Global Perspective in Sustainable Energy

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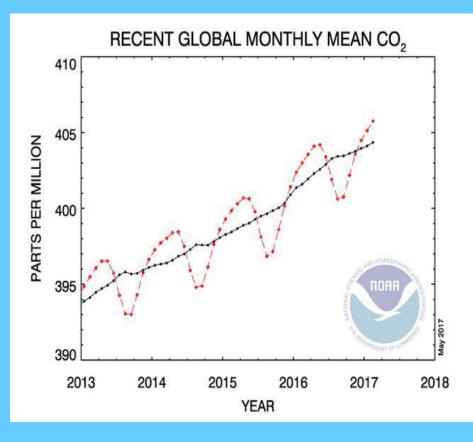
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The overarching Problem

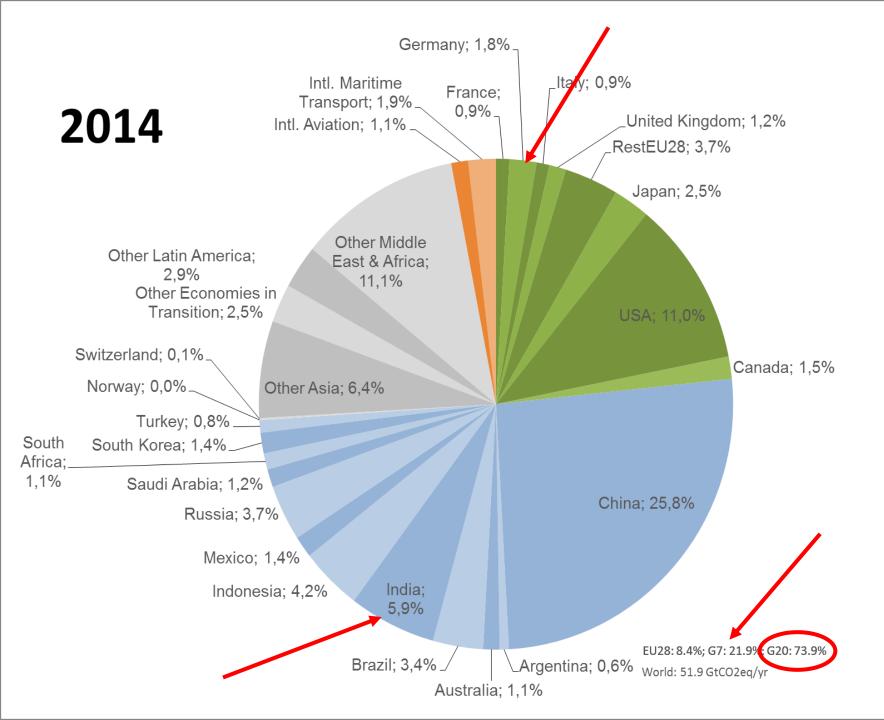
CO₂ – Concentration in the atmosphere

Period 2010 – 2016 CO₂ concentration in the Atmosphere: 2010: 389 ppm 2016: 404 ppm

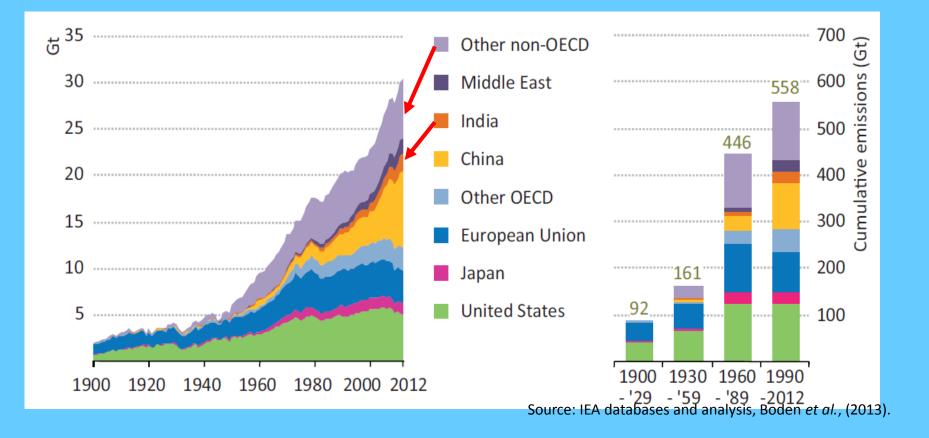
2010: 39% above preindustrial level 2016: 44% above preindustrial level



Main Emitters



GHG emissions from energy sector by region, 1990 – 2012



Distribution of resource

- 25% used by G7 states
- 25% used only by China
- 25% used by G20 without G7 and China
- 25% used by the rest of the world 176 states

20 states are using 75% of the resources (energy) worldwide

Consumption trends are not sustainable

IEA, World Energy Outlook – **reference** scenario:

- Global primary energy consumption to rise by more than half up to 2030
- Share of fossil fuels in global energy consumption to increase up to 2030
- In 2030 the global energy balance will be dominated by oil and coal use of natural gas increasing more slowly than previously expected – nuclear energy and biomass declining – strong increases
- Energy prices will rise sharply due to the excess demand
- Global energy-related CO₂ emissions to increase by 55 % up to 2030 with over three quarters of this increase occuring in developing countries.

Guidelines

Paris (COP 21 – December 2015)

Very ambitious targets

- Long term target to limit global warming
- Holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre industrial level...
- ...pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above preindustrial levels
- Global target to limit greenhouse gas emissions
- Parties aim to reach global peaking of GHD-emissions as soon as possible...
- ...to undertake rapid reductions thereafter in accordance with best available science
- Create a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and remivals by sinks of greenhouse gases in the second half of this century
- Support sustainable development and efforts to eradicare poverty

Paris – what does it require?

- Global transformation to a "low carbon society and a low carbon economy"
- The window for fossil fuels is closing fast
- Invention of new consumtion and production patterns linkage to the SDG's
- Saving of finite resources and substituting finite resources (e.g. renewables, recycling)
- innovation and creativity
- improvement, development and implementation of resource saving technology, infrastructure.
- Behavior change of all actors

Paris – what does it require?

- Development of National Action Plans to combat Climate Change
- Contributions by all sectors
- Cross sectoral approaches/Concepts (sector coupling)
- Transparent monitoring, reporting and verification
- Top down as well as bottom up approaches
- Linking supply side with demand side

Overarching targets

- Energy security
- Affordability
- Environmental and Climate Protection

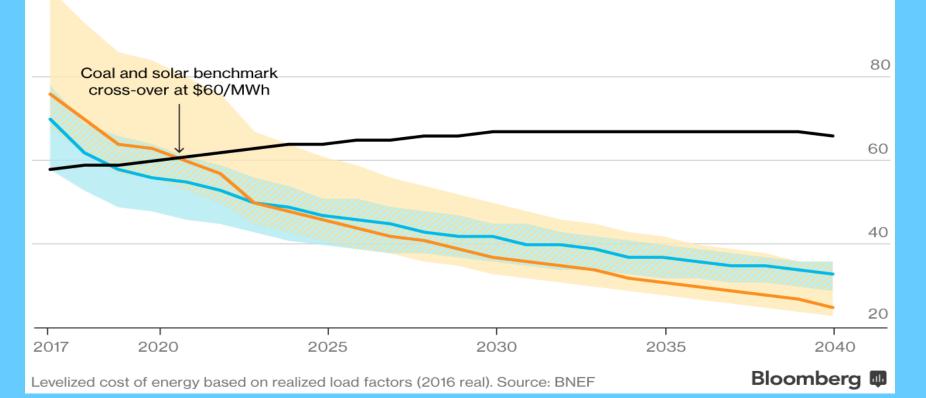
Analysis by Bloomberg on Energy Transition (May 2017)

China's Big Tipping Point

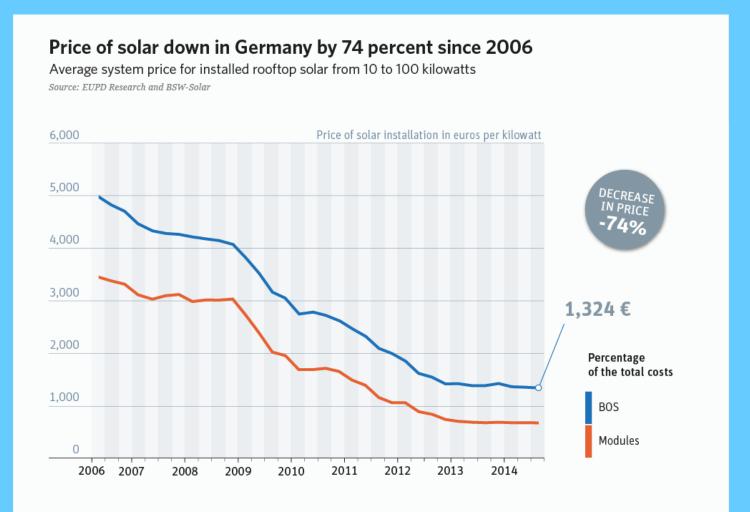
Within four years solar will be cheaper than coal



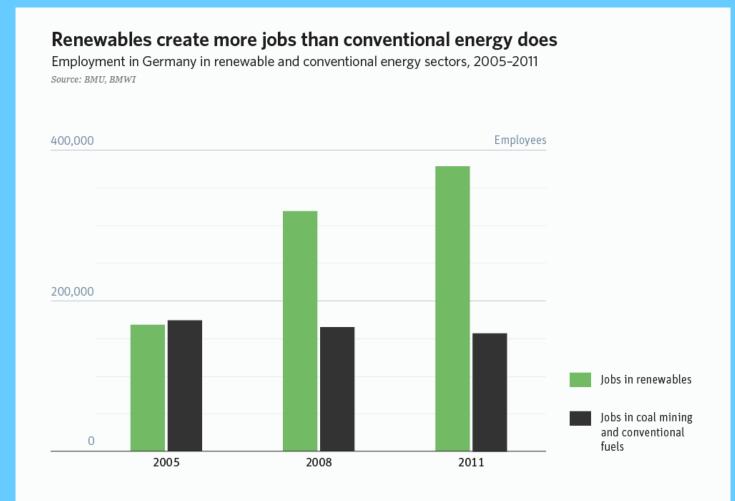
\$100 per megawatt hour



Average system price of solar installed rooftop solar down 74 % since 2006



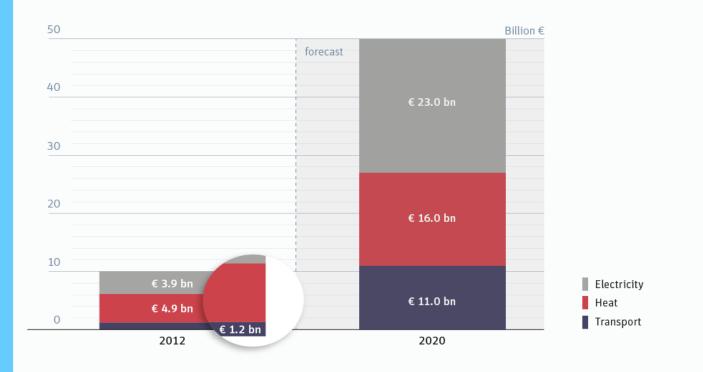
Renewables creates more jobs than conventional energy does – The German case



Renewable energy offsets expenses for fossil fuel imports up to EUR 50bn in 2020 - equivalent of EUR 600 per capita for each German



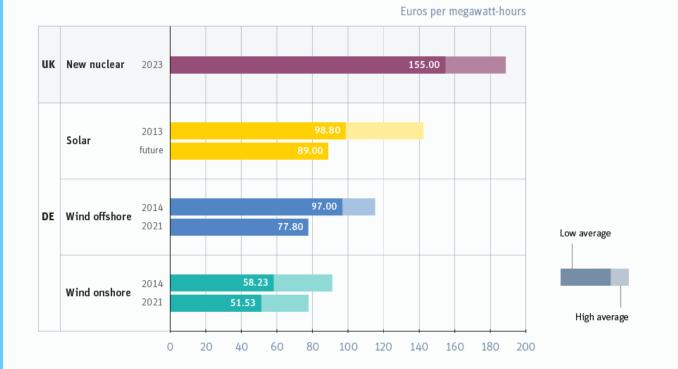
Benefits of renewables in energy use, Germany Source: AEE



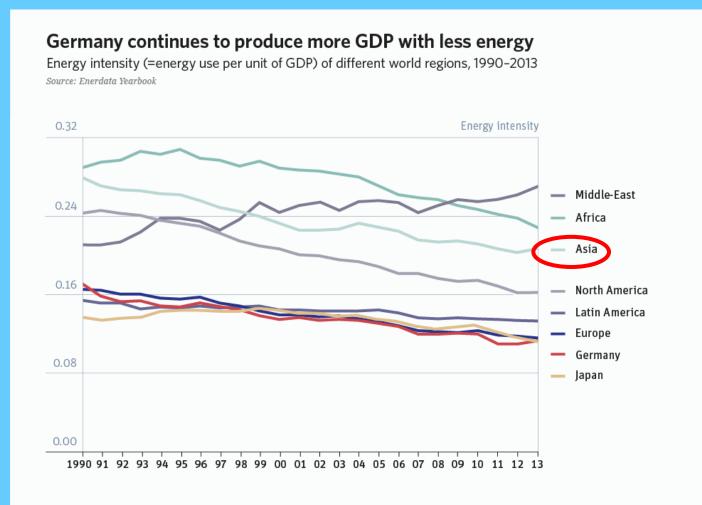
Investment for new nuclear is already much higher than solar and wind

Price of new nuclear already higher than solar and wind

FITs for current and future solar and wind in Germany with strike price for nuclear at Hinkley *Source: Thomas Gerke, DECC, Agora Energiewende*



Germany continues to generate more GDP with less energy



A road to sustainable energy

The Roadmap

Short term

 Optimization of technologies and infrastructures which are in place including supply and demand structures and sector coupling

Mid term

 Replacement of traditional energy sources, technologies and infrastructure through future oriented structures focussed on the improvement of energy efficiency, renewables, storages, load management, resource saving waste management etc.

Long term

• Creation of a low carbon economy and society

Building bridges to the future - How could the process look like?

- Implementation of the NDCs
- Review of the NDCs/National Programmes and shifting the ambition
 on a higher level
- Creating Roadmaps for Energy Transition there is no single Masterplan for every country around the world - but we can learn from each other
- Carbon pricing
- Top down as well as bottom up approaches to creat synergies between top and down, but also between sectors and actors
- Being aware of possible "lock in effects"
- Research and Development
- Public procurement and support to speed up market development
- Education, information and advice are crucial elements of a comprehensive concept

Three things are needed to create a success

Time Money Acceptance

Transfer of Technology, Finance and Capacity Building

- Technologytransfer
- •Strengthen technological cooperation and support
- Focus on innovation improvement of traditional techniques and invention and implementation of new techniques
- Strengthening cooperation to to improve the ability of the developing world to combat Climate Change and to restructure the existing energy systems

•Last but not least - Using the 100 billion US\$/y for sustainable investment in order to achieve additional reduction of greenhouse gases

Thank you very much for your attention!