

# U.S. PV Manufacturing and Opportunities for Florida

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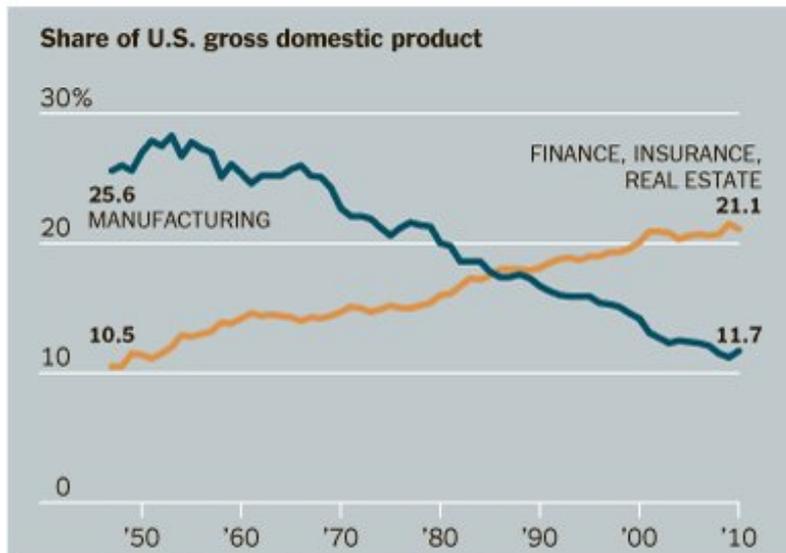
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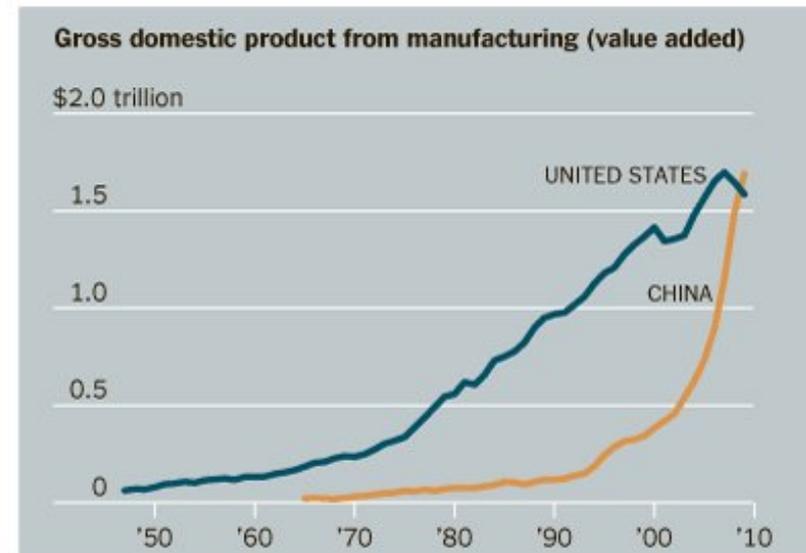


# Manufacturing Share of Gross Domestic Product

- U.S.: 11.7%    China: 25%
- By Comparison it was 28% in U.S. in 1950's

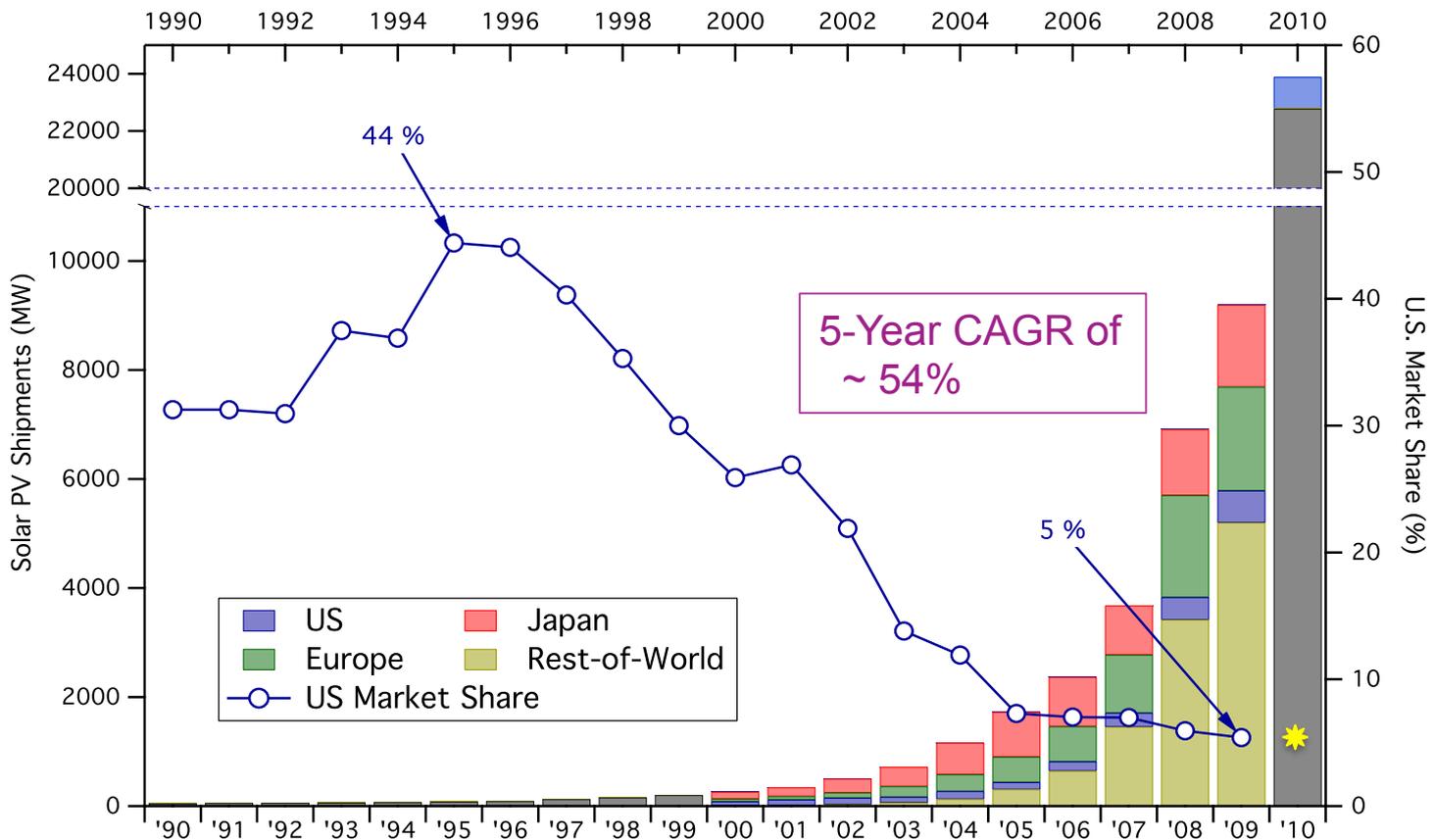
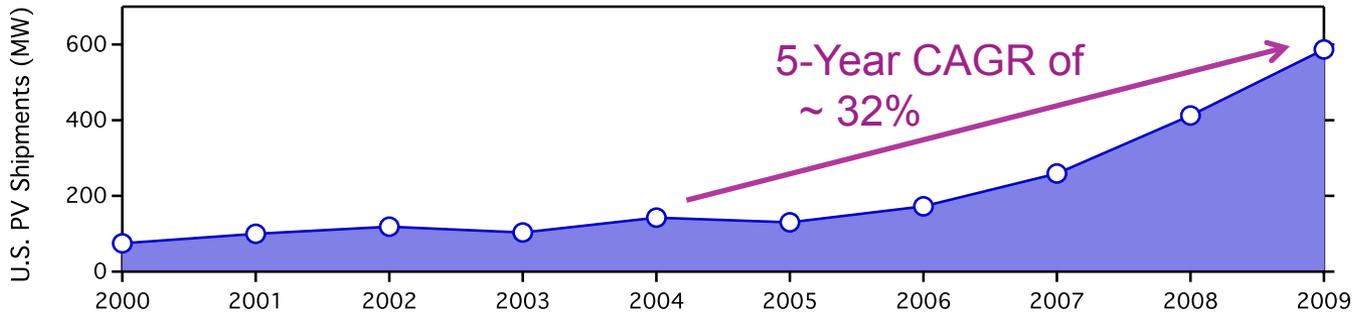


Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis; the World Bank

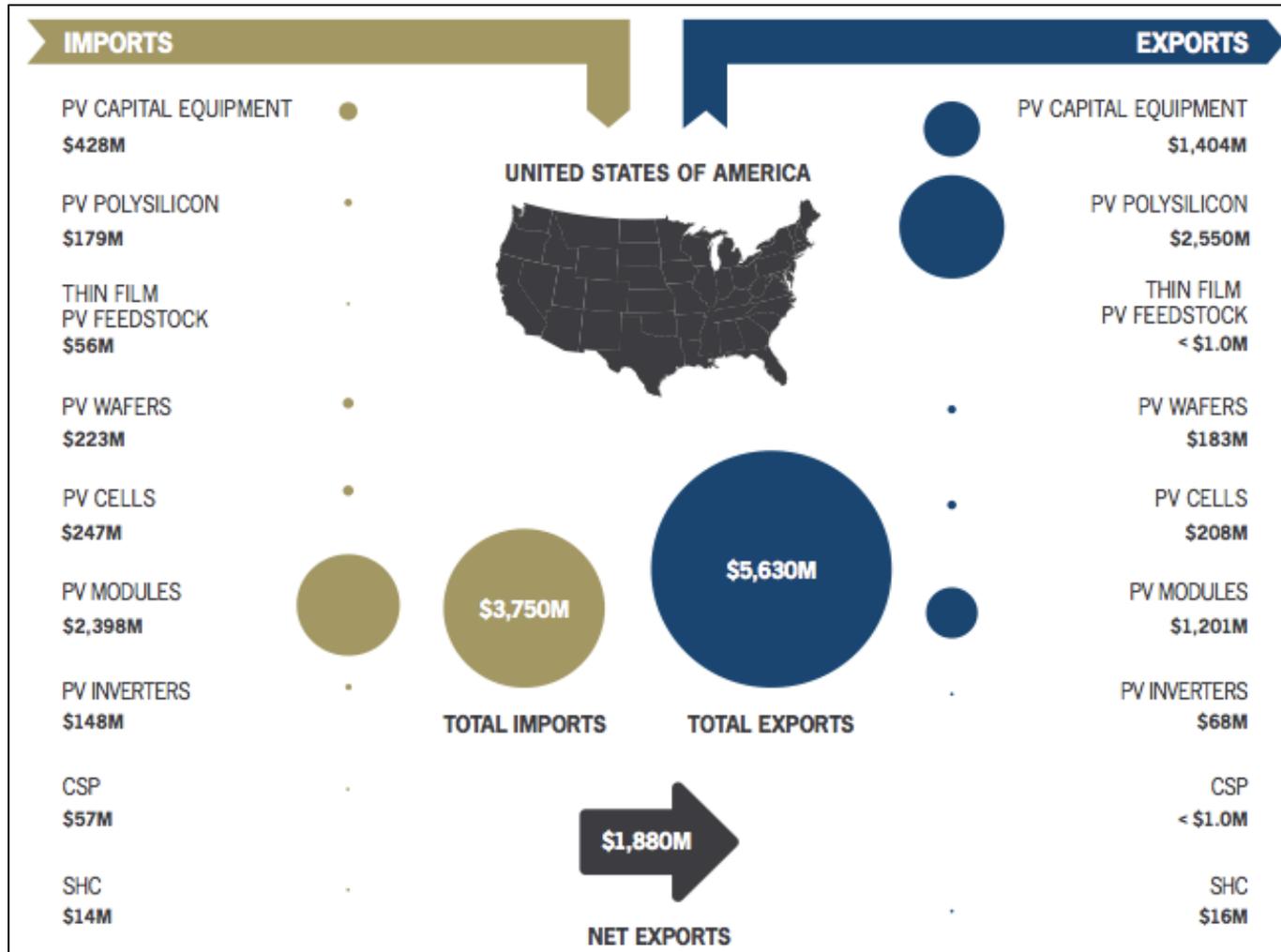


- Note: Not due to reduced manufacturing, but rather slower growth rate.
- Why care? General estimates are that every new manufacturing job generates 5 other jobs in the economy.

# The History and Status of U.S. PV Manufacturing



# Manufacturing is not just Cells/Modules



Market Share

40%

3%

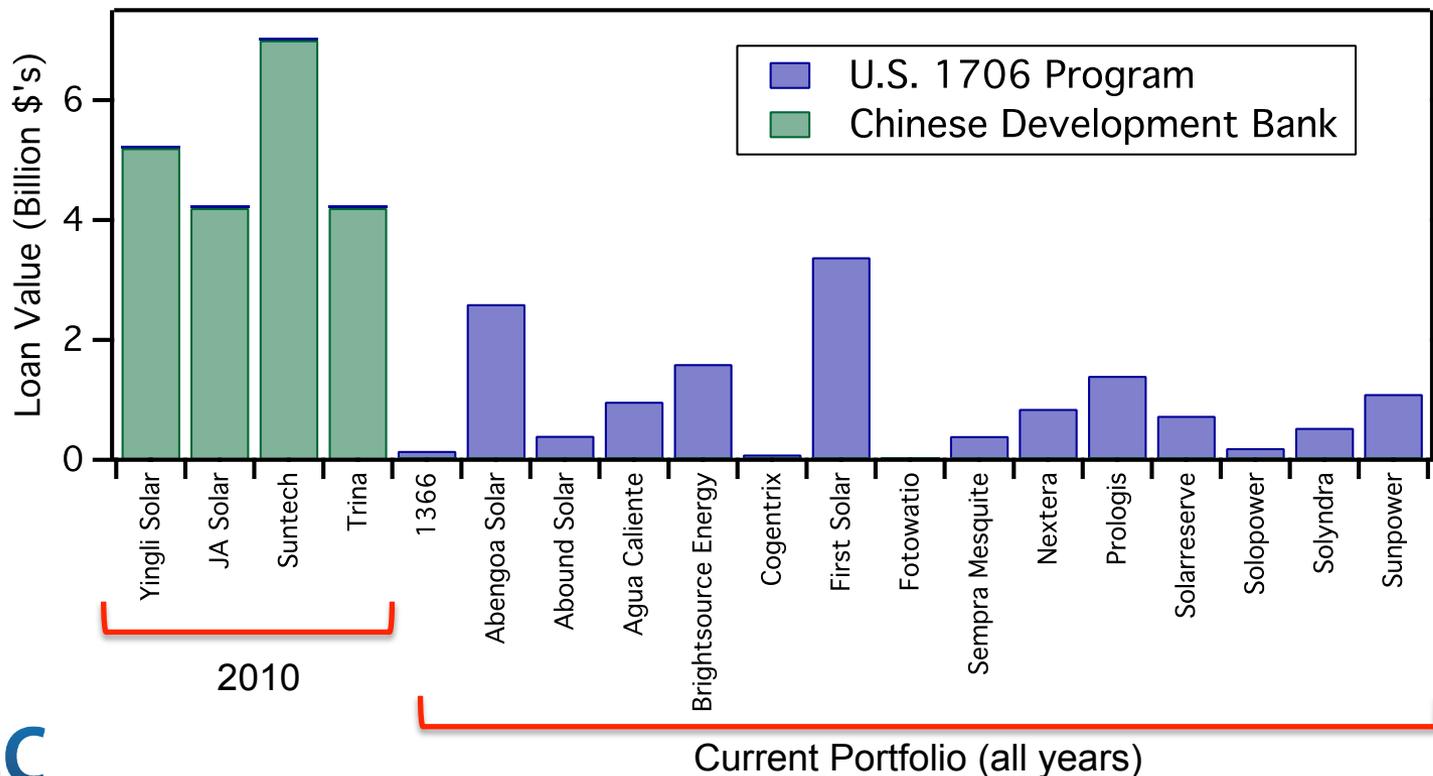
4.6%

3%

Note: U.S. had \$247M trading *surplus* with China

# Government Support of PV Manufacturing (loan guarantees)

- U.S. - Section 1705 of the 2005 Energy Policy Act
  - \$15.6B in loans (\$10.5B for solar), but ~\$1B in 2010
- China - China Development Bank (CDB)
  - \$30B in 2010 loans



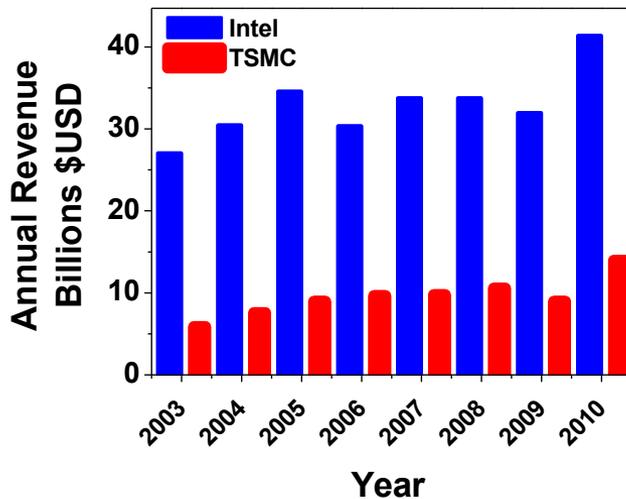
# Is there another way to maintain/grow U.S. PV market share?

- Government Loan Guarantees are not enough
- Need Multiple support structures
  - Capital costs
  - Bankability (finance)
  - Strong/talented work force
  - Proximity to innovation
- Loan Guarantees address first item
- Is there another complimentary route for U.S. PV market share growth?

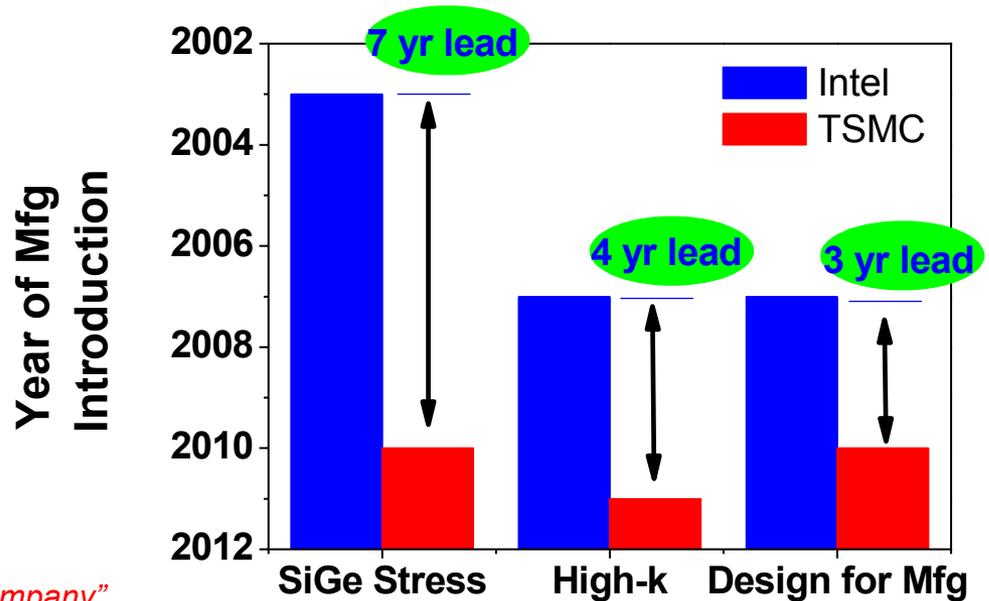
# Can technical innovation drive U.S. market share?

Question: Why has Intel led IC industry for 19 years?

Answer: 3-7 years Transistor technology lead – 50-100% pricing power.



TSMC – “Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company”

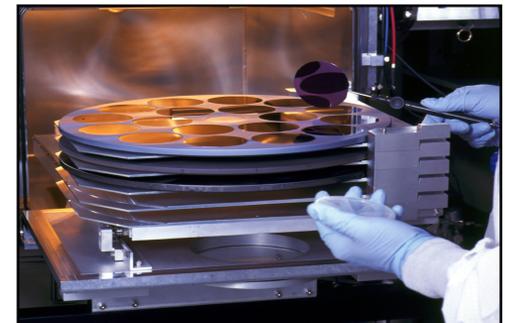
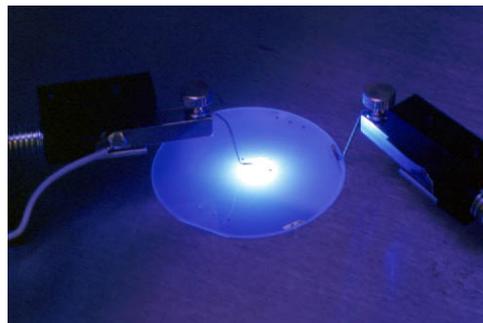
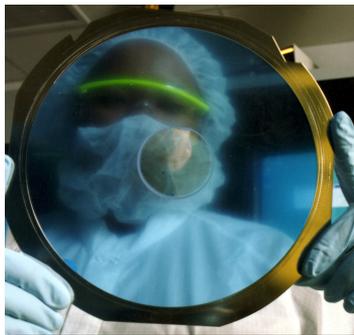
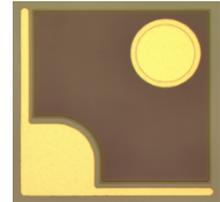


## "Transistor Design" Advantage

- SEMATECH Led Industry to ALD HfO<sub>2</sub> as High-k – Intel adopted novel integration
- IMPACT: Intel's competitive edge results in ~ \$100B revenue from high-k HfO<sub>2</sub>

# My experience - A snapshot of the LED industry

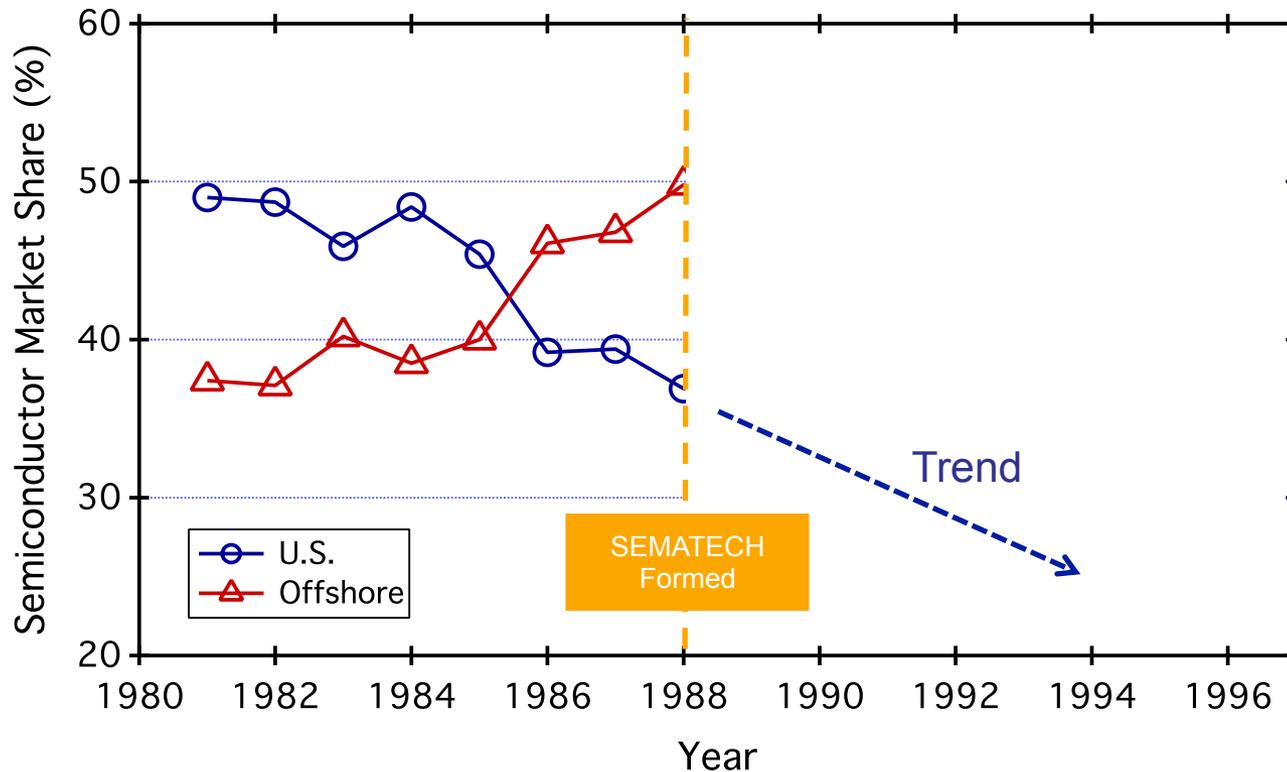
- In 2000, there were many U.S. LED companies
- Common price of blue LED chip \$0.20 - \$0.30
- Two years later price was \$0.05 - \$0.10
- Cause: Despite rapid market growth, Asian manufacturing (i.e. supply) grew faster.
- Result: Only handful of major LED U.S. manufacturers remain.
- Common Denominator: All invested in technical innovation, allowing them to stay ahead of commodity curve.



# Some History from Semiconductor Industry

“The most significant finding of the Task Force is that U.S. *technology leadership* in semiconductor manufacturing is rapidly eroding and that this has serious implications for the nation’s economy and immediate and predictable consequences for the Defense Department.”

- Defense Science Board Task Force  
on “Semiconductor Dependency” - February 1987



# U.S. Photovoltaic Manufacturing Consortium (PVMC)

- DOE decided it needed a similar SEMATECH model for the PV Industry
- Led by SEMATECH in partnership with CNSE (College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering) and UCF (University of Central Florida)
- Overall investment of ~\$300M over 5 years from DOE and matching funds
- Initial focus on CIGS and cSi technology and manufacturing solutions



Consortium  
Management



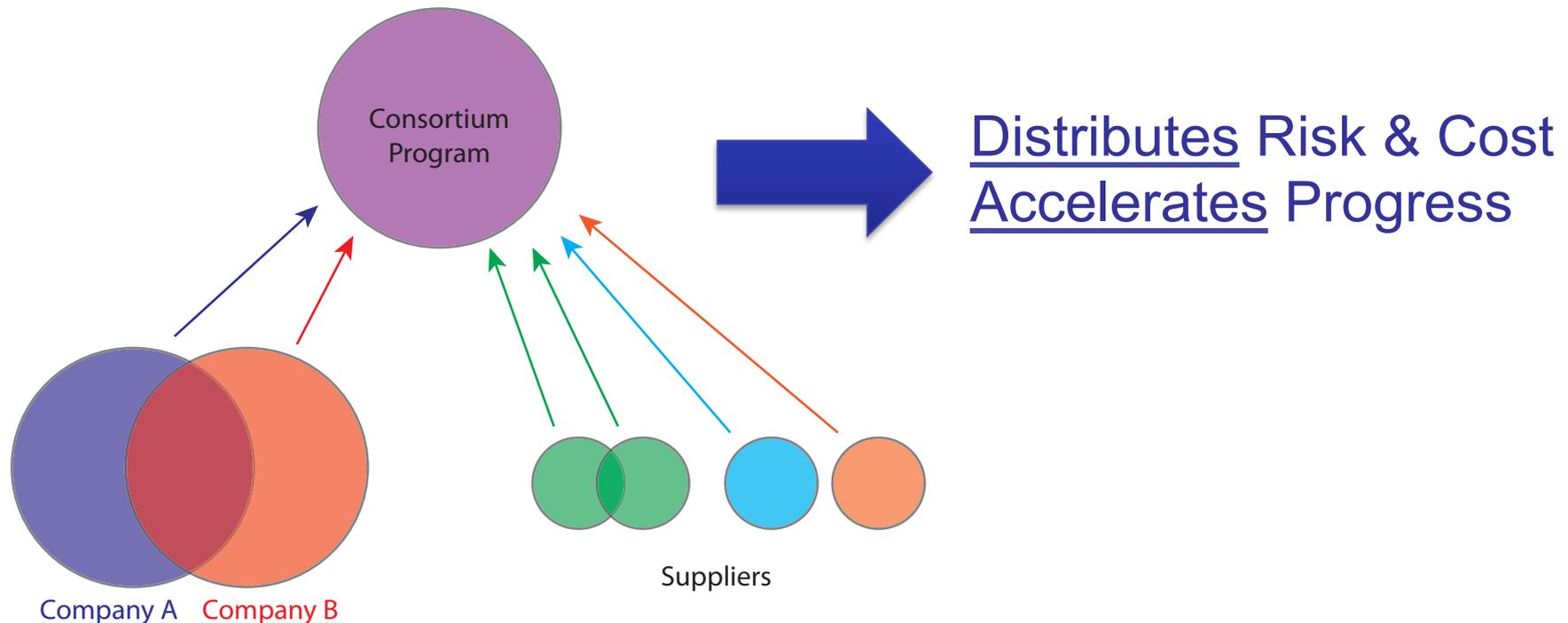
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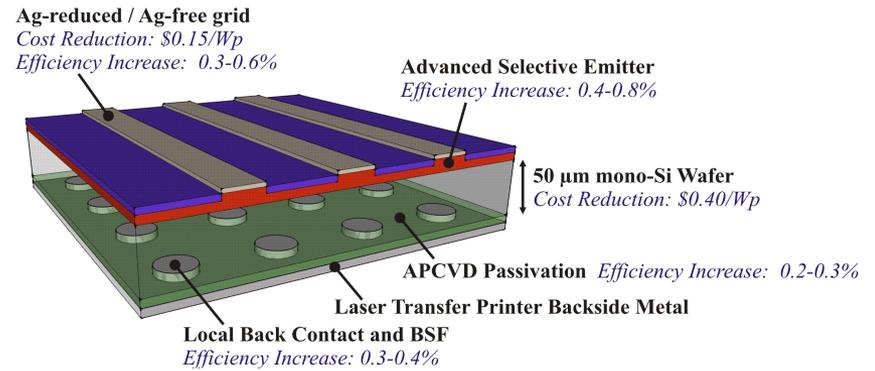
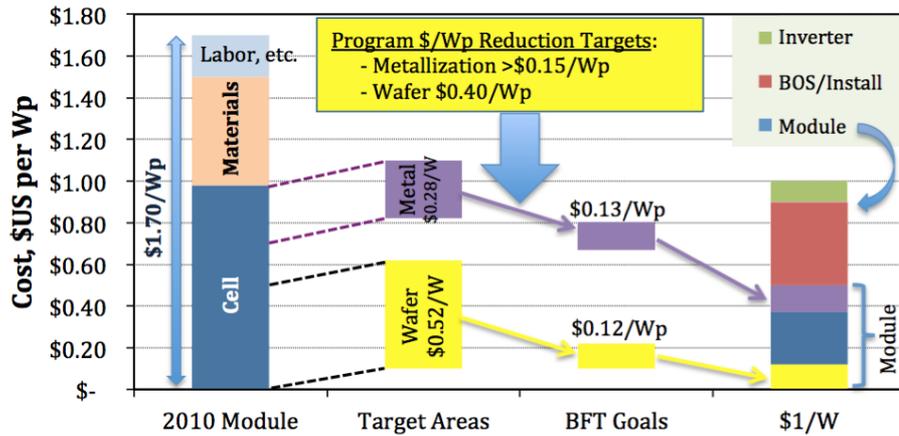
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# Key: Establishing Collaborative Consortia

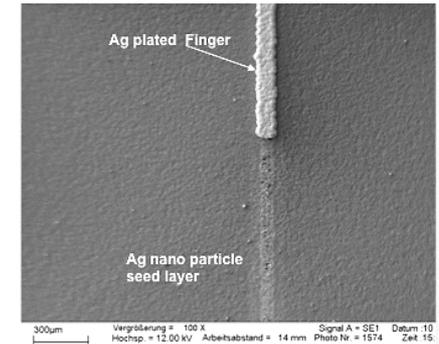
- PV Industry is historically fragmented
- How do you get consortium members – even direct competitors – to work together?



# Example Program: 50µm SE cSi Cell



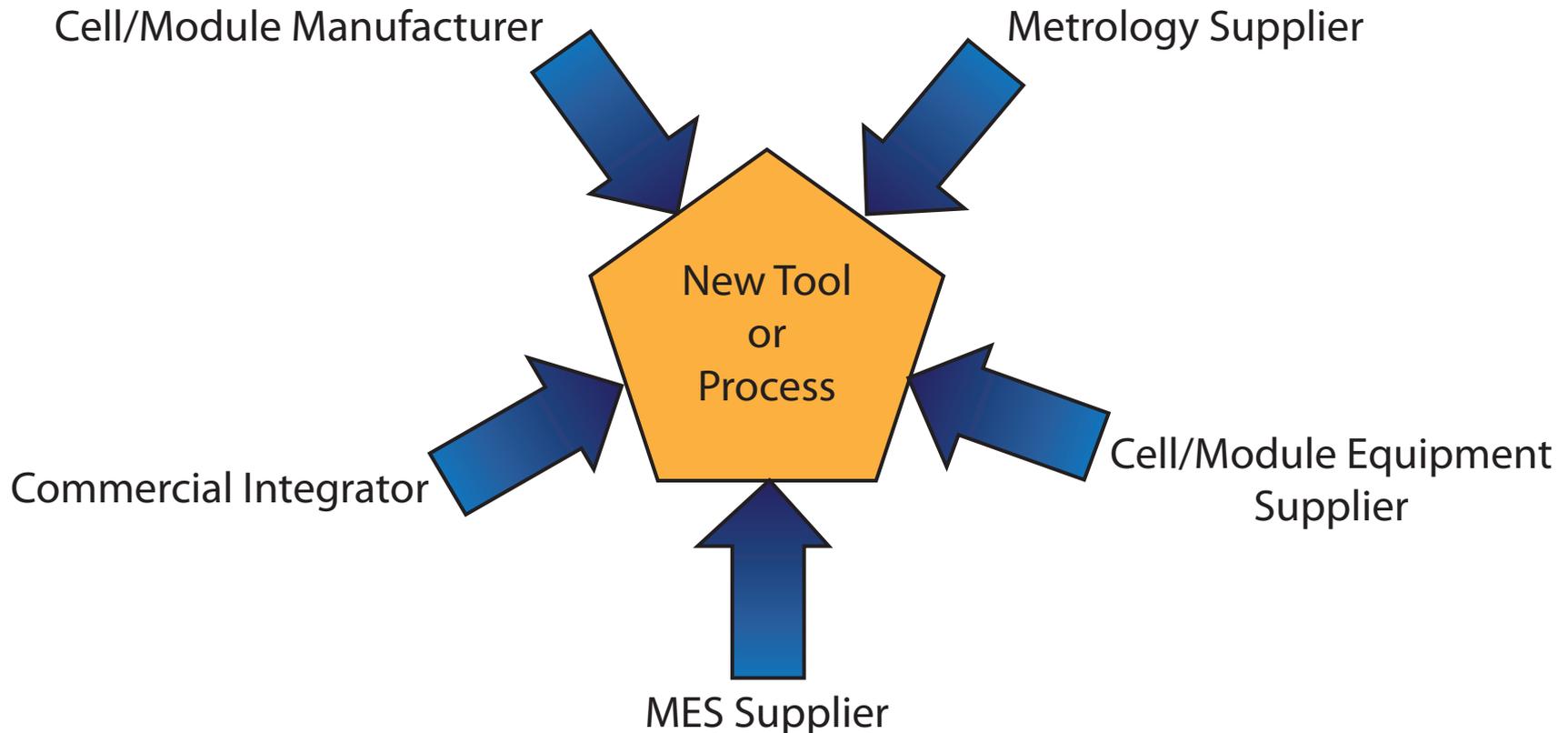
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| <b>Industry</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 50 µm mono cSi Wafers</li> <li>- Non-contact metallization equipment for Front Grid and LBC</li> <li>- Backside passivation deposition equipment (ex. APCVD)</li> <li>- New stringing and printing processes for thin wafers</li> <li>- Electroplating chemistries and baths</li> </ul> |
| <b>Academia</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rheology studies for nanoparticle seed layer</li> <li>- Front grid geometry optimization</li> <li>- Seed layer optimization</li> <li>- LBC studies (opening method, diameter/spacing, etc...)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>National Labs</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reliability studies</li> <li>- Validation of performance</li> <li>- Field testing</li> </ul>  |



LIP System

# What is a $\beta$ -Site?

Example Project: Integration of inline carrier lifetime mapping after P-diffusion, communicating with MES using SEMI PV 02 Standard



# Initial PVMC cSi Program Areas

## 1. In-line/Off-line Metrology

### Primary Goals

- Identify critical industry needs in metrology and rank
- Develop projects to demonstrate new cSi metrology technologies
- Transition new metrology technologies into pilot and manufacturing lines

### Current 5-Yr Program Area Goal (revision expected by WG)

- >1,100 wf/hr in-line tool, reducing yield loss such that cost of insertion is offset completely

## 2. New Feedstock/Wafering Methodologies

### Primary Goals

- Identify necessary feedstock/wafering targets for \$/W
- Establish cSi feedstock/wafering programs to accelerate transition of new technologies into mainstream manufacturing
- Provide and foster process, test, and demonstration activities to validate new technologies and identify technical barriers

### Current 5-Yr Program Area Goal (revision expected by WG)

- Demonstrate silicon usage efficiency < 3g/W and cSi wafer cost reduction of >50% to below \$0.25/W.

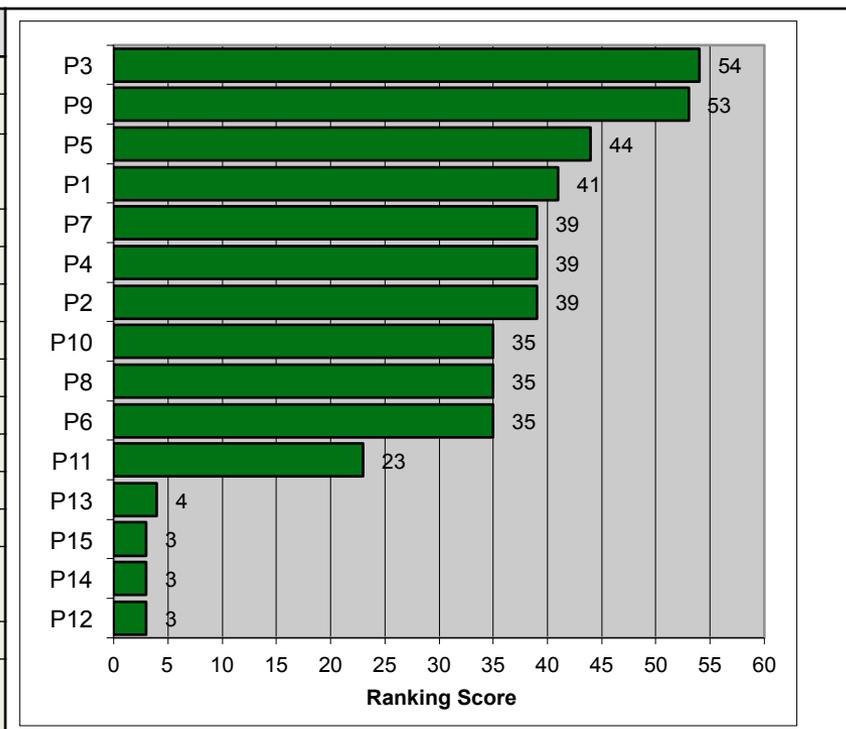
*These two program areas are currently supported in FL through \$14.3M of DOE and industry/partner matching funding*

**So...How are projects identified?**

# Projects driven by identified areas of need

- Consortium members identify program area projects (working groups)

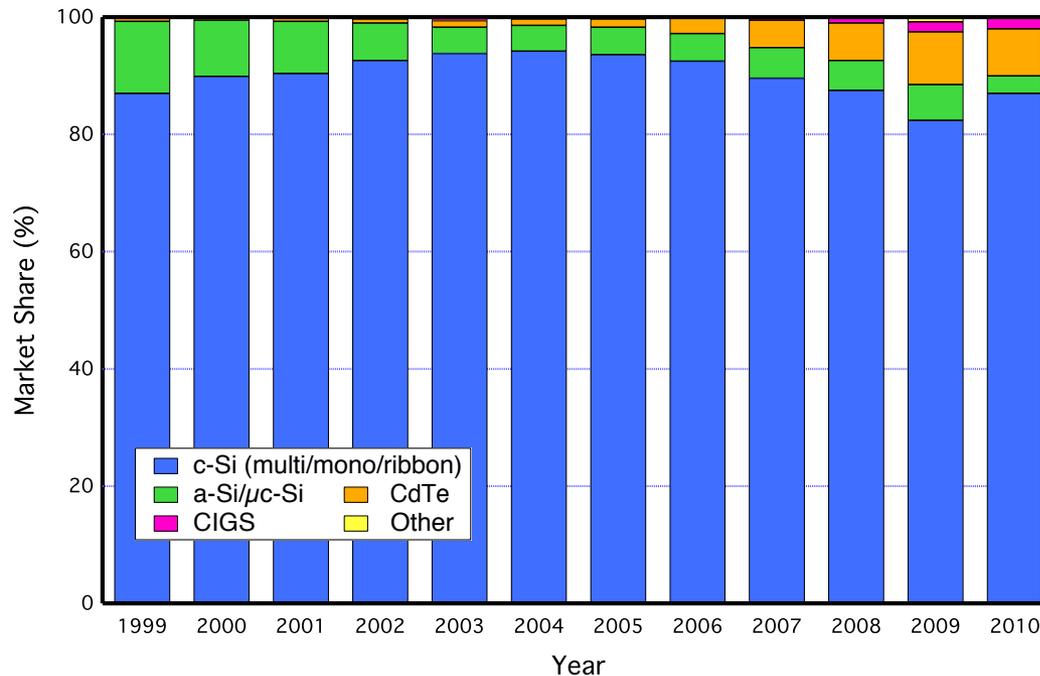
| Cell Projects |   |
|---------------|---|
| P1            | Selective Emitter (inkjet/self-aligned, etc.)   |
| P2            | SiO <sub>2</sub> /SiN ARCs (Multi-layer or graded SiON)                                     |
| P3            | Advanced Cell Structures (all back metal, emitter/metal wrap-through, n-type wafers)        |
| P4            | Ag Contacts (non-contact, lower width, etc.)  |
| P5            | Ag-free Grid Metallizations & Electroplating  |
| P6            | Texturing (IPA free, dry texturing, high aspect ratio, etc.)                                |
| P7            | Enhanced Surface Passivation Methods (aqueous ozone)  |
| P8            | Correlation Study (offline data to yield, h, performance distribution, etc.)                |
| P9            | In-line Metrology Tool Development  |
| P10           | Thin Wafer Handling, Statistics, "Moore's Law" cost model for PV                            |
| P11           | Simulation: wf thickness, bulk doping, emitter doping, Rco                                  |
| P12           | Integration of n-type or Ga doped p-type wafers into existing processes                     |
| P13           | 2D and 3D modeling of advanced cell structures (local contacts, adjacent n and p regions)   |
| P14           | Grain boundary and surface passivation  |
| P15           | Alternate surface passivation techniques (eg. Silicon carbide, negative charge dielectrics) |



- Identical paretos for feedstock/wafering, modules, and manufacturing productivity.
- Program area ranking allows prioritization of projects and selection of asset allocation

# So....What is the Unique Opportunity for Florida ???

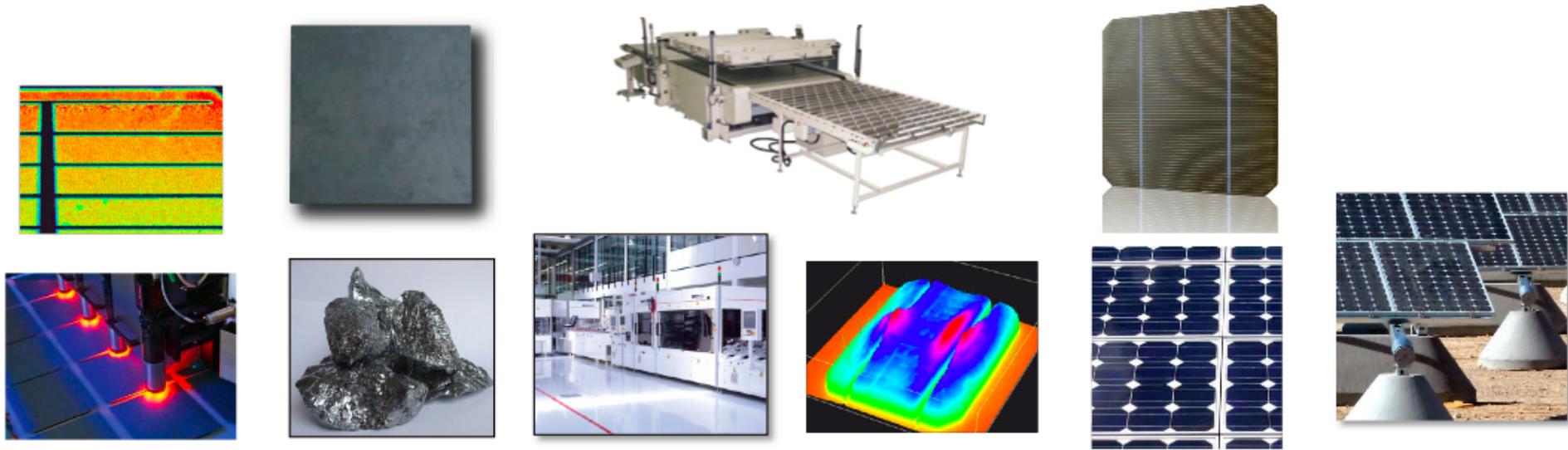
- Currently, Florida is one of only 2 states running the first U.S. PV manufacturing consortium
- Florida houses the cSi arm of the PVMC – a conversion technology that has maintained 80% market share for over a decade.



- We have the potential to grow into something much larger....

# Supply Chain Strength in the U.S.

PVMC-FL can build from *existing* U.S. leadership in several areas of the cSi PV supply chain – smaller barrier for growth and job creation



| R&D Partners   | Material Suppliers  | Equipment Suppliers  | Metrology Suppliers   | Module Producers and Integrators  | End-Users   |
|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IBM</li> <li>- NREL</li> <li>- ORNL</li> <li>- SRC</li> <li>- NIST</li> <li>- ASU</li> <li>- SUNY</li> <li>- UCF</li> <li>- SRI</li> <li>- Sandia</li> <li>- Sandia</li> <li>- SEMI</li> <li>- ISMI</li> <li>- MIT</li> <li>- UCLA</li> <li>- FSEC</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MEMC</li> <li>- ATMI</li> <li>- 1366</li> <li>- Crystal Solar</li> <li>- JT Baker</li> <li>- Saint Gobain</li> <li>- Solsil</li> <li>- Dow</li> <li>- Orion</li> <li>- 3M</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Schmid</li> <li>- Spire</li> <li>- TEL</li> <li>- Roth &amp; Rau</li> <li>- Varian</li> <li>- Ulvac</li> <li>- Consarc</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Semilab</li> <li>- Boeing/Spectrolab</li> <li>- FEI</li> <li>- Keithley</li> <li>- Agilent</li> <li>- Newport</li> <li>- Ultrasonic Tech</li> <li>- KLA</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suniva</li> <li>- Ampulse</li> <li>- Intersil</li> <li>- SemiSouth</li> <li>- Solar Power Ind.</li> <li>- Calisolar</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FP&amp;L / NextEra</li> <li>- Lockheed Martin</li> <li>- Progress Energy</li> <li>- Austin Energy</li> <li>- TSEC</li> </ul> |

# What the U.S. cSi Industry Needs

## The challenge

- Industry alignment
- Lack of infrastructure
- Lack of place to work
- Metrology, test and reliability
- Manufacturing cost – CIGS and cSi
- Balance of system, technology commercialization, workforce development
- Cost of PV energy to consumer

## The PVMC solution

- Roadmap and standards
- Collaborate to fund and create it
- Advanced manufacturing development facility
- Develop, model, and share capabilities
- Improved methods = reduced cost
- Support to the industry
- Consortium = shared knowledge and resources and reduced cost of manufacturing = reduced cost to consumer



***PVMC cSi Manufacturing Development Facility is Essential***

# Expansion of PVMC-FL – Phase II

- **Establish Next-gen RD&C Manufacturing Facility**



- 100,000 ft<sup>2</sup> site already available in Palm Bay, FL
- Next-gen cSi wafer-to-module *manufacturing-scale* lines for Consortium Projects
- Critical value-added element of PVMC for industry, houses consortium and member company projects.

# Expansion of PVMC-FL – Phase II

- **Establish Next-Gen RD&C Manufacturing Facility**
  - 30 MW Cell and Module Manufacturing Line for Consortium Projects
  - Advanced and Next-gen tools sets
- **Establish PV Commercialization Support Structure**
  - Support transfers into manufacturing, provide incubation and start-up support
- **Develop Training Workforce Development Programs**
  - College, university, MDF, and member company programs
- **National cSi Roadmap and Standards**
  - Identify industry drivers, establish Executive Steering Committee/Working Groups
- **Expansion of Consortium Programs (Next Slide)**

# PVMC-FL – Expansion Opportunity

- Build from existing PVMC-FL to expand program areas and increase member company value.



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|                      | Ag-free Grid Metallizations & Electroplating   |
|                      | SiO <sub>2</sub> /SiN ARCs (Multi-layer or graded SiON)                              |
| Module               | New Encapsulation Materials  |
|                      | Optimized cell connectivity in module  |
|                      | Smart Modules (integrated self-diagnostics, power electronics)                       |
|                      | Easy Install Designs (weight, time)  |
|                      | Better Stringing/Tabbing Schemes   |
| Feedstock \ Wafering | Develop Incoming Wafer Specifications and In-line Metrology                          |
|                      | Evaluate Siemens Process Alternatives  |
|                      | Lifetime Evolution - Correlate w/ Process History                                    |
| Manuf. Productivity  | Equipment Standardization (software, communication)                                  |
|                      | Establish SPC and APC Systems for Improved Yield and Reliability                     |
|                      | Industry Benchmarking to Establish Manufacturing Best Practices                      |
| Other                | Roadmap and Standards  |
|                      | PV Commercialization Support Structure / Incubation                                  |
|                      | PV Workforce Development   |
|                      | Test and Certification   |

Cross-cutting

# Benefits to Florida

- Establish Florida as cSi Manufacturing Hub of the U.S.
- Brings manufacturing technical challenges to University researchers
- Establishes a magnet for industry, bringing companies to the Florida doorstep

*“The SEMATECH Effect”*

# Value of Long Term Advanced Technology Partnerships

## SEMATECH and New York

- Home to International SEMATECH HQ, the manufacturing arm of SEMATECH
- Attracted more than \$3.2 billion dollars in capital investment for AMD microchip plant
- Created nearly 500 high-tech, high-wage immediately
- Supporting more than 500 companies across the state as key anchor of Albany Nanotech Initiative

***U.S. scaled estimates – more that 3.1 million permanent jobs***

## Economic Impact Study

### SEMATECH and Texas

- Played a critical role in national security initiative
- Key driver of the launch of Texas as a leading high-economy
- Attracted more than \$12 billion dollars in capital investment
- Created more than 80,000 high-tech, high-wage jobs Texas
- Leader in government technology & economic development policy and investment

***Semiconductor R&D has a multiplier effect of five (highest of all industries) resulting in an additional 400,000 ancillary jobs***

### U.S. Scaled Estimates

Based on U.S. capturing same share of global market as Texas captured in U.S. market, annual economic impacts of:

- \$482.8 billion in expenditures
- \$235.4 billion in gross domestic product
- \$141.8 billion in personal income
- \$50.3 billion in supported retail sales
- More than 3.1 million permanent jobs

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**“[SEMATECH North is] the most exciting development since the construction of the Erie Canal.”**

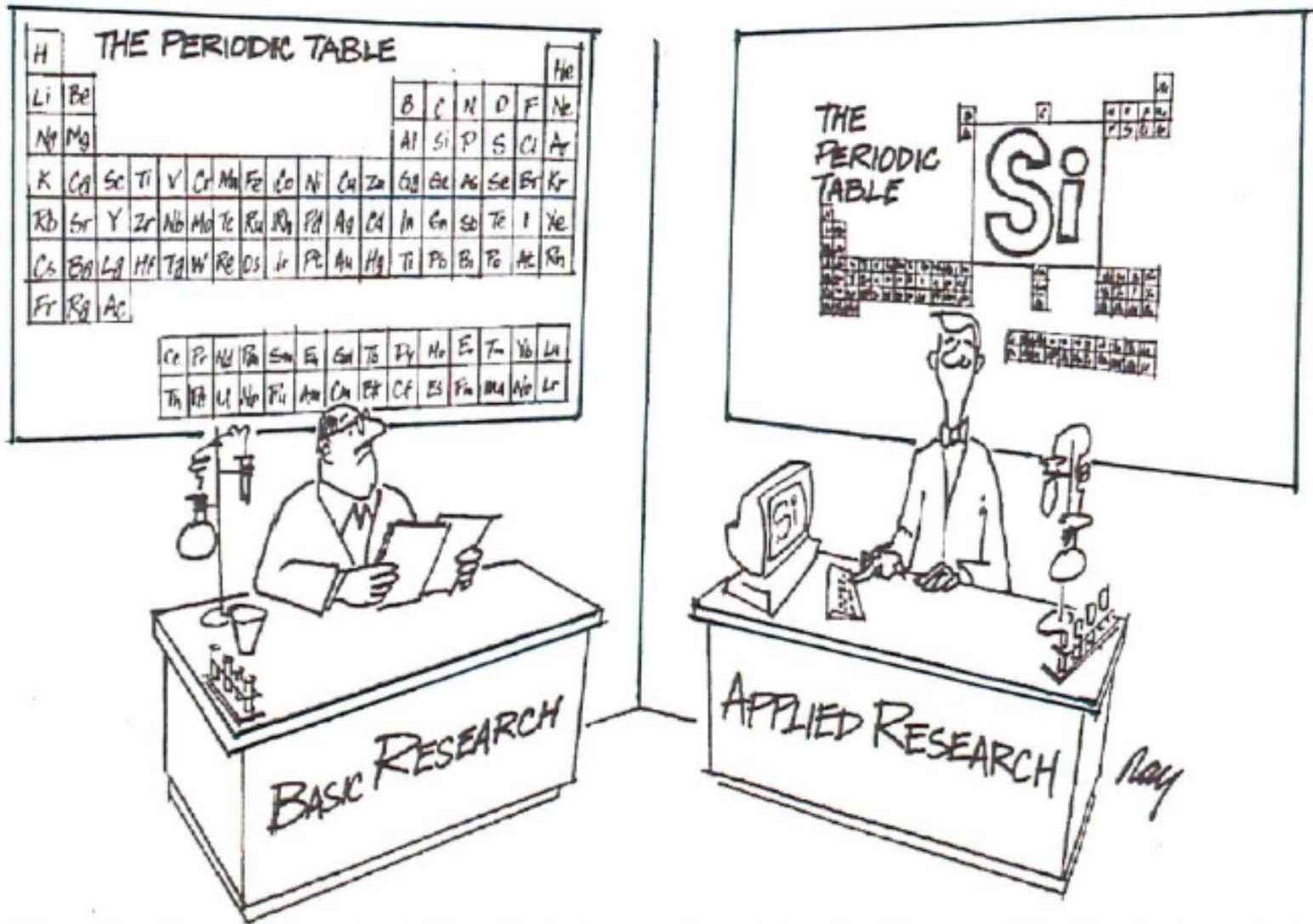
***New York Governor  
George Pataki  
SEMATECH North  
ribbon cutting, 2003***



**[SEMATECH and the AMRC] will advance the technologies that will help drive our state's economy for the next 50 years.**

***Texas Governor  
Rick Perry  
AMRC Launch***

# A little humor to end with...



**Thank you for your attention !!!**

# Photovoltaic Industry Overview

- Why is solar energy and PVMC important?
  - Quality of life/environment - most abundant renewable energy source
    - Plentiful energy for the planet while preserving natural resources/ecosystem
    - Potential scale/availability of solar energy
    - Potential uses of solar PV technology
  - Economic – market potential, contribution to economic growth, job creation
    - Solar energy will soon develop into one of the world's largest industries - generating billions of dollars of revenue, and creating millions of high paying jobs
  - National – opportunity for US leadership in technology innovation and manufacturing
    - The clean energy race is well underway - energy technologies not only need to be invented in America, but also manufactured in America
- What are the challenges for the solar market?
  - Levelized Cost of Electricity (LCOE), ¢/kWh
    - System cost, system efficiency, system reliability
  - Business challenges
    - Bankability. etc
  - National/Regional challenges
    - Funding needed to establish the foundation and catalyst
    - Weak and declining manufacturing market share
    - Industry alignment