# Innovation in PV through industrial and international collaboration Innovation en PV grâce à la collaboration industrielle et internationale

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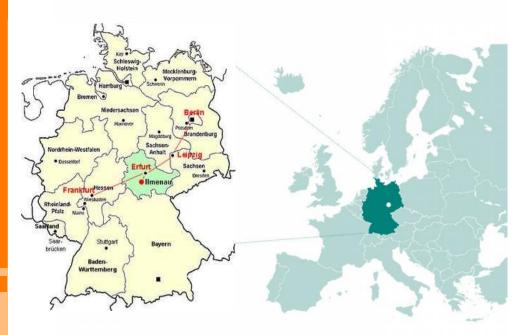




**Synopsis** 

- → Pofile of TU Ilmenau
- → Innovation in PV through industrial and international collaboration

Example: Photovoltaics





# Technische Universität Ilmenau Departments

- Department of Computer Science and Automation
- Department of Economic Sciences and Media
- Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology
- Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences
- Department of Mechanical Engineering
- 6 Inter-departmental Institutes, e.g. Institute of Micro- and Nanotechnologies (IMN)
- Competency Center for Nanopositioning and Nanomeasuring Machines



<ul> <li>Professors</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>University Professors</li> </ul>	102
<ul> <li>endowed Professorships (Professeurs titulaires)</li> </ul>	10
<ul><li>junior professorships</li></ul>	8
<ul><li>academic staff (budget financed)</li></ul>	400
<ul> <li>Third party-financed staff (financé par un tiers)</li> </ul>	400
<ul><li>All students (in winter term 2016/17)</li></ul>	6248
- Students from abroad	~20%
- Female students	~28%

Stand: 11/2017



Bachelor's (19) and Master's degree programs (25) in

Engineering Sciences (17)
Mathematics and Natural Sciences (7)
Business and Social Sciences (5)

#### **Double master courses in:**

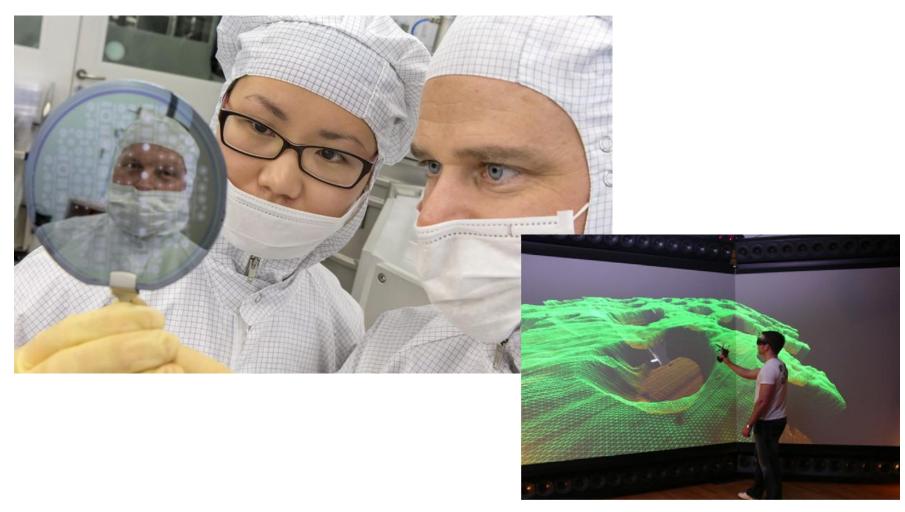
Biomedical engineering,
Electrical engineering,
Informatics,
Information technology,
Automotive Engineering,
Mechatronics, Micromechanics,
Material sciences

(together with Universities in China, France, Malaysia, Peru, Romania, Russia)





### Technische Universität Ilmenau Research





#### Research in interfaculty research Clusters

#### **Microsystems and Nanosystems**

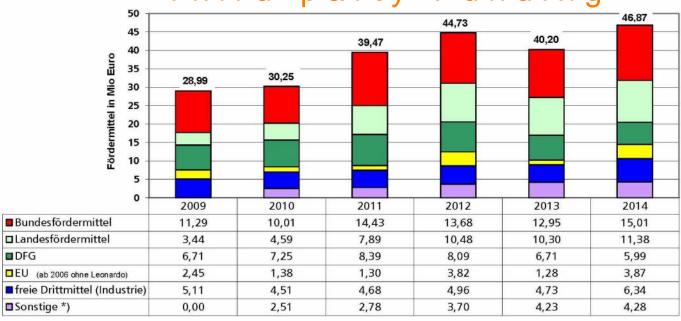
- Nanoengineering
- Precision Engineering and Precision Measurement Technology
- Technical and Biomedical Assistance Systems
- Drive, Energy and Environmental Systems Technologies

#### **Smart Systems Engineering and IT**

- Digital Media Technologies
- Mobile Communications



### Technische Universität Ilmenau Third-party Funding

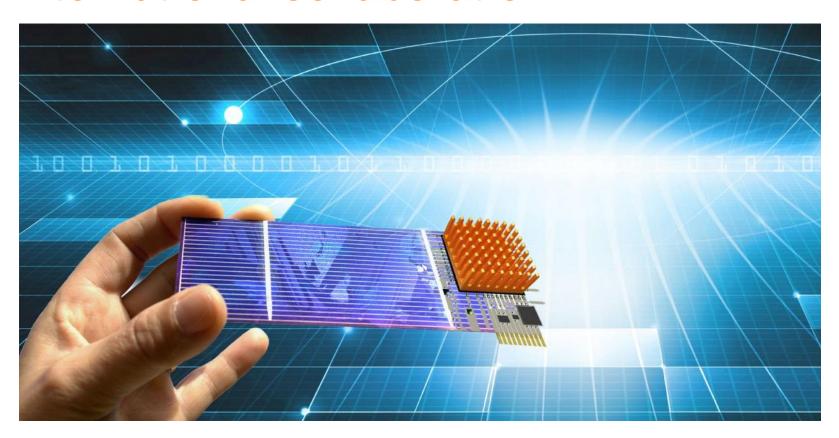


#### Third-party funding in 2014:

- Total: 46.9 Mio EUR
- "Efficiency" per professor: ~ 460TEUR
   (10th place in a Germany-wide comparison)



### Innovation in PV through industrial and international collaboration



Research and Development from Material to Smart Grid (whole value chain)

Research clusters of TU Ilmenau offer

- → best conditions (staff, infrastructure, BSc/MSc/PhD programs) for research & development and for academic education in PV and renewable energy technologies
- → Research and education from material to smart grid











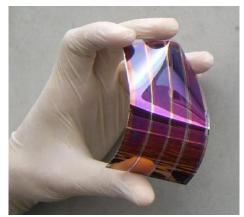
PV/Renewable energies as an essential main activity of TUIL has been established ~20 years ago

**Education** 

Research

International cooperation









#### **Education**

- Endowed Professorship (sponsored by a syndicate of PV companies)
   Photovoltaics (W3)
- New Master's program
   Renewable Energy Technologies
   besides of existing programs
- Thuringian Graduate Research School PhotoGrad (14 PhD students)
   From Material to Smart Grid
- Annual International Solarvalley Summer School for Smart Energy
- Further education for specialists from industry
- Practical trainings/Internships for students from abroad





#### Research

- From basics to application
- Endowed Professorship (sponsored by syndicate of industry)
   Photovoltaics (W3)
- Public funding (DFG, BMBF, BMU, EU, ...)
- Direct financing by industry

• E.g.: Top cluster competition (BMBF) Solarvalley Mitteldeutschland

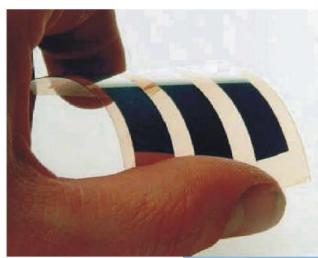
Mixed funding by BMBF (40 Mio EUR) and industry (+ 40 Mio EUR)

(Cluster goal in 2008 when starting was: "Price of electricity produced by PV has to become lower than that by conventional power stations")



### e.g. Organic Solar Cell

- → Chemical structure
- → Blend morphology
- → Device architecture



Efficiency (kW)

# Stability (yrs)

- → Chemical structure
- → Morphology
- → Device architecture

# Price (EUR)

- → Carrier substrate
- → Photoactive materials
- → Process control
- → Roll-to-roll production

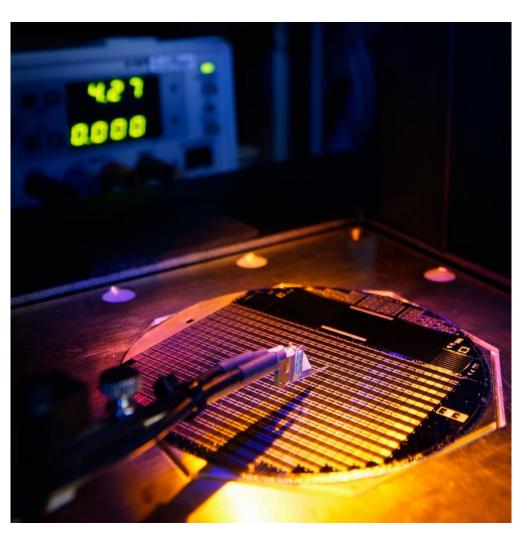


### e.g. Concentrator Solar Cell with PCE=46%

(500 concentrator cells on a 100mm Si wafer)

#### International Cooperation:

Soitec, CEA Leti & Fraunhofer ISE Freiburg, TU Ilmenau (T. Hannappel, endowed professorship)



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#### Internationalization

- University cooperations financed partially by DAAD, ...
  - e.g. University Ferhat Abbas, Sétif/ALG (in the framework of *German-Arab/Iranian Higher Education Dialogue Program*)
    - State University of St. Petersburg/RU
- African network for solar energy ANSOLE e.V.
- Many intense activities during start-up time of PAUWES

  (Panafrican University for Water and Energy Sciences, Tlemcen)
- Master's program Energy Solaire (Univ. Sétif) and Master's program Applied and Computational Physics (ACOPhys) (Univ. St. Petersburg)
- Practical trainings, joint conferences, master's & PhD thesis, ...
   E.g. recently Lazar Lalaloui and Mohamed Megazi at TU Ilmenau



# Cooperation between Université Sétif 1 and Technische Universität Ilmenau

Very closecooperationsince 1979:IOMP





- Updating the cooperation agreement, signed by Profs. Abdel-Madjed Djenane and Peter Scharff
- •Application for a **common project** (2018-20) within the DAAD program *University dialogue with Islamic World*:



"Practice-oriented teaching and research for innovative career opportunities of graduates on the topics Optics/Green Photonics and PV"









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# ISWI – International Student's Conference at TU Ilmenau

since 1993

2017: Global Justice – A Fair(y) Tale?, 370 participants from 40 countries





## Innovation in PV through industrial and international collaboration

### Funding of research by industry Pro's & Con's

- Direct way to application of newest scientific results
- In many cases money is given without too much "bureaucracy"
- Collaboration with industry → jobs for young graduates
- Strong motivation for starting an own start-up after university
- Freedom of science is occasionally limited e.g. for endowed professorships,
- (←→ A. v. Humboldt: freedom of teaching and research)
- Number of scientific publications is often limited (industrial secrets)
- strongly depending on the economic standing of companies (e.g. during the recent crash of European/German solar industry)



## Innovation in PV through industrial and international collaboration

#### Internationalization - advantages & but still difficulties

- Science is a global process ->
   of course universities need a strong international network
- international collaboration  $\rightarrow$  reduction of world-wide conflict potential,
- excellent possibility to offer students esp. from third-world countries high-tech
- Use of international science organizations and laboratories
- Double degree programs →offer implementation of internat. standards
- Exchange of talented MSc and PhD students
- Still there is an asymmetry of student's exchange with 3rd world-countries esp. for MINT studies → lack of technological/experimental equipment in many third-world universities has to be closed soon



### Jobs after university – INOVA at TU Ilmenau







job exhibition job fair job bazaar





### Start-up founding – support by TU Ilmenau









Let's looking forward to a great future by strengthening the scientific cooperation between our both universités and countries







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### Technische Universität Ilmenau Special Research Activities

- Thuringian Innovation Center for Mobility
- Thuringian Innovation Center for Mechanical Engineering
- Competency Center Nanopositioning and Nanomeasuring Machines
- Research Groups / Graduate Research Schools (PhD)
- 3D Nanostructuring
- High-Voltage Technologies
- Lorentz Force Velocimetry and Lorentz Force Eddy Current Testing
- Photovoltaics from material to smart grid (PhotoGrad)



### Increase of Efficiency (PCE) in PV

#### **Best Research-Cell Efficiencies**



