# A new factory for the production of circular, lightweight, ultra low carbon solar modules in the Netherlands

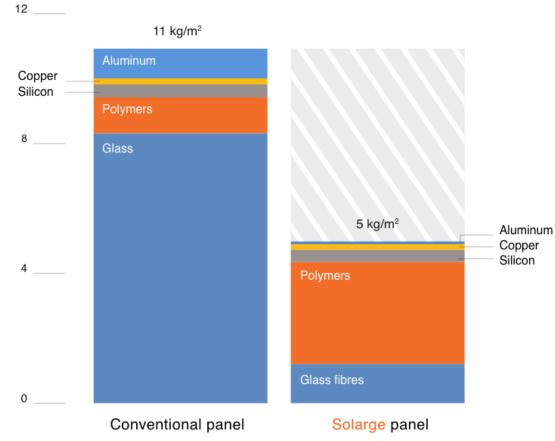


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## The ultimate dream: solar energy just from sand & plant





For a Solarge module, all you need is 2 kgs ultrapure sand, few grams of silver, tin, cupper and...



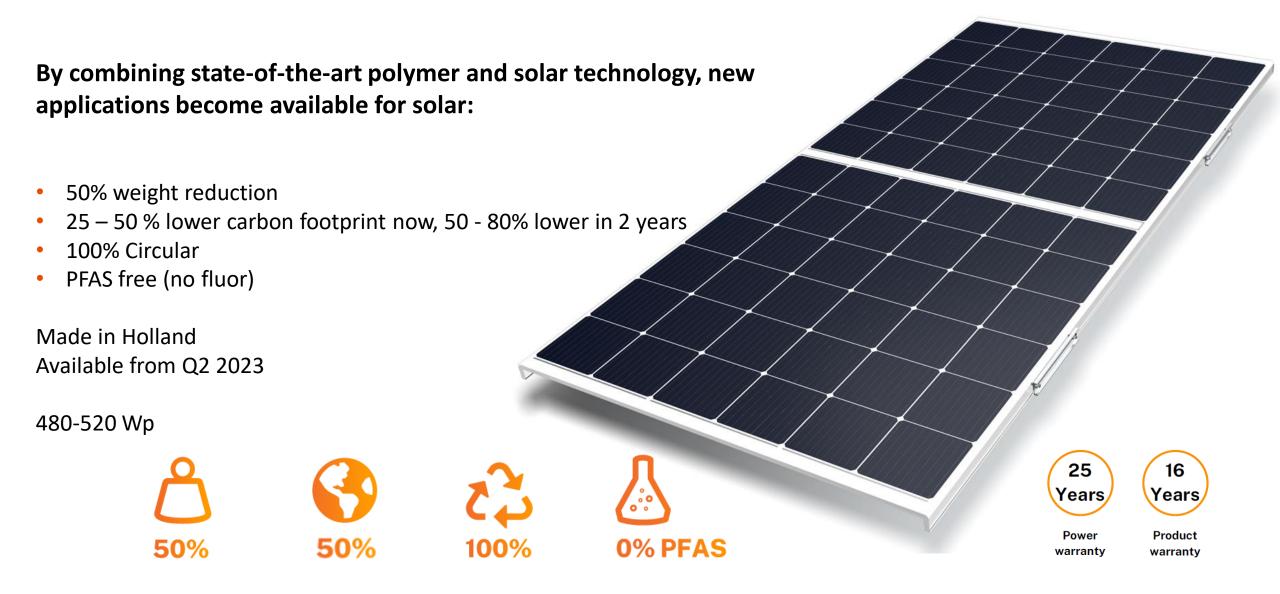
...this could be the final raw material for the polymers..or other biobased



Part of the backend of Solarge manufacturing site (ready May 2023)



One of the three production halls of Solarge – lamination & post processing



## General: worldwide growing amount of end-of-life modules

- 200 GWp worldwide production today
- <u>This implies an annual disposal amount</u> of a size of 20 m wide around the entire earth (40.000km)
- In 2040 this annual disposal of PV panels is as bing as a 'ring around the earth' with a width of 100 meter!



#### **Production of an average silicon wafer:**

- Consumes 125 kWh/kg energy
  - Emits 82 ton of CO2 per ton



Figure 1. Manufacturing of silicon in the PV value chain.

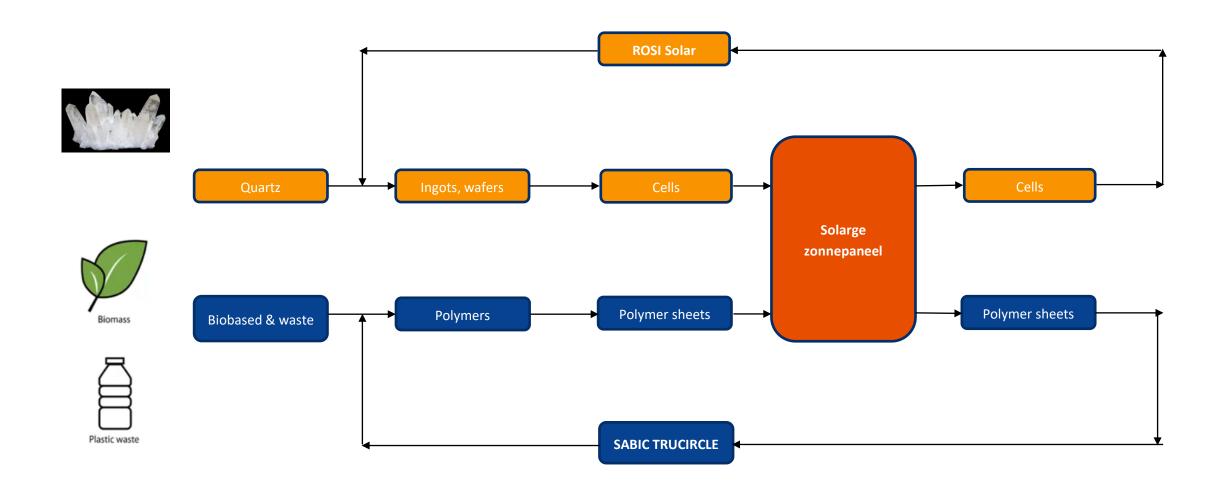
Source: Rosi Solar

Solarge has designed it's module in such a way that it can be disassembled at end-of-life and materials can be re-used in the same supply chain





Best-in-class ECO design voor Ultra Low-carbon solar modules



# SABIC TRUCIRCLE™ biobased or recycled polymers as feedstock

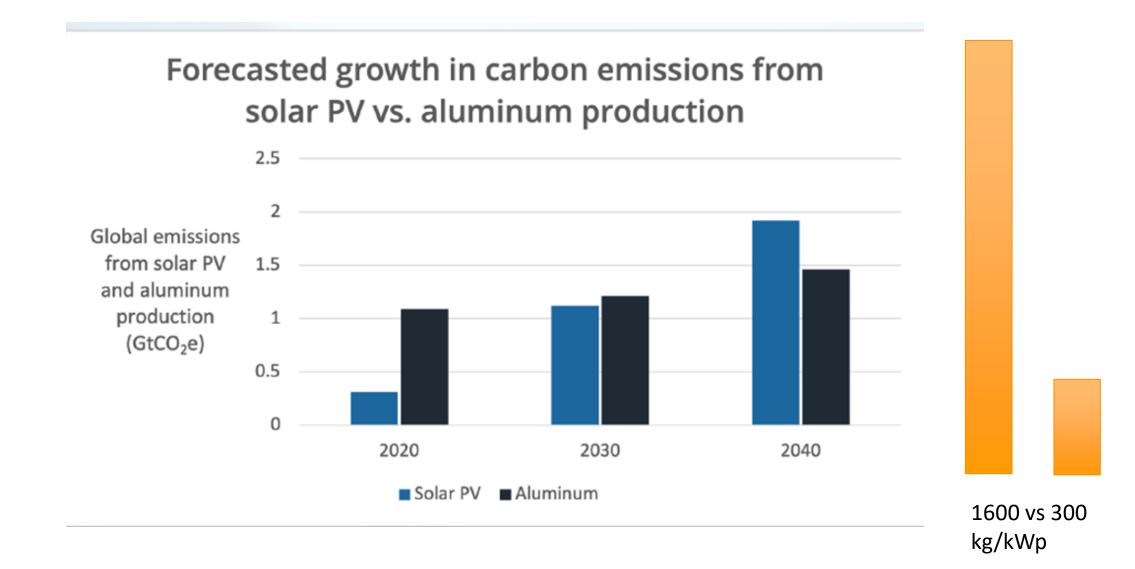


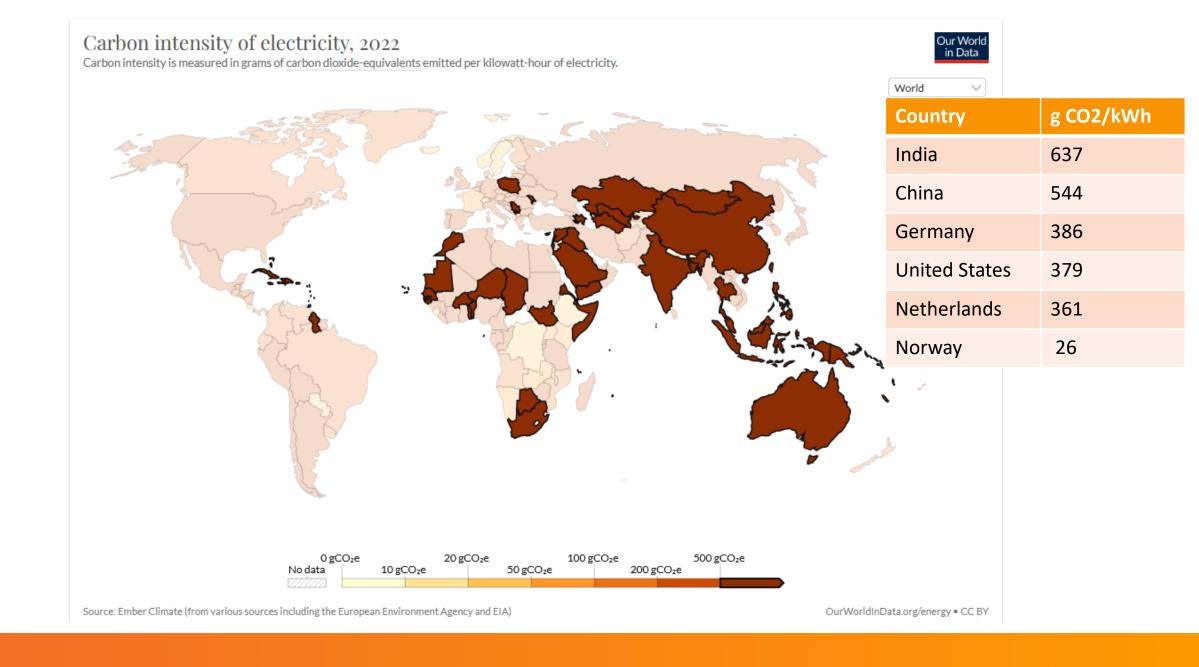
#### **Biobased feedstock**

4 kgs/kg reduction in GHG compared to fossile feedstock

#### Post-consumer plastics feedstock

 2 kgs/kg reduction in GHG compared to energy recovery from plastic



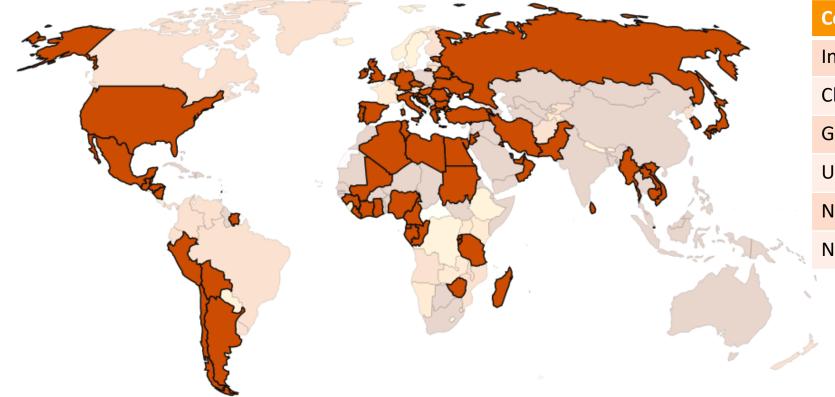


### Carbon intensity of electricity, 2022

Carbon intensity is measured in grams of carbon dioxide-equivalents emitted per kilowatt-hour of electricity.







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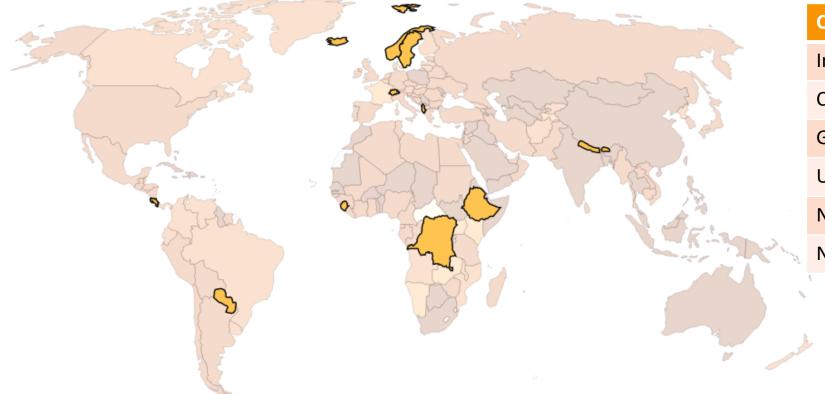
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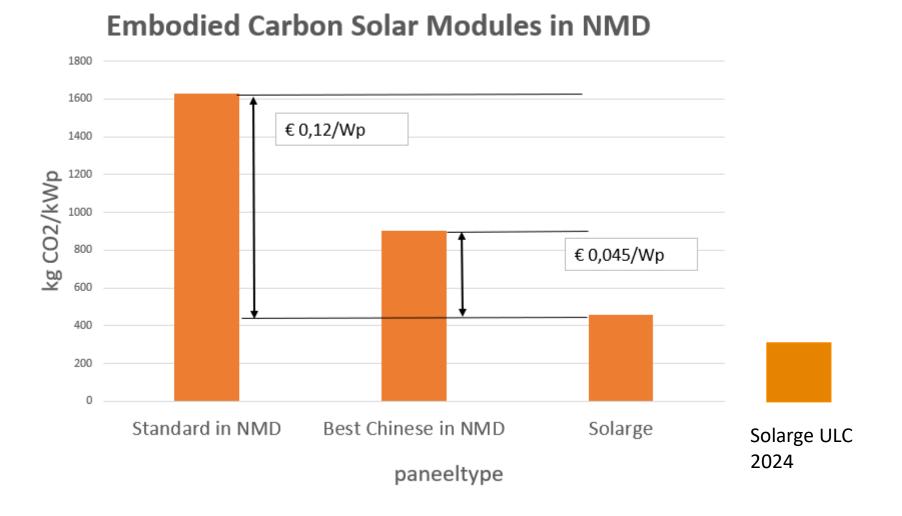
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Source: Ember Climate (from various sources including the European Environment Agency and EIA)

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## Effect (theoretical) of carbon tax of 100 eur/ton CO<sub>2</sub>



**EPEAT Low Carbon** 630 kg/kWp

**EPEAT Ultra Low Carbon** 400 kg/kWp

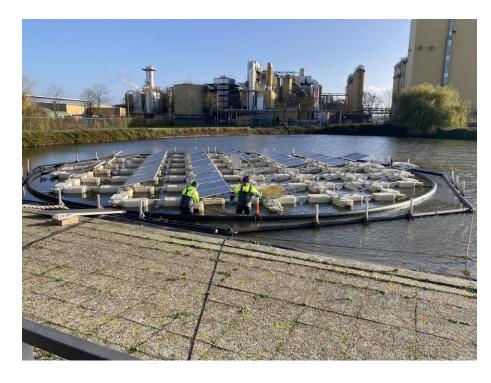


Solarge M10 full cell module for C&I rooftops (right-hand side) and half cell module for residential market (left, prototype)

## Saudi Arabia testing very succesful already for 1.5 years



- Comparable performance to glass based Mono PERC modules, better than poly and ETFE
- Do not seem to have so much burden from soilage, when compared to glass based modules



Following the sun by tracking

Trial big lake near coast



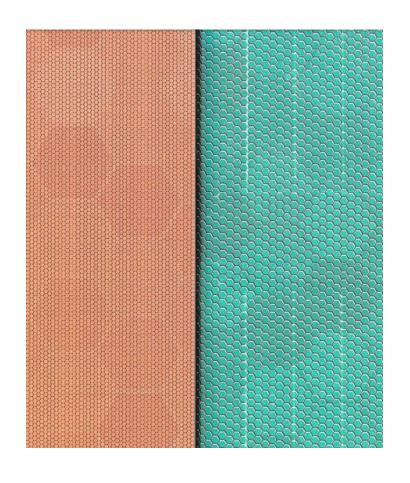


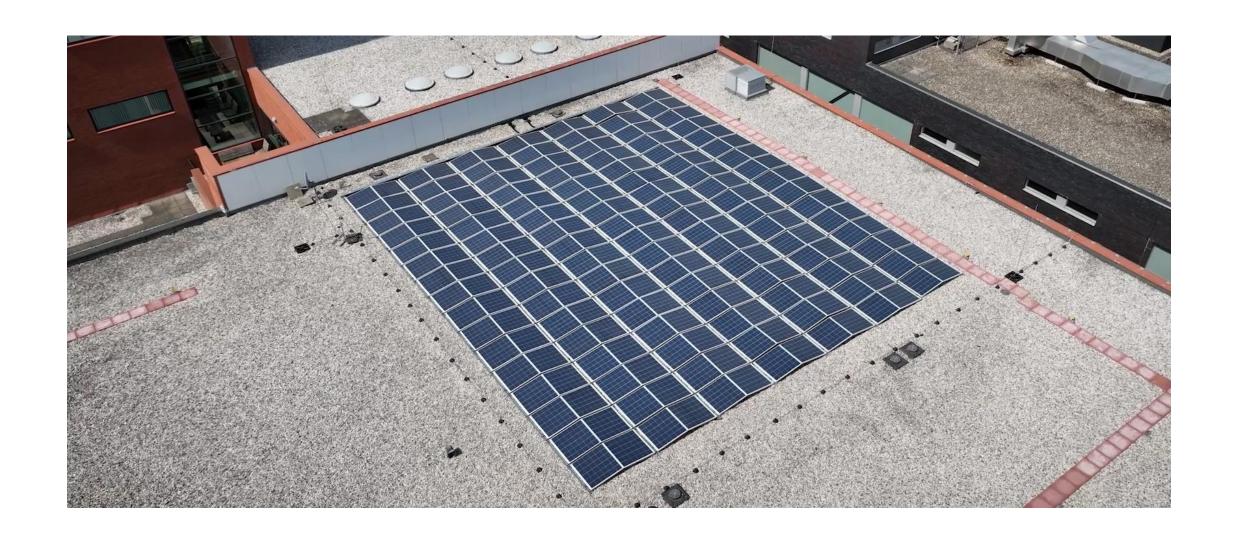
Solar at (North) sea 12 km from coast

## **Solarge and floating PV pilots**









### Mounting parallel to horizontal roof:

- Less wind-lift forces by horizontal mounting
- Lighter and cheaper installation
- No frame-> no pollution
- Yield similar to East/West 12 degree mounting







Roof parallel mounting on flat roof with roofing anchors









Flat roof installation by glueing without mounting rail and without roof penetration



#### **PLANNING FACTORY**

April – May '23: Commissioning and startup of line

# 22 May official opening by minister Jetten & Ευ commissioner Kadri Simson

June '23: Startup 100 MWp/year

Mid '24: 400 MWp/yr – 120 FTE

Dutch National Growth Fund application to execute a roadmap for solar industry in the Netherlands, including new cell generations [900 mio EUR in total]

2025-2030:

expansion by licensing/JV's

Very good results in ease of installation and yield







Pilot Heijmans Eindhoven

Pilot Dairy Campus Leeuwarden

Pilot AgroPuur Hoevelaken

Not just in the lab. We did test successfully in various pilots

