# SiGen PolyMax™

# SiGen PolyMax™ Enhanced Thin PV Wafers Technology at a Glance

SiGen has extended its layer transfer expertise to the cleaving of mono-crystalline PV wafers for the solar industry. SiGen  $PolyMax^m$  technology provides thin wafers at a lower production cost, with enhanced wafer properties, benefiting the entire PV chain, and driving it to lower dollar per watt (\$/W).

# SiGen PolyMax approach to wafering is a two-step process:

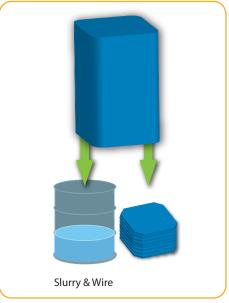
Implant & Cleave

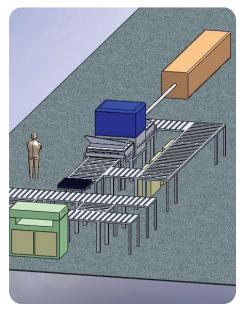
- Eliminates kerf loss
- ▶ 1\$/wafer less vs. wire-saw
- ▶ Improved utilization of Si: about 2-4x gm/W vs. wire-saw
- Eliminates consumables

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#### Wire Saw

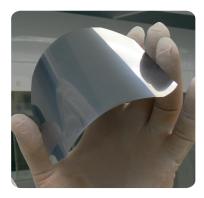






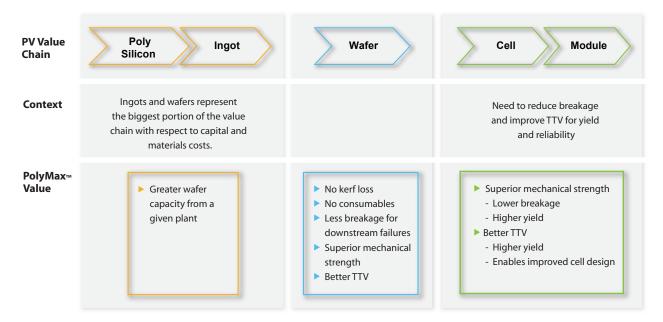
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### SiGen PolyMax enhanced silicon has unique wafers characteristics:



- ▶ No lifetime degradation with recovery
- ► Thickness uniformity TTV < 5%
- ► Mechanical strength 10x stronger
- Low surface roughness
- Less breakage for downstream failures
- Inherent thickness scalability 50μm-150 μm

PolyMax benefits cascade to all links in the PV production chain and PolyMax enhanced silicon adds value to the full chain resulting in lower \$/W.



## **PolyMax: Revolutionary Cost Impact**

Available State of the Art Technology

- ▶ 200µm Wafer Thickness/150µm kerf loss
- ▶ 15.5% cell efficiency
- ► Required feedstock material: 4,500 tons
- Cost: \$1/W
- ► Ouput: 500MW/year

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- ▶ 150um Wafer Thickness/No kerf-loss (\*)
- ▶ 15.5% cell efficiency (\*\*)
- ▶ Required feedstock material: 2,000 tons
- ► Cost: \$0.5/W (\*\*\*)
- ► Output: 500 MW/year

(\*) For comparison used 150 µm. Scalability 50 µm to 150 µm (\*\*) For comparison purpose. Potentially higher cell conversion efficiency (\*\*\*) Assumption is \$100/kg for polysilicon



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