



# **C3PV**

## **From Space Solar Cell to CPV Systems**

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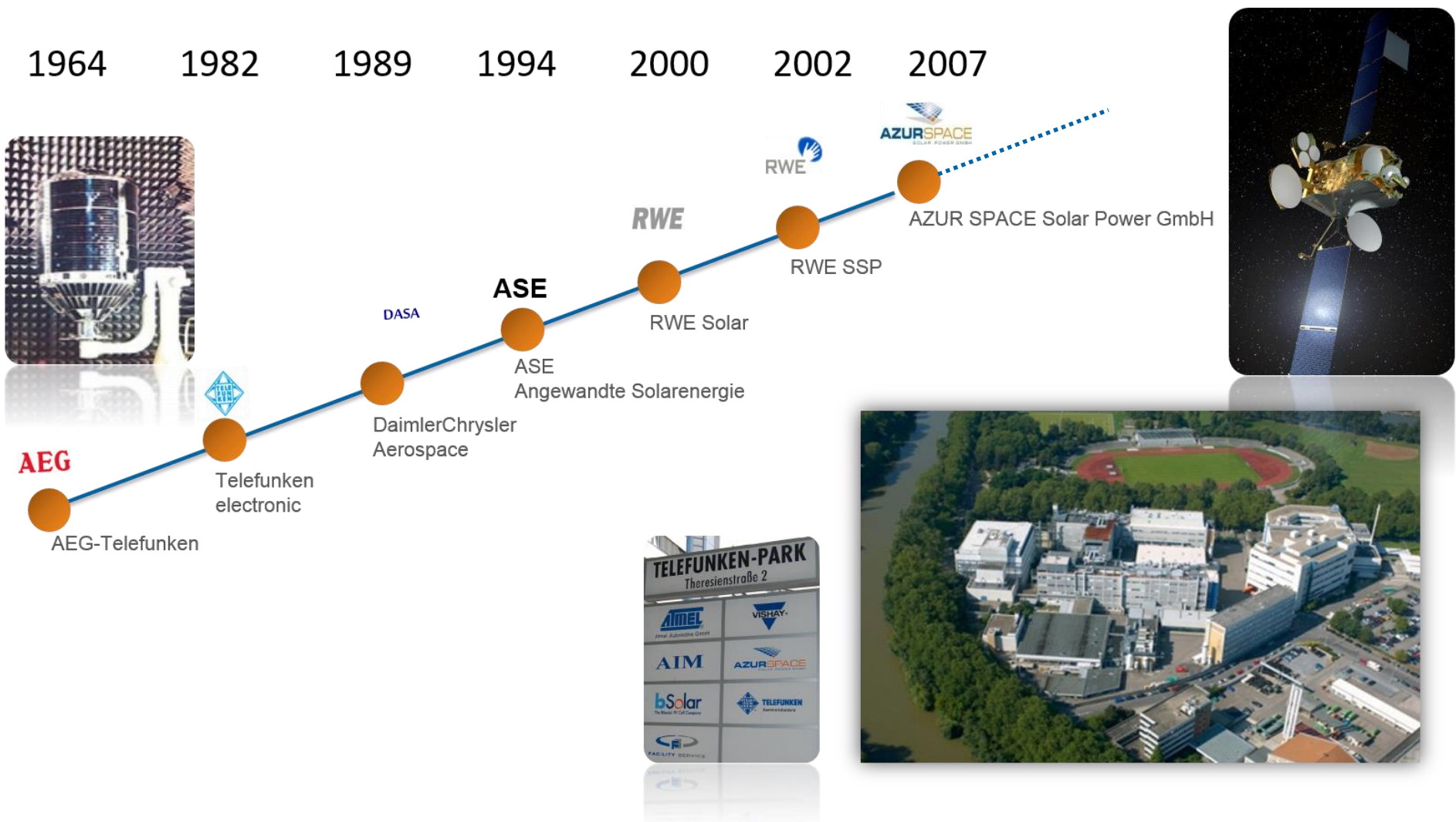
A background image showing the Earth and the Moon in space. The Earth is on the left, showing a blue horizon and a thin layer of atmosphere. The Moon is on the right, showing its cratered surface. The sky is dark blue with many small white stars.

# 1 – AZUR SPACE Solar Power GmbH Company Overview



# AZUR SPACE

## Company History



### First generation: silicon photovoltaic – mono- and multicrystalline

- 1964** First silicon space solar cell in Germany
- 1974** First multicrystalline silicon solar cell for terrestrial application
- 1988** Fabrication of high efficiency silicon solar cells (18% AM0, 20% AM1.5)

### Third generation: III-V photovoltaic & technology

- 2001** First European triple GaAs space solar cell
- 2008** First triple GaAs space solar cell with 30% efficiency
- 2012** Best EOL GaAs space solar cell on the market (patented)
- 2014** Terrestrial CPV solar cells with 44% (500x)
- 2017** C3PV system (partner programme)

Since 1964 AZUR SPACE has powered more than 500 Satellites ...

**AZUR  
(1968/69)**



**Hubble Telescope  
(1978/90)**



**Intelsat  
(1996/98)**



**Venus Express  
(2005)**



**Rosetta Mission  
(2000)**

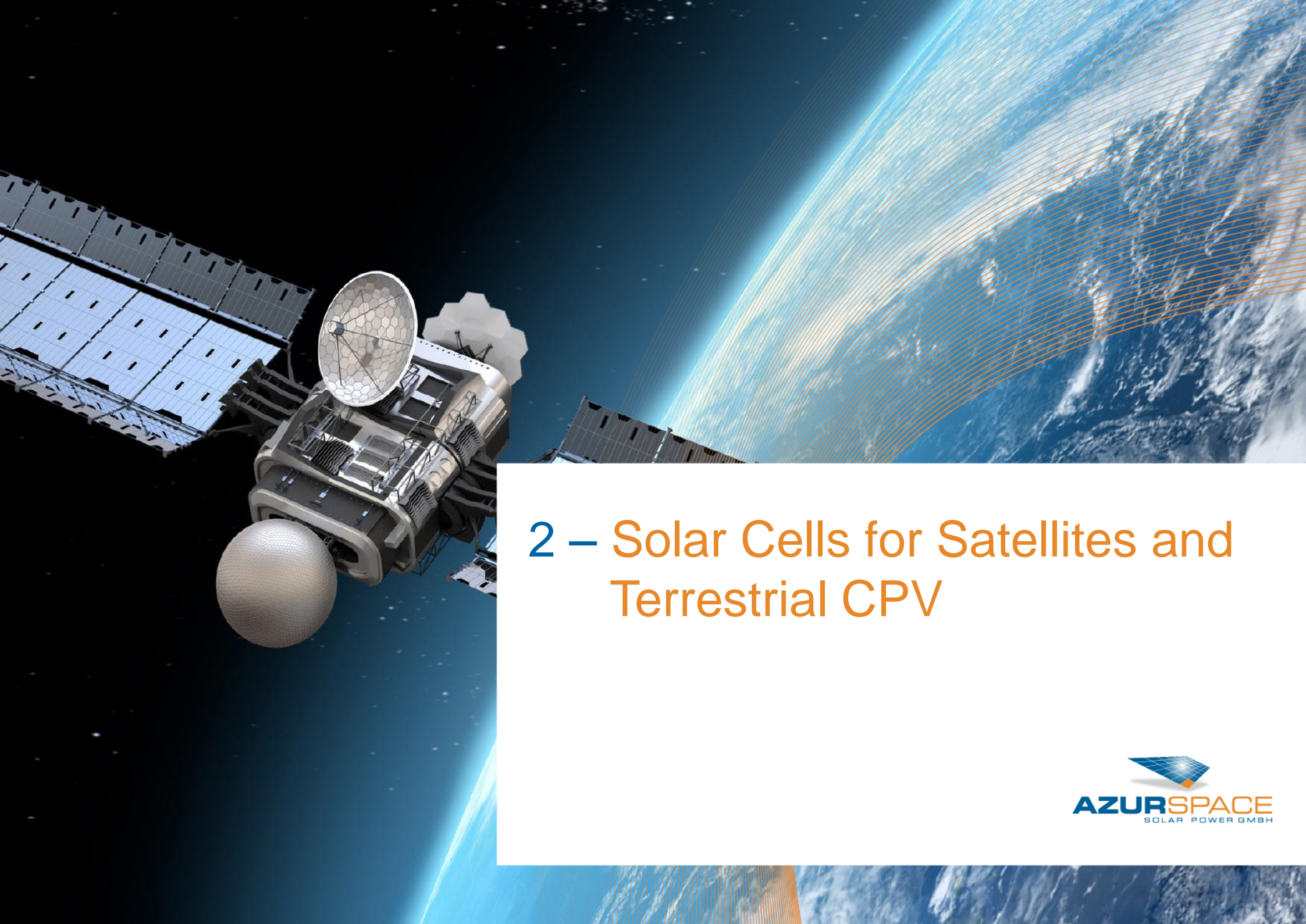


**Galileo Sats  
(2012)**



**Alphasat  
(2013)**



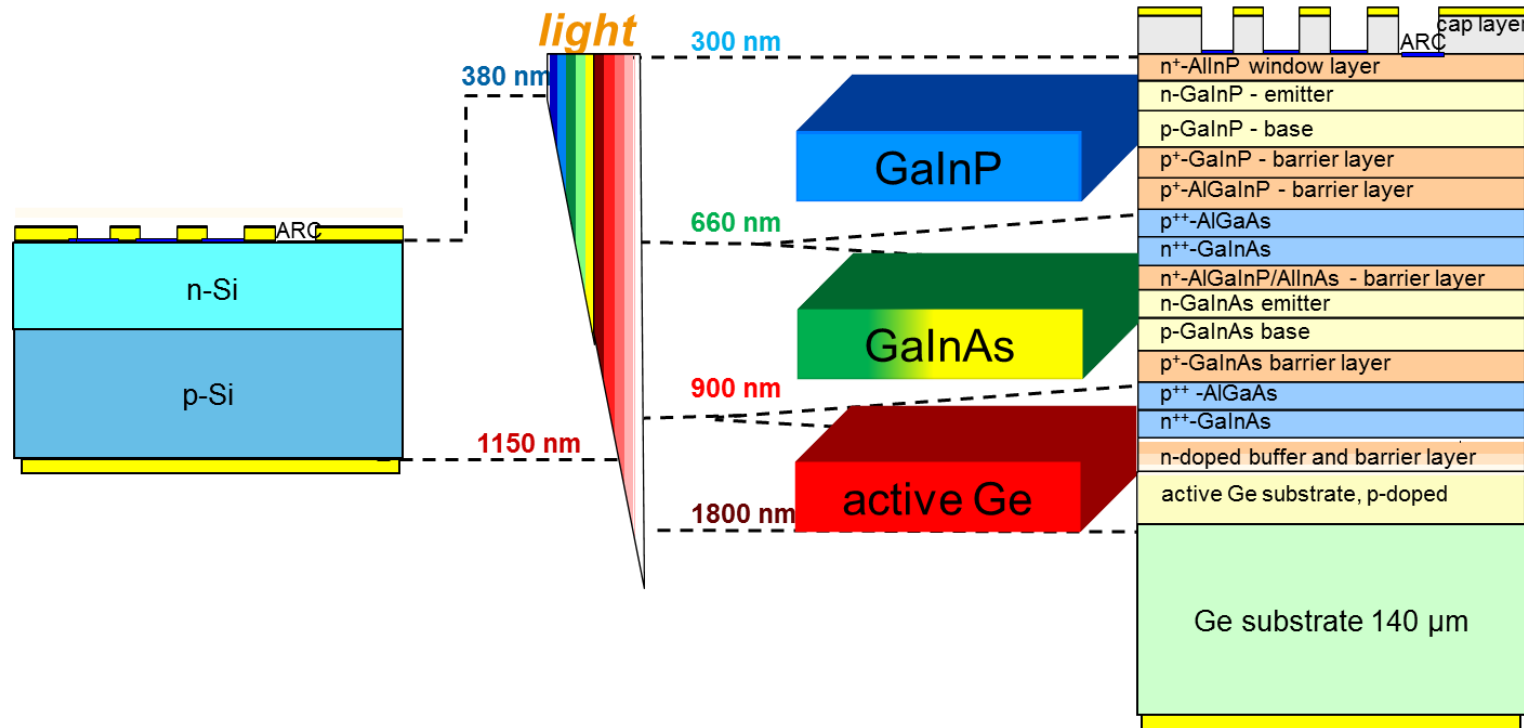


## 2 – Solar Cells for Satellites and Terrestrial CPV

# III/V Multijunction Solar Cells

Silicon  $\eta \sim 20\%$  (AM1.5)

III/V triple junction  $\eta \sim 35\%$  (AM1.5)  
 $>44\%$  (500x)



- Large wafer area (up to 150mm)
- Material engineering for As, P-based III-V semiconductors
- More than 40 layers, 3 cells and 2 tunnel diodes etc.
- Epitaxy on Ge



# Terrestrial CPV Solar Cells

## „From Space to Earth“

### Space 3G30:

Large cell area,  
Operation at 1x AM0,  
Radiation hardness

### Terrestrial CPV 3C44:

Small cells (1,3x1,3mm<sup>2</sup> bis 10x10mm<sup>2</sup>)  
Operation at 500-1000x AM1.5  
Humidity protection

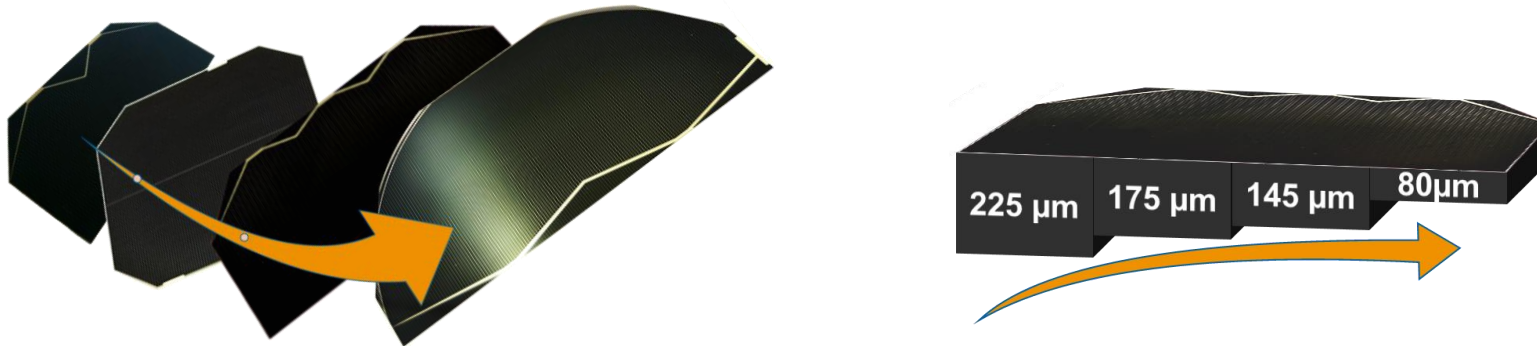
### EFA<sup>®</sup>

Enhanced  
Fresnel Assembly

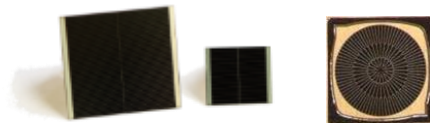


# Solar Cell Production Status at AZUR

- > AZUR's space solar cells (3G30) are the most radiation hard product in the market and currently represent our main product line.



- > AZUR's terrestrial CPV solar cells (3C44) are in volume production.



- > AZUR currently has a production capacity of 500 000 Wafers / year which corresponds to 500 MW (assuming CPV cell production only).
- > On request of a possible market demand, the production capacity can easily be expanded.

# 3 – C3PV - System and Business Model

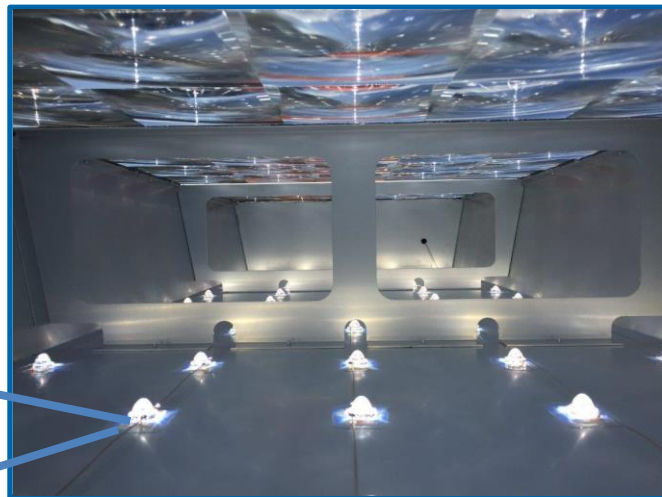
# C3PV System

Concept:



**C3PV System**  
**3.5kW, 10.8m<sup>2</sup>**

**Interior View of the Module**  
**30% Efficiency**



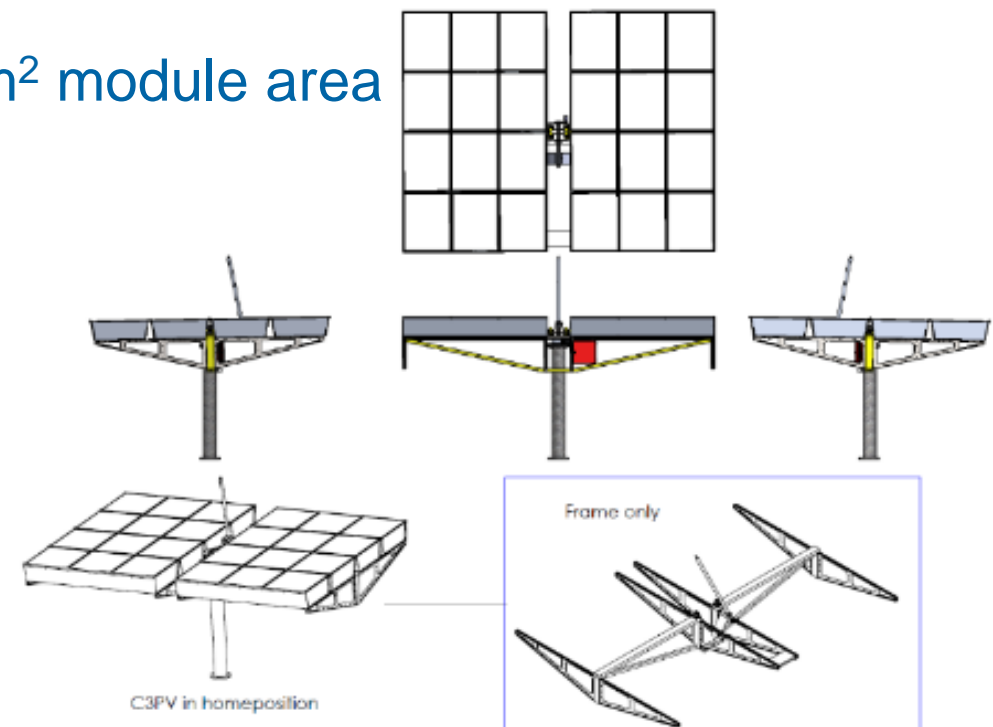
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**3C44 Cell**



# C3PV-System

- Equipped with most efficient solar cells on the market with 44%
- Module efficiency above 30% (STC)
- More competitive price than standard PV (for regions with high direct insolation)
- Compact 3.5kW system with 10.8m<sup>2</sup> module area
- High local content



# Hi-Tech in Europe, Low-Tech locally

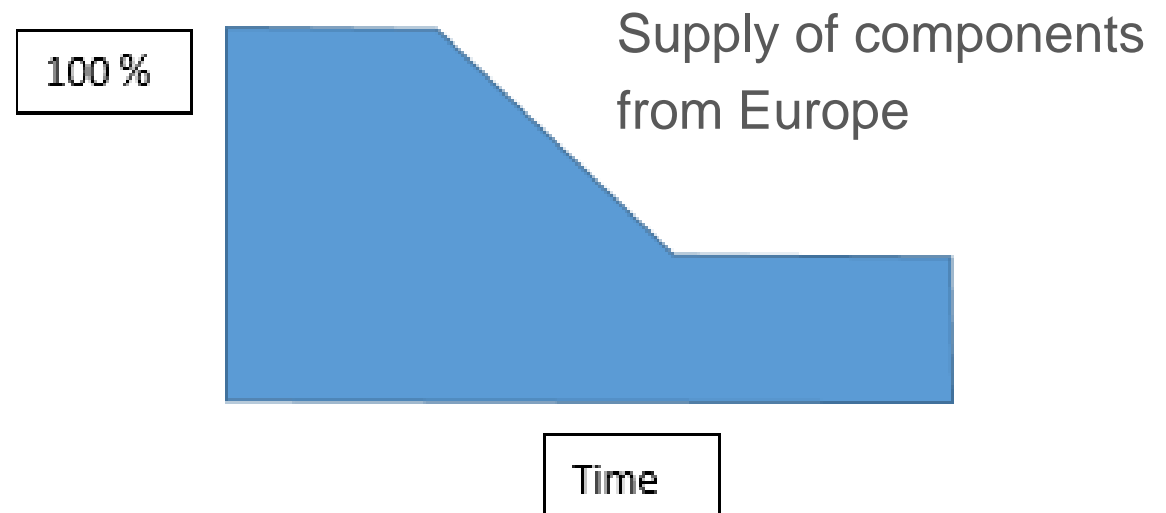


## Hi-Tech in Europe

1. Fresnel Lenses
2. EFA<sup>®</sup> - „Enhanced Fresnel Assembly“  
(solar cell, by-pass diode, secondary optics mounted on DCB ceramic)

## Low-Tech locally

1. Module and tracker production with regional creation of value by local partners
2. Know-how transfer
3. Tasks of local partners
  - ⇒ Production
  - ⇒ Marketing & Sales
  - ⇒ Installation
  - ⇒ Maintenance



# C3PV Production Status at AZUR

- > EFA<sup>®</sup> (Enhanced Fresnel Assembly) production line – 50MW



- > Module pilot production and demo line (blueprint and training) - 20MW





## 4 – Summary



# Conclusion



- > AZUR is world market leader in space solar cells (3G30, 4G32) and in terrestrial CPV solar cells (3C44).
- > AZUR wants to be a strong component supplier providing customers world-wide with solar cells (bare or assembled) as part of our core business.
- > As far as customers want to manufacture complete CPV systems (C3PV), AZUR can provide the know-how for local module and tracker productions within the framework of its partner programme.
- > CPV technology still has a significant cost reduction potential by future higher quantities in mass production and improved solar cell efficiency up to 50% (corresponding to a module efficiency above 35%).

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