





Building integrated photovoltaics

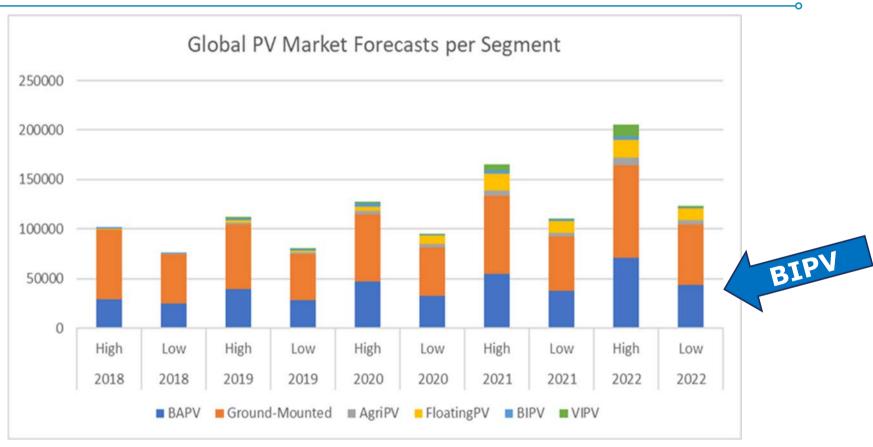
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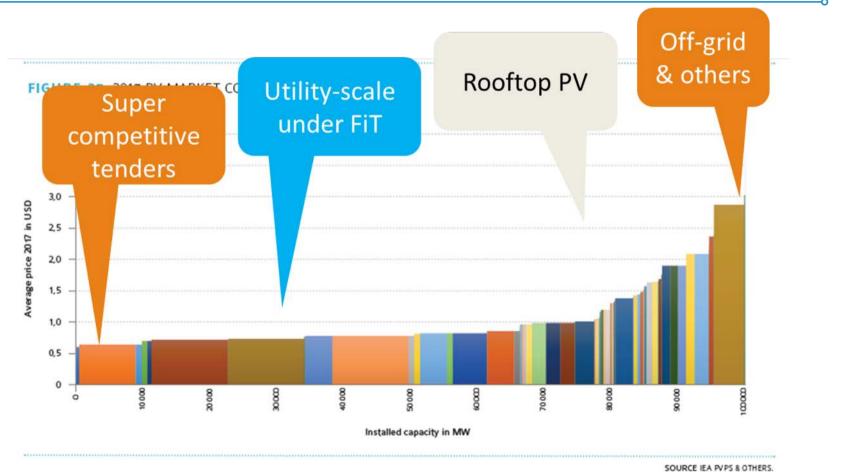


Source: The PV Market Alliance





Prospects for BIPV market









Issues

- Typical PV installation (left) Building Applied PV (BAPV)
 - Architectural disaster
- Future (near?): Building integrated PV (right) part of the building envelope (roof, façade, windows).









Main requirements for BIPV

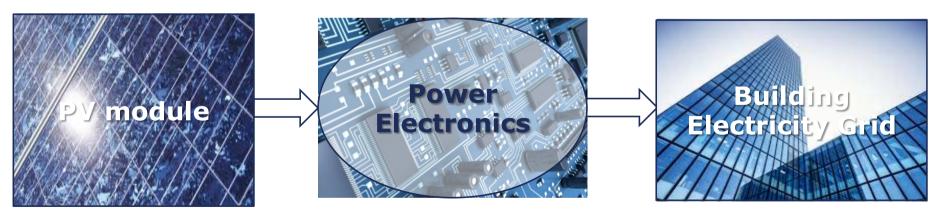
- Energy generation for the needs of the building
 - Effective contributing significantly to building energy balance
 - Compatible with grid regulations
- Construction material/element
 - Compatible with construction process
 - Compatible with construction standards
- Costs
 - Comparable with construction elements costs





Functions of Power Electronics in BIPV

- PV generator's compatibility with building energy system
- Requirements for energy generator integrated into the building
 - A must: grid compatibility
 - Extra features: safety, performance control, monitoring etc.)
- Possibility to solve many issues by smart PE



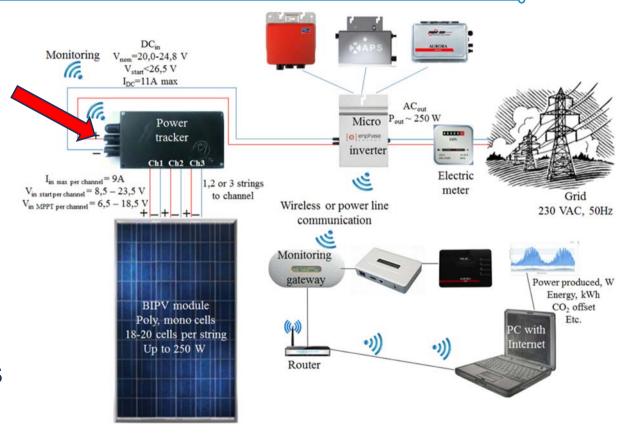






Real life case: Smart PE for BIPV in SMARTFLEX (FP7) project

- In addition to main PE function SMARTFLEX targeted following cost categories and functions:
- Construction process simplification
- Module level power optimization/monitoring
- Meeting safety standards

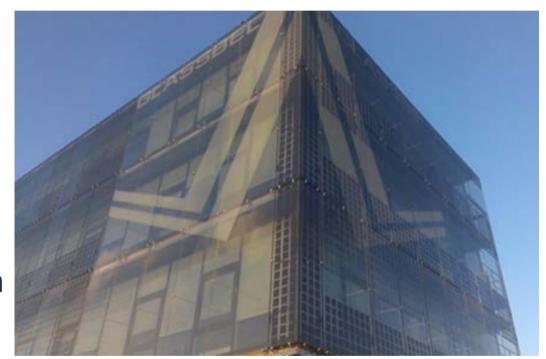






SMARTFLEX solution for BIPV cost reduction

- Plug&play solution for construction process simplification
- Increased power by PV power plant output optimization on module level
- Fire and maintenance safety through remote shutdown on module level







Thank you.

Time for questions.

