

## **Monoscribe**

# Roll-to-Roll Monolithic Interconnection of Customizable Thin-film Solar Modules

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## Customizable Photovoltaics



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...from the reel



**Economic Roll-to-Roll Production**

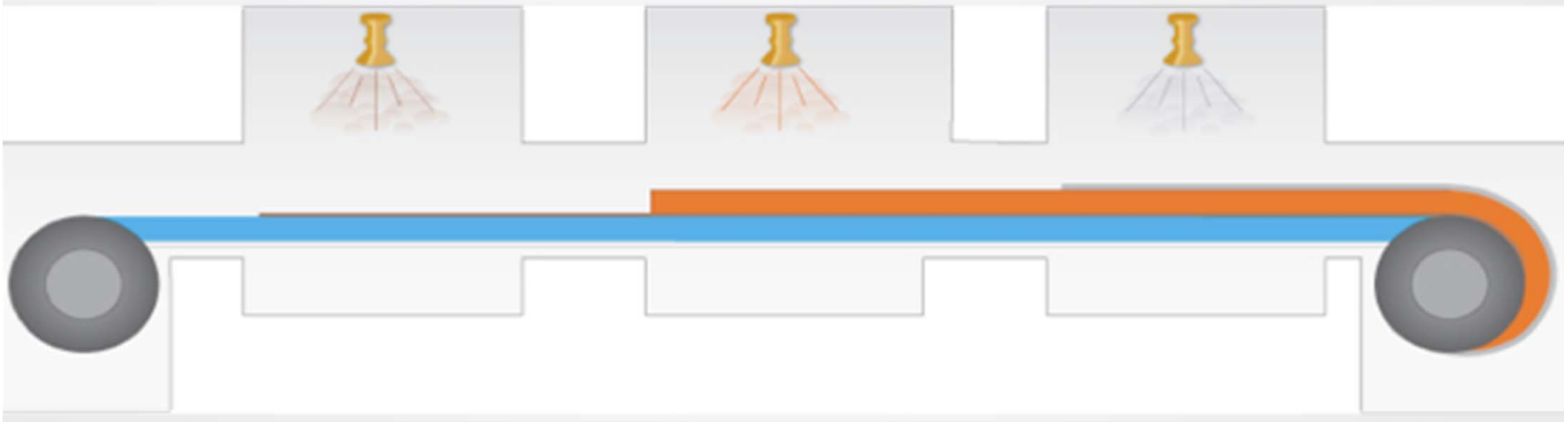


**Adaptable PV-Module Layout**

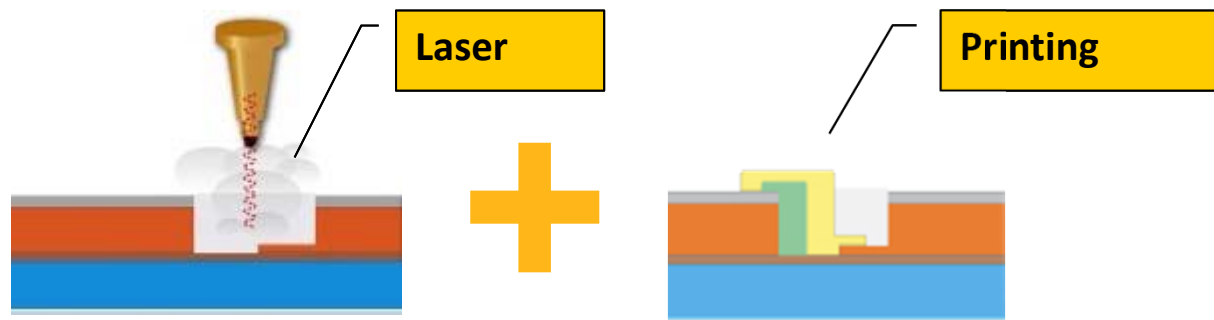
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# A flexible inorganic solar cell is the basis

## 1. Step: R2R CIGS- Solar cell production

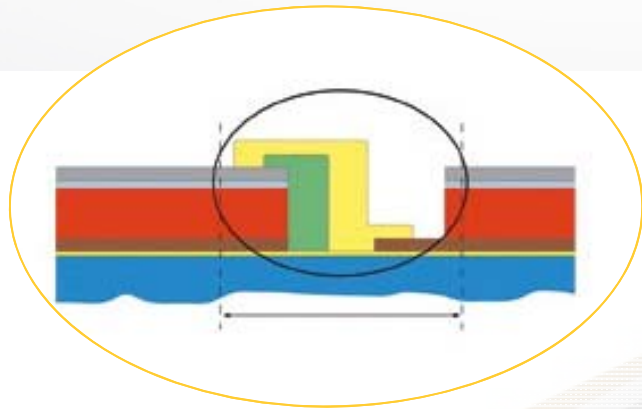


## 2. Step: Solar cell interconnection



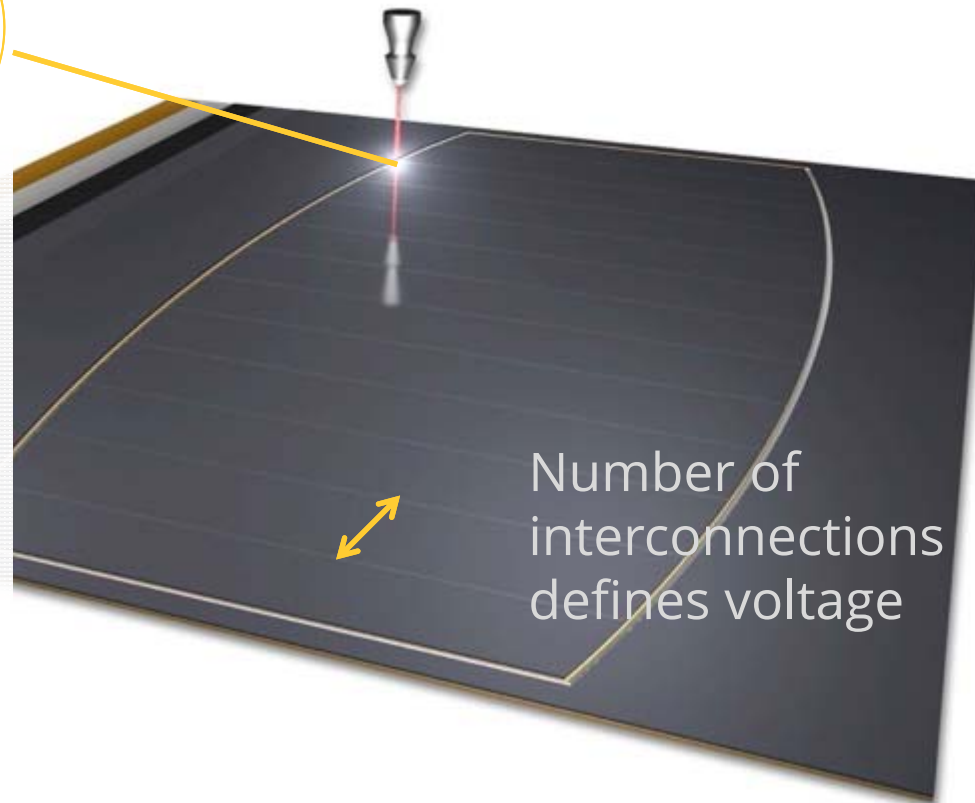
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## Shape, Size and Voltage „on-the-fly“



Material removal only  
from top side through  
multilayer system->  
**short pulse laser**

Printing of dielectrics and  
conduits with **inkjet**



Number of  
interconnections  
defines voltage

## Monoscribe

Development of a **R2R machine prototype** based on Sunplugged's Monoscribe technology

**Enabling the production of customized inorganic PV modules „on-the-fly“.**

**Objective 1** Development of the machine concept

**Objective 2:** Development of R2R Laser Processes

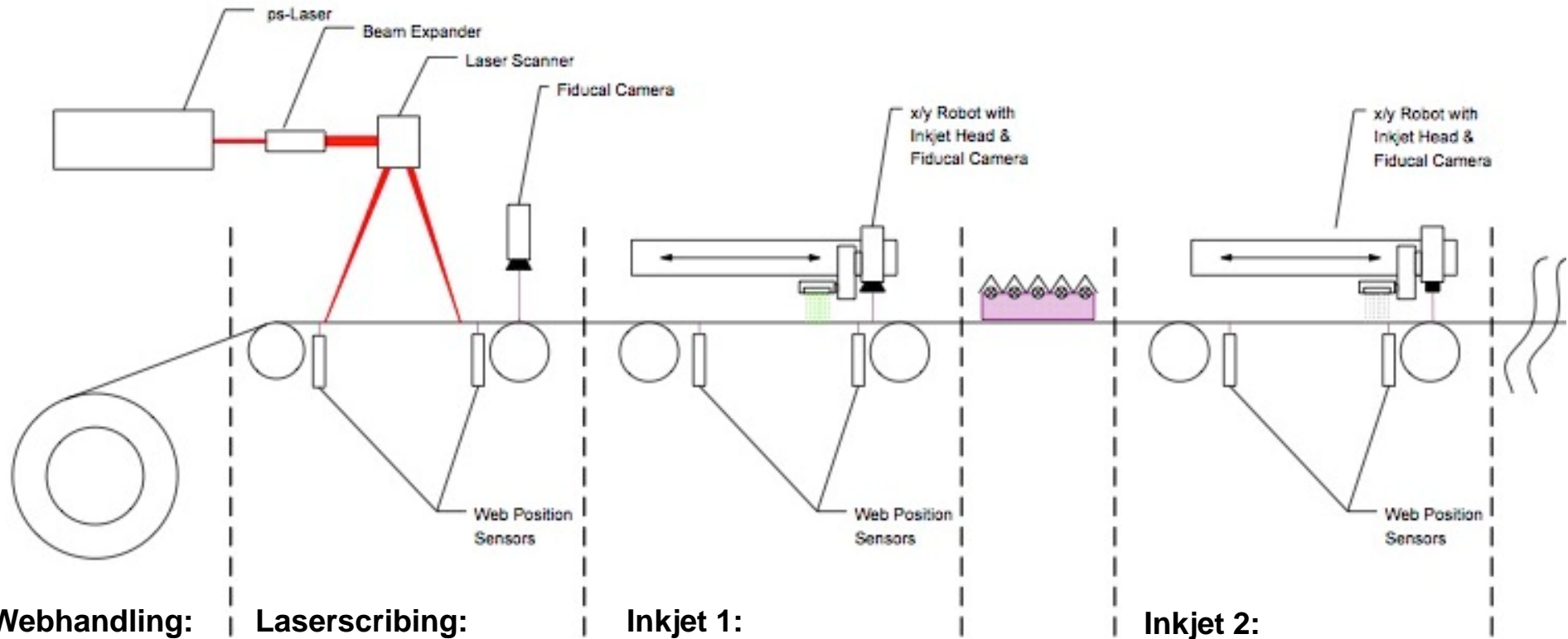
**Objective 3:** Development of a R2R printing technology

**Objective 4:** Building of modular R2R Demomachine

**Objective 5:** Demonstration and Evaluation



# Monoscribe R2R Concept



## Webhandling:

Winding  
Web Guidance  
Positioning

## Laserscribing:

A laser beam is used to isolate cells and remove CIGS material for the following interconnection.

## Inkjet 1:

An isolating layer is applied onto the isolation grooves via inkjet printing. This layer isolates the flanges of the cell.

## Curing 1

## Inkjet 2:

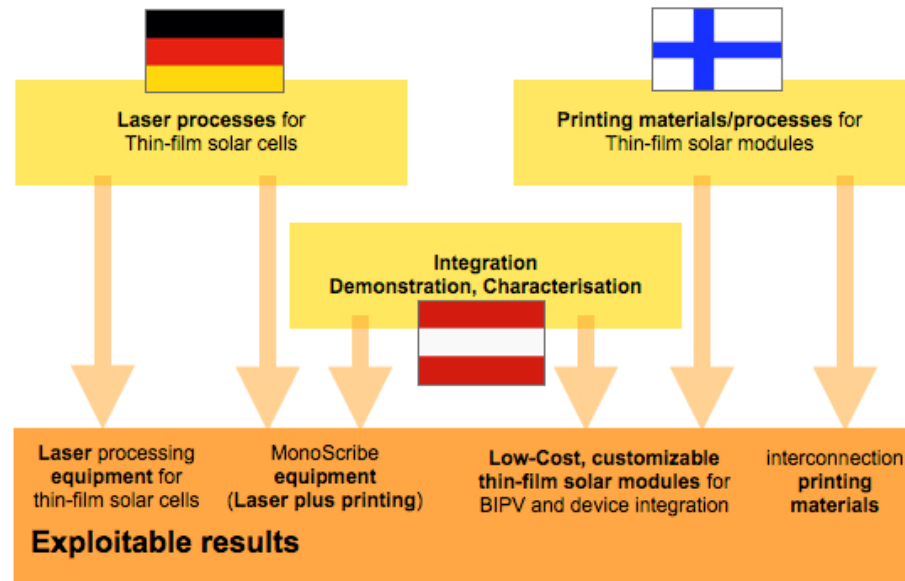
A conducting layer is applied onto the module. It connects the front contact of a cell with the back contact of the next cell, creating a serial interconnection.

## Curing 2

# Partners and transnational cooperation

**Munich University  
of Applied Sciences**  
(Laser Process)

**LS Laser Systems**  
(Laser Equipment)



**VTT**  
(printing  
processes)

**Inkron**  
(Printing  
materials)

**Sunplugged** (Integration)  
**Alphagate** (Automation)  
**University Innsbruck**  
(Material Characterisation)  
**Sunnybag** (Demonstration)



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## Expected results

**R2R- Production of flexible modules with desired shapes and voltages**

Reduced prototyping times & time to market

**Cost efficient** even at small scale production (<100pcs)

**Just in time production**



## Status, Challenges

Project started end of 2015

Project Duration: **30 months**

Currently Focus on **Process development and machine design**

**Experiences so far:**

Delay of project start due differing national requirements

Without Solar-ERA.NET project not possible



## Ideas/need for new RTD projects

**„Upscaling“ of areas of application**-> from small consumer applications to BIPV

**Efficiency Improvement** of underlying flexible thin-film solar cells (CIGS) on industrial scale

**Inline monitoring/metrology**

**Low-Cost packaging** for flexible Photovoltaics