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# Patenting procedures relating to climate change mitigation technologies

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## Roundtable: Spanish industry, academia and patent attorneys - Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (SPTO) – European Patent Office (EPO)

- 08.45 Registration
- 09.15 **Welcome speech**  
*M<sup>a</sup>José de Concepción, Director Patent and Technological Information Department, SPTO*  
*Niels Stevnsborg, Senior content expert, European Patent Academy EPO*  
**Moderator of the roundtable: Luis Sanz, Head of Division Applied Mechanics, SPTO**
- 09.30 **Inventions in the field of climate change mitigation technologies: how to retrieve data and find prior art.**  
What is “climate change mitigation technology”? Classification and accessibility of data; Filing figures and their evolution over time; Technological trends  
*Alessandro Colombo and Victor Veefkind, Patent examiners, EPO*  
*José Antonio Peces, Patent examiner, SPTO*
- 10.30 Break
- 11.00 **Prosecution of patent applications in the field of climate change mitigation technologies: how to meet the patentability requirements. Search and examination practice at the EPO and at the SPTO - résumé of the procedures (main steps)**  
*Alessandro Colombo and Victor Veefkind, Patent examiners, EPO*  
*Luis Sanz, Head of Division Applied Mechanics, SPTO*
- 11.45 **Patents and patent applications in the field of climate change mitigation technologies at the EPO: legal aspects.** Opposition procedures; Decisions of the EPO’s Boards of Appeal  
*Alessandro Colombo and Victor Veefkind, Patent examiners, EPO*
- 12.15 **Experience of a Spanish company in the field of climate change mitigation technologies**  
*Karl-Georg Aspacher, Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy S.A.*
- 12.35 **Experience of a Spanish research group in the field of climate change mitigation technologies**  
*Prof. J. Carlos Abanades, Spanish Research Council. CSIC-INCAR*
- 13.00 **Discussion with the floor on patenting activities in the field of climate change mitigation technologies.**  
Patenting practices and field-specific hurdles as perceived by the audience; Oppositions: recent trends as perceived by the audience; Communication between examiners and applicants, etc.  
*Chair: Luis Sanz, SPTO*
- 13.15 **Wrap-up by the moderator and Closing remarks**  
*Luis Sanz, SPTO*  
*Niels Stevnsborg, EPO*
- 13.30 **Closing of the event**
- 13.45 **Closing snacks** on the premises of the SPTO

## Speakers

### EPO

#### **Alessandro Colombo**

**Examiner**

**Sector Information and Communication Technology**

**European Patent Office, Munich**

Alessandro Colombo graduated in electrical engineering at the University Politecnico di Milano (IT).

He worked for 10 years as a project manager in major electrical industries (Enel, ABB).

In 2003 he joined the EPO to work as search expert and examiner in the fields of electrical power distribution and protection.

He is currently a chairman of examining divisions as well as a member of opposition divisions.

He obtained the EQE qualification in 2010.

Since 2011 he has been an instructor and coach of new examiners and a trainer in various workshops on search and examination, as well as in CPC training events for the USPTO, JPO, SIPO and KIPO.

He is a member of the development team for Y02-Y04 codes relating to climate change mitigation technologies, where he is responsible for the classes Y04S (Smart Grids), Y02E (Energy) and Y02P (Production).

#### **Victor Veefkind**

**Examiner**

**Sector Healthcare, Biotechnology and Chemistry**

**European Patent Office, The Hague**

Victor Veefkind joined the EPO in 1999. He has a degree in chemistry and a PhD in chemical engineering with emphasis on catalysis and materials science. He furthermore holds a Master's degree in Intellectual Property and Technology Law and passed the EQE exam.

As examiner he has been responsible for several technical fields in industrial chemistry.

Furthermore he has been initiator and project leader for nanotechnology classification B82Y and the climate change mitigation technologies classification Y02.

Currently, Victor is examiner in the Healthcare, Biotech and Chemistry sector and member of an opposition directorate.

### SPTO

#### **Luis Sanz**

**Head of Division Applied Mechanics**

**Patent and Technological Information Department**

**Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (SPTO)**

Luis Sanz is currently the Head of Division Applied Mechanics of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (SPTO).

After finishing his studies at the Polytechnic University in Madrid, where he obtained his Degree in Rural and Agronomical Engineering, he worked in the Automotive, Logistics and the Biotechnology industries.

In 2001 he joined the SPTO as a patent examiner in mechanics and since then he has grown to lead the Applied Mechanics Division. During his career at the SPTO he has been seconded as an IP expert to the European Commission in the ITER project and thus lived in Brussels travelling throughout Europe dealing with the use of IP in the European Nuclear Fusion Program.

Luis participates in international meetings and is a regular speaker and trainer at IP seminars both indoor and at Academia and Industry. Currently, he is involved in establishing the basis to regulate the forthcoming oral proceedings under the new Spanish Patent Act.

**José Antonio Peces**

**Patent Examiner**

**Technological Information Area, Patent and Technological Information Department  
Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (SPTO)**

José Antonio Peces graduated in Chemistry by Universidad Complutense in Madrid. He joined the SPTO in 2003 as a Patent Examiner. His previous jobs have been in the precious metals industry for 5 years and in the microelectronics IC manufacturing for 13 years.

He now works at the SPTO in the Technological Information Area covering several fields such as materials, sensors, renewable energies, inorganic chemistry, metallurgy, etc. He is involved in search and examination of patent applications, as well as in Patentability Reports and Technological Information.

**Karl-Georg Aspacher**

**Chief IP Counsel**

**Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy S.A.**

Karl-Georg Aspacher – German and European Patent Attorney, studied electrical engineering at RWTH Aachen (Dipl.-Ing.). Mr. Aspacher is Chief IP Counsel for Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy (SGRE) and has more than 15 years of experience in the field of intellectual property (IP) thereof 10 years in the field of renewable energies. His main areas of interest are IP strategy, patents and IP litigation. In addition Mr. Aspacher is member in various committees and organizations in the field of IP.

**Professor J. Carlos Abanades**

**Spanish Research Council (CSIC-INCAR)**

Professor in the CSIC. Bachelor of Science (1987) and PhD. in Chemical Engineering (1991) by the University of Zaragoza. He works on climate change mitigation processes based on the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by using high temperature thermochemical cycles to capture CO<sub>2</sub> and energy storage. Author of more than 140 scientific publications (index h 44 (scopus) and 51 (google scholar). As inventor he has participated in 6 international patent applications. He was coordinator of the Special Report of the IPCC on CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Storage. Associate Editor of the magazine "International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control" published by the Greenhouse Gas Control Program of the International Energy Agency (IEAGHG) and Elsevier. Principal researcher in the CSIC in several European projects FP6, FP7 and H2020 in the field of emission reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> and energy storage. Scientific responsible in an group of Economic Interest called "La Pereda CO<sub>2</sub>" participated by the CSIC, to demonstrate its patented technology for the capture of CO<sub>2</sub> in a pilot plant of 1.7 MW. Current representative of the CSIC in the "Joint Program" on CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage of the "European Energy Research Alliance".



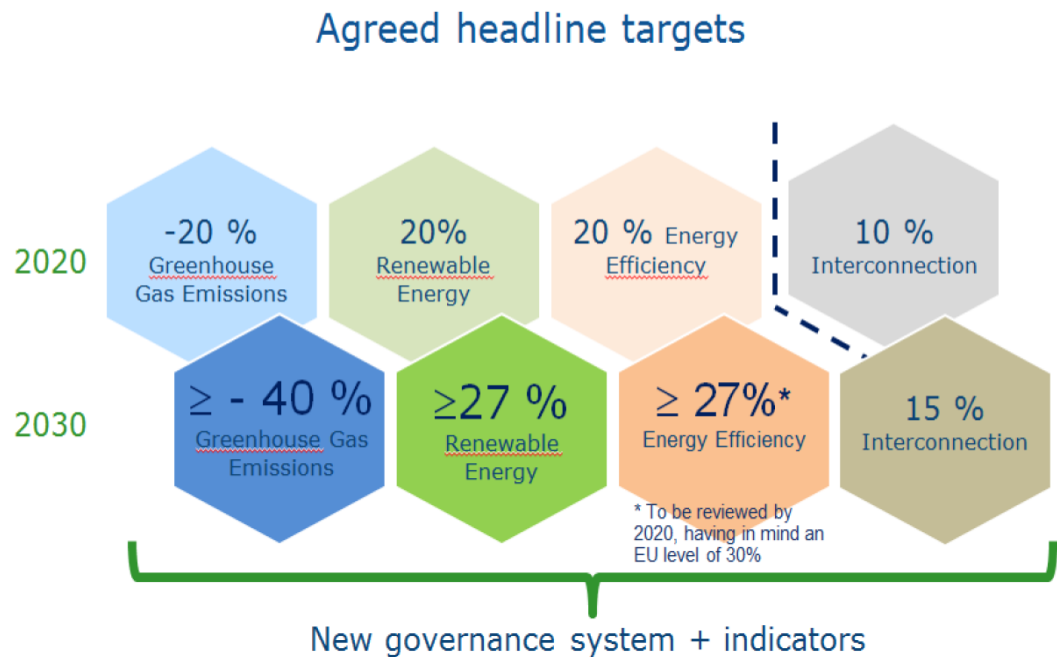
# Patenting procedures relating to Climate Change Mitigation Technologies CCMTs

- Patenting and Technological Trends
- OEPM Patent Information on CCMTs

# UNEP-UNFCCC-IPCC

- [1 1995: COP 1, Berlin, Germany](#)
- [2 1996: COP 2, Geneva, Switzerland](#)
- [3 1997: COP 3, The Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change](#)
- [4 1998: COP 4, Buenos Aires, Argentina](#)
- [5 1999: COP 5, Bonn, Germany](#)
- [6 2000: COP 6, The Hague, Netherlands](#)
- [7 2001: COP 6, Bonn, Germany](#)
- [8 2001: COP 7, Marrakech, Morocco](#)
- [9 2002: COP 8, New Delhi, India](#)
- [10 2003: COP 9, Milan, Italy](#)
- [11 2004: COP 10, Buenos Aires, Argentina](#)
- [12 2005: COP 11/CMP 1, Montreal, Canada](#)
- [13 2006: COP 12/CMP 2, Nairobi, Kenya](#)
- [14 2007: COP 13/CMP 3, Bali, Indonesia](#)
- [15 2008: COP 14/CMP 4, Poznań, Poland](#)
- [16 2009: COP 15/CMP 5, Copenhagen, Denmark](#)
- [17 2010: COP 16/CMP 6, Cancún, Mexico](#)
- [18 2011: COP 17/CMP 7, Durban, South Africa](#)
- [19 2012: COP 18/CMP 8, Doha, Qatar](#)
- [20 2013: COP 19/CMP 9, Warsaw, Poland](#)
- [21 2014: COP 20/CMP 10, Lima, Peru](#)
- [22 2015: COP 21/CMP 11, Paris, France](#)
- [23 2016: COP 22/CMP 12/CMA 1, Marrakech, Morocco](#)
- [24 2017: COP 23/CMP 13/CMA 2, Bonn, Germany](#)
- [25 2018: COP 24/CMP 14/CMA 3, Katowice, Poland](#)

## UE: 2030 Framework for Climate Energy



## European Union



Putting together R&D Input (€) and Output (patents)

Totals (million EUR), 2013 (most recent year for which data for all indicators are available)

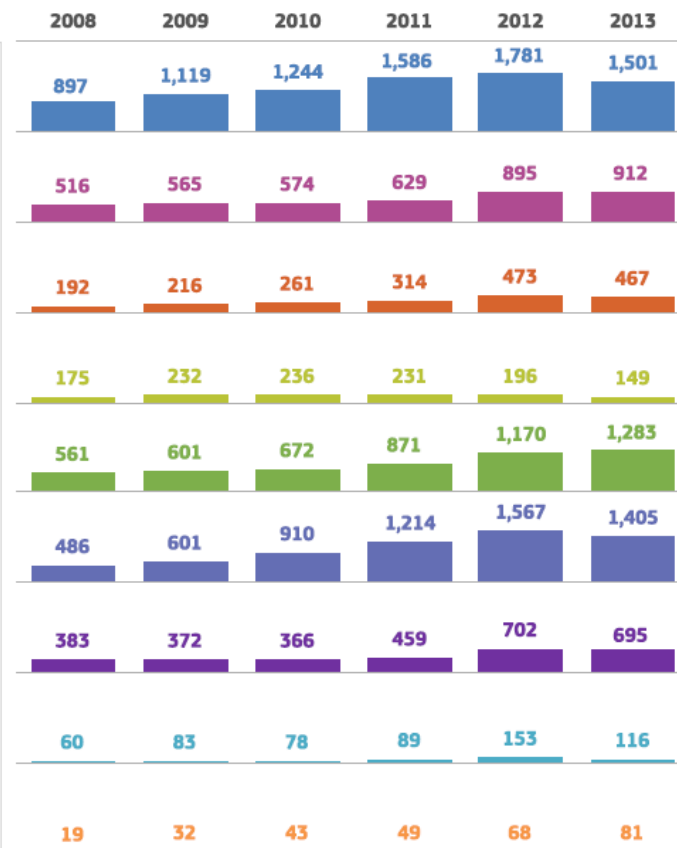
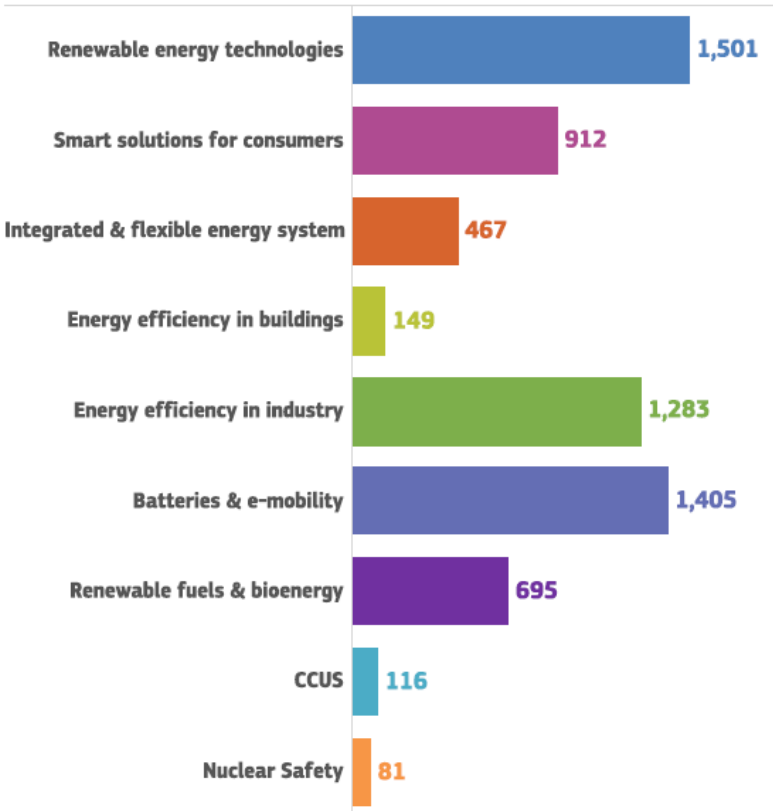


Public R&I investment

- Input: EIA and many other sources...
- Output: EPO PATSTAT

SET Plan action (number of patents), 2013

(number of patents)



## Spain



Totals (million EUR), 2013 (most recent year for which data for all indicators are available)

R&I Private investment **456**

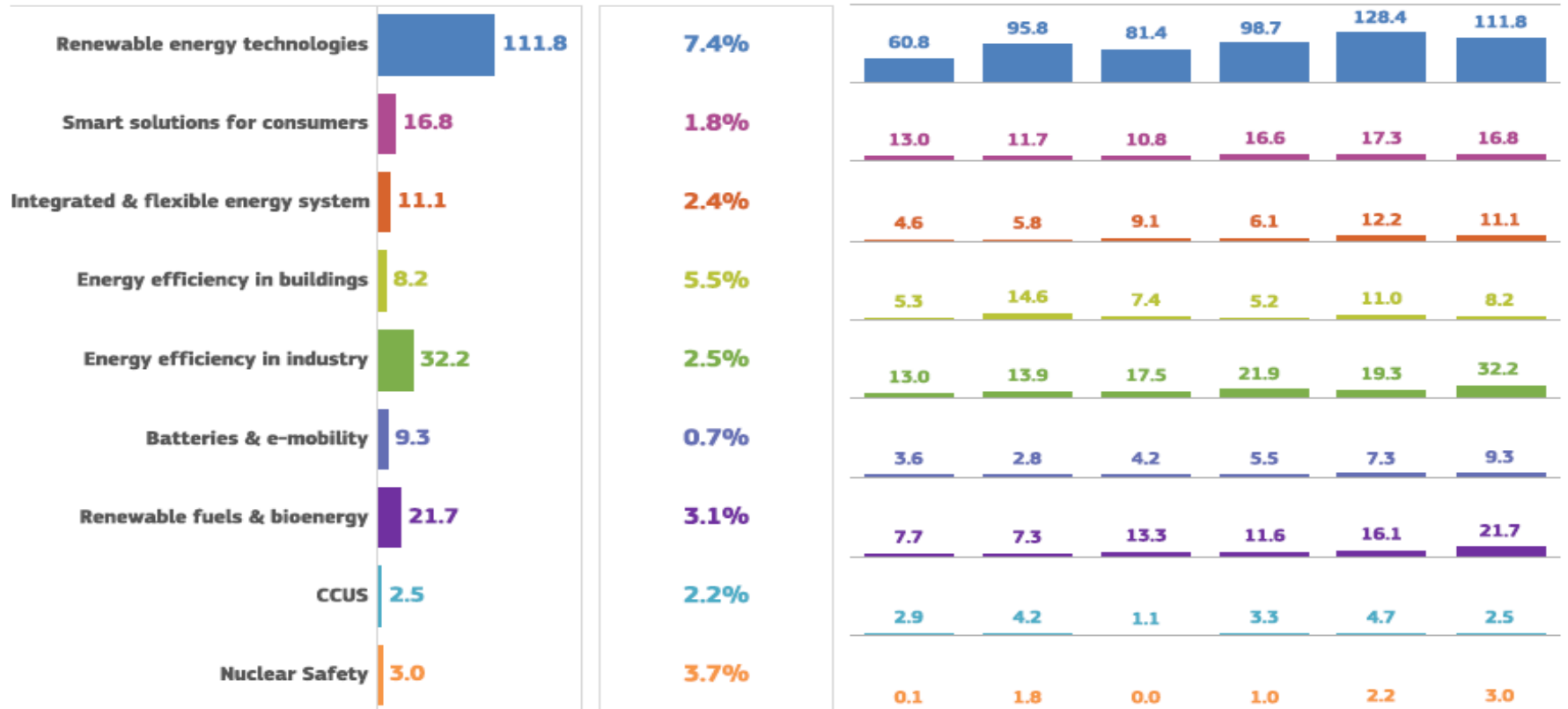
R&I Public investment **72**

### Trends in Patents

**SET Plan action**  
(number of patents), 2013

**Share in EU28**  
2013

(number of patents)





# Monitoring R&I Low Carbon Energy Technologies

## Patent Count INDICATORS

As close as possible to the time and place of the invention:

- Use of priority date → drawback: recent years still lack data
- Inventor (or applicant) country of residence

Avoid double counts by:

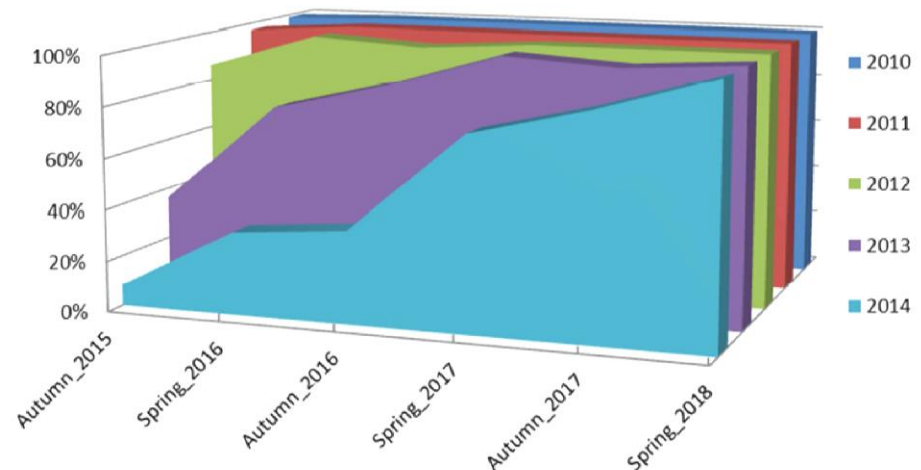
- Counting inventions: patent families (or claimed priorities).
- Share counts for inventors (or applicant) countries
- Harmonise applicant names (!)

## Monitoring CCMT inventions

Source: PATSTAT

CCMTs : Y02-Y04S

≥ 2 member patent families



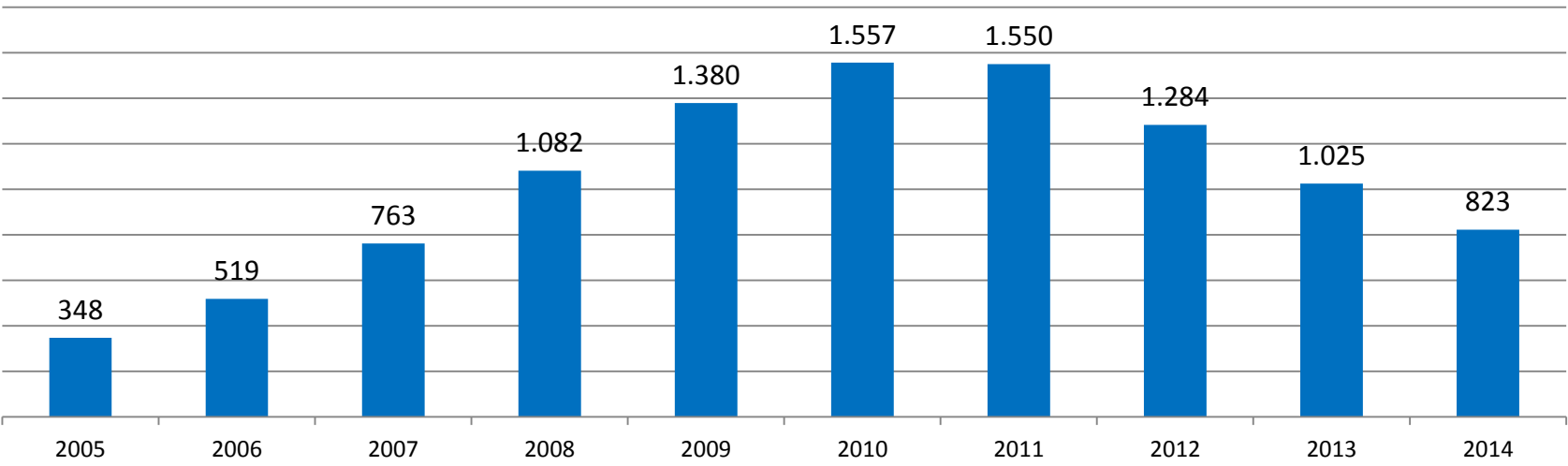
Source: JRC

**Figure 4:** Empirical JRC estimate of data availability in PATSTAT based on the contents of previous releases.

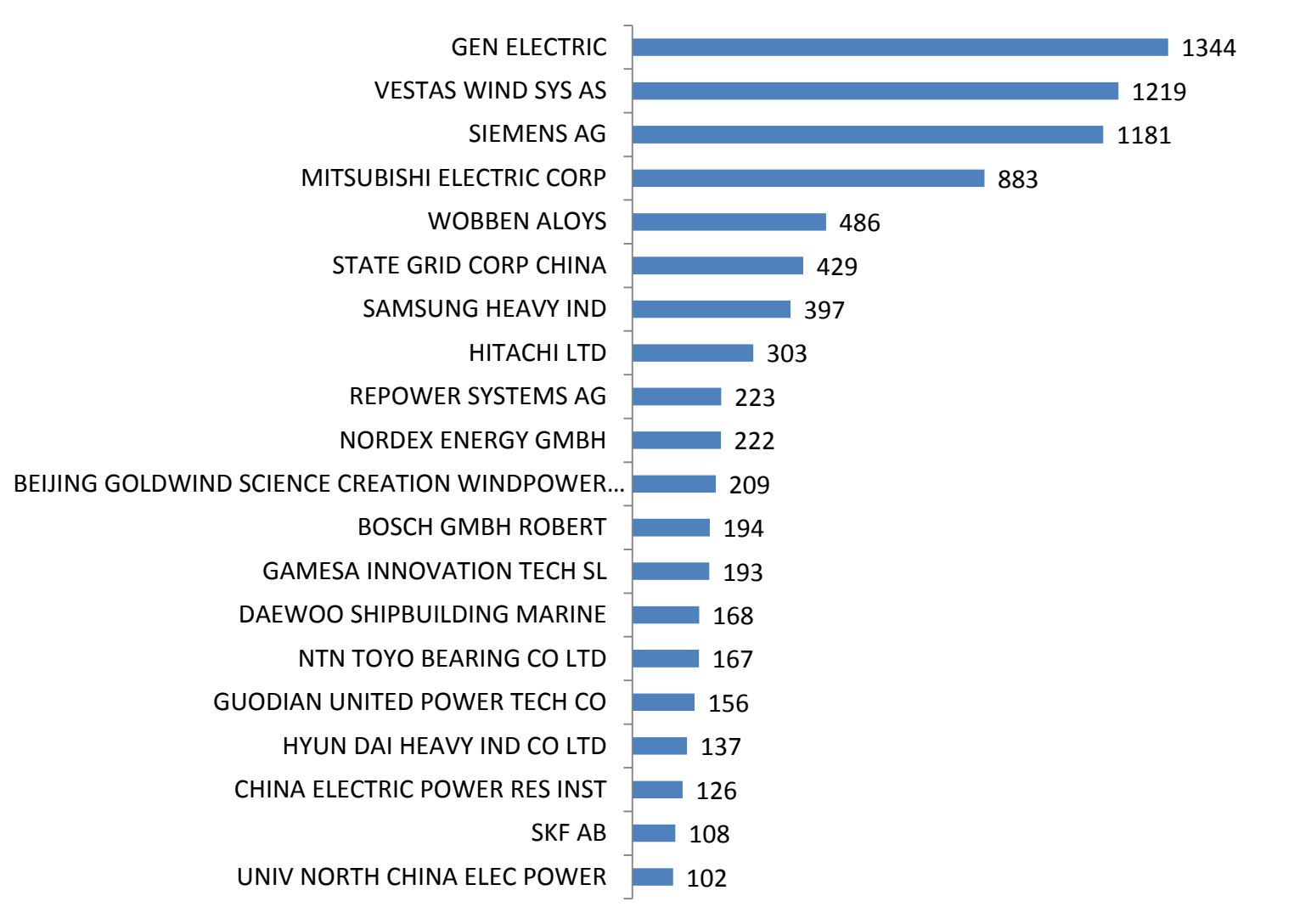
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<b>DE</b>	72,7	118,7	152,1	207,3	224,2	326,8	322,5	272,5	172,5	157,8	2027,0	19,6%
<b>DK</b>	33,7	64,8	135,2	192,7	217,3	264,2	280,1	210,7	153,3	124,0	1675,8	16,2%
<b>US</b>	67,7	72,6	140,1	190,8	266,0	260,4	211,3	163,5	175,7	111,3	1659,3	16,1%
<b>JP</b>	29,0	32,5	51,5	67,5	114,0	159,5	129,5	124,8	113,0	112,0	933,2	9,0%
<b>GB</b>	16,8	27,8	32,8	73,7	58,0	74,2	105,5	81,5	61,8	46,7	578,7	5,6%
<b>ES</b>	<b>25,8</b>	<b>33,5</b>	<b>31,5</b>	<b>33,2</b>	<b>41,8</b>	<b>56,3</b>	<b>75,7</b>	<b>103,3</b>	<b>66,3</b>	<b>39,5</b>	<b>506,9</b>	<b>4,9%</b>
<b>CN</b>	10,3	15,5	8,7	21,0	46,2	49,2	50,3	31,0	29,2	40,7	302,1	2,9%
<b>KR</b>	6,0	10,0	10,0	18,0	36,3	48,5	35,5	34,5	35,5	25,5	259,8	2,5%
<b>FR</b>	5,3	12,0	16,5	20,5	25,4	32,2	46,1	28,3	29,2	24,8	240,3	2,3%
<b>IT</b>	4,5	21,5	14,0	22,0	28,7	33,3	39,0	28,3	29,7	13,3	234,3	2,3%
<b>CA</b>	16,3	14,0	23,5	25,4	40,2	24,4	26,5	18,0	11,5	21,8	221,7	2,1%
<b>NL</b>	4,3	20,2	21,3	29,7	36,8	26,8	25,6	25,6	21,4	8,5	220,2	2,1%
<b>SP</b>	0,0	1,0	8,8	25,5	45,8	38,5	26,6	9,8	8,3	1,0	165,3	1,6%
<b>TW</b>	7,5	7,5	9,0	15,5	21,0	24,0	26,5	18,0	9,8	11,3	150,2	1,5%
<b>IN</b>	2,3	0,5	2,8	10,8	24,8	22,7	20,0	18,3	13,7	20,3	136,1	1,3%
<b>OTHER</b>	45,2	67,0	105,3	127,7	152,4	116,0	129,9	116,2	93,7	63,8	1017,2	9,8%

Patent Families\* by Inventors' country of residence and by Priority Date

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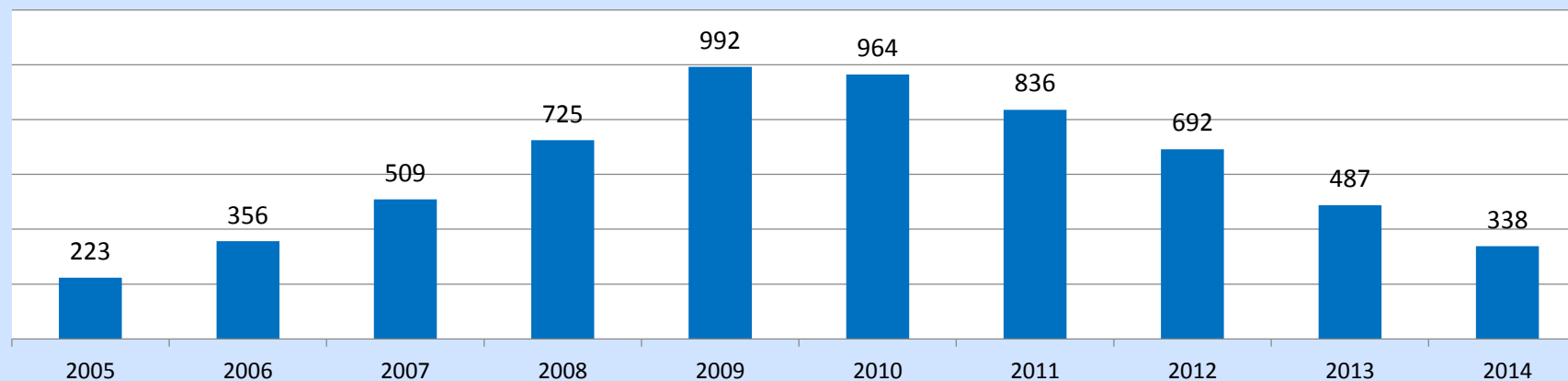


Patent Applications since 2000. Top20 Applicants

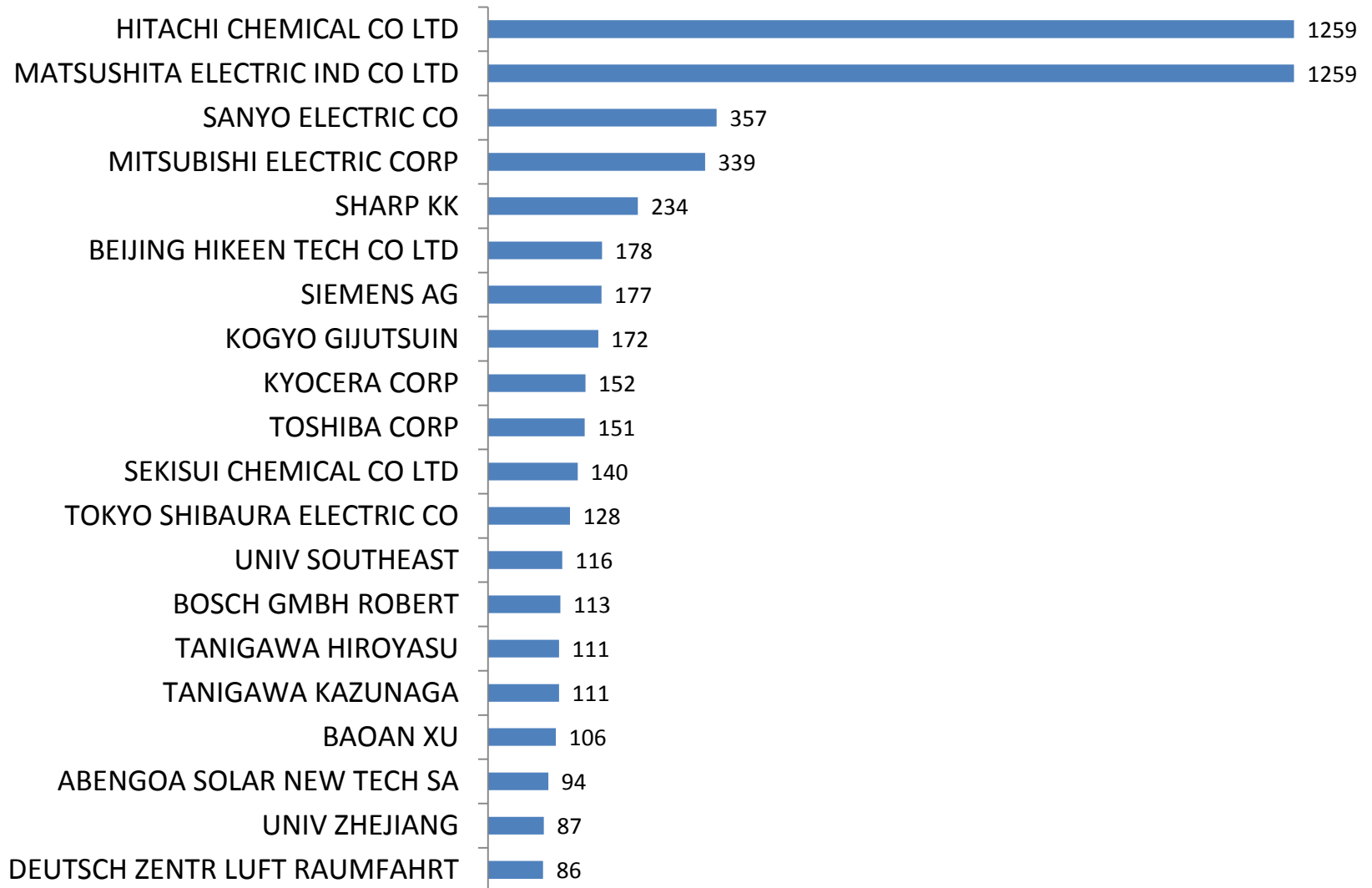


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<b>US</b>	32,8	79,2	94,0	154,6	221,3	185,9	140,4	113,6	106,0	72,0	1199,9	19,6%
<b>JP</b>	21,0	19,0	18,5	41,5	66,0	81,8	54,3	66,0	55,0	26,0	449,2	7,3%
<b>IT</b>	9,0	24,5	36,0	54,0	50,7	49,0	50,0	45,0	13,2	7,0	338,3	5,5%
<b>FR</b>	15,0	13,0	24,0	26,0	55,2	54,5	51,6	32,8	30,7	20,5	323,2	5,3%
<b>ES</b>	10,8	21,8	33,5	34,5	53,8	41,8	34,8	27,0	8,0	7,5	273,6	4,5%
<b>CN</b>	6,0	17,5	15,3	15,8	23,2	25,7	30,8	37,0	32,8	12,5	216,6	3,5%
<b>IL</b>	6,0	10,0	13,5	22,1	37,0	39,0	37,5	29,0	12,0	8,0	214,1	3,5%
<b>TW</b>	4,5	3,5	14,0	19,5	28,2	32,2	32,8	33,0	21,0	19,5	208,2	3,4%
<b>KR</b>	5,0	2,0	7,5	16,6	20,0	26,5	24,5	24,5	31,0	10,0	167,6	2,7%
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<b>CH</b>	3,0	3,2	10,5	22,3	21,0	29,3	24,0	22,2	15,5	7,8	158,8	2,6%
<b>GB</b>	6,0	7,0	16,2	24,5	23,3	22,8	13,1	19,7	10,8	7,0	150,3	2,5%
<b>AU</b>	6,0	13,0	16,3	24,8	25,3	19,5	11,0	18,5	9,0	6,0	149,5	2,4%
<b>AT</b>	5,0	4,3	12,5	17,0	22,6	22,5	20,0	11,5	6,0	14,8	136,2	2,2%
<b>NL</b>	5,0	3,8	5,5	15,3	13,5	10,0	8,0	6,7	11,0	8,0	86,8	1,4%
<b>OTHER</b>	22,5	34,8	65,0	62,4	79,8	78,9	69,0	59,5	44,4	38,8	555,1	9,1%

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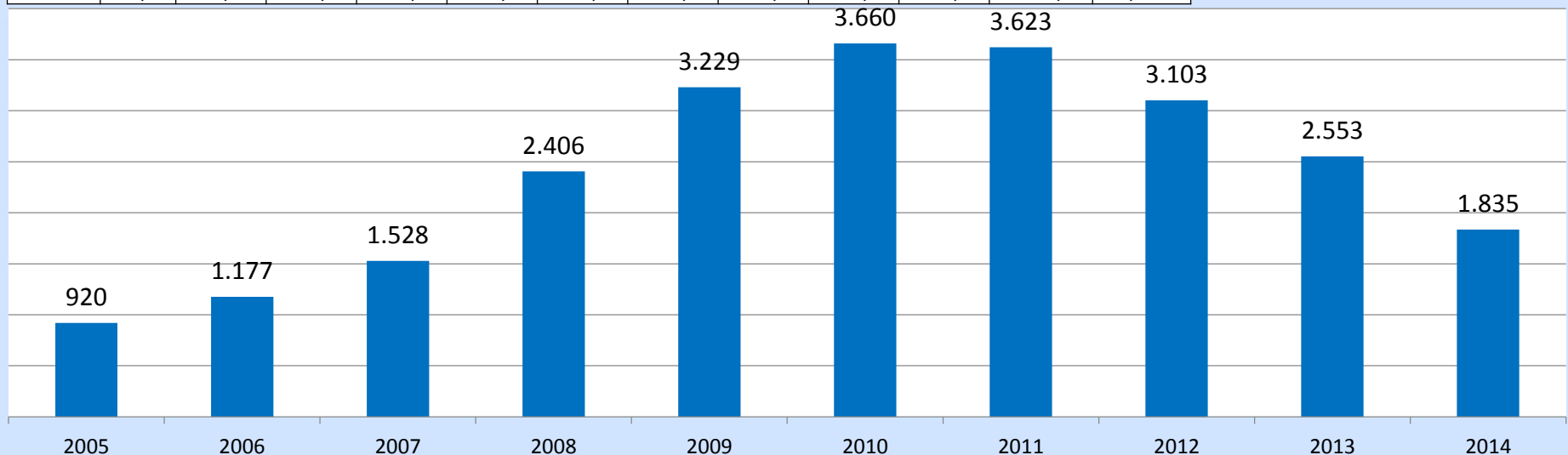
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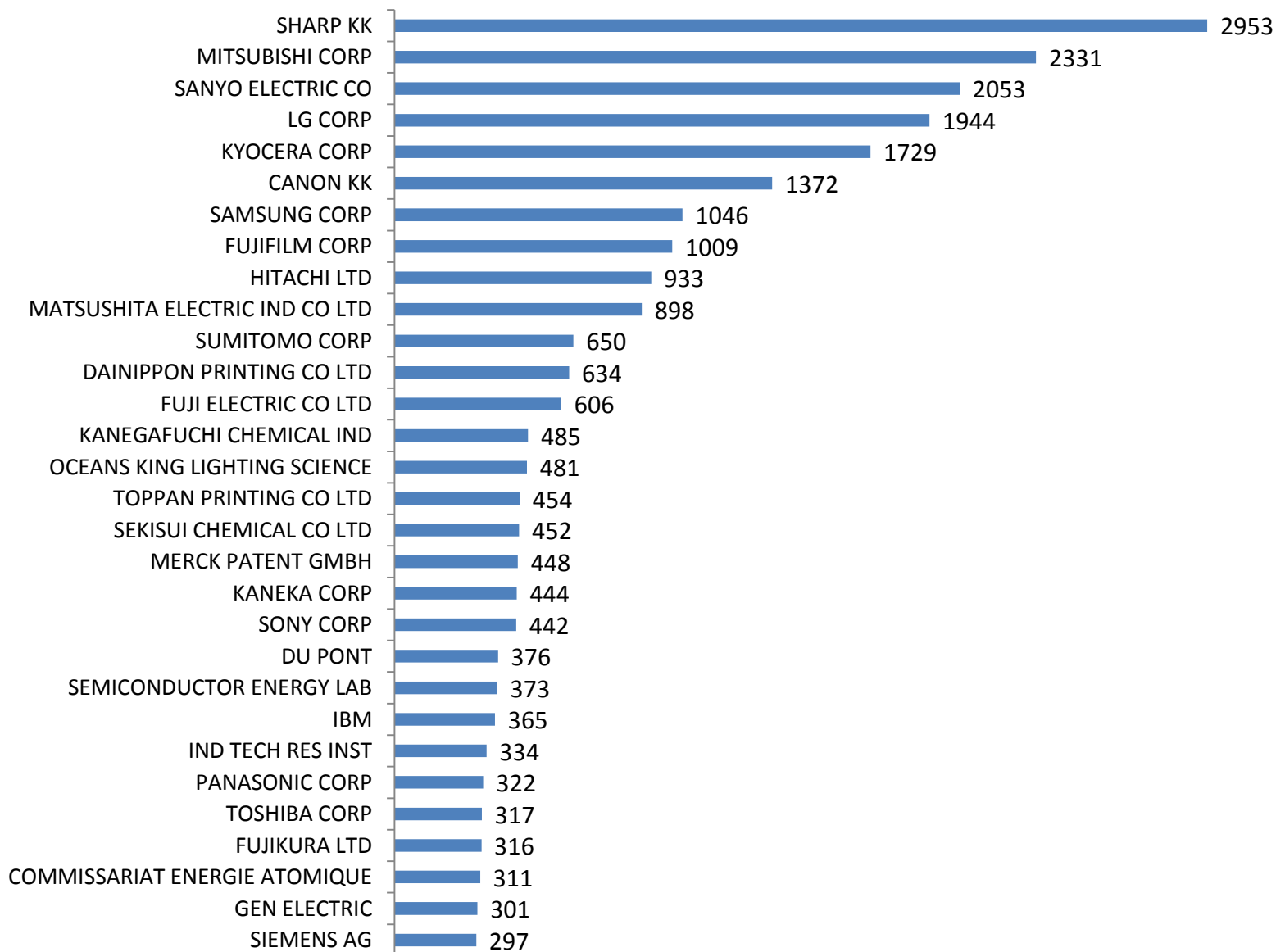
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<b>JP</b>	313,9	352,8	369,3	599,9	944,5	1197,3	1130,0	939,9	731,7	535,5	7114,7	29,6%
<b>US</b>	171,5	312,0	386,9	560,9	597,6	617,9	549,5	497,6	383,9	250,6	4328,0	18,0%
<b>KR</b>	79,6	86,5	159,0	258,0	441,9	510,6	553,2	442,1	451,4	340,1	3322,4	13,8%
<b>DE</b>	117,7	134,2	206,8	317,1	361,8	374,6	412,3	287,7	227,8	152,3	2592,3	10,8%
<b>TW</b>	20,3	32,8	63,8	129,8	224,3	204,1	241,0	206,7	176,5	124,9	1424,4	5,9%
<b>CN</b>	20,7	39,5	32,5	51,2	96,2	130,0	140,4	130,3	131,4	114,4	886,6	3,7%
<b>FR</b>	30,8	23,7	29,5	58,1	85,9	77,6	101,8	101,9	100,7	72,4	682,2	2,8%
<b>GB</b>	41,8	25,3	40,8	54,9	57,6	51,9	58,9	56,1	51,4	35,0	473,6	2,0%
<b>IT</b>	13,8	16,5	36,8	40,8	59,6	53,8	59,4	61,7	34,5	21,9	398,7	1,7%
<b>CA</b>	7,8	18,0	25,4	25,5	41,1	71,7	52,8	37,8	27,8	25,4	333,3	1,4%
<b>NL</b>	15,6	16,4	20,4	27,3	29,3	44,7	36,8	33,8	16,5	22,5	263,3	1,1%
<b>CH</b>	7,2	7,7	16,5	36,5	34,6	33,8	44,9	42,0	17,7	18,1	258,9	1,1%
<b>IL</b>	8,0	20,4	26,5	42,2	36,2	30,6	18,0	24,3	16,5	15,8	238,6	1,0%
<b>OTHER</b>	71,3	90,4	113,9	202,5	217,2	260,6	223,5	241,4	182,9	105,6	1709,1	7,1%

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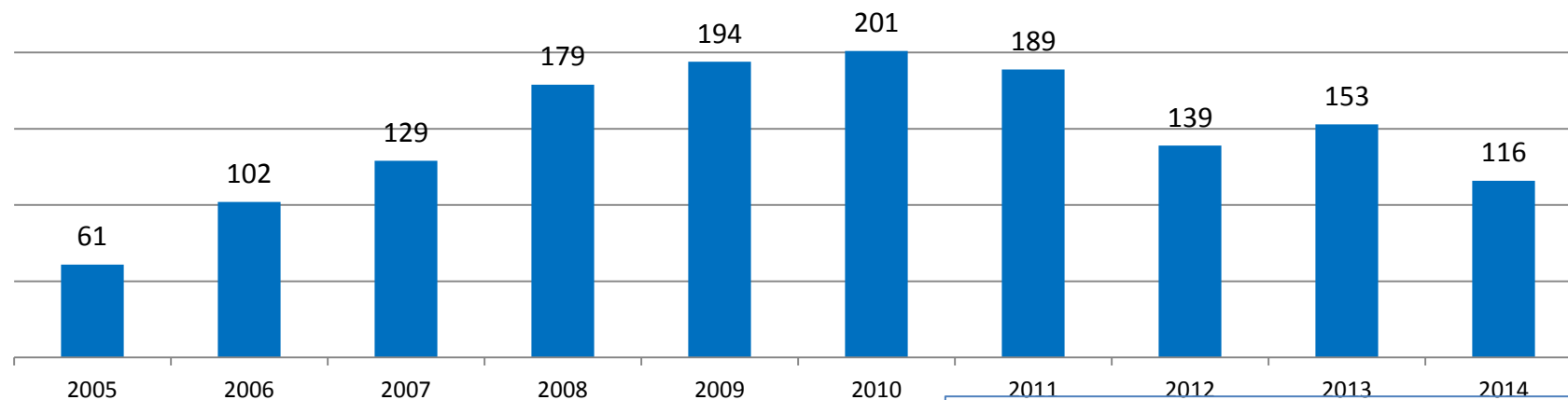


## Patent Applications since 2000. Top30 Applicants



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<b>US</b>	11,5	18,5	21,9	28,5	48,6	47,8	32,8	29,9	26,5	24,5	290,5	19,9%
<b>GB</b>	14,5	18,5	14,2	25,8	26,8	25,2	26,3	16,9	10,0	11,0	189,3	12,9%
<b>DE</b>	2,0	2,5	7,0	17,0	26,8	12,9	23,3	11,0	13,0	9,0	124,5	8,5%
<b>FR</b>	0,0	2,5	4,7	10,5	6,0	15,3	11,0	6,3	9,0	12,0	77,3	5,3%
<b>AU</b>	7,0	7,0	13,0	11,3	9,3	8,0	2,8	4,4	5,0	1,0	68,8	4,7%
<b>JP</b>	1,0	3,0	1,5	3,0	4,5	4,9	17,5	13,0	6,5	10,0	64,9	4,4%
<b>KR</b>	1,0	4,0	5,0	3,5	8,0	7,0	10,8	9,0	6,5	7,5	62,3	4,3%
<b>NO</b>	3,0	3,0	9,0	10,5	13,0	8,0	4,5	4,0	2,0	5,0	62,0	4,2%
<b>CN</b>	1,0	0,5	4,0	3,5	4,0	5,5	5,0	12,5	15,5	5,5	57,0	3,9%
<b>CA</b>	3,0	4,0	4,0	6,5	4,5	10,0	5,5	3,8	8,5	2,0	51,8	3,5%
<b>SE</b>	0,0	1,5	4,0	7,5	2,0	11,0	4,0	3,0	3,0	4,0	40,0	2,7%
<b>IE</b>	0,5	5,5	3,5	7,5	7,0	4,0	5,5	3,0	1,0	1,0	38,5	2,6%
<b>IT</b>	1,0	3,5	4,0	3,5	3,5	4,0	4,5	4,0	6,0	3,0	37,0	2,5%
<b>ES</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>7,0</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>5,0</b>	<b>5,0</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>36,0</b>	<b>2,5%</b>
<b>FI</b>	2,0	2,0	1,0	3,0	1,0	5,0	4,0	4,0	7,0	5,0	34,0	2,3%
<b>TW</b>	0,0	0,0	1,0	2,0	1,0	6,0	3,0	3,0	9,5	5,0	30,5	2,1%
<b>IL</b>	0,0	5,0	5,0	7,0	0,0	0,0	5,0	0,0	2,0	1,0	25,0	1,7%
<b>DK</b>	4,0	2,0	2,0	6,5	1,0	0,0	2,0	1,4	2,0	0,5	21,4	1,5%
<b>NL</b>	0,0	0,0	1,0	3,0	6,6	0,5	2,0	2,7	5,0	0,0	20,8	1,4%
<b>OTHER</b>	6,5	12,0	19,6	15,8	15,4	20,9	16,3	5,5	13,5	4,5	130,0	8,9%

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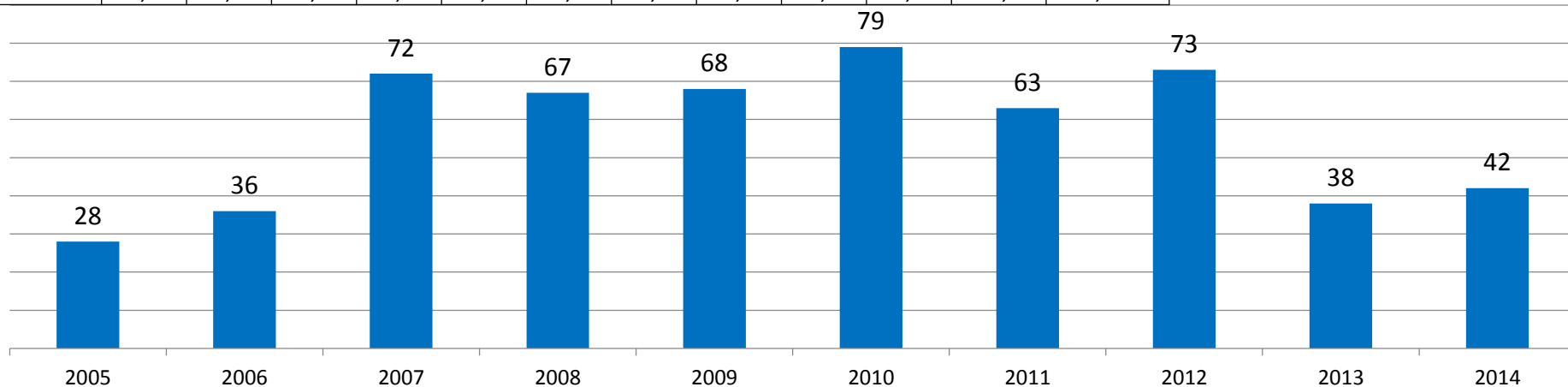




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<b>World</b>	28	36	72	67	68	79	63	73	38	42	566	100,0%
<b>DE</b>	6,0	14,0	25,0	17,0	21,5	13,0	9,5	12,0	3,2	11,0	132,2	23,4%
<b>US</b>	3,5	4,0	12,0	15,5	12,0	29,0	13,3	18,0	12,7	7,5	127,4	22,5%
<b>JP</b>	5,0	1,0	2,0	5,0	1,5	2,0	6,0	9,5	2,0	6,5	40,5	7,2%
<b>CA</b>	5,5	2,0	3,5	3,0	9,0	11,0	1,0	1,0	2,0	0,0	38,0	6,7%
<b>IT</b>	1,0	1,0	2,0	1,0	4,0	3,0	2,0	4,0	0,7	2,0	20,7	3,7%
<b>TW</b>	1,0	0,5	1,0	3,0	2,5	0,0	7,0	2,5	1,0	0,5	19,0	3,4%
<b>FR</b>	2,0	0,0	1,0	1,0	3,0	3,5	3,0	1,0	2,0	1,0	17,5	3,1%
<b>CN</b>	0,0	0,5	2,0	4,5	2,0	0,0	1,3	4,0	1,0	0,5	15,8	2,8%
<b>GB</b>	0,0	2,0	0,5	1,3	1,5	2,0	3,0	2,5	2,5	0,0	15,3	2,7%
<b>SE</b>	0,0	1,0	1,0	6,0	2,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	1,0	3,0	15,0	2,7%
<b>NL</b>	1,0	0,0	1,5	2,3	2,0	2,0	2,5	0,5	0,5	2,5	14,8	2,6%
<b>KR</b>	1,0	1,0	0,5	1,5	0,0	4,0	0,0	4,0	2,0	0,5	14,5	2,6%
<b>AT</b>	0,0	0,0	7,0	1,0	1,0	0,0	2,0	1,0	0,0	1,5	13,5	2,4%
<b>AU</b>	1,0	0,0	2,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	4,0	3,0	2,0	0,0	13,0	2,3%
<b>CH</b>	0,0	2,0	2,0	0,0	1,0	2,5	1,0	3,0	0,5	1,0	13,0	2,3%
<b>FI</b>	0,0	3,0	0,0	1,0	1,0	0,0	3,0	2,0	0,0	1,0	11,0	1,9%
<b>NO</b>	0,0	0,0	0,5	1,0	0,0	1,0	2,0	1,0	1,0	0,0	6,5	1,1%
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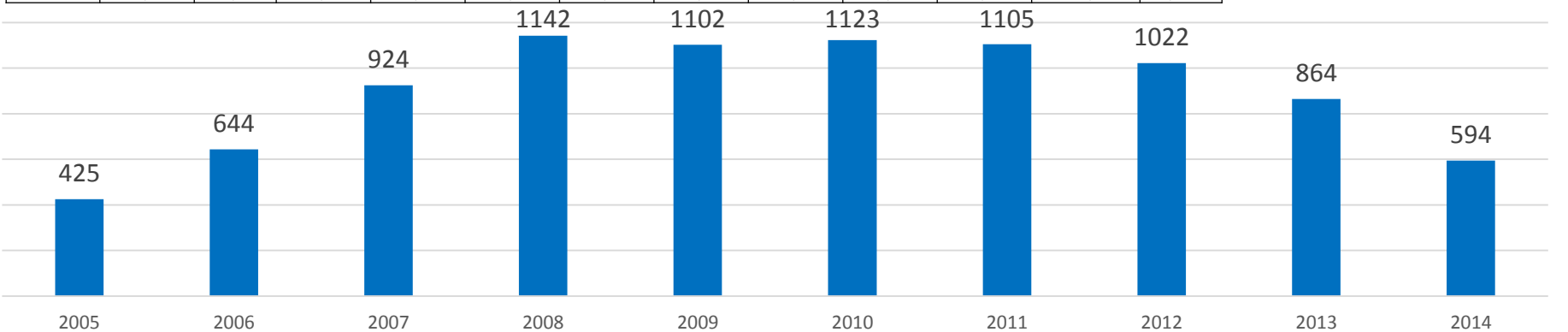
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<b>World</b>	425	644	924	1142	1102	1123	1105	1022	864	594	8945	100%
<b>US</b>	130,03	248,7	273,42	464,66	399,73	395,53	399,08	367,32	351,63	163,98	3194,08	35,7%
<b>DE</b>	67,83	82,67	150,1	124,79	156,37	112,98	108,5	108,58	75,5	59,9	1047,22	11,7%
<b>JP</b>	39,58	42	66,5	83,5	78,83	91,17	62,25	59,17	51,5	46	620,5	6,9%
<b>CA</b>	23,33	27,47	42,6	44,98	51,7	49,2	49,03	33,7	40,27	36,33	398,61	4,5%
<b>FR</b>	14,67	20,57	33,58	40,43	59,28	48,15	50,83	55,2	40,5	32,33	395,54	4,4%
<b>NL</b>	14,53	28,9	35,45	32,65	35,79	51,54	48,25	35,28	26,53	22,75	331,67	3,7%
<b>KR</b>	7	15,17	31	21,5	34	46,33	41,5	44	34	51	325,5	3,6%
<b>GB</b>	8	25,25	38,28	47,64	30,29	36,56	35,42	39,87	19,03	15,75	296,09	3,3%
<b>CN</b>	6,87	16,83	13,85	29,73	14,35	32,3	32,25	49,4	30,63	17,17	243,38	2,7%
<b>DK</b>	24,75	11,5	11,7	30,83	29,28	38,65	37,58	16,45	19,37	17,9	238,01	2,7%
<b>IT</b>	17	14,5	16,83	25,89	27	14	17,5	17	16,83	15	181,55	2,0%
<b>FI</b>	9,67	2,5	14,17	19,33	16,5	27,33	39,33	19,7	15	13,83	177,36	2,0%
<b>SE</b>	3	4,5	9,83	14,83	19,7	18,82	31,75	19,5	16	8,67	146,6	1,6%
<b>IN</b>	3,33	3,13	12,85	14,45	16,87	17,3	18,67	12,87	11,93	4,33	115,73	1,3%
<b>BR</b>	8	5,5	16,33	15,64	6,5	7,83	11,17	13	6	7,17	97,14	1,1%
<b>CH</b>	8,33	2,72	12,2	4,83	6,62	12,83	10,08	13,83	14	9,83	95,27	1,1%
<b>IL</b>	2	5,5	12,67	15,83	13	9,83	15	8,67	8,17	3,5	94,17	1,1%
<b>AU</b>	1,5	6	12,67	9,58	10,5	9,5	16,33	6,92	8,5	11,67	93,17	1,0%
<b>ES</b>	0,53	7,4	11	10,5	4,5	6,5	12,33	10,87	12,5	4	80,13	0,9%
<b>AT</b>	5	7	12	11,5	11,83	5	5,83	9,25	5	1,5	73,91	0,8%
<b>OTHER</b>	30,05	66,19	96,97	78,91	79,36	91,65	62,32	81,42	61,11	51,39	699,37	7,8%

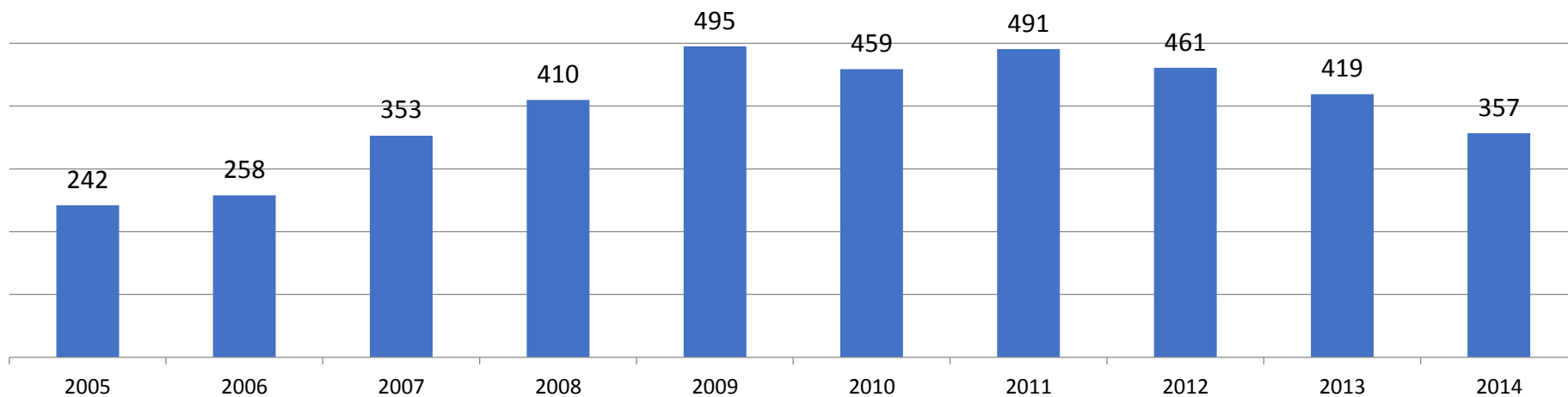
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World	242	258	353	410	495	459	491	461	419	357	3945	100,0%
US	75,9	85,9	126,0	146,0	159,5	161,0	151,9	135,7	116,2	98,5	1256,6	31,9%
JP	38,8	27,9	46,3	43,3	71,3	65,2	83,7	84,0	78,5	72,8	611,9	15,5%
DE	17,3	39,2	39,6	37,8	63,8	56,5	52,7	39,5	41,3	39,3	427,1	10,8%
FR	22,8	18,1	14,6	28,8	30,1	28,0	35,3	25,1	16,5	15,8	234,9	6,0%
KR	7,0	10,2	12,7	15,0	13,8	20,0	24,5	28,0	39,3	29,3	199,8	5,1%
CA	22,6	14,4	10,2	22,7	26,0	19,4	12,0	24,9	13,3	7,5	172,9	4,4%
GB	13,8	11,0	14,3	20,1	22,3	21,0	11,0	16,9	19,5	20,2	170,0	4,3%
NL	6,8	3,2	13,1	24,0	14,8	8,8	13,3	14,8	14,0	9,3	122,1	3,1%
NO	6,7	9,3	12,8	6,8	15,5	6,5	12,7	8,5	9,3	3,0	91,0	2,3%
AU	4,5	10,8	15,0	8,0	12,3	13,0	4,5	4,1	7,0	1,0	80,2	2,0%
CN	3,2	3,7	14,3	6,1	9,0	7,7	14,0	8,5	9,0	2,3	77,7	2,0%
IN	5,5	3,5	2,5	3,6	6,8	5,8	16,8	8,3	5,5	8,5	66,8	1,7%
SE	0,0	3,0	3,0	6,2	4,8	7,3	7,8	8,2	7,3	3,0	50,6	1,3%
IT	3,8	3,0	4,5	6,5	6,4	7,0	0,7	5,0	8,5	3,5	48,9	1,2%
CH	0,0	1,7	5,0	2,0	11,3	3,3	9,6	6,7	2,5	2,5	44,5	1,1%
OTHER	13,3	13,1	19,3	31,2	26,5	28,6	40,7	42,3	31,4	40,3	286,7	7,3%

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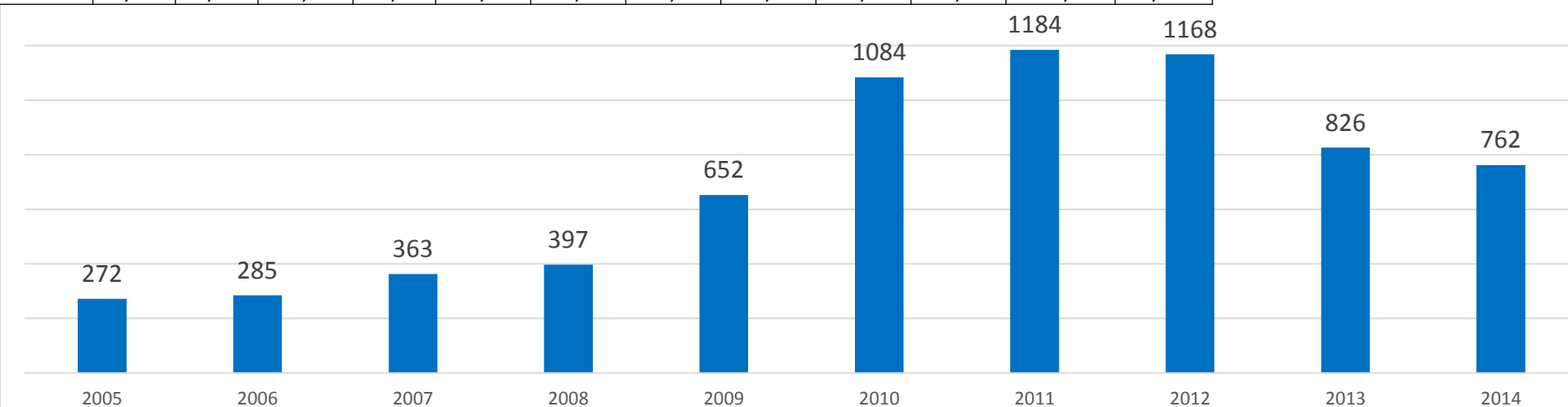
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<b>World</b>	272	285	363	397	652	1084	1184	1168	826	762	6993	100,0%
<b>JP</b>	134,5	144,5	192,17	177	301	524,25	552,33	481,33	277	336,67	3120,75	44,6%
<b>KR</b>	81	62,7	60,83	53,83	109,08	198,67	241,33	260,83	224,83	179,67	1472,77	21,1%
<b>US</b>	16,17	30,53	39	58,83	100,62	99,37	126,25	148,42	141,58	95,5	856,27	12,2%
<b>DE</b>	5	15,2	27,5	30,08	43,17	92,42	101,17	111,67	73	75,67	574,88	8,2%
<b>CN</b>	3,5	3,58	5,17	35,5	22,58	57,03	53	52,17	27,75	18,33	278,61	4,0%
<b>FR</b>	7,5	10	12,67	10	21,17	24,5	21,92	20,75	23,83	12,5	164,84	2,4%
<b>TW</b>	2	1	3,25	3	3,5	11	14,5	18,5	11,5	1,67	69,92	1,0%
<b>GB</b>	3	1,92	4	8,5	8,78	10,78	8,42	10,67	7	1,33	64,4	0,9%
<b>CA</b>	5	2,83	4,33	4,5	4,2	9,58	9	6,17	5	5,33	55,94	0,8%
<b>RU</b>	5	1,5	0	0,25	3,5	2,67	5,17	7,83	7,17	4,17	37,26	0,5%
<b>IN</b>	0	1,45	1,25	0,75	2,45	4,75	6,67	7,58	2,83	0	27,73	0,4%
<b>IT</b>	0	0,33	1	1,67	2,17	2,83	7,92	8	1,83	1,83	27,58	0,4%
<b>CH</b>	0,67	0,25	0,5	0,5	4,83	6,5	3,67	4,25	3,17	3	27,34	0,4%
<b>IL</b>	0	0,5	0	1,25	2	3	5,5	7	4	3,5	26,75	0,4%
<b>OTHER</b>	8,66	8,71	11,33	11,34	22,95	36,65	27,15	22,83	15,51	22,83	187,96	2,7%

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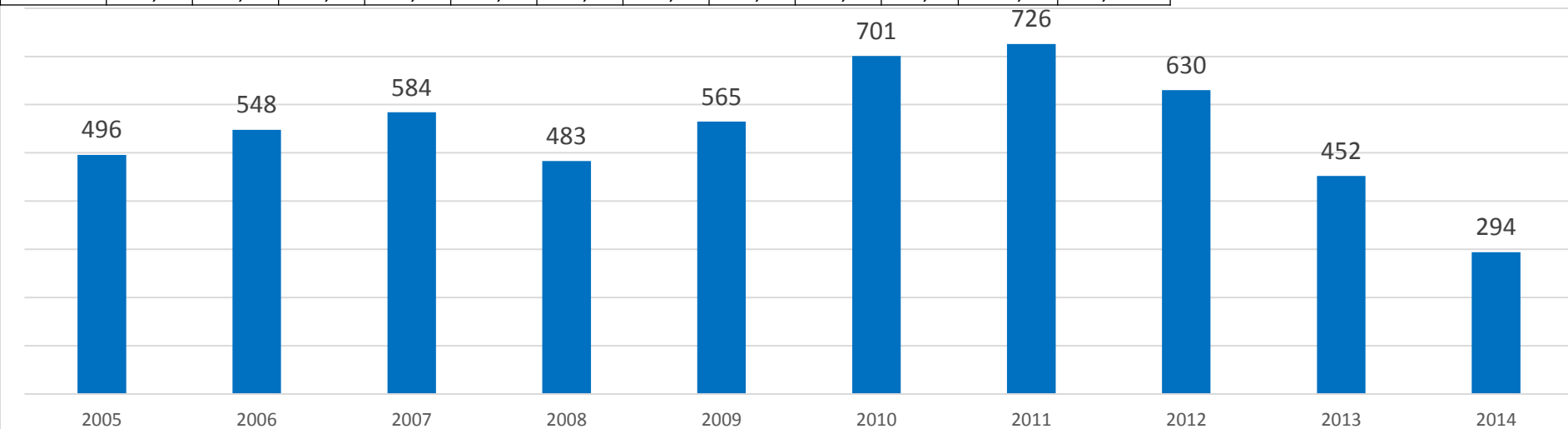
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<b>World</b>	496	548	584	483	565	701	726	630	452	294	5479	100,0%
<b>JP</b>	226,7	231,2	261,4	214,5	243,0	250,0	296,0	259,2	113,0	85,3	2180,3	39,8%
<b>US</b>	87,8	79,5	89,9	86,3	93,5	135,6	122,7	120,3	127,3	79,5	1022,4	18,7%
<b>KR</b>	71,2	80,2	60,7	45,0	51,8	114,5	106,2	94,5	76,0	42,5	742,5	13,6%
<b>DE</b>	35,7	41,7	58,2	33,0	51,6	48,4	52,4	40,3	35,5	27,8	424,6	7,7%
<b>FR</b>	5,8	6,0	7,2	14,5	24,1	32,0	26,6	17,7	10,0	8,5	152,3	2,8%
<b>GB</b>	12,0	18,3	14,6	15,2	8,1	14,5	15,7	22,5	14,5	7,5	142,8	2,6%
<b>CN</b>	9,3	9,1	9,9	11,8	12,7	20,5	24,9	13,7	10,0	5,5	127,3	2,3%
<b>TW</b>	8,5	24,3	23,0	10,3	10,5	11,0	10,5	14,3	5,0	6,0	123,4	2,3%
<b>CA</b>	7,7	11,0	6,8	15,3	10,3	13,5	18,0	14,2	11,5	6,5	114,8	2,1%
<b>DE</b>	4,3	5,0	12,5	4,0	7,4	2,3	5,5	3,3	0,5	1,5	46,4	0,8%
<b>IT</b>	5,0	7,0	6,5	2,0	6,8	6,7	7,5	0,0	3,0	0,0	44,5	0,8%
<b>NL</b>	2,3	4,0	4,7	6,7	5,2	3,8	1,8	1,3	5,0	2,5	37,4	0,7%
<b>IN</b>	2,5	2,8	3,8	3,0	3,9	4,1	4,8	3,7	4,5	0,5	33,5	0,6%
<b>CH</b>	0,3	0,0	4,0	3,5	7,3	3,9	5,3	3,0	1,7	3,0	32,0	0,6%
<b>AT</b>	0,6	2,4	2,2	1,5	4,8	4,2	2,5	2,0	11,2	0,0	31,4	0,6%
<b>OTHER</b>	16,3	25,7	18,7	16,5	23,9	36,0	25,7	20,0	23,3	17,3	223,5	4,1%

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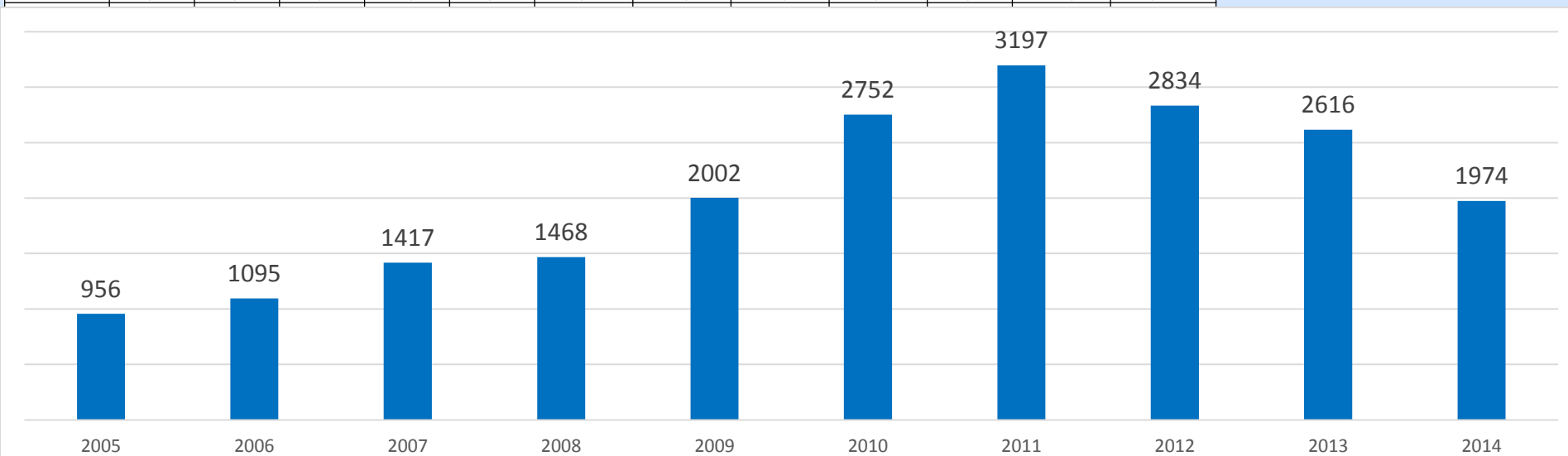
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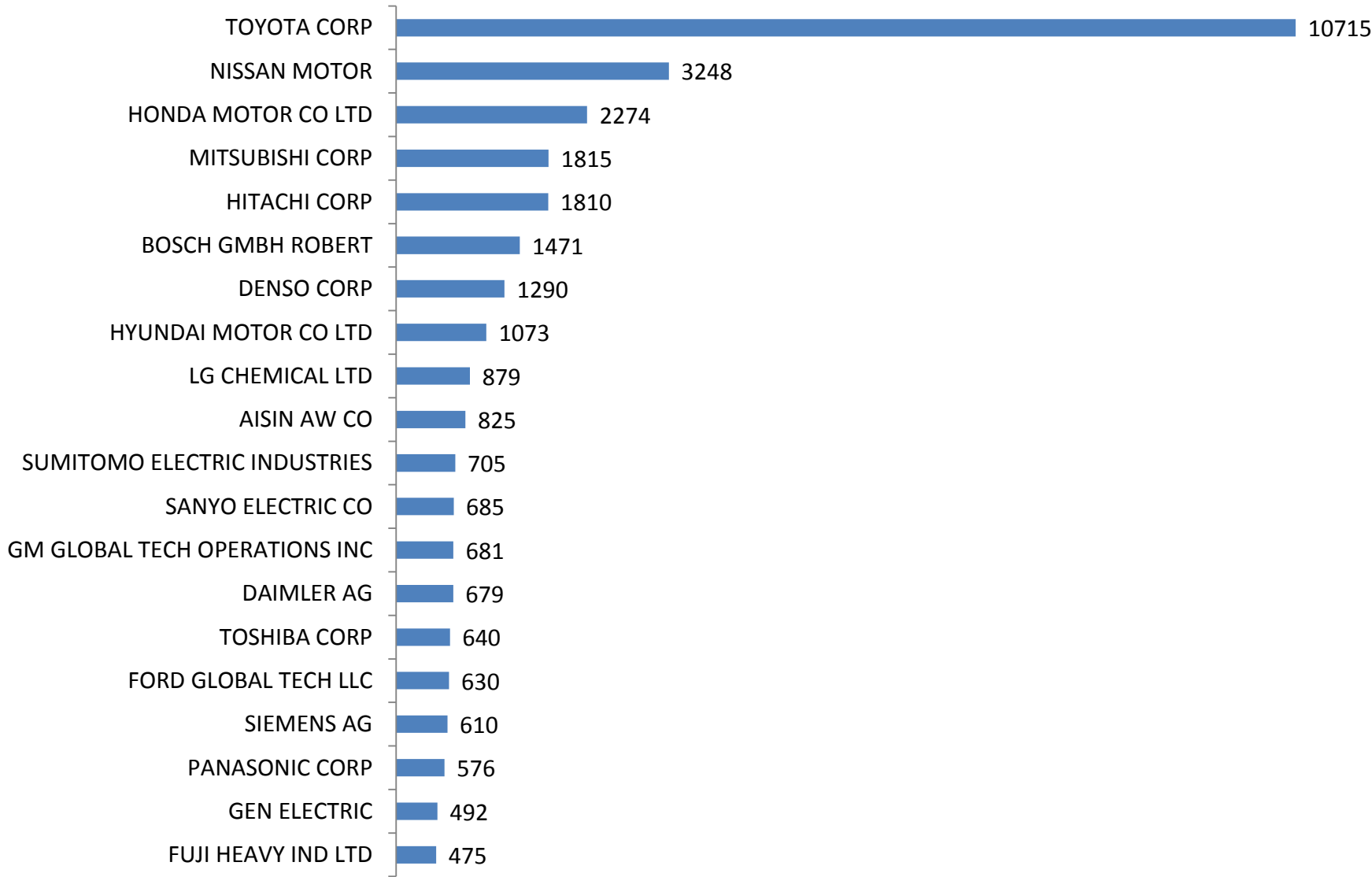
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<b>World</b>	956	1095	1417	1468	2002	2752	3197	2834	2616	1974	20311	100,0%
<b>JP</b>	600,8	671,5	705,0	627,5	902,5	1318,5	1635,1	1231,2	1111,8	763,2	9567,1	47,1%
<b>US</b>	128,3	124,8	325,4	321,8	356,1	385,0	412,7	368,4	377,4	335,3	3135,0	15,4%
<b>DE</b>	88,8	108,4	164,2	193,6	322,9	412,0	422,2	429,4	356,0	300,2	2797,6	13,8%
<b>KR</b>	37,5	59,4	36,8	51,8	113,2	220,1	297,8	331,0	369,8	305,3	1822,6	9,0%
<b>FR</b>	28,5	36,7	55,2	55,0	62,8	92,8	120,3	116,3	107,8	49,3	724,7	3,6%
<b>CN</b>	7,7	16,4	22,5	50,9	32,4	57,1	51,2	50,3	50,9	44,1	383,5	1,9%
<b>GB</b>	5,0	9,5	7,8	15,3	25,0	33,8	36,3	55,3	37,5	23,8	249,5	1,2%
<b>SE</b>	12,2	13,5	6,5	13,3	25,8	22,8	28,2	25,0	45,5	18,0	210,8	1,0%
<b>CA</b>	17,8	10,8	22,2	11,6	11,7	23,8	28,4	21,3	18,7	17,0	183,4	0,9%
<b>TW</b>	1,5	2,5	11,5	13,5	16,7	28,0	37,4	28,9	24,0	18,5	182,5	0,9%
<b>IT</b>	6,8	10,5	11,5	15,0	22,5	18,3	17,2	19,3	13,3	16,0	150,4	0,7%
<b>AT</b>	3,5	6,3	13,8	5,3	16,0	31,3	14,7	32,2	12,5	7,5	143,2	0,7%
<b>CH</b>	1,5	6,5	3,0	9,8	9,7	18,8	11,2	12,2	15,8	14,1	102,5	0,5%
<b>IL</b>	0,0	1,0	2,0	40,8	9,9	5,0	11,0	22,0	4,0	4,5	100,1	0,5%

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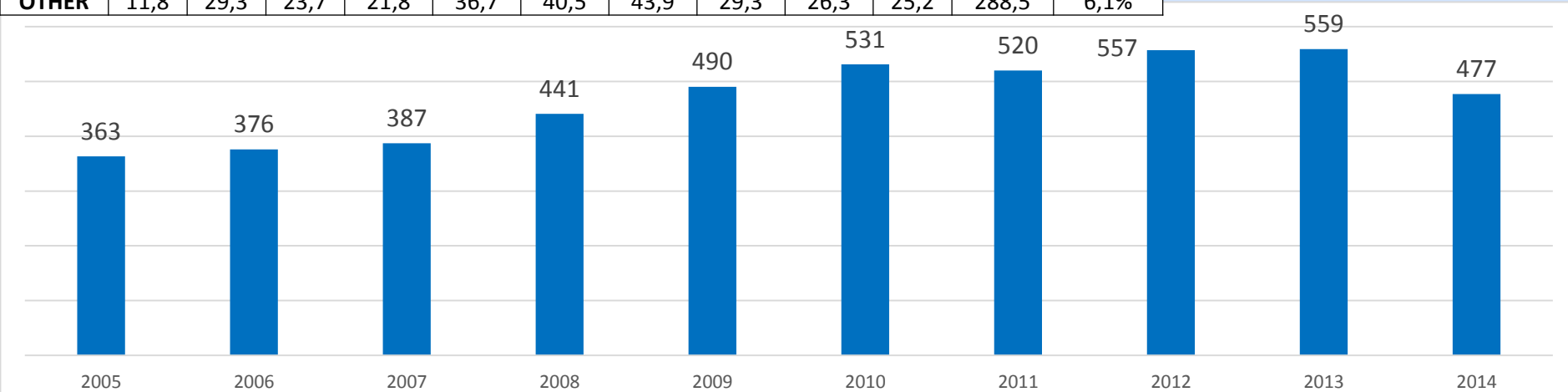


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<b>JP</b>	92,5	85,0	89,0	102,0	117,0	107,5	133,0	155,0	130,5	95,3	1106,8	23,5%
<b>US</b>	63,0	38,4	57,1	50,0	55,7	76,0	72,9	84,8	81,0	89,0	667,9	14,2%
<b>DE</b>	46,3	76,0	57,5	77,3	71,2	82,0	66,0	51,5	74,8	60,0	662,6	14,1%
<b>KR</b>	59,5	51,5	39,5	26,5	40,0	51,5	35,5	42,0	36,5	41,5	424,0	9,0%
<b>FR</b>	13,0	11,4	16,3	30,5	39,5	45,0	24,4	29,8	50,0	38,3	298,2	6,3%
<b>IL</b>	12,0	16,8	16,5	21,3	23,5	24,5	25,5	19,5	17,0	20,3	196,9	4,2%
<b>CN</b>	3,5	5,5	9,0	10,5	20,5	16,5	22,5	32,7	31,5	22,0	174,2	3,7%
<b>GB</b>	12,8	6,0	13,5	21,5	21,0	21,0	14,0	28,5	22,5	12,0	172,8	3,7%
<b>CA</b>	9,0	7,0	14,0	14,0	9,3	11,0	16,5	16,5	25,8	12,5	135,6	2,9%
<b>NL</b>	10,0	10,5	3,0	7,5	7,3	10,0	16,0	10,5	8,8	7,0	90,6	1,9%
<b>DK</b>	5,0	8,5	14,0	9,0	12,0	4,5	4,5	7,0	8,5	8,0	81,0	1,7%
<b>CH</b>	8,0	5,0	1,5	4,8	10,5	11,0	6,9	5,0	12,5	8,1	73,3	1,6%
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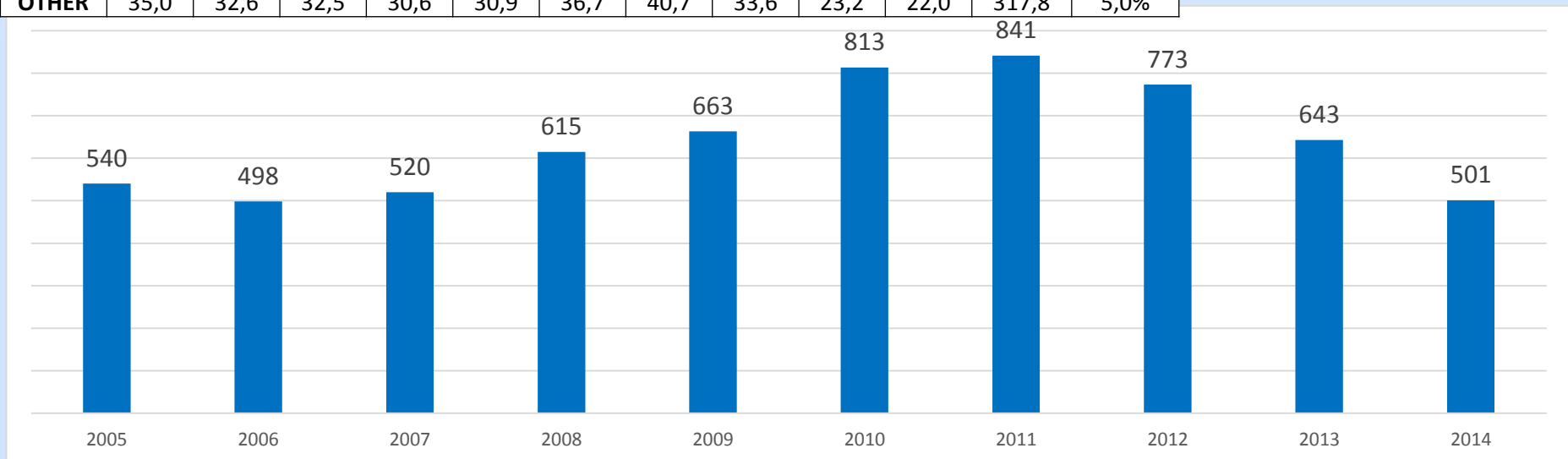




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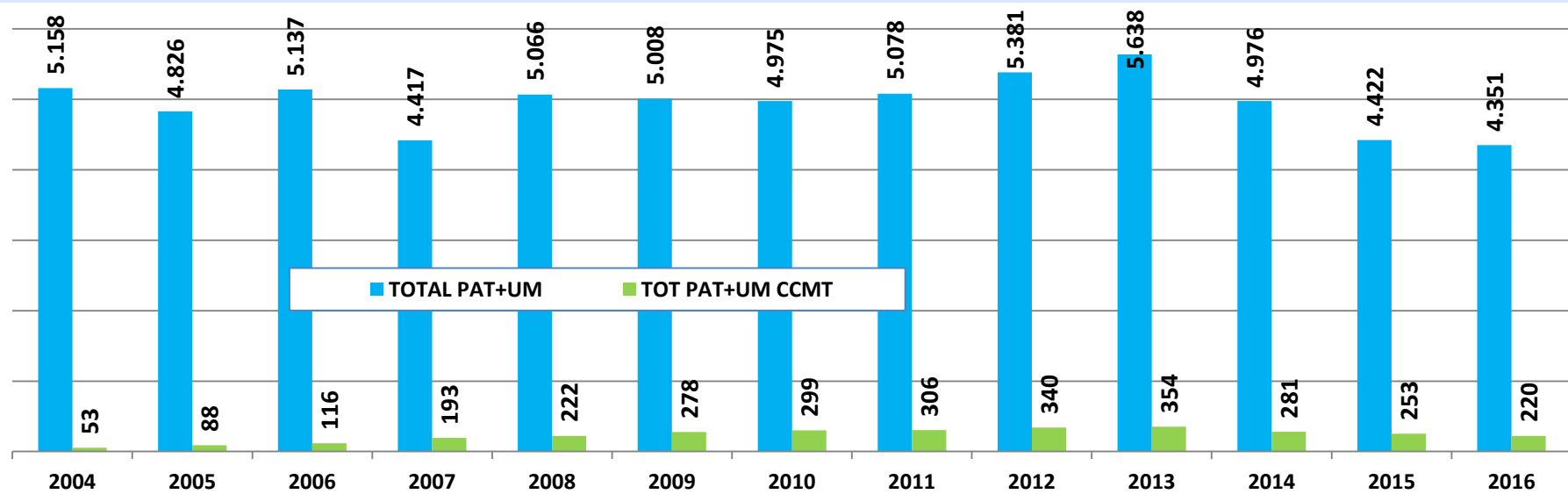
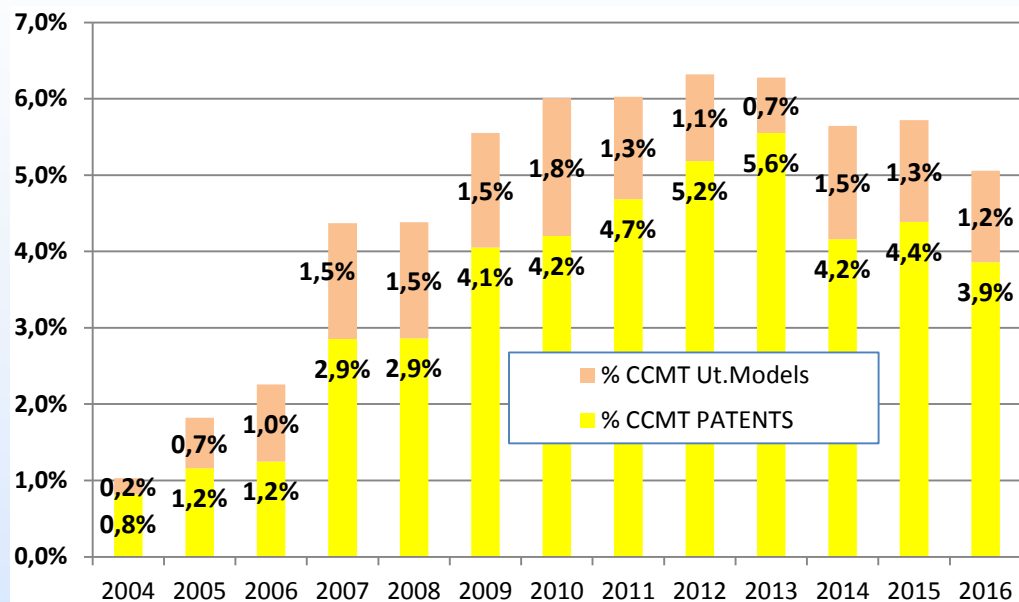
# OEPM PATENT INFORMATION ON CCMTs

- **CCMT PATENT PUBLICATIONS YEARLY REPORT**
- **TECHNOLOGY ALERTS**
- **TECHNOLOGY WATCH BULLETINS**
- **TRADE FAIRS**
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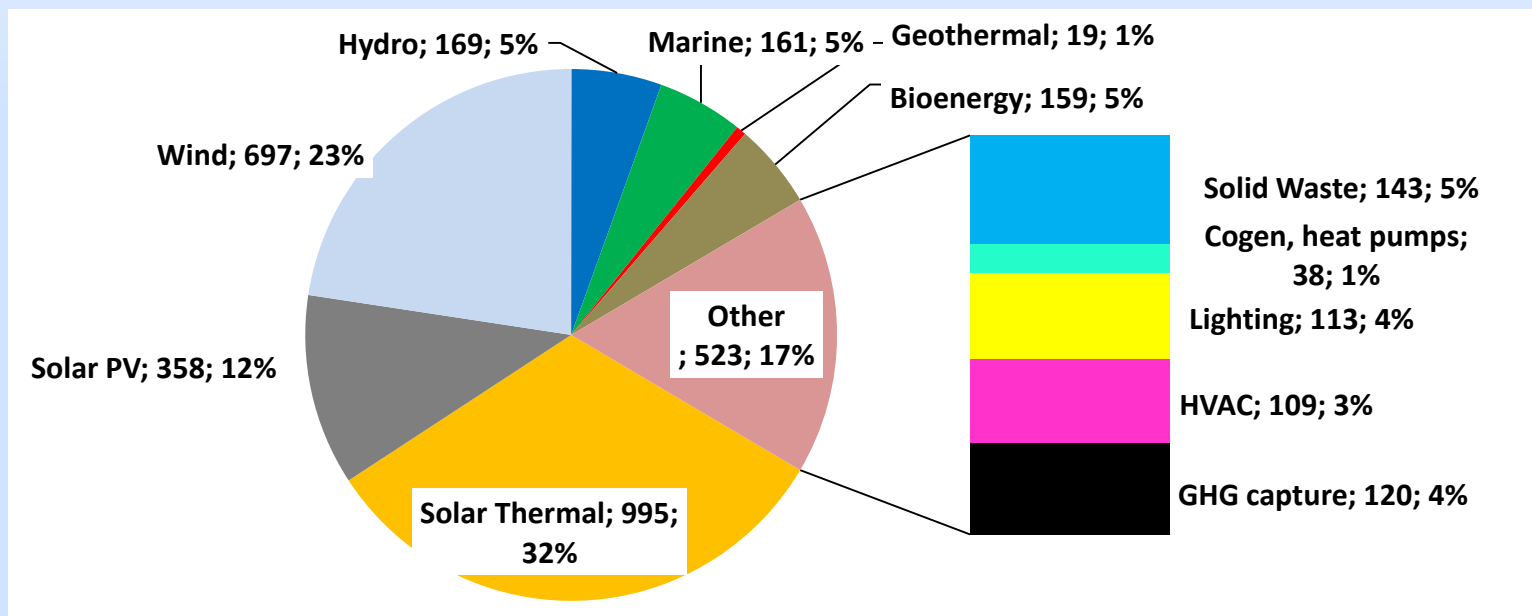
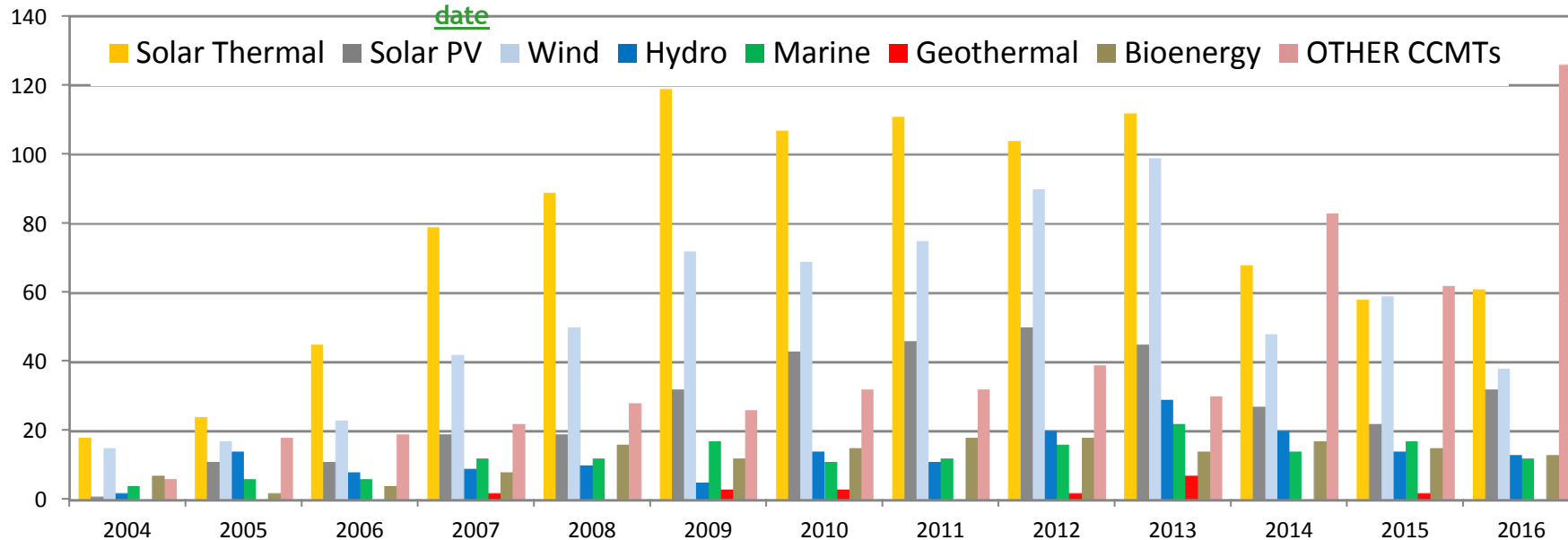
Published Patents and Utility Models from Spain Resident Applicants by publication date

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2004	2.271	42	0,8%	2.887	11	0,2%	5.158	53	1,0%
2005	2.307	56	1,2%	2.519	32	0,7%	4.826	88	1,8%
2006	2.291	64	1,2%	2.846	52	1,0%	5.137	116	2,3%
2007	2.138	126	2,9%	2.279	67	1,5%	4.417	193	4,4%
2008	2.362	145	2,9%	2.704	77	1,5%	5.066	222	4,4%
2009	2.860	203	4,1%	2.148	75	1,5%	5.008	278	5,6%
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2014	2.383	207	4,2%	2.593	74	1,5%	4.976	281	5,6%
2015	2.235	194	4,4%	2.187	59	1,3%	4.422	253	5,7%
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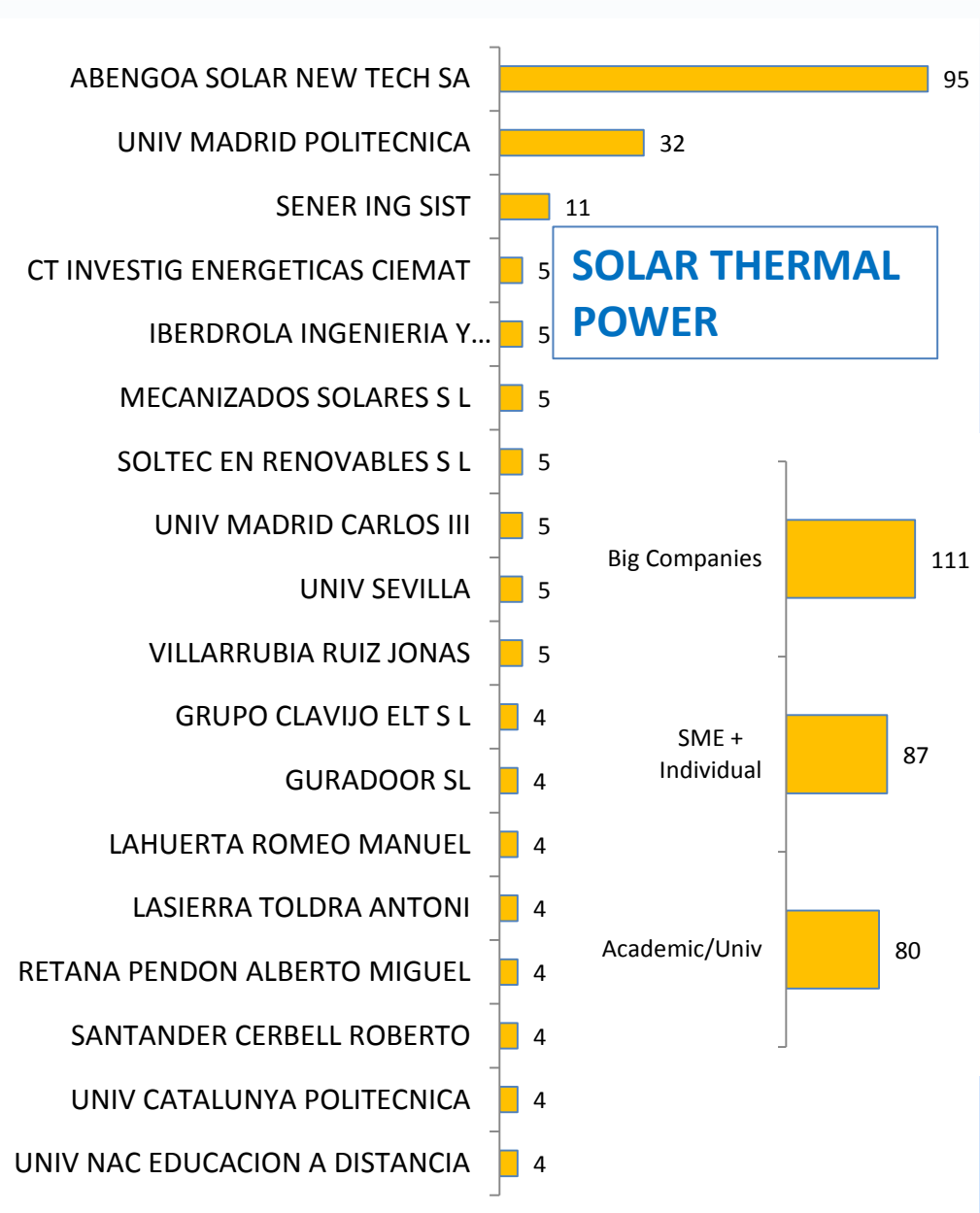
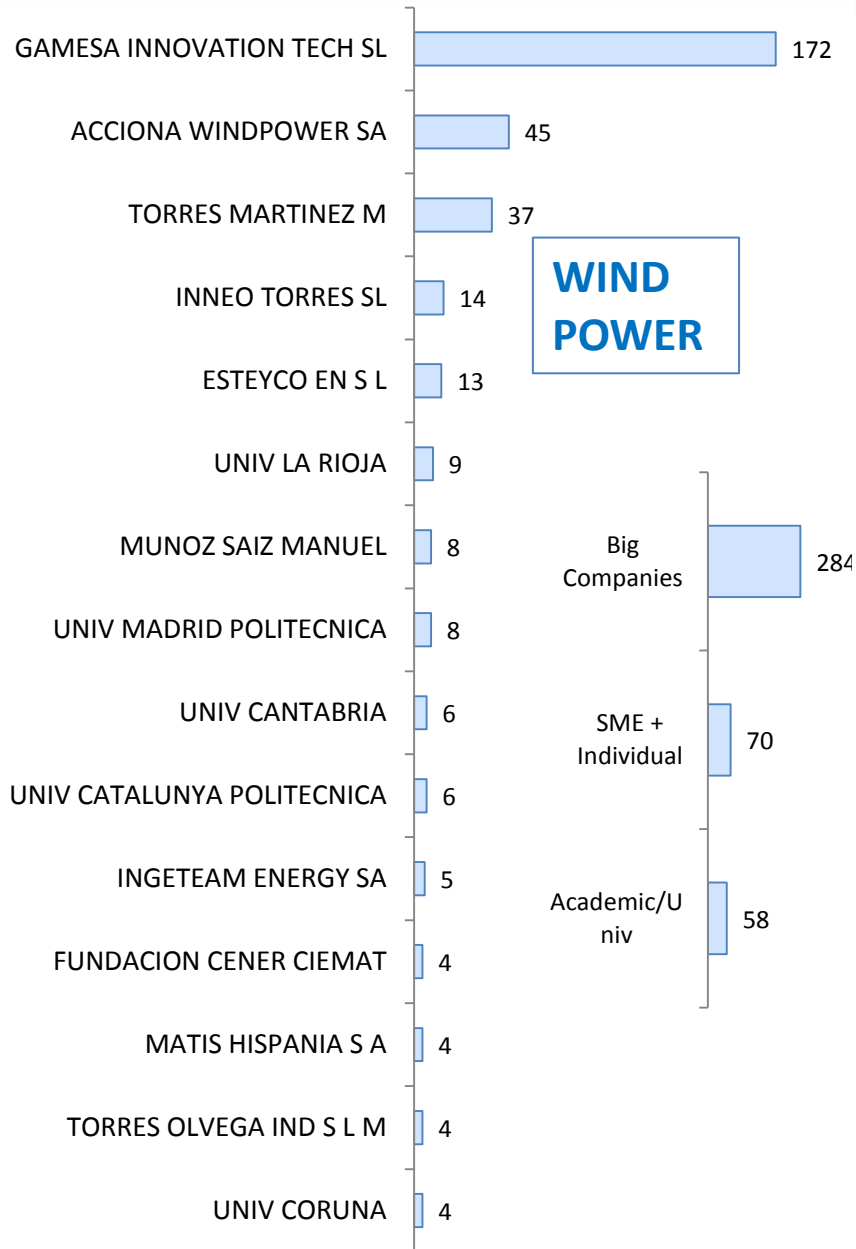


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# Top ES Patent Applicants since 2000



# Technology Alerts Energy & Sustainability

GEOTHERMAL ENERGY

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*Last patents published worldwide on specific technical fields*

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## Technology Watch Bulletins:

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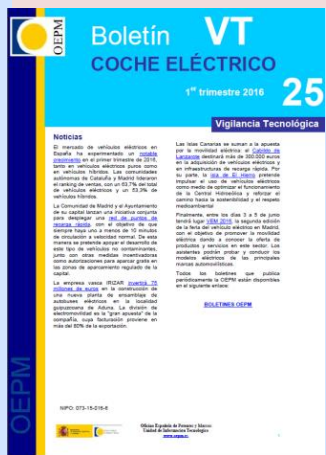
*Periodical publications listings and relevant news*

## CCMT Trade Fairs

Genera, Egética, Smart Cities

## Cooperation with CCMT

Wind, fuel cells, solar thermal, solar PV, marine, biomass, geothermal  
Reoltec, PTE HPC, SolarConcentra, Fotoplat, PT Marítima, Geoplat, Bioplat



## Some conclusions:

- **Sustained growth in CCMTs and related technologies**
- **Patent internationalisation lead by JP, US, DE, KR**
- **Spain presence especially in Wind and Solar Thermal Power**

# Thanks for your attention!



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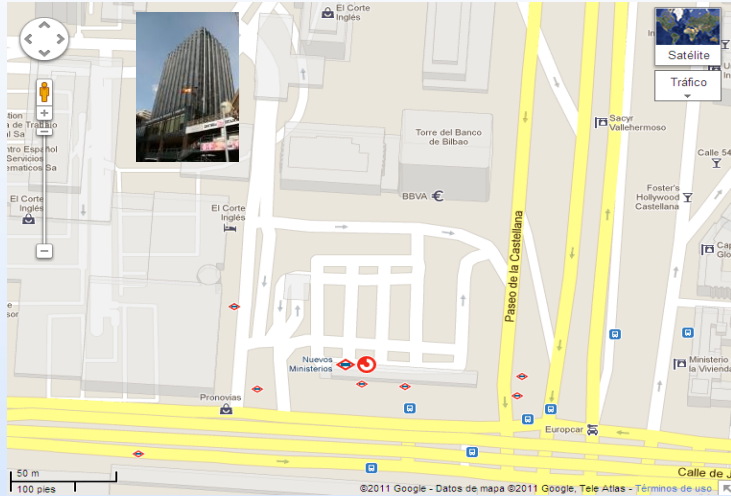


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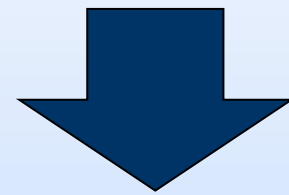
**Prosecution of patent applications on CCMT's  
Meeting patentability requirements  
Search and examination practice at the OEPM**

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**Head of Applied Mechanics Division**



# Autonomous Body of Ministerio de Energía, Turismo y Agenda Digital



## Mission

- Promote innovation
- Boost economic development
- Foster progress

## Vision

- Avant-garde office
- Intl referent
- Search of excelency
- Technology advanced
- Processes optimization

## Values

- Professionalism
- Transparency
- Service oriented
- Cooperation
- Quality



# New patent legislation

**Legal clarity**  
**Administrative burdens**  
**Adjustment to Intl procedures**  
**Entrepreneurial Support**  
**21st Century oriented**

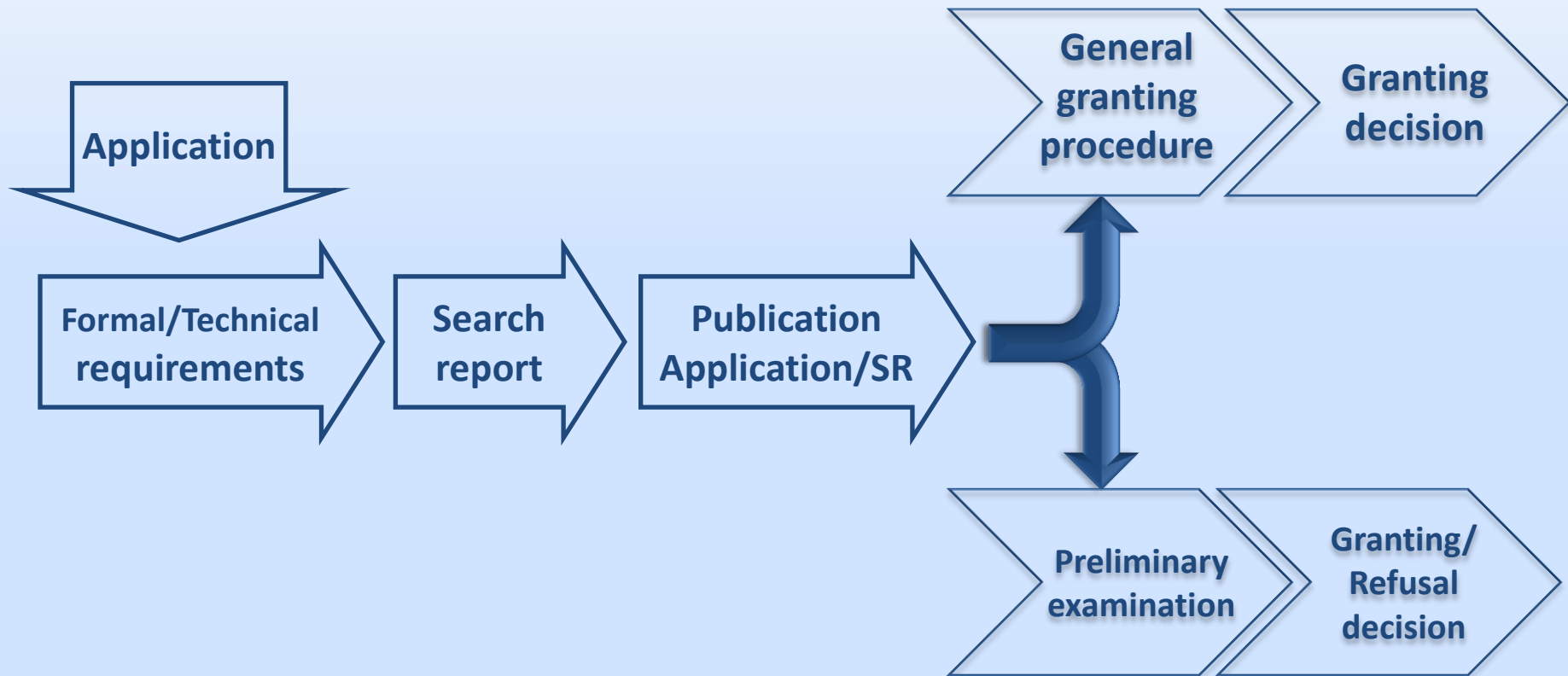
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**24/2015**  
**Patent Act**

# 11/1986 Patent Act



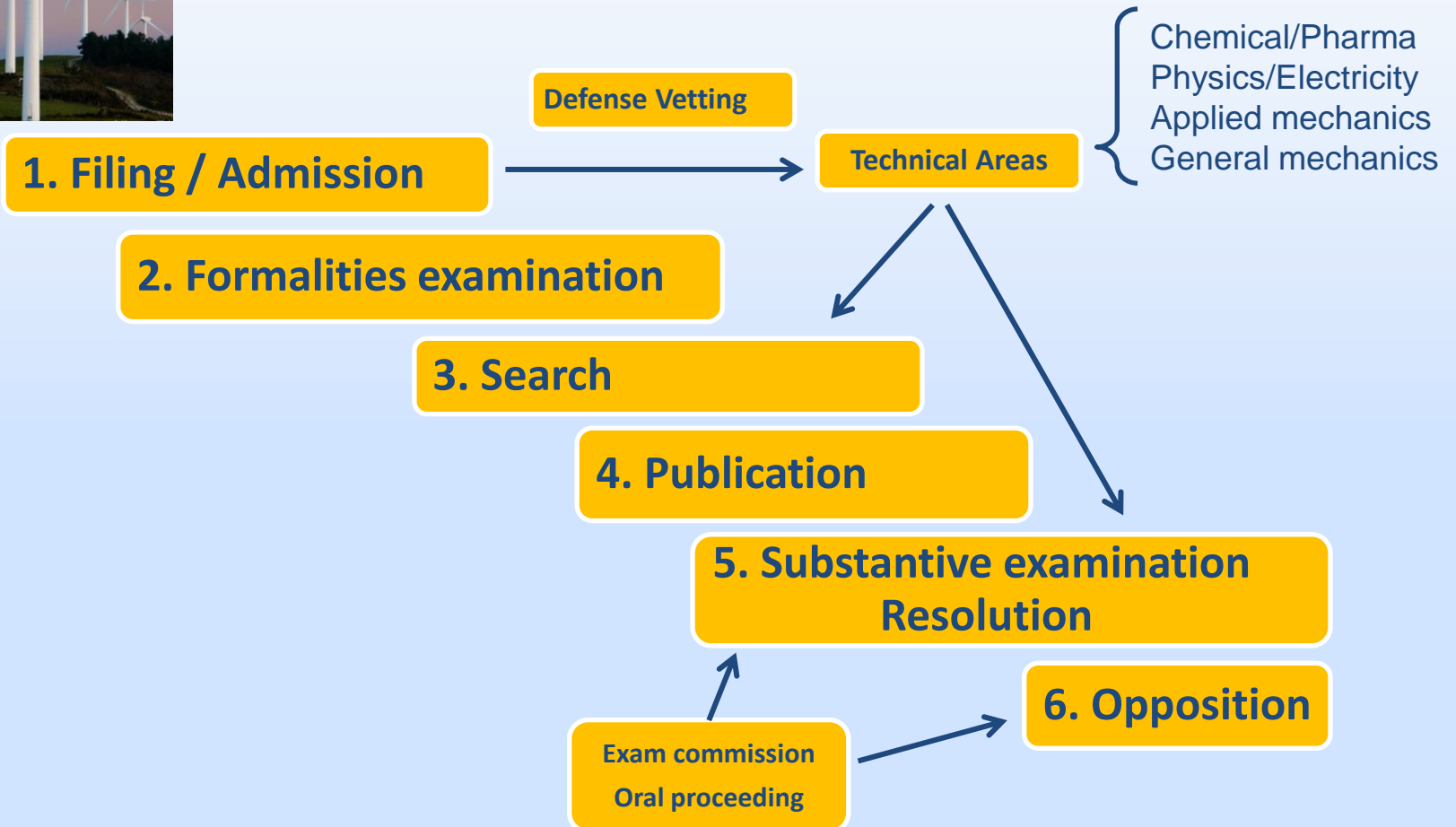
## Two options system



# 24/2015 Patent Act



## One option system





# Some features

## **Patentability requirements fulfillment**

Partially invalid claim possibility during trial

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# Challenges in CCMT's

## 24/2015 Patent Act

- Newborn law to be implemented
- CCMT's not very different to other technologies
- Big impact of individuals as applicant
- Y02 widely used as support for searching
- Not CCMT's classified as such
- Need to have the CC alert active
- Top-up searches
- Usual lack of clarity in applications
- Mixed features in claims: device & process





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# Experience of a Spanish Company in the Field of Climate Change Mitigation Technology

Patenting procedures relating to climate change mitigation technologies  
OEPM

07. March 2018

Karl-Georg Aspacher | CTO RDP

**SIEMENS Gamesa**  
RENEWABLE ENERGY

## Global presence to ensure customer proximity



Non-exhaustive  Main Sales Offices  Main Engineering Centers  Nacelles  Blades

Karl-Georg Aspacher | CTO RDP

## Three business units strongly positioned in the market



### Onshore

Over **73 GW installed** since 1980  
The **technological partner of choice** for Onshore wind power projects.



### Offshore

Over **11 GW installed** since 1991  
**Most experienced offshore wind company** with the most reliable product portfolio in the market.



### Service

**55 GW maintained**  
**Commitment beyond the supply** of the wind turbine to reach the profitability goals.

# Siemens Gamesa – Key Facts (FY17)



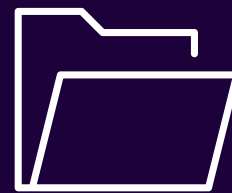
**~84.5 GW**  
globally installed



**~25 k**  
employees



**€11 bn**  
Annual Revenue



**8 GW**  
Order entry



**5**  
Invention  
Disclosures/week



**3**  
First  
Filings/Week



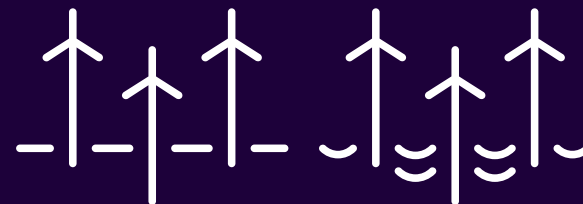
**€21.3 bn**  
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True **global**,  
modern and scalable  
**footprint**



Advanced **digital**  
capabilities



**Portfolio** covering all requirements



**3195<sup>1)</sup>**  
granted **Patents**  
worldwide

1) End of December 2017

# Innovation and Intellectual Property Management

Past

R&D



Inventor

“Patent Bureau”



Today

- Integration into innovation activities
- Early harvesting of ideas
- Interdisciplinary Decision Committee including Research and Development, Intellectual Property, Product Strategy, Technology and Innovation, Strategy and Marketing experts



# Integrated Project and Strategic Patent Work

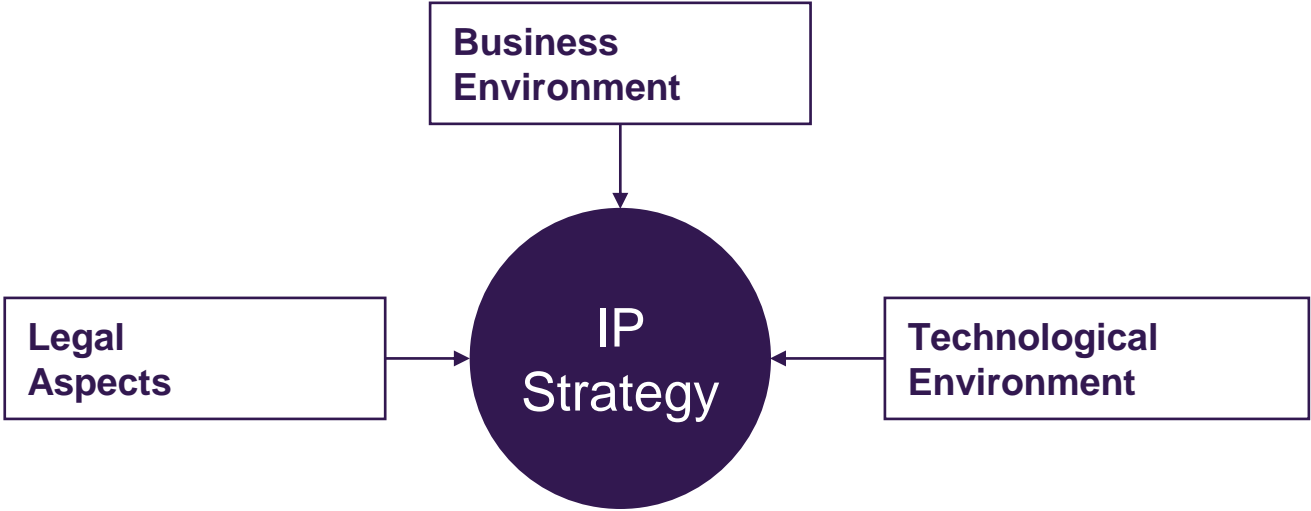


- Define IP Strategy
- Clarify Patent Situation

Harvest ID's

Check IP Situation

Exploitation

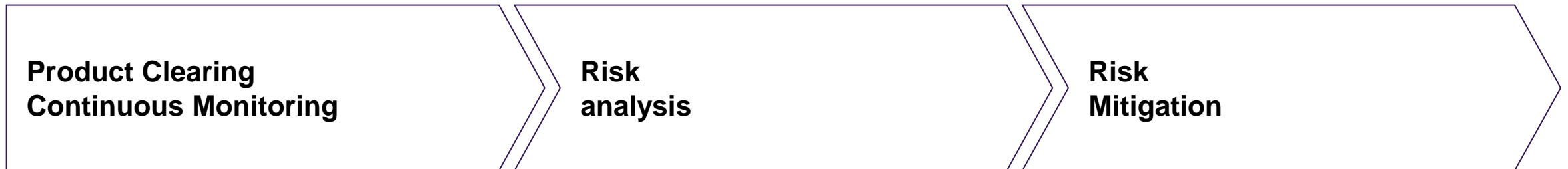


# Innovation and Intellectual Property Management

## Own Patents



## Third Party Patents





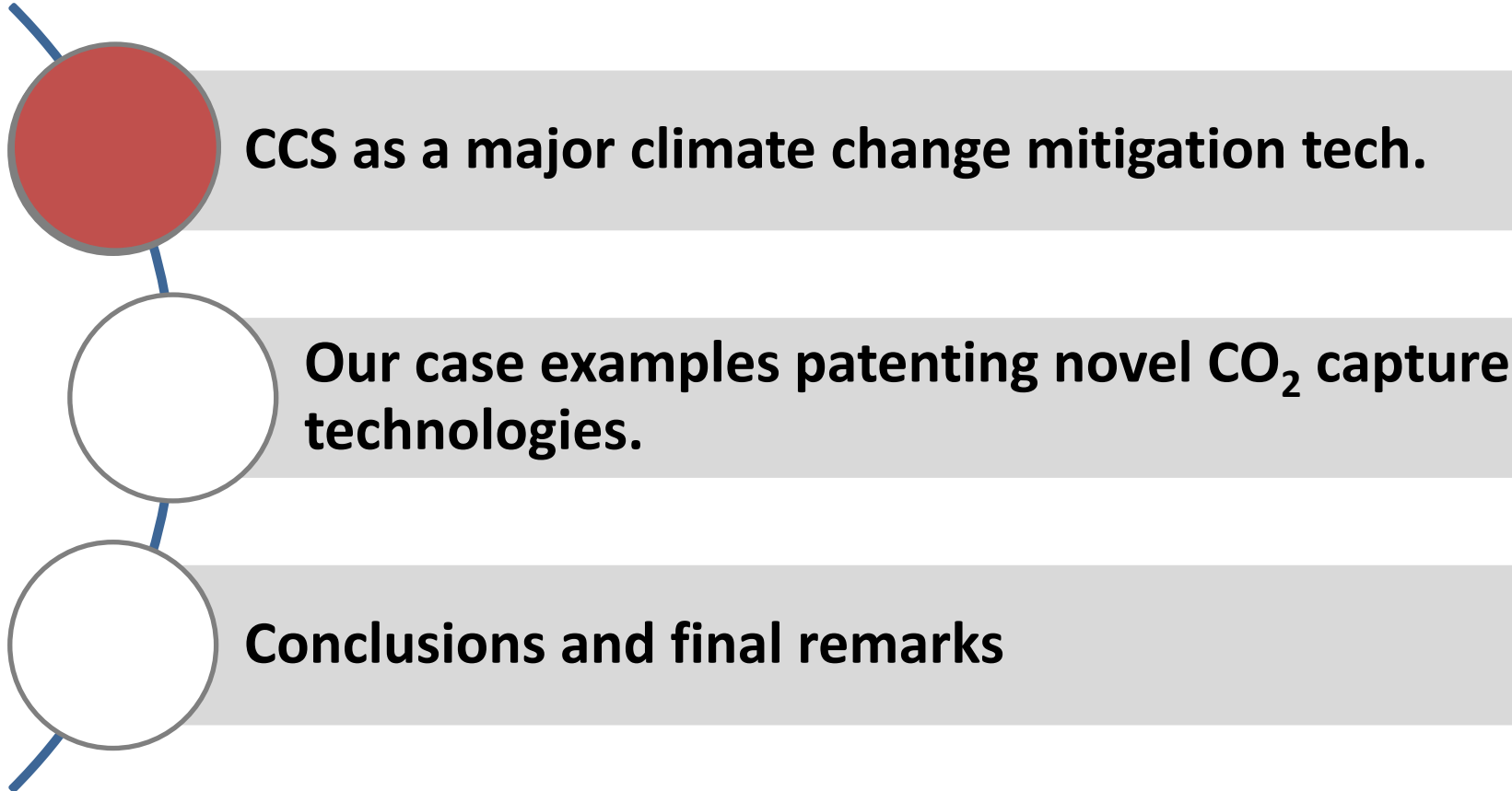
# Experience of a Spanish research group in the field of climate change mitigation technologies

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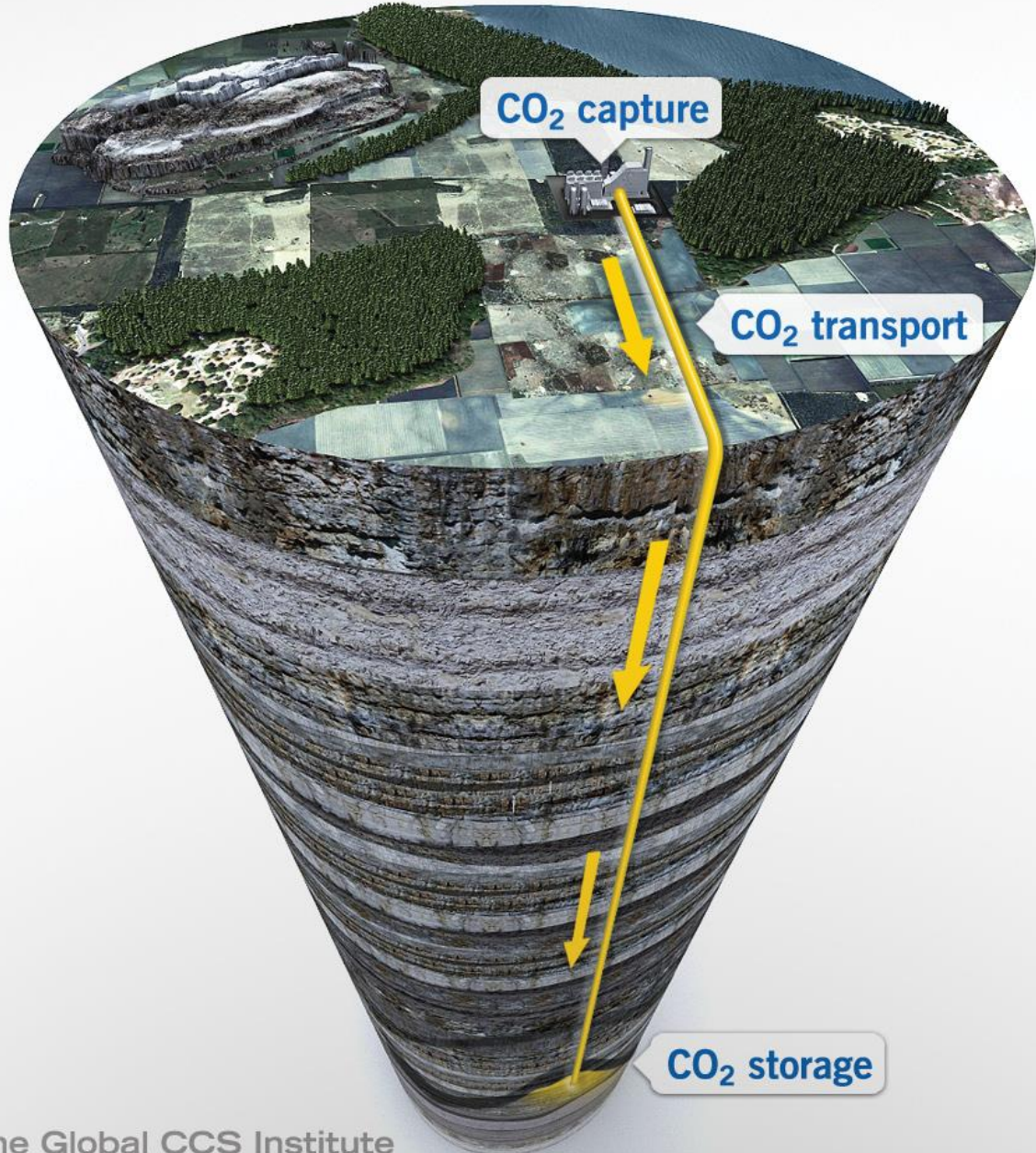
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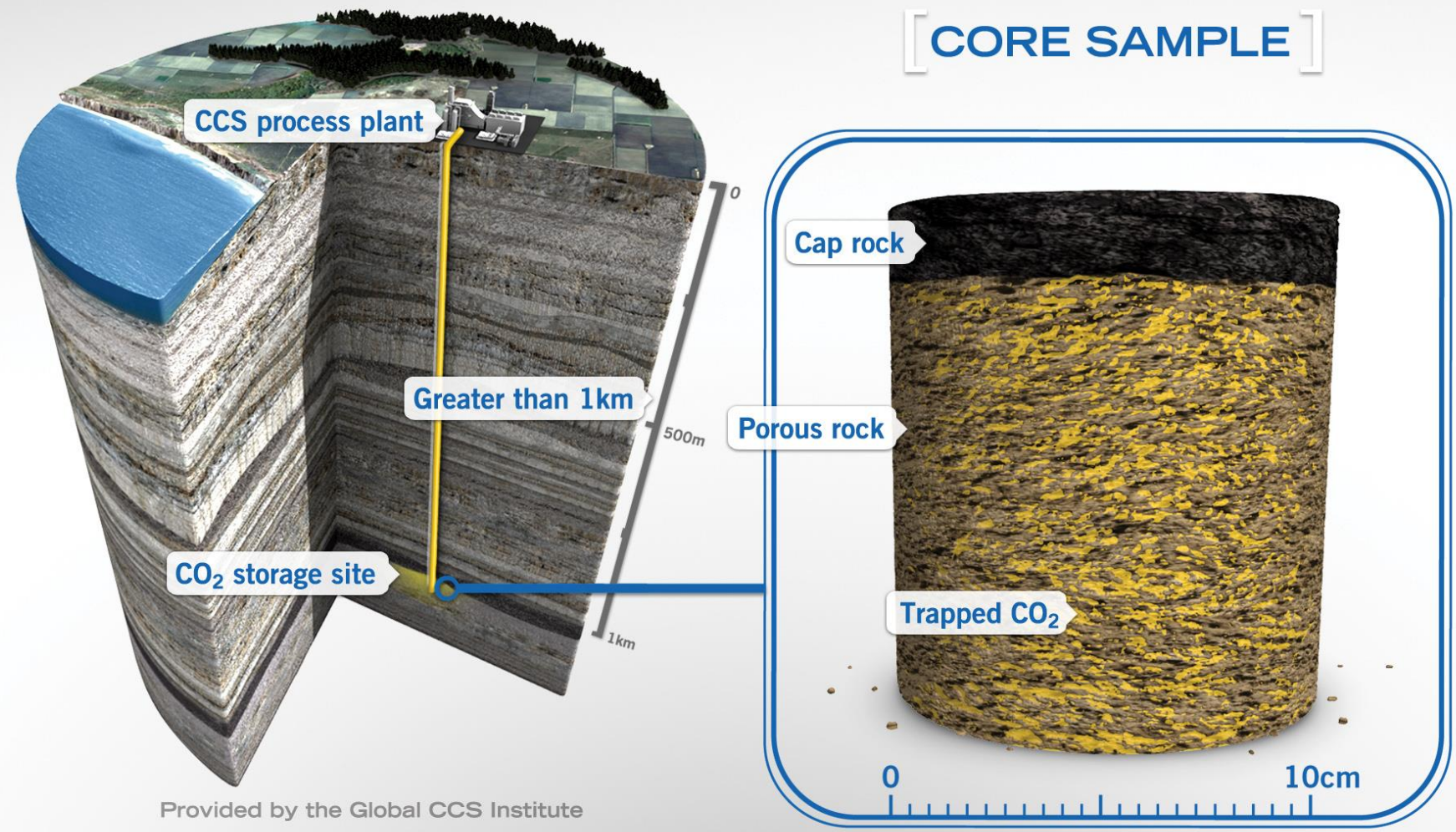
# Outline



# THE CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE PROCESS

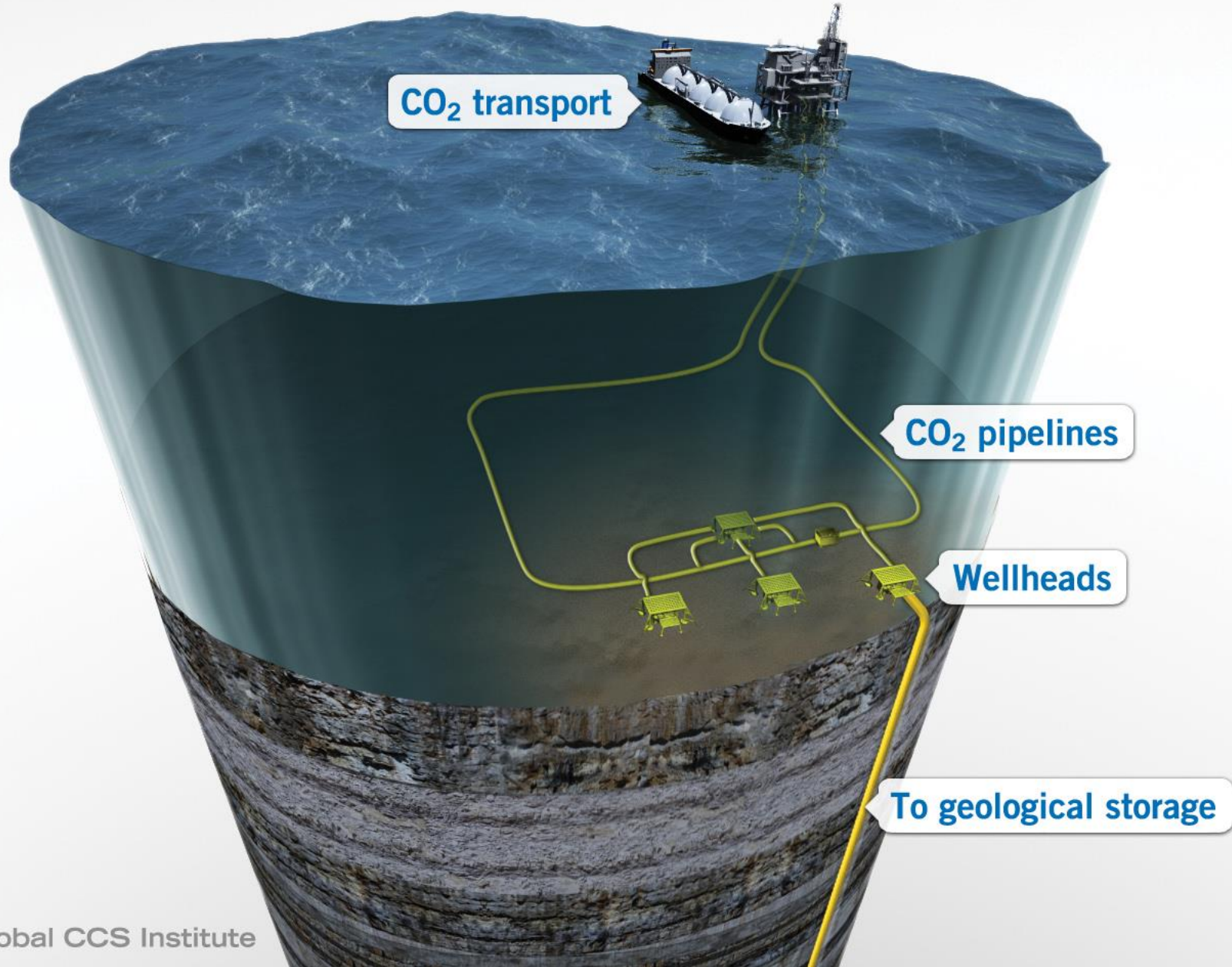


# [ CORE SAMPLE ]



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# [ OFFSHORE TRANSPORT AND STORAGE ]



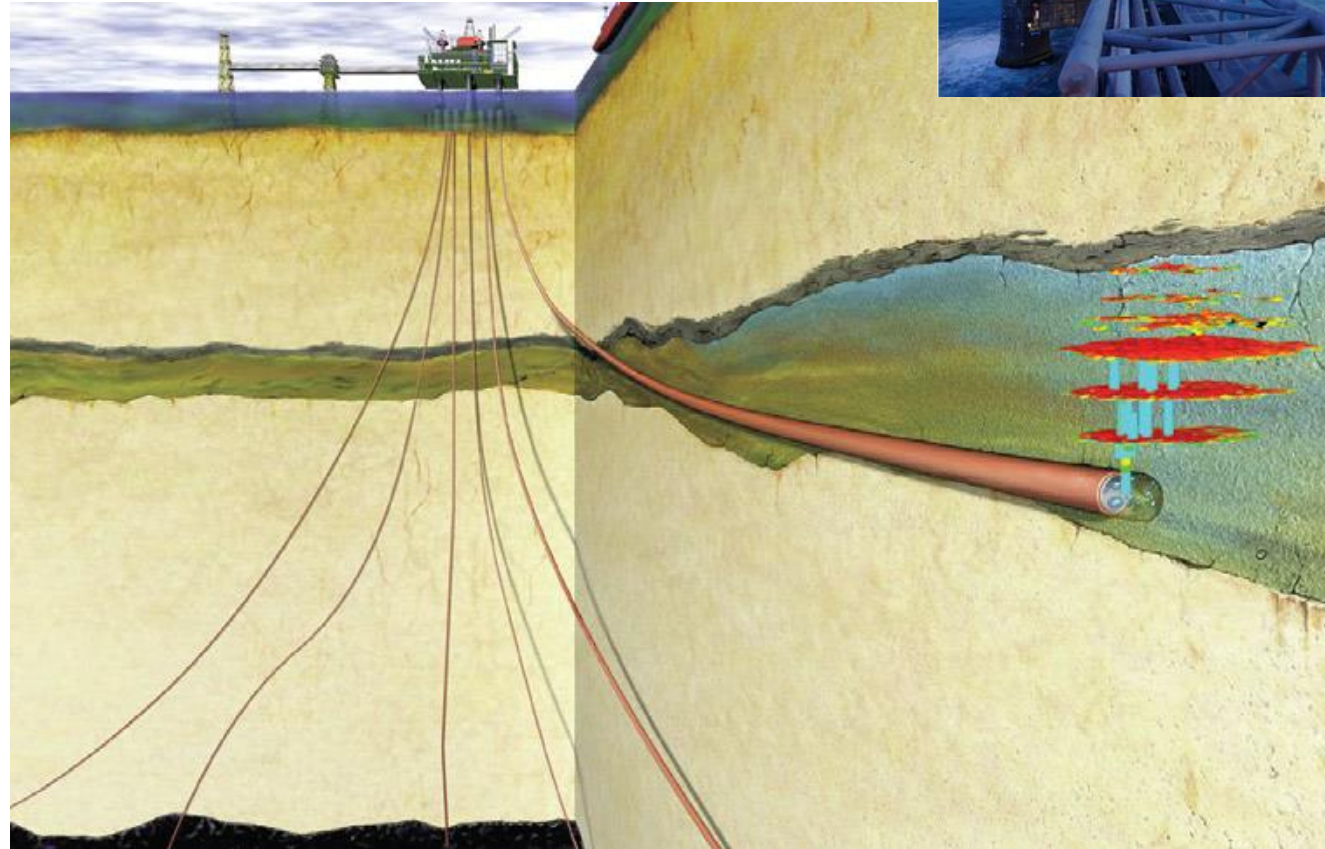
# Storage of CO<sub>2</sub> en saline formations

## Sleipner

Noway, North Sea. Operating from 1996

Source of CO<sub>2</sub>: Natural Gas with 12%v CO<sub>2</sub>

1 MtCO<sub>2</sub>/y to a saline aquifer

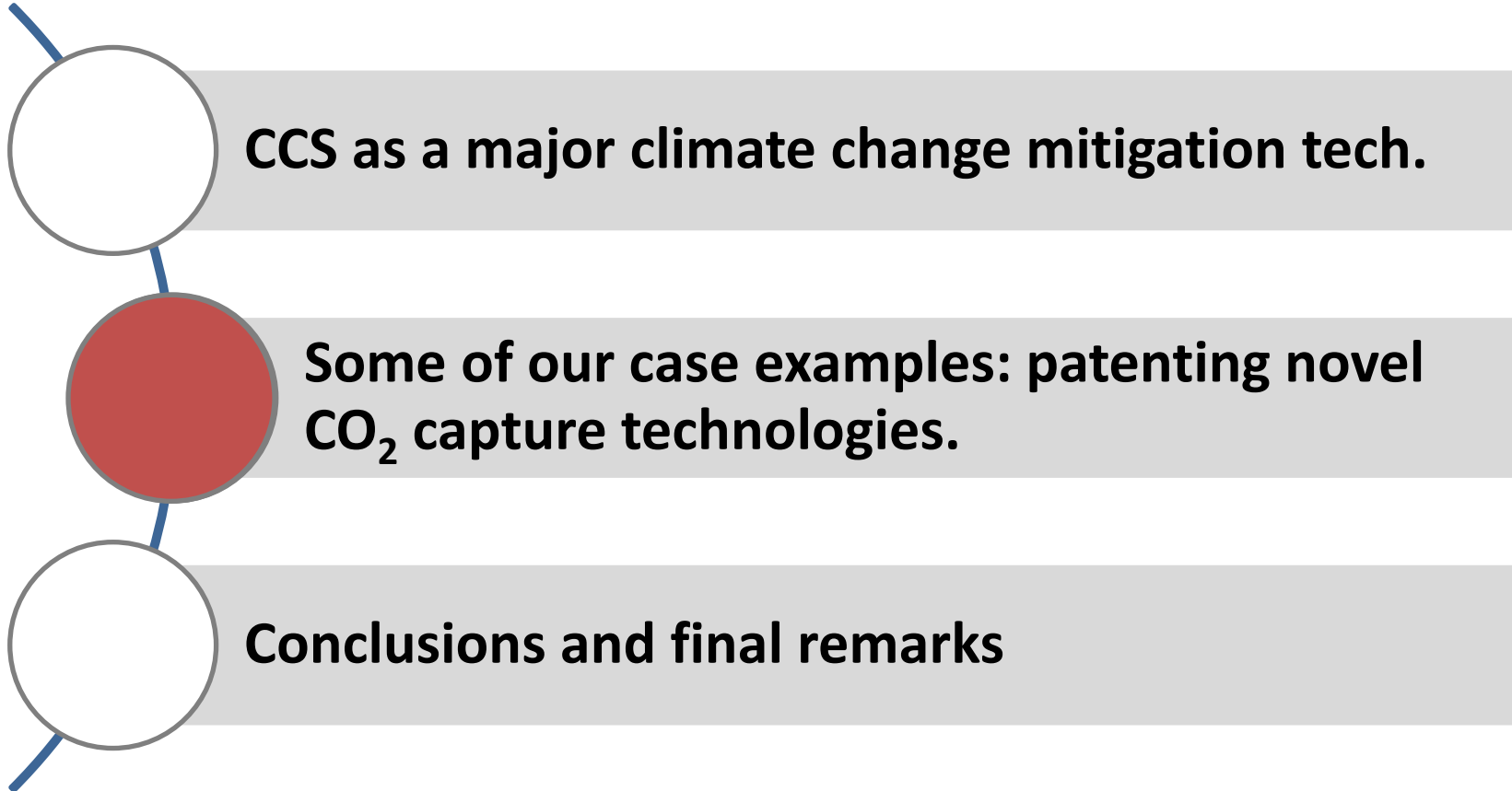


# October 2014: first coal power plant with CO<sub>2</sub> capture

- Boundary Dam, Estevan, Saskatchewan, Canada
- 160 MWe brutos. 110 MWe net
- Capture efficiency of CO<sub>2</sub>= 95% (1Mt/yr)
- Transpor of CO<sub>2</sub>: 66 km (for Enhanced Oil Recovery)

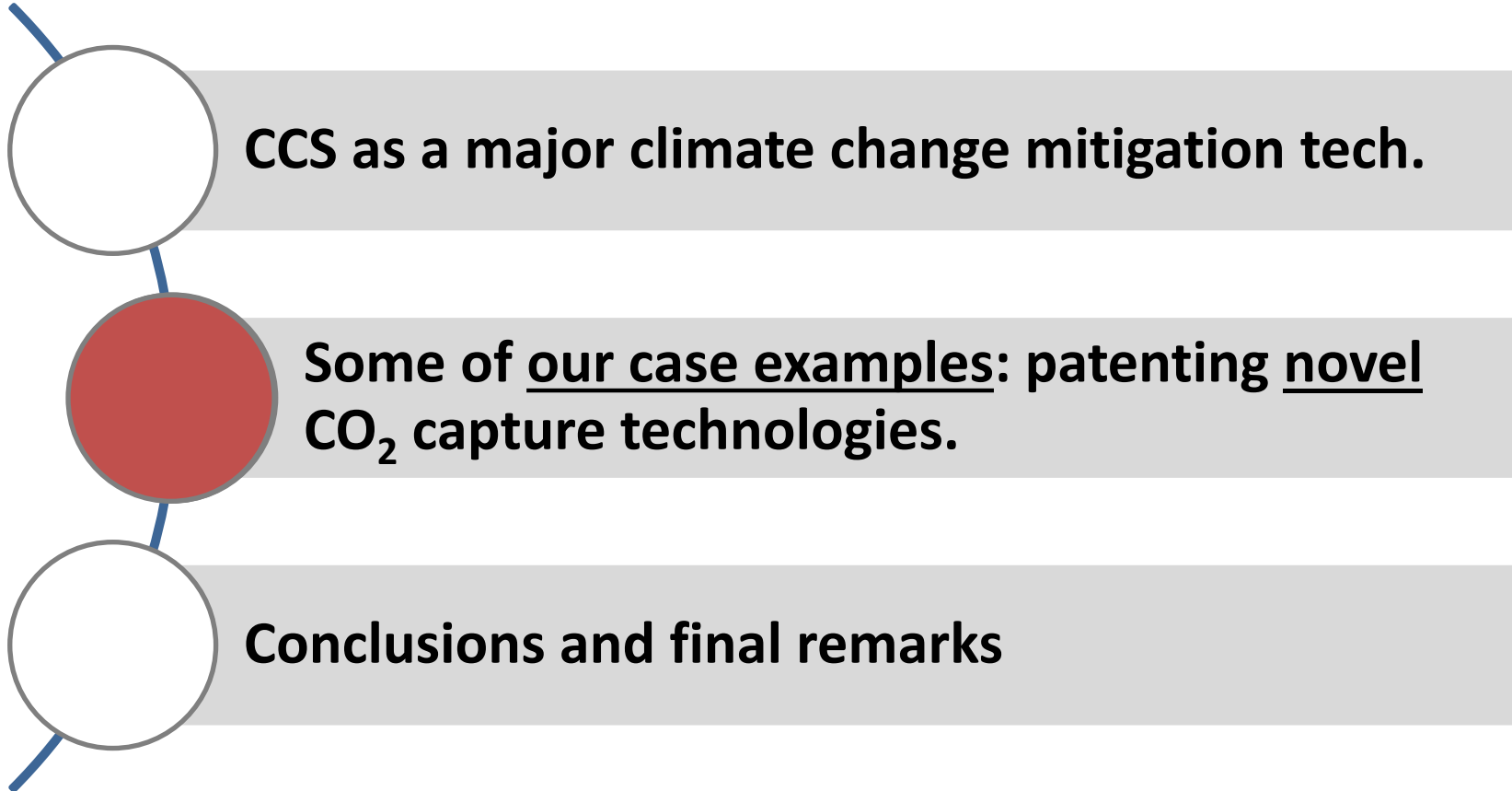


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**CCS as a major climate change mitigation tech.**

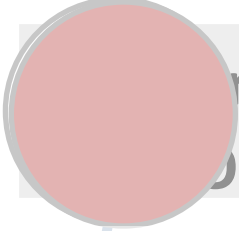
**Some of our case examples: patenting novel CO<sub>2</sub> capture technologies.**

**Conclusions and final remarks**

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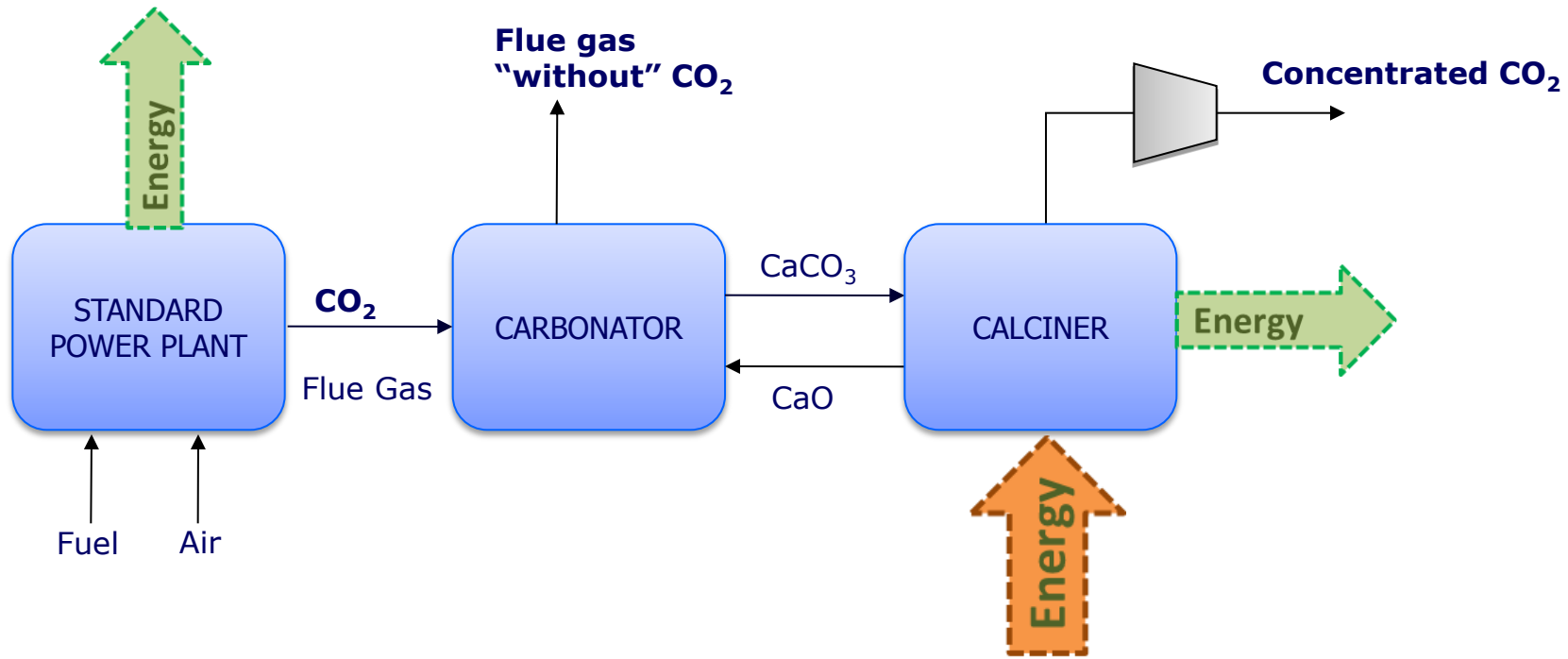
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and what about inventive step ?

and what about industrial applicability?

# Post-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture by Calcium Looping



## Key points from a patent's perspective

- ✓ Capture of CO<sub>2</sub> only makes sense at very, very large scale.
- ✓ First patents, using CaO/CaCO<sub>3</sub> reactions, go back to the XIX century and Shimizu's patent (1999), the closest in state of the art.
- ✓ Use of solid sorbents for gas separation (including CO<sub>2</sub>) is a mature commercial gas separation technique.

# Calcium Looping technology development at CSIC



Multicycle testing TG at CSIC

Reactions kinetics,  
deactivation studies,  
reactivation methods

**From 2000**

Abanades and Alvarez, 2003.  
Conversion limits in the reaction of  
 $\text{CO}_2$  with lime. *Energy and Fuels*, 17-  
2, 308-315



0.03 MW<sub>th</sub> pilot at INCAR-CSIC

Twin CFB reactor  
concept validation in  
lab scale. Basic reactor  
and process modeling

**From 2008**

Rodriguez et al. 2010. Experimental  
investigation of a CFB reactor to  
capture  $\text{CO}_2$  with CaO. *AIChE  
Journal*, 57, pp. 1356 - 1366



“La Pereda 1.7 MW<sub>th</sub>” pilot

**From 2012**

Arias et al. 2013. Demonstration of steady state  
 $\text{CO}_2$  capture in a 1.7 MW<sub>th</sub> calcium looping pilot.  
*Int. J. of Greenhouse Gas Control* 18, 237–245

# Demostration of CaL in a 1.7 MW<sub>th</sub> pilot



Economic Interest Grouping,  
“AIE La Pereda CO<sub>2</sub>”

+

FOSTER WHEELER



CSIC  
CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE INVESTIGACIONES CIENTÍFICAS

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endesa

Design work from 2009 and operation of the plant from 2011 to date

(EU Projects: CaOling, ReCaL, CaO<sub>2</sub>, **FlexiCaL (2016-2019)**)

- \* Arias et al. 2013. Demonstration of steady state CO<sub>2</sub> capture in a 1.7 MW<sub>th</sub> calcium looping pilot. *Int. J. of Greenhouse Gas Control* 18, 237–245
- \* Diego et al. .2016. Experimental testing of a sorbent reactivation in La Pereda pilot plant *Int. J. of Greenhouse Gas Control*, 50, Pages 14-22
- \* Arias et al.2016. Operating experience in la Pereda 1.7 MW<sub>th</sub> Calcium Looping pilot , *GHGT-13* , Lausanne Nov 2017

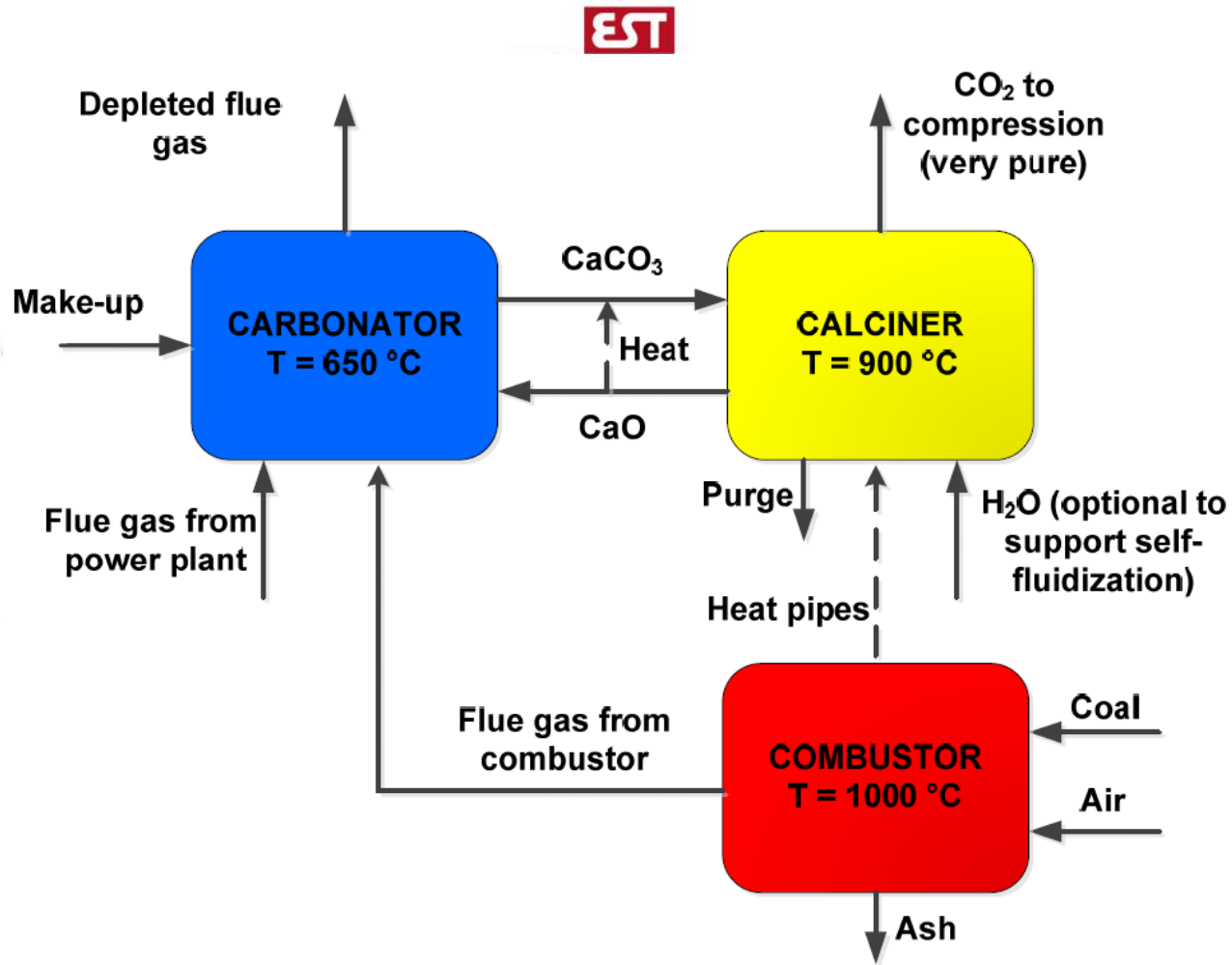
# Examples of supporting CaL patents at CSIC

Title	Refs	PATENT Status	Comments
Combustion method with integrated CO <sub>2</sub> separation by means of	P2020200684	Granted in Spain, Australia, Canada	+ Rejected/abandoned in US and EPO.

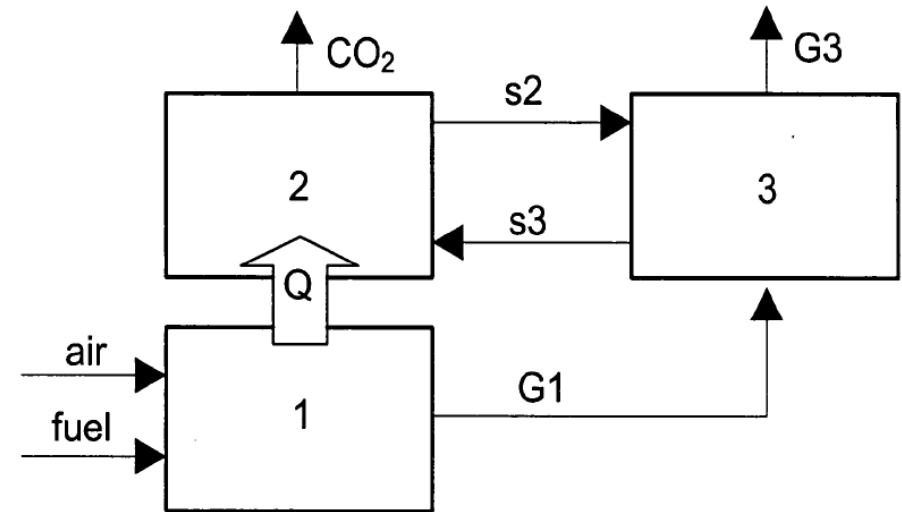
- ✓ **There is no “business case” for CCS. No sufficient incentives (ETS or similar) and lack of public support...**
- ✓ **Patents are too expensive to maintain and offer limited practical protection when there is not a major market for the invention.**
- ✓ **Patents are systematically abandoned when R&D projects are concluded**

			CSIC, 2.4 M€)
METHOD AND DEVICE FOR BIOMASS COMBUSTION AND SIMULTANEOUS CAPTURE OF CARBON DIOXIDE IN A COMBUSTOR-CARBONATOR	EP2359925B1 <b>2008</b>	Granted by EPO and USPO <b><u>ACTIVE (Gas Natural Fenosa is the only assignee... )</u></b>	+ All rights granted to Gas Natural Fenosa (under the “Menos CO <sub>2</sub> ” project supporting CSIC with > 1 M€)

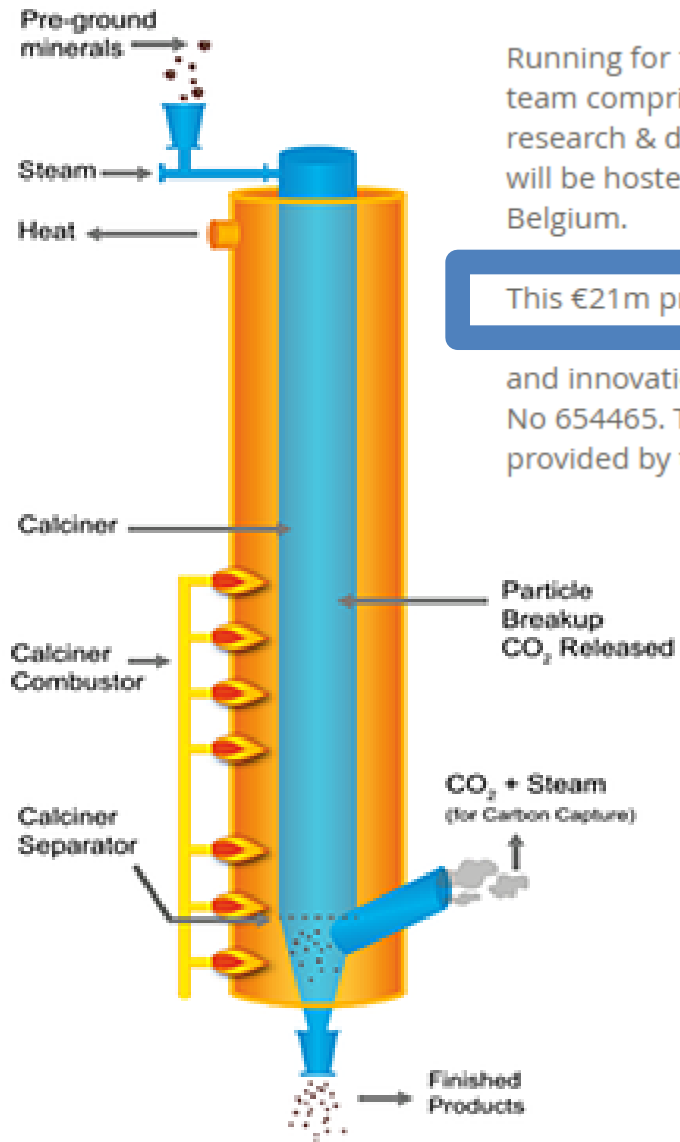
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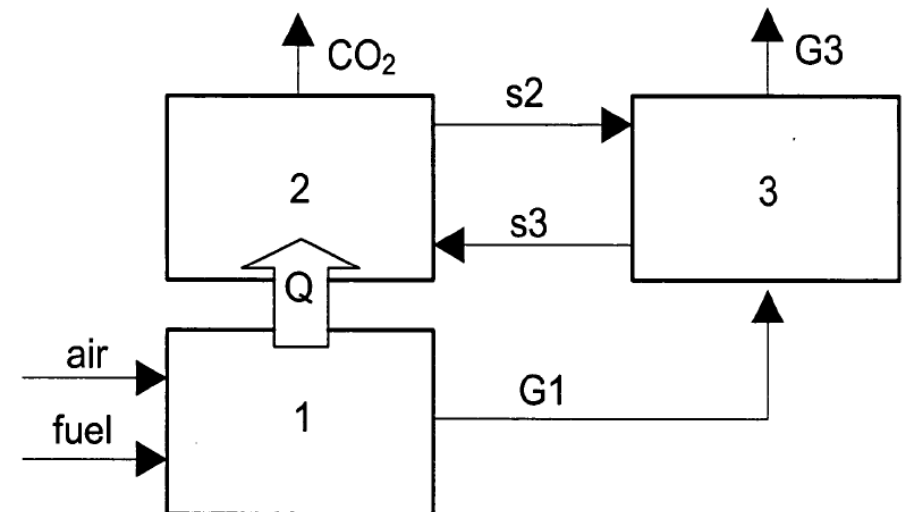


Running for five years from 2016 to 2020, the project team comprises leading industrial, technology and research & development partners. The pilot plant will be hosted by Heidelberg Cement at Lixhe in Belgium.

This €21m project has received €12m of funding from the Commission's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 654465. The balance of the funds will be provided by the consortium partners.



2002 CSIC early patent application (PCT/ES03/00118), Granted in Australia but abandoned in 2014





# Related patents by CSIC in the field of H<sub>2</sub> production and CO<sub>2</sub> capture



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➤ CSIC has received 1.1 M€ (FP7 Ascent project), granted in EPO and US “very quickly”, several other competing patents have been published, many scientific papers and a dedicated book chapter have been published but....

➤ We will abandon the EPO and US patents in 2018 because of lack of concrete offers for scale up.

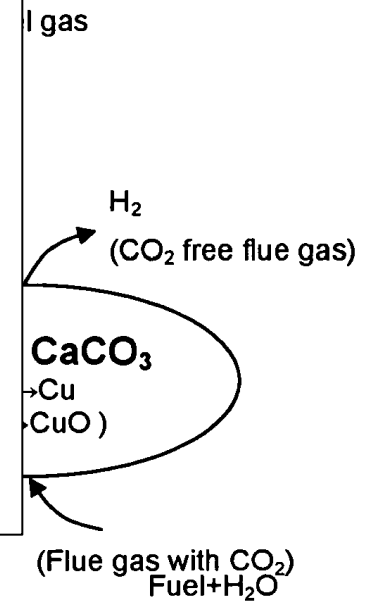


Fig. 1

# Final personal remarks

- Patents are valuable tools for our R&D activities on CCS: they support project applications and facilitate industrial engagement in our projects...
- However we systematically abandon the patents as there is no “business case” for CCS, they are too expensive to maintain AND **do not offer so much effective protection.**
- Patenting of complex, highly integrated technologies in mature technology fields like CCS, could benefit from **major changes in the patenting process:**
  - Engage highly specialized external experts and/or competitors, promoting the role of the Evaluator as a “judge of patentability”
  - Allow direct interaction between inventors and evaluators (or their designated experts)
  - Reduce cost by reducing the roles and patent agents

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