# Successful business expansion in Asia by using HK Science Parc as a hub

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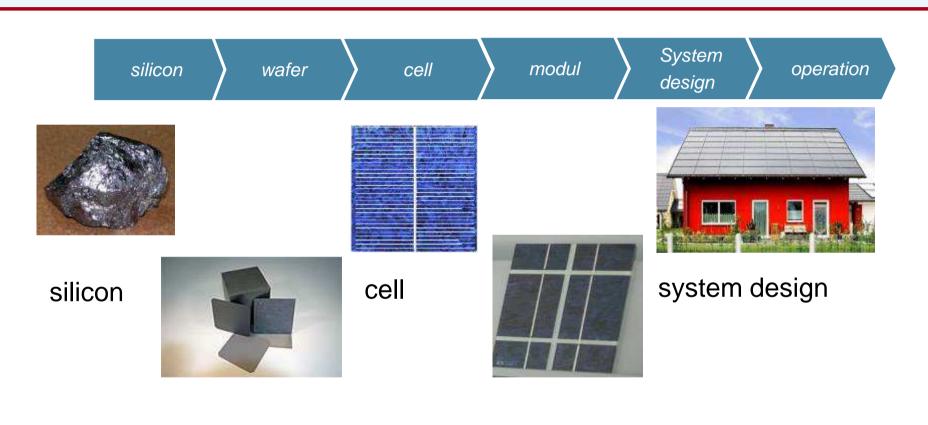


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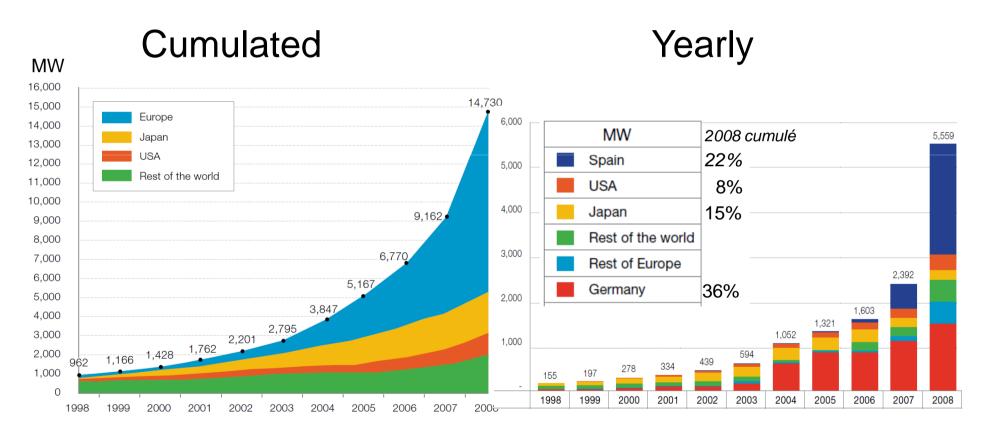
# **Crystalline PV value chain**





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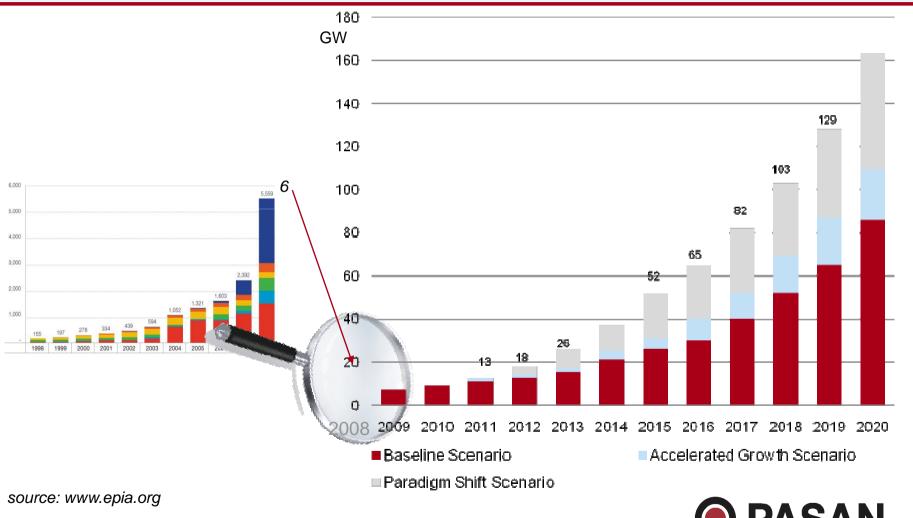
## **Installed worldwide PV capacity**



source: www.epia.org

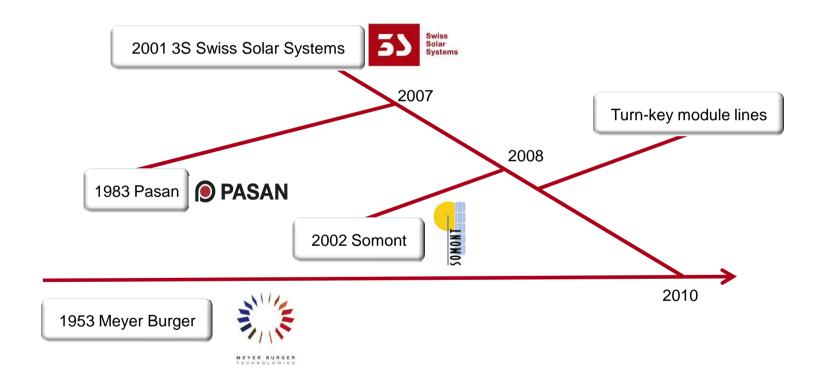


## **Forecast**





# From 3S Swiss Solar Systems to the Meyer Burger Group





## Pasan: Pioneer in PV Test Systems since 1981



1983

Founding of Belval SA by Pierre-René Beljean

2007

**Belval joins 3S Swiss Solar Systems** 







2008

Pasan, new company name PASAN Move to Neuchâtel Somont joins 3S 3S provides turn key solutions



2010

Merger **3S Meyer Burger Technology** 







## Technology leader dedicated to customer value

#### **Core Know-how**

Solar Simulators for cell and module performance measurement (IEC Standard) Measurement technology for PV quality control

## **High skilled engineers**

45 people, mainly engineers & PhD:

- > 1/4 Customer service and sales
- ➤ 1/3 R&D and innovation cooperation with leading PV institutes







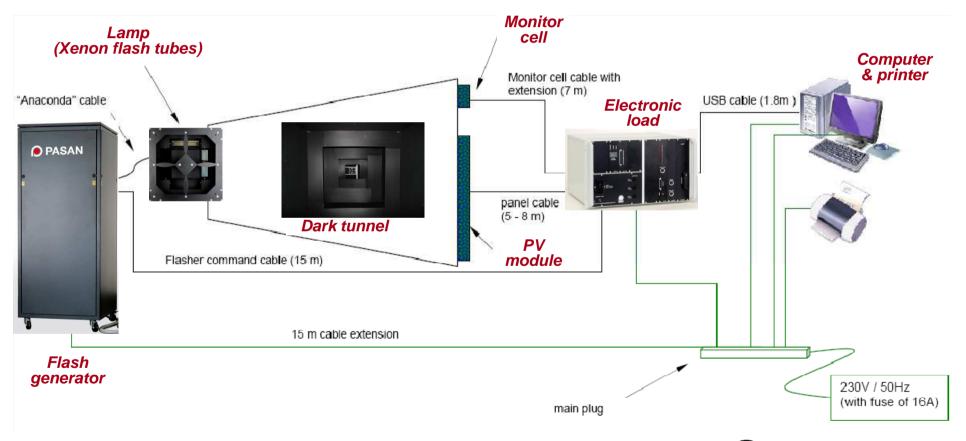
Scientific partner







## Sun Simulator set-up for performance measurement





## **Product Portfolio**



#### **Module testers**

- Illuminated area: 2x2m, 3x3m or bigger
- Class AA-AA-AA

#### **Cell testers**

- Illuminated area: 22x22cm
- Class A-A-A

## PV quality control equipment

- Shuntometer
- Spectrometer
- HiPot
- In-line control systems





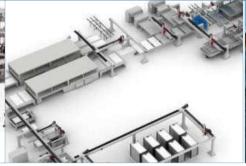
## 3S Product and Service Overview

# Component Production



#### Photovoltaic systems







# Product groups

- Stringer
- Laminators
- Cell and module testers
- Edge trimming machines
- Framing machines
- Module sorters

- Lines of various automation degrees
- Technology transfer
- Certification assistance
- Turn-key solutions

- MegaSlate roofing systems
- Shading
- Glassing
- OEM Production

# Geographical reach

Global presence

Global presence

- Switzerland
- Europe





# **Business Model, know-how transfer from process**



World's market leader for production equipment for manufacturing of solar modules

Know-how accumulated from the conception and production of solar modules flows directly into further development of production equipment



Experts in design and development of innovative building integrated solar systems





# Turn key module production line

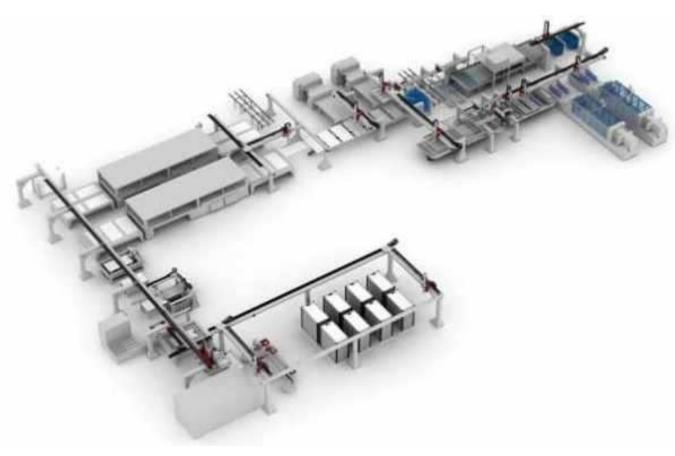
Cell connection

Lay-up

Lamination

Assembly

Mesure







# **Resulting in High-tech BIPV projects**







# Know-how transfer: supporting our customer's success





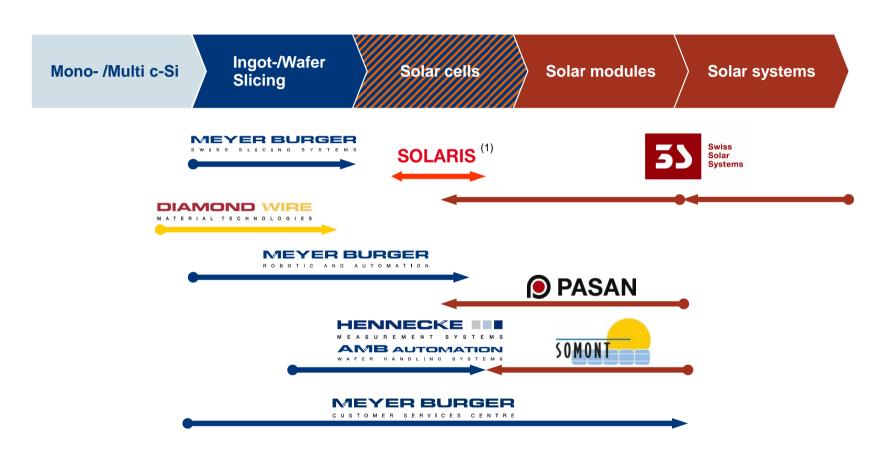


1 MW Solar BIPV glas/glas modules produced by Lucky Power





## A leading technology group over the PV value chain



Note: (1) Cooperation agreement with Oerlikon Systems





# A new technological leader group



MB WAFERTEC SWISS SLICING SYSTEMS



SOMONT CELL CONNECTING



MB ROBOTICS
ROBOTICS / AUTOMATION



3S MODULTEC MODULE SOLUTIONS



HENNECKE METROLOGY SYSTEMS



PASAN MEASUREMENT SYSTEMS



AMB AUTOMATION WAFER PROCESSING



3S PHOTOVOLTAICS
SOLAR BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES







## Challenges of a local presence in a global market

### For a small entreprise

- Approach with agents
  - No direct control of the market
  - Poor customer feed-back
  - Difficult to set-up a service
- Market presence and customer relationship
  - Mostly through fairs, Internet and advertisement
  - Customer visits, but difficult to establish a close and followed relationship

## For a bigger group

- ☐ Find the right people (risk)
- ☐ Have the good Network

#### For Asia Pacific

- ☐ Huge region, differents markets, different cultures
- ☐ Used to short response time and high service level



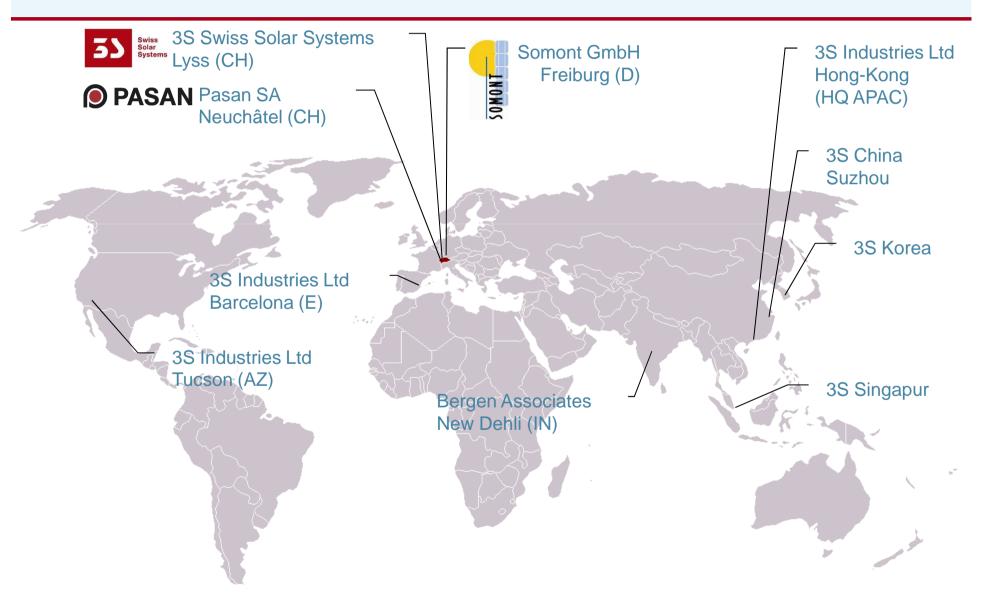
## **Further challenges for PV**

- Becoming an industrial market
  - > Speed 7 7
  - Customer expectations 7 7
  - Service requirements 7 7
  - Visibility \(\square\)(the market is still driven by feed-in tarifs)
- ☐ Changing to a mass production market
  - Rapid change of key players
  - Germany vs China
  - Top ten producers becoming really big (key account approach and negociation power)



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# Decision to control APAC through a BU centered in HK



## **Succes story HK Science Park**

- □ Commitment to Green Tech
- ☐ Science Park Top-Down full support and commitment
- ☐ Common interest to build-up a PV center
  - Share of Network
  - Joint organisation of first PV expo and conference in HK (Oct. 09)
- ☐ Situation:
  - Central in APAC, well deserved by planes
  - Nice facilities
- □ Support in the build-up of our organisation:
  - Contact setting to the future APAC Manager

It is running now since one year and we have won a lot of time!
Thanks to HK Science Park



