

## Woody bioenergy in Germany – utilisation and perspectives

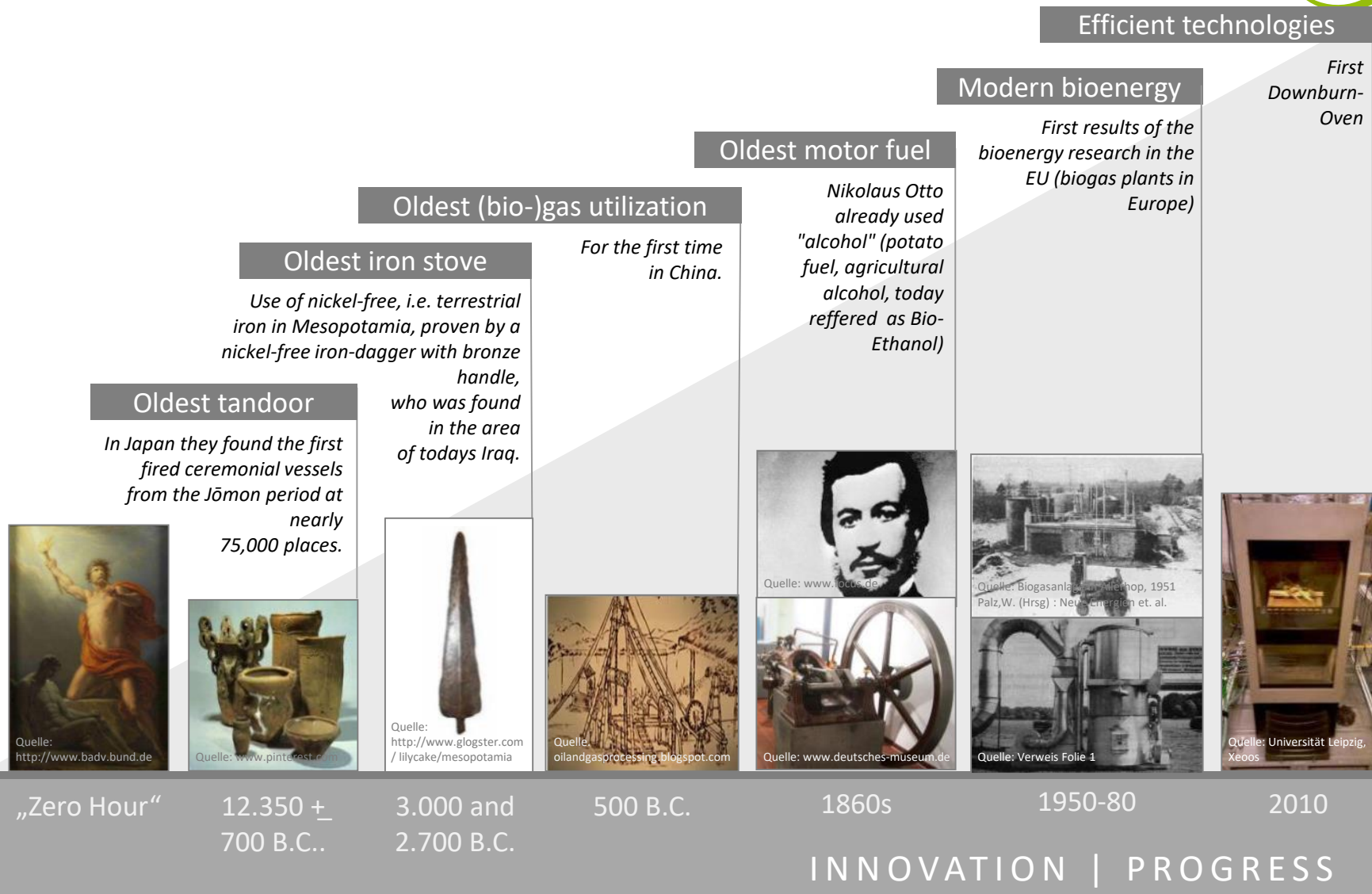
### SmartBiomassHeat

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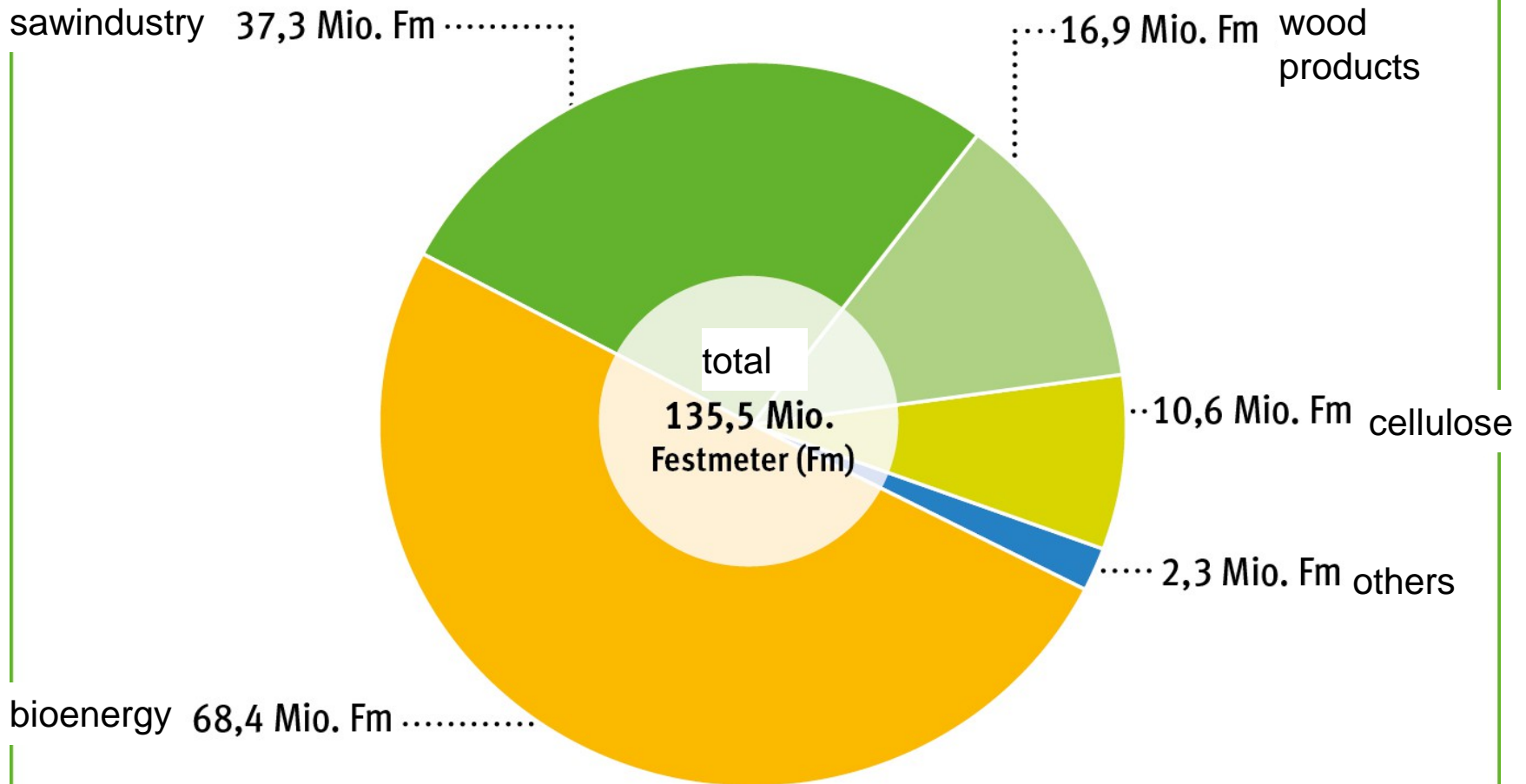


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# The bioenergy journey until today



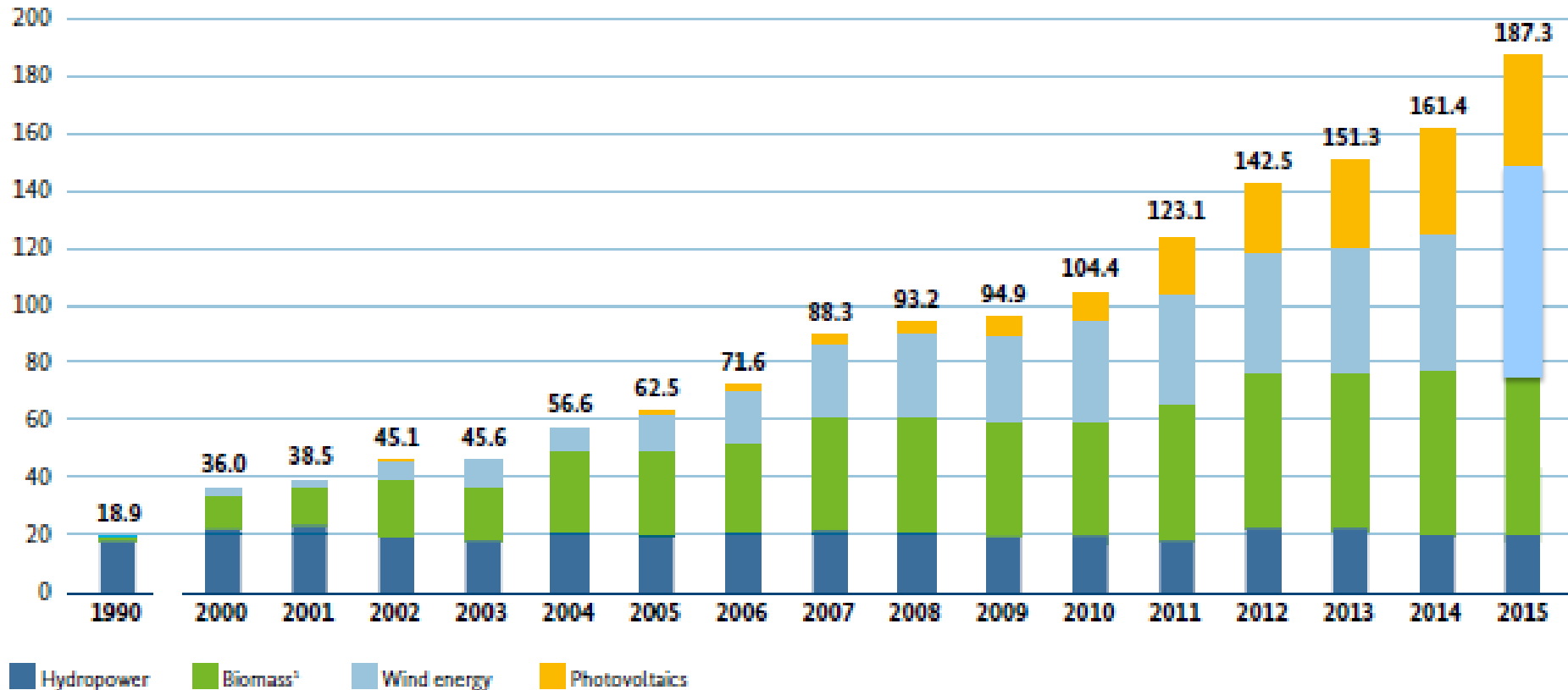
# Woody biomass resources in Germany (2010)



# Development of renewable power generation in Germany



in billion kWh

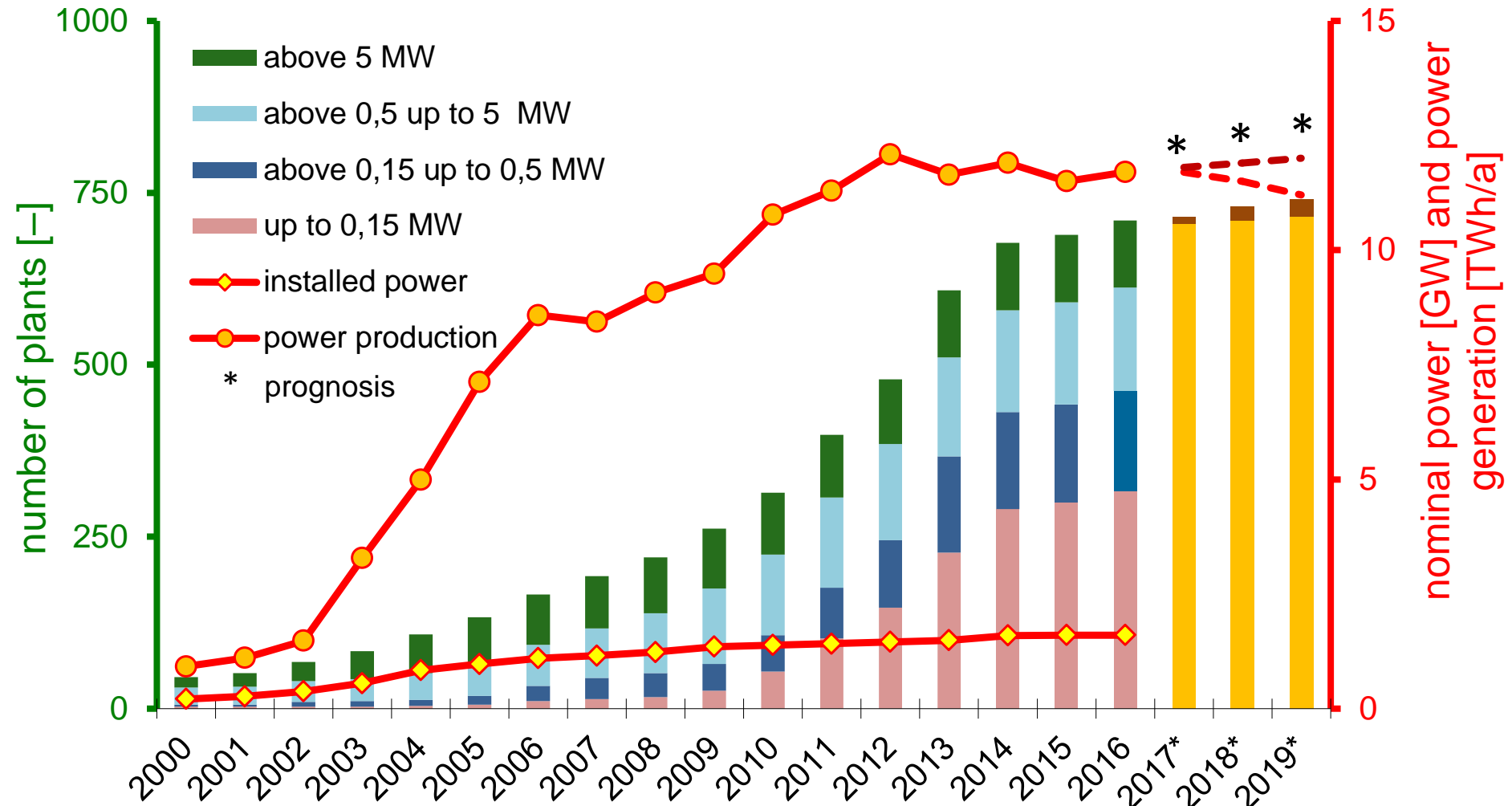


Geothermal power plants are not shown here because of their very small share.

<sup>1</sup> including solid and liquid biomass, biogas including biomethane, sewage gas, landfill gas and the biogenic fraction of waste; also including sewage sludge as of 2010

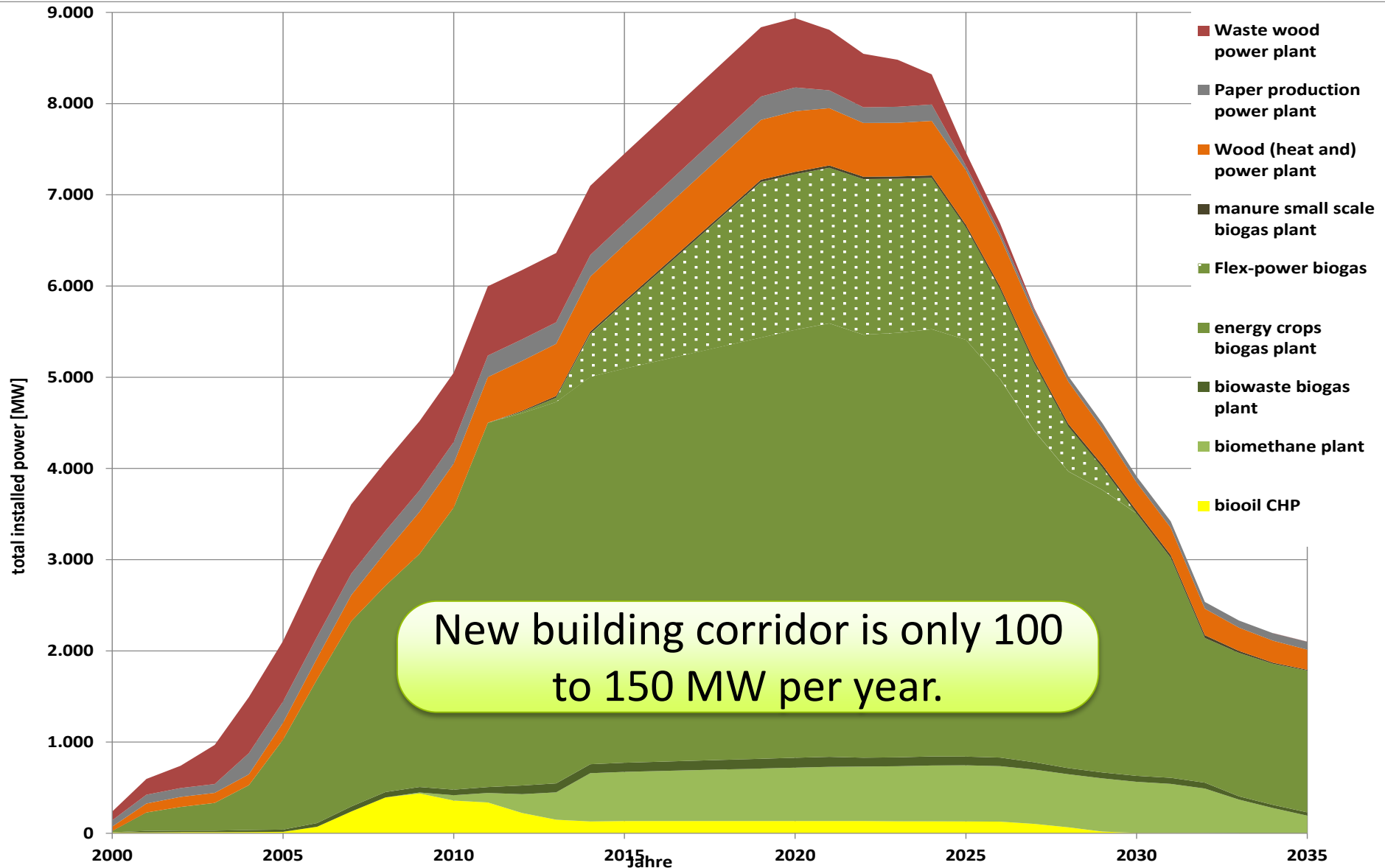
Sources: BMWi on the basis of AGEE-Stat and other sources; see figure 8, some data provisional.

# Power generation from woody biomass in Germany



Reducing feed-in-tariffs in 2014 stopped the increase more or less.

# Power generation from biomass - future perspectives

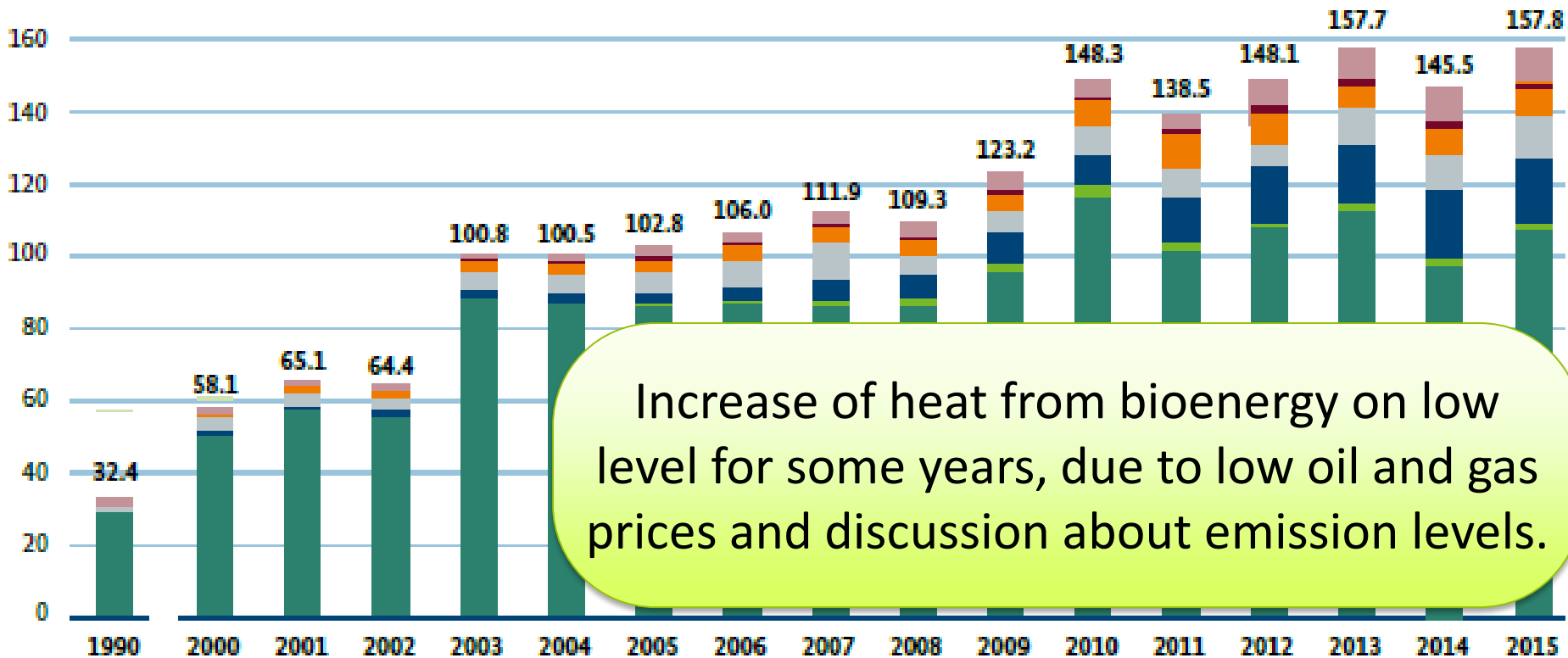


New building corridor is only 100 to 150 MW per year.

# Development of heat generation from renewables in Germany



in billion kWh



Increase of heat from bioenergy on low level for some years, due to low oil and gas prices and discussion about emission levels.

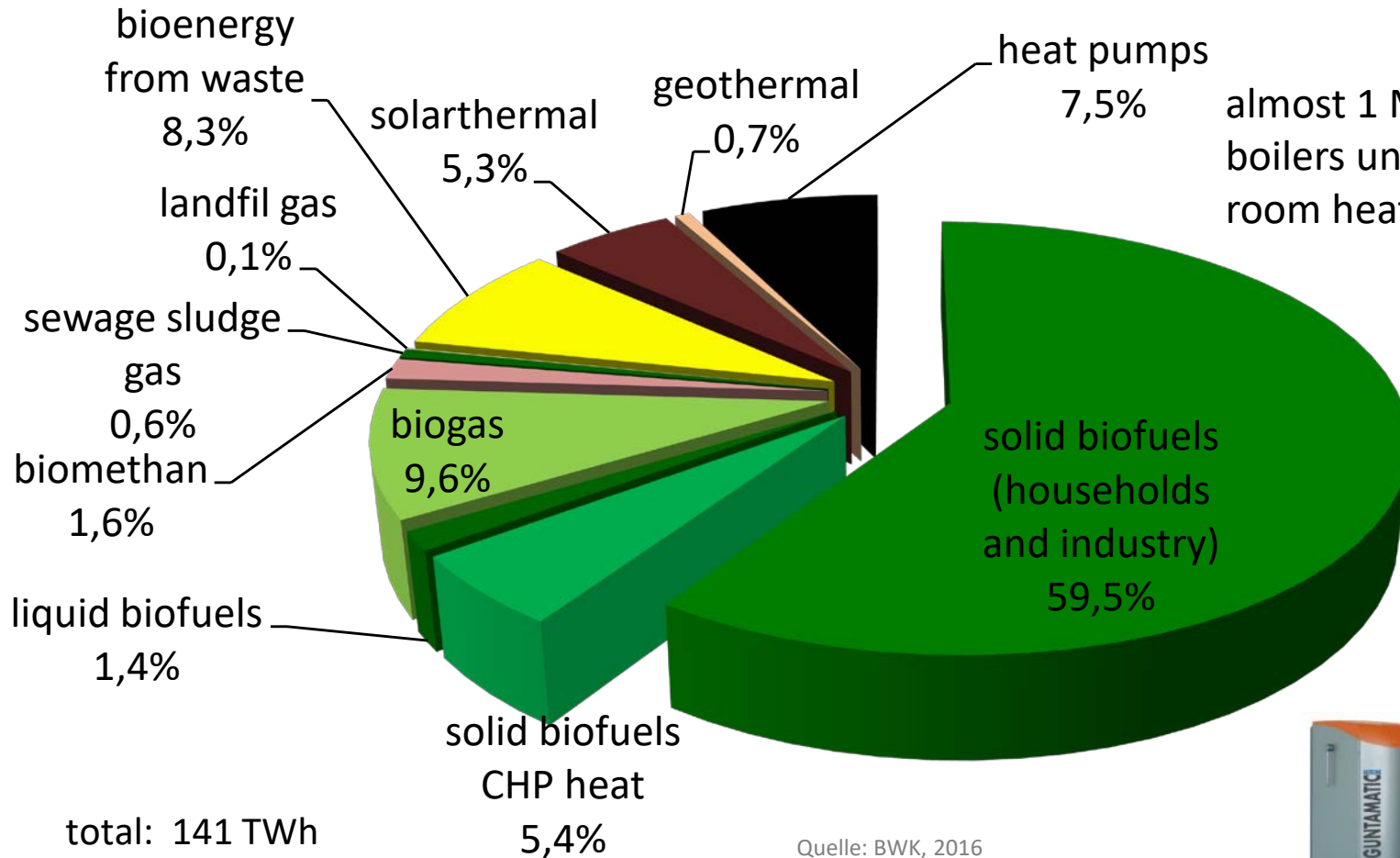
- Biogenic solid fuels<sup>1</sup>
- Biogenic liquid fuels<sup>2</sup>
- Biogenic gaseous fuels<sup>3</sup>
- Biogenic fraction of waste
- Solar thermal energy
- Deep geothermal energy
- Near-surface geothermal energy, ambient heat

1 including biogenic fraction of waste; including sewage sludge as of 2010; information for TCS sector (trade, commerce and service sector) available at 2003

2 including agricultural consumption of biodiesel

3 biogas including biomethane, sewage gas and landfill gas

# Sources of heat from biomass (2015)



almost 1 Mio. biomass boilers und 10-12 Mio. single room heaters



Source: Wodtke

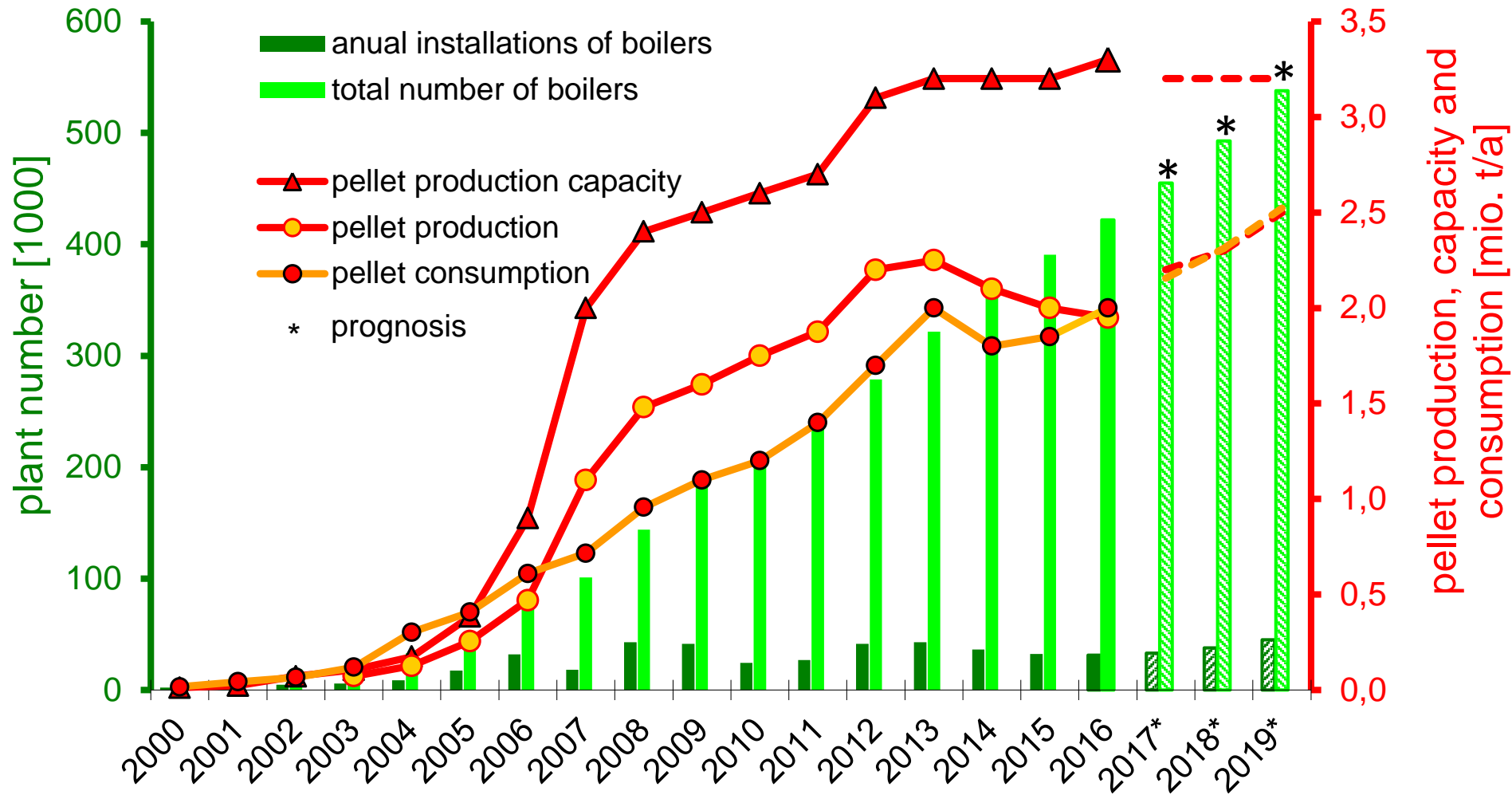


Source: Guntamatic

Up to now most biomass heat systems as single technology or base load supply (70-100%).



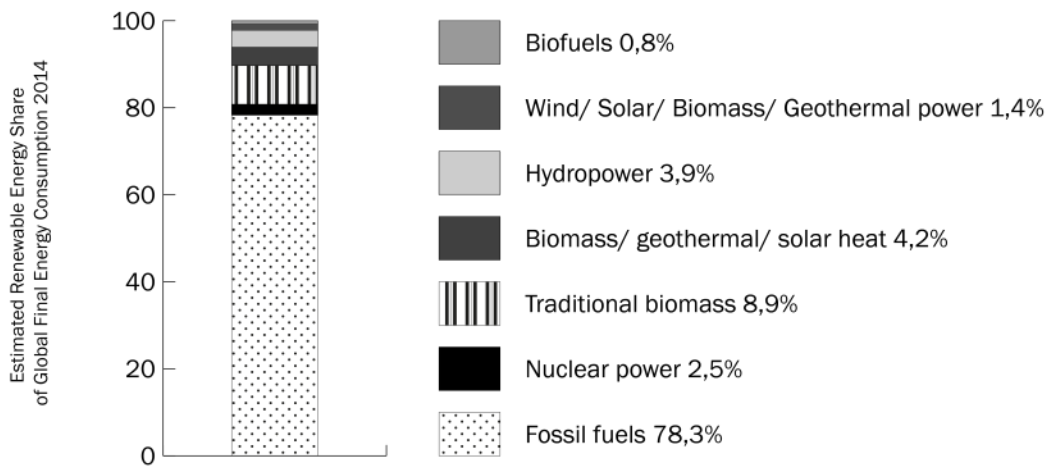
# Development of wood pellet market in Germany



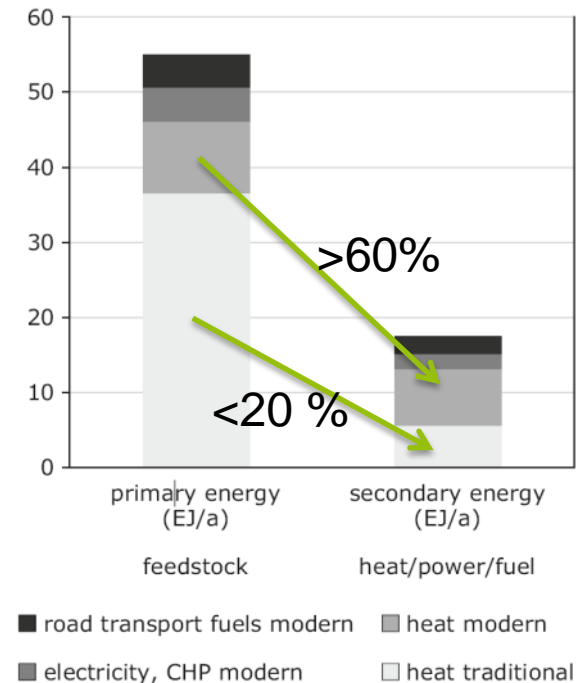
Source: DEPI, 2017

# Bioenergy status quo

Estimated Renewable Energy Share of Global Final Energy Consumption 2014



Global biomass flows in 2012



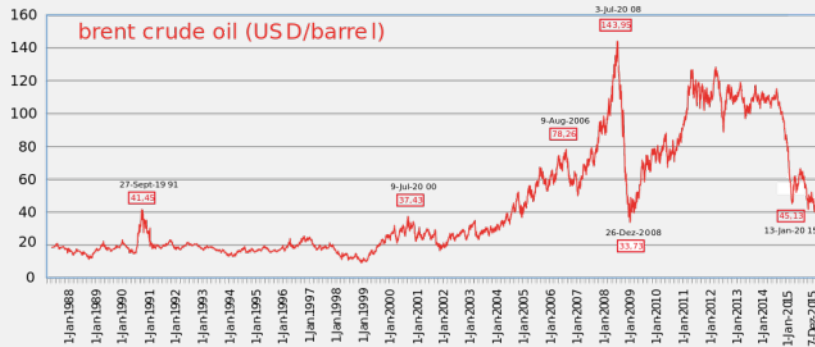
Source: Schinkel, DBFZ, Data from REN21 Renewables 2016 Global Status Report

Source: Thrän, Smart Bioenerg, 2015

With higher efficiency, especially in wood combustion, high potential of final energy without additional feedstock is available.

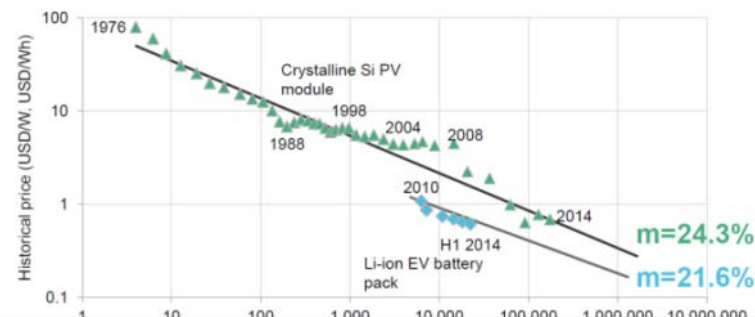
# Bioenergy challenges

## Costs



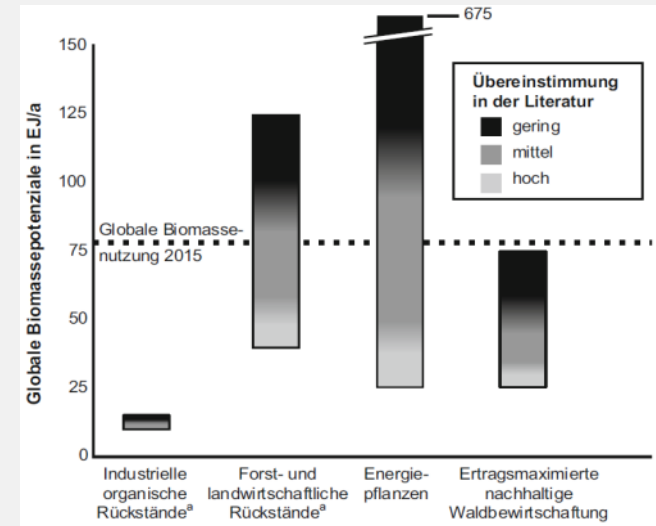
Source: Wikipedia.com / originally from the US Department of Energy

## LITHIUM-ION EV BATTERY EXPERIENCE CURVE COMPARED WITH SOLAR PV EXPERIENCE CURVE



=> Focus on residues, waste and by-products: wastewood, landscape cleaning, forest residues

## Sustainable Raw Materials



Source: Karina Bloche-Daub, Hans Hartmann, Hermann Hofbauer, Martin Kaltschmitt, Diana Pfeiffer, Lisa Thormann und Daniela Thrän. Energie aus Biomasse Kapitel 1



Source: UN, Sustainable development agenda, 2015

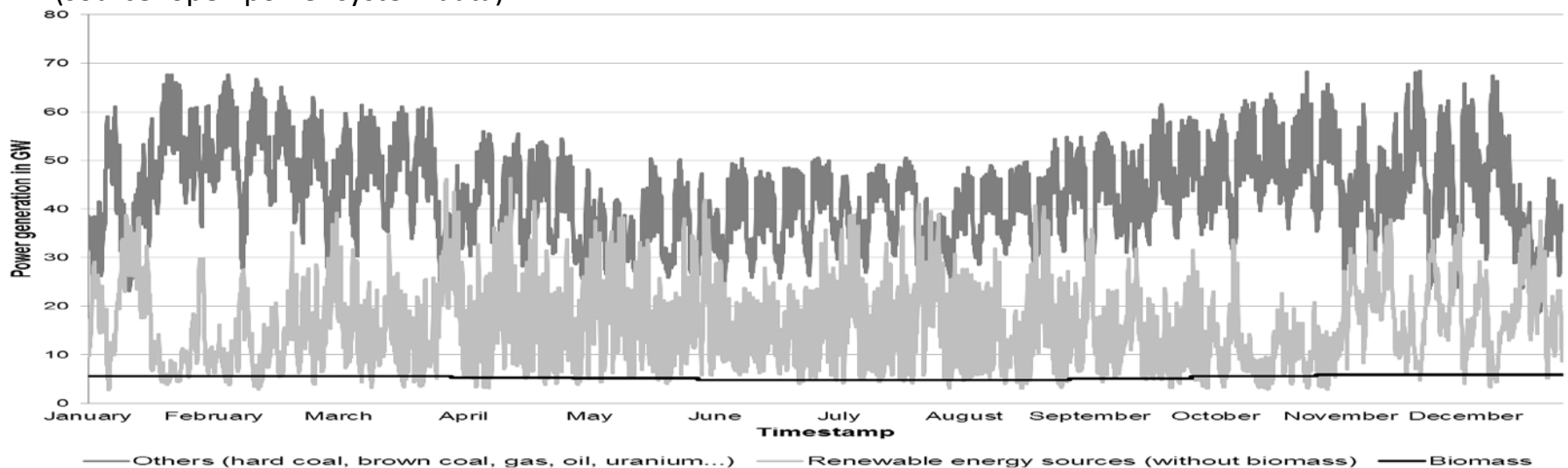
# Decarbonizing -> Renewable energy system



- To keep **global warming below 2°C** means immediately transition of energy system to **more or less only renewables**.
- Main energy supply comes from **Wind and Solar**.
- **High fluctuations** in power, but also within heat supply system.
- **Energy storage** and **demand side management** becomes immanent.
- Europe is thinking about **more significant price signals** in the electricity market also for end users.
- Biomass could **no longer be used as a base load technology!**

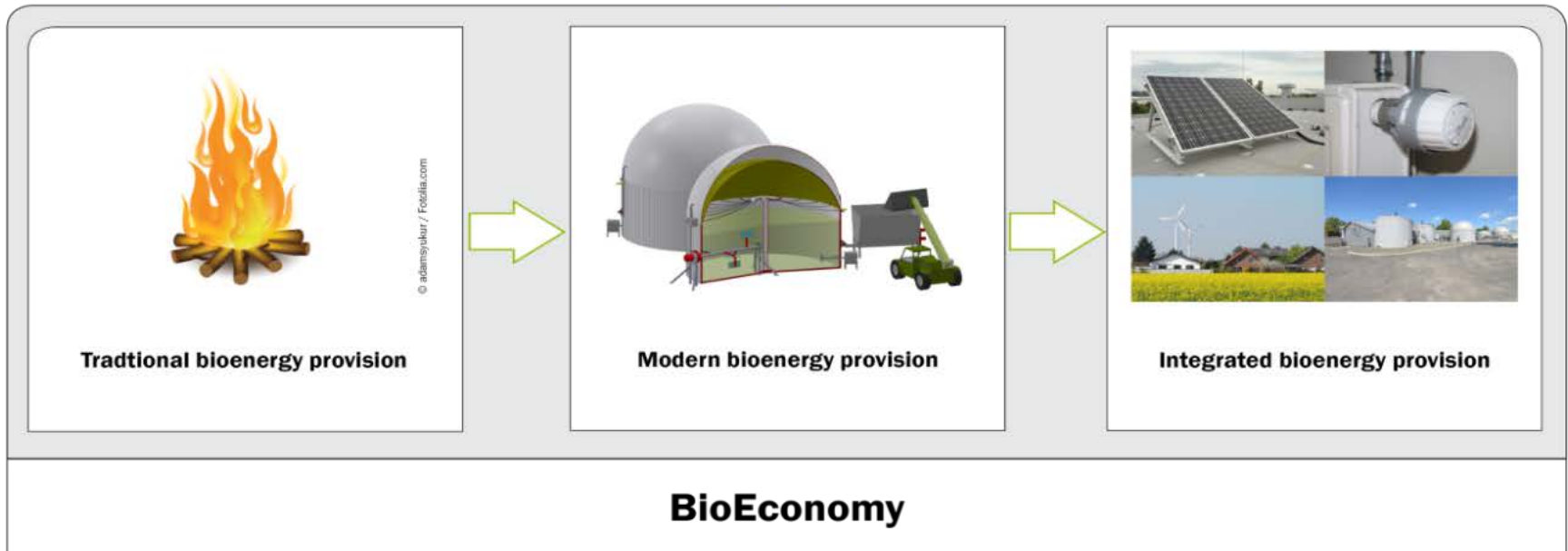
## Power generation 2015

(source: open power system data)



# From modern to smart bioenergy – The vision

**Sustainable resource basis**



Source: Thrän, Smart Bioenergy, 2015

- Use of sustainable raw materials
- Further development of technologies for smart integration into a energy systems with high shares of renewables – hybrid- and multibrid-systems
- Integration into future BioEconomy concepts

# Modern CHP-technologies for solid biomass

## Small-gasifier-CHP

### Stirling-engine

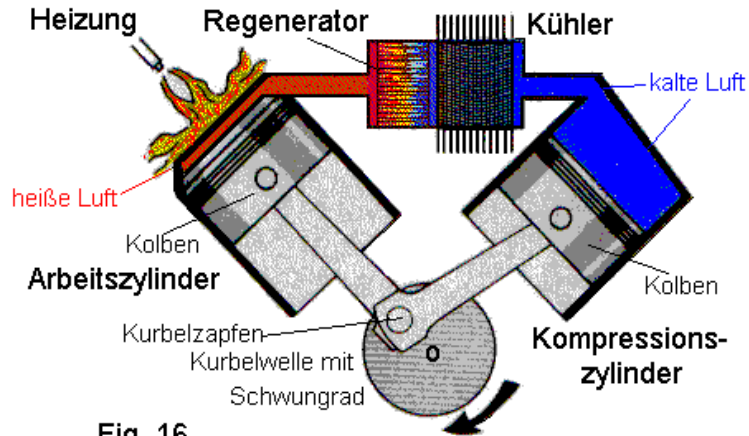


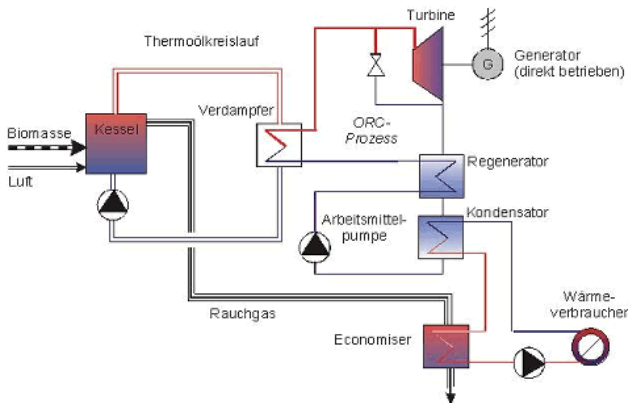
Fig. 16

Source: DBFZ



Source: Thermochemical Testing Ground University Zittau

### Biomass ORC



Source: DBFZ

### Waste wood power plant



Source: hessenENERGIE

### Industrial gasifier Güssing



Source: DBFZ

# Flexible power production from solid



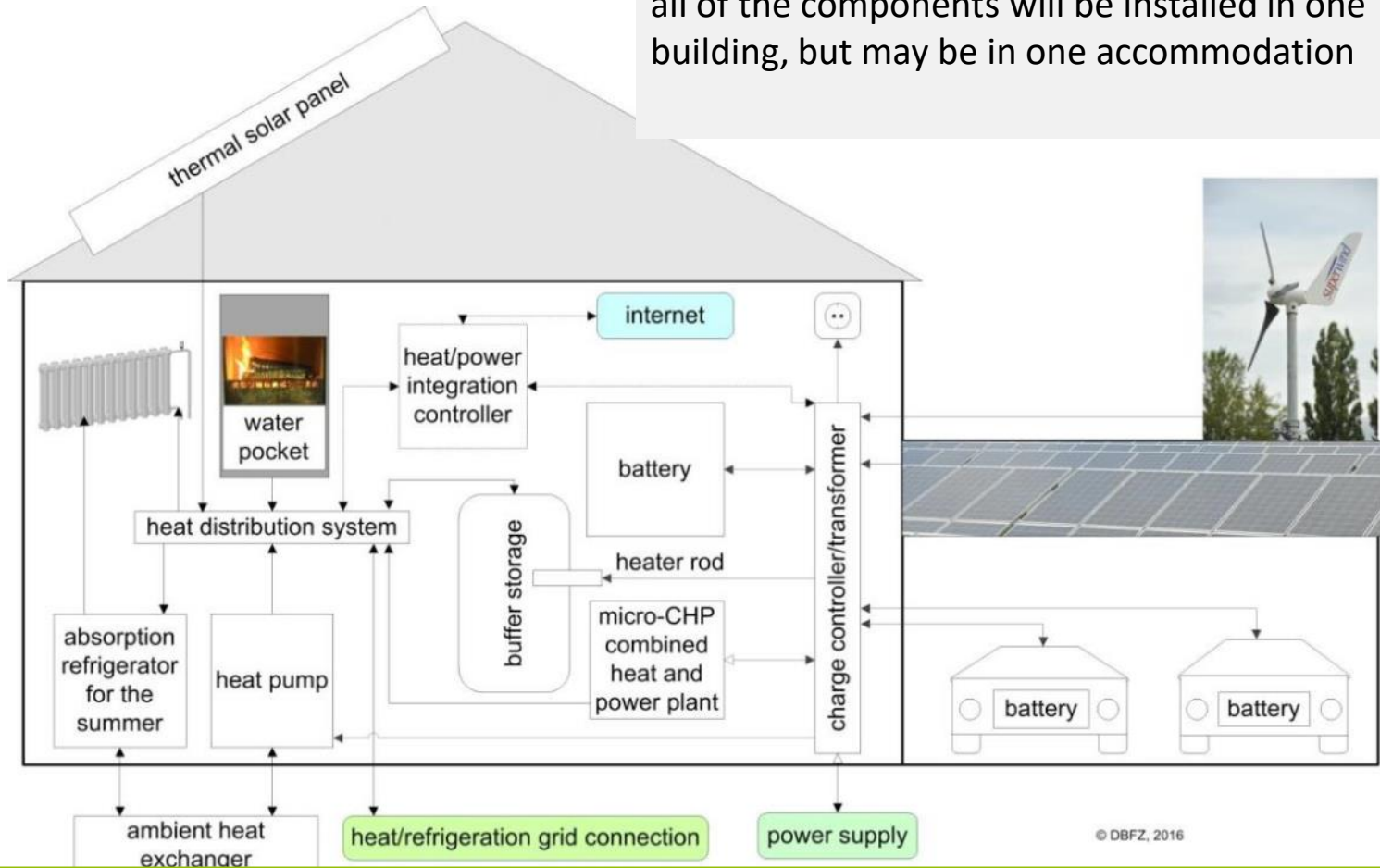
Comparison of different concepts for flexible power generation from solid biomass

Power generation concept	Status	Load change rate	Potential electrical output range	Electrical efficiency
Combustion + steam turbine or steam engine	State-of-the-art	o/+	30% - 110% (0 - 110% with steam storage)	o
Combustion + ORC	State-of-the-art	o/+	0 - 100%	-
Combustion + EFGT	Available technology	+	30% - 110%	o
Gasification + gas turbine	Available technology	o/+	50% - 110% (0 - 110% with syngas storage)	+
Gasification + gas engine	State-of-the-art	+	50% - 110% (0 - 110% with syngas storage)	+
Hybrid IGCC	New concept	++	50% - 110% (0 - 110% for the gas turbine part)	++
Gasification + fuel cell	New concept	++	-100% - +100%	++

Source: Ortwein, Smart Bioenergy, 2015

# Flexible heat provision – fundamental concept of SmartBiomassHeat

Example of connection of components – not all of the components will be installed in one building, but may be in one accommodation

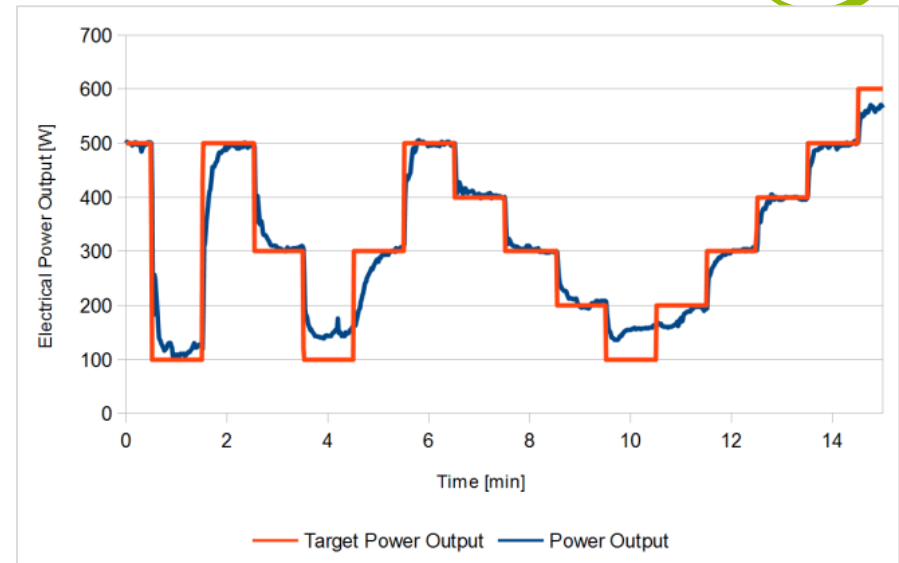


Biomass to close heat gaps and stabilize local power grid.



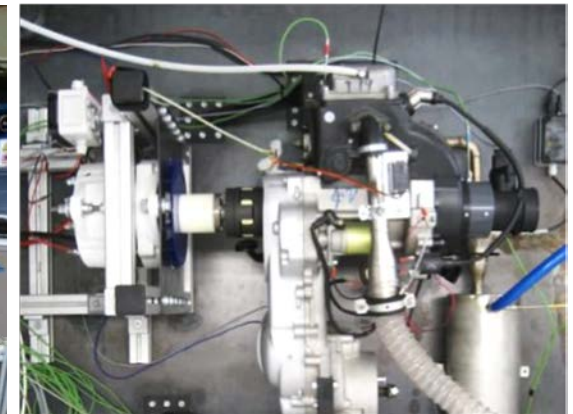
# Micro CHP for solid biofuels

- micro- and mini-combined heat and power plants for heat supply and power grid stabilization



- laboratory charcoal gasifier with 0.55 kWel motor engine

→ high operational flexibility proven!



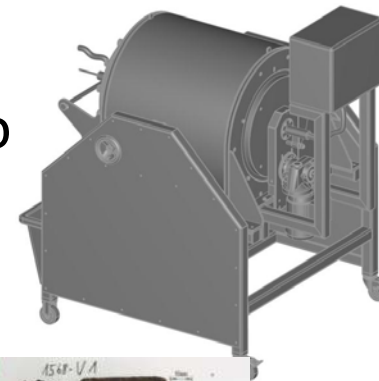
# What is necessary: High quality solid fuels

- washed leave pellets



Florafuel AG Anlage

- torrefied, washed and pre-conditioned High-End-Compactates for high reliable and flexible use also in small scale units



Source: Pusch AG



# Research needs



Innovative Products ...

... for Future Markets

Innovative  
Bioenergy  
Carriers

Smart  
Bioenergy  
Provision

Specific Use of  
Bioenergy

# Conclusions



- The **role of bioenergy is changing** towards an **integrated and supply securing** utilisation of **sustainable** biomass potentials, especially **residues, by-products and biowaste** – **smart bioenergy**.
- Innovative methods, coupling and cascade use, precise and flexible controllable systems and integrated provision concepts are important components. Their development need a **reliable framework**.
- Regional adapted plant size, fuel preparation (analysing, drying, mixing, pelletisation, torrefication, HTC) and demand-oriented plant operation will improve **efficiency and effectivity** of biomass utilisation integrated in a renewable energy system (co-generation and hybrid-systems).
- **Significant price differences in the electricity market** according to availability of wind and solar can **increase adaption of energy use from biomass** to more **system suitability**.
- **High subsidies help market integration** of new technologies, but they have the **risk of high costs and not optimized solutions!** Therefore **continue the further optimization and integration** of woody energy!

Smart Bioenergy – Innovations for a sustainable future!

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