

# natcoretechnology advancing solar science



# Solar Power still doesn't work . . .

without the benefit of substantial government subsidies





# There are two ways to make solar energy cost-competitive:

- Double the efficiency
- Halve the cost





# Natcore has technologies that we feel will do both





- 1960s Exchange Controls
- 1970s Hunt Brothers / Silver Market
- 1980s United States / Interest Rate Control





- Reduced capacity
- Technological improvements will fill this void left by lost government support





# **Intellectual Property**

Currently Natcore owns and controls:

18 granted patents

39 pending patents





# What is Natcore's technology?





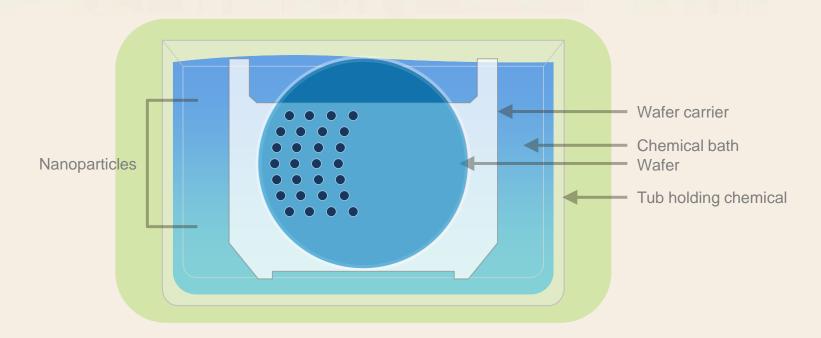
# **Liquid Phase Deposition (LPD)**



### **Liquid Phase Deposition**



- Wafers are inserted into wafer carrier
- Wafer is inserted into chemical bath
- Chemicals in the bath react to grow a film that bonds to the wafers





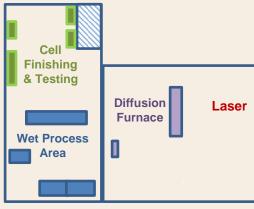
# The Natcore Facility and Capabilities



### **Natcore Laboratory - Rochester**

- 19,000 ft<sup>2</sup> facility / 8,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of Class 10,000 clean room
- Full solar cell process (bare silicon wafer to working cells)















Road To Commercialization

## **Scientific Brain Trust Meeting**









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## **Rochester Community Update**









# **Natcore's Applications to Commercialization**

- Black Silicon
- Laser Back-side Contacts
- Tandem Quantum Dot Solar Cell





 Research report from Shyam Mehta, senior analyst at GTM Research, "Technology not materials to drive down solar costs"

 China trying to save 1¢ per watt over next two years, Natcore can save 3-4 ¢ per watt now





➤ Black Silicon: Cost Reduction

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### **Black Silicon**

### Reflection

- Silicon is very reflective → wastes light
- Industry currently uses a costly process to reduce reflection
  - Texturing of the surface (chemical waste) plus...
  - PECVD silicon nitride (vacuum process, dangerous chemicals)

### Black silicon

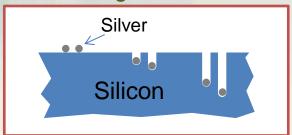
- Simple chemical treatment → Low cost
- Silver nanoparticles drill holes into the silicon surface
- Reflectance below 1% achievable
- Process times: in the minutes

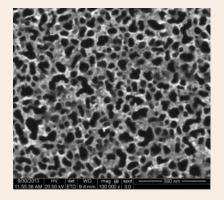
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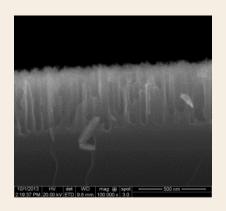
- Perfect black process (and demonstrate)
- Establish cost advantage



# Silver nanoparticles creating Black Silicon







### Simplification of solar cell manufacture



### **Standard Process**

Damage etch + Texture

Emitter Diffusion

PSG Remove Anti-Reflection Contact & Fire







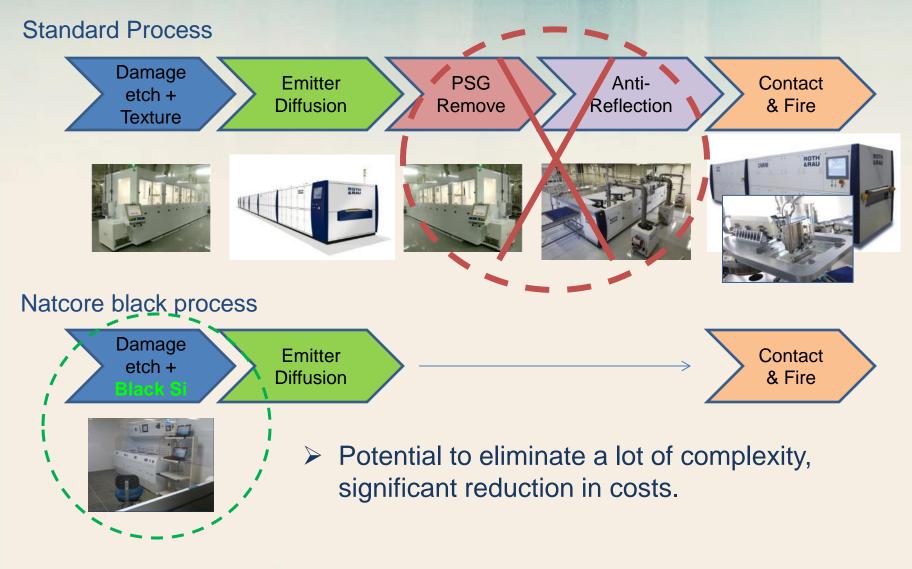






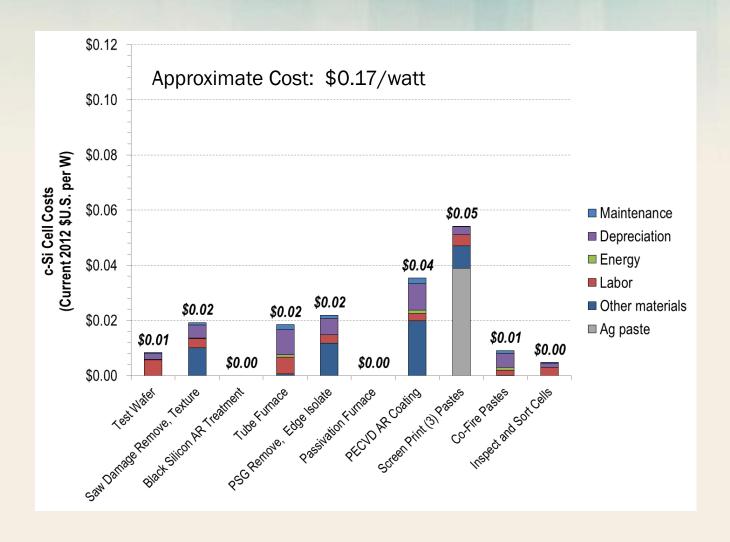
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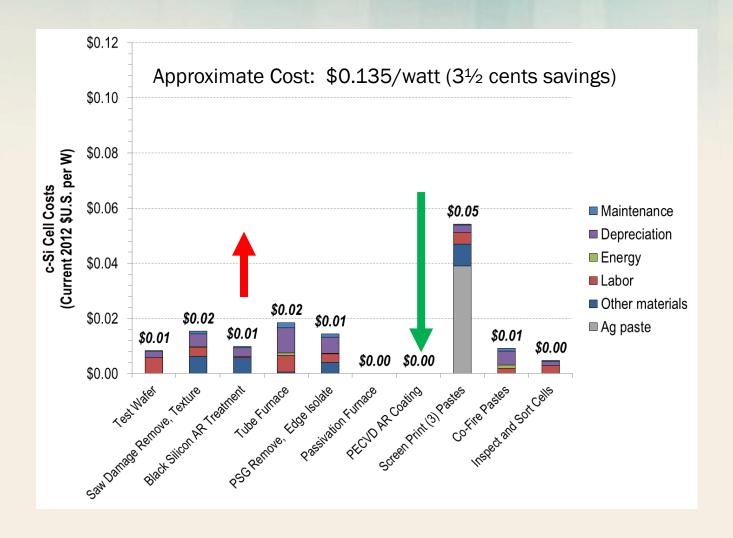
















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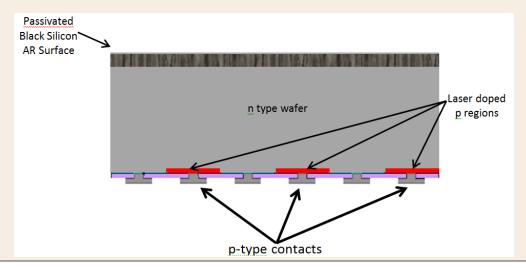
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### Laser Back Side Contacts Solar Cell



- Joint research agreement with a leading university to combine Natcore's black silicon with a laser-processed, all back contact solar cell.
- The laser processing will allow all solar cell processing to take place at room temperature
  - With localized heating for drive-in diffusion of the p-regions on the wafer back side and for contact formation.
- Dramatically lower the cost of silicon solar cell production
- Pushing commercial cell efficiencies into the low 20+% range



Schematic of n-type all back contact solar cell with passivated black silicon top surface antireflection control.





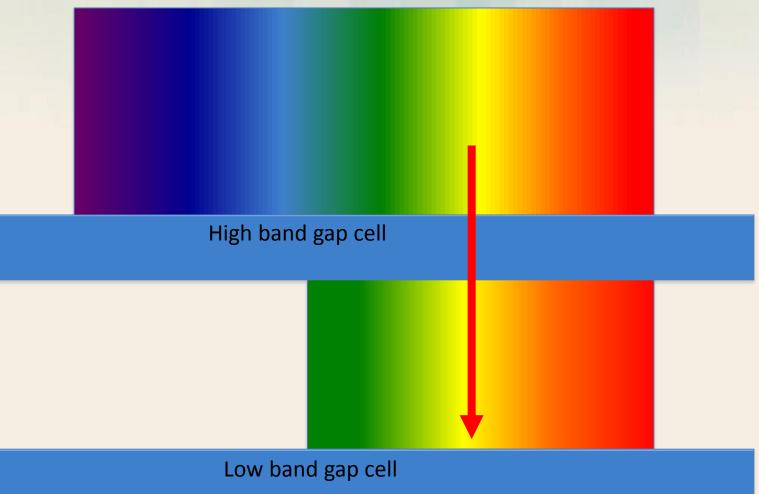
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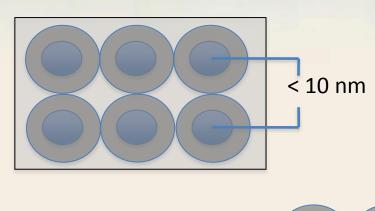


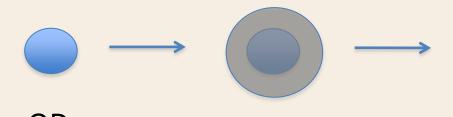
# Why a Tandem Cell?





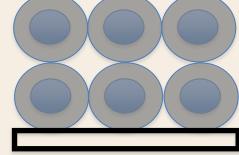






QD < 4 nm

Coat with SiO<sub>2</sub> < 5



3D array on quartz





# Media





ABC Television, "World News with Diane Sawyer"

Fox News Network, "Fox and Friends"

ABC News.com











### Media







White House Invitation











Montalbano, Elizabeth. "Artificial Retina Is Solar Powered" (9/26/13)



"Natcore Technology appoints prominent Italian solar scientist to head new advisory board" (1/18/13)



Miller, Amanda H. "Natcore developing selective emitter for solar cells" (4/14/13)



Bushong, Steven. "NREL Expands Natcore License To Develop "Black Silicon" Cells" (8/2/12)





# Toxic waste the bankrupt solar companies left behind

- "The state records show the 17 companies, which had 44 manufacturing facilities in California, produced 46.5 million pounds of polluted sludge and contaminated water from 2007 through the first half of 2011". Associated Press, Jason Dearen, February 10, 2013

# Hazardous Silane gas

- Extremely flammable, explosive and unpredictable
- Natcore's proprietary black silicon process eliminates all silane







Our management team combines a unique blend of business and scientific experience and consistency.



## Management

#### Charles "Chuck" Provini, President and CEO

- President of Ladenburg Thalmann Asset Management
- Director of Ladenburg Thalmann, Inc.
- President of Rodman & Renshaw's Advisory Services
- President of LaSalle Street Corporation



#### Brien F. Lundin, Chairman and Director

- Co-Founder of Natcore
- President and CEO of Jefferson Financial, Inc.
- New Orleans Investment Conference



#### John Calhoun, Director

- Co-Founder of Natcore
- Managing Director of Fort Hill Resources, LLC
- Director and organizer of FNBC Bank
- Managing Director of Shadows Bend Court and Oak Grove Senior Living
- Managing Director of LEAP Entertainment







## Science

#### Professor Andrew R. Barron

- Co-Founder & Chief Science Advisor
- The Charles W Duncan, Jr. Welch Endowed Chair of Chemistry
- Professor of Materials Science at Rice University
- Published author of over 350 peer-reviewed scientific papers
- Faculty member for the Smalley Institute for Nanotechnology
- Co-Founder Gallia, Inc.



#### Dr. Dennis J. Flood

- Chief Technology Officer & Co-Founder of Natcore
- Chief of the Photovoltaic and Space Environments Branch at the NASA Glenn Research Center
- Chair of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
   Photovoltaic Devices Technical Committee
- Serves on the International Advisory Committees of the European, the U.S. and Japan/Asia
- Serves on the organizing committees for World Photovoltaic Conference







## Science

- Dr. David H. Levy
  - Director of Research & Technology
  - Received PhD in Chemical Engineering, with minor in Electrical Engineering, from MIT
  - BSE in Chemical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania.
  - Invented the atmospheric Spatial Atomic Layer Deposition process (SALD), which is being intensively studied for many applications including the passivation of solar cells
  - 20 years of industrial R&D experience with vapor/vacuum coating, nanoparticle synthesis and dispersions, liquid coating, circuits and electronic devices at Eastman Kodak Company
  - Holds 64 patents
  - Invited presenter at meetings of the Materials Research Society and the American Vacuum Society







### **Advisor**

### Dr. Daniele Margadonna

- Doctorate in Radiochemistry, University of Rome, Laurea degree in Physical Chemisty
- National Secretary of the Italian Crystal Growth Association
- Managing Director of E.T.AE, sas, a consulting company focused on photovoltaic technologies for companies in Italy, Sweden, Norway, Africa and India
- Consultancy specializing in: silicon wafer production, PV module production, silicon feedstock, solar cell production, manufacturing solar cells and PV modules, thin wafer production
- MXGroup SpA CTO, focusing on crystalline silicon technology
- Received Philip Morris Prize for Scientific and Technological Innovation
- Author and co-author 40+ scientific publications
- Holds 6 patents in the PV sector



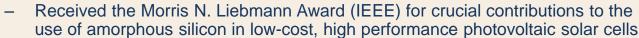




## **Advisor**

#### Dr. David E. Carlson

- Ph.D. in Physics from Rutgers University, B.S. degree in Physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- U.S.Army Nuclear Effects Laboratory, R&D Physicist
- RCA Laboratories, Photovoltaic Device Research, Group Head
- Invented the amorphous silicon solar cell
- Solorex Corporation Vice President, Chief Technologist, General Manager,
   Deputy General Manager and Director of Research Thin Film Division
- BP Solar Chief Scientist for Future Technology programs and Intellectual Property System



- Awarded the Walton Clark Medal by the Franklin Institute for innovations in the use of hydrogenated amorphous silicon for solar energy conversion
- Received the William R. Cherry Award for advancement of photovoltaic science and technology
- Received the Karl W. Boer Medal from the International Solar Energy Society and the University of Delaware for outstanding contributions to the field of solar energy
- IEEE Fellow and a member of American Physical Society, the American Vacuum Society and Sigma Xi
- Holds 26 patents, 8 pending, published 150+ technical papers, listed in Who's Who in America



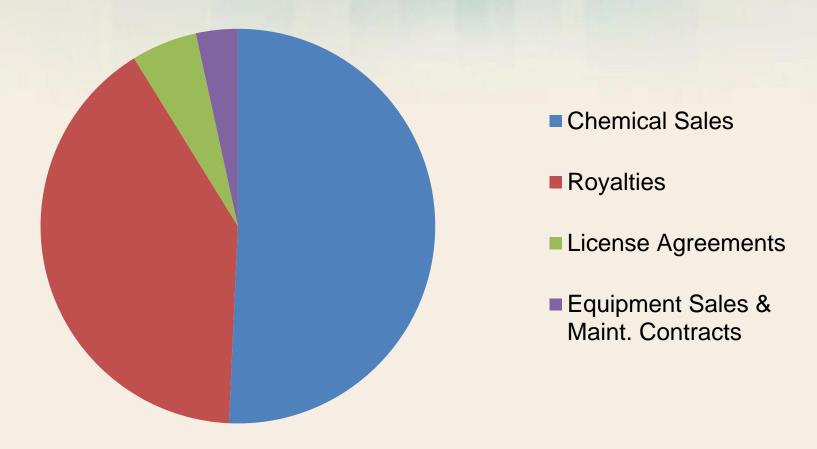


# **Anticipated Sources of Revenue**

- License agreements
- Royalties
- Machine sales
- Chemical sales











# Black Silicon Pro Forma Gross Profit

| Yearly Worldwide Solar Production | 15,300 | MW/year |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Natcore Market Share              | 25%    |         |
| Cost of a Cell                    | \$1.50 |         |
| Profit Margin per Cell            | 20%    |         |
| Profit Margin per Cell            | \$0.30 |         |
| Gross Profit per Year (Million)   | \$425  |         |





# Laser Pro Forma Gross Profit

| Yearly Worldwide Solar Production | 15,300  | MW/year |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Natcore Market Share              | 20%     |         |
| Cost of a Cell                    | \$1.575 |         |
| Profit Margin per Cell            | 20%     |         |
| Profit Margin per Cell            | \$0.315 |         |
| Gross Profit per Year (Million)   | \$292   |         |





# Tandem Quantum Dot Solar Cell Pro Forma Gross Profit

Yearly Worldwide Solar Production 140 Million Panels/Year

Natcore Market Share 20%

Cost of a Panel \$250

Panel Selling Price \$325

Profit Margin per Panel \$75.00

Gross Profit per Year (Million) \$2,100



# If you own the technology, you will own the industry



## **Natcore Owns the Technology**





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