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Keynote: Analyst Day 2023

Mark Widmar Chief Executive Officer



The Largest Solar Manufacturing Complex in the Western Hemisphere

Our Growth Journey

2018:1GW 2019:4GW 2020:6GW



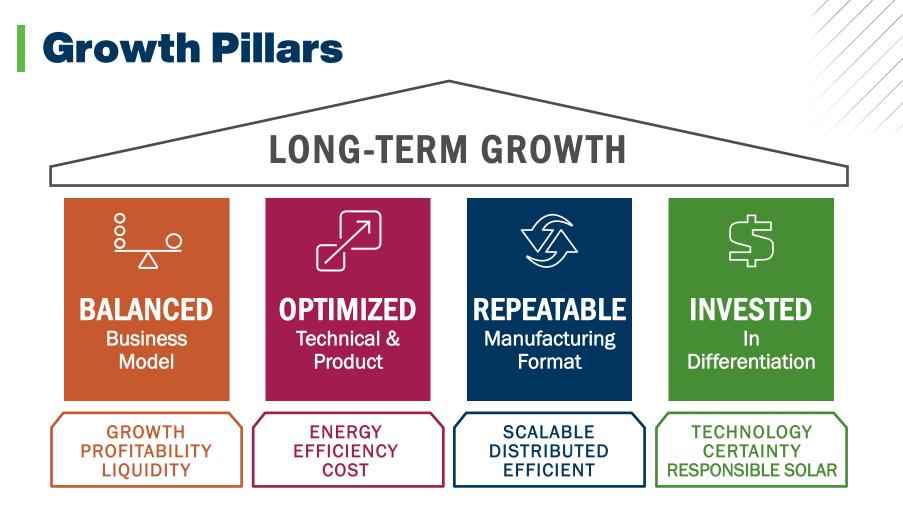
2021:8 GW

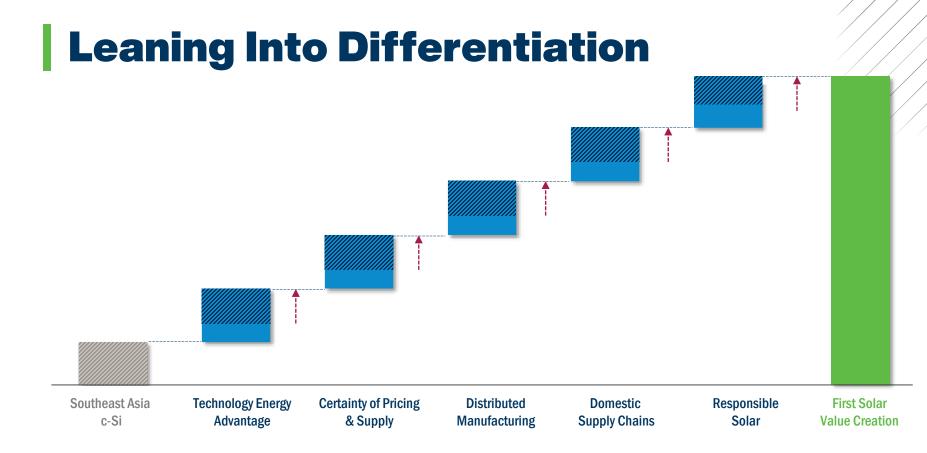


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2023E: 12 GW

2022:9 GW





Differentiation creates value, value creates profit pools

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Differentiation: Delivering Certainty

As we grow our pipeline, we want a trusted partner that will not compromise on quality, its commitments, or principles, and that partner is First Solar.

Asa Levinger, CEO, Energix Renewables



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It's crucial that we work with partners like First Solar that will deliver not only high quality, responsibly made products, but also certainty of supply.

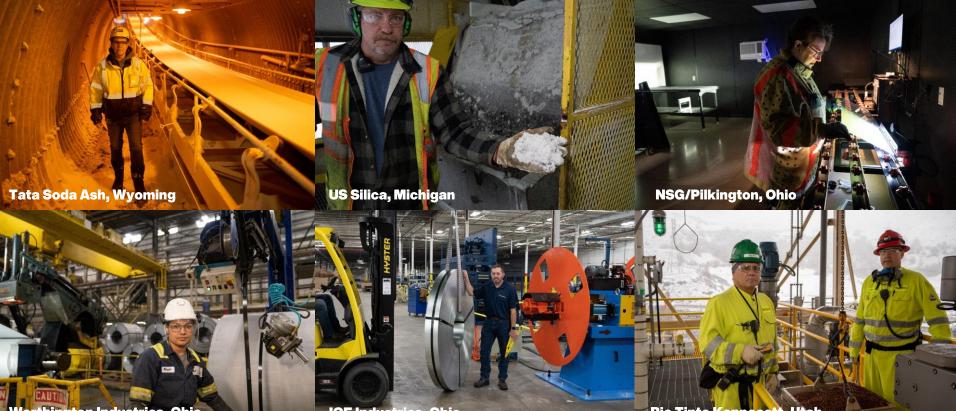
Eric Lammers, CEO, Swift Current Energy

Intersect Power's ongoing relationship with First Solar has been critical in rapidly scaling our business to meet our vision and reliably delivering our customers value and performance to support their decarbonization goals.

Differentiation: Distributed Manufacturing



Differentiation: Strategic Sourcing

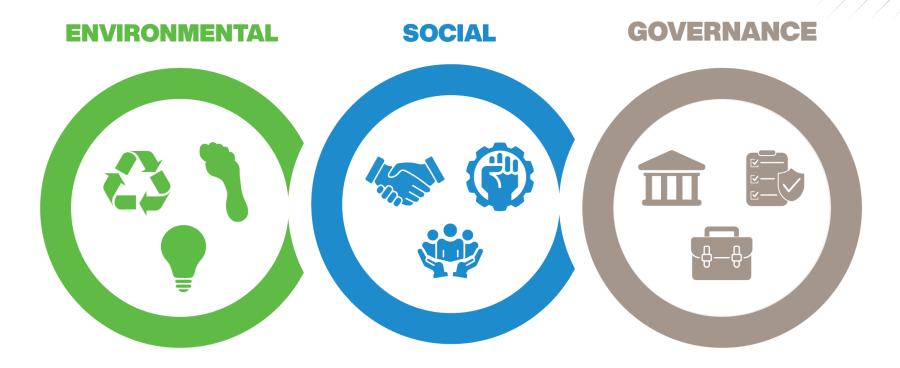


Worthington Industries, Ohio

ICE Industries, Ohio

Rio Tinto Kennecott, Utah

Differentiation: Responsible Solar



Leading the World's Sustainable Energy Future.



Transformative. Disruptive.

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EFFICIENCY

ENERGY

RESPONSIBLE SOLAR

COST

The Future Belongs to Thin Film.

Technology Update

Markus Gloeckler Chief Technology Officer



Our Technology is the Foundation of Everything We Do



Vertically Integrated Manufacturing



Supply Chain Transparency



Sustainability & Responsible Solar

A Smarter Way of Making Solar Panels



circa 2006, vertically integrated manufacturing via continuous end-to-end conveyor



A Smarter Way of Making Solar Panels





Lessons Learned



Maximize Energy Yield



Prioritize Quality and Reliability



Optimize for Utility-Scale

Series 6: Optimized for Utility-Scale Solar



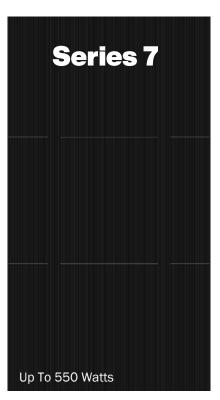
- Synergy with existing structure ecosystem
- **Environmental Social** Governance (ESG) Recognition
- First-of-its-kind warranty







Series 7: Launched Designed Not Only FOR, but WITH Our Customers

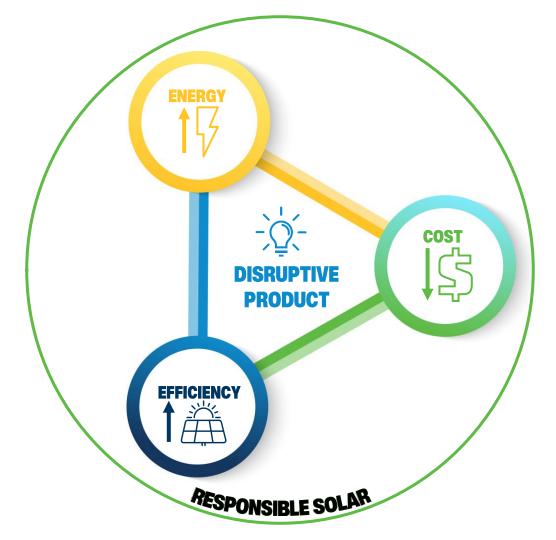


- In-market product with localized supply chain
- Our most eco-efficient module to date
- Platform for ecosystem innovation





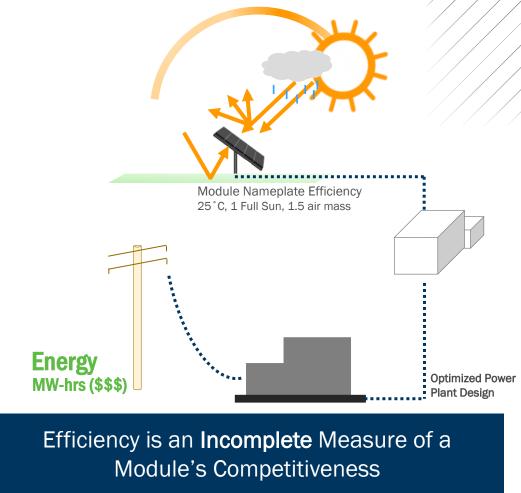
The Energy Optimization Paradigm



- Efficiency
- Bifaciality
- Degradation Rate
- Shading Response
- Temperature Response
- Air Moisture Spectral Response
- Low Light Response
- Incident Angle Response
- Light-Induced Degradation

Project Design Attributes Real World Energy

- Efficiency-Driven BoS Variability
- Reflected Sunlight (Albedo)
- Tracking Capabilities
- Inverter Efficiency and Clipping
- Wiring Loss Assumptions
- DC:AC Ratio Design
- Row Spacing Design
- Plant Useful Life

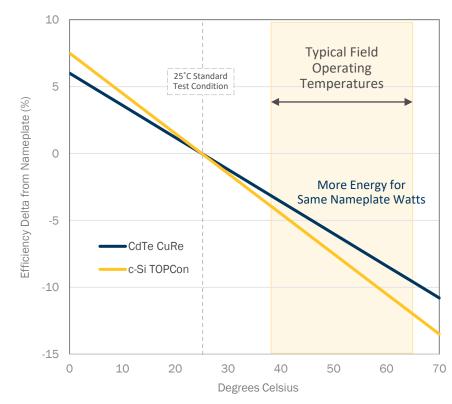


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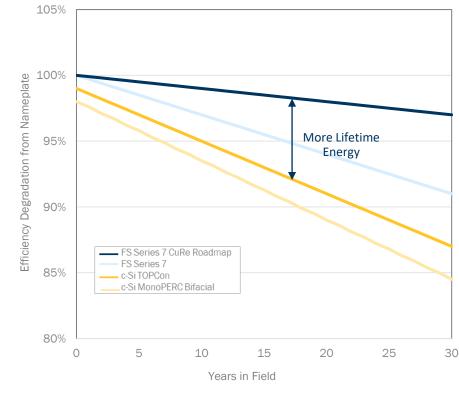
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Guided Degradation Rate



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Competitive Scorecard

Single Data Point	CdTe CuRe	c-Si TOPCon	itts
Efficiency (Label Rating @ STC)			Wa

*STC per IEC61215: 25C Temp, 1000W/m2 sun, AM1.5 spectrum

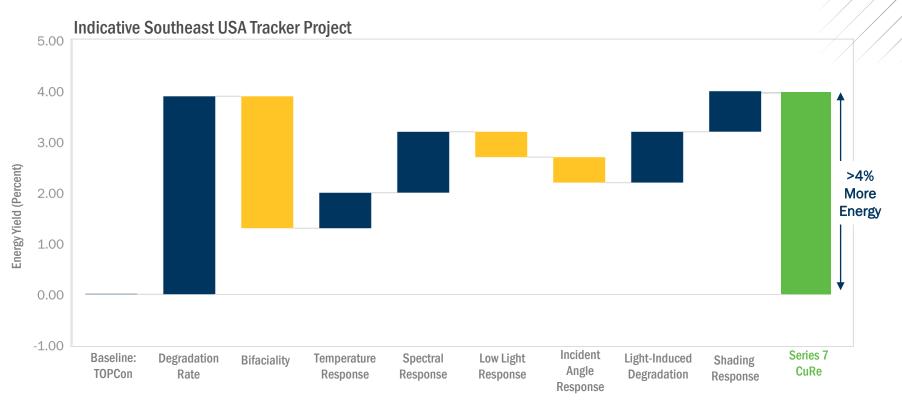
Real World Performance	CdTe CuRe	c-Si TOPCon	
Bifaciality			
Degradation Rate			Watt
Shading Response			per V
Temperature Response			
Air Moisture Spectral Response			-Hol
Low Light Response			Watt-Hours
Incident Angle Response			
Light-Induced Degradation			

Strong Advantage

Minor Advantage

Advantage: CuRe Energy Attributes

CuRe Outperforms TOPCon in Energy



Tier 1 c-Si TOPCon Module Datasheet & .pan file: 80% BiFaciality, -0.30 %/°C Temperature Coefficient, -0.4%/yr degradation rate, -1% LID/LeTID

CdTe CuRe Module: 25% Bifaciality, -0.24 %/°C Temperature Coefficient, -0.1%/yr degradation rate.

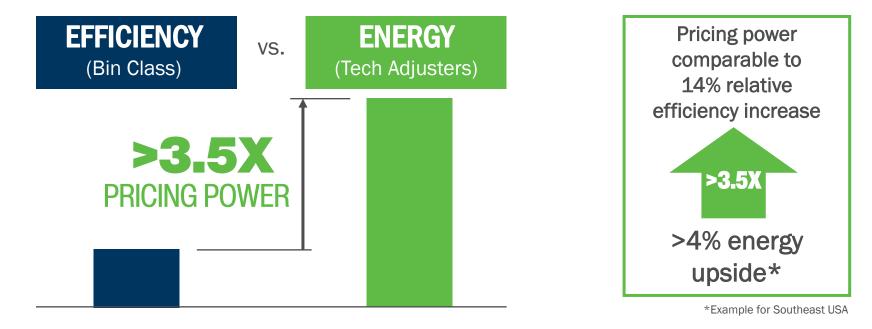
Plant Design: 180 MWdc, Tracker, 1.2 DC/AC Ratio, 35% ground coverage ratio, 30 year life (FS CuRe truetracking enabled, TOPCon backtracking enabled)

Energy analysis modelled with TMY3 weather files, NREL NSRDB albedo and PlantPredict V11 software averaging 58 locations distributed across 13 US states below 37 degrees latitude and greater than -100 degrees longitude (SE US)

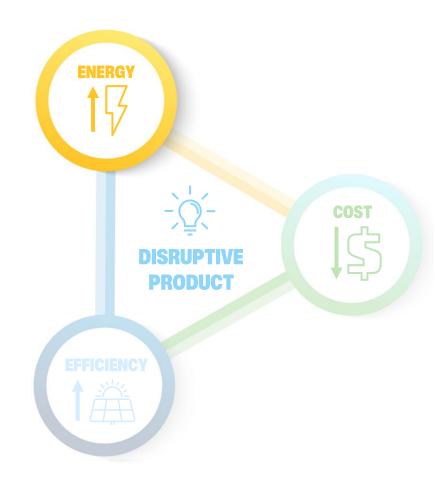
Our Customers Value Energy

Relative Market Value per One Percent Improvement

Calculated from +40GW of First Solar Backlog Contract Values



Energy pricing determined from bifacial and temperature coefficient contracted backlog adjusters, as calculated per 1% energy from PlantPredict V11 software averaging 217 sites distributed across the 48 continental US states Plant design: 180 MWdc, Tracker, 1.2 DC/AC Ratio, 35% ground coverage ratio, no difference in AC assumptions Efficiency pricing calculated from contracted backlog bin adjuster \$/Watt



Delivering ENERGY ADVANTAGED Technology

First Solar.



Thin Film Bifacial



1-2%+ Real World Annual Energy

Improving the Semiconductor

CuRe 2



Improved Bifaciality $15\% \rightarrow 25\%$



 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Lower Degradation} \\ \text{-0.3} \rightarrow \text{-0.2 \%/year} \end{array}$



Improved Temperature Coefficient $-0.32 \rightarrow -0.24 \%/°C$

11/ CuRe =

Improving the Semiconductor



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Launch 2024



Lower Degradation $-0.3 \rightarrow -0.2$ %/year Path to -0.1 %/year

Improved Temperature **Coefficient** $-0.32 \rightarrow -0.24 \%/°C$

Better Performance





Enhance entitlement, improve properties

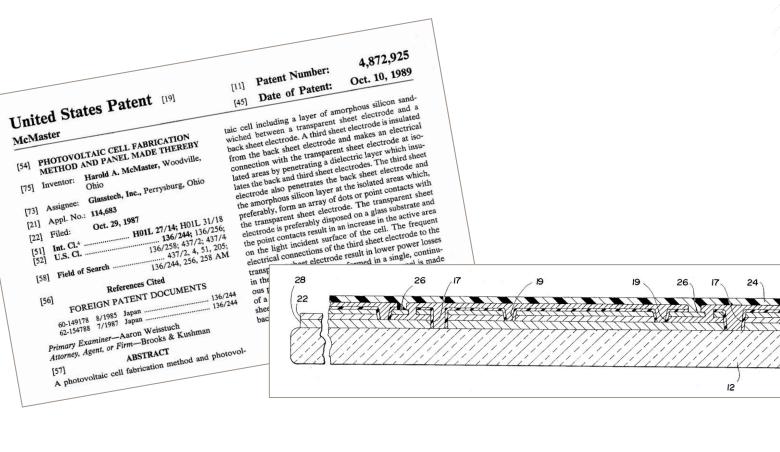
Reduce known loss factors

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Advanced Interconnect

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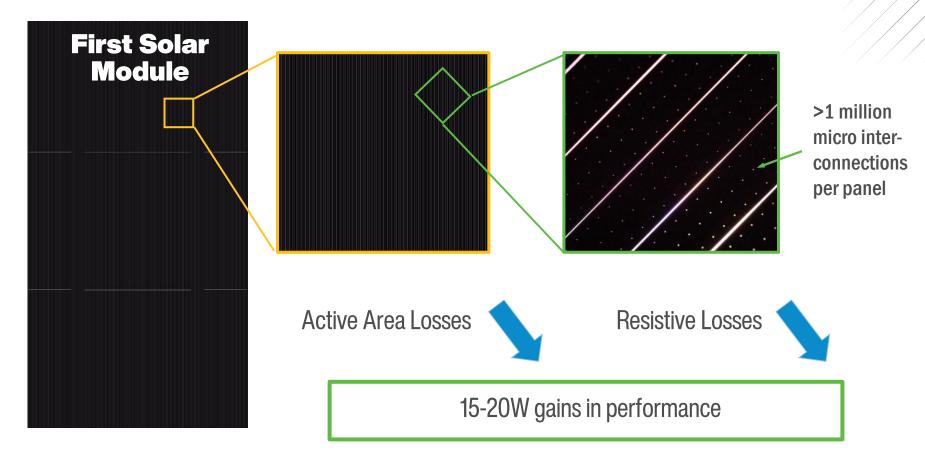
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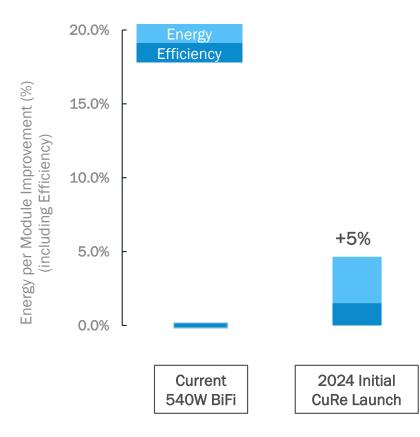
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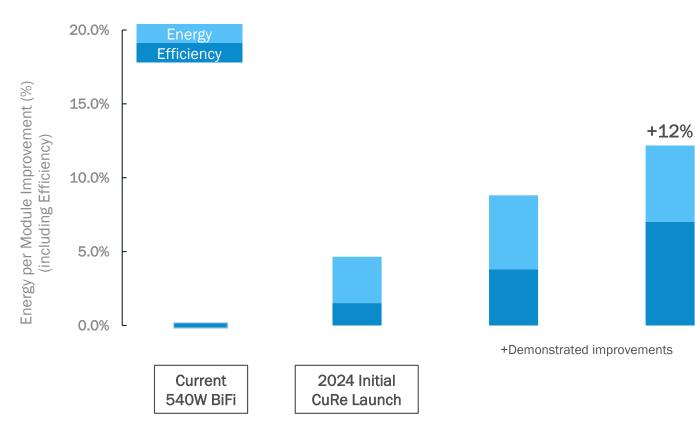
Advanced Interconnect: The Opportunity



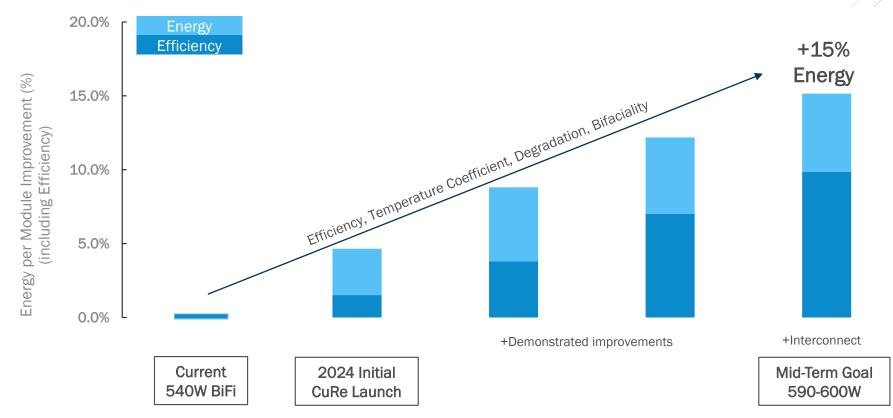
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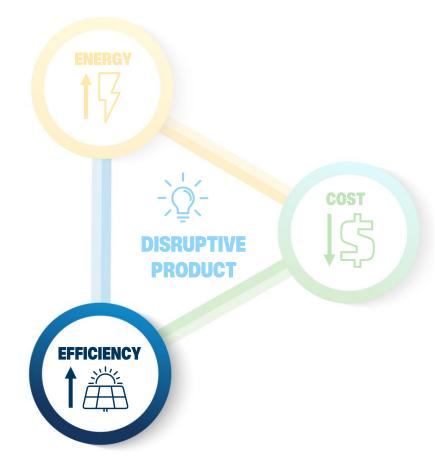
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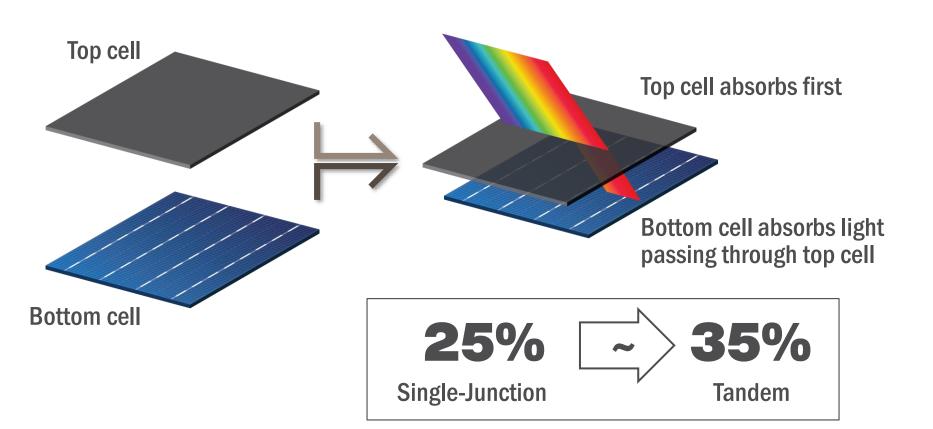
Invested in Innovation



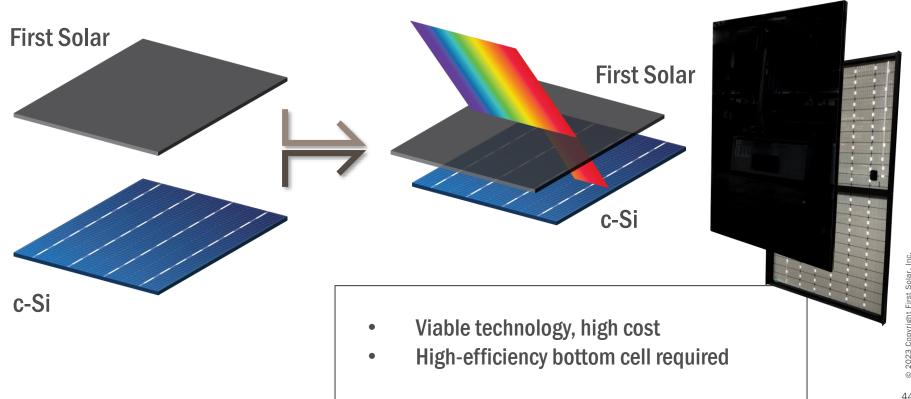
Path to a DISRUPTIVE EFFICIENCY PV Technology

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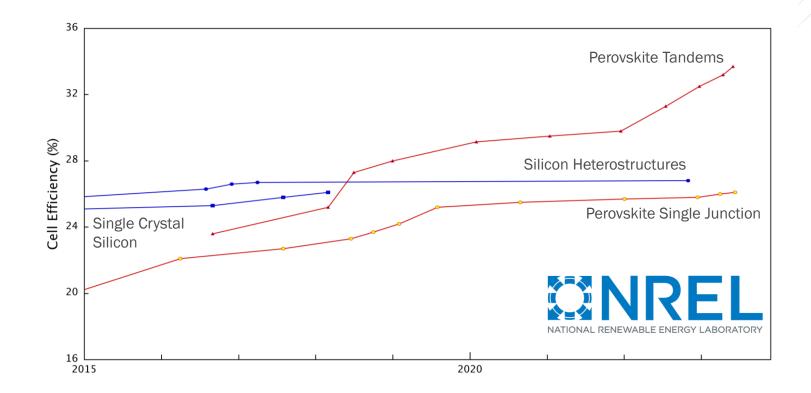
A Tandem Future



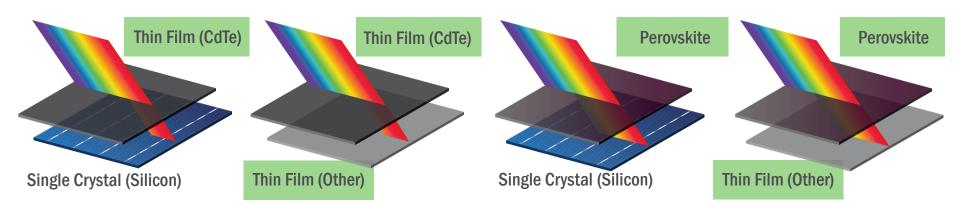
CdTe & c-Si Tandems



Perovskites: Next Generation PV?

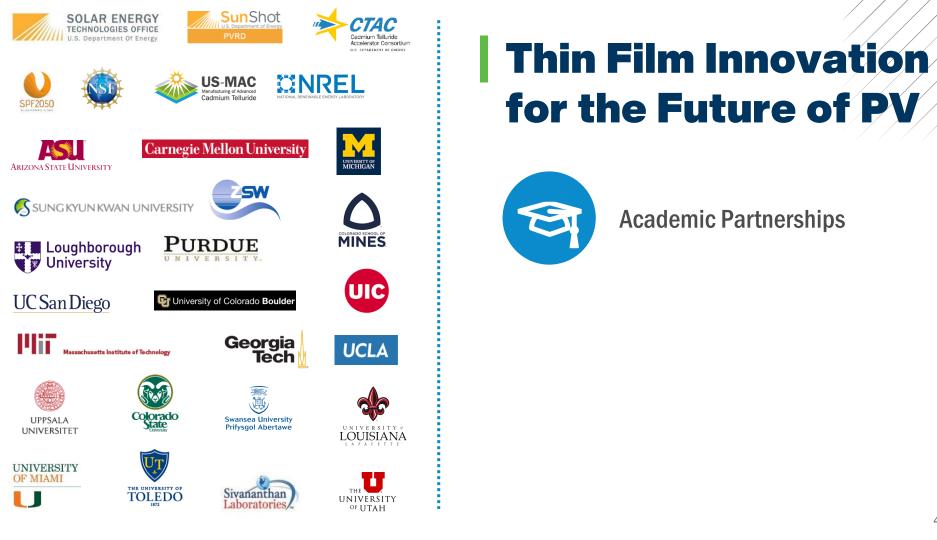


The Future of PV



There Is No Tandem Without Thin Film

Thin Film Differentiation





Thin Film Innovation for the Future of PV



Academic Partnerships



EV@LAR

BOOSTING SOLAR POWER



Acquiring Know-How



- New dedicated ~\$78M perovskite development line
- Potential for full-scale pilot manufacturing line in the Jim Nolan Center for Solar Innovation



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Investing in Scale

Key Takeaways



CuRe outperforms TOPCon in lifetime energy

There is no tandem without thin film



First Solar is invested in innovation

The Future Belongs to Thin Film.

Financial Update

Alex Bradley Chief Financial Officer



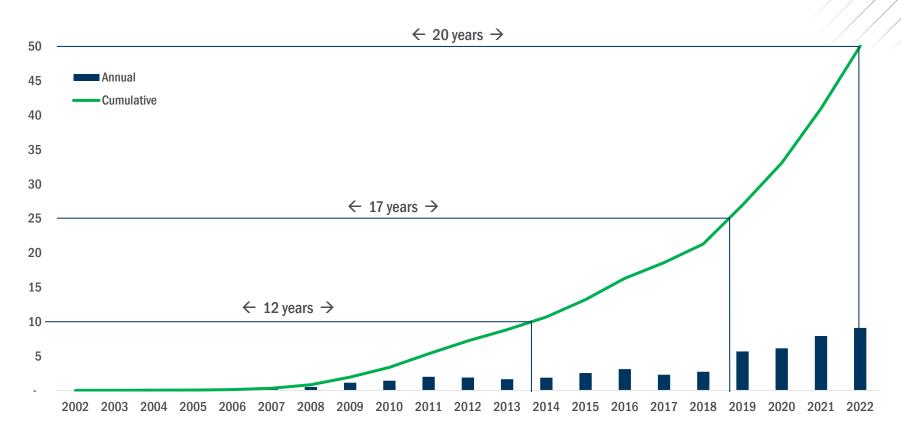
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First Solar: Production (GW)



Business Model Philosophy

Differentiation

Competitively advantaged CdTe Thin Film advantage Vertically integrated manufacturing

Sustainability ideology

CREATING SHAREHOLDER VALUE

Balance

Growth

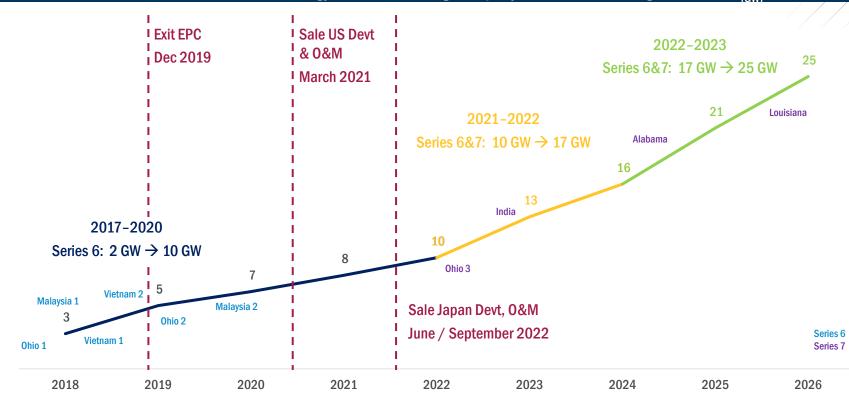
Profitability

Liquidity

Execution Disciplined Data-driven Agile Collaborative Accountable

Strategic Intent

Return to our roots as a Technology & Manufacturing Company \rightarrow Set the stage for Growth (GW)



Business Model Philosophy → Investment Thesis

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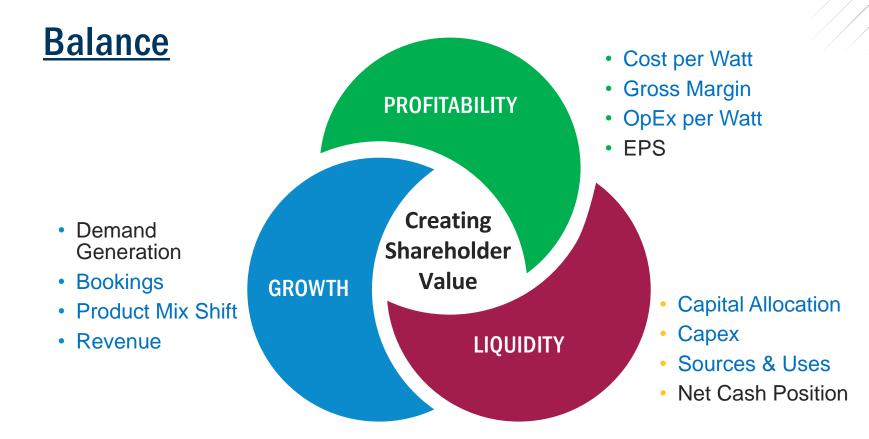
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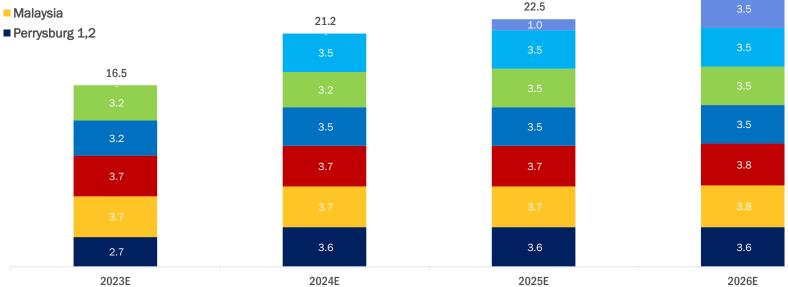




Manufacturing: Nameplate Capacity (GW)



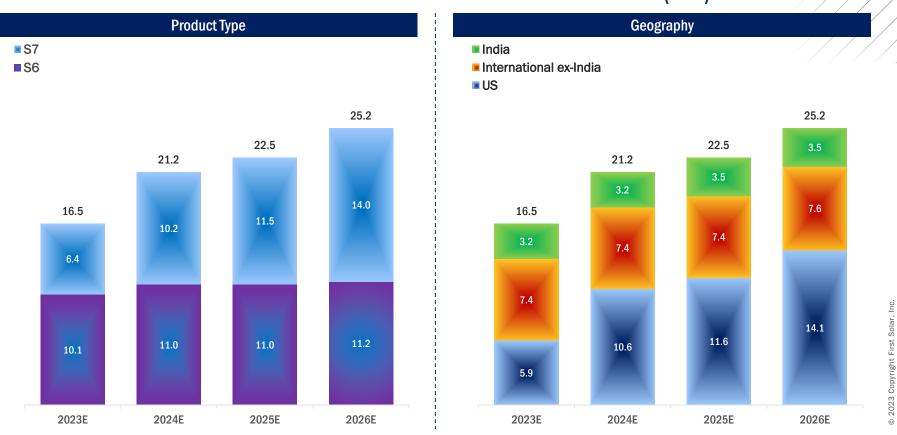
- Louisiana
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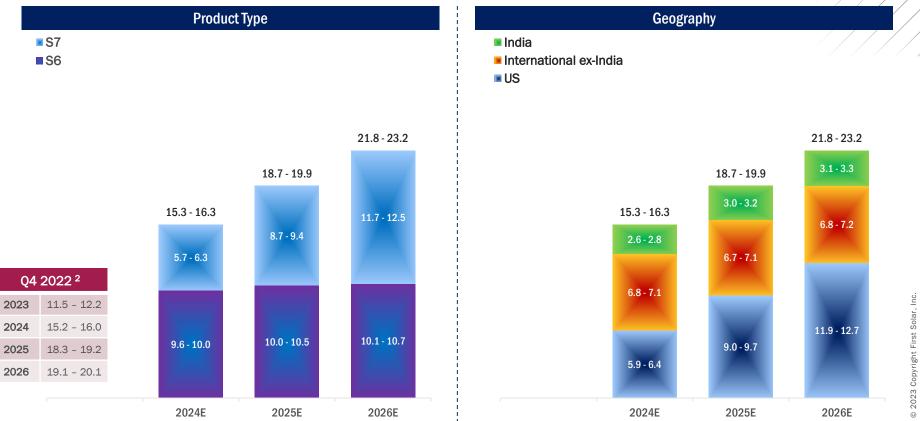
Forecast nameplate capacity based on estimated technology and throughput entitlement. Forecast based on management estimates and assumptions as of September 7, 2023

Manufacturing: Nameplate Capacity (GW)



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Manufacturing: Production¹ (GW)



(1) Forecast based on management estimates and assumptions as of September 7, 2023 (2) Forecast production as of Q4 2022 earnings call (Feb 28, 2023)

Contracted Position

Structure

Classification (US)

Booked: Signed contract, varied security Confirmed: Signed contract subject to conditions precedent, options

Classification (India)

Booked: Signed contract, 100% security Confirmed: Signed contract <100% security, or subject to conditions precedent

Contract types

Individual asset Framework (Multi year/GW)

Key terms

Price: Fixed price (may have adjustors) Timing: Fixed (may have flexibility within boundaries) Certainty: ~14% backlog contains termination for convenience clause (penalty typically ~20% of ASP)

Volume

US / Rest of World

Booked 2024 \rightarrow : 70.8 GW Confirmed 2024 \rightarrow : 4.8GW

(Q2 2023 Earnings call reconciliation) Booked: 2023: 7.0 GW, 2024→ 70.8 GW, total 77.8 GW Confirmed: Ex India 4.8 GW, India 1.9 GW, total 6.7 GW

Sold position (Ex-India)

Fully sold / over-allocated through 2026

Over-Allocation

Provides resiliency to (i) project timing shifts, and (ii) framework agreement uncertainty

Risk mitigated through (i) India supply into U.S., (ii) long term customer relationships

Pricing¹

US / Rest of World

Fleet average base ASP 29.8 c/w 2024 ASP ~28.6 c/w 2025/2026 ASP ~30 c/w

Technology upside

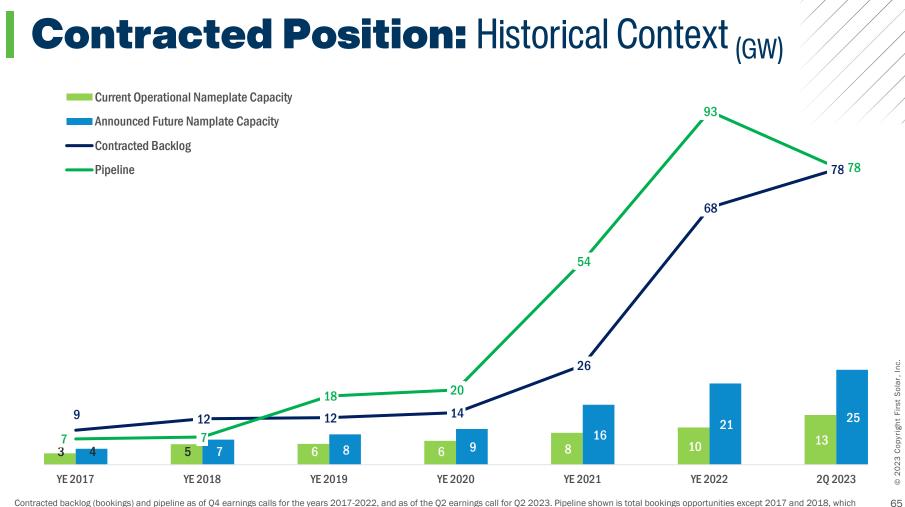
Updated technology rollout schedule pushes out technology upside \$0.4B / 40 GW / ~1 c/w ASP (\$0.1B 2024 / \$0.1B 2025 / \$0.2B 2026→)

Risk Mitigation

Contractual cost risk mitigation: Frame (Steel / Aluminum): 85% Sales Freight: 95% (% of backlog covered)

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(1) Fleet average ASP of 29.8 c/w normalized by 2.5 c/w for 6.5GW of backlog with FCA incoterms and no associated sales freight cost, impacts fleet average ASP by 0.2 c/w

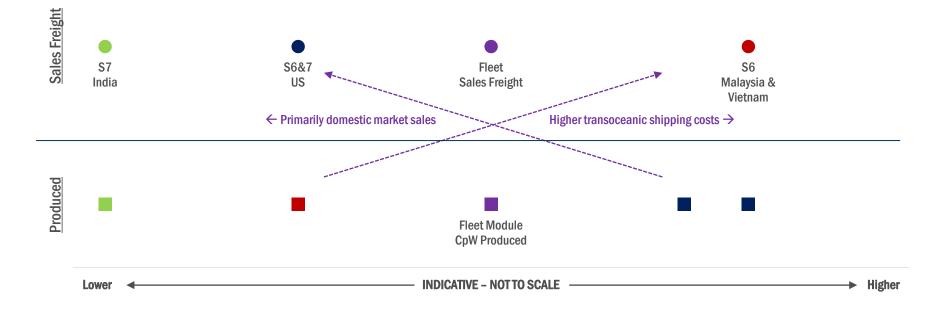


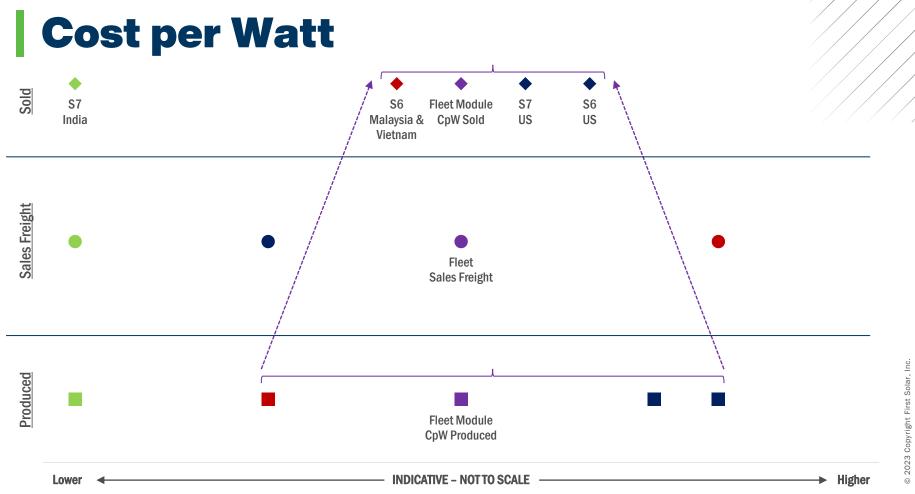
Contracted backlog (bookings) and pipeline as of Q4 earnings calls for the years 2017-2022, and as of the Q2 earnings call for Q2 2023. Pipeline shown is total bookings opportunities except 2017 and 2018, which include only mid to late stage bookings opportunities

Cost per Watt

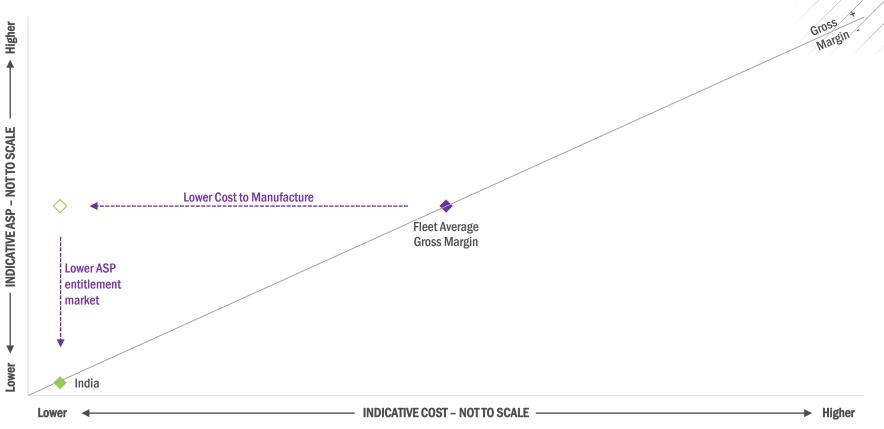




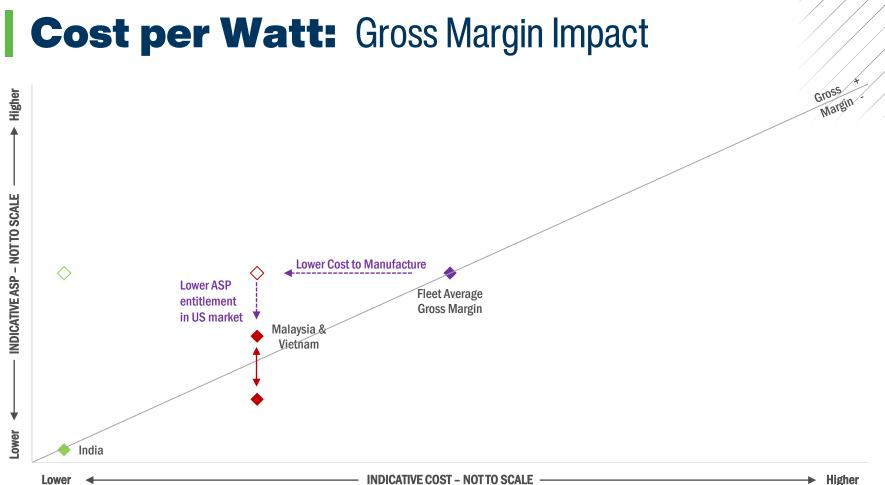




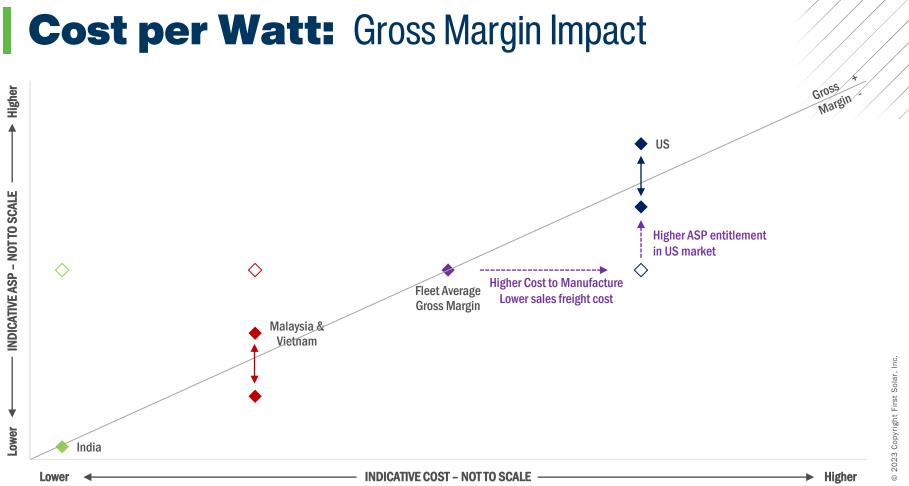
Cost per Watt: Gross Margin Impact

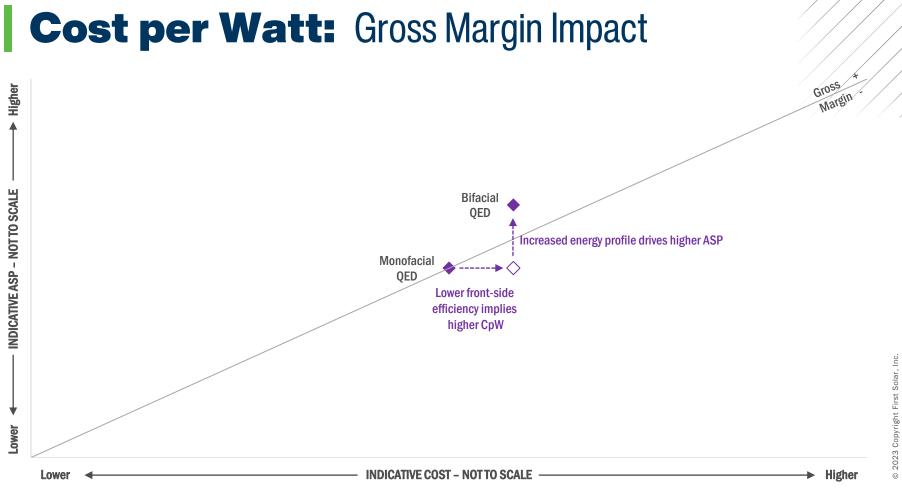


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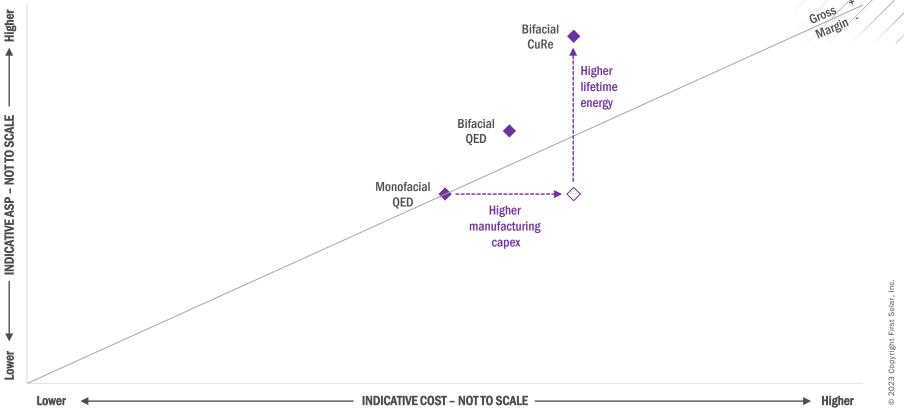


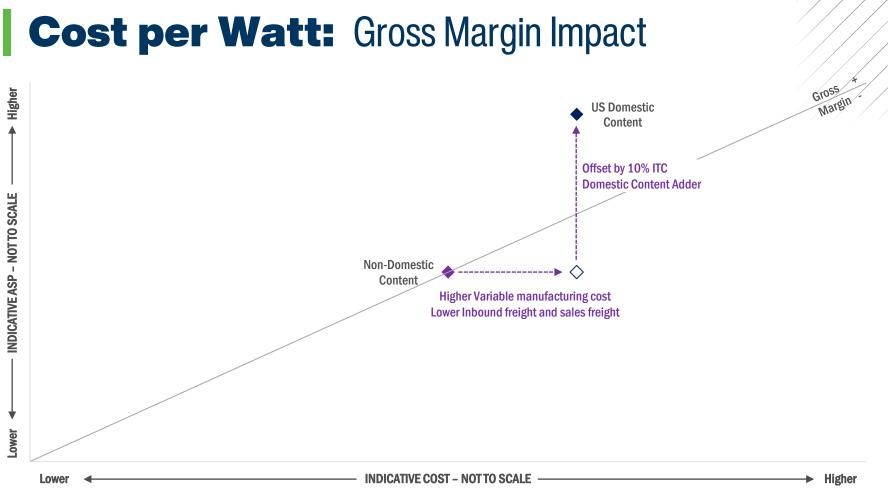
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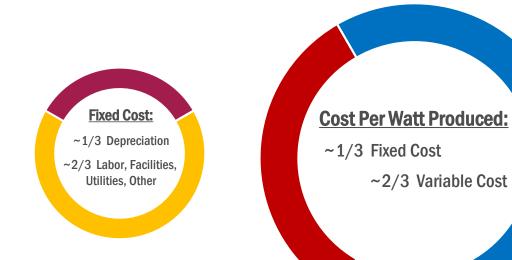


Cost per Watt: Gross Margin Impact





Cost per Watt: Risk Mitigation



Variable Cost: ~2/3 Substrate Glass, Cover glass, Frame ~1/3 Remainder (individual items each

<10% of Bill of Materials)

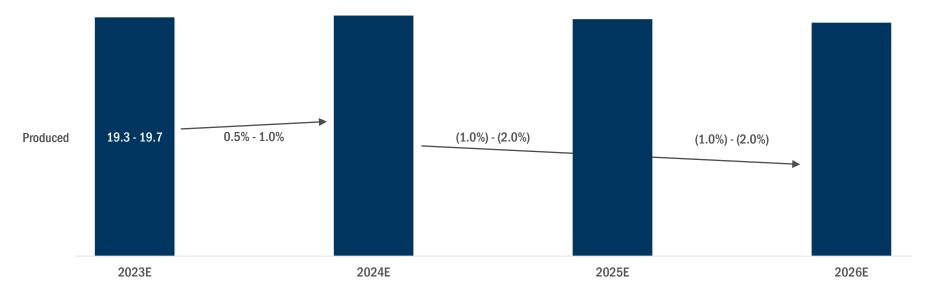
Cost per Watt Produced:

~75% of module production cost de-risked through ~5+ year period through combination of (i) fixed costs¹; (ii) long term supplier agreements (including glass); (iii) customer risk pass through (frame)

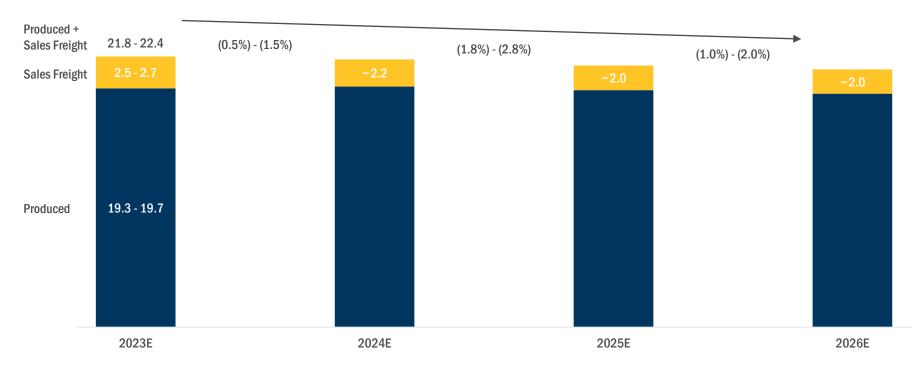
Sales Freight:

~95%+ of contracts de-risked through customer pass through (Incoterms or excess freight pass through clause)

Cost per Watt: Expected (cents/w & % change)



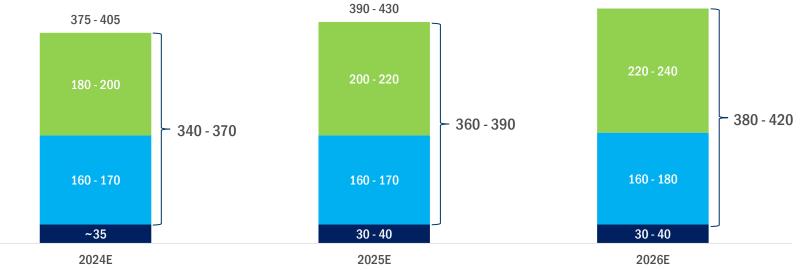
Cost per Watt: Expected (cents/w & % change)







410 - 460



(1) Forecast expenses for R&D and SGA (reported within Operating Expenses) and manufacturing period charges (reported within Cost of Sales) Based on management estimates and assumptions as of September 7, 2023.

Growth Costs

	Production start-up	Ramp
Definition	 New / existing sites Fixed & variable production costs Costs for (i) new site selection, (ii) operating a production line before qualified for commercial production, and (iii) implementing manufacturing improvements 	 New / existing sites Fixed production overhead costs Incurred when plant production is below normal capacity (i.e., <75% utilization)
Timing	 Pre-production Typically occurs during periods of initial ramp or manufacturing process improvements 	 In production During periods of initial ramp and unplanned downtime
Financial Statements	 Period Expense through production start-up expense (OpEx) 	Period Expense through cost of sales





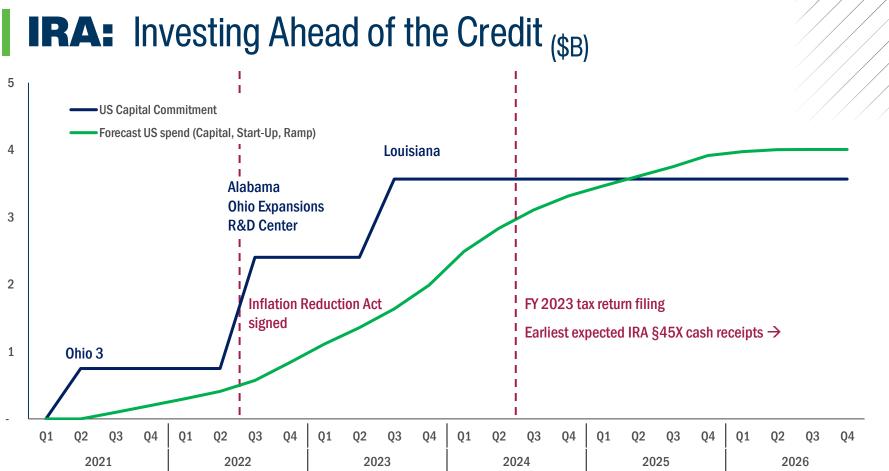
IRA: Section 45X Production Tax Credit

Tax Credit Assumptions		Production by Geography (GW)	
Eligibility	Manufactured in United States after 1/1/2023	India International ex-India	
Amount	 Wafer \$6/m2 (Efficiency ↑ = Credit/watt ↓); implies 6.1-6.4 c/w for Series 6 (460W-480W) and S7 (525W-540W) modules Cell: 4.0 c/w Module 7.0 c/w 	■ US	21.8 - 23.2
Duration	 100% credit 2023 → 2029 Phase out 2030 → 2032 (75% 2030; 50% 2031; 25% 2032) 	18.7 - 19.9	3.1 - 3.3
Structure	 Election for continuous 5 year refundability period, at individual facility level (not corporate level) Remaining periods (pre or post election of transferability), credits are one-time transferable 	15.3 - 16.3 3.0 - 3.2 2.6 - 2.8 6.7 - 7.1	6.8 - 7.2
Accounting	 Quarterly recognition in financial statements P&L: Recognized as reduction to cost of goods sold in the period in which modules are sold BS: Credit reflected as government grant receivable 	6.8 - 7.1	11.9 - 12.7
Cash Timing	 Timing uncertain, linked to annual tax filing plus IRS / treasury period of review FS full year tax filing expected Q2/Q3 in subsequent year 	5.9 - 6.4	

2024E

2026E

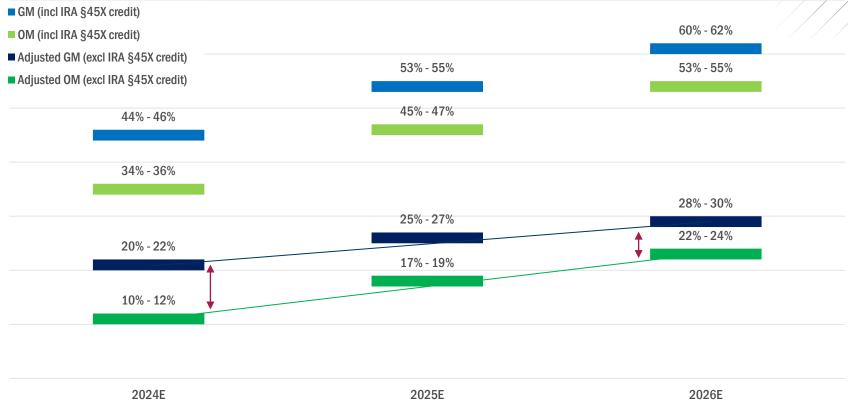
2025E





Why? (Investment Thesis)	Macro fundamentals	Population growth, energy growth		
	Politics	Preference for western vs Chinese partnerships		
	Policy (National)	• Support for renewables, level playing field for domestic manufacturing ("Make in India")		
	Policy (State)	Capex incentive for plant construction (~24% capex repaid over 6 year period)		
	Trade and tariff	• Basic customs duties on imported cells (25%) and modules (40%)		
	Technology	• Hot humid climate, relative FS competitive advantage (temperature coefficient / spectral advantage)		
Financials	Sold position	1.9 GW confirmed, for delivery In India, between 4Q 2023 and 3Q 2026		
	Pipeline	• 16 GW of total opportunities: 5.5 GW mid-late stage		
	Revenue	 ASPs for domestic sales in confirmed backlog at ~24-25 c/w 		
	Gross margin	• % GM entitlement in line with fleet average (excluding US IRA §45X impact)		
	Tax rate	Concessional manufacturing tax rate of 15% (vs 22%)		
Other	Booking policy	Contracts confirmed but not reflected in bookings until 100% liquid security posted against delivery		
	Export	 Assumes ~1GW (2024) and 0.5GW (2025) exported to U.S. 		

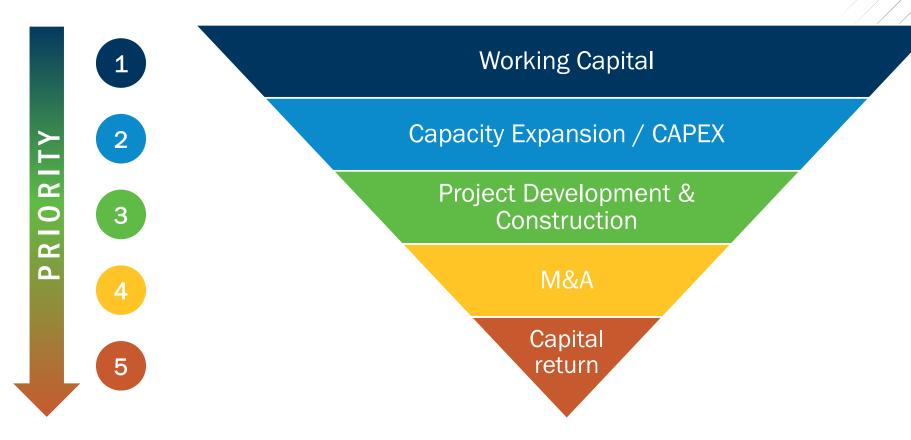
Margin Profile: Forecast



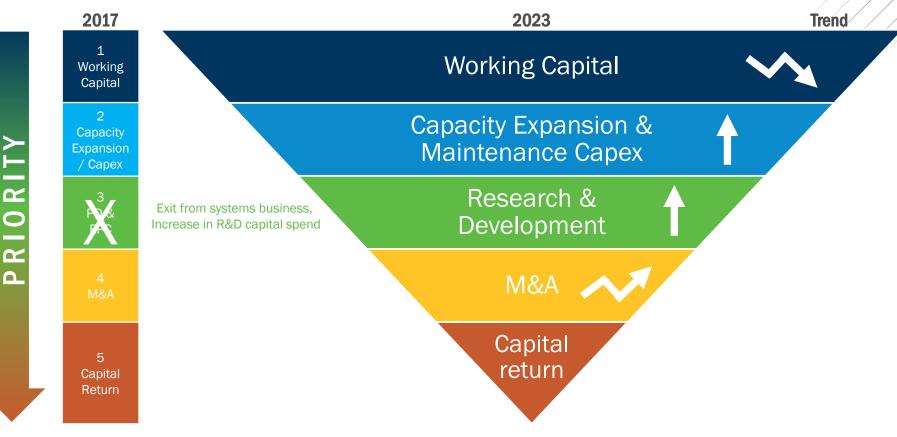
Forecast margins based on management estimates and assumptions as of September 7, 2023. Gross Margin includes forecast ramp costs, Operating Margin includes forecast ramp costs and production startup expenses 2023 Copyright First Solar, Inc.



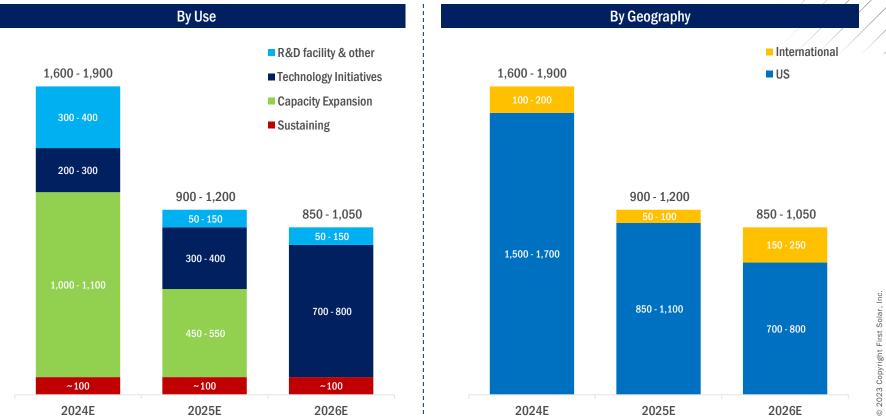
Capital Allocation: 2017 Analyst Day



Capital Allocation: 2023 Analyst Day



Capital Expenditures (\$m)



Forecast capital expenditures based on management estimates and assumptions as of September 7, 2023.

Uses, Sources, and Considerations

Key Uses

Maintenance CapEx Forecast annual ~\$100m

Expansion and R&D CapEx

Committed expansion ~\$1.45 - 1.65B Forecast R&D ~\$0.4 - 0.7B

Technology CapEx

Forecast 2024-2026 ~\$1.2 - 1.5B CuRe capital need pending further R&D

Potential Other Cash Uses

Equipment vendor and supply chain development capital

M&A

Key Sources

Net Cash Balance Year-end 2023 forecast net-cash balance of \$1.5-1.8B (as of 02 2023 earnings call)

Excludes 2023 cash impact from announcement of new Louisiana facility

Core Operating Cash Flow

Operating facilities provide strong cash generation

Customer Deposits

~\$1.5B cash deposits associated with future module deliveries (as of Q2 2023 earnings call)

> IRA §45X Credit Cash receipt timing uncertain

Liquidity and Other considerations

Existing Debt

\$500m DFC credit facility Associated with India manufacturing facility Fully drawn

Revolving Credit Facility

\$1.0B, 5-year facility Undrawn

Jurisdictional Cash

~90% forecast CapEx spend is U.S.

Cash holding ~1/3 US, ~2/3 offshore

2017 tax reform reduced federal repatriation costs: state repatriation costs remain

Bridge Financing

Continue to evaluate potential need for short term bridge financing





Key Messages

Summary: Growth, Profitability, Liquidity

Investment Thesis

Core Differentiation across technology and business model

Execution

Balanced Growth, Profitability, Liquidity

Strategic Growth

Strategic Intent Exit systems Grow core manufacturing

2026 forecast production¹ ~22.5 GW (55% US / 45% International)

Contracted Position

Volume 76GW, sold out through 2026

> ASP² Backlog 29.8 c/w 2024 ~28.6 c/w 2025 / 2026 ~30 c/w

Cost 2023-2026

CpW (excluding ramp)¹ Produced: 1.5-3.0% reduction Sold: 4-6% reduction

Includes technology and domestic content cost increases (GM% accretive)

Overhead¹ Flat SGA \$, increasing R&D \$, declining c/w Margins 2024-2026

Gross Margins¹ Excluding IRA §45X reaching 30% Including IRA §45X at 60%+

Operating Margins¹ Excluding IRA §45X reaching 24% Including IRA §45X at 50%+ **Capital and Liquidity**

Strong operating cash flow: Module sales, customer deposits, IRA §45X

Capex program¹

~\$3.75B 2024-2026 Supporting capacity growth and technology

Liquidity \$1B Revolver capacity (undrawn)

(1) Management expectations as of September 7, 2023

(2) Fleet average ASP of 29.8 c/w normalized by 2.5 c/w for 6.5GW of backlog with FCA incoterms and no associated sales freight cost, impacts fleet average ASP by 0.2 c/w

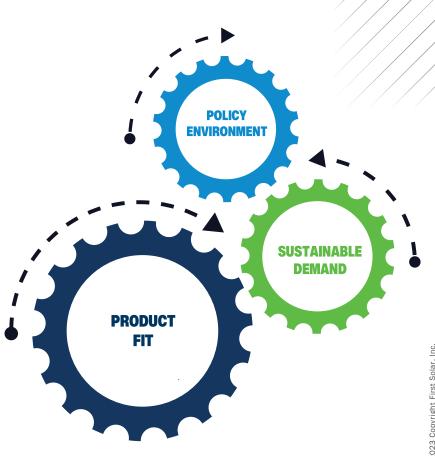
Closing Remarks











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Commercialize the next generation of PV





Create the potential to double in size