

THIN FILM SCALES

- Unit of process for CdTe is the glass; scaling benefit
- Unit of process for c-Si is the wafer; no scaling benefit
- Same manufacturing process as the previous technology
- Highest power utility-scale modules in the market

Thin film cost scales non-linearly...

FS Series 6



FORM FACTOR IMPACTS

- ~2.47m² module reduces variable BOS costs
- More Watts per install operation
- Site construction is faster; less modules to install
- Structural and labor components are reduced for \$/W •
- Module installs trials independently verified by 3rd party EPC

Larger module size equals lower variable BOS



...similar to LCD screens.



No cost benefit from scaling c-Si



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Crystalline Silicon Batch Technology: Unit of process is the Wafer



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First Solar Series 6		1.00	1.00
Canadian Solar Modules	0.98	1.24	
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*\$60/hr, 430W, 340W			



WHY WE CHOSE 1.23M X 2M

- ~2m module height is common, proven to work on any structure
- Module is optimized for a comfortable two person lift
- The larger the module, the lower the variable BOS cost
- Structure design constraint is wind load, not module weight
- 1.23m width is independent of the loading profile





STRINGS & HARNESSES

- Series 6 has a shorter string length (6 modules for 1500VDC)
- Harness lowers cost by:
 - Creating a sub-collection point
 - Effective increase of string length
- Structural / Site Flexibility

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