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Our development in Solar

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Solar power: context

- An inexhaustible source of energy
- The greatest **growth potential** among renewable energies
- Centralized and decentralized productions
- A drop in photovoltaic costs towards grid parity
- PV integrated in buildings: a factor in the Habitat strategy
- Unique Saint-Gobain expertise (mirrors, coated glass, ceramics, plastics...)

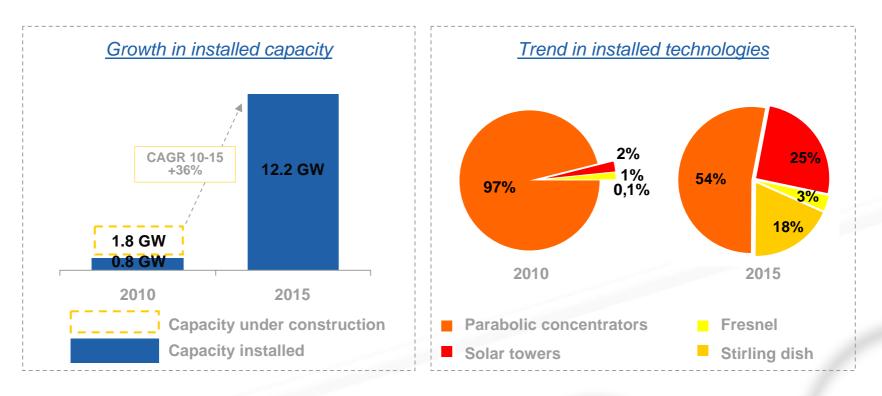








Concentrated Solar Power market





Parabolic concentrator



Solar tower



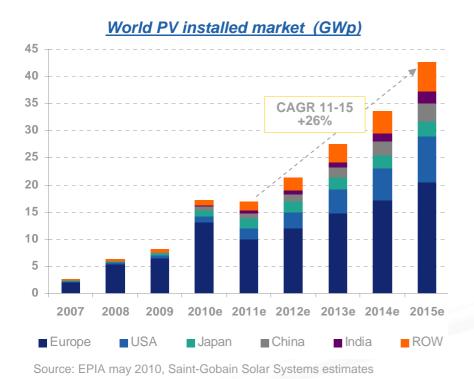
Fresnel



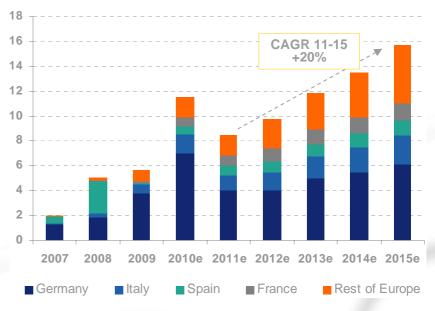
Stirling dish

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PV market located mainly in Europe



European PV installed market (GWp)



Source: EPIA maiy2010, Saint-Gobain Solar Systems estimates

Demand growth for PV coming mainly from Europe

- Market driven by Germany in 2010 but by other European countries in 2011
- Spain suffered a brutal halt in 2009 but retains a potential for growth

Saint-Gobain's vision of photovoltaic solar energy

A component of the house of the future

A contributor to building energy efficiency





Towards an economic equilibrium without feed-in-tariffs

The objective:

- Decrease in PV electricity costs towards an economic equilibrium without Feed-In-Tariffs (from €1.8 to €2.0 per installed Wp)
- Integrated PV then becomes a construction norm supporting the objectives of RT 2020 for positive energy new constructions

Coherence with Saint-Gobain's technological choice:

 Avancis thin films will enable to reach this equilibrium (target module price of €0.5/Wp for an installed system at less than €2.0/Wp)

Decrease in PV systems cost*

Estimations in €Wp	2010	2015
Module	1.5-1.6	0.8-1.0
Mounting system	0.2-0.3	0.2
Electrical kit	0.4	0.3
Installation and services	0.5-0.8	0.5
Price of PV system	2.7-3.0	1.8-2.0

a €1.8-2.0 system cost implies an electricity cost around 10c/kWh**

Assumptions:

*1,000h sunshine per year during 20 years **No financial costs directly linked to consider (norm) Maintenance/rental done by the owner

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To combine its solar offer, Saint-Gobain set up Saint-Gobain Solar in 2009

Three activities

- Components supply:
 - for the PV solar markets
 - for the CSP markets
- Avancis: photovoltaic modules
- Saint-Gobain Solar Systems: distribution, integration and mounting of full PV systems

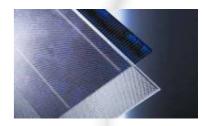
Strong assets

- Unique positioning along the whole value chain
- Innovative products for every market
- Unique Saint-Gobain expertise (mirrors, coated glass, ceramics, plastics...)











Present across the entire solar value chain



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Saint-Gobain's components offer for CSP



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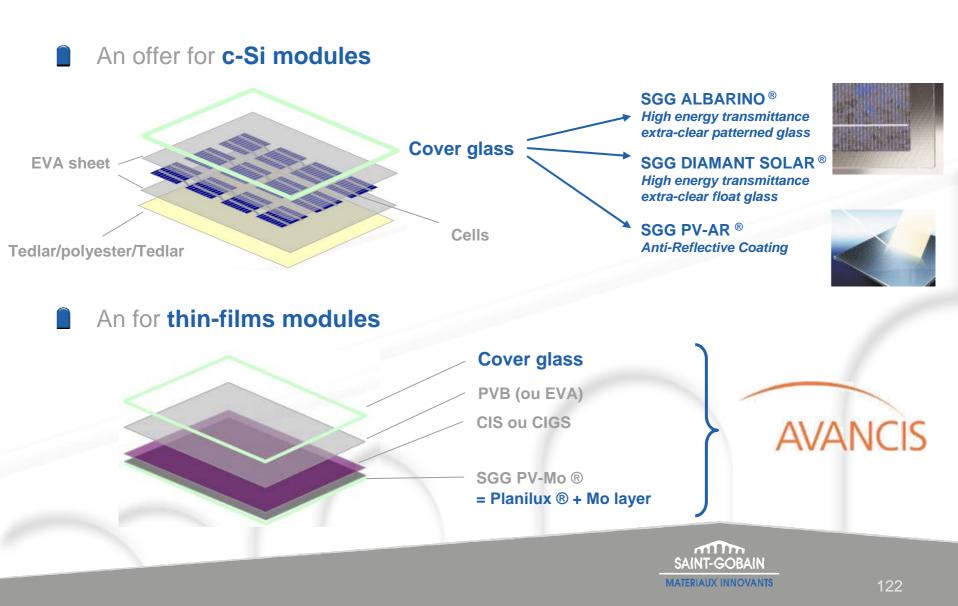
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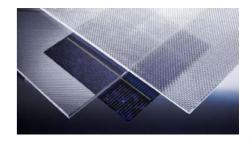
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Saint-Gobain, European leader in cover glass Protect and optimize the sun energy transmission



Saint-Gobain accompanies the growth of the PV glass market

- **Global** PV glass **Market:** annual market growth rate around 20%
- Large-scale **industrial projects** to accompany the manufacturing shift to Asia
- Possibility to sell the equivalent production of 2 to 3 floats in 2015 compared to 1 today





- Solar glass: continuous innovations
- Manufacturing facilities are sufficiently flexible between solar / non-solar



HPM components for the PV market

SiC Wiresaw

Silicon Carbide grains to wire saw silicon wafers





Crystals

 Quartz crucibles for the processing and growth of highpurity silicon ingots

1. Flexible front coating

2. Encapsulating

3. Frame

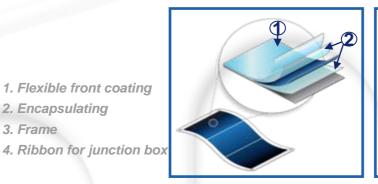
Performance plastics

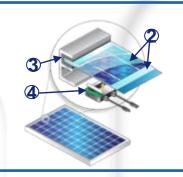
- **Plastic films**
- Foams



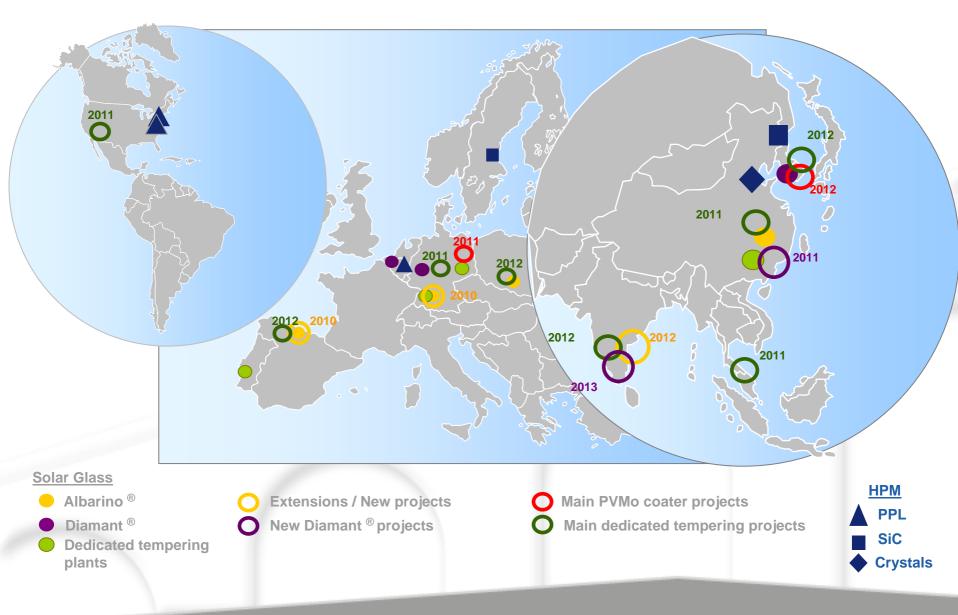
Flexible module







A worldwide presence to provide local customer support



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Avancis today

- **30 years of experience** in thin films
- One existing plant with a **20 MWp** capacity
- 200 employees



Two plants launched/under construction for an additional capacity of 200 MWp

<u>Gen 2 (plant 1)</u>



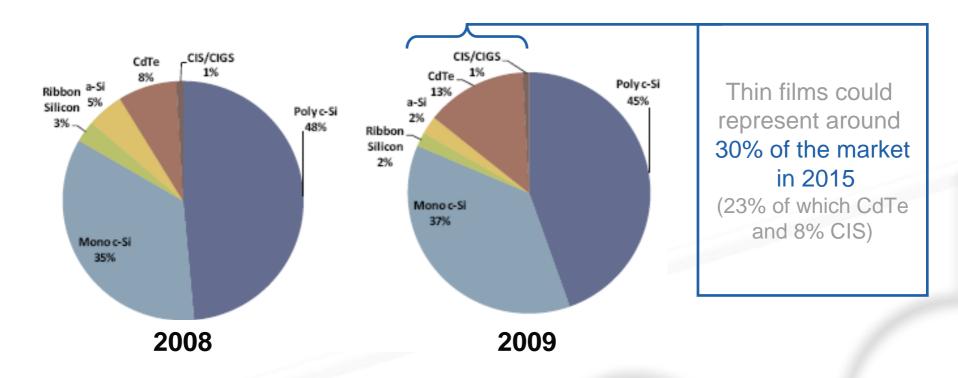




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Thin films are gaining in maturity



First Solar (CdTe) gained market share between 2008 and 2010
Amorphous silicon (a-Si) is slipping back

Source: Navigant Consulting, 2010

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Among thin films, CIS has considerable assets

Estimated industrial efficiency (%)

15 - 16

6 - 10.58 – 12

Similar production processes and costs per m² to thin film technologies

The **lowest cost per Wp** will come from the most efficient technology

Cell efficiency world record

(%)

20

CIS technology offers very good prospects:

	CdTe	17	
	CIS	20	
Source : US National Renewable Energy Laboratory			

Crystalline Si





Avancis is at the leading edge of CIS technology

Main key strengths of Avancis

- Very competitive design (Gen 3 modules)
 - Sodium control
 - Absence of Cadmium
- Full process control
- State-of-the-art technology: close ties with the University of Erlangen, specialized in solar



Avancis aims for:

Efficiency comparable to that of crystalline Silicon ...
○ 15% efficiency* on 30x30cm surfaces (world record for thin films in January 2010)
○ 12% efficiency for a module currently in production
...with the cost per Wp of thin films
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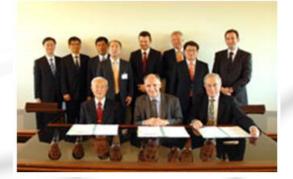
Partnership with Hyundai Heavy Industries

First **joint production** facility in Ochang (Korea)

Investment:

- 100 MW Capacity
- Operational in March 2012
- Distribution & sales: 50% Avancis, 50% HHI





HHI Experience

- Crystalline Silicon, 650 MW installed by end-2010
- Sale of solar farms



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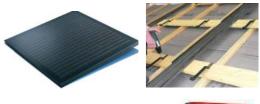
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Saint-Gobain Solar Systems: PV systems supplier

Photovoltaic system: a set of components to mount the solar solution in an effective manner

- Components offer
- Range of services



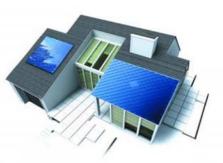




An offer to suit every kind of roof

- Residential (tiles and panels)
- Apartment blocks, industrial, farm buildings and non-residential (tiles and panels)

Offer completed by the Building Distribution sector for sale to small diverse customers and pooling of purchases





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- A solar market still **growing fast** but **yet to find its profitability** without public subsidies
- An organization in place: Saint-Gobain Solar became a reality in 2009



- **CSP**: Grow sales of components, particularly through **partnerships**
- PV Components: deliver glass growth through innovation (deep structures, AR, TCO) and geographic expansion (Southern Europe, China)
- Avancis: reinforced confidence in the technology
- Solar Systems: growth through innovation (products and services) and by envisioning external growth

Objectives





- The Components activities (Glass, Mirrors, SiC, Crystals and Plastics) supporting growth within the Group's traditional businesses
- Investments (~ €200m/y) to be completed without delay, either alone or through partnerships
- Sales of **€2bn** achieved by **2015**
- Medium term profitability meeting the standard returns of the Innovative Materials sector







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