

TOTAL ECLIPSE

OR, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SUN?

A total solar eclipse is depicted as a bright, glowing ring of light, known as the diamond ring effect, centered against a dark background. The ring is composed of multiple overlapping layers of light, creating a vibrant orange and yellow glow. The text "TOTAL ECLIPSE" is positioned at the top, and "OR, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SUN?" is centered within the ring.

DRAFT IRP 2010

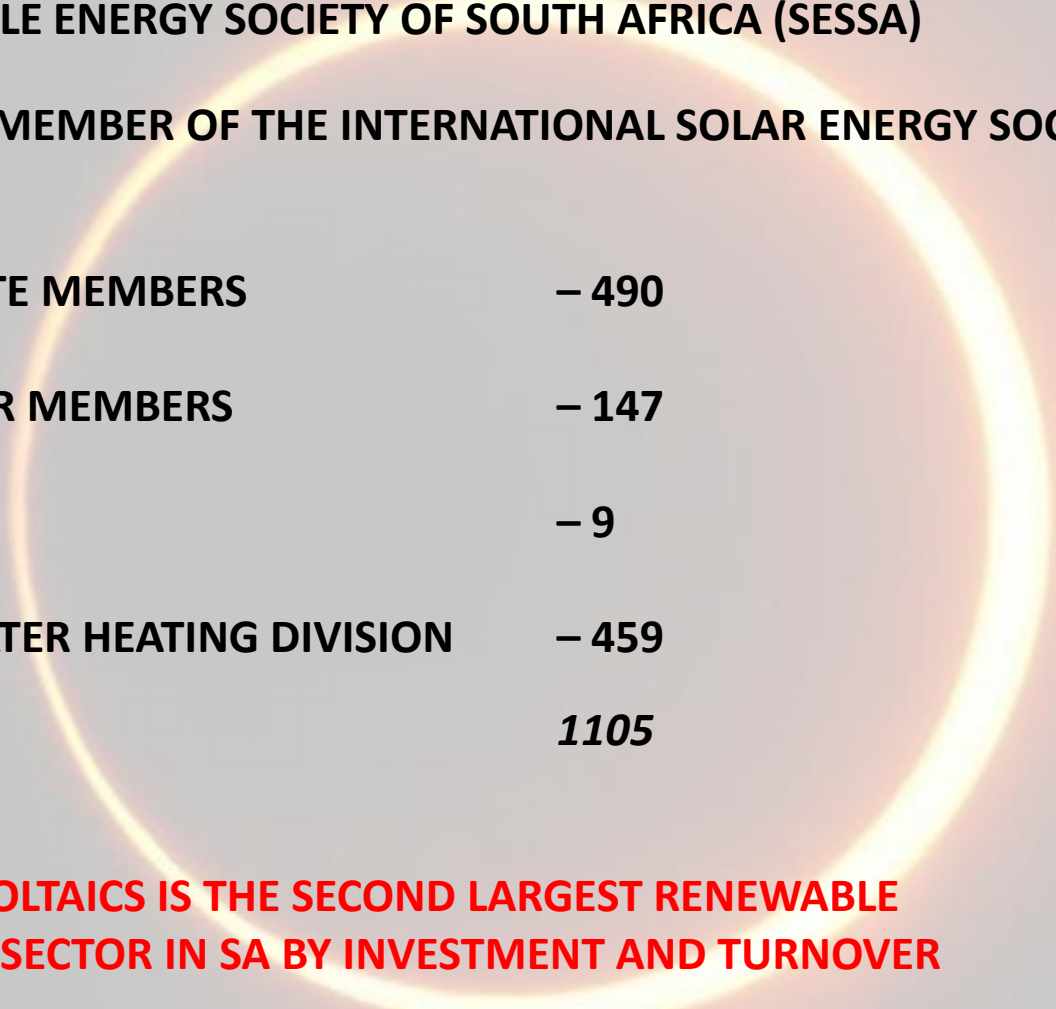
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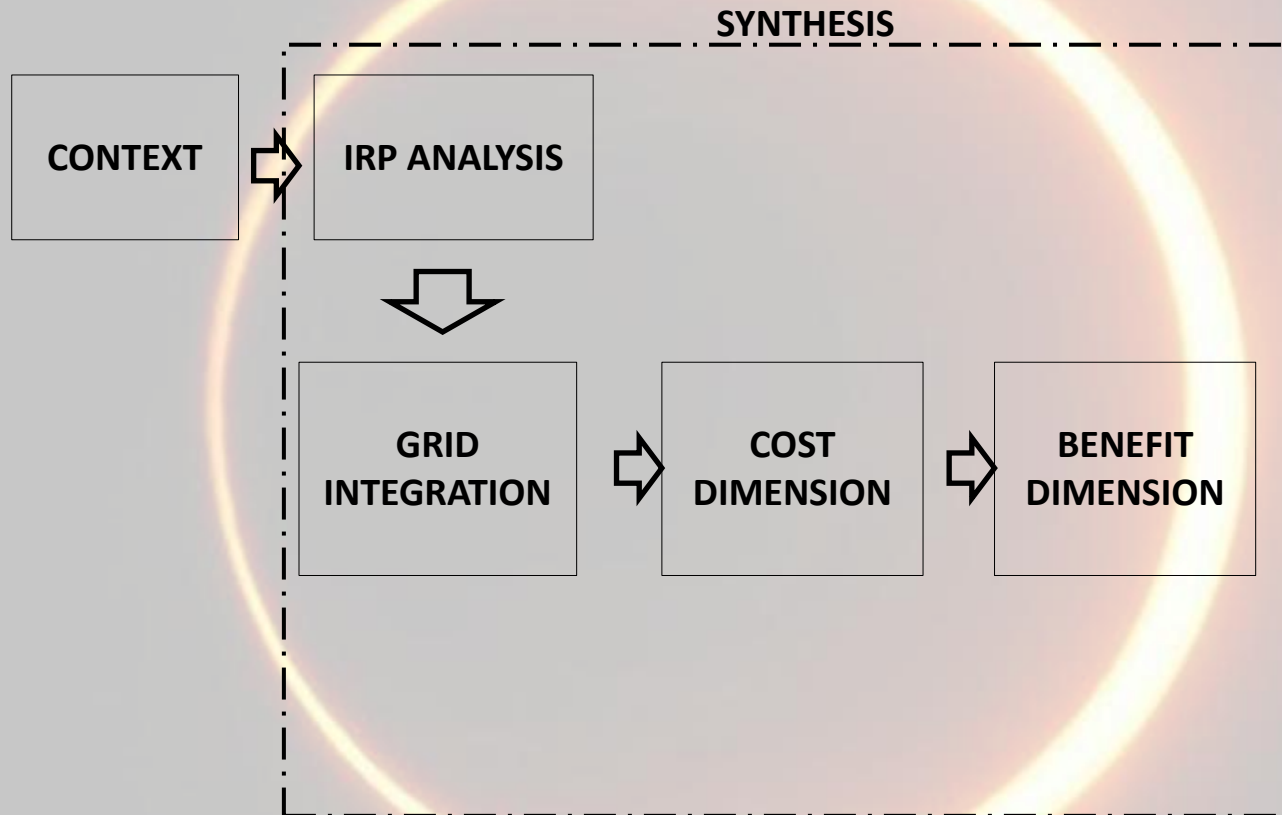
SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA (SESSA)

REGIONAL MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ENERGY SOCIETY (ISIS)



CORPORATE MEMBERS	– 490
PV / SOLAR MEMBERS	– 147
AFRECA	– 9
SOLAR WATER HEATING DIVISION	– 459
TOTAL	1105

PHOTOVOLTAICS IS THE SECOND LARGEST RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR IN SA BY INVESTMENT AND TURNOVER





Eicke Weber: Head of Solar - Fraunhofer Institut Germany

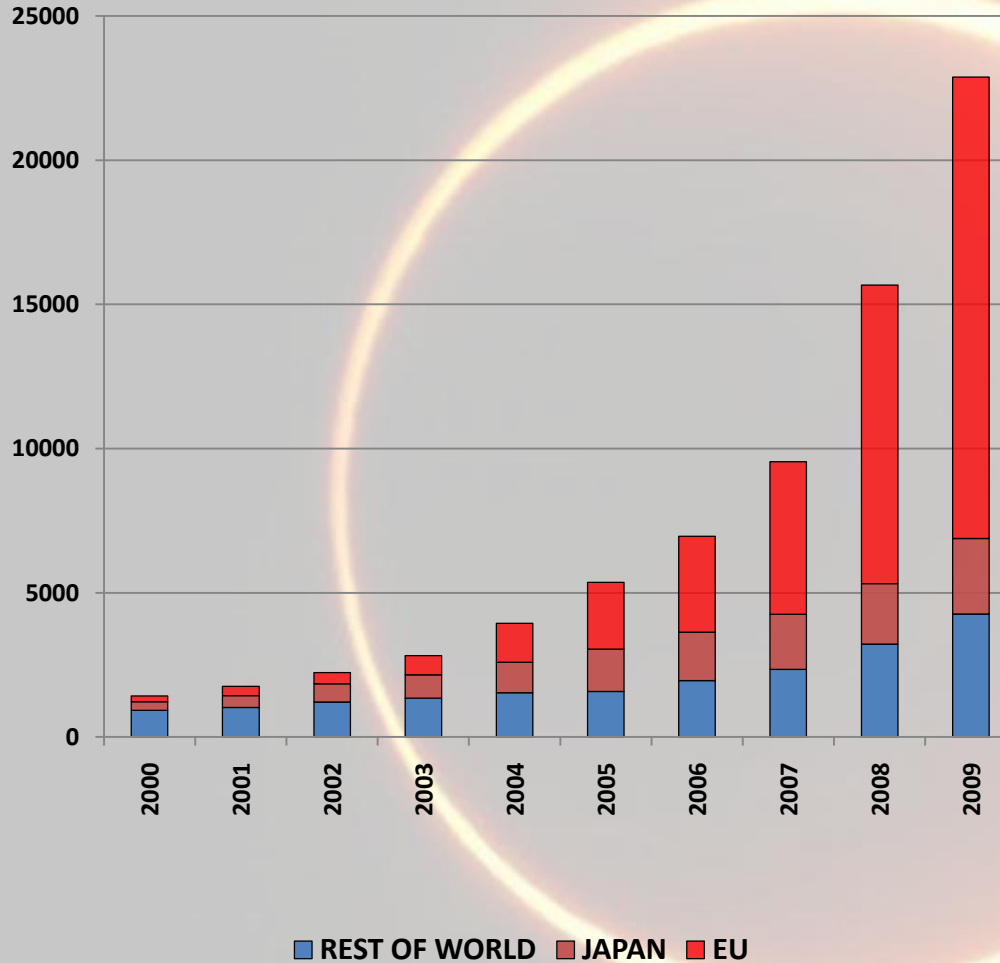
Interview – August 2010:

- **“Solar will grow by factor 50 until 2020”**
- **“Solar has the highest cost reduction potential”**
- **“By 2030 Solar will be cheaper than any other source of energy”**
- **“Solar will soon overtake wind”**

Politics must decide:

“either more nuclear or more renewables = old and new doesn’t fit”

MW TOTAL



KEY DRIVERS

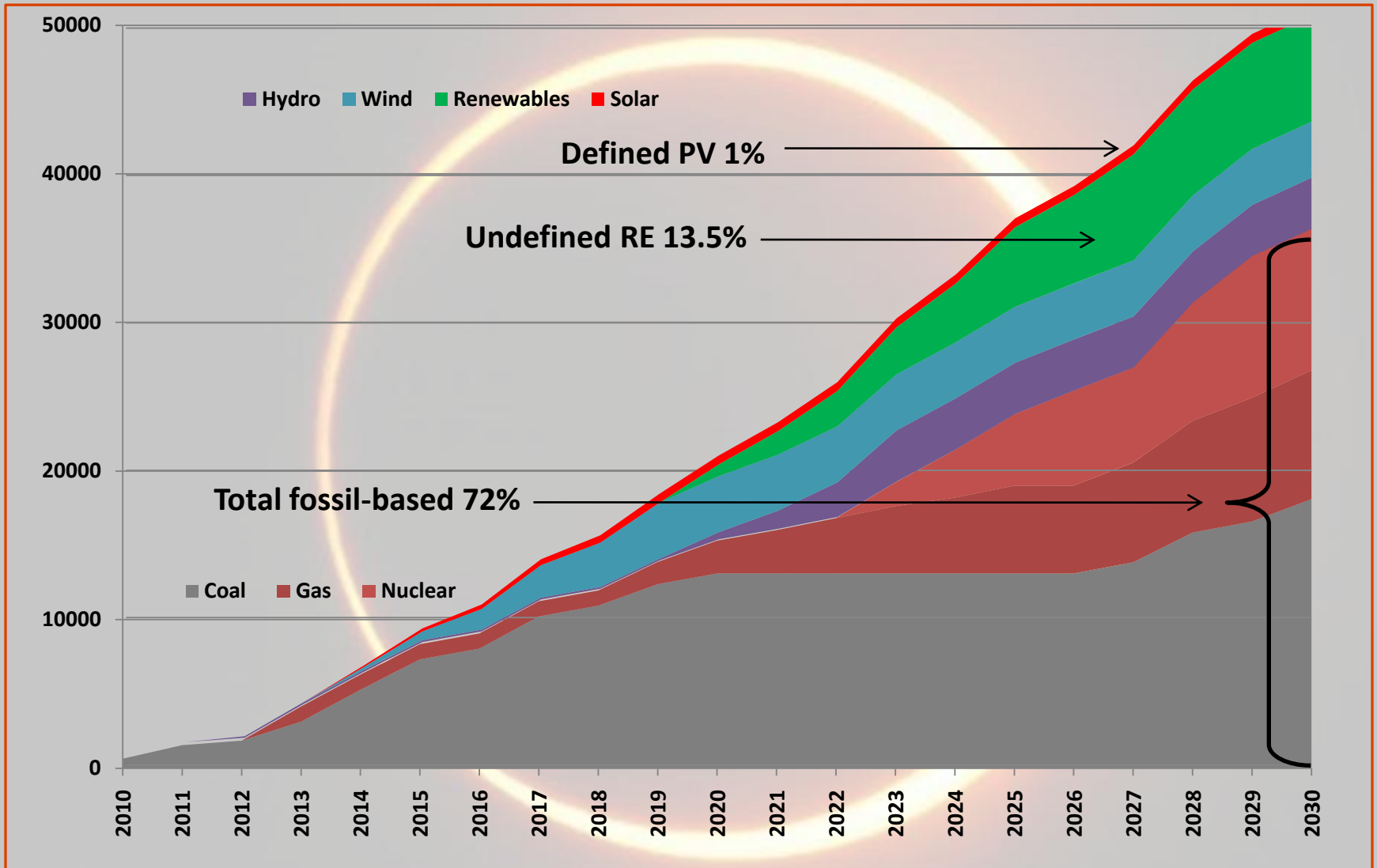
- Government incentives
- Rising energy prices
- PV Technical improvements
- Tightening emission controls
- Electricity demand > supply
- Fast Rollout

EXPLOSIVE GROWTH 40% p.a.

Source: EPIA (European Photovoltaic Association)

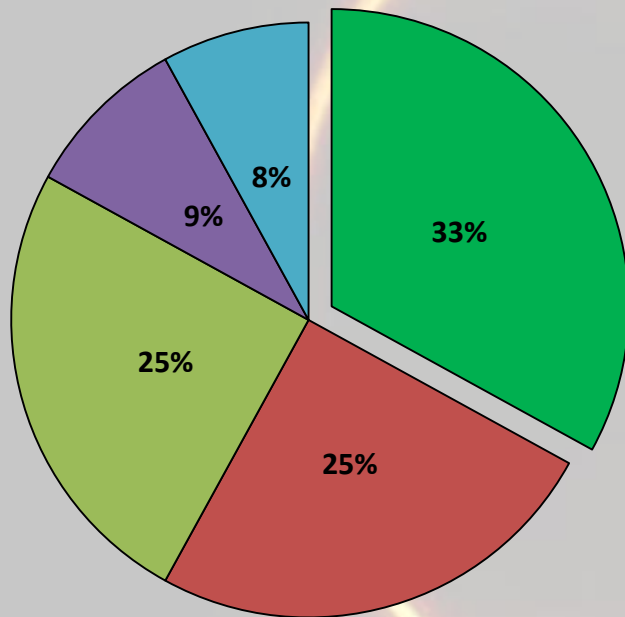
- 1 Mature, commercially available and reliable**
- 2 Industry has huge long term growth-potential**
- 3 Consistent cost reductions**
- 4 Easy grid integration, grid support**
- 5 Scalable from 50W to +100MW**
- 6 Zero emissions, water usage**
- 7 Very high employment ratio & economic stimulation**

* Excl. "Decommissioning"

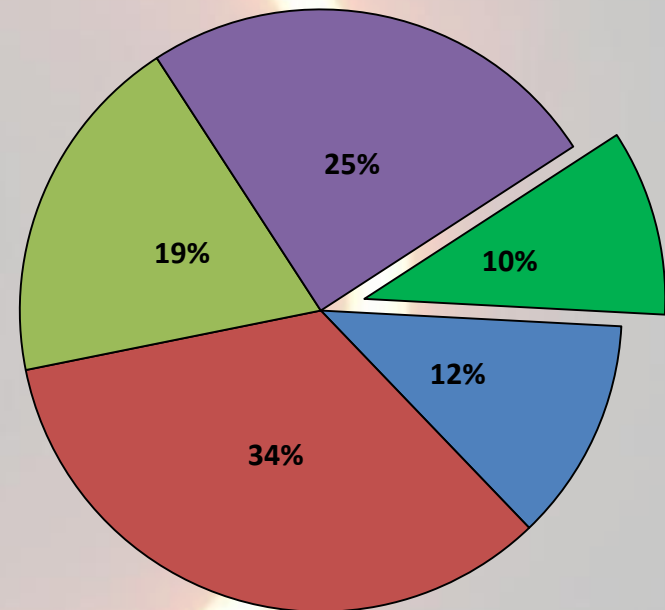


New generation allocation

CAPACITY 2030



GENERATION 2030



- Renewables
- Nuclear
- Gas
- Coal
- Hydro

Table 33

	CSP	CSP & PV
2010	0	0
2011	0	0
2012	0	0
2013	0	0
2014	100	0
2015	100	0
2016	0	100

Table 12

REFIT other
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125
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NERSA

REFIT 2
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PV

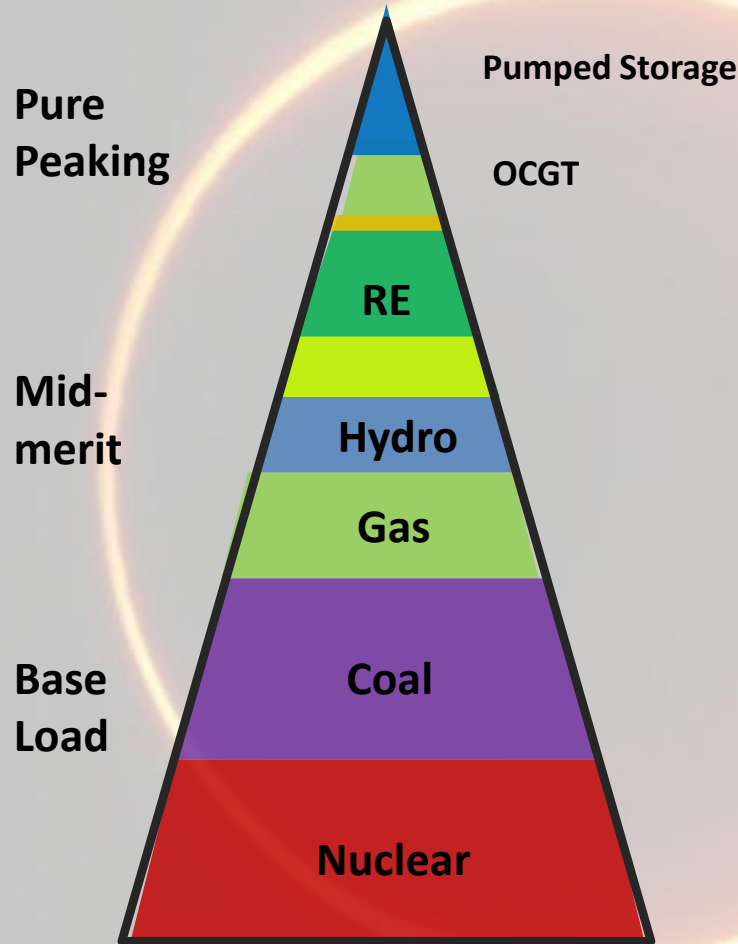
0
50?
85?
75?
35?
0?
100

Commitments have not been brought into the IRP2010 revised balanced scenario

PV needs an early start and consistent growth

- Energy availability factor >95%
- Accurately forecasting of output – rolling 24hrs as for coal
- Fleets of power plants minimally influenced by short-term weather
- High capacity factors where radiation good – +60% in desert
- Easy grid integration : PV power plants are modular – match line capacity
- PV power plants rollout rapidly – 1 year start to finish

Why no allocation?



*PV inserted as
an afterthought*

*PV power plants
treated as mid
merit in USA!*

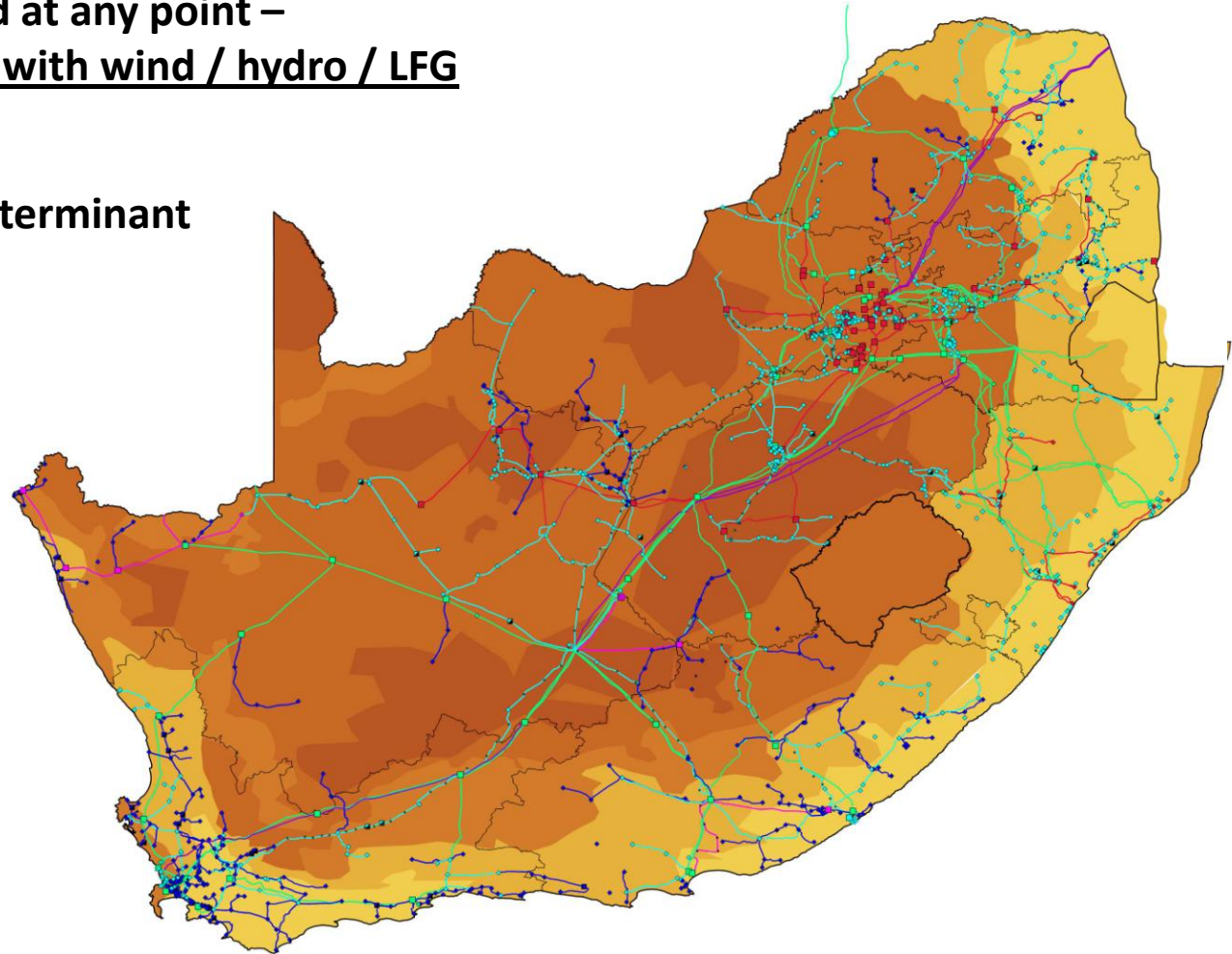
- PV can be located at any point –
Not constrained as with wind / hydro / LFG

- Network is key determinant

- Load matching

Smaller plants
-> local loads

Larger plants -
> line capacities

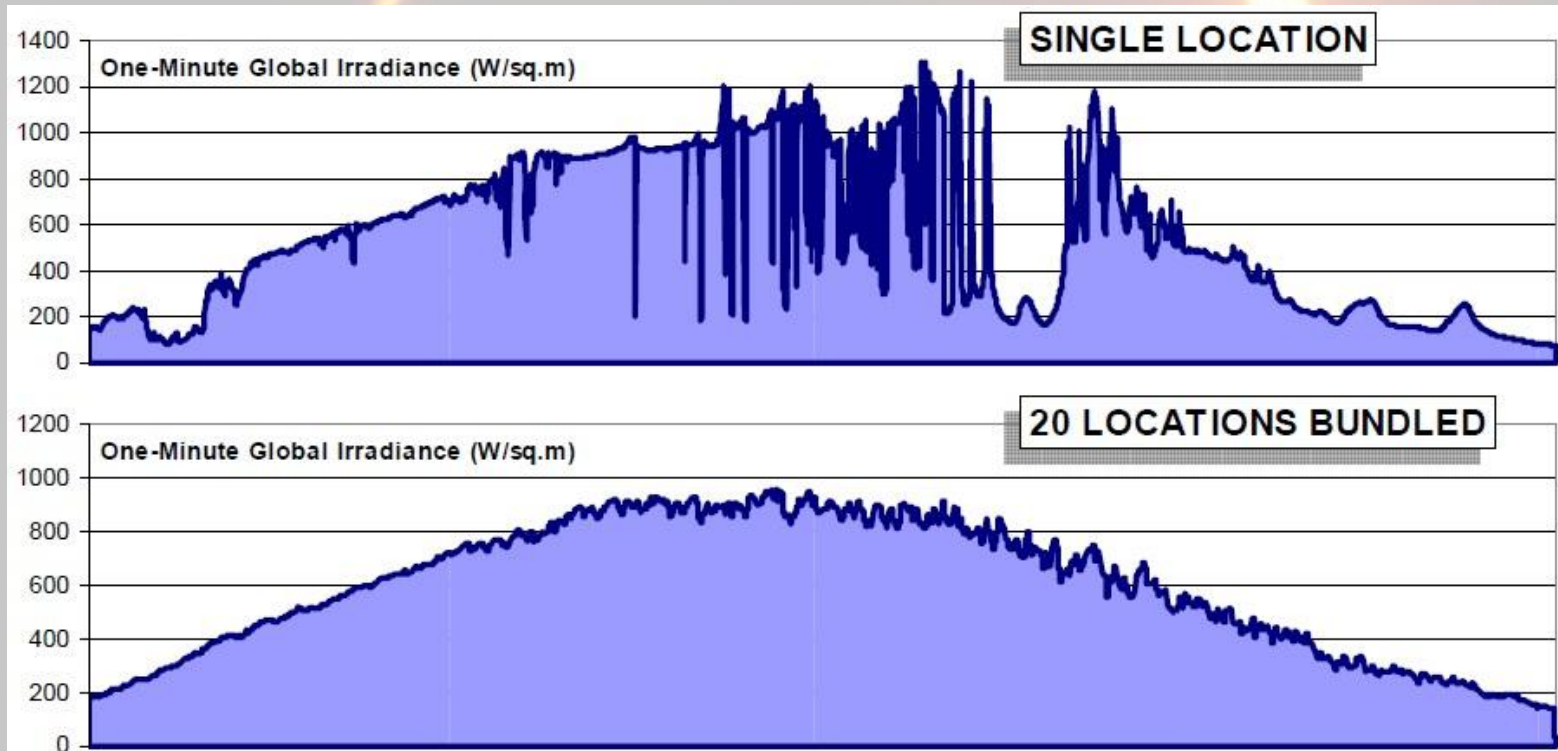


- PV most rapid rollout of renewables
- Construction 10MW < 4months
- But, permitting up to 12 months
- Only PV can meet 2013 target!
- **NO ROLLOUT WITHOUT ALLOCATION**



High capacity credit in desert - Denver 59%, Pueblo 63%

Capacity credit much higher for a fleet of PV plants



- **PV costs governed by international & local prices**
- **REFIT set by NERSA consultants - costs & acceptable rates of return**

Already out of date

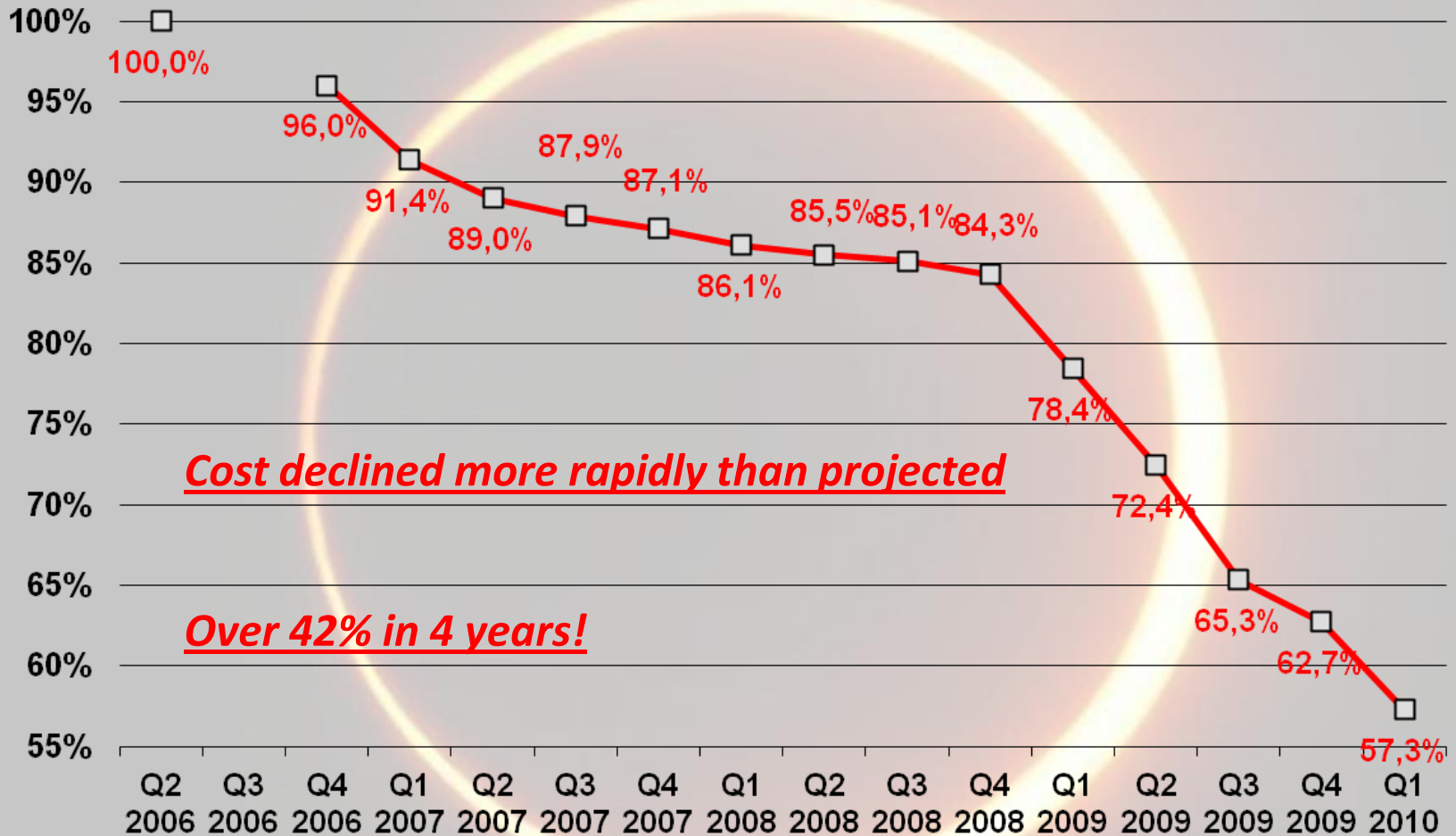
PV costs assumed equal to REFIT tariff – not the case

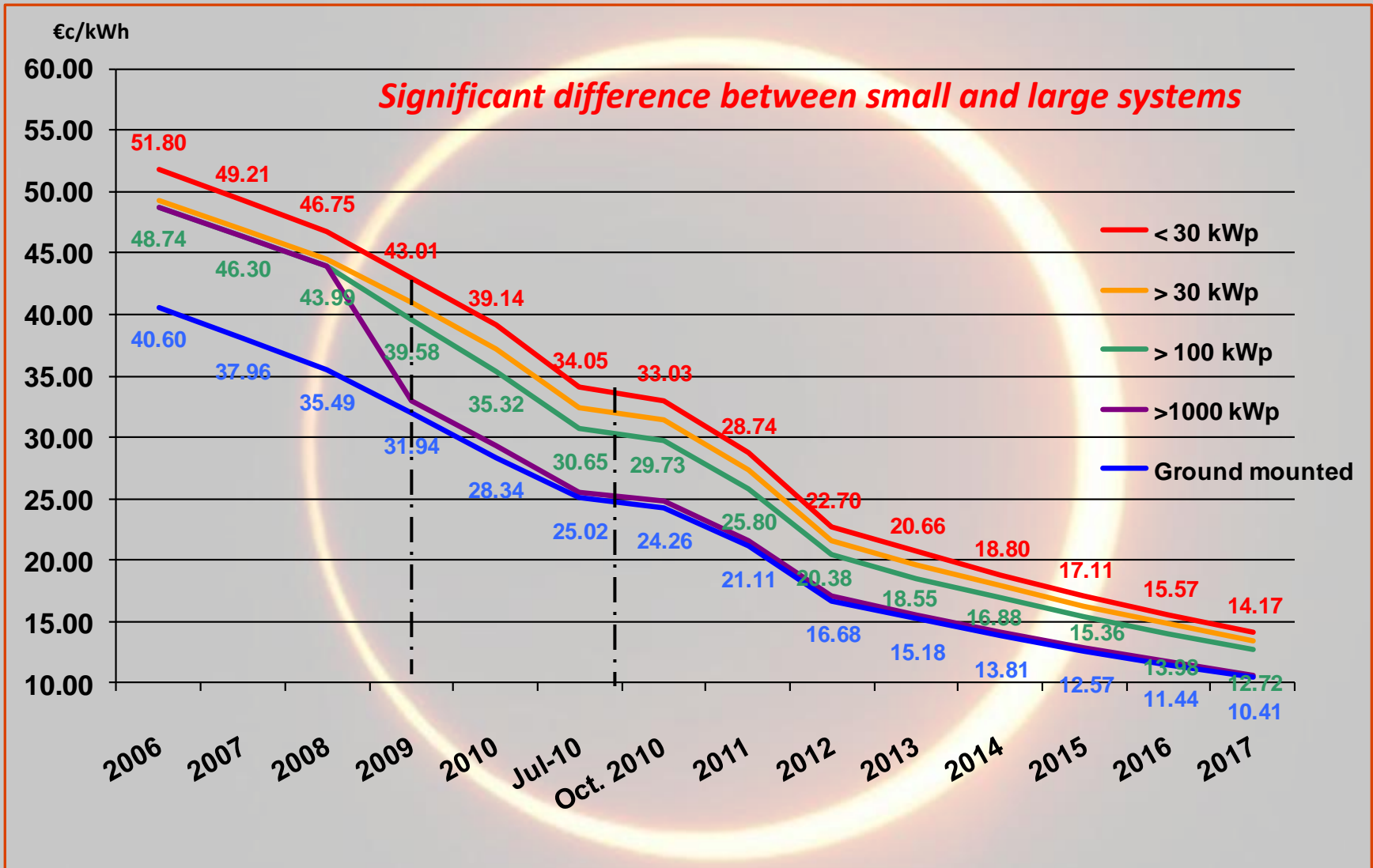
• **SA 5% OCGT R2.80 /kWh**

German PV REFIT 2010

• **SA mid-merit stations R1.18/kWh**

German PV REFIT 2014?





1. Learning curve
-> doubling in production = 18 - 22% cost-reduction
2. Panel efficiency
-> massive world wide R&D
3. New / improved production technologies
-> constant improvement through massive R&D efforts
4. Economies of scale from GW-factories
5. Disruptive / new technologies

FRAUNHOFER INSTITUTE (August 2010):

In 2050: PV will be the most important source of Energy worldwide

EMISSIONS REDUCTION During plant operation

- Zero CO₂
- Zero NO_x and SO_x
- Zero Particulates



ENERGY

- Rapid energy payback <2 years *whole plant*
- No energy for fuel transport



VISUAL INTRUSION

- **Low profile – can be easily screened**

NUISANCE

- **Completely silent, no radio / TV interference**

BIODIVERSITY

- **No bird strikes, no foundations**

WATER

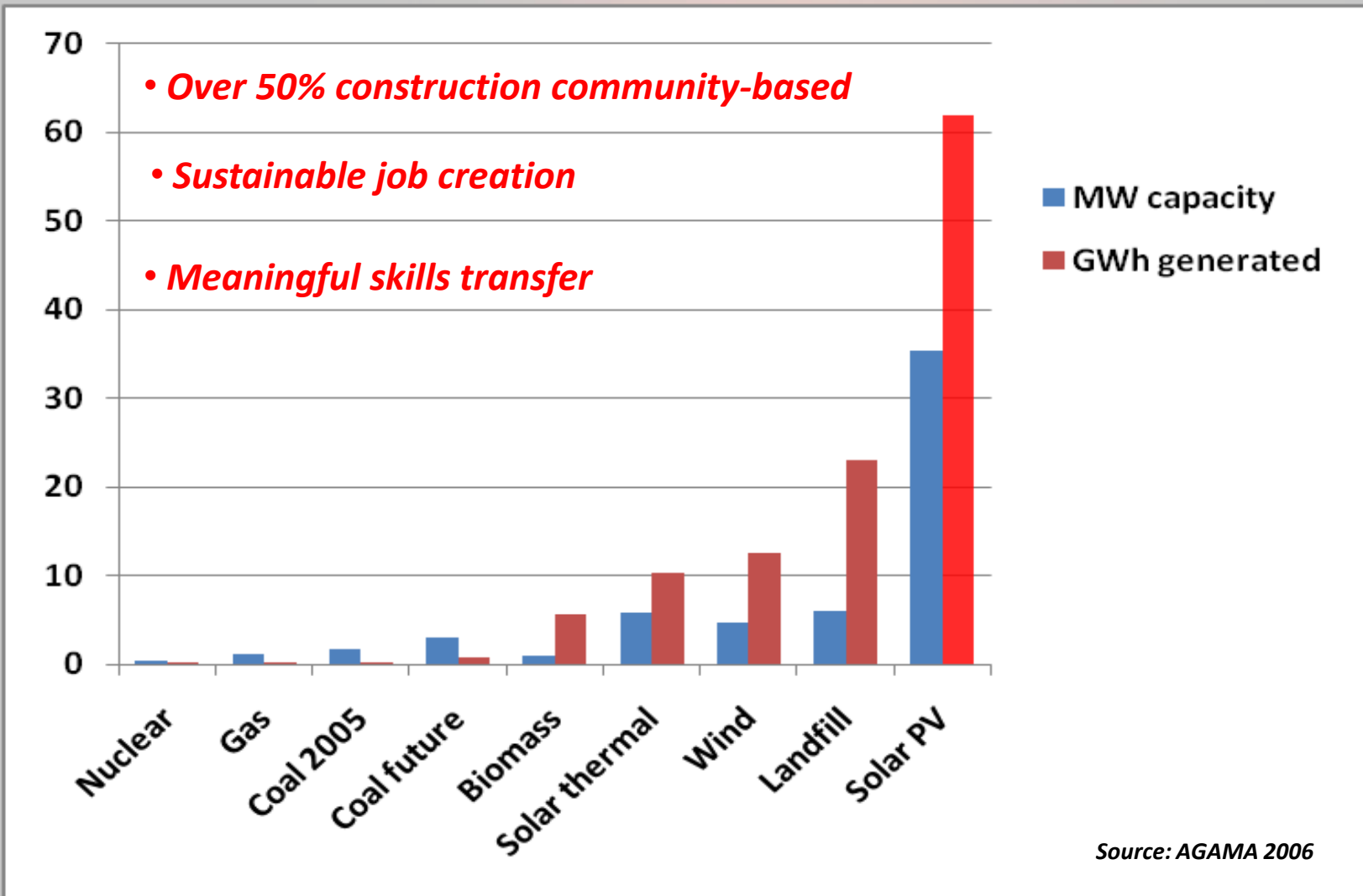
- **Water use 0.06l per kWh**

High initial local content – upstream and downstream benefit

- *Fencing, security systems, rack manufacture*
- *Cable, junction and combiner box manufacture*
- *Inverter and transformer systems integration*

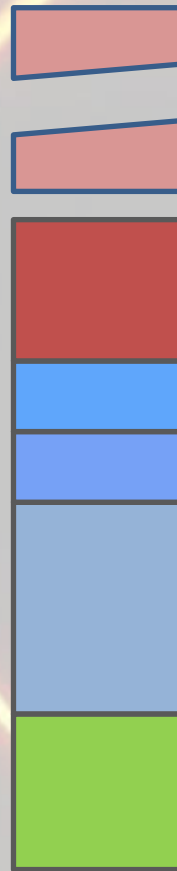
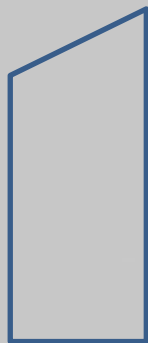
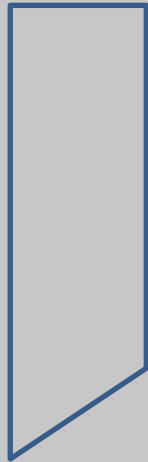
High final local content – upstream benefit

- *Module assembly*
- *Cell and wafer manufacture*
- *Thin film module manufacture*



NET COST = REFIT – BENEFIT VALUE

REFIT Rx kWh



COUE R75kWh*

Integration

Stimulus

Skills

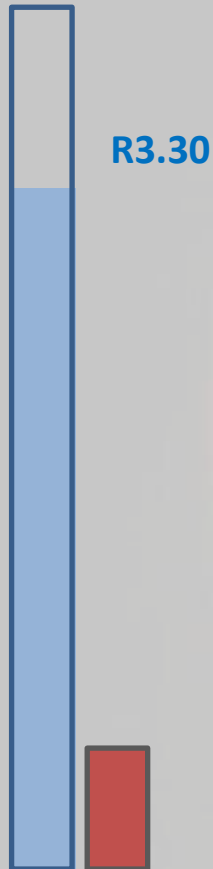
Employment

Environmental

All unique benefits
Conservatively R0.70/kWh

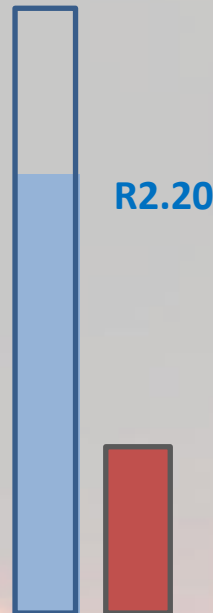
* – See IRP2010 Input parameters

REFIT R4



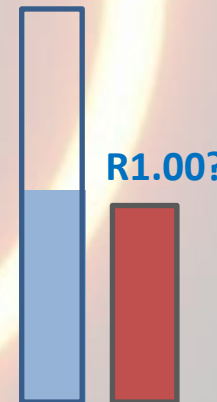
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REFIT R3



R2.20

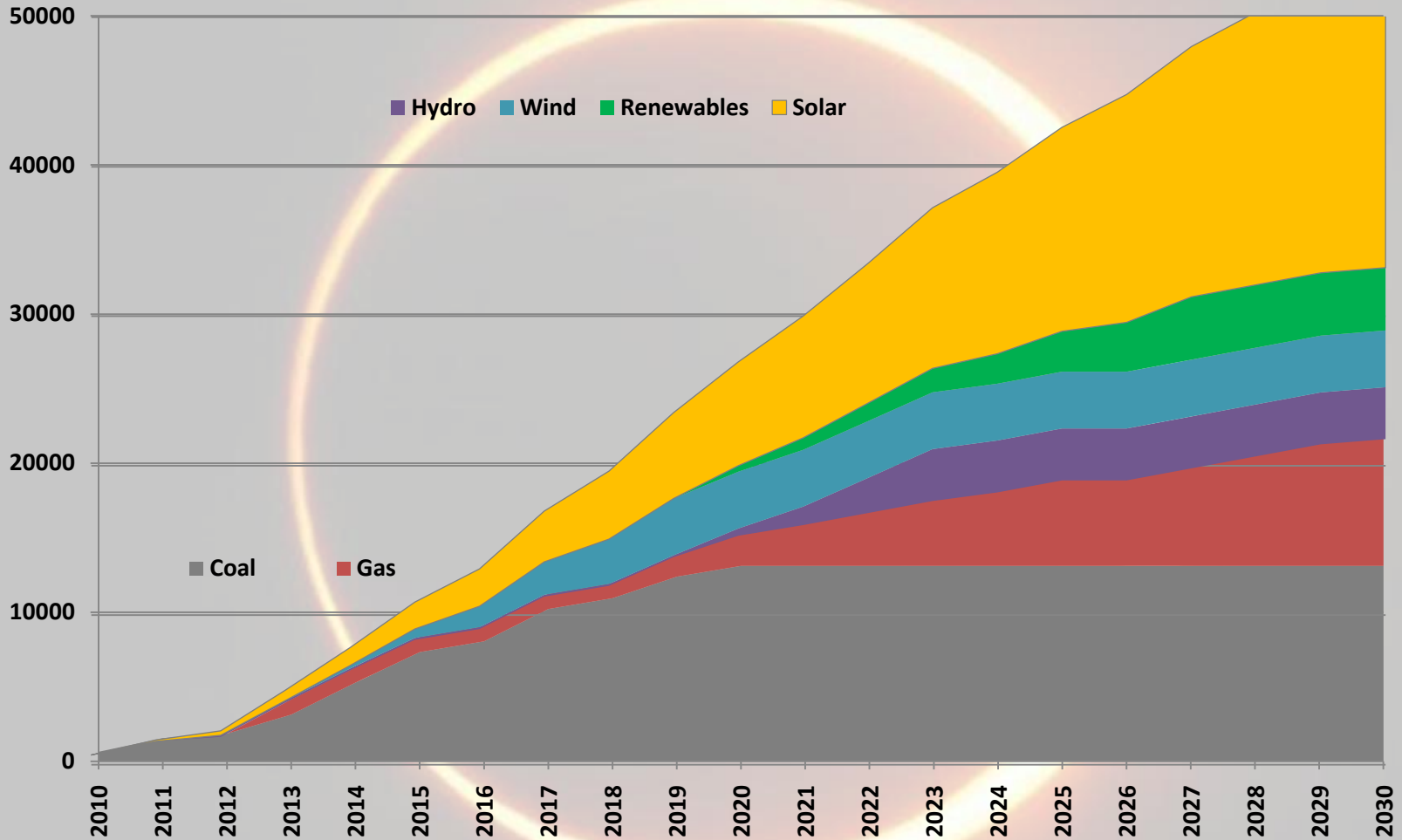
REFIT R2



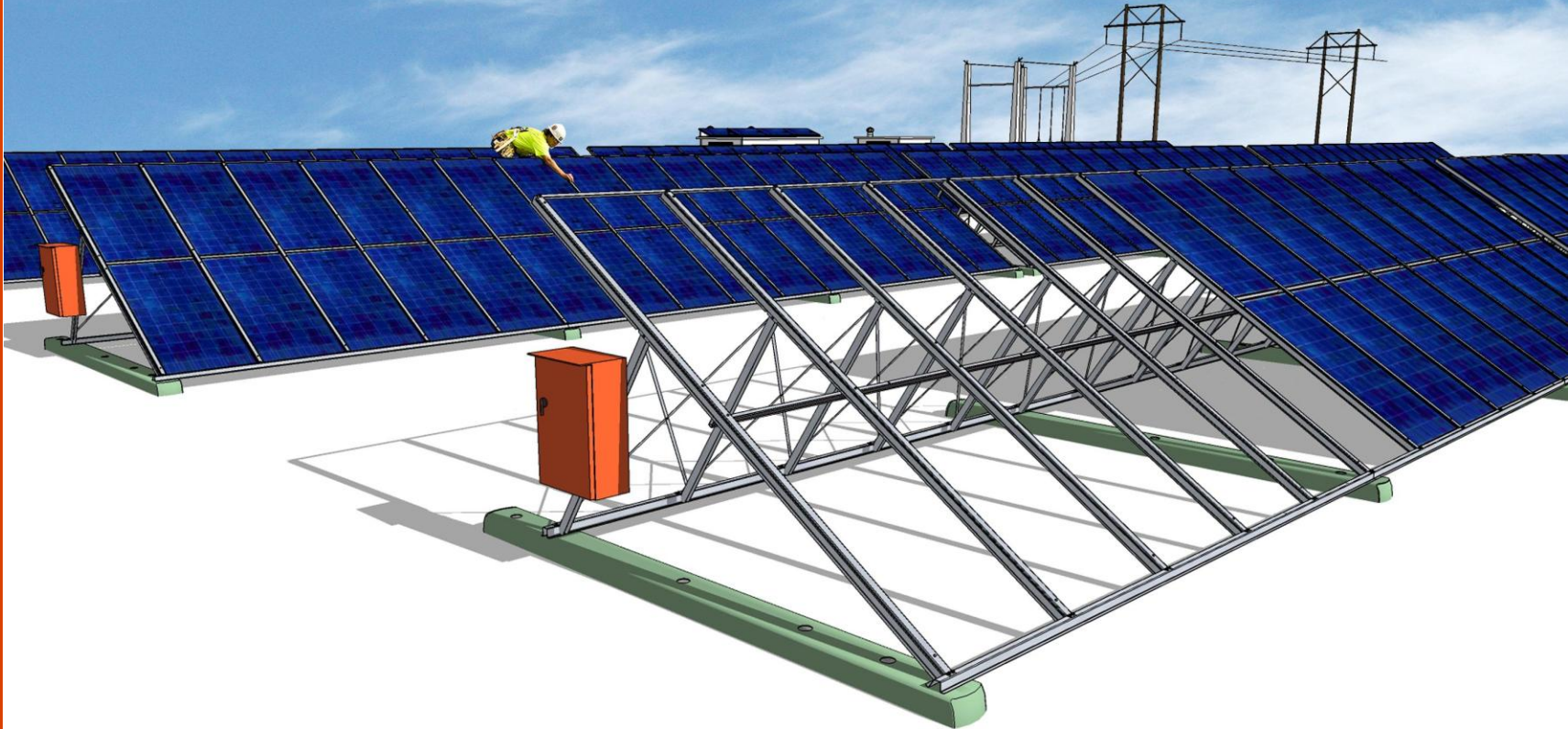
R1.00?

**COST – BENEFIT OF PV
HIGHEST OF ALL R.E.
ENERGY SOURCES**

Benefit value rises as capacity increases



The solar future





**THANK
YOU**

A large array of blue solar panels is shown in a field. The panels are arranged in a grid pattern and are tilted. In the foreground, there is a metal fence. The text "ADDITIONAL SLIDES" is overlaid on the image in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

ADDITIONAL SLIDES

FOR Q&A

- **PV provides high quality electrical energy**

Frequency within <1%; Low harmonics

- **PV based on next-generation inverters – usher in smart grids**

Ability to ride-through faults – stabilise line

PV provides real time control of power factor / voltage

Can operate in islanded mode

- **Much easier to integrate than wind**

Grid integration at 11kV to 132kV

Next to load centres – no long interconnect lines

EAF measures plant availability, plus external non-controllable energy losses

PV has very high EAF > 95% (ESKOM 2010 ave. 85.5%)

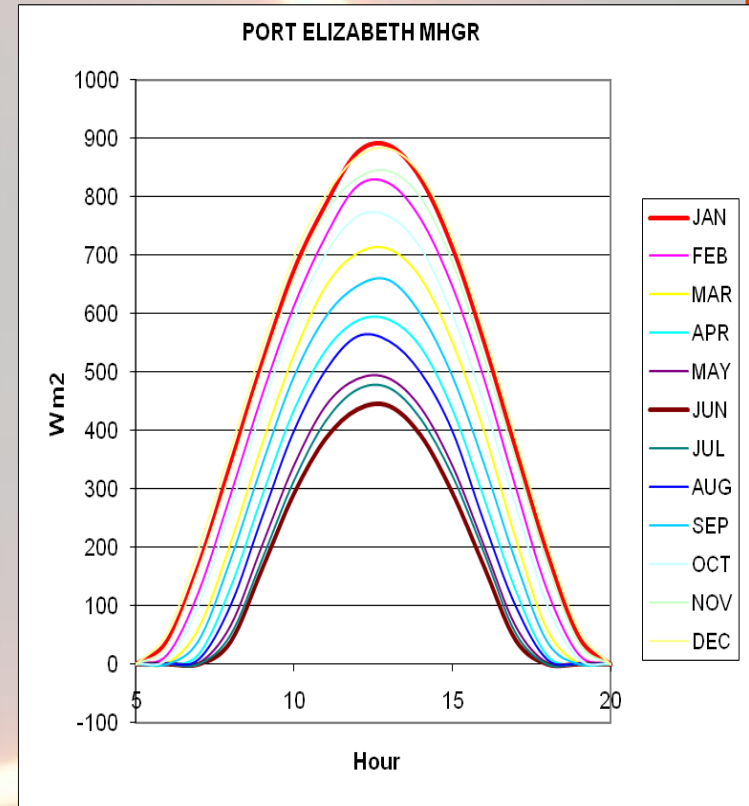
- **Robust, solid state, rapid fault detection, simple maintenance**

Capacity factor – ave. vs nameplate

- **PV Capacity factor varies seasonally**

Summer 27% winter 22% *ESKOM ave. 66.6%*
- highly predictable

PV IS DESPATCHABLE OVER 24 ROLLING FORECAST PERIOD



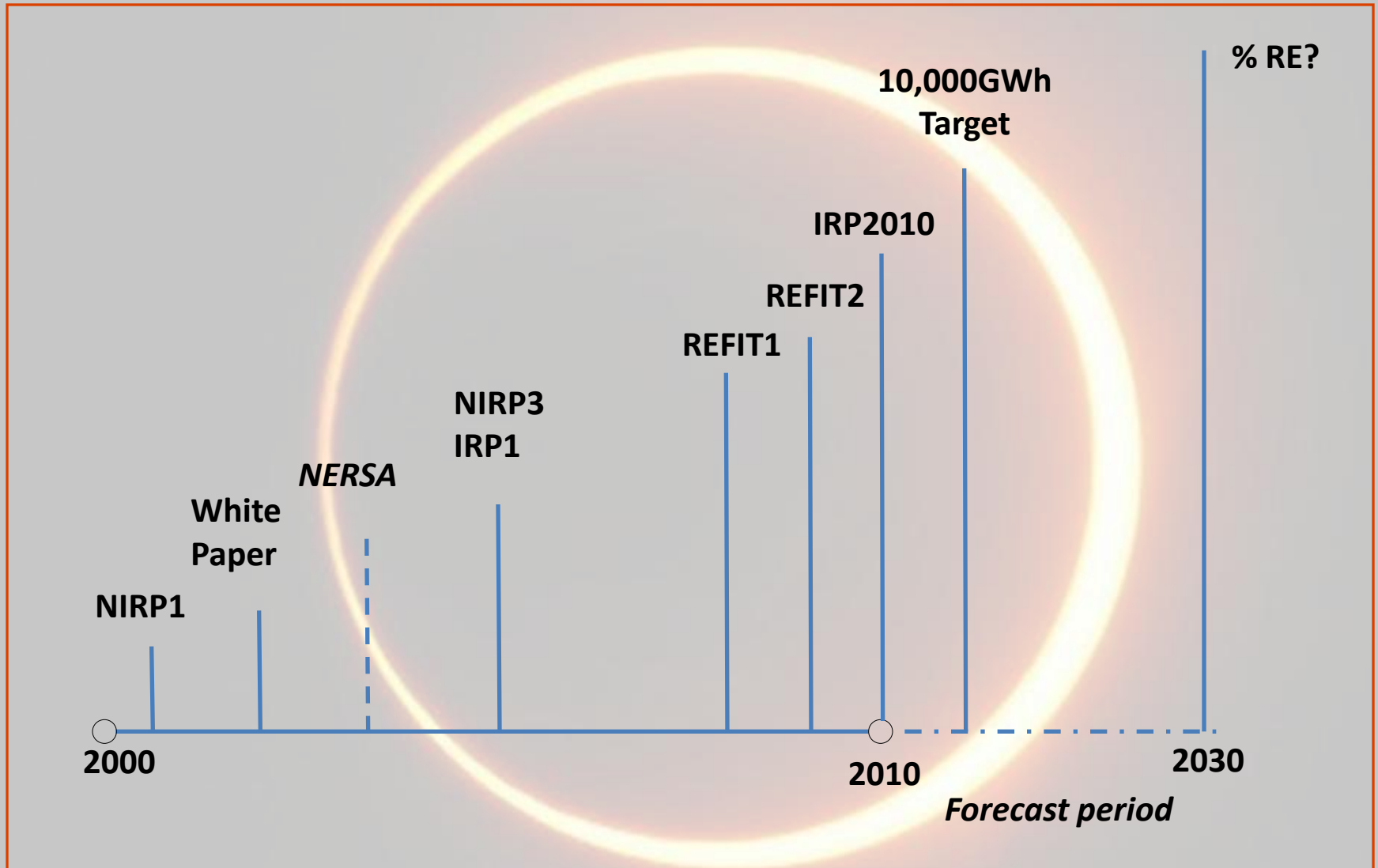
Measures contribution to grid reliability under certain conditions
Complex probabilistic calculation – several methods

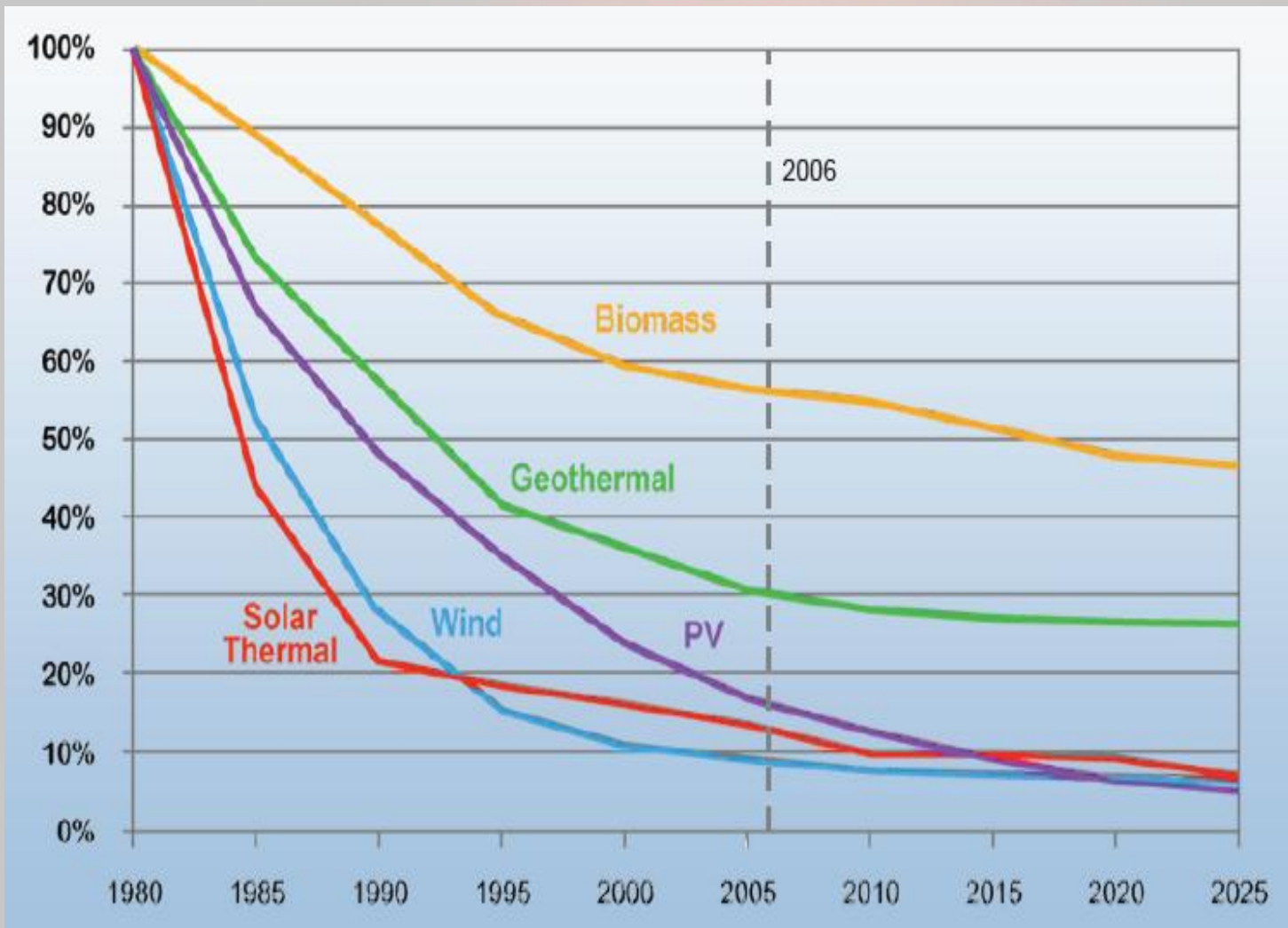
- Both load and annual radiation pattern are variables
- US studies (2004/5) show high capacity credits for fixed PV
Higher CC in areas of high radiation

Denver – 59%
Pueblo – 63%

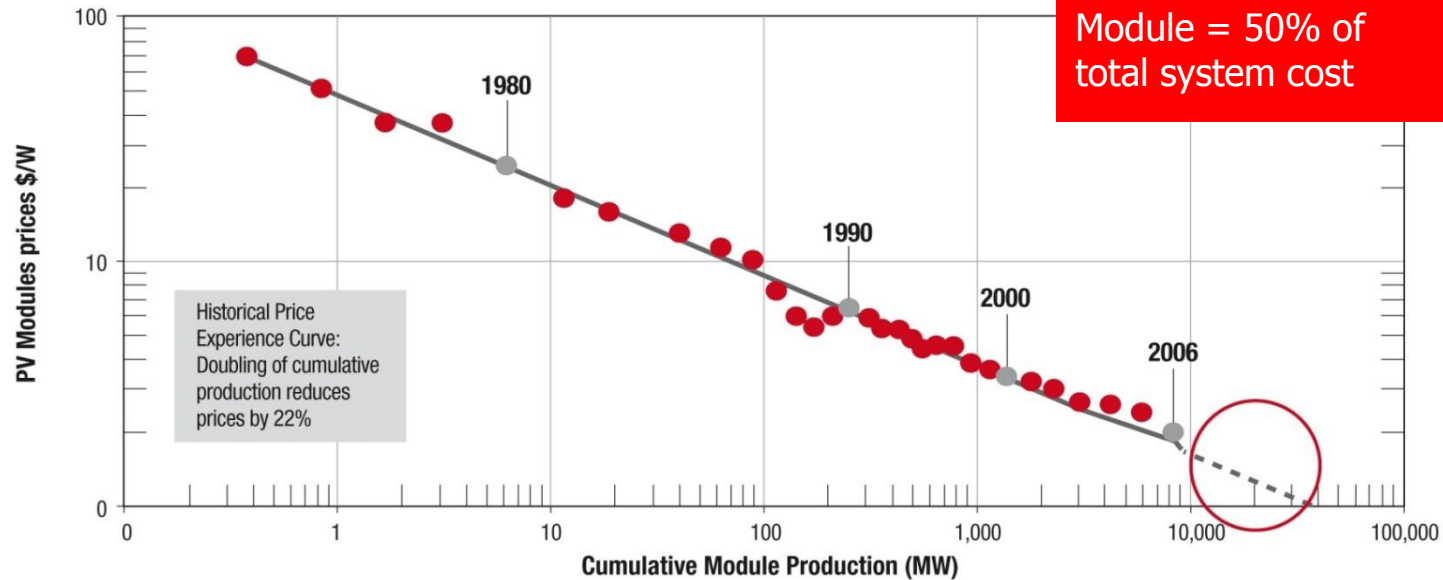
- Need SA analysis of Relative Firm Capacity - ratio of Firm Generation Capacity to Installed Generation Capacity.

WILL SHOW CAPACITY CREDIT NOT A FACTOR AT PENETRATION LEVELS <10%





Photovoltaic module price experience curve since 1976 (\$/W)



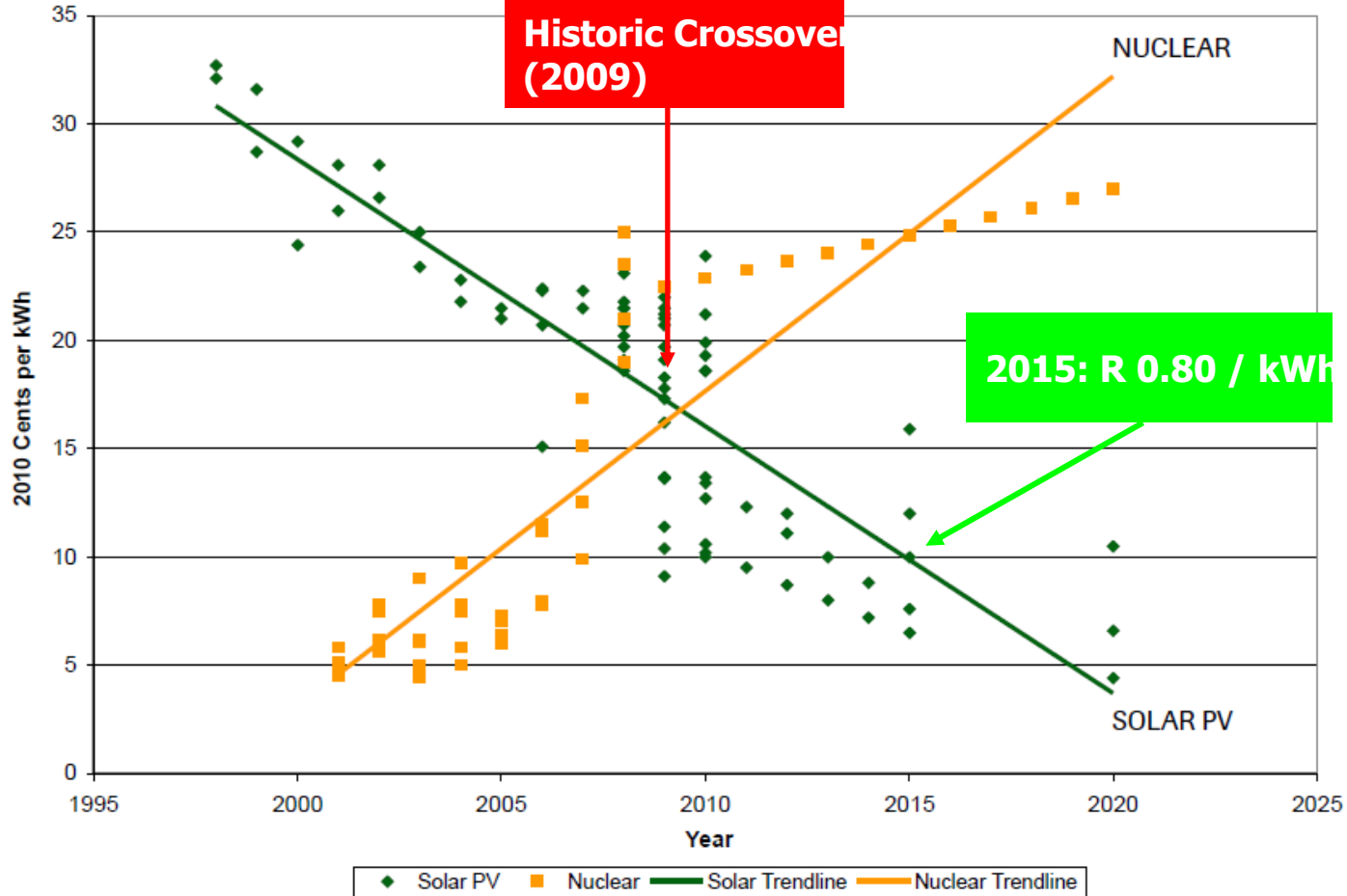
Sources: EU Joint Research Centre - EIA - National Renewable Energy Laboratory - A.T. Kearney analysis.

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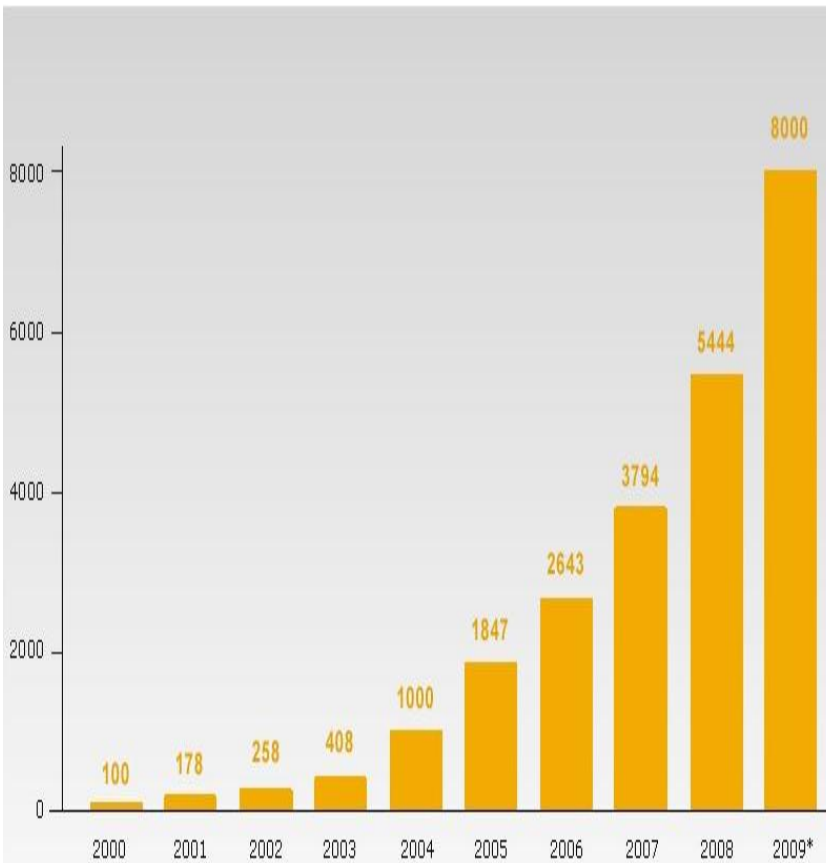
- Module – Prices: continuous price decline
 - 1980: > \$ 30 /Wp
 - 2008: appr. \$ 3.5/Wp
 - 2009: appr. \$ 1.85 - \$ 2.25/Wp
 - 2010: appr. \$ 1.50 - \$ 1.60/Wp

PHOTON – MAGAZINE

“PV will become the cheapest renewable energy before 2020!”



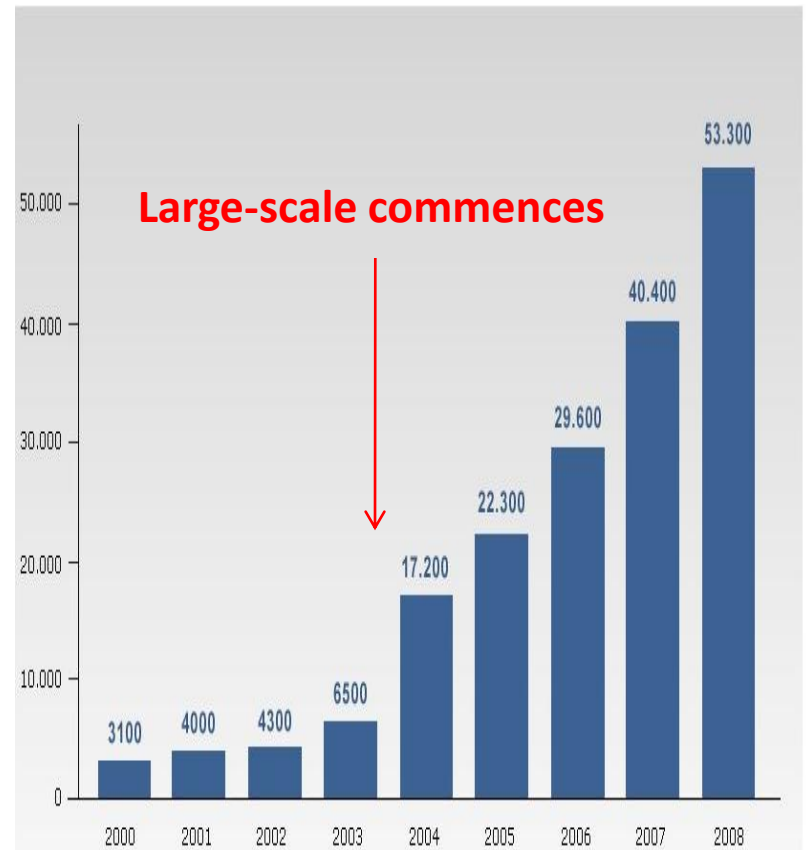
Duke University 2010: PV costs continue to decline – Nuclear costs will go up!!



INSTALLED CAPACITY (MW)

*Prognose

Quelle: Bundesverband Solarwirtschaft



CREATED JOBS

Quelle: Bundesverband Solarwirtschaft

Quelle: EuPD Research 2010

