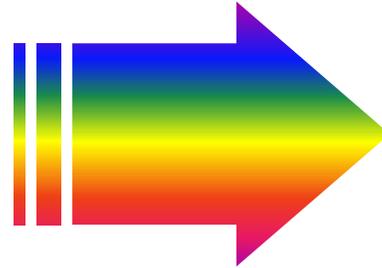
# PHOTOVOLTAIC EFFECT

1.

Absorption of  
solar radiation



Creation of  
free carriers



Energy ↑

2.

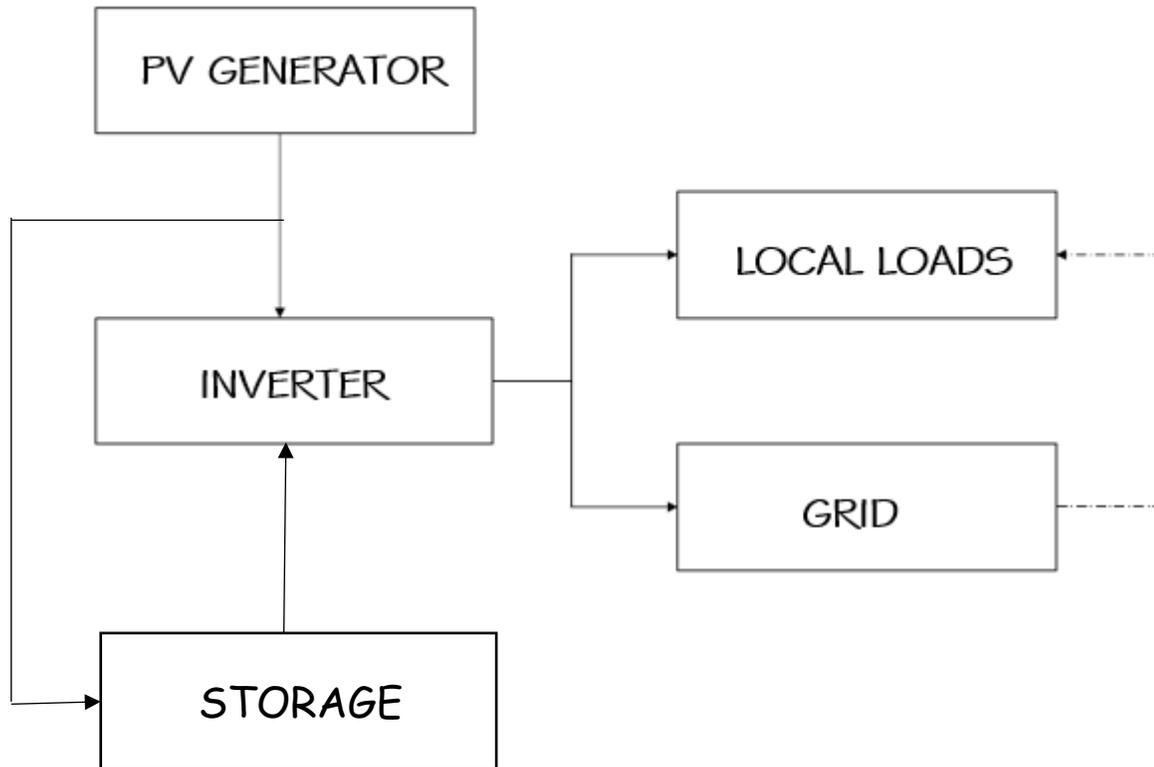
Free carrier  
extraction



Electrical energy

# GRID-CONNECTED PV PLANTS

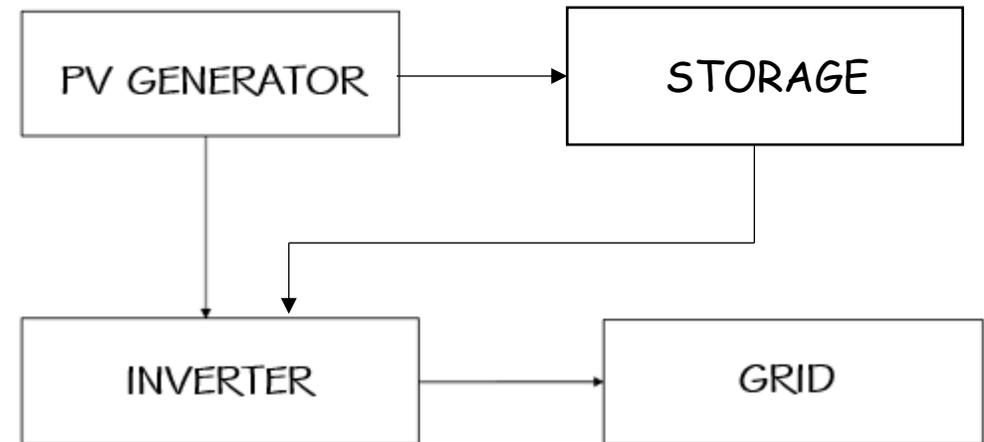
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# GRID-CONNECTED PV PLANTS

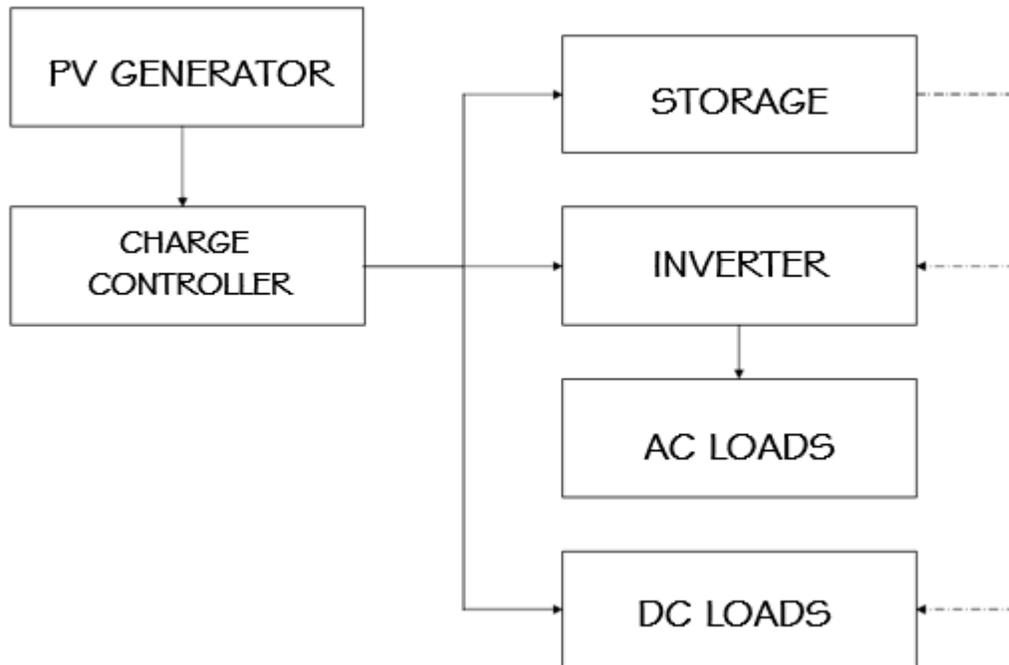


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# OFF-GRID PV PLANTS

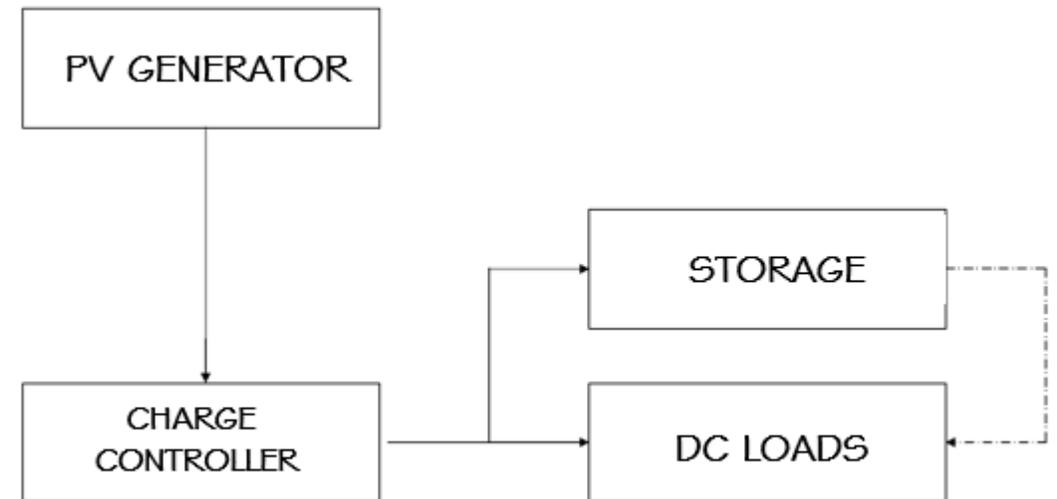
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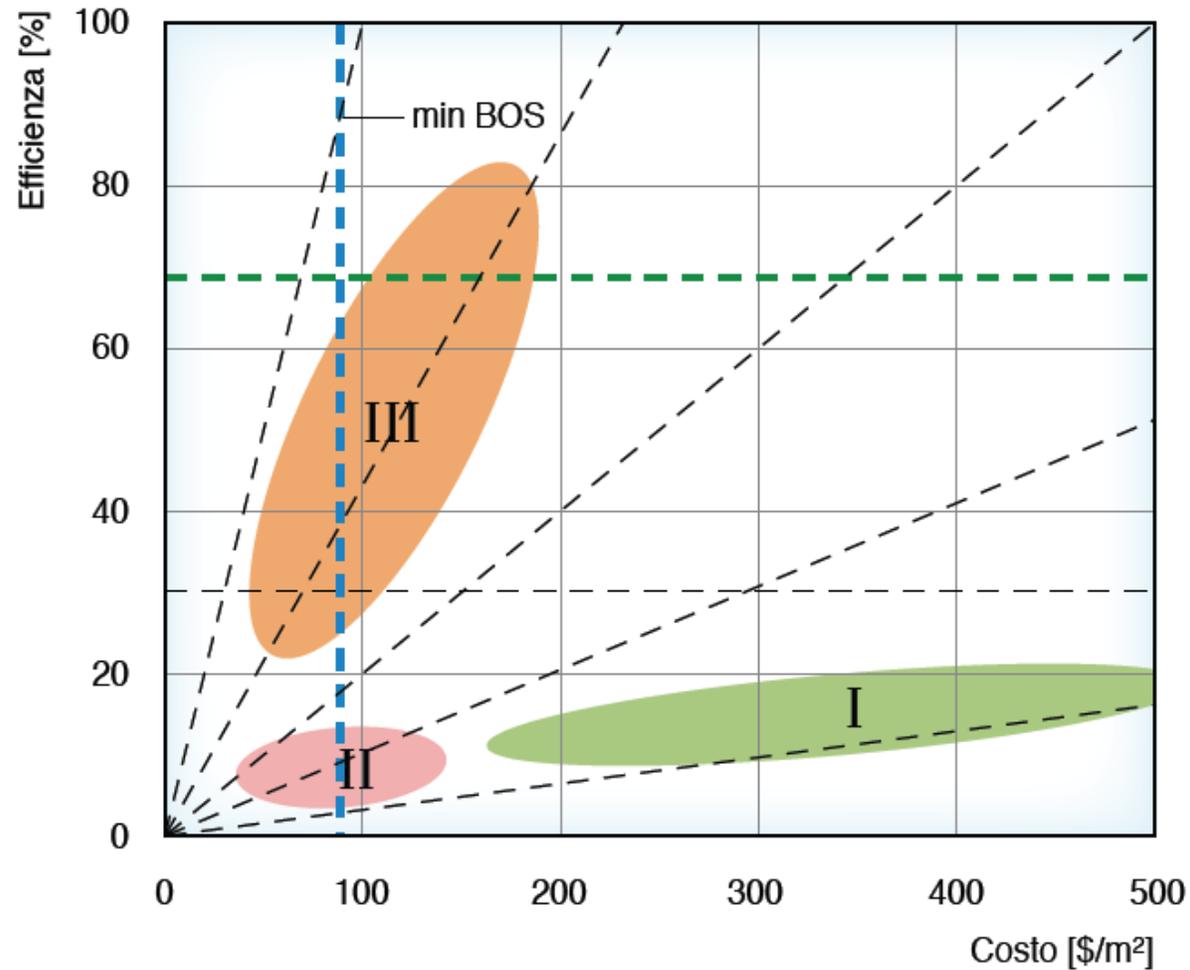
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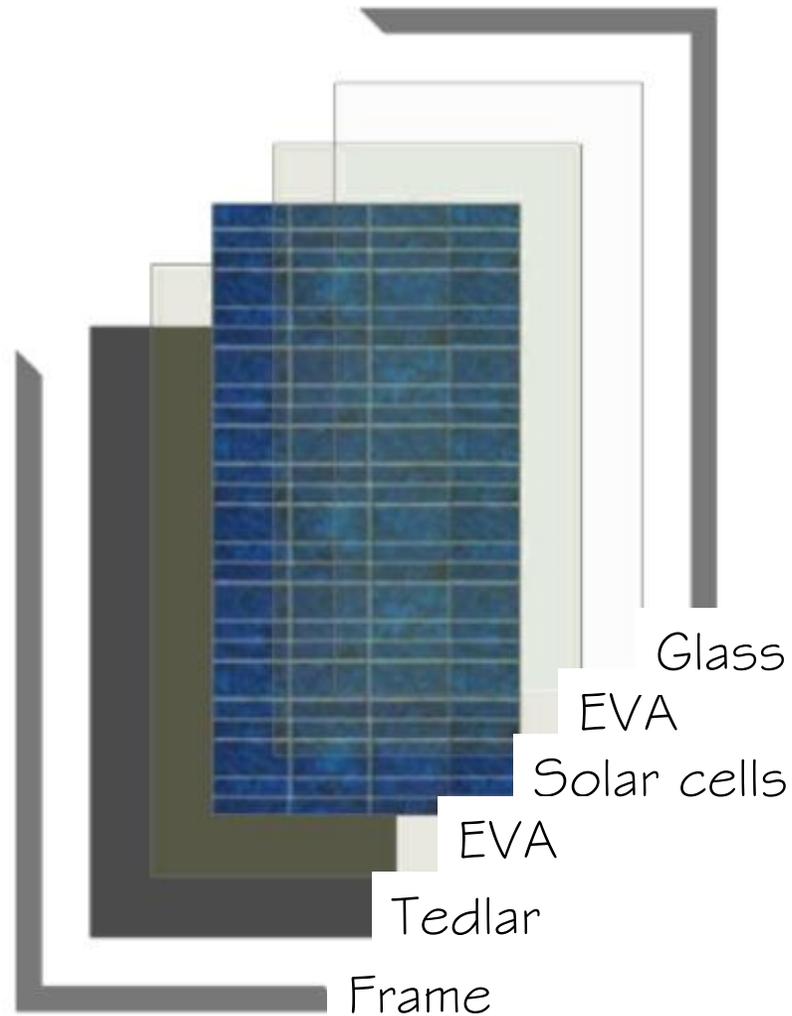
## INDUSTRIAL



# GENERATIONS OF PV MODULES



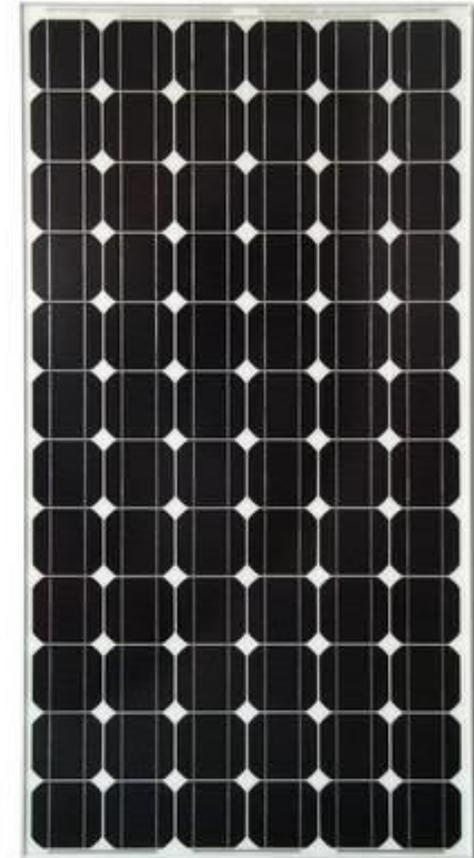
# FIRST GENERATION PV MODULES



poly -Si



mono -Si



# ELECTRICAL PARAMETERS

## STANDARD TEST CONDITIONS (STC)

Irradiance 1.000W/m<sup>2</sup> - Cell Temperature 25°C - Air Mass 1.5

### PV MODULE Q.CELLS – Q.PEAK DUO-G5 320

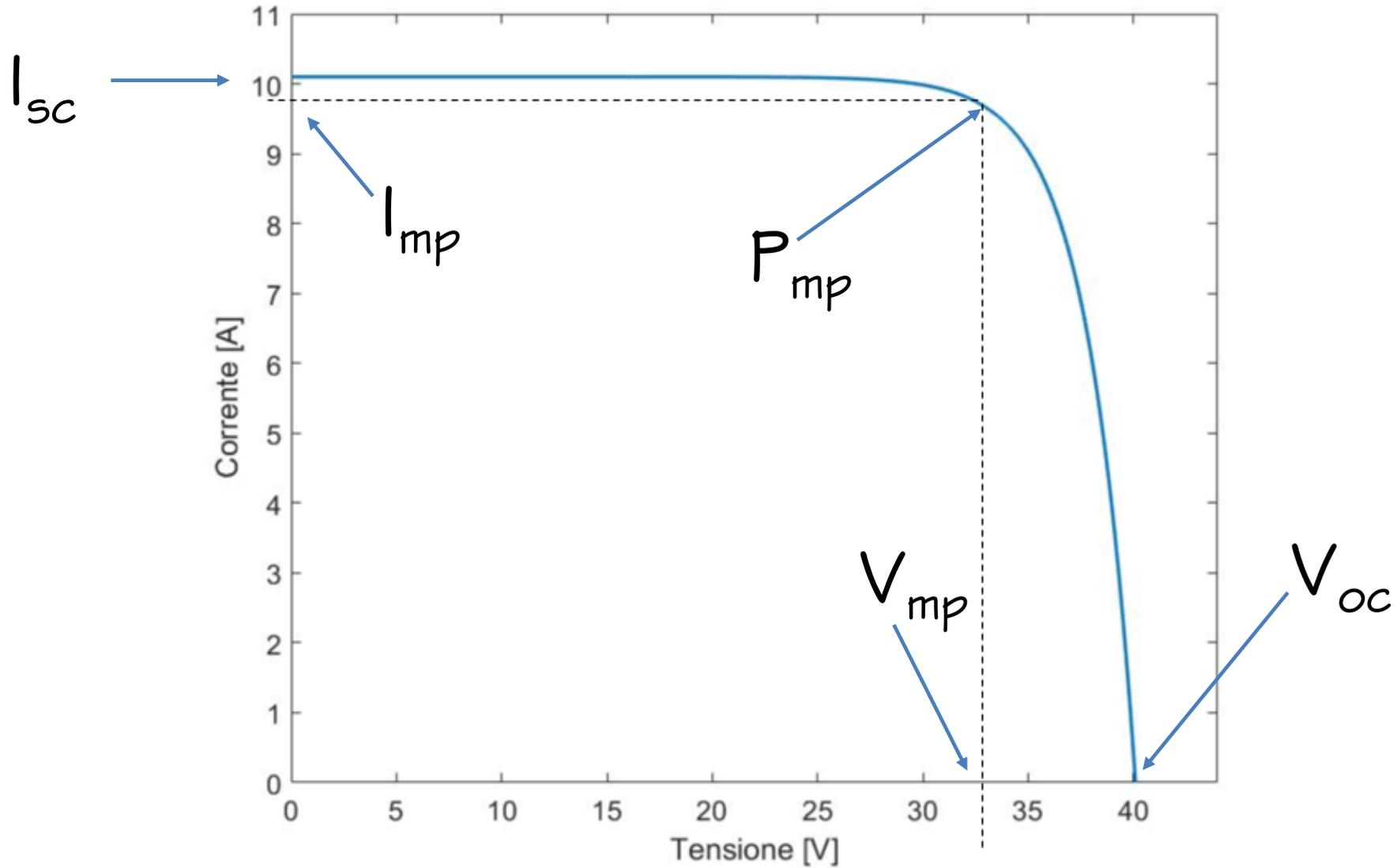
Nominal Power - $P_{mp}$ [Wp]	320 + [0-5]
Short circuit current - $I_{sc}$ [A]	10,1
Open circuit voltage - $V_{oc}$ [V]	40,1
Current at MPP - $I_{mp}$ [A]	9,6
Voltage at MPP - $V_{mp}$ [V]	33,3
Temperature coefficient of $I_{sc}$ - $z$ [%/K]	+0.04%/K
Temperature coefficient of $V_{oc}$ - $w$ [%/K]	-0.28%/K
Temperature coefficient of $P_{mp}$ - $P$ [%/K]	-0.37%/K
Size [mm*mm]	1685*1000
Degradation rate [%/year]	0.6
Nominal Operating Cell Temperature - $T_{NOCT}$ [°C]	43±3

$$\eta_{STC} = \frac{P_{MP}}{1000 \times A}$$

$$A_{1kWp} = \frac{1}{\eta_{STC}}$$

$$FF_{STC} = \frac{P_{MP}}{I_{SC} \times V_{OC}}$$

# I-V CHARACTERISTIC





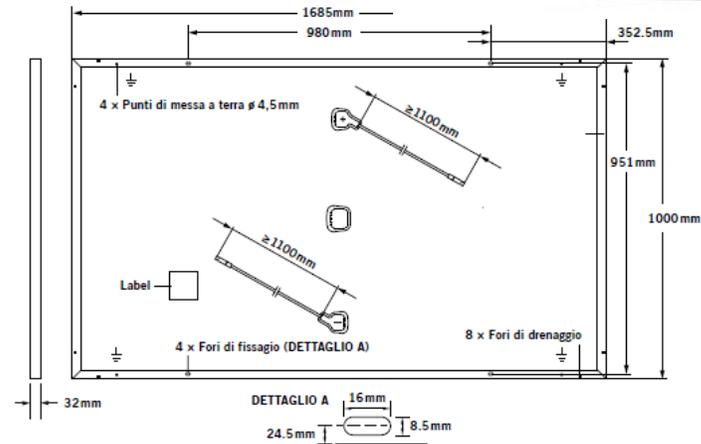
# FIRST GENERATION PV MODULE

**Q CELLS**



## SPECIFICHE MECCANICHE

<b>Dimensioni</b>	1685 mm × 1000 mm × 32 mm (cornice inclusa)
<b>Peso</b>	18,7 kg
<b>Lato frontale</b>	3,2 mm millimetri di vetro temprato con tecnologia anti-riflesso
<b>Lato posteriore</b>	Pellicola composita
<b>Cornice</b>	Legia di alluminio anodizzato nero
<b>Cella</b>	6 × 20 semicella monocristallina Q.ANTUM
<b>Scatola di giunzione</b>	70-85 mm × 50-70 mm × 13-21 mm Protezione IP67, con 3 diodi di bypass
<b>Cavo</b>	Cavo solare 4 mm <sup>2</sup> ; (+) ≥ 1100 mm, (-) ≥ 1100 mm
<b>Connettore</b>	Multi-Contact MC4, IP68



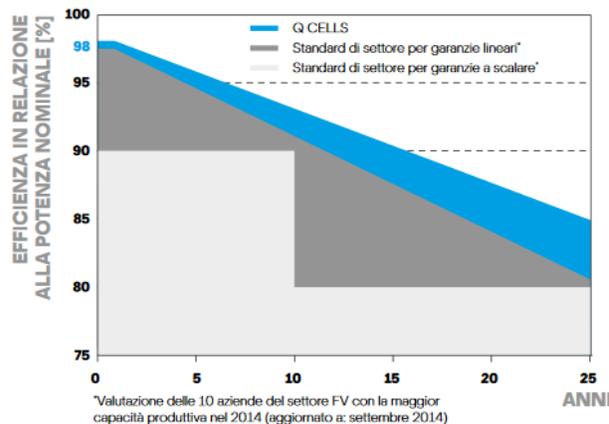
## SPECIFICHE ELETTRICHE

CLASSI DI PRESTAZIONE			315	320	325	330
PRESTAZIONE MINIMA IN CONDIZIONI DI PROVA STANDARD, STC <sup>1</sup> (CAPACITÀ DI TOLLERANZA +5 W / -0 W)						
<b>Minimo</b>	<b>Prestazioni a MPP<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>P<sub>MPP</sub></b> [W]	315	320	325	330
	<b>Corrente di cortocircuito<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>I<sub>SC</sub></b> [A]	10,04	10,09	10,14	10,20
	<b>Tensione a vuoto<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>V<sub>OC</sub></b> [V]	39,87	40,13	40,40	40,66
	<b>Corrente nel MPP</b>	<b>I<sub>MPP</sub></b> [A]	9,55	9,60	9,66	9,71
	<b>Tensione nel MPP</b>	<b>V<sub>MPP</sub></b> [V]	32,98	33,32	33,65	33,98
	<b>Efficienza<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>η</b> [%]	≥ 18,7	≥ 19,0	≥ 19,3	≥ 19,6

# FIRST GENERATION PV MODULE

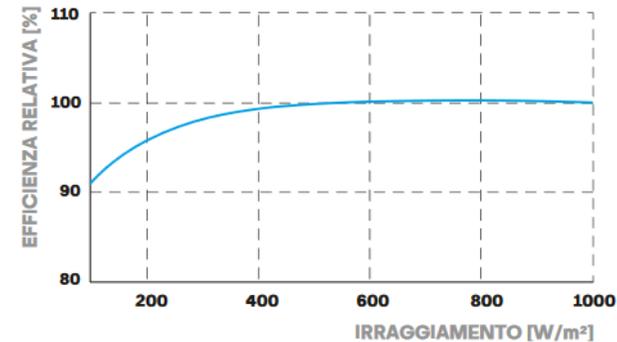


## Q CELLS GARANZIA SULLA POTENZA



Potenza nominale pari ad almeno 98% nel corso del primo anno. Degrado annuo non superiore a 0,54%. Potenza nominale pari ad almeno 93,1% dopo 10 anni. Potenza nominale pari ad almeno 85% dopo 25 anni. Le garanzie sul prodotto e sulla potenza possono variare secondo il paese di installazione. Garanzie integrali conformi ai termini approvati dall'organizzazione commerciale Q CELLS dei rispettivi Paesi.

## PRESTAZIONI IN CASO DI BASSA IRRAGGIAMENTO

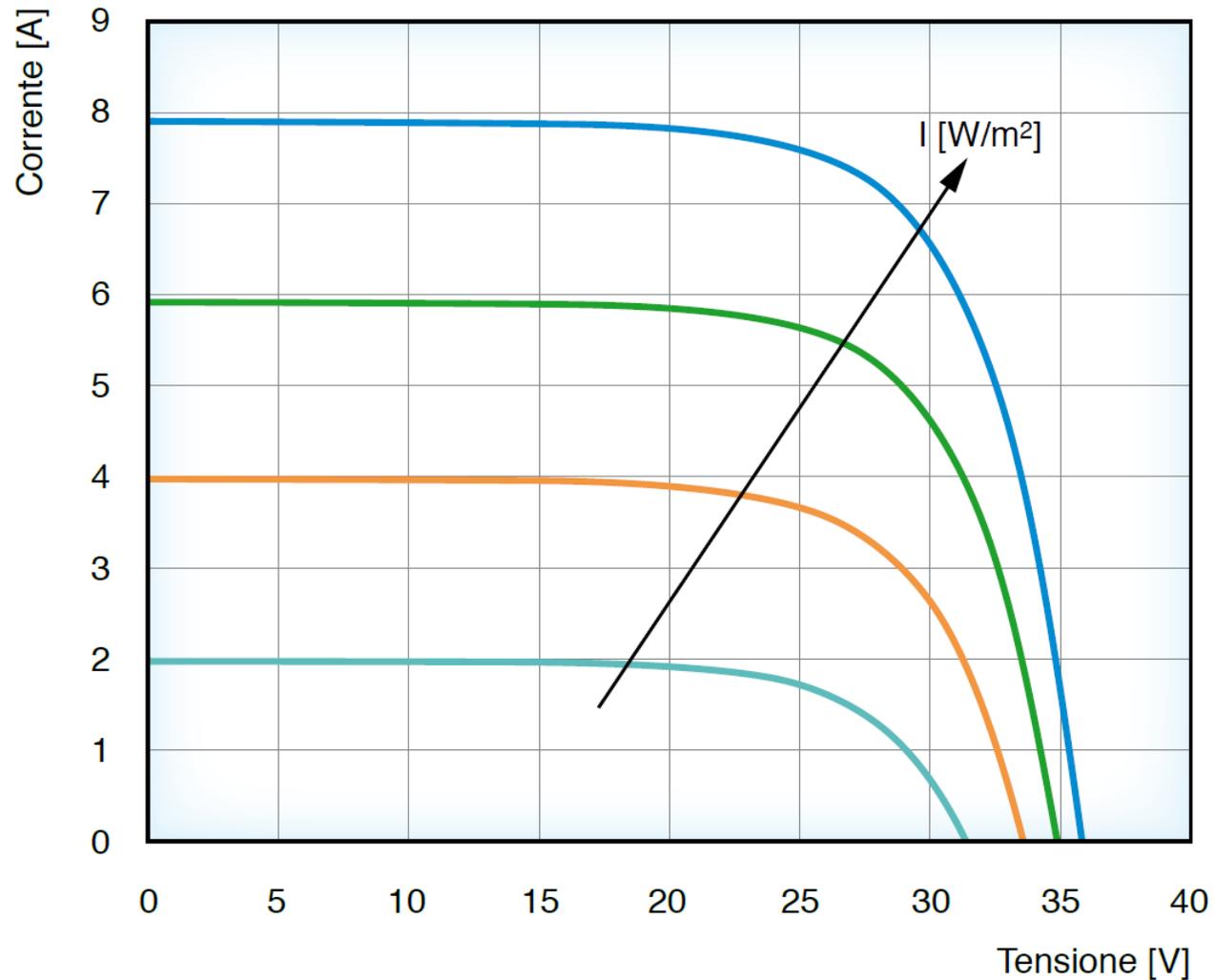


Tipica prestazione dei moduli a condizioni di irraggiamento basse rispetto alle condizioni STC (25°C, 1000W/m²).

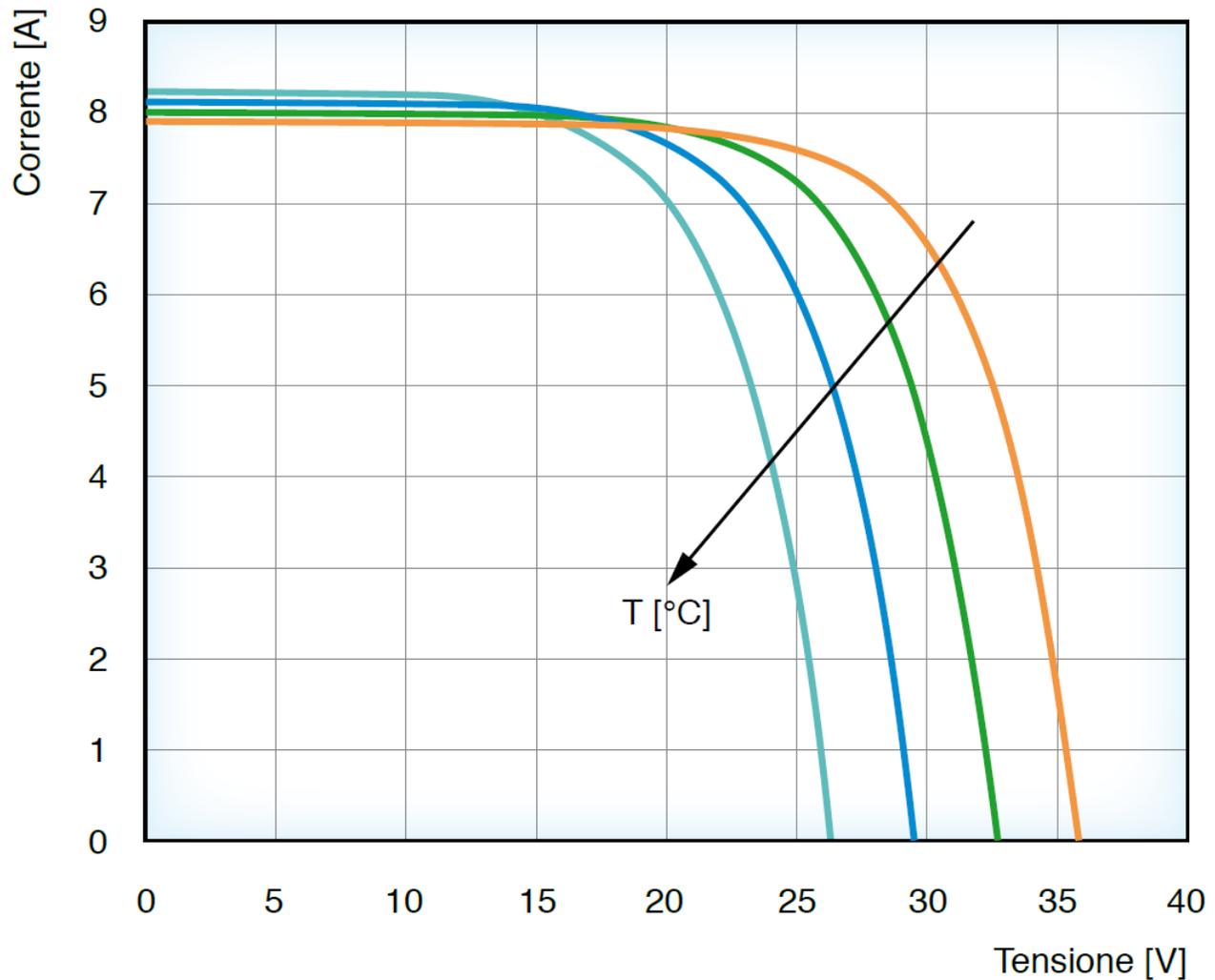
## COEFFICIENTI DI TEMPERATURA IN CONDIZIONI STANDARD

Coefficienti di temperatura di $I_{SC}$	$\alpha$	[%/K]	+0,04	Coefficienti di temperatura di $V_{OC}$	$\beta$	[%/K]	-0,27
Coefficienti di temperatura di $P_{MPP}$	$\gamma$	[%/K]	-0,36	Normal Module Operating Temperature	NMOT	[°C]	43±3

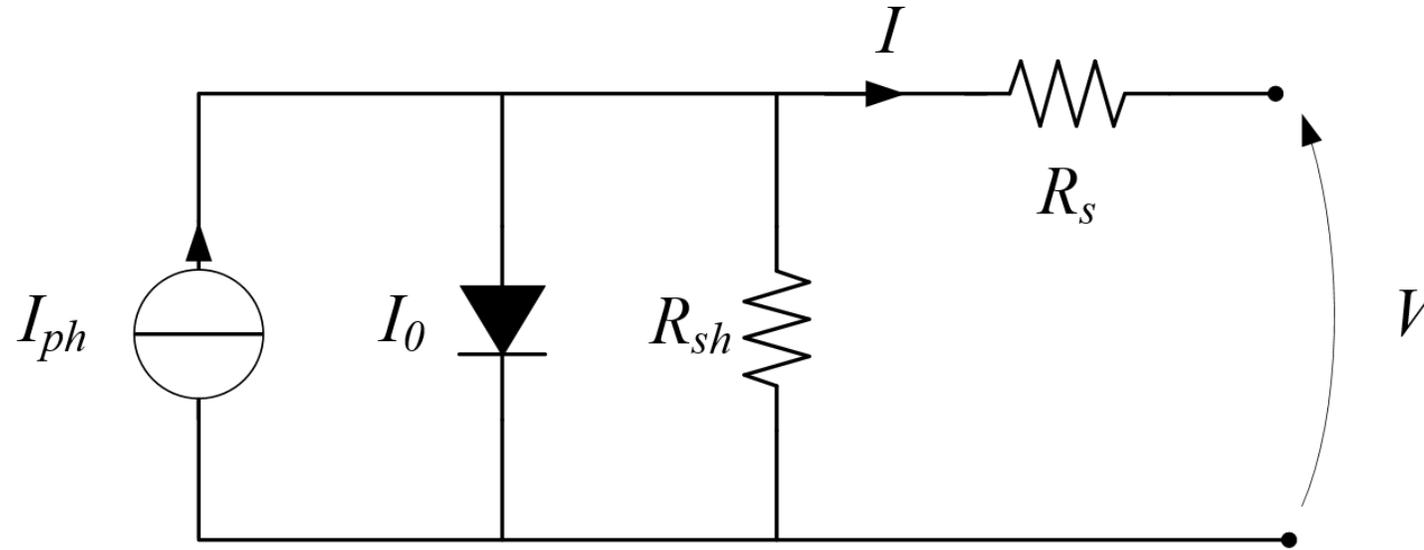
# DEPENDANCE ON SOLAR IRRADIANCE



# DEPENDANCE ON CELL TEMPERATURE



# MODELLING PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVICES



$$I = I_{ph} - I_0 \times \left[ e^{(V+I \cdot R_s)/nV_t} - 1 \right] - \frac{V + I \cdot R_s}{R_{sh}}$$

$I_{ph}$  [A] – photo generated current  
 $I_0$  [A] – dark saturation current  
 $V_t$  [V] – thermal voltage

$R_s$  [ $\Omega$ ] – series resistance  
 $R_{sh}$  [ $\Omega$ ] – shunt resistance  
 $n$  [ ] – ideality factor

# EMPIRICAL MODEL

It is simple, explicit and based on the parameters that can be always found in a pv module datasheet

$$I = I_L - \frac{e^{m \cdot [V + w(25 - T_c)]} - 1}{e^m - 1}$$

Solar Energy 155 (2017) 647–653

$I$  [p.u.] – per unit current referred to  $I_{sc}$

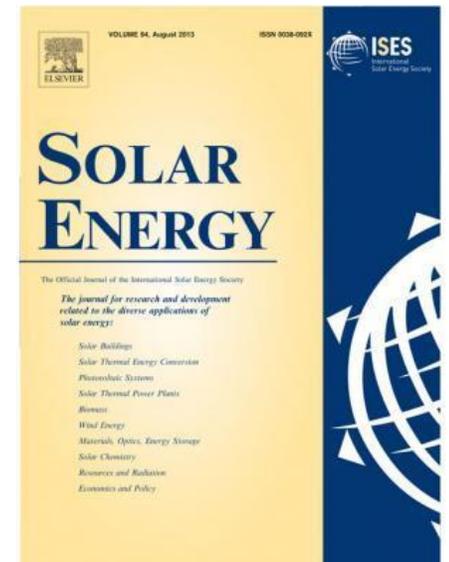
$I_L$  [p.u.] – per unit irradiance referred to  $1,000\text{W}/\text{m}^2$

$m$  [ ] – exponential factor

$V$  [p.u.] – per unit voltage referred to  $V_{oc}$

$w$  [ $1/^\circ\text{C}$ ] – voltage/temperature coefficient

$T_c$  [ $^\circ\text{C}$ ] – cell temperature



# INVERTER



## String inverter

3 kVA

30 x 30 x 12 cm

5,5 kg



## Centralized Inverter

100 kVA

80 x 80 x 160 cm

420 kg



## Utility scale inverter

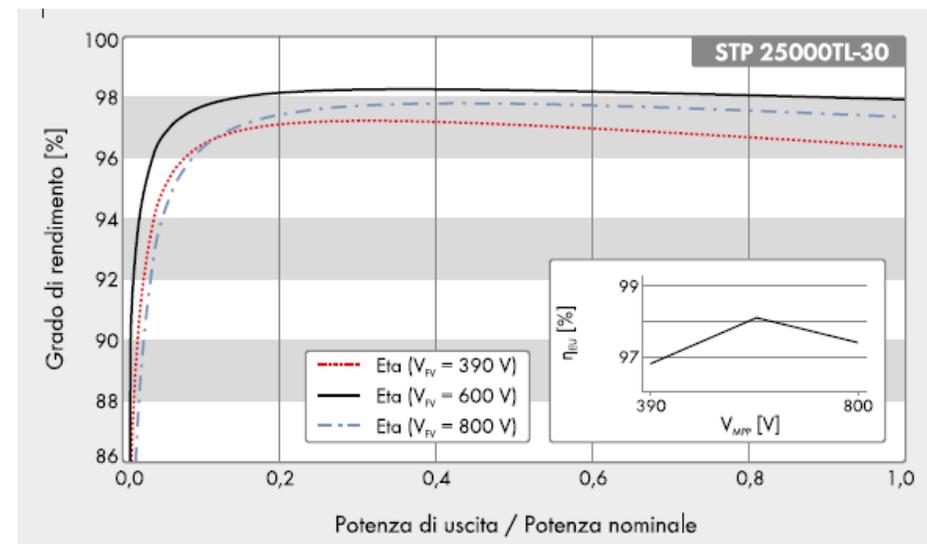
2200 kVA

2,7 x 2,3 x 1,6 m

3,400 kg

# ELECTRICAL PARAMETERS

<b>Input (DC)</b>		
Max. DC power (@ $\cos \varphi = 1$ )	3200 W	3880 W
Max. input voltage	750 V	750 V
MPP voltage range / rated input voltage	175 V ... 500 V / 400 V	175 V ... 500 V / 400 V
Min. input voltage / initial input voltage	125 V / 150 V	125 V / 150 V
Max. input current input A / input B	15 A / 15 A	15 A / 15 A
Max. input current per string input A / input B	15 A / 15 A	15 A / 15 A
Number of independent MPP inputs / strings per MPP input	2 / A:2; B:2	2 / A:2; B:2
<b>Output (AC)</b>		
Rated power (@ 230 V, 50 Hz)	3000 W	3680 W
Max. apparent AC power	3000 VA	3680 VA
Nominal AC voltage / range	220 V, 230 V, 240 V / 180 V - 280 V	220 V, 230 V, 240 V / 180 V - 280 V
AC power frequency / range	50 Hz, 60 Hz / -5 Hz ... +5 Hz	50 Hz, 60 Hz / -5 Hz ... +5 Hz
Rated power frequency / rated grid voltage	50 Hz / 230 V	50 Hz / 230 V
Max. output current	16 A	16 A
Power factor at rated power	1	1
Displacement power factor, adjustable	0.8 overexcited ... 0.8 underexcited	0.8 overexcited ... 0.8 underexcited
Feed-in phases / connection phases	1 / 1	1 / 1
<b>Efficiency</b>		
Max. efficiency / European weighted efficiency	97 % / 96 %	97 % / 96.3 %



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# PHOTOVOLTAIC GENERATOR

## Blocking diode

(optional, in stand alone systems only)

## Bypass diode

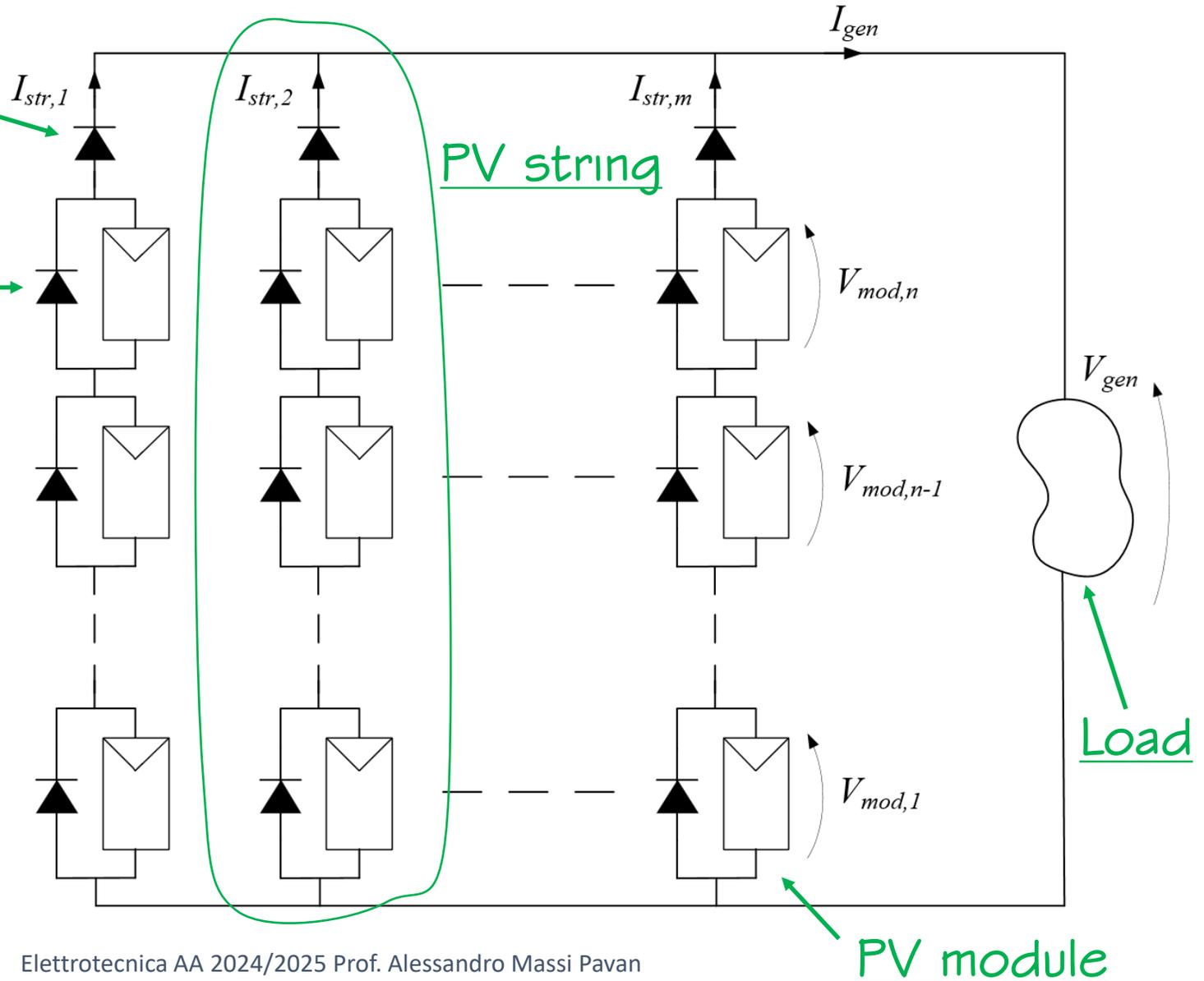
(more than one inside the PV module)

$$I_{str,i} = I_{mod}^*$$

$$I_{gen} = \sum_{i=1}^m I_{str,i}$$

$$V_{str} = \sum_{j=1}^n V_{mod,j}^*$$

$$V_{gen} = V_{str}$$



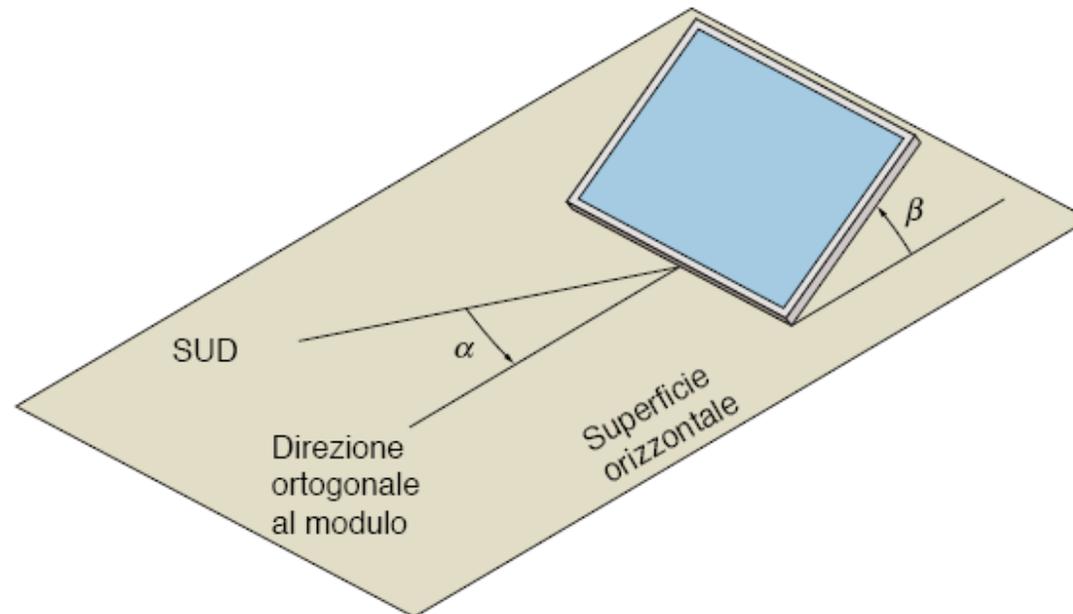
# YIELD OF A PV SYSTEM

The yield of a photovoltaic system mainly depends on

- Photovoltaic generator: pv technology, nominal power
- Geometry: location, horizon and shading profile, mounting options
- System losses: soiling, temperature effect, mismatch, Joule effect, inverter

# MOUNTING OPTIONS

- Type of system: fixed/tracking, free standing/BIPV
- Tilt Angle  $\beta$  [  $0^\circ - 90^\circ$  ] - slope of PV modules
- Azimuth Angle  $\alpha$  [  $-180^\circ - 180^\circ$  ] - orientation of PV modules



# PV PERFORMANCE TOOL

[https://re.jrc.ec.europa.eu/pvg\\_tools/en/tools.html#PVP](https://re.jrc.ec.europa.eu/pvg_tools/en/tools.html#PVP)

Cursor:

Selected: 41.893, 12.483

Elevation (m): 42

Use terrain shadows:

Calculated horizon

Upload horizon file

↓ csv

↓ json

Browse...

No file selected.

GRID CONNECTED

TRACKING PV

OFF-GRID

MONTHLY DATA

DAILY DATA

HOURLY DATA

TMY

## PERFORMANCE OF GRID-CONNECTED PV

Solar radiation database\* PVGIS-CMSAF

PV technology\* Crystalline silicon

Installed peak PV power [kWp]\* 1

System loss [%]\* 14

**Fixed mounting options**

Mounting position\* Free-standing

Slope [°]\* 35  Optimize slope

Azimuth [°]\* 0  Optimize slope and azimuth

PV electricity price

PV system cost (your currency)

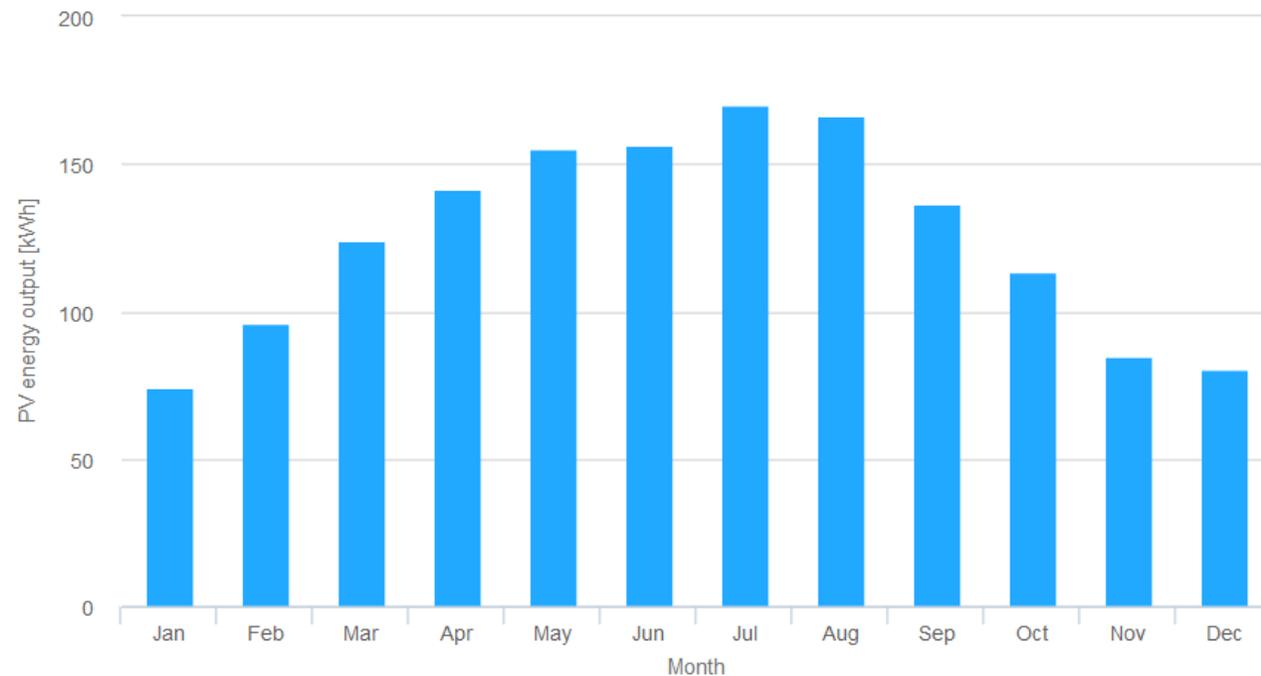
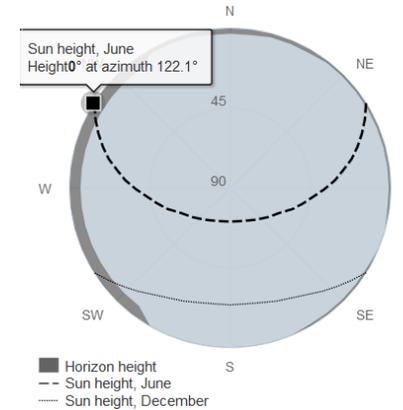
Interest [%/year]

Lifetime [years]

# 1 kWp PV SYSTEM IN ROME

Simulation outputs:

Slope angle [°]:	35 (opt)
Azimuth angle [°]:	0
Yearly PV energy production [kWh]:	1498.69
Yearly in-plane irradiation [kWh/m <sup>2</sup> ]:	1917.28
Year to year variability [kWh]:	57.63



# LEVELIZED COST OF ENERGY

$$LCOE = VO\&MC + \frac{OCS \times CRF + FO\&MC}{8760 \times CF}$$

- VO&MC [€/year]: variable operation and maintenance costs
- OCS [€]: overnight capital cost
- CRF [ ]: capital recovery factor
- FO&MC [€/year]: fixed operation and maintenance costs
- CF [ ]: capacity factor
- WACC [%]: weighted average cost of capital
- N [ ]: number of annuities received
- E [€]: equity – D [€]: dept
- Ke [%]: the return of equity – Kd [%]: the cost of dept

$$CRF = \frac{WACC \times (WACC + 1)^N}{(WACC + 1)^N - 1}$$

$$WACC = \frac{E}{E + D} \times K_e + \frac{D}{E + D} \times K_d$$

# LCOE PHOTOVOLTAICS

$$LCOE = \frac{OCS \times CRF \times (1 + FO\&MC)}{\frac{E_0}{N} \times \sum_{k=1}^N \left( 1 - \frac{d_r \times (k - 1)}{100} \right)}$$

- OCS [€]: overnight capital cost
- CRF [ ]: capital recovery factor
- FO&MC [€/year]: fixed operation and maintenance costs
- $E_0$  [kWh/year]: yield of the plant over the first year of operations
- N [ ]: is the number of annuities received
- $d_r$  [%/year]: degradation rate of the PV modules



# NET PRESENT VALUE

$$NPV = -OCS + \sum_{k=1}^N ICF_k \times \frac{(1+g)^k \times (1+e)^k}{(1+i)^k} - \sum_{k=1}^N OCF_k \times (1+g)^k$$

$$ICF_k = E_0 \times \left[ 1 - \frac{d_r \times (k-1)}{100} \right] \times [P_{uf} \times sc + P_0 \times (1 - sc)]$$

$$OCF_k = OCS \times FO\&MC$$

- $OCF_k$  [€]: Uscite di cassa
- $E_0$  [kWh]: Energia prodotta al primo anno
- $P_{uf}$  [€/kWh]: Costo dell'energia elettrica
- $P_0$  [€/kWh]: contributo scambio sul posto
- $sc$  [ ]: Autoconsumo

- $OCS$  [€]: Costo dell'impianto
- $ICF_k$  [€]: Entrate di cassa
- $g$  [%]: Tasso d'inflazione
- $e$  [%]: Tasso inflazione energia
- $i$  [%]: Tasso d'interesse

# FINANCIAL METRICS

$$NPV = -OCS + \sum_{k=1}^{30} ICF_k \times \frac{(1+g)^k \times (1+e)^k}{(1+i)^k} - \sum_{k=1}^{30} OCF_k \times (1+g)^k$$

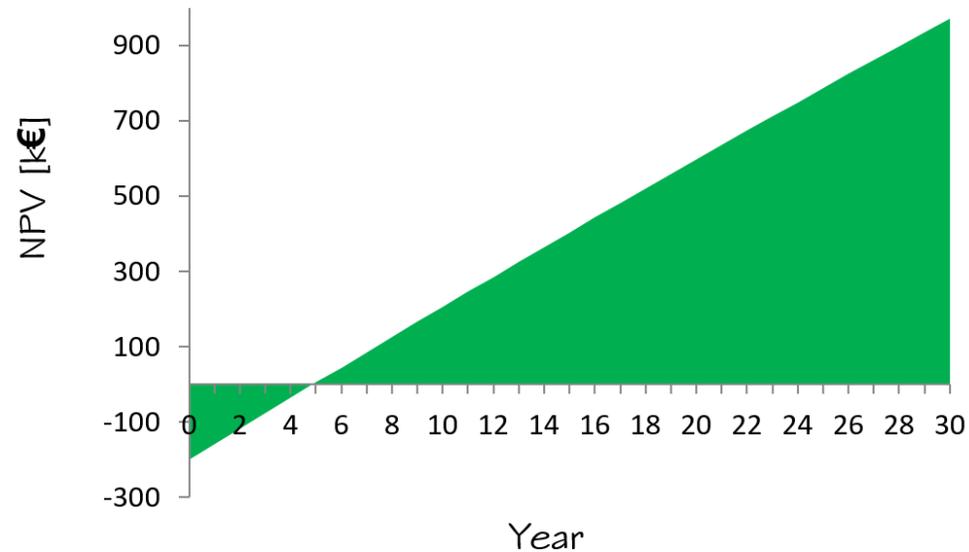
- The payback time (PBT) is the time corresponding to a net present value equal to zero
- The internal rate of return (IRR) is calculated as

$$\frac{1}{30 \times OCS} \times \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{30} ICF_k \times \frac{(1+g)^k \times (1+e)^k}{(1+i)^k} - \sum_{k=1}^{30} OCF_k \times (1+g)^k \right]$$



# IMPIANTO «C&I» - ROMA

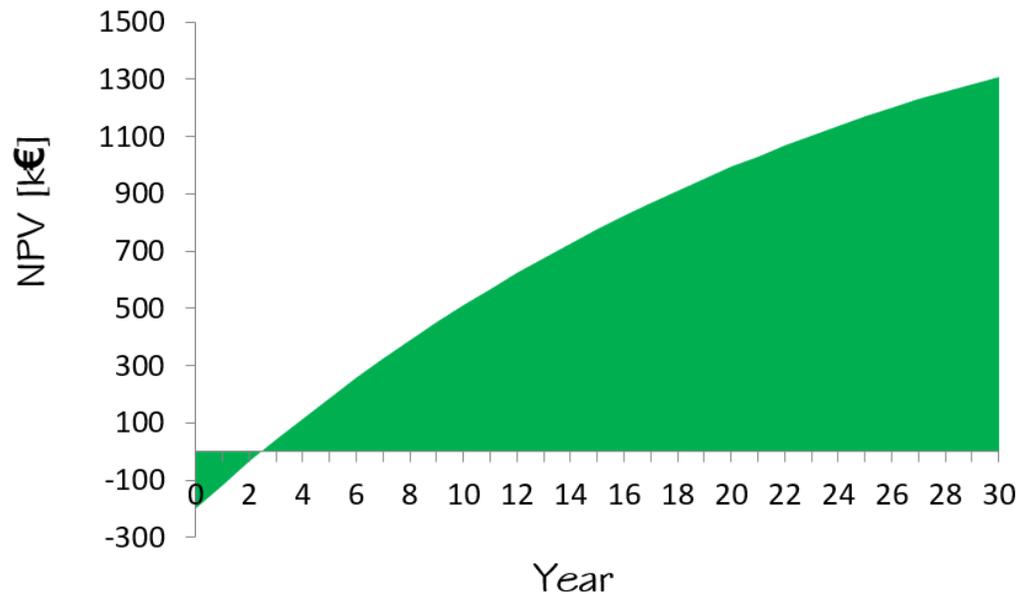
Produzione [kWh/kWp/anno]	1 499
OCS [€/kWp]	1 000
Potenza [kWp]	200
Prezzo energia elettrica [€/kWh]	0,15
Autoconsumo [%]	100



LCOE [€/kWh]	0,046
PBT [anni]	<5
IRR [%]	19,5

# IMPIANTO «C&I» - ROMA

Produzione [kWh/kWp/anno]	1 499
OCS [€/kWp]	1 000
Potenza [kWp]	200
Prezzo energia elettrica [€/kWh]	0,30
Autoconsumo [%]	100

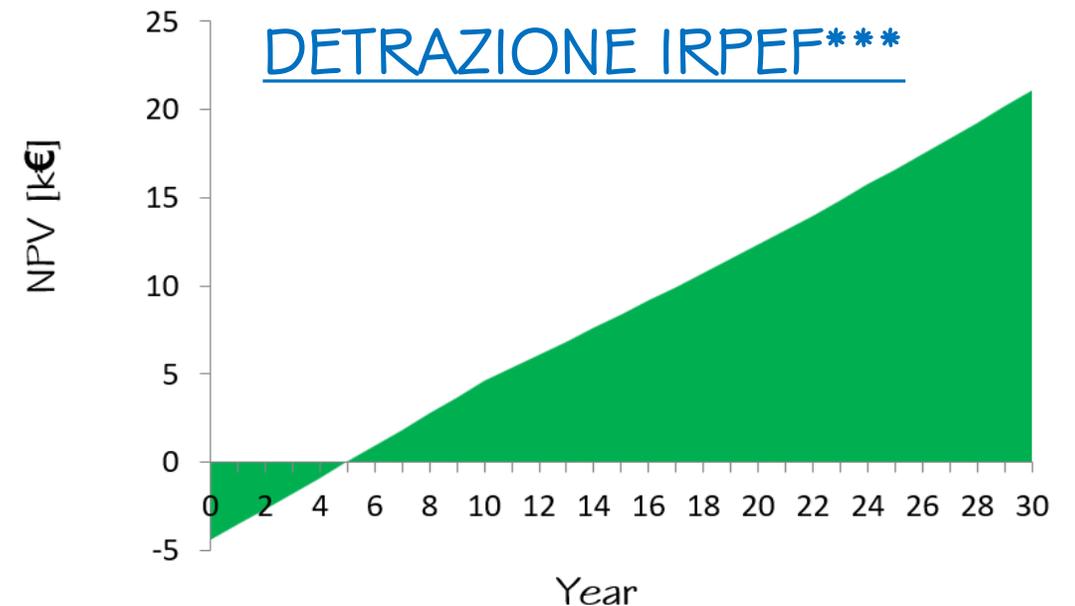
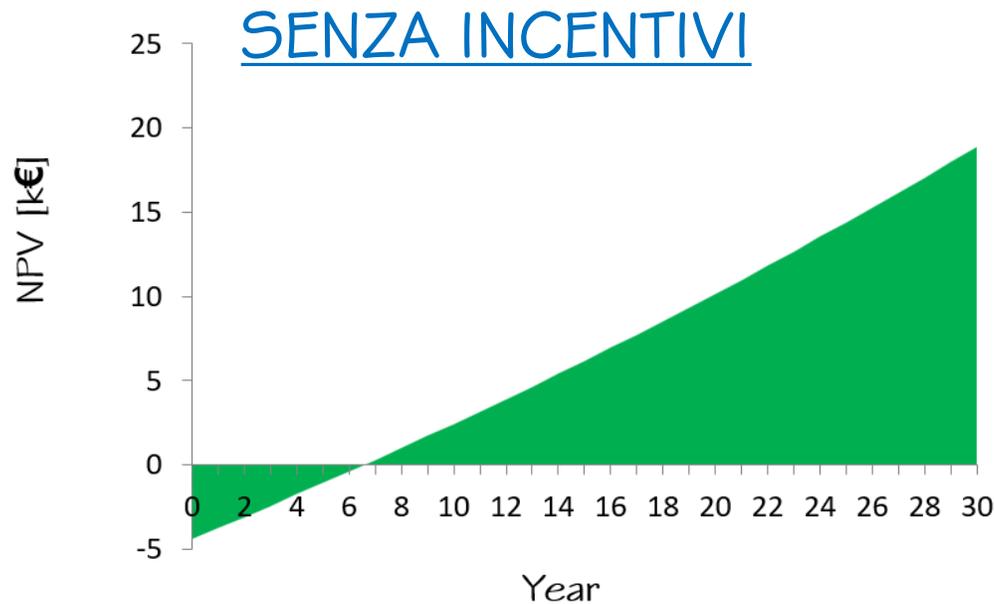


LCOE [€/kWh]	0,046
PBT [anni]	2.5
IRR [%]	25%

# IMPIANTO «DOMESTICO» - ROMA

Produzione [kWh/kWp/anno]	1 499
OCS [€/kWp]	2,200
Potenza [kWp]	2
Prezzo energia elettrica [€/kWh]	0.22
Autoconsumo [%]	40
Scambio sul posto medio [€/kWh]	0.20

LCOE [€/kWh]	0,05
PBT [anni]	6.5
IRR [%]	17.6
PBT*** [anni]	5
IRR*** [%]	19.3





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