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Round table about the relevance of electronic components
and systems in the energy domain



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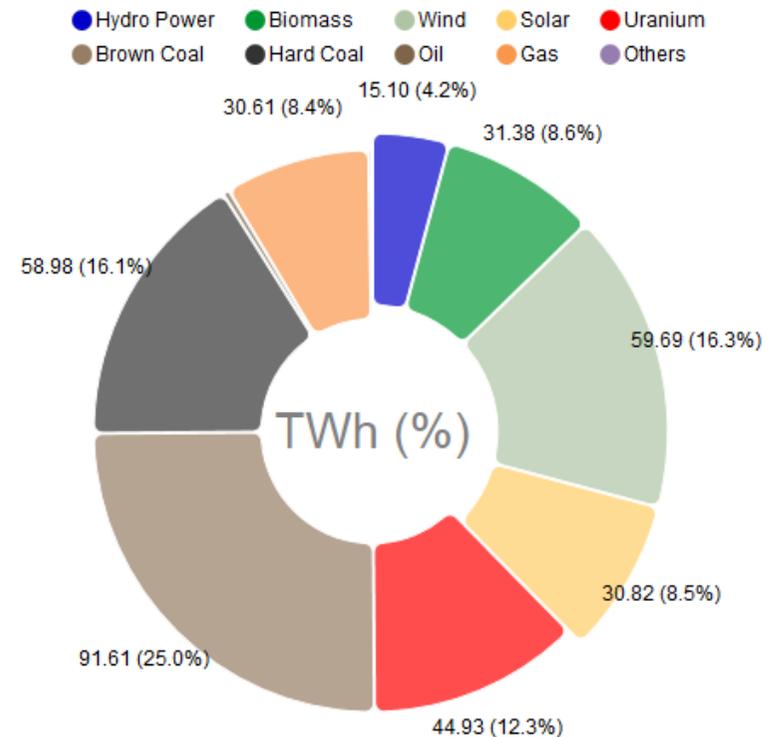
About the relevance of power electronics In electrical energy production (figures for Germany)

As of 4. September 2017

- 37.6% of renewable energy in net electricity generation since 01.01.17
- 41.75 GW installed PV capacity
- 52.86 GW installed wind capacity

-85% CO₂ emissions in 2050 needs

- ca. 166 GW of photovoltaics (x4)
- ca. 200 GW of wind (x4)
- ca. 75 GW of batteries
- ca. 75 GW of electrolyzers



Net generation of power plants for public power supply.
 Datasource: 50 Hertz, Amprion, Tennet, TransnetBW, Destatis, EEX
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About the relevance of power electronics

In the control of future electricity grids

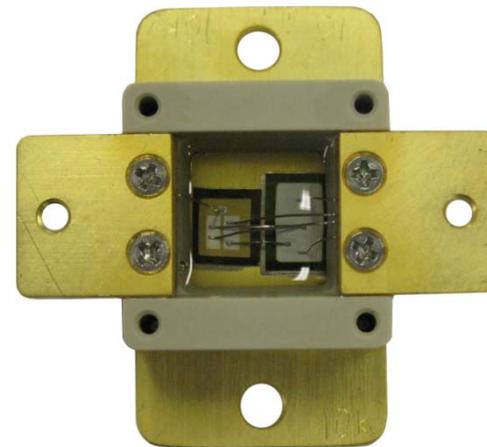
- Synchronous generators will be overwhelmed by grid-connected inverters with new features
- Inverters will have to take over
 - balancing of load-generation
 - control of voltage & frequency
 - micro-grid and black-start
- Also smart loads will have to participate to grid control (e-cars, heat pumps, data centers... etc.)



About the future need for R&D in power electronics

Further cost reduction and beyond

- Further develop and integrate wide band-gap semiconductors
- New generation of power electronics for medium voltage
- Many simplifications in PV and wind through higher voltages
- Self- or close-by-consumption of PV electricity (micro transactions within neighborhood)
- Intersectoral coupling, very concretely through PV-2-Vehicle
- Hybrid systems and micro-grids



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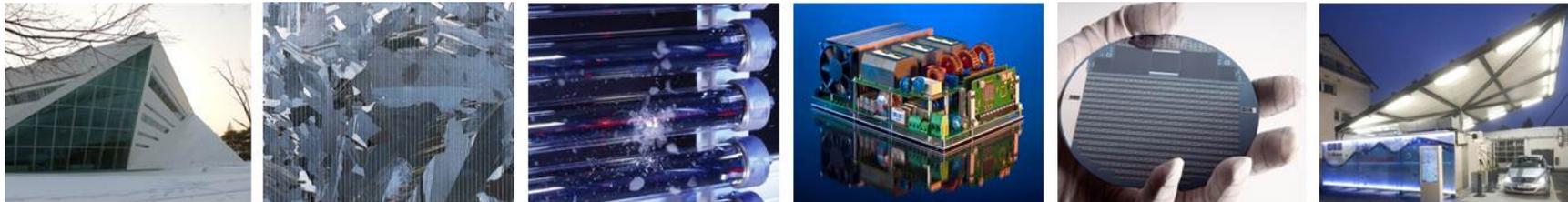
Fraunhofer ISE preparing for these new challenges

- Multi-Megawatt-Laboratory in construction (finished T3-2018)
- 15 Mio. € investment
- R&D in power electronics, grid technologies and control
- Direct connection to 110 kV via dedicated 40 MVA transformer and own 20 kV line
- Development of new generations of small to large-scale power electronic converters and grid control



Thank you for your Attention!

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