

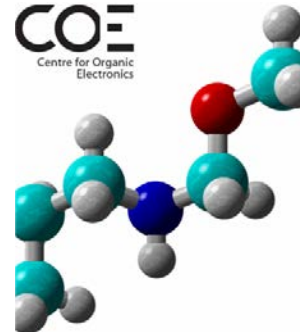


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# Solar Paint

# A Hunter Based

# Solution to Clean

# Energy

Dr Ben Vaughan

# The Power of the Sun



"The amount of solar energy reaching the surface of the planet is so vast that in one year it is about twice as much as will ever be obtained from all of the Earth's non-

# Solar Power



Thermal

Photovoltaic

# Traditional Solar vs. Solar Paint



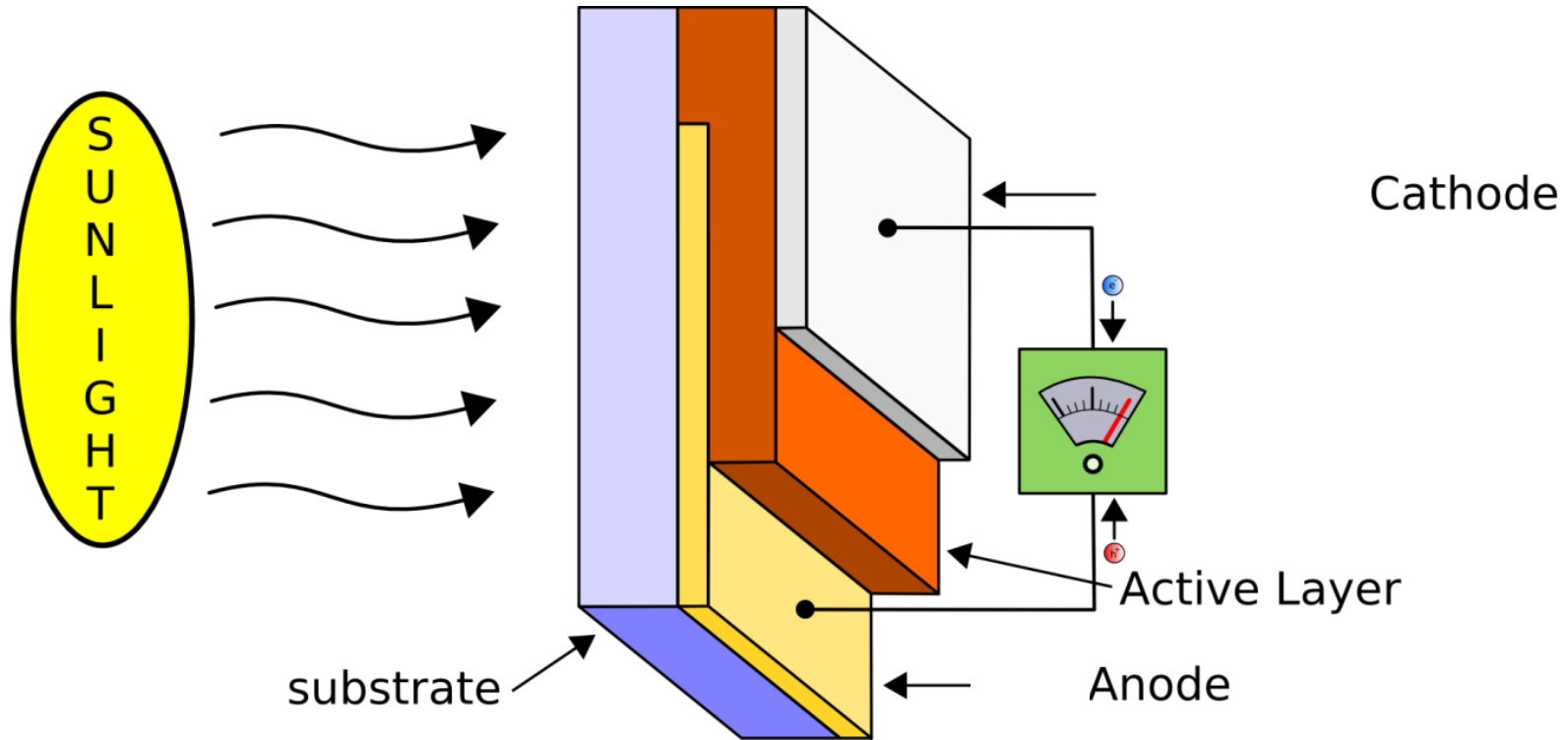
VS.



- 8-12% Typical Efficiency
- 20 Year lifetime
- 1 - 5 Year lifetime

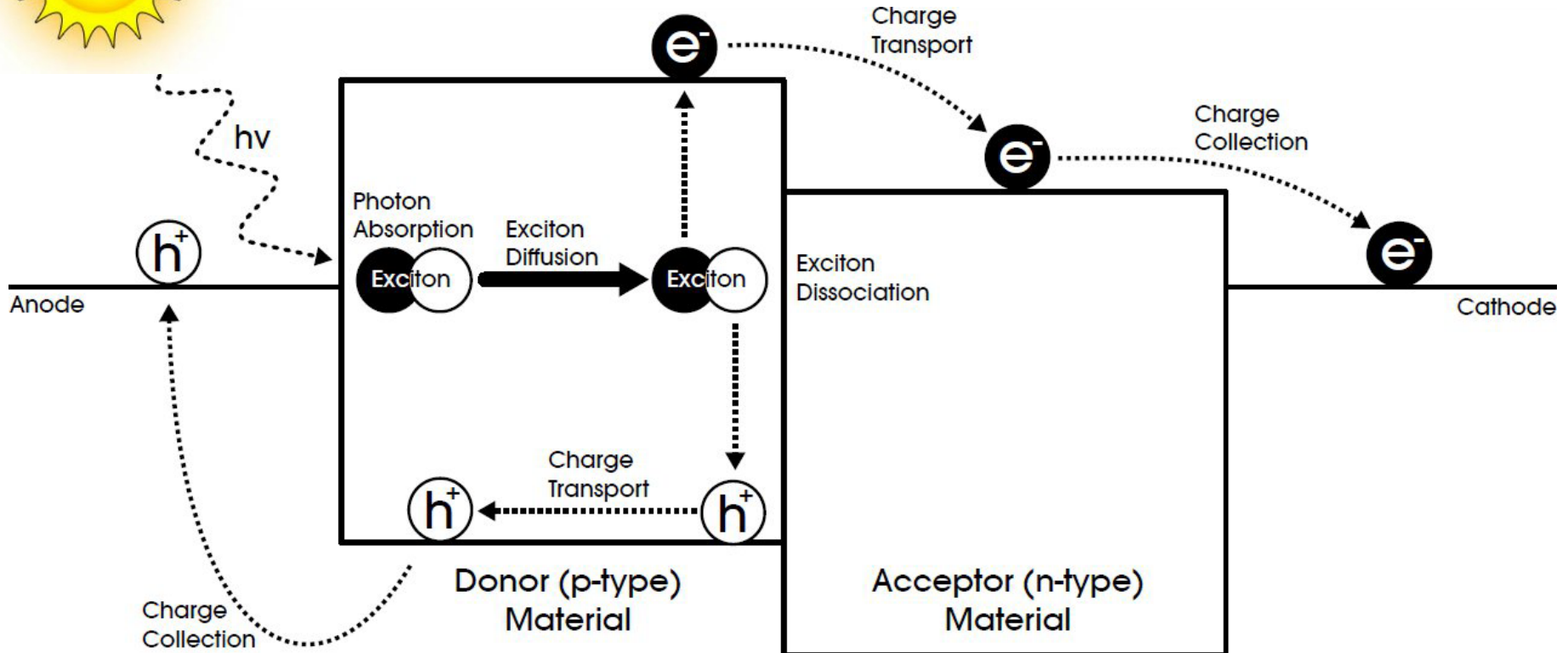
A clear winner... but perhaps

# Solar Paint Cell Structure



The active layer is 1000 times thinner than

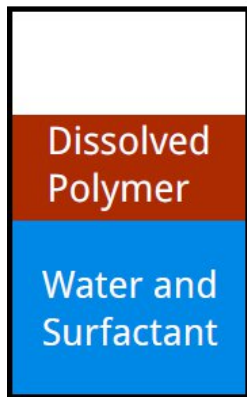
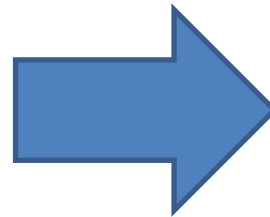
# Inner Workings of a Cell



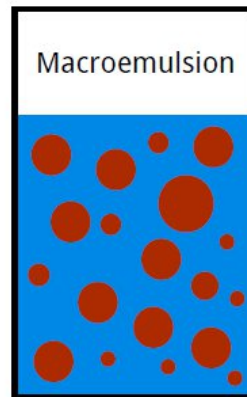
# How Research Cells are Made



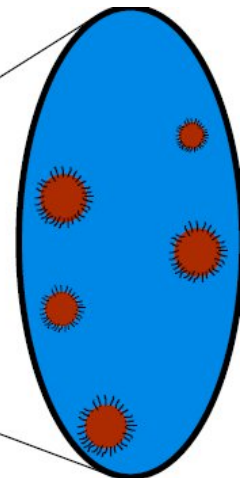
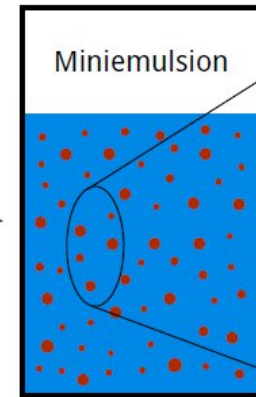
# Solar Paint is Water Based



Stirring



Sonication





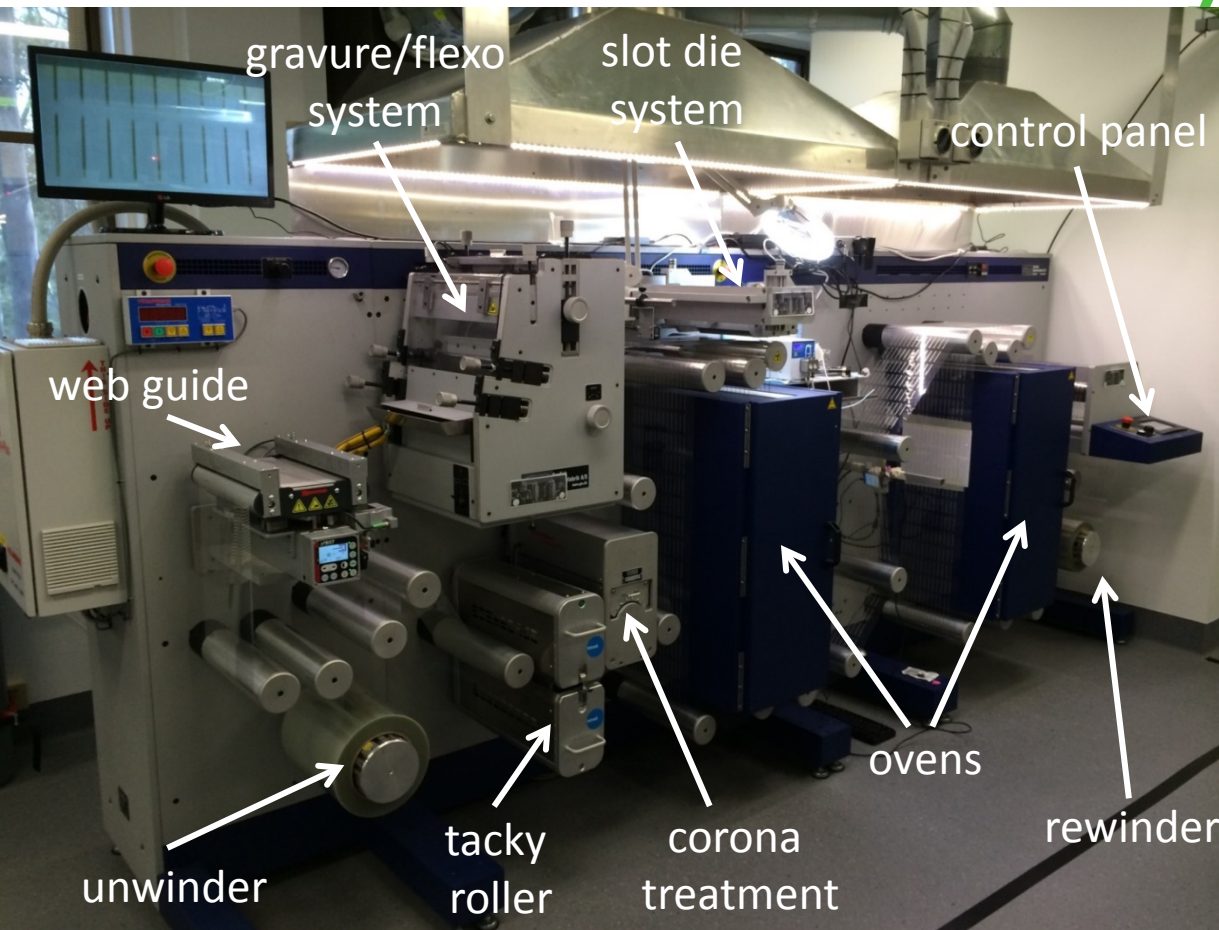
# Large Area Solar Paint



Roll-to-roll (R2R) coating is:

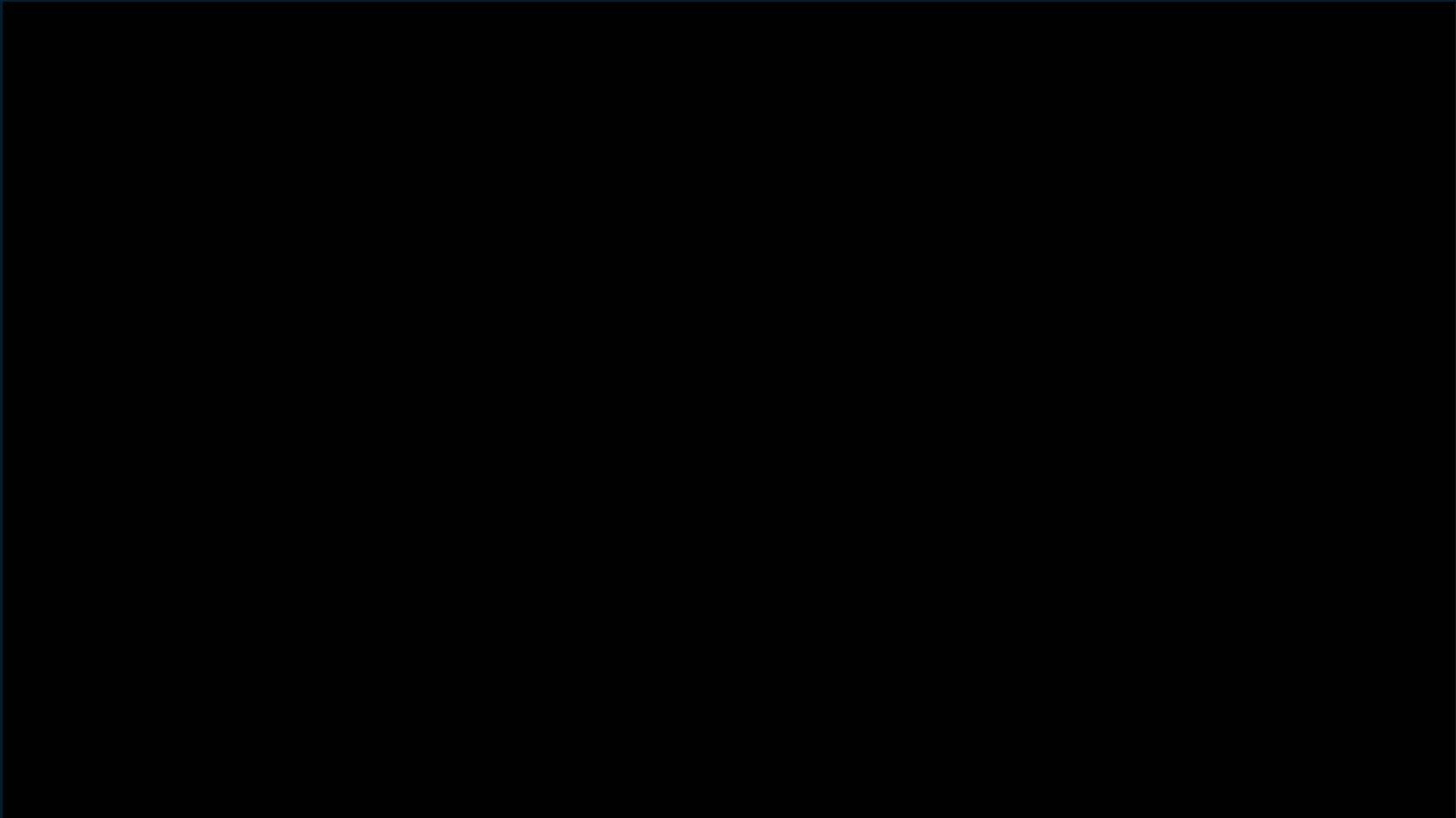
- Fast: 1 to hundreds of metres a
- Low cost compared to batch proce

# Our Pilot Scale Facility



An OPV Module

How we make them

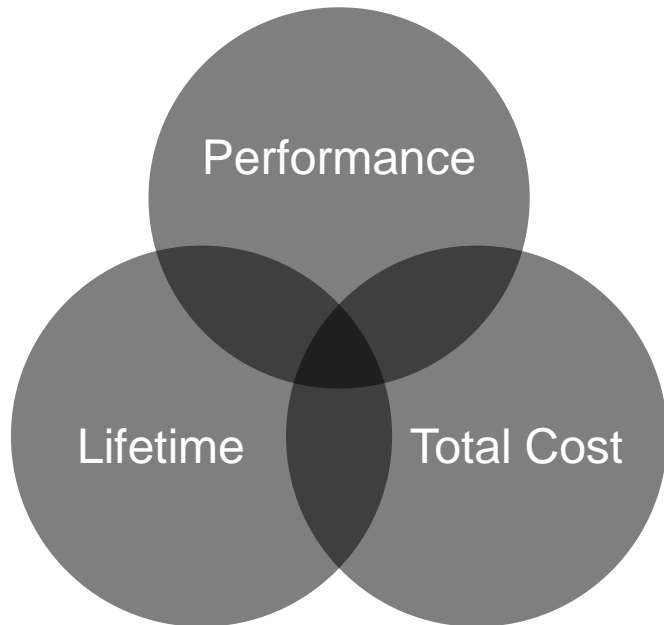


# What is the Goal?

**Stage 1: 1% Solar Paint Module**

**Stage 2: 3%, 1 Year Lifetime Solar Paint Module**

**Stage 3: 3%, 3 Year Lifetime Solar Paint Module**





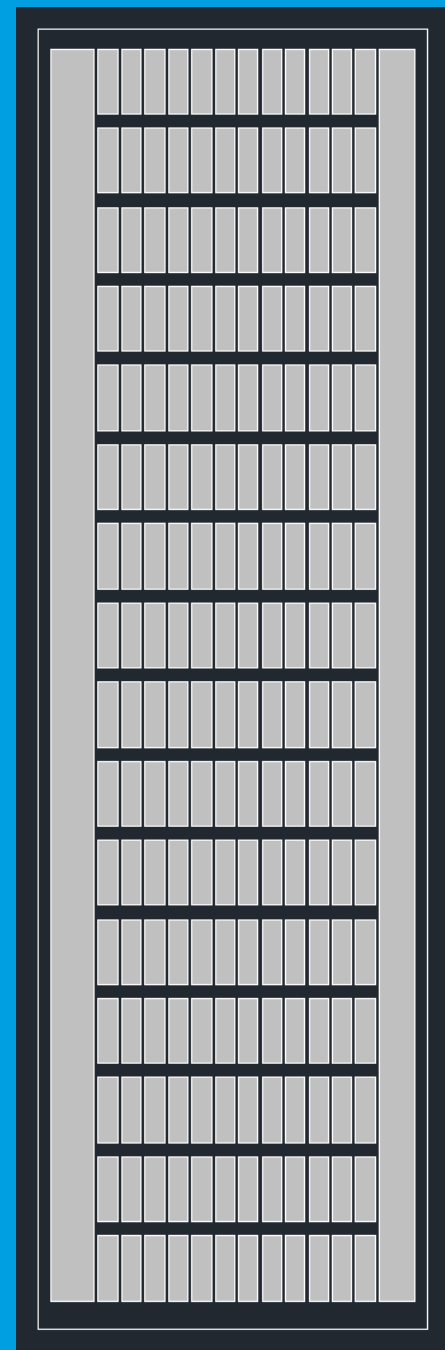
We've had some success already

# Module Architecture

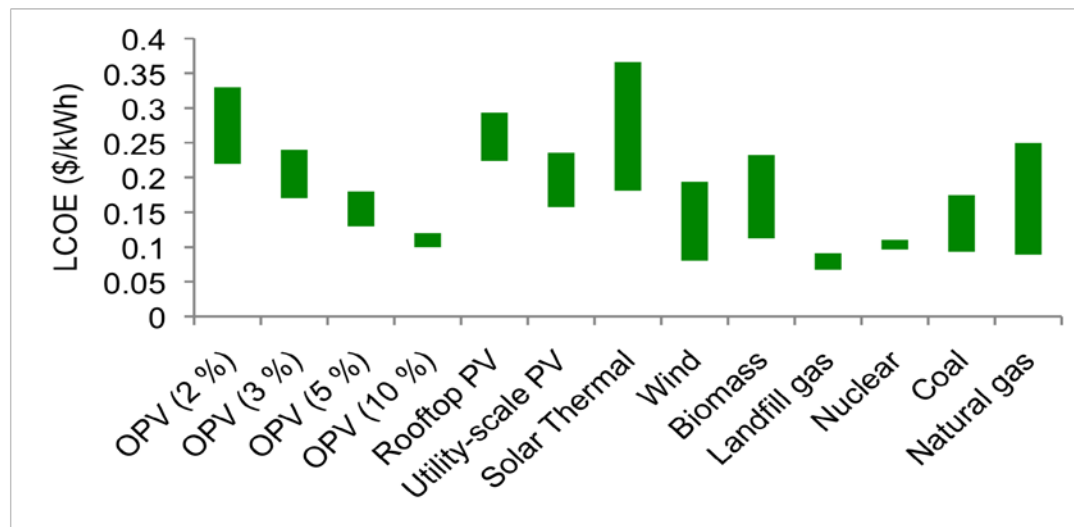
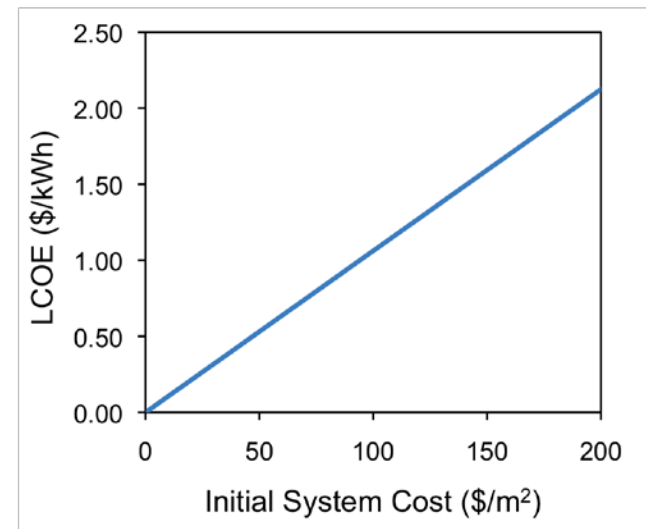
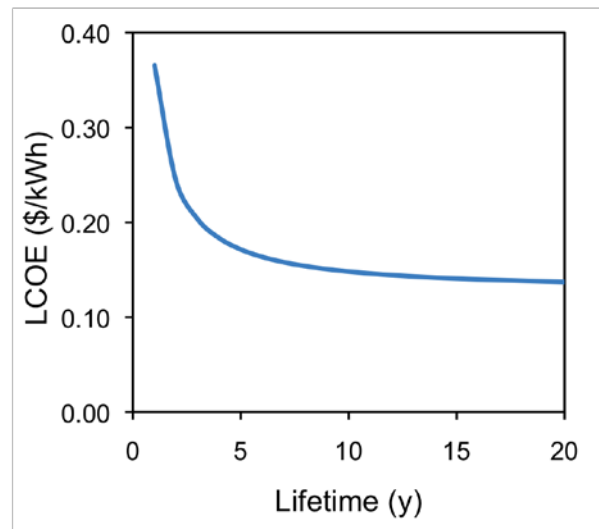
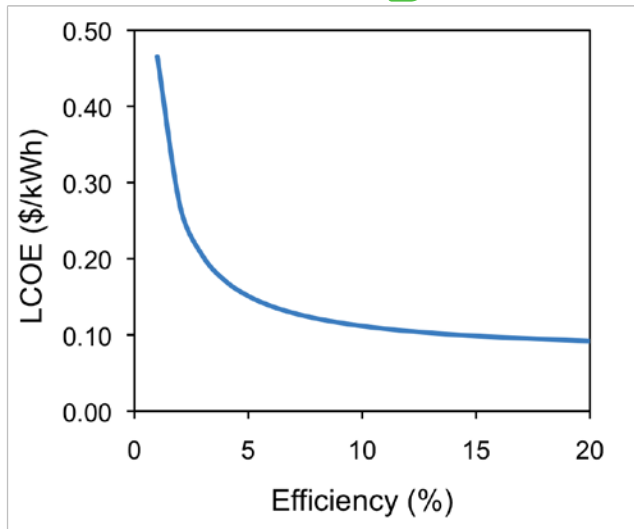
2. Watts

5.7  
7 Volts

.32  
4 Amps



# Cost Driven Design



Encapsulation  
Making it last

**3M**



\$75

\$5



# A New Solar Business Model



VS.



- Locked in for 20 Years • Upgrades every 3 Years
- High up-front cost • Low up-front cost
- Relies on government • Self-sustaining

Similar to a mobile phone contract

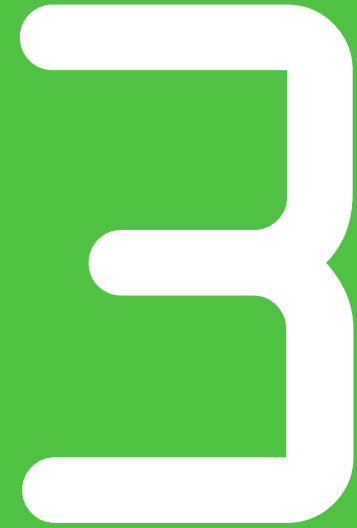
# Potential First Markets



Greenhouses

Disaster Relief

In the next 3 years we could have a solar industry in the Hunter Valley producing recyclable solar modules that generate electricity cheaper than nuclear, gas or coal.



This is only  
The Beginning