

The Challenge of Taking a New Idea into a Commercial Business

The Story of the Dow POWERHOUSE Solar Shingle

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Global Megatrends



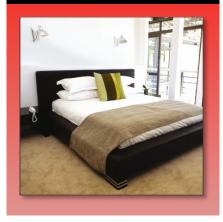




ENERGY



CONSUMERISM



TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE



Deciding What to Work On



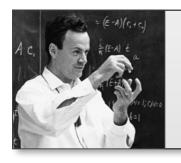
What is the material & energy balance?

What is the cost? Is it sustainable?

Have we defined proper control volumes?

What are the TECHNICAL risks? MARKET risks?

- Once you decide on a pathway
 - failure is NOT an option!



For a successful technology, reality must take precedence over public relations, for Nature cannot be fooled.

- Richard Feynman



Dow chooses to operate where materials science expertise drives success

Energy Storage



Superior Materials:

Cathode
Anode
Electrolytes
Separator

Water Purification



Superior Materials:

Energy efficiency improvements for reverse osmosis and ultra-filtration separations.

Energy Generation



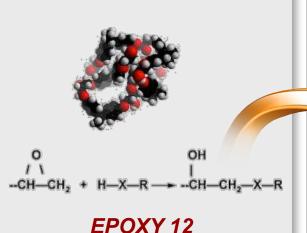
Superior Materials:

Balance Of Systems
Aesthetics
Performance
Durability

Size is a Competitive Advantage



- Ultra low viscosity
- High heat resistance
- Hydrocarbon based

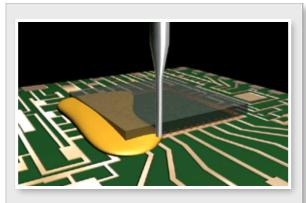


Unique Building Blocks



Dow Epoxy Systems
Performance
Products

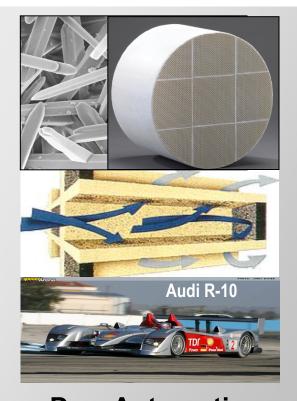




Chip Underfill Formulated Products

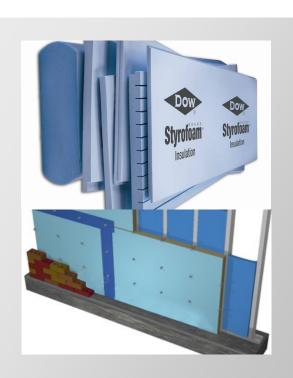
R&D Interests – Energy and the Environment





Dow Automotive Systems: AERIFY™ Diesel Particulate Filters



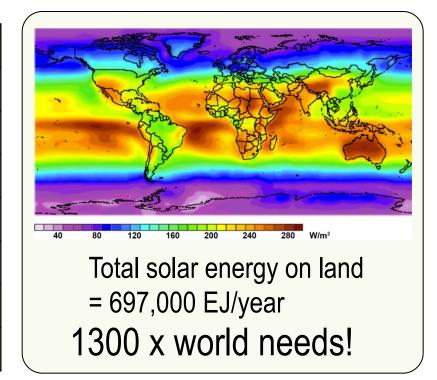


Dow Building & Construction: Energy Efficient Roof & Wall Solutions

Potential for Solar



Solar Capture Process	W/m²	Efficiency
Sugar Cane to Ethanol	0.60	0.30%
Energy Crop - Fermentation	0.70	0.32%
US Corn to Ethanol (gross)	0.32	0.16%
Algenol	4.0	2.0%
Wind Farm	4.0	2.0%
Concentrated Solar	3.2	1.6%
PV cell (10%)	20	10%



"I'd put my money on the sun and solar energy. What a source of power! I hope we don't have to wait until oil and coal run out before we tackle that."

Thomas Edison 1931



Issues: •Intermittency •Cost

Dow Participation in Solar



- PEG cutting fluids
- Ethylcellulose paste binder
- Cleaning fluids & slurries
- Light induced plating
- Flexible front sheet materials
- EVA replacements
- Back sheet materials
- Adhesives
- Printed metallization
- Liquid acrylics
- Thermoplastics,
- UV curable liquid encapsulants
- Ion exchange resin
- HTTF for distillation & reduction
- Ultra pure water & waste water treatment
- Polycrystalline silicons
- Monosilane gas for thin films

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BIPV

CIGS

Printed metallization

- TCOs for point contact
- Barrier layers
- CIGs inks
- Epoxies
- Adhesives
- Performance plastics
- XL EVA encapsulant films





High Temperature Thermal Fluids
Epoxies

CSP

Dow CSP



Concentrated Solar Power



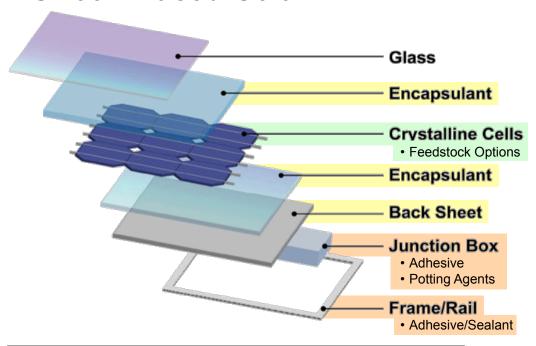
DOWTHERM™ A Heat Transfer Fluid

- Established relationships with important system OEMs
- Proven ability to deliver high volumes to remote locations
- Back integration to key raw materials

Addressable Market: 5,000 MW by 2020

Generating 400 MW of power in Spain and North America Supplying 250,000 homes with electrical power Reducing carbon emissions by 800,000 MT annually

Silicon Based Solar



Crystalline Polysilicon Cells

- 6 decades of proven performance
- World class IP
- HSC is leading world supplier

\$3,200 MM/year market 20% annual growth



Dow PV Encapsulants & Backsheets

- UV resistance
- Electrical resistivity
- Reduced water transmission
- Chemical stability

\$500 MM/year market 30% annual growth \$1B by 2011

Silicones: Durable & Transparent

- Frame sealing/bonding
- Structural bonding
- Junction box potting agents
- Adhesives



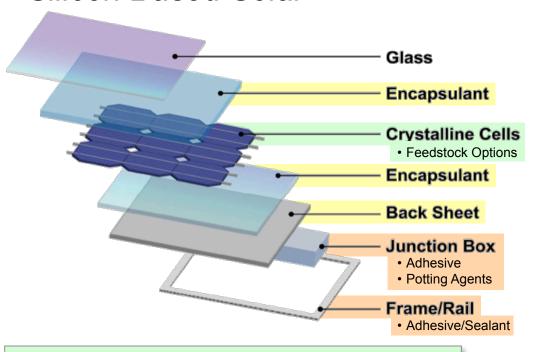
Encapsulation



Alternative Sources



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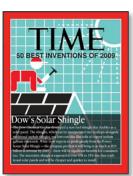
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Dow BIPV











NEW addressable market: ~\$5B by 2015 compared to ~\$1B for niche PV

Solar – The Same Challenges



PV cells alone do not make a business

SOLYNDRA received:

More than **\$1** billion from venture capital

\$535 million from DOE





\$59 *million* in revenue **\$108 million** of costs of goods sold 17.2MW of CIGS panels shipped

GREENTECH IPOS WITHDRAWN			
Firm	Sector		
Dago New Energy	Solar Poly	IPO withdrawn Jan 2010	
Solyndra	CIGS solar panels	IPO withdrawn June 2010	
Trony Solar	a-Si solar	IPO withdrawn Aug 2010	

http://www.greentechmedia.com

Greentech IPO Report: Past, Present and Top Ten IPO Candidates August 16: 2010 http://seekingalpha.com/article/211350-lessons-from-solyndra-s-failed-ipo Lessons From Solyndra's failed IPO, Greentech Media

Thin films - a challenging space

Excluding First Solar there are now 170 companies in the sector and more than \$2 billion invested over 2 years timeframe.



< 100MW sold in 2008













www.gtmresearch.com/report/thin-film-2010-market-outlook-to-2015 www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/blog/post/2010/05/whats-coming-for-solar-thin-film

http://www.nrel.gov/analysis/pdfs/46025.pdf

Major Obstacles to Residential BIPV Adoption





SunPower

- •Cost = \$7.50-9.00/Watt installed
- •Requires premium s-tiles/ concrete roofing tiles

Atlantis SunSlate

•Cost = \$13-\$15/Watt

•Requires premium roofing slates •Heavy (Si panels + fiber cement slate)

Labor intensive



Roof Integrity/Warranty





Installation Complexity





Aesthetics



Head to Head Competition





The Challenges of Supply



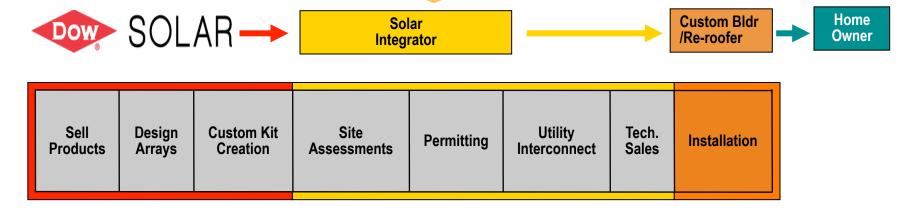
Channel Selection

Builder Direct,
Building Material Distributor,
Solar Integrator

Markets Selection

Reroofing, Retrofit, Commercial, Residential, New Construction

Example: Solar Integrator / Residential New Construction



Requires: New Supply Chain (Packaging, Order Logistics)
Define Sales Location, Product Claims, Warranty, Product Awareness,
Regional Codes & Standards, Installation Guides, Inverter Selection,
Training, Data Monitoring Selection, etc....

Codes and Standards



MIAMI DAMP HEAT



MIDLAND SNOW & ICE



PHOENIX DRY HEAT



Thousands of In-house and Agency Tests 300,000 Man Hours Of Engineering Building, Safety, and Performance Codes











Underwriters Laboratories





UL790 TEST CLASS A BEST RATING



HANDLING & INSTALLATION



HAIL & INCLEMENT WEATHER

0445 Plastics 0443 (PV) UL 790 UL 746 TAS 100-95 UL1897 UL 514 ASTM D635 ASTM E1929 UL 1703 IEC 61646 ASTM DS2843 ASTM DS2843



Success...

Or Failure?





20 year life product **Generates profit Excellent roofing properties Excellent electricity generation** Strong consumer demand



Reliable Process and Product Design







1 Grid tied array

Sub-system



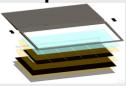
1 Inverter

10's End pieces

100's Power electronics

100's of Shingles

Component

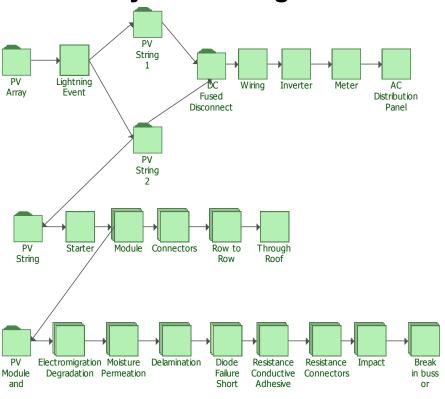


100's of connections

1000's welds

1000's of discrete pieces

Reliability Block Diagram



System Reliability

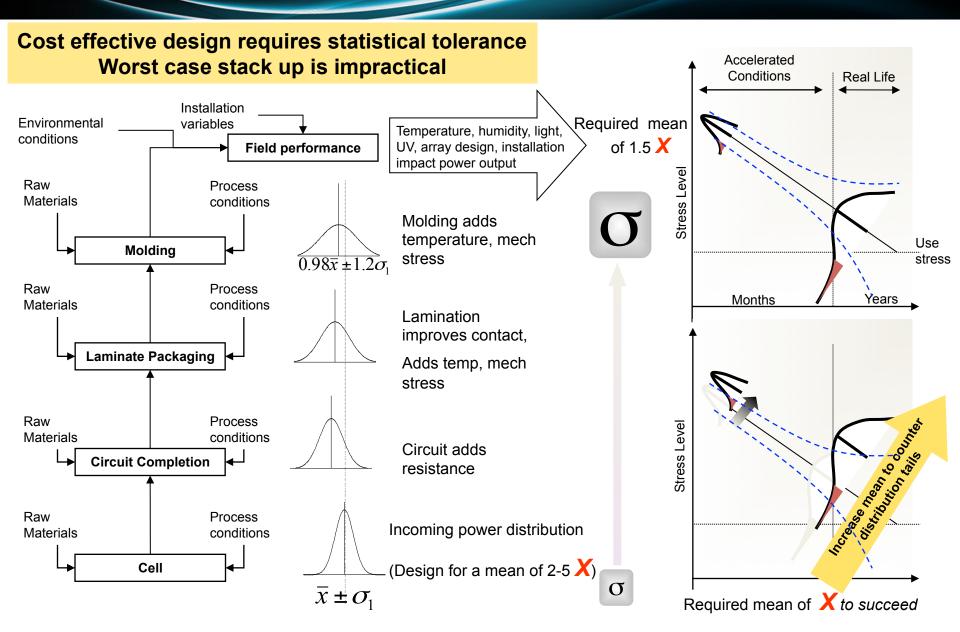
Component x Sub-system Reliability

Reliability

Robust Design for noise variables like environment and installation

Reliable Process and Product Design





Challenges of Material Design and Selection

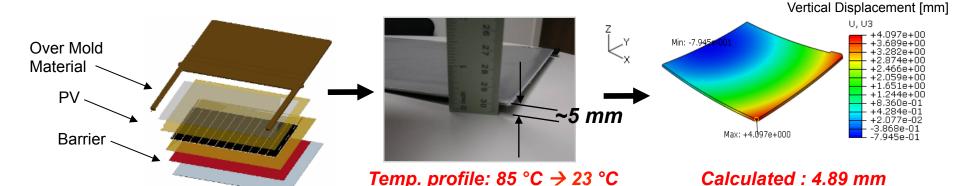


Materials Challenges

- Over 20 Materials With Different Material Properties
- Over 40 Interfaces Of Materials
- Over 15 Assembly Steps

Material Properties & Design

Modulus, CTE, Density, Elastic/Plastic Properties, Fatigue, Aging Properties, Interface Properties...etc Temperature, Stress, Strain, design...



Understanding design-material interaction

Minimizing Warpage Through FEA

$$\frac{\partial T_{ij}}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial T_{ij}}{\partial X_k} \frac{\partial X_k}{\partial x_j} = 0$$

$$E_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial X_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial X_i} + \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial X_i} \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial X_j} \right)$$

$$u_i = x_i - X_i$$

Equilibrium

Strain

Displacement

Energy (work) Balance On Multiple Layers

$$\int_{S} t_{i} \delta u_{i} dS + \int_{V} f_{i} \delta u_{i} dV = \int_{V} T_{ij} \delta E_{ij} dV$$

$$\text{Traction} \qquad \text{Body}$$

$$\text{Force} \qquad \text{Force}$$

The Challenges in Building a Plant



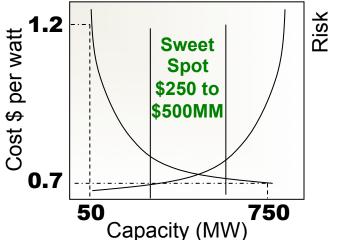
Major Considerations

- Clear Business Case and Alignment
- Project Staffing
- Site Selection
- Permitting
- Front End Loading
- Subject Matter Expert Input
- Risk Assessment & Mitigation Planning
- IPA Project Reviews
- Estimating and Schedule Management
- Construction Safety Management
- Start Up Budget and Staffing Plan



Determine Size and Risk

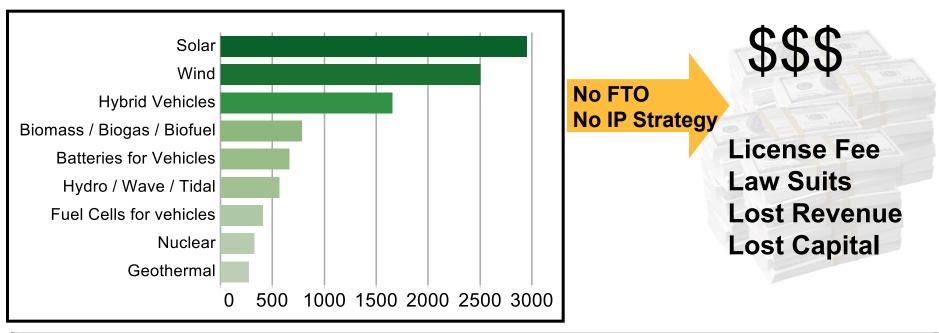
- Larger capacity of first plant means:
 - Low module cost
- -Lower flexibility
- Standardization
- -Higher capital
- -Higher risk
- -Higher base cost



Intellectual Property Strategy – A Must



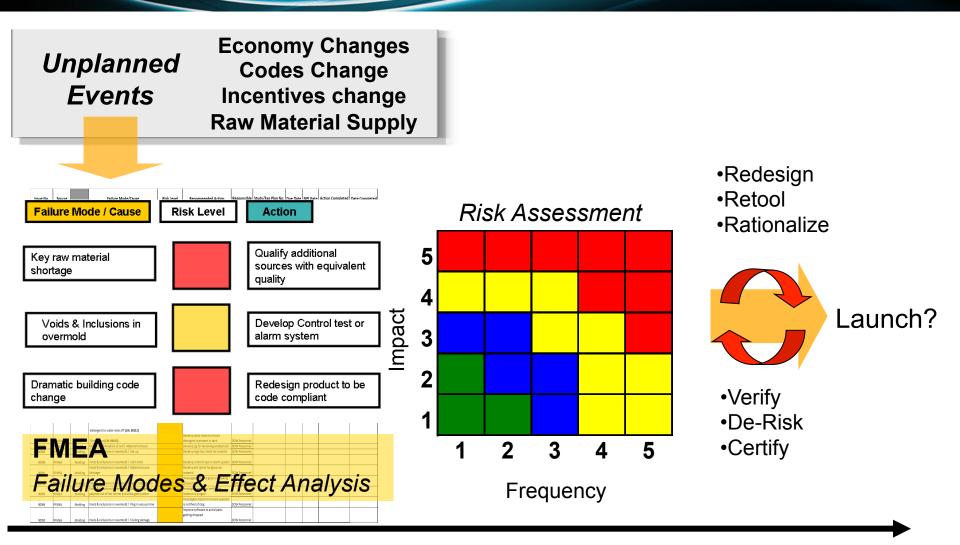
Over 2,800 Solar Claims Allowed In 2008



For a <u>single product</u>, Freedom to Operate and IP Requirements include:
30-40 patents
5 man years or more of effort
\$650MM in filing and Freedom to Operate
\$10MM in Maintenance Fees over 20 Years

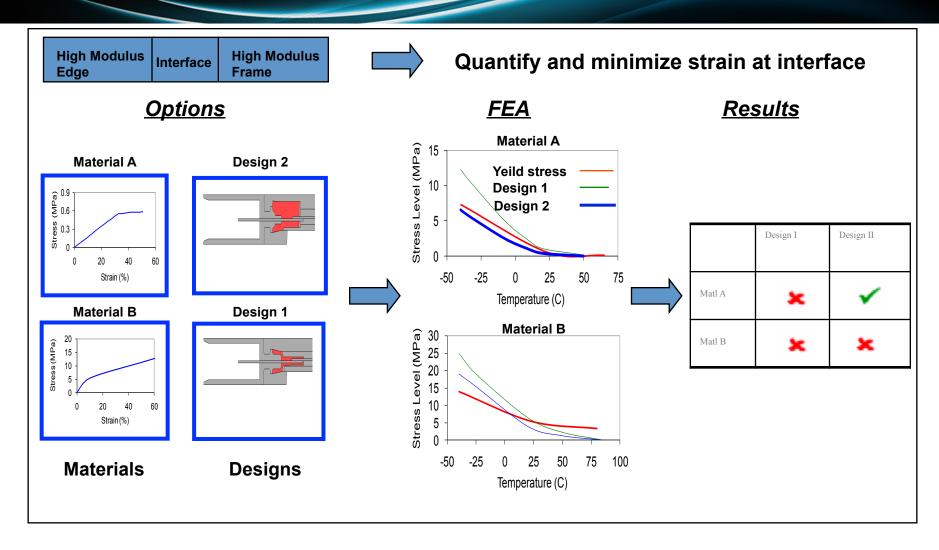
What Else Can Go Wrong?





Stress Reduction at the Interfaces

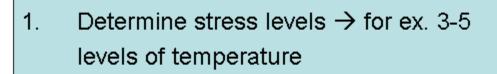




Explore Design-Material space to reduce stress at critical interface

Calculating Acceleration Factors

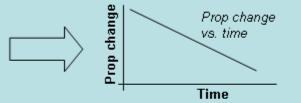




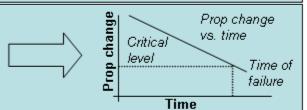


- •Temp range → 65-125 C
- Temp interval → 15 C

Calculate property change vs. time at each stress level



 Determine failure point at each stress level & calculate time to failure at each stress level



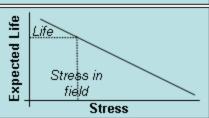
 Determine equivalent field stress for representative time period → for ex 1 yr



- Sum degradation using field data
- Calculate equivalent exposure stress

 Estimate time to failure at equivalent field stress based on step 4

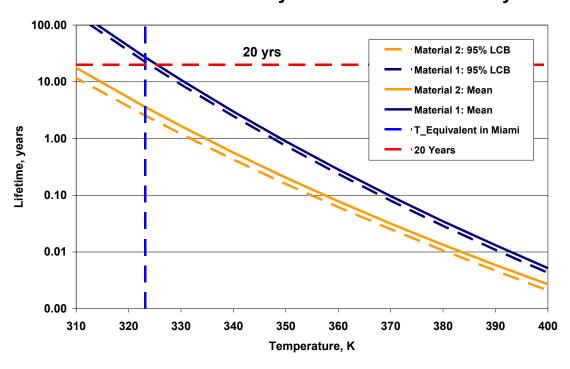




Hydrostable Material Selection



Material lifetime analysis at 99.9999% reliability



- Tests conducted under multiple accelerated conditions of temperature and humidity
- Failure defined as 50% property change
- Acceleration factor calculated based on the time to failure at each stress condition
- Performance of material 1 inadequare
- Confidence bounds at real stress wide → Handled for material 2 by shifting the mean

Component level testing used successfully to mitigate material degradation risk in product



