# New German Energy Policy - Achievements and Challenges

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# Comparison of German NPP lifetime <u>before</u> and post March 2011 (1/2)







# Comparison of German NPP lifetime before and <u>post</u> March 2011 (2/2)





# **The German Context**



 $\Rightarrow$  The plant with the highest marginal costs sets the price

## Since 1991 wind and solar power is subsidized

⇒The renewable power is injected at zero costs into the wholesale market

## In 2011 the German economy was very solid

⇒ over 100 Billion € of future subsidy obligations for renewables are seen as small compared to our contribution to saving the €

## Germany is integrated in the European power grid

 $\Rightarrow$  Demand and supply imbalances are compensated from abroad

## The public media report extensively on the Fukushima incident

highly emotional reports and no chance for nuclear experts to get heard

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## Installed Generation Capacity (year end)

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## => Renewable power is injected at zero or negative prices into the daily market

Source: German Ministry of Environment, AG Erneuerbare Energiebilanzen, 2012





- Economic Growth in Germany 3% (2012: 0.6%)
- ► Germany exported goods for more than one trillion € for the first time in 2011 (cars, machinery, environment technology etc.)
- Exports make for more than half of the German economy
- Second largest exporting nation after China
- Unemployment rate of 7.2% (lowest in 20 years)
- => The economic consequences of the subsidies for renewables and the shutdown of nuclear plants are not (yet) felt



## Germany is integrated in the Interconnected European power grid



=> Demand and supply imbalances are compensated from abroad AREVA - p.9

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## Major wind generation in the North nuclear plants shut down in the South



=> Congestions in the power grid

Year	Days	Events	
2003	2	2	
2004	14	15	
2005	51	51	
2006	105	172	
2007	185	387	
2008	144	228	
2009	156	312	
2010	161	290	. I G
2011	306	990	

# of corrective measures in grid control center in order to ensure security of supply



## Main new laws

### Amendment of Atom Act

Shutdown schedule for the nuclear plants

#### Amendment of law on promotion of renewable energies

- Targets: by 2020: 35% renewables, ... by 2050: 80%
- Subsidies for research on energy storage
- Flexbility premium for biogas plants

#### Law on new implementation of energy economic directives

- Ownership unbundling of transmission grid from power generation and sales
- Introduction of smart meter systems as a basis for flexible electricity tariffs

#### Law on accelleration of power grid expansion

- Nationally homogeneous approval procedure
- National plan for grid expansion
- Financial compensations

#### Amendment of law on special fund for "Energy and Climate"

 Lost payments from nuclear plants are compensated by auctioning CO<sub>2</sub> emission certificates.

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#### German Government Energy Concept Power Generation 2011 612 TWh 100% Efficiency and Naste 1% Savings Photovoltaics 3% Renev 2010 - 2050 Hydro 4% Biomass 5% Vind 8% Power imports Miscellaneous 3 % from Renewables 50% Fossi National Power Generation Nuclear 18% Nuclea 0% 2011

"We intend to reduce the power consumption by 10 % until 2020 compared to 2008 and by 25 % until 2050." (Energy Concept of the Federal Government)

2030

2040

2050

2020



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