

## PARC Cleantech Innovation Program

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# **About PARC**



Incorporated in 2002 as a subsidiary of Xerox Founded in 1970 as "Xerox PARC"

### **Recognized leader in research-based innovation**

- Known for significant impact in creating modern computing
- Innovation in nearly every Xerox product on the market today
- About 30 new businesses from PARC

### Today: Open business model

- Convert advanced research to commercial opportunities
- Seed new growth platforms for our clients



PARC Business Model: Strategic Focus on Industry Clients

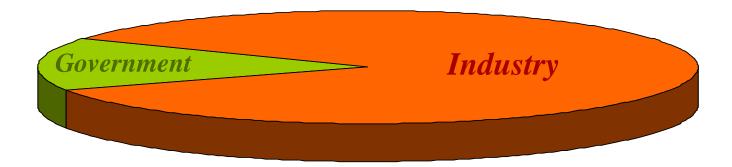


Invest in core research

Develop complementary applications with industry clients

85% of revenue from commercial relationships

• 75% discovery & innovation; 10% licensing





# Facts & Figures



### 170 researchers, ~ \$55 Million Annual Revenue

• Computational, physical, and social sciences

#### 4 research organizations

- Computing Science, Electronic Materials and Devices Hardware Systems, Intelligent Systems
- Cross-division projects are common

#### 1,800 patents and patents pending

• Average 100+ new patents per year 2000-2006





# **Interdisciplinary** Approach

#### Information and Communication Technologies

Human Information Interaction Image Analysis Intelligent, Autonomous Systems Modular Systems Natural Language Processing Networking

#### **Electronic Materials and Devices**

Flexible electronics Large-area Electronics Microelectromechanical Systems (MEMS)

#### **Social Sciences**

Discovery of User Needs

User-centered Design

Organic Device Design

Particle Manipulation

**Microfluidics** 

**Optoelectronics** 

#### Biomedical Systems (Launched 2002)

Rare Cell Detection for Cancer

High-throughput Nanocalorimetry de novo Peptide Sequencing

#### CleanTech (Launched 2005)

Adaptive Energy Systems Algae to Biofuels Clean Water Demand Response



Security And Privacy Sensor Networks Ubiquitous Computing

Piezo Materials Semiconductor Materials Solid-state Electronics Thin-film Technologies

Workscapes and organizations

Continuous Glucose Monitor Flow Cytometry

Renewable Liquid Fuels Solar Energy Solid-state Lighting



## **Cleantech Entry**

#### Science and Technology for a

#### Cleantech entry was a bottoms-up, researcher driven activity (with management support)

- Researchers organized a speaker series
- Many valuable connections were made

### **Sustainable World**

Thursday, February 10, 4:00pm Nathan S. Lewis George L. Argyros Professor and Professor of Chemistry California Institute of Technology

Wednesday, February 16, 1:00pm Michael Braungart Co-author of *Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way We Make Things* 

Thursday, March 10, 4:00pm David Gottfried President, WorldBuild Technologies Founder, Green Building Council and Author of *Green to Green* 

Thursday, March 24, 4:00pm Barbara Waugh HP, Co-founder World elnclusion and Author of *The Soul in the Computer* 

Thursday, April 7, 4:00pm Tim Woodward Managing Director, Nth Power

All presentations will take place at George E. Pake Auditorium Palo Alto Research Center 3333 Coyote Hill Road Palo Alto, CA 94304

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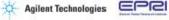




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# **Energy Portfolio Summary**



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	Concepts	Patents	Modeling	Prototype	Market Assessment	Market Validation	Strategic Partner	Govt Funding
Solar Concentrators								
Printing for Silicon PV								
CO2 Capture								
Adaptive Control: Data								
Centers								
Adaptive Control:								
Electrical Grid								
Solid State Lighting								
Printing for Fuel Cells								
Algae to Biofuel								
Transient Documents								

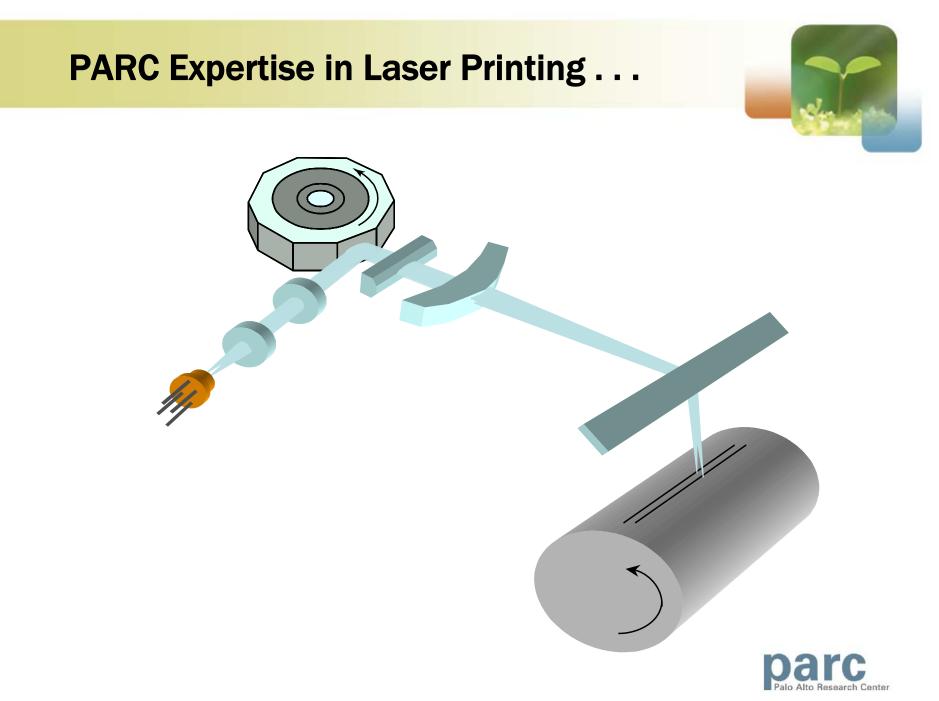


# **Connecting to a Startup**



- Met founders of Solfocus when it was only a twoperson organization as part of a visit to a University of California campus
- Learned about their initial design for a solar PV concentrator
- Used PARC know-how in optical systems to propose a much lower cost design
- They became very interested in working with PARC





Palo Alto Research Center

### Solfocus Initial Concept

### PARC Improvement for Low Cost













# **Timeline for the Relationship**



Oct, 2004: Trip to visit Professor Roland Winston at UC Merced

- He mentioned the work being done by Solfocus
- Dec, 2004: Met Gary Conley (CEO) & Steve Horne (CTO) of Solfocus
  - Learned about their 1<sup>st</sup> generation concentrator

Jan, 2005: Invented a Gen2 concept for a PV concentrator Jan, 2005: Initial discussion about a possible license

Dec, 2005: Signed license and research collaboration agreement Feb, 2006: Solfocus moves into PARC Aug, 2006: Solfocus closes \$32M A-round January, 2007: Solfocus closes \$50M B-round



# **Solfocus Relationship**



## A new model for business engagement

- Understand business/technical problem
- Invent
- File patents
- License technology for equity and royalties
- Incubate the new company inside PARC
- Provide ongoing research support in return for additional equity



## License & Research Collaboration Details



- All PARC inventions in the field-of-use of PV concentrators made during the collaboration are exclusively licensed to Solfocus
- Encourages open collaboration, since commercial outlet for the IP is clear
- PARC received equity & royalties in exchange for technical effort of PARC researchers
- Duration of agreement was from October 2005 until August 2007



## **Other Benefits**



- Excitement of having a fast-moving startup company resident at PARC (as high as 50 people at PARC)
- Access to VCs through participation on Solfocus Board of Directors
- Opportunity to engage partners of Solfocus for other projects





## **Next Step - Photovoltaics**



- Made initial Cleantech bet on concentrator PV with Solfocus
- Wanted to create new projects to address flat-plate silicon (still 95% market share in PV)
- Goal would be to improve efficiency and/or reduce manufacturing cost using PARC competencies (for example printing)
- But we lacked detailed knowledge about the current state of silicon PV



### To Rapidly Increase Domain Knowledge, Bring in a Visiting Technologist



#### Visiting Solar Energy Technologist

Steve Shea Previously Director of R&D at BP Solar









## Learn about the Key Business Issues & Current Technical Approach



Efficiency of dominant multicrystalline silicon is low (15%) relative to potential (> 20%) Need lower cost (\$/Watt)

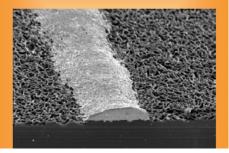
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- Edge Isolation Etch
- Antireflection Coating
- Front Silver Gridline Print
- Back Silver Print
- Back Aluminum Print
- Firing in Furnace

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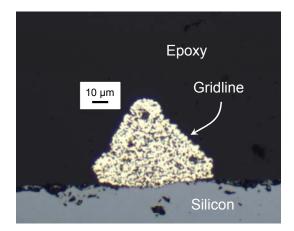


### **Novel Extrusion Method for Printing Gridlines**

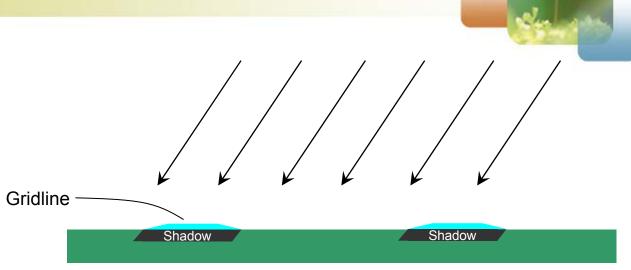
Isotropically (acid) textured screen printed multi Si solar cell

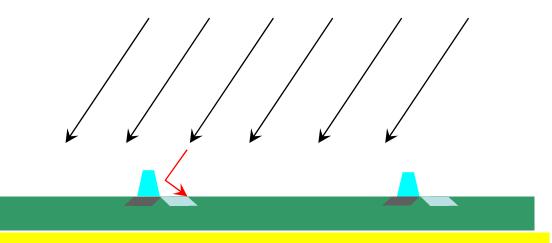


Screen-Printed Gridlines Fired Aspect Ratio = 0.1

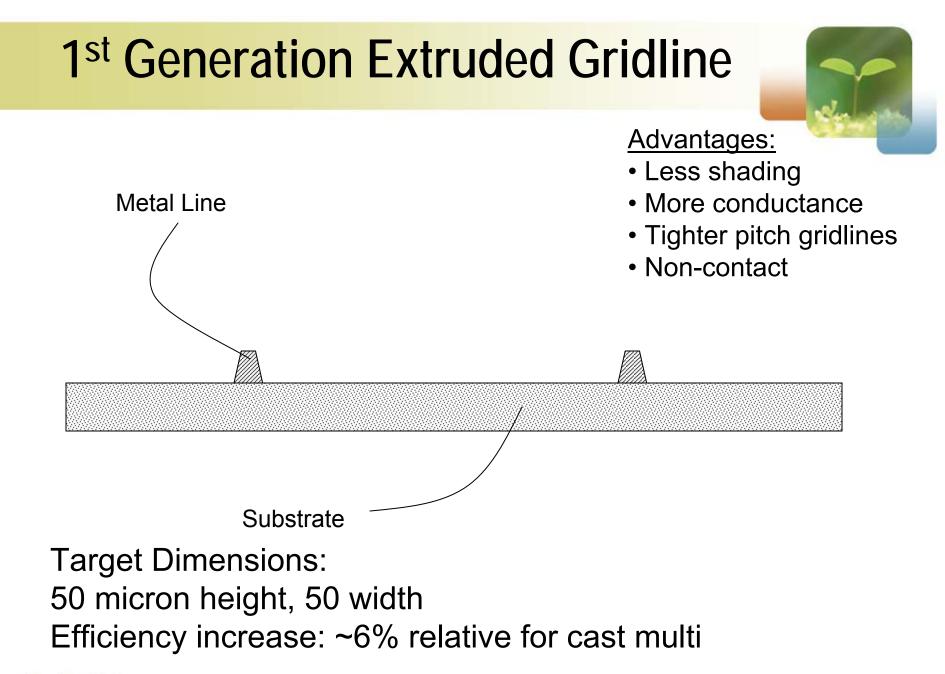


PARC Gridlines Aspect Ratio = 0.8 Date Palo Alto Research Center



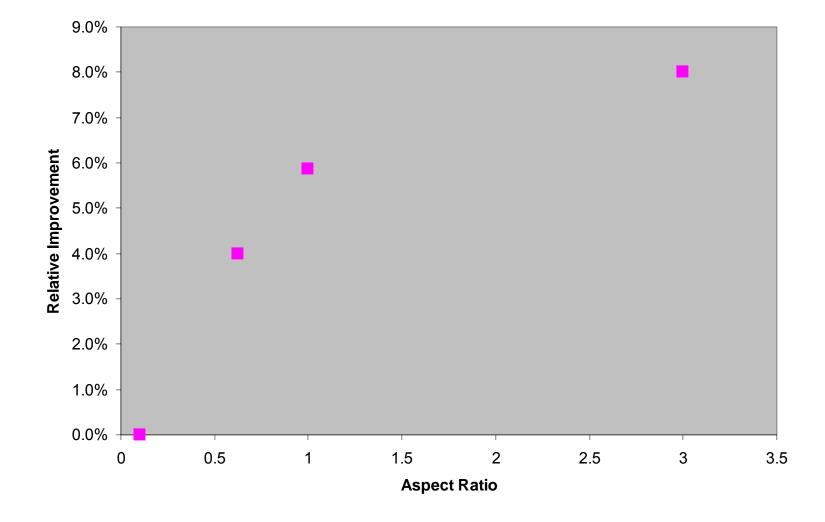


**Opportunity: Net Efficiency Increase of 6% Relative** 









**Example: Hire an Entrepreneur in Residence to Bring Focus to Commercialization** 



### **Entrepreneur in Residence**



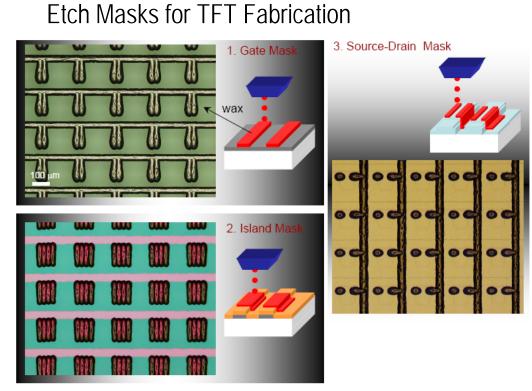




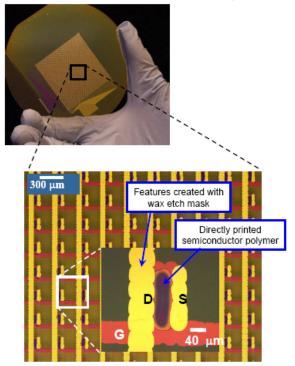
**PARC's Focus in Ink Jet Printing for Electronics** 



Research on active matrix backplanes for LCD and E-Paper > 30 patents and patents pending



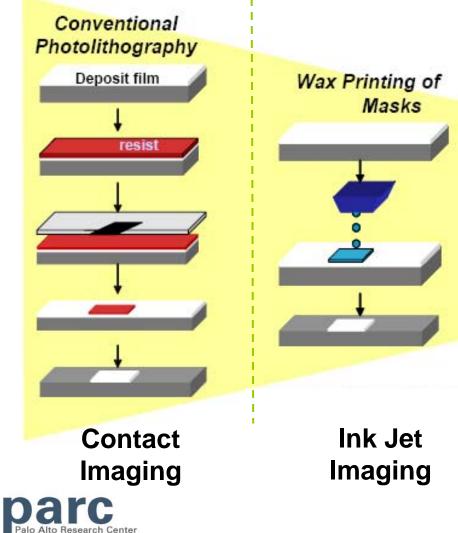
#### **Polymer Semiconductor Printing**

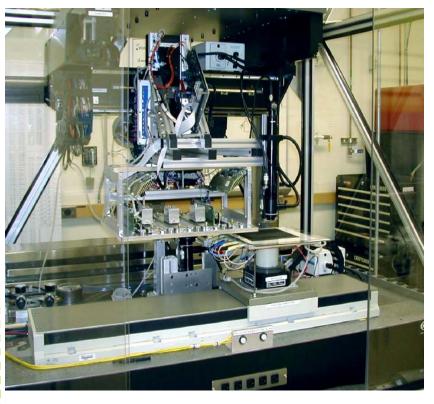




## **Wax Resist Patterning**



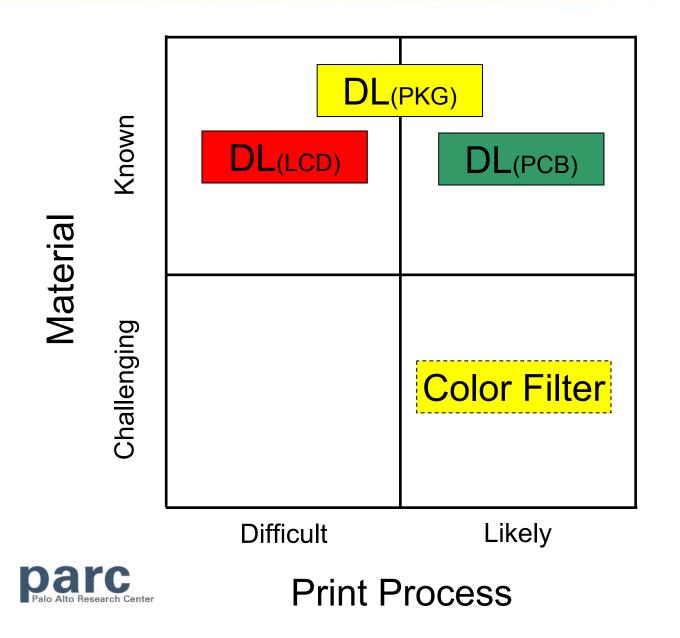




#### PARC Prototype



# **Digital Lithography (DL) Applications**

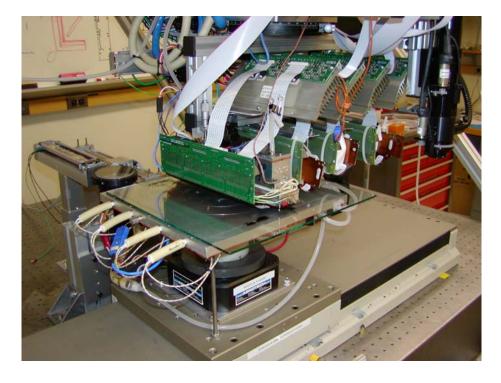


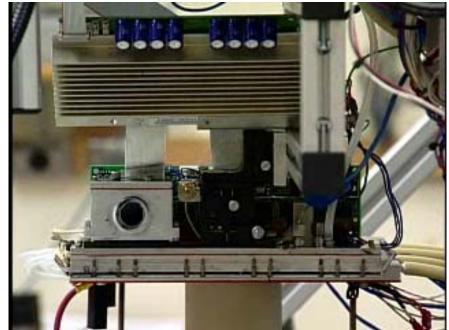
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## **Speed Patterning Demonstrated**









4 printheads in tandem

1 printhead



## Market Segmentation by Feature Size

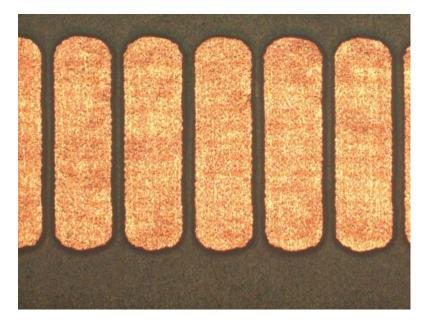


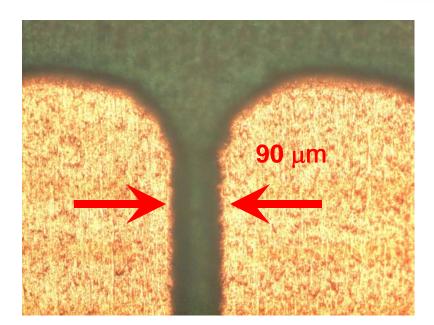
Fabrication Technology	Substrate	Metal	Photoresist	ICs	LCD	Substrates	Semi- conductor Packages	PDP	Flexible / Rigid-Flex Circuits	Printed Circuit Boards (PCB)
RIGID Organic ("Printed Circuit)	FR4	Copper (RA, or EP)	Dry Film, Liquid			¥				
Flexible Organic ("Printed Circuit)	Polyimide	Copper (RA, or EP)	Dry Film			Y				
FPD	Glass	ITO, CU	Liquid	l						
Wafer based	Silicon	Cu, Al, Au	Liquid							
Min. Feature Size				<0.1 um	5 - 15 um	20 - 38 um	25 - 130 um	40 - 90 um	50 - 100 um	75 - 200 um

#### **PARC/Xerox Capability**



### Soldermask Imaged by Inkjet





**Close-up** 

**Image Parameters:** 

- Copper substrate
- 40  $\mu\text{m}$  thick conventional Soldermask



# Summary



Engaging in multiple forms of partnership has accelerated the value creation process enormously

- Startups
- Visiting technologists and entrepreneurs

Flexibility in IP arrangements was key to creating the most value for all parties

Encouraging a climate of openness and experimentation with both technologies and business models is essential

Co-location has not only helped speed the value creation process, but has helped the cross-fertilization of ideas

