

# Global Best Practice in Solar Incentive Programs





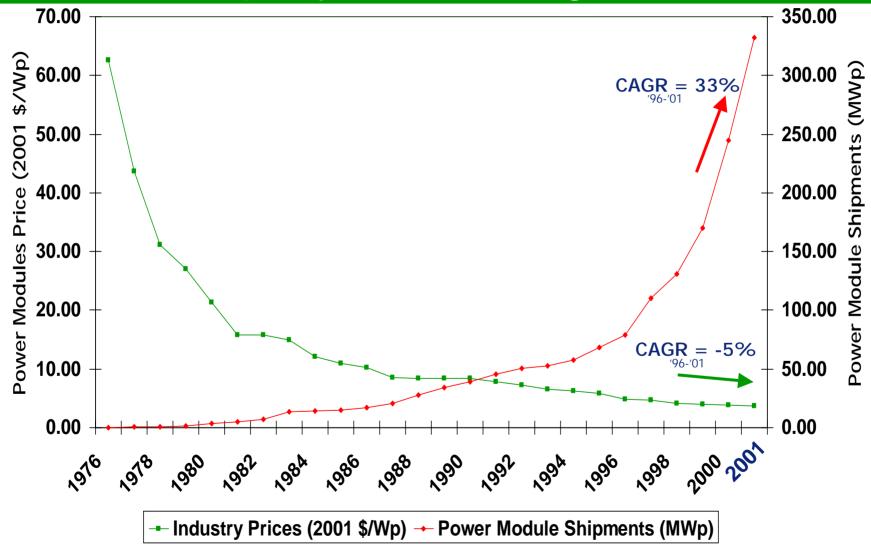
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### Demand for solar energy is soaring, and costs are rapidly decreasing

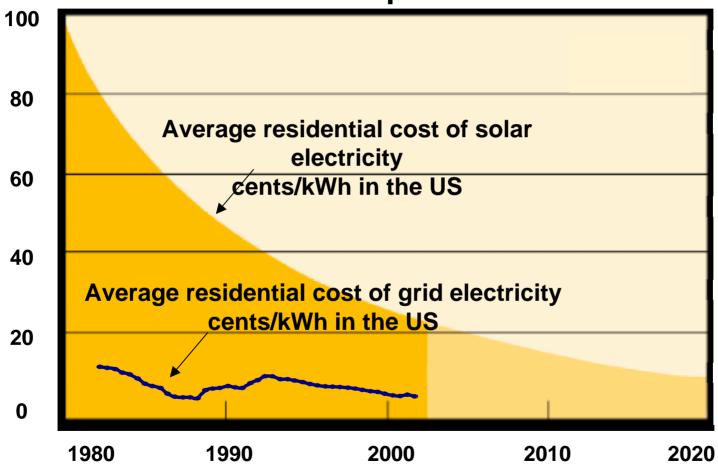


Note: Shipments are understated as "Strategies Unlimited" did not account for all Japanese shipments. *Source: Bill Rever; Strategies Unlimited, Photovoltaic Five-Year Market Forecast, 2002-2007.* 

## Enabling Solar electricity to narrow the cost gap with grid supplied electricity







**\$US cents/kWh in constant 2000 dollars** 

### However ongoing incentives will be required to enable the Solar industry to achieve parity



Speculative Investment

Promoting Market Take-Up

Stimulating competition

Stimulating 'non

specific' technology

Infrastructure

Incentivising

Regulating Open Access

**Removing Barriers** 

Establishing Green "Market-Mechanisms"

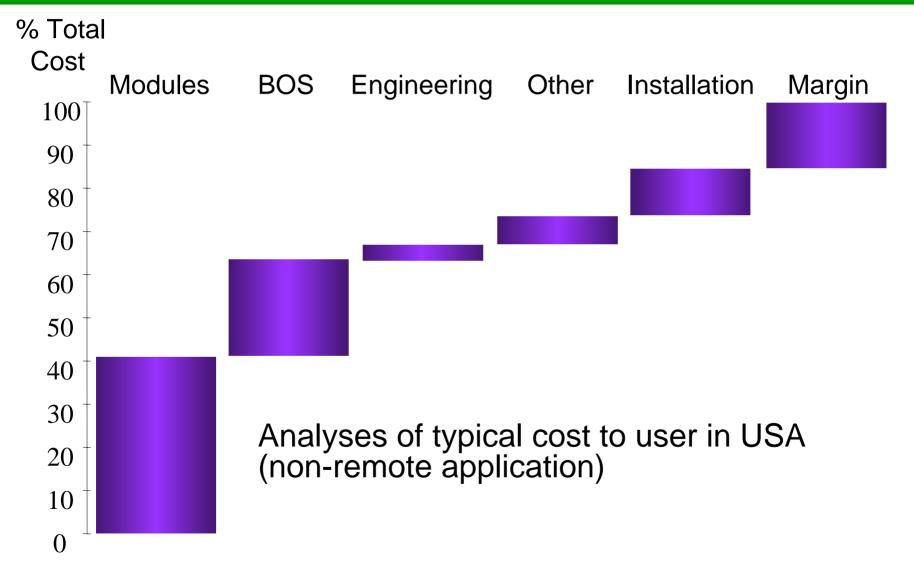
Creating level playing fields

**Developmental** 

**Mature** 

## The ideal policy should enable large, long term market development while targeting reductions in total installed costs







#### Examples of incentive structures

Market	Tax Credits	Capital Cost Buydowns	Low Interest Loans	Feed-in Tariffs	Mechanism
California	+	+		_	Surcharge on utility rates
Spain	_	+	+	+	National general revenues
Japan	-	+	-	-	National general revenues
Germany	-	-	+	+	National utility rate surcharge

#### Discussion



- How do the solar market development programs of different countries compare?
- How do these schemes match the essential requirements / key factors to create sustainable PV markets?
- What are the lessons learned and what are the best practice recommendations in support of PV?"



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