

# Solar RD&D Opportunities and Issues

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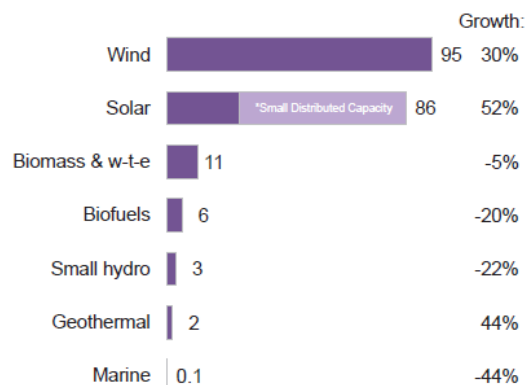
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# Solar Growth Prospects

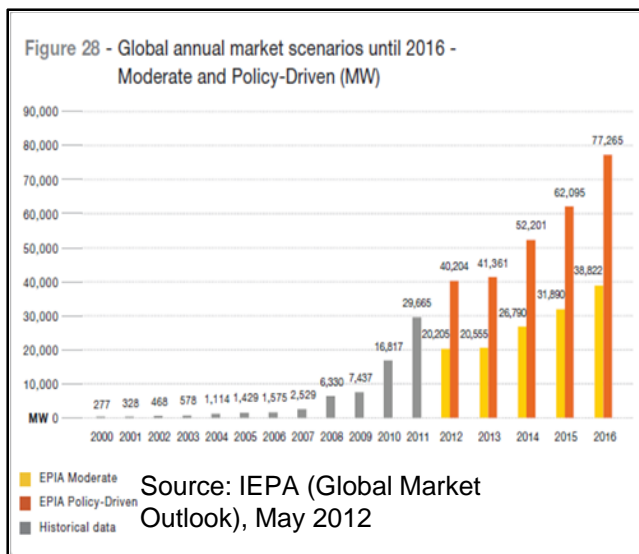
FIGURE 6: FINANCIAL NEW INVESTMENT IN RENEWABLE ENERGY BY TECHNOLOGY, 2010, AND GROWTH ON 2009, \$BN



*Over \$86 billion  
invested in 2010*

Source: Bloomberg/UNEP: Global Trends in Renewable Energy Investment), 2011

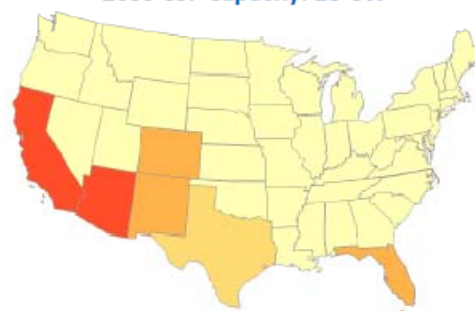
*IEPA expects PV  
capacity to more than  
double by 2017 (30  
GW to 77 GW)*



2030 PV Capacity: 302 GW



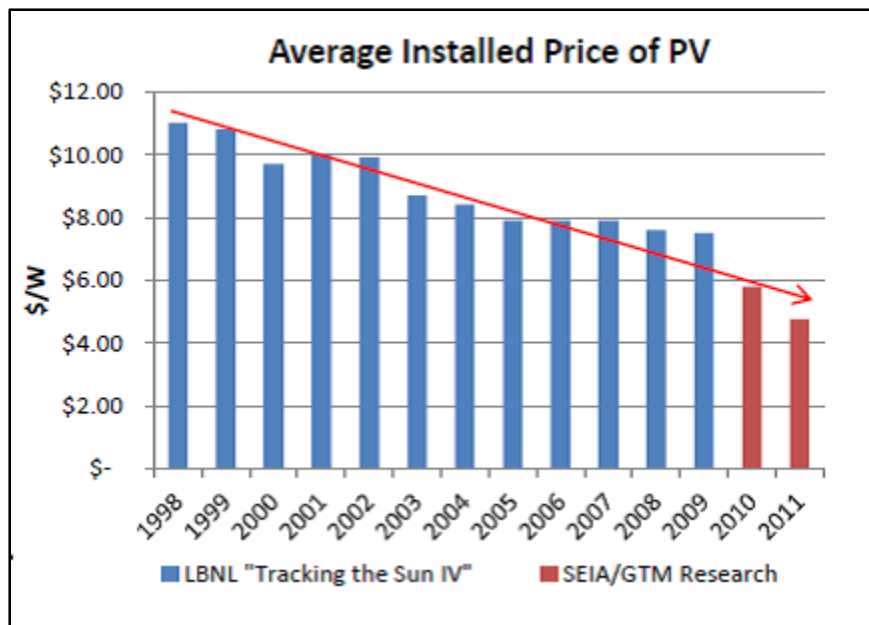
2030 CSP Capacity: 28 GW



Source: DOE (SunShot Vision Study), Feb. 2012

*DOE sees a ten-fold  
increase in PV by 2030*

# Solar Price Trends



*2010 installed PV costs have dropped to less than half their 1998 values*

*DOE's target for PV is a four-fold drop in costs by 2020 and a two-fold drop for CSP*

Source: SEIA, 2012

	Utility PV		Residential Rooftop PV		Commercial Rooftop PV		CSP					
	SunShot	Ref.	SunShot	Ref.	SunShot	Ref.	SunShot			Ref.		
	\$/W <sub>DC</sub>	\$/W <sub>DC</sub>	\$/W <sub>DC</sub>	\$/W <sub>DC</sub>	\$/W <sub>DC</sub>	\$/W <sub>DC</sub>	\$/W <sub>AC</sub>	hours storage <sup>b</sup>	CF (%)	\$/W <sub>AC</sub>	hours storage <sup>b</sup>	CF (%)
2010	4.00	4.00	6.00	6.00	5.00	5.00	7.20	6	43	7.20	6	43
2020	1.00	2.51	1.50	3.78	1.25	3.36	3.60	14	67	6.64	6	43
2030	1.00	2.31	1.50	3.32	1.25	2.98	3.60	14	67	5.40	6	43
2040	1.00	2.16	1.50	3.13	1.25	2.79	3.60	14	67	4.78	6	43
2050	1.00	2.03	1.50	2.96	1.25	2.64	3.60	14	67	4.78	6	43

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## Improving Solar Technologies/Integrating into the Grid

### Improving performance and cost

- Increasing inverter reliability and lifetime
- Developing concentrating PV systems
- Hybrid PV/thermal systems

### Enabling high PV penetration

- Improved inverter/meter communications
- Enhanced control systems with dashboards
- Transmission/distribution models for optimal PV locations
- Enhanced spatial and temporal solar models

### Integrating DG solar with EE and DR

- Tools for optimal design of EE/DR/PV