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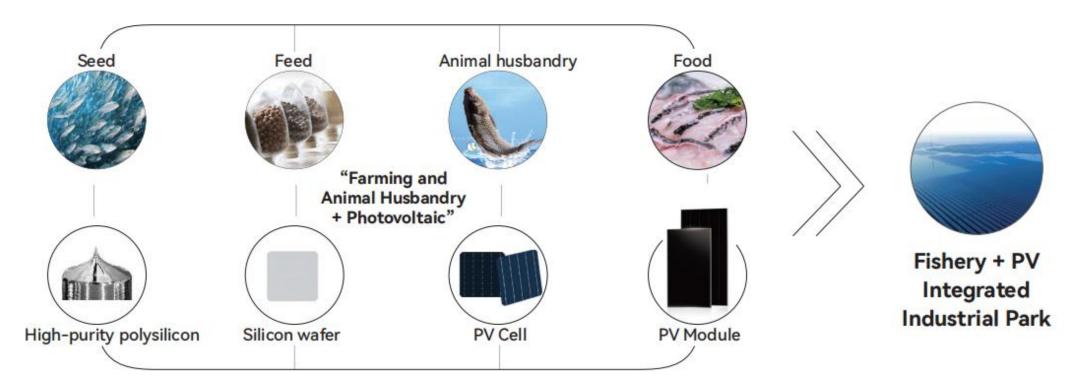
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Tongwei's Fully-integrated Industrial Chains

Tongwei Group — a company with more than **300** branches and subsidiaries, with nearly **50,000** employees. As a listed company, Tongwei (listed in 2004, stock code 600438) is a large-scale high-tech corporation with two core businesses — **Agriculture** and **Renewable energy**.





Advantages of Fully-integrated PV Industrial Chain

In 2006, Tongwei entered the renewable energy market and has become a major player in PV in the upstream, midstream and downstream, with high-purity polysilicon, high-efficiency solar cell and module manufacturing, respectively, forming a complete PV industrial chain.







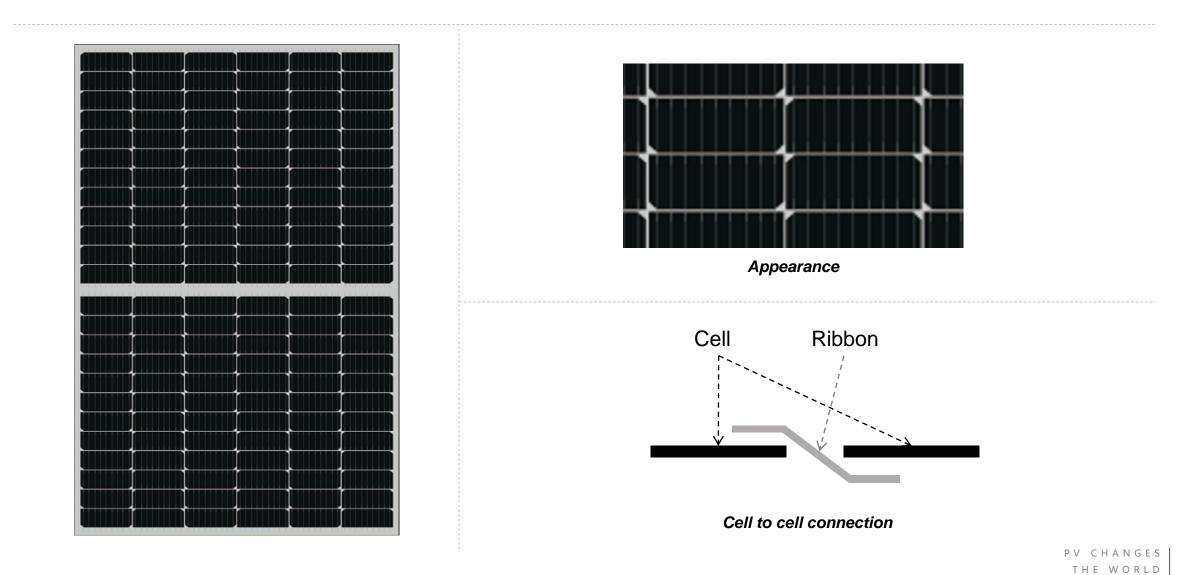
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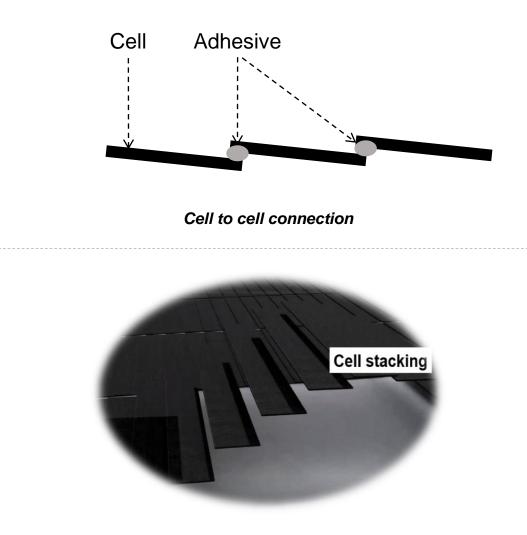


Half-cut modules





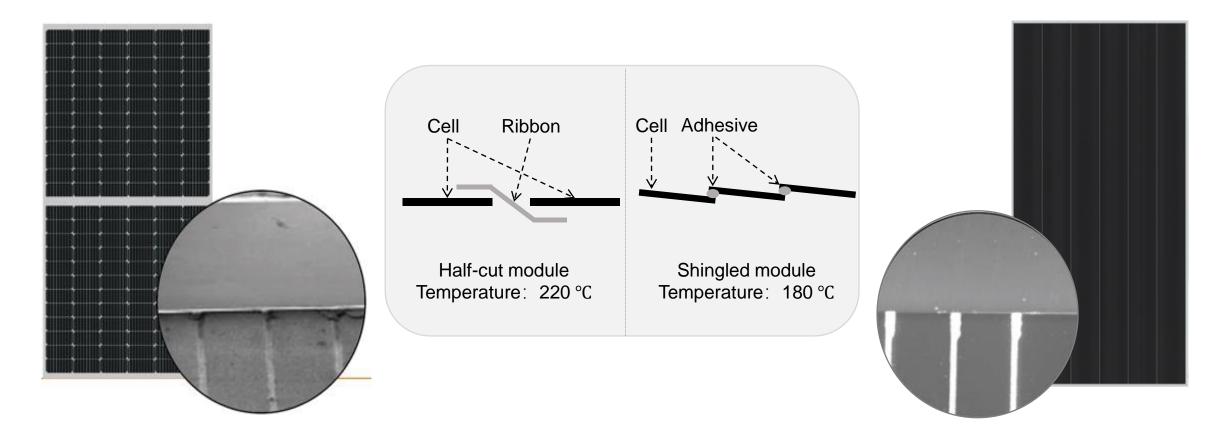
Shingled module







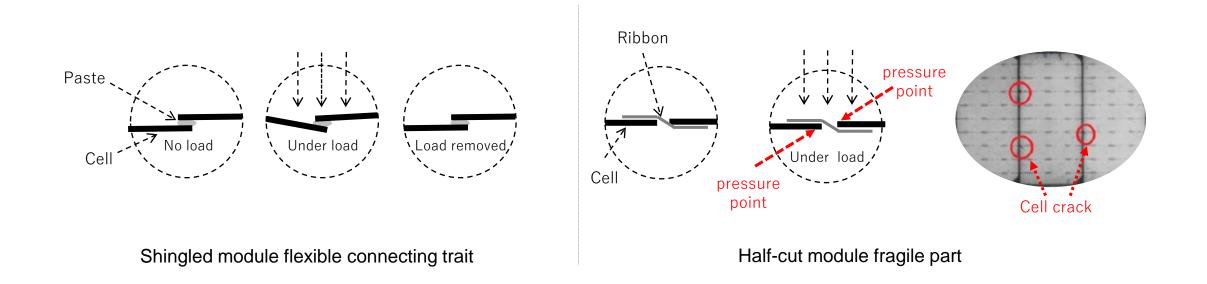
Low temperature process



• The soldering temperature of half-cut module is 40 °C higher than shingling process of shingled modules.



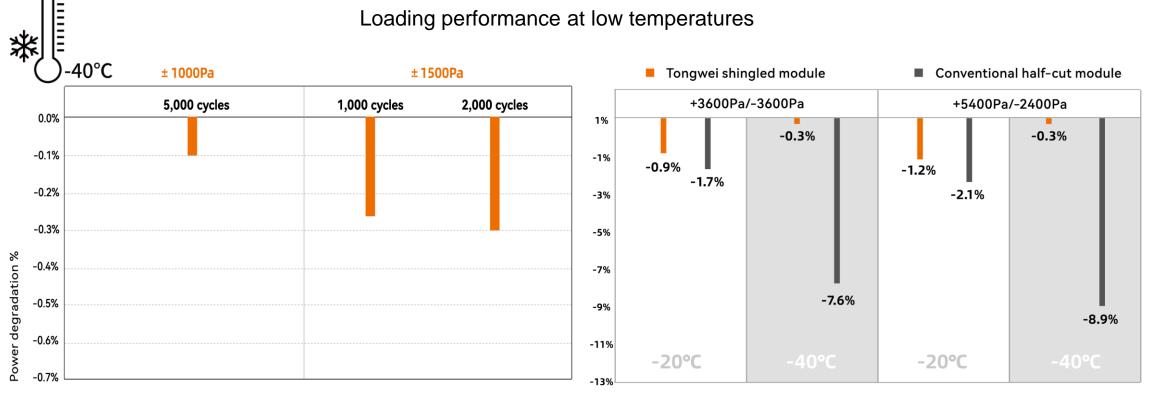
Flexible interconnect



 During construction and maintenance of PV power plants, PV modules are exposed to many risks such as mishandling and trampling, which could lead to cell cracks, affecting the reliability and power generation of the power plant.



Reliability

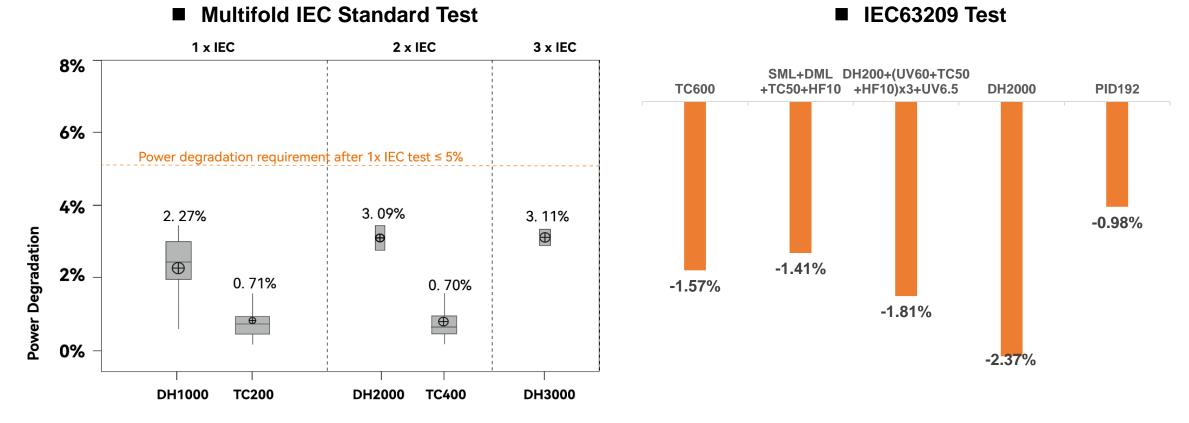


Remarks: Industry-standard ±1000Pa, power degradation ≤ 5% after 1000 cycles.

• Materials are subject to thermal expansion as temperature changes. Tongwei shingled module has better performance at low temperatures, which would be a better choice for customers from regions with challenging climates.



Reliability

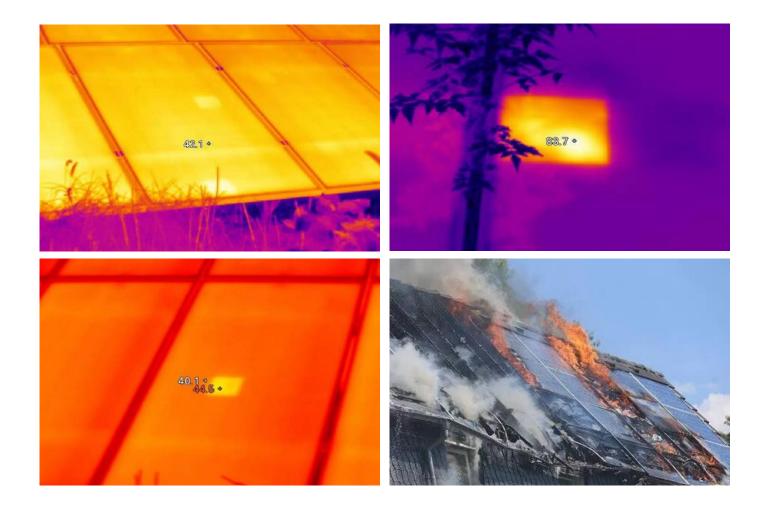


 Tongwei shingled modules have passed multiple IEC environmental tests and work well in harsh environments capable of withstanding extreme temperature and humidity, heavy snow and strong wind.





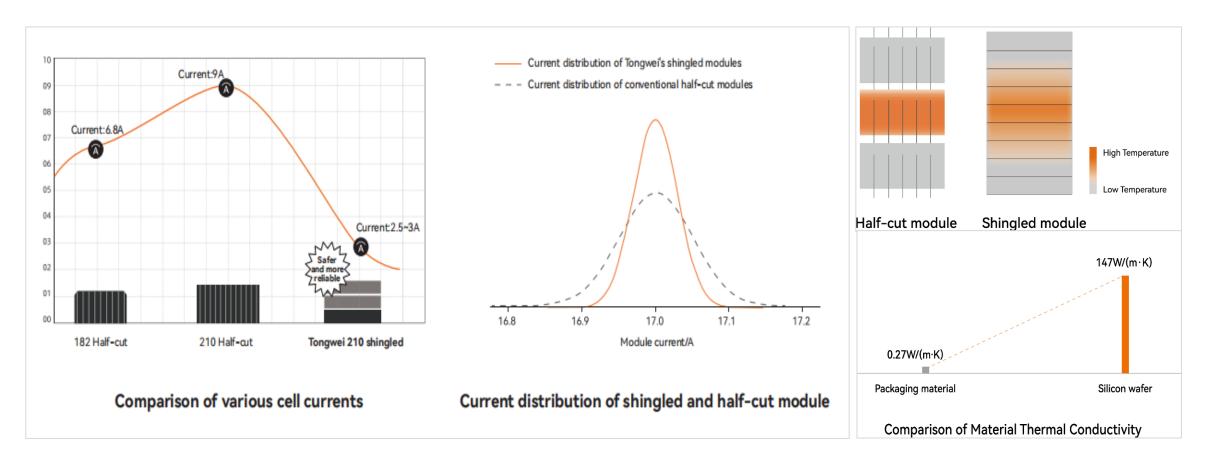
Hotspot risk



• Hotspot induced by uneven shading or local defects is a serious risk for PV projects.



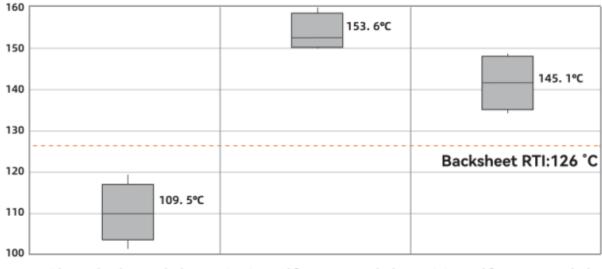
Shingled module advantages: low hotspot risk



- In Tongwei's shingled module, the string current is 2.5-3.0 A, only **1/3** of that in half-cut modules.
- In addition, in shingled modules each cell is in direct contact with another. Thanks to silicon's higher heat conductivity the heat can be rapidly transmitted to the surrounding areas and hot spot temperatures can be rapidly reduced.



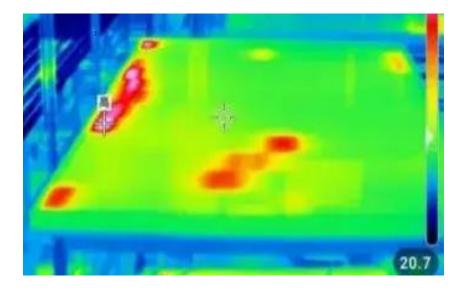
Shingled module advantages: low hotspot risk



Shingled Module 210 Half-cut Module 182 Half-cut Module

Data source: Fraunhofer ISE

• Tongwei shingled modules have significant lower hotspot temperatures than that of 182 and 210 half-cut modules.





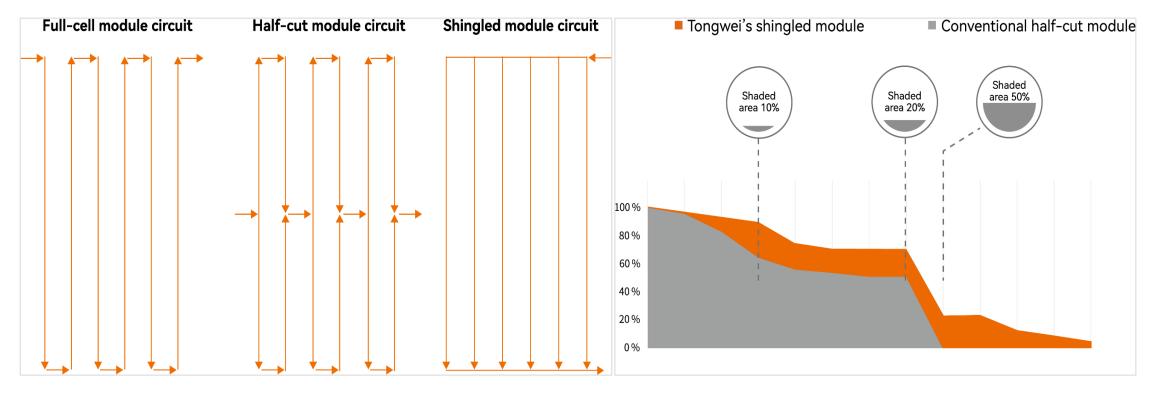
Shading



• Under partial shading circumstances, Tongwei shingled modules perform better than half-cut modules.



Shingled module advantages: anti-shading



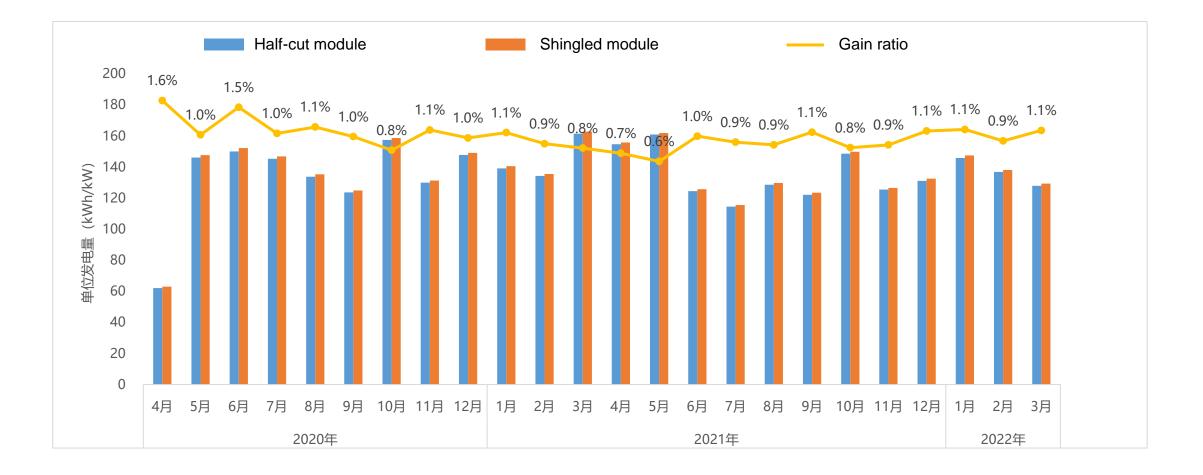
Note: The arrows represent the direction of the current.

Module's power retention under different occlusion ratios

• In a shingled module, all cell strings are connected in parallel, offering higher anti-shading capability.



Long term power output monitoring







Low-latitude Region (23° N)			
Cost Type	Conventional half-cut module -545W	Tongwei shingled module-660W	
Racking / pile foundation	Benchmark	-7.4%	
Electrical material / equipment	Benchmark	-2.2%	
Installation work	Benchmark	-15.1%	
Construction work	Benchmark	-0.4%	
System BOS cost	Benchmark	-3.6%	
LCOE	Benchmark	-1.5%	

 Simulation results based on a low latitude application, the system BOS cost is reduced by >3.6%, and the LCOE is reduced by >1.5%





Mid-latitude Region (47°N)			
Туре	Conventional half-cut module -545W	Tongwei shingled module-660W	
Racking / pile foundation	Benchmark	-10.3%	
Electrical material / equipment	Benchmark	-6.2%	
Installation work	Benchmark	-14.1%	
Construction work	Benchmark	-2.3%	
System BOS cost	Benchmark	-5.1%	
LCOE	Benchmark	-2.1%	

• In a mid-latitude application, the system **BOS** cost is further reduced by >5.1%, and the **LCOE** by >2.1%.



Attractive appearance







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Tongwei's Shingled Modules Family

Tongwei products

Tongwei shingled module family covers power output from 430W+, 550W+, to 660W+, suitable for residential,

commercial and industrial (C&I) distributed, and large-scale ground-mount solar projects.

The product has exceptional power output, higher efficiency, and better reliability, which significantly improves the return on investment (ROI).





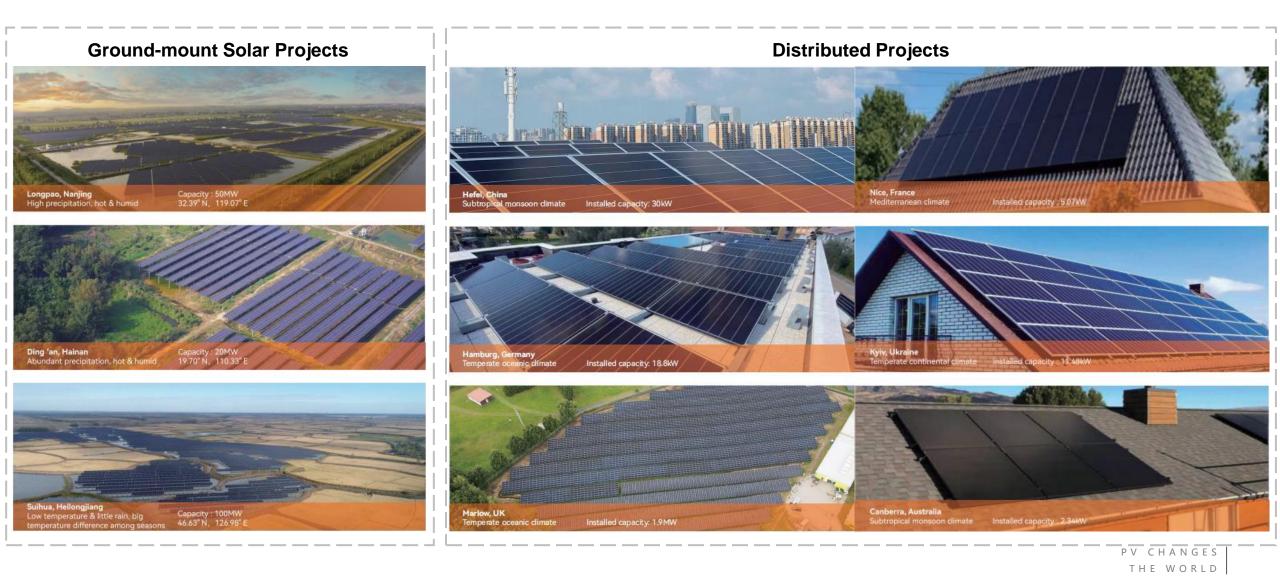
Product Roadmap



Continuous technology investment to ensure our products meet customers' needs.



Project Examples





Global Markets





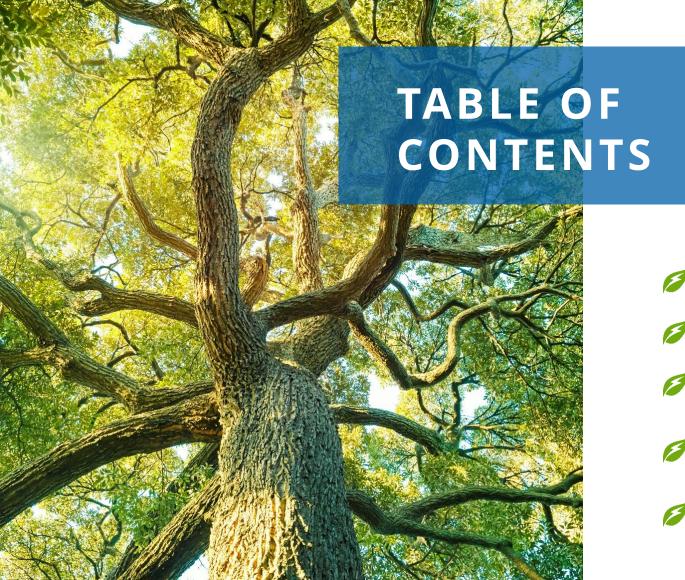
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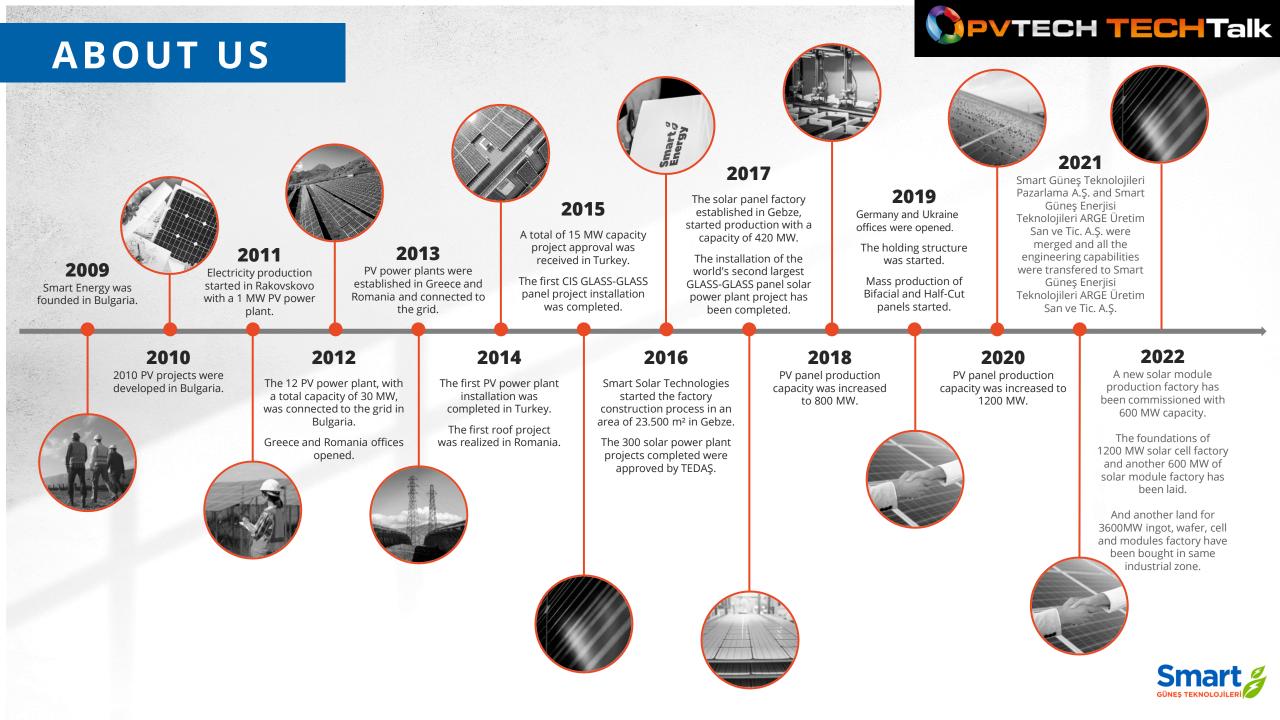
ABOUT US

As Smart Solar Technologies, one of the leading integrated solar companies in Europe in the field of turnkey installation services, solar power plant investments and PV module production, we offer a wide range of solar solutions to commercial and retail users.

Our company was established in 2009, based in Istanbul. Smart Solar Technologies continues its activities with offices located in Turkey, Romania, Greece, Bulgaria, Germany, Switzerland, Ukraine and production facility located in Gebze.

Smart Solar Technologies, listed on Borsa İstanbul with the ceremony held on March 24, 2022. The shares offered to potential investors began to be traded on BIST STARS with the ticker code "SMRTG".







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EXPANDING VERTICAL INTEGRATION

Smart Solar Technologies is active in large parts of the PV Value Chain.

We believe the future of the solar energy and we are expanding vertical integration with cell production facility which will be realized next year.





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PV MANUFACTURING

600+

Employees (%49 Women employment June2022)

1500 MW Production Capacity

%95 Automation

31.500 m² Facility Area





Big Star Award



Deloitte. recently annouced fastest growing technology companies in Turkey

Smart Solar Technologies won the "BIG STARS" award in Deloitte. Technology Fast 50 awards



Technology Fast 50 2020 TURKEY WINNER 15 years of innovation

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Smart Solar Technologies is Among 100 Fastest Growing Companies in Turkey

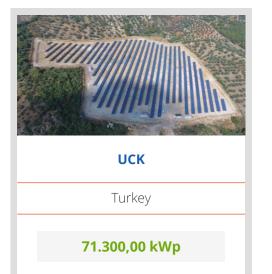
We are pleased and honored to be awarded for being among 100 fastest growing companies in Turkey by The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB)

In the face of innumerable challenges arising from the pandemic, the best and brightest were able to pivot, reinvent and transform and grow. We celebrate our award-winning organization and especially the talented employees driving our success.











Doğan Enerji Turkey 24.690,00 kWp



Spor Yapı	
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7.200,00 kWp	



Sungen

Turkey

10.480,00 kWp



Akfen

Turkey

24.201,00 kWp



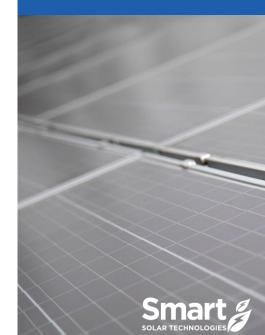
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Turkey

15.237,12 kWp

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Module Technology









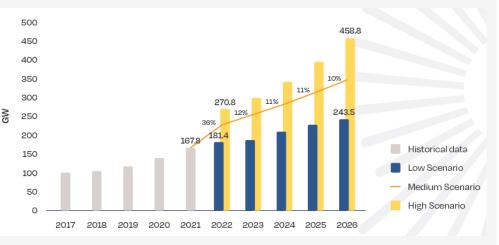
Solar Energy & Carbon Footprint



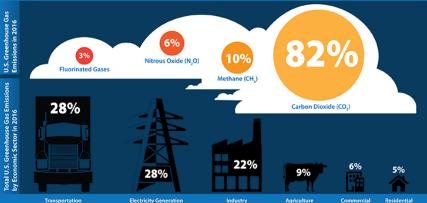




World Annual Solar PV Market Scenarios 2022-2026







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PV solar - CO2

electricity generation:

emissions during

0 g-CO2 kWh

* complete life cycle

How does electricity affect the environment? CO₂ equivalent (gram per kilowatt-hour)⁴

Hard coal (anthraci

Natural gas Nuclear

Photovoltaic*

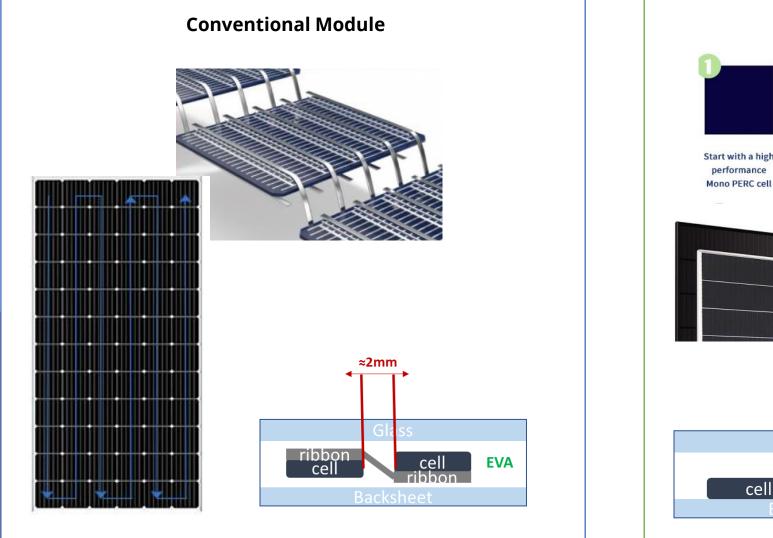


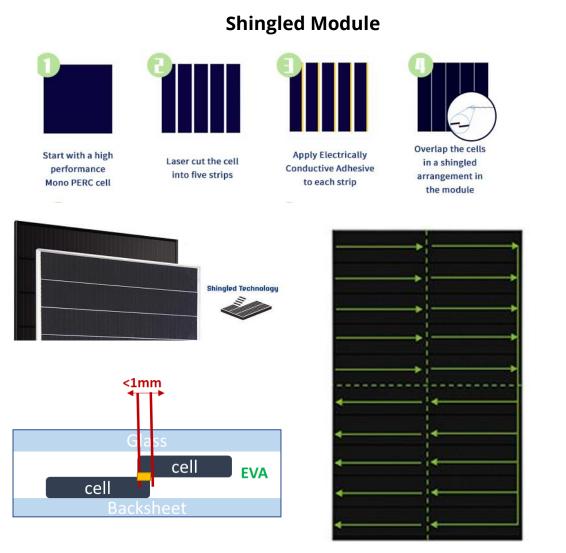
Planting 1 tree can absorb

<u>seia.org/initiatives/climate-change</u> Europe, S. (2020). Global market outlook for solar power/2020–2024. *Solar Power Europe: Brussels, Belgium*. solarem.com.au/benefits-of-solar-panels/



No Gap Technologies: Shingled Module





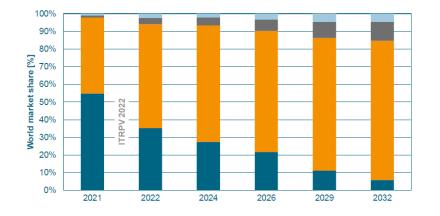


ESG-Shingled-All-Black-Mono-Solar maysunsolar.eu/ anerngroup.com



No Gap Technologies: Shingled Module

Different cell interconnection materials



Cu ribbons Cu wires shingled structures metallized foils non-Cu ribbons

ITRPV, generally, is underestimate the advances achieved by the new technologies Tongwei Solar shingled modules offer high efficiencies and reliable, clean power generation at competitive costs By PV Tech September 8, 2022



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Tongwei's Solar shingled modules can now reach 670W and its efficiency has been enhanced to 21.6%. Image: Tongwei.

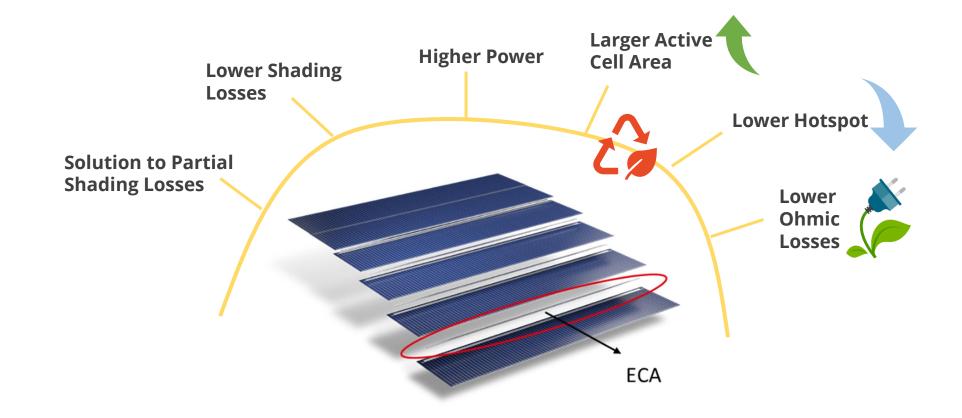
China's First 5MW PV Power Plant with Shingledcell Modules



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" CTM power gain more than 100% can be achieved with the proper choice and mix of complementing materials that result in higher optical gains than combined optical and electrical losses"

"TaiyangNews Solar Module Innovations"

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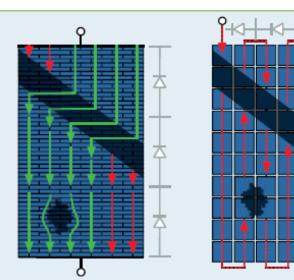
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Advantages: Solar Power Plant Installations

The circuit design allows high power generation even shaded by shadow, **Best solution for small area** installations

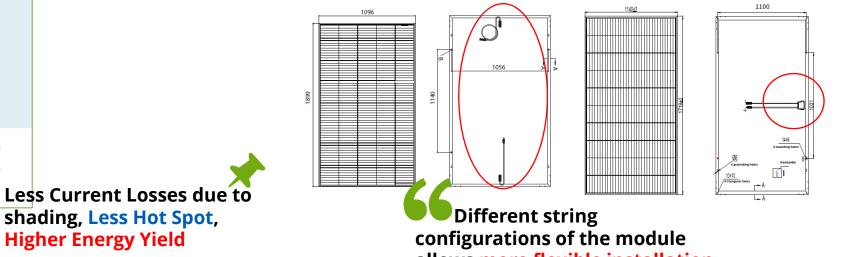


Left: In the matrix shingle module, the current flows around shaded areas, right: in the conventional module, the current flow is interrupted by shaded areas.

Portrait installation

Landscape installation

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allows more flexible installation.

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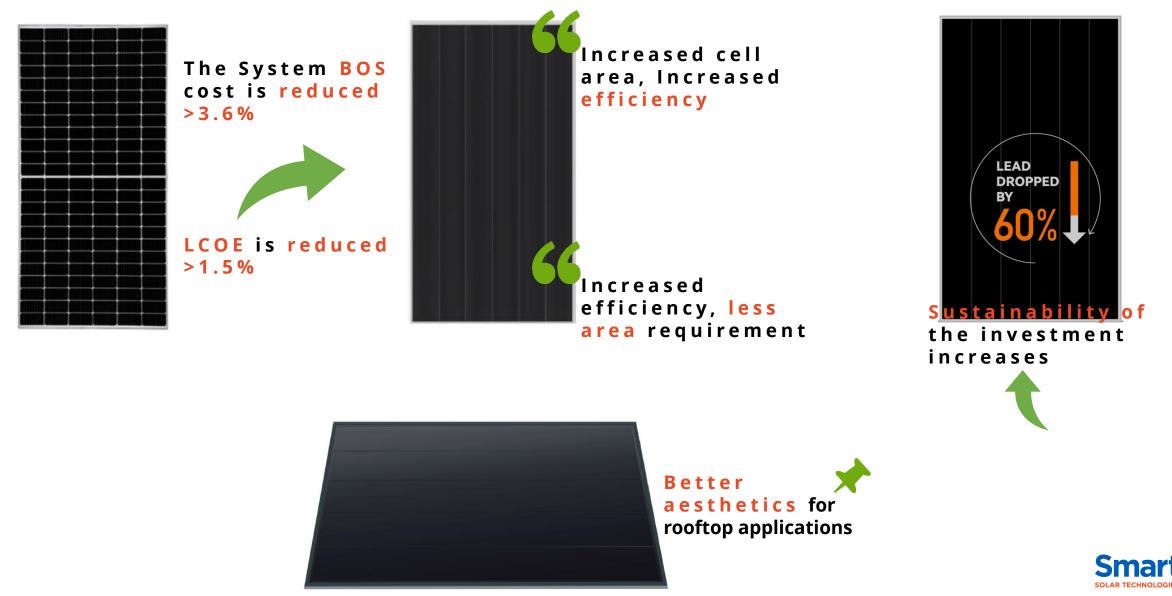
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Advantages: Solar Power Plant Installations



http://www.tw-solar.com/en/



Advantages of Smart Solar Technologies: Solar Power Plant Installations



Gün Güneş Arısu - 55,6 MWp

High quality material usage Optimum design

- Cabing loss <0,5% at DC side
- Cabing loss <0,5% at AC side
- Preventing shading factors
- Optimization of the placement of inverters, transformer etc.
- Increasing bi-faciality effect



Çeltikaltı – 8,2MWp

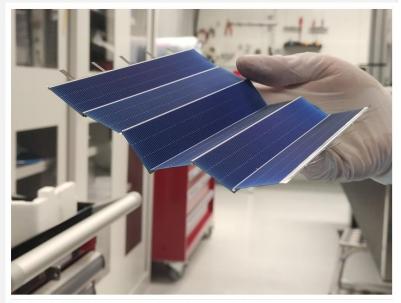
>2110 kWh/kWp/year specific yield



Technological Development : Sustainability Increasing



Foilmet PV



The Fraunhofer ISE is in the process of patenting its FoilMet Interconnect.

FoilMet®-Interconnect:

Busbar free, electrically conductive adhesive-free, and solder-free aluminum interconnection for modules with shingled solar cells

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Shingled Bifacial PV



Before lamination: positioned on a pre-shaped "SlimLine" EVA

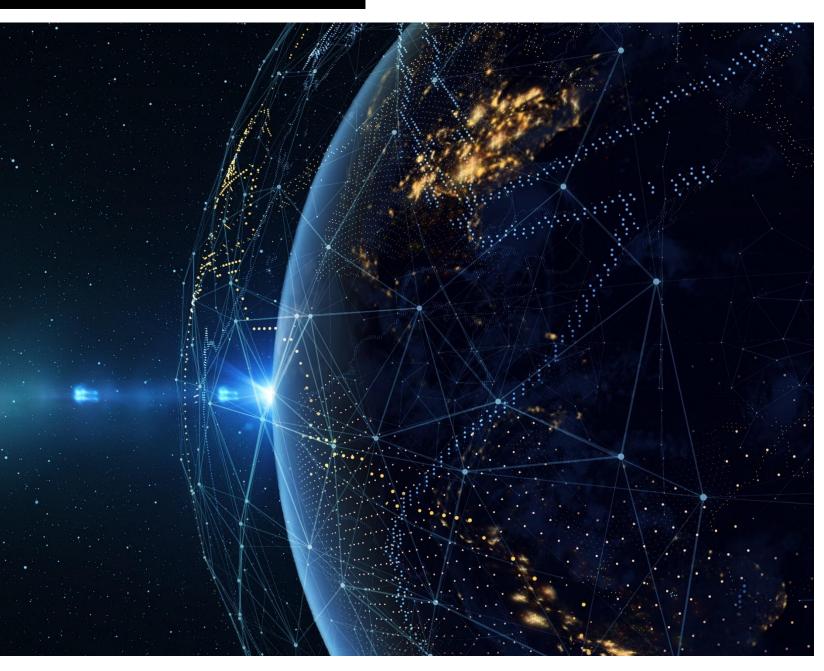


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Reliability Evaluation of n-type High-efficiency PV Modules

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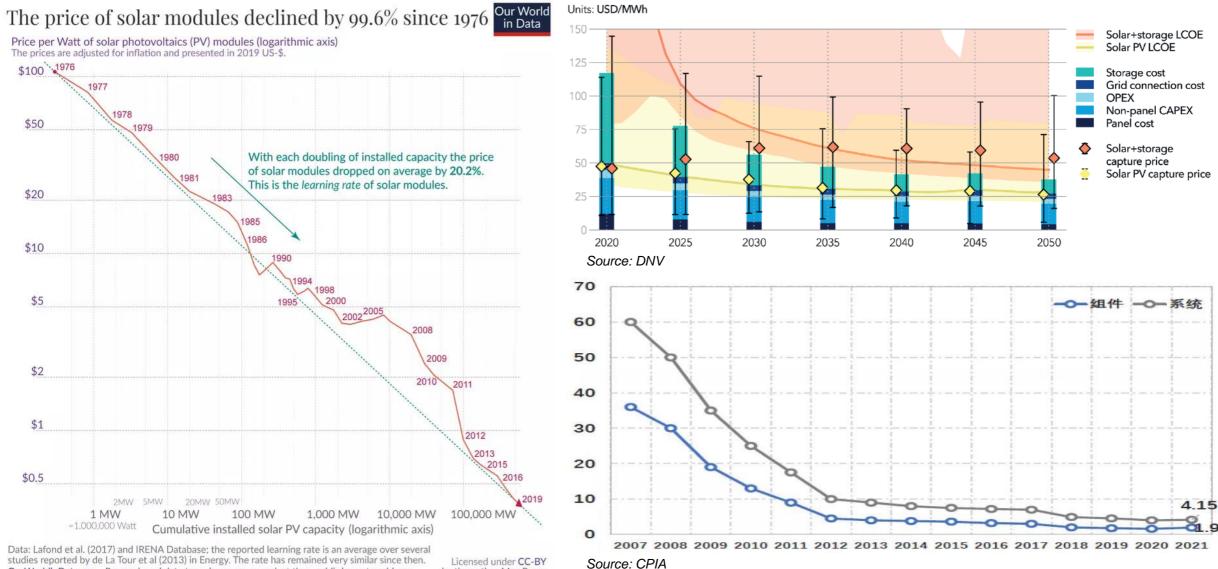
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GLOBAL SOLAR LCOE AND CAPTURE PRICE



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studies reported by de La Tour et al (2013) in Energy. The rate has remained very similar since then. OurWorldinData.org - Research and data to make progress against the world's largest problems. by the author Max Roser

LEVELIZED COST OF ENERGY (LCOE)

LCOE =
$$\frac{C + \sum_{t=1}^{n} \frac{(L_t + M_t + T_t)}{(1+r)^t} - \frac{R}{(1+r)^n} + \sum_{t=1}^{n} I_t}{\sum_{t=1}^{n} \frac{E_t}{(1+r)^t}}$$

- C: Total investment capital
- n: Life-cycle (years)
- Lt: No.t year's land fee
- Mt: No.t year's OM fee
- Tt: No.t year's tax

- R: PV plant's residual value
- It: No.t year's loan interest
- Et: No.t year's generated energy
- r: Discount rate

Increasing life-cycle generation may be an effective way to lower the cost of kilowatt-hours

LCOE can be significantly reduced by improving the efficiency of PV modules, optimizing the temperature and low-irradiance performance, and extending the life cycle of PV system.





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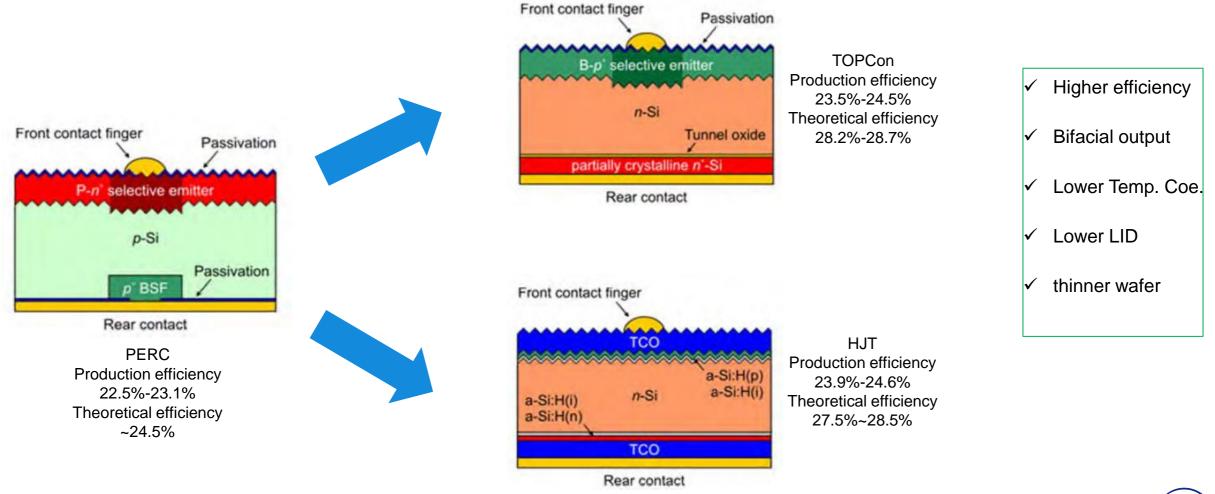


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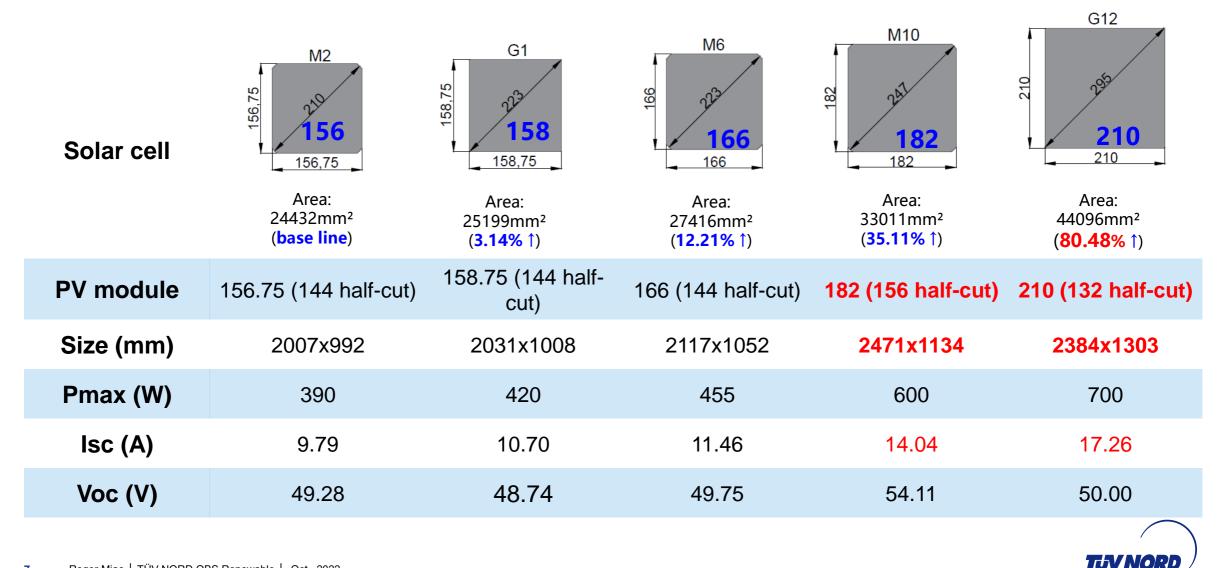


EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR PV - N TYPE





EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR PV - N TYPE WITH LARGER SIZE



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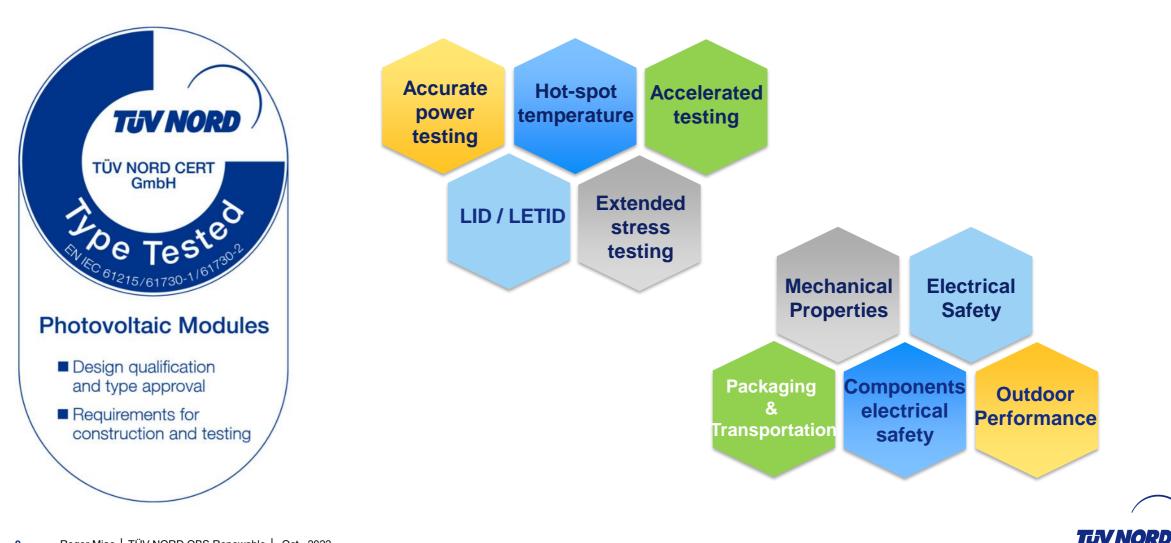


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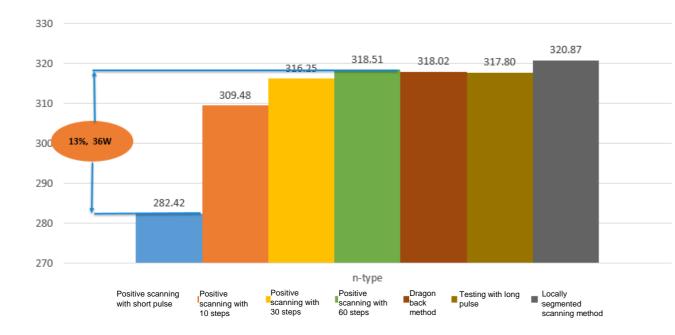


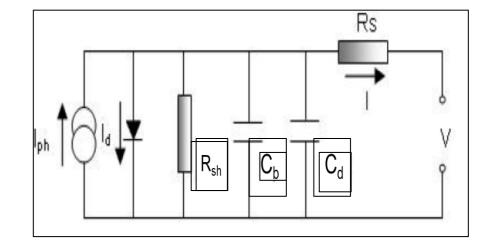


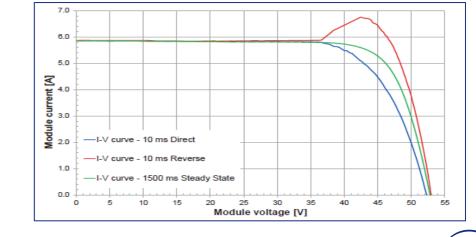
RELIABILITY EVALUATION - HIGH-EFFICIENCY PV MODULES



ACCURATE TESTING FOR HIGH-EFFICIENCY MODULES

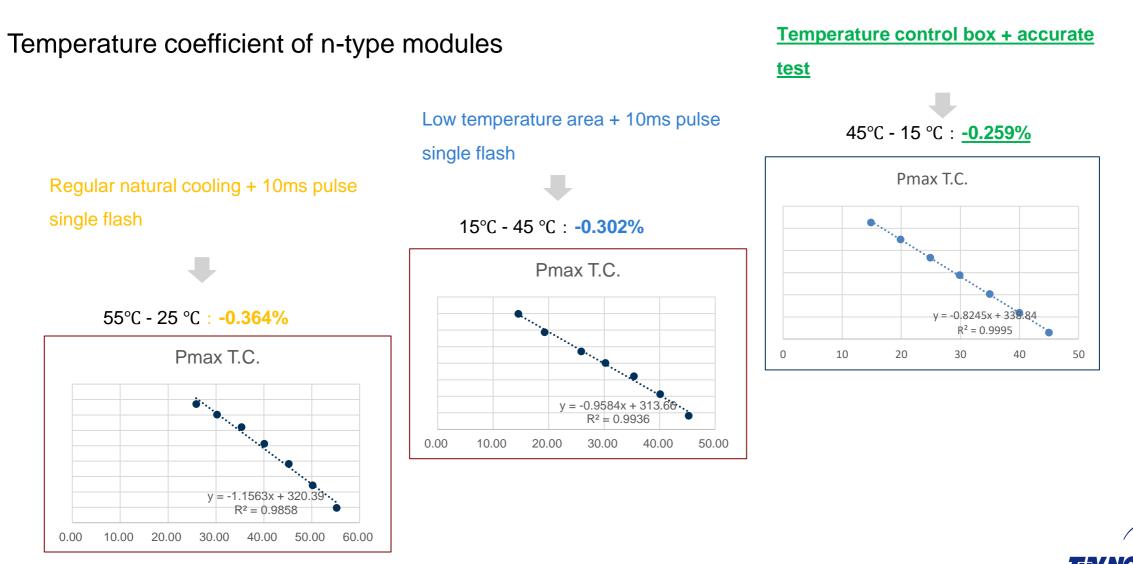






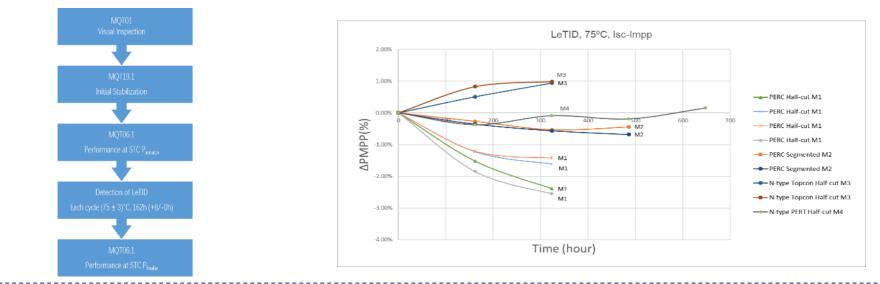
- The internal capacitance lead to a strong hysteresis effect in I–V measurements. This hysteresis introduces a significant error in measurement results.
- The test results of the multi-flash and DB methods are basically consistent with those of the long pulse simulator.
- Short pulse simulators are not able to measure power accurately and not suitable for high-efficiency module.

ACCURATE TESTING FOR HIGH-EFFICIENCY MODULES



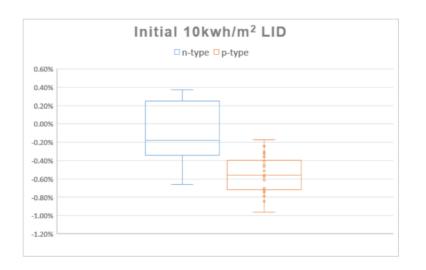
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LIGHT AND ELEVATED TEMPERATURE INDUCED DEGRADATION (LETID) LIGHT INCLUDING DEGRADATION (LID) - N TYPE



 Several n-type modules show nearly 0 degradation after multiple rounds of testing

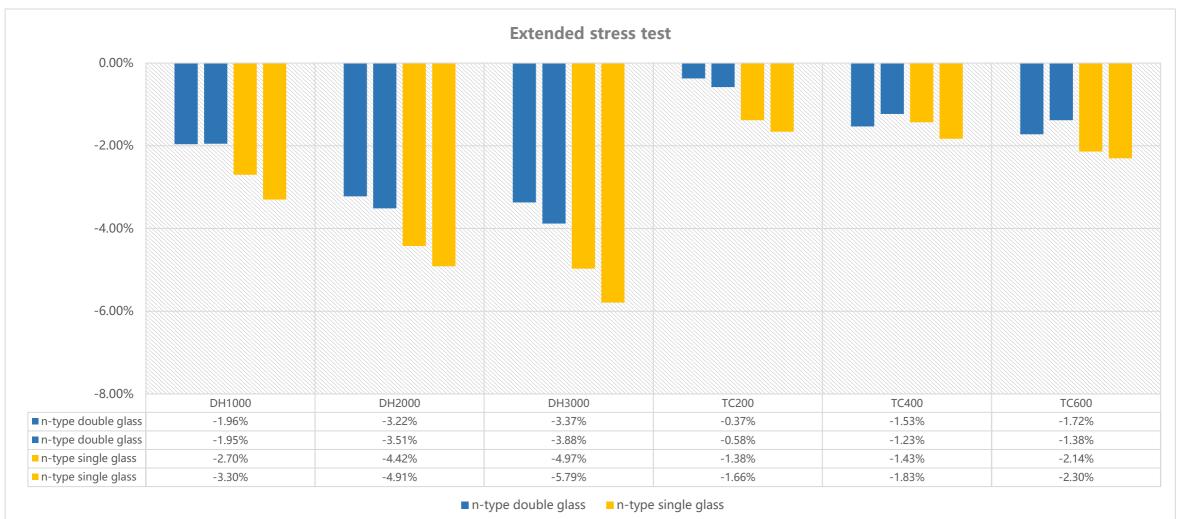
LID	Min PL	Max PL	Ave PL
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n-type	+0.37%	-0.66%	-0.08%



 Module exposure with irradiance dose at 10kWh/m²

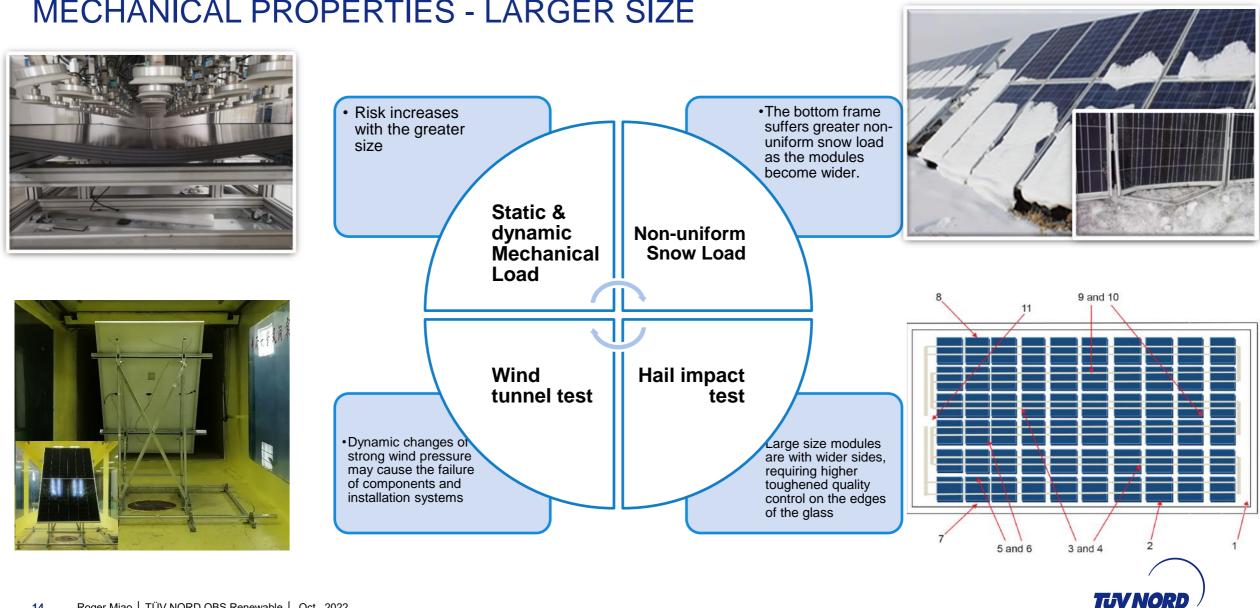


ACCELERATED TESTING - N TYPE





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MECHANICAL PROPERTIES - LARGER SIZE

PACKAGING & TRANSPORTATION - LARGER SIZE

IEC 62759-1

The weight and size of the whole package of larger-size modules are greatly increased, raising up the risk in transportation.

Random vibration testing
Inclined impact test
Rotational edge drop test
Vertical shock test
Horizontal impact test
Dynamic mechanical load
Thermal cycles
Humidity freeze
Mechanical load

For larger-size modules, the pallet and packaging methods is highly recommended to be strengthened.





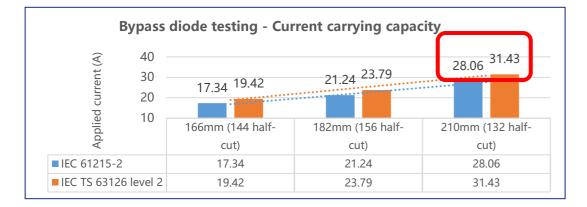
ELECTRICAL SAFETY - HIGHER CURRENT LEVEL

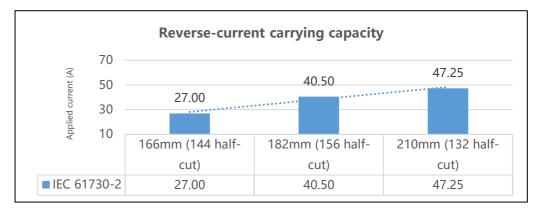
Modules	M6 166mm (111 holf out)	M10 182mm (156 holf out)	G12 210 (122 holf out)
wodules	166mm (144 half-cut)	182mm (156 half-cut)	210 (132 half-cut)
Size (mm)	2117x1052	2471x1134	2384x1303
Pmax (W)	475W	600W	700W
lsc (A)	11.06	14.04	17.26
Voc (V)	54.25	54.11	50.00
Imp (A)	10.35	13.27	16.28
Vmp (A)	45.90	45.21	43.00
Fuse rating (A)	20	30	35
Bifaciality coefficient		70%	
BSI (W/㎡)		300	



CURRENT-RELATED TESTS FOR BIFACIAL PV MODULES

	166mm (144 half-cut)	182mm (156 half-cut) M10	210mm (132 half-cut) G12		
Isc-BSI (A)	13.87	16.99	22.45		
Imp-BSI (A)	13.26	16.06	21.09		
MQT 18 Bypass diode testing: 1.4*Isc-BSI at 75℃ 1hour, according to IEC TS 63126 level 2					
Applied current (A)	19.42	23.79	31.43		
MST 26 Reverse current overload test: 1.35*fuse rating 2hours, according to IEC 61730-2					
Applied current (A)	27.00	40.50	47.25		
MQT 11 Thermal cycling test: Imp-BSI, according to IEC 61215-2					
Applied current (A)	17.34	21.24	28.06		

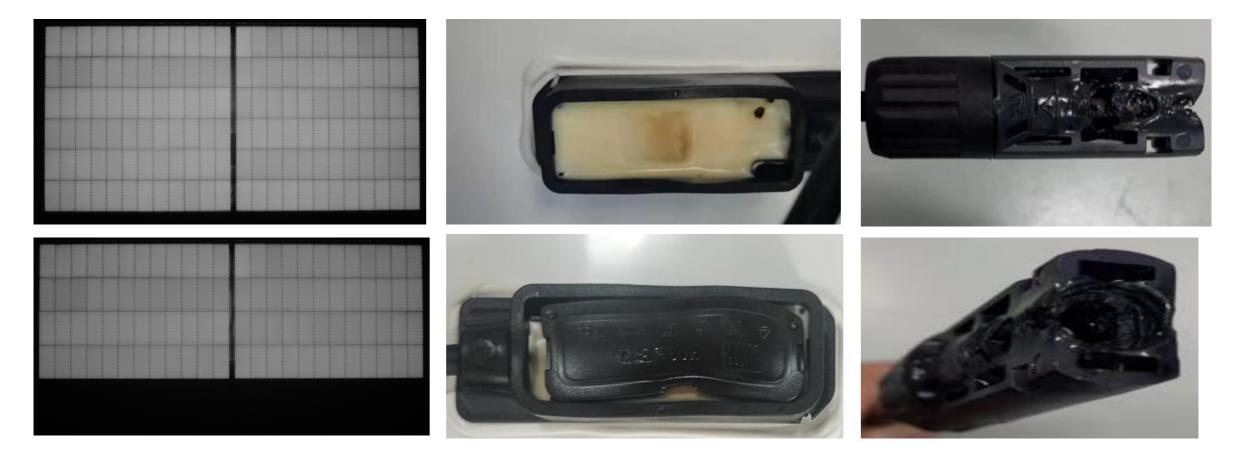




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When the temperature of installation environment is high enough (e.g. dessert climate), the installation method is difficult for heat dissipation (e.g. double-skin curtain wall BIPV), higher current carrying capacity is required for bypass-diode in larger-size modules.

FAILURE CASES



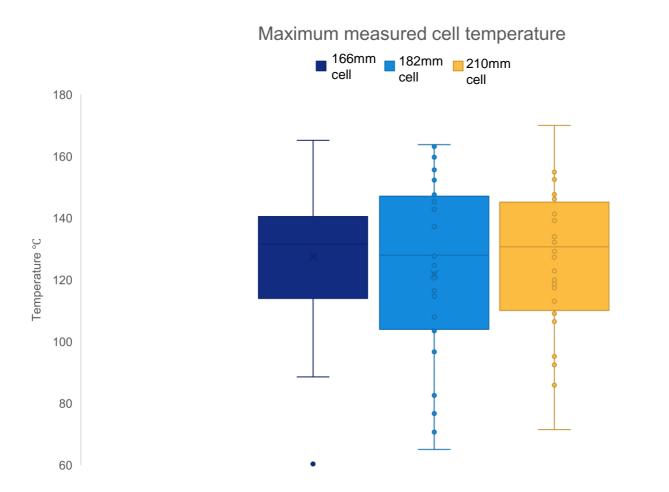
Bypass diode fails after BDT testing

Junction box melted after RC testing

Connectors melted after TC200 and RC testing



HOT-SPOT TEMPERATURE - LARGER SIZE



From the laboratory data, hot-spot temperature of PV modules with same-size solar cells varies from a large range, due to the different cell technology in different manufacturer.

From this point, in addition to the solar cell size, the cell technology and slicing technology also plays an important role in hot-spot performance.



OUTDOOR YEILD PERFORMANCE TEST

Location: Yinchuan, China

N 38°27' 55.38"; E 106°6' 7.90"

Abundant sunlight for more than 3200h / year

Typical xerothermic climate at average altitude of 1100m

Solar spectrum is highly consistent with AM1.5 spectrum

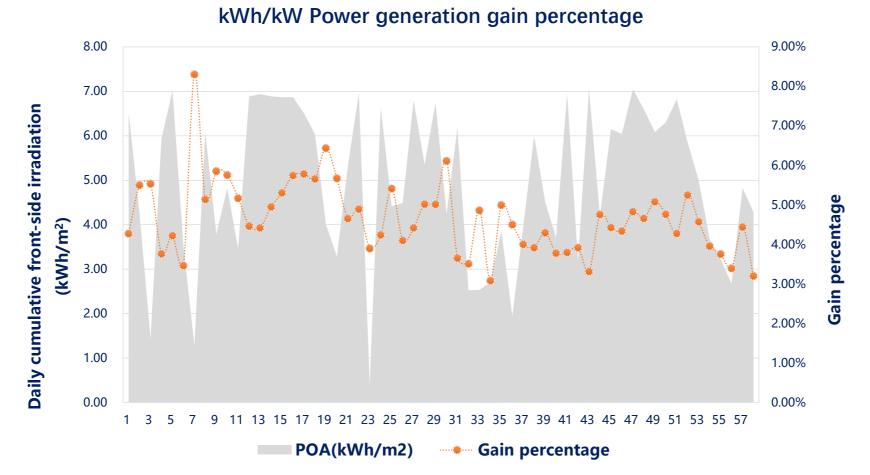
Equipped condition for PV monitoring and testing







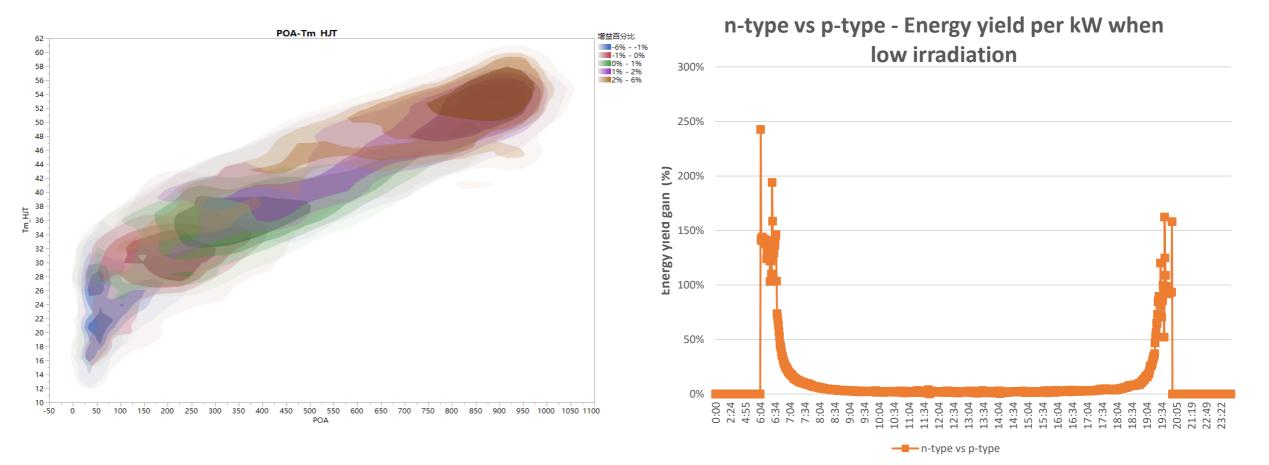
OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE TEST



PV modules of n-type and PERC performance comparison in outdoor performance base in Yinchuan, China Cumulative kWh/kW power generation increases +4.65%, the highest kWh/kW power generation increases +7.57%

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OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE TEST



- Benefiting from temperature coefficient advantage, kWh/kW power generation of n-type increases with higher temperature, compared with PERC modules
- Benefiting from low-irradiance performance advantage, kWh/kW power generation of n-type increases with lower light intensity, compared with PERC modules.

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n-type PV modules with larger size



Risk analysis and reliability evaluation





CONCLUSIONS

- LCOE continues to decrease, which is becoming the most important factor of global PV projects
- From the perspective of market trends, n-type PV modules with larger size is more promising to be an emerging technology
- Risks come along with the benefits of high-efficiency PV modules with larger size and larger current
- It is a challenge for manufacturers and third-party certification body to fully evaluate the product characteristics and reliability of n-type high-efficiency modules
- The outdoor yield performance shows the power generation advantages of n-type PV modules, as well as risks existing in outdoor installation regarding to the larger size



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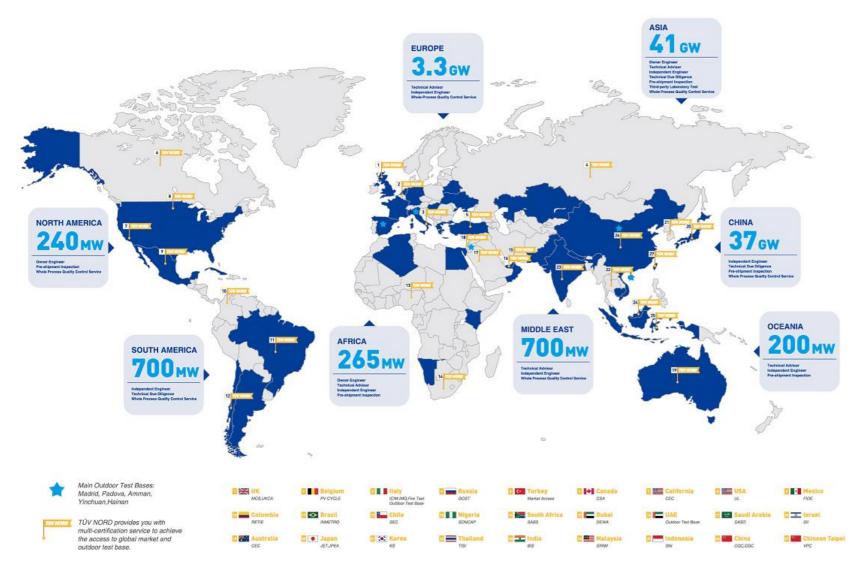


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