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**COST REDUCTION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY
BY HIGH EFFICIENT BIFACIAL MULTICRYSTALLINE P TYPE CELLS
IN INDUSTRIAL PILOT PRODUCTION**



RCT Solutions at a Glance

RCT Team since 2012

- ▶ Former engineers from centrotherm and RENA
- ▶ CEO Dr. Peter Fath

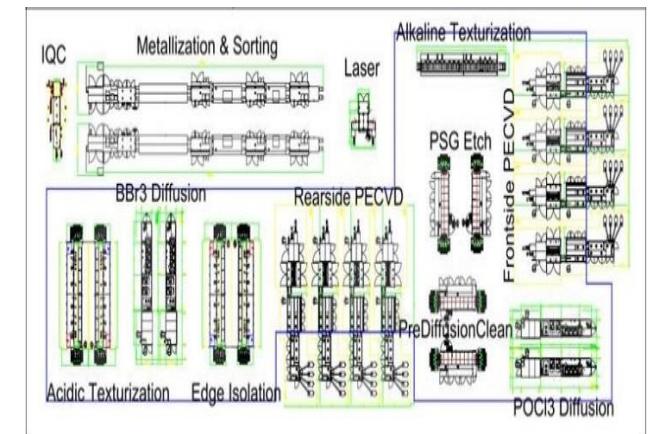
Cell technology
development



Manufacturing
of wet chemical
equipment



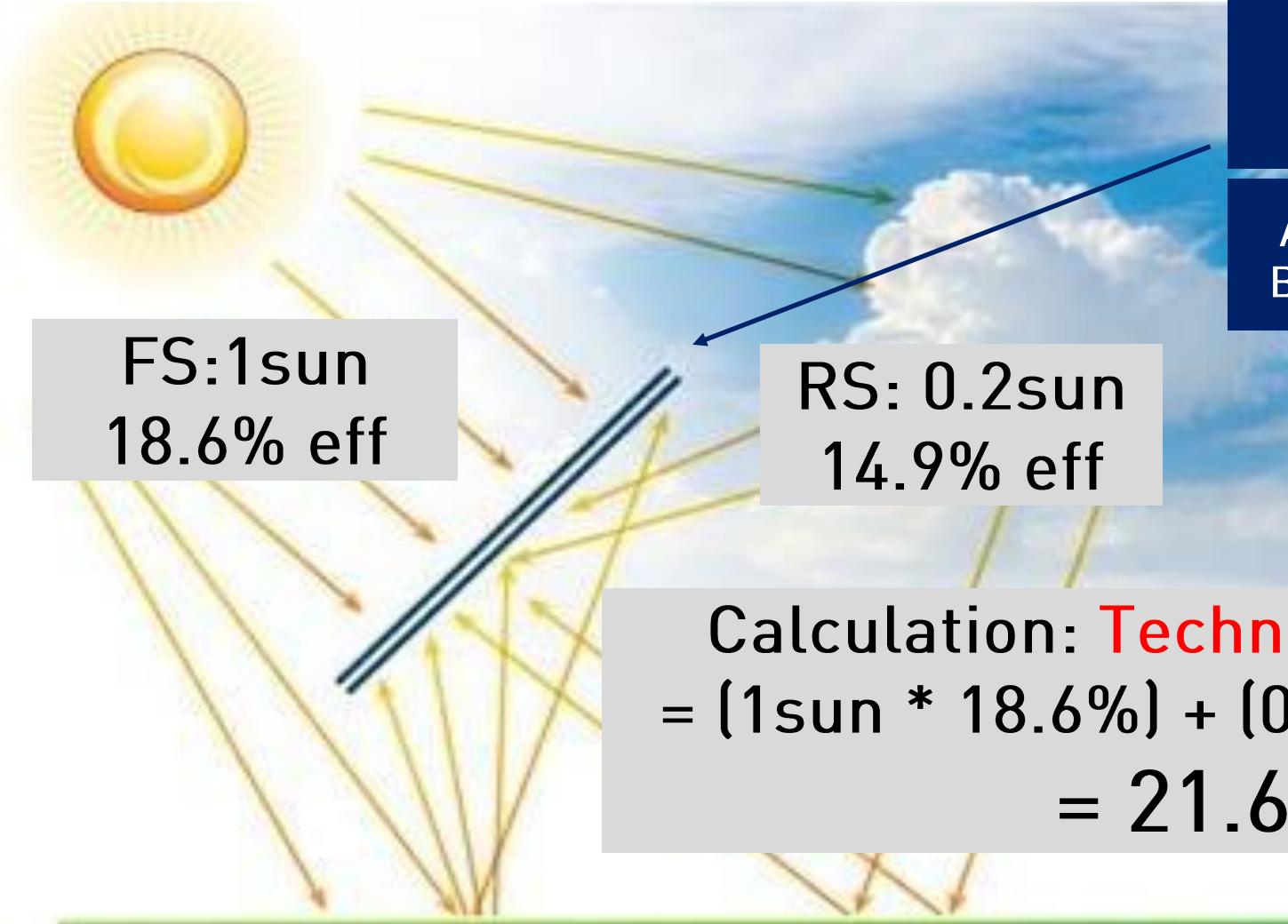
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Realise significant cost reduction for PV energy

- ▶ Increase light harvest by BIFACIAL cell structure
- ▶ Production of BIFACIAL solar cells on standard multi-crystalline p-type wafer (alternative p-Type Cz)
- ▶ Standard production equipment for BIFACIAL solar cell manufacturing

Bifacial Solar Module

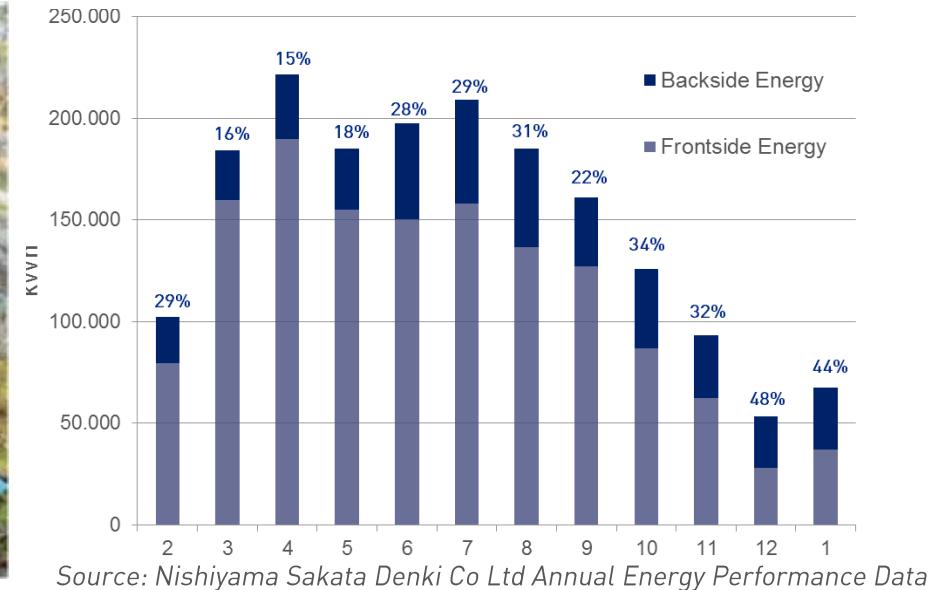


Multicrystalline
BIFACIAL cell

Additional light harvest by
BIFACIAL module rear side

Calculation: **Technical Efficiency**
 $= (1\text{sun} * 18.6\%) + (0.2 \text{ sun} * 14.9\%)$
 $= 21.6\%$

Bifacial Module Energy Harvest

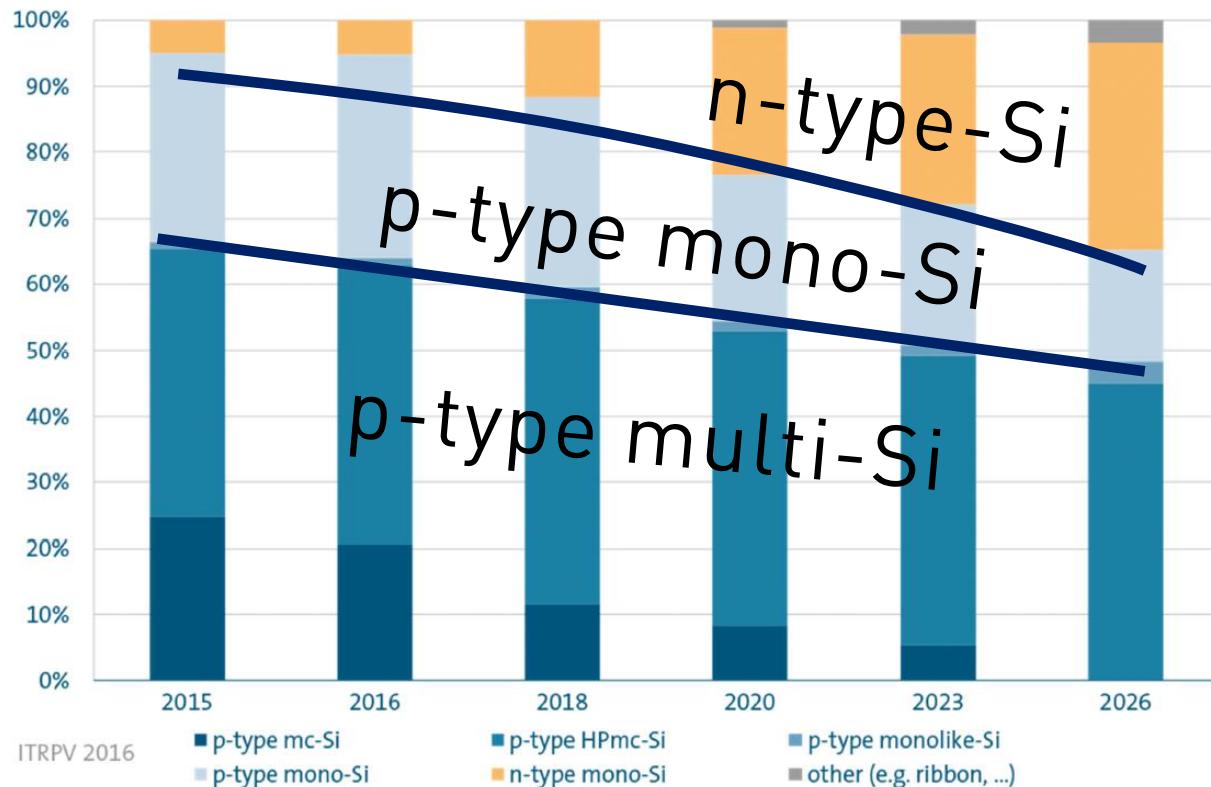


PVG Solutions

- Structure: EarthOn PERT
- Cell: n-type
- Location: Asahikawa, Japan
- Duration: Feb 2014 - Jan 2015

Annual Bifacial Energy Gain: + 21.9%

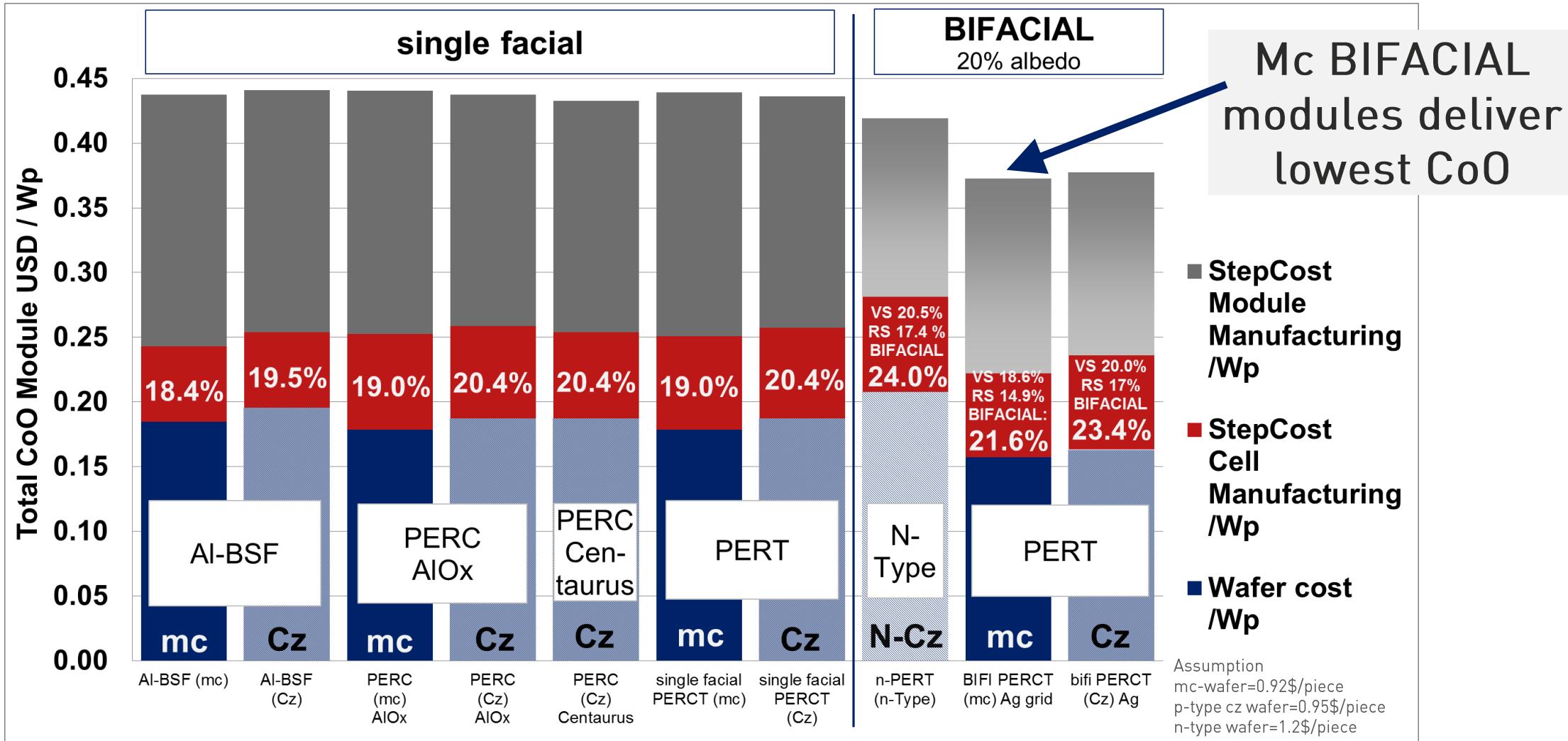
ITRPV Roadmap



- ▶ High market share for p-type wafers until 2026
- ▶ p-type wafers and corresponding processes are well established

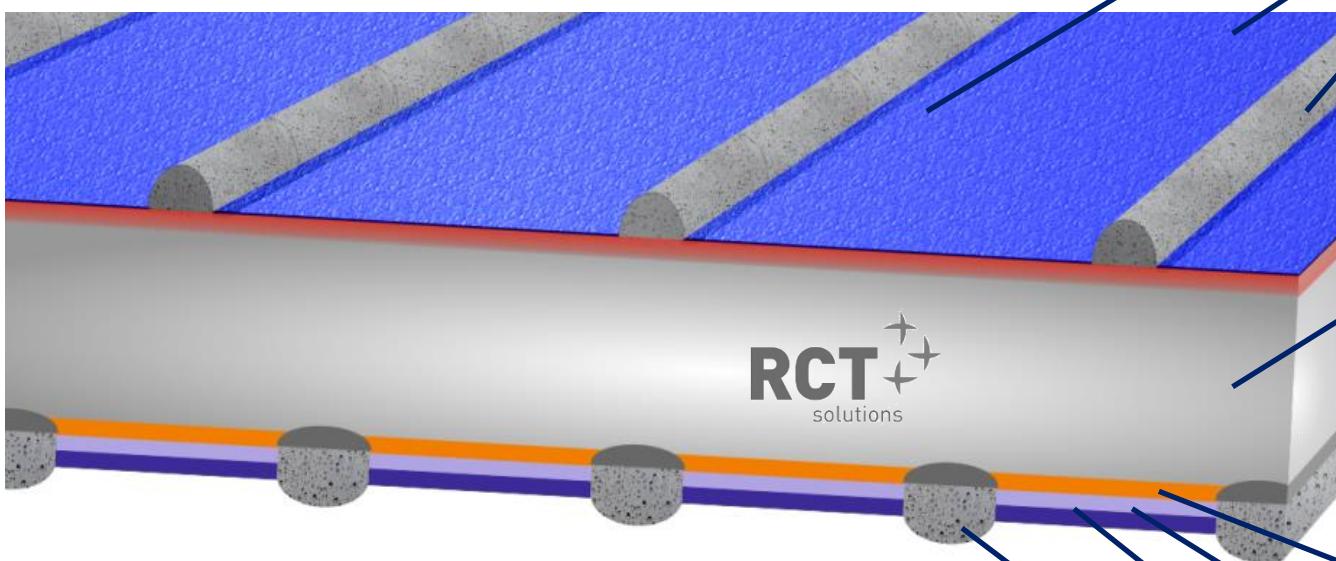
Source: ITRPV roadmap 2016

Module Cost for different Technologies



BIFACIAL mc-Si PERCT Solar Cell

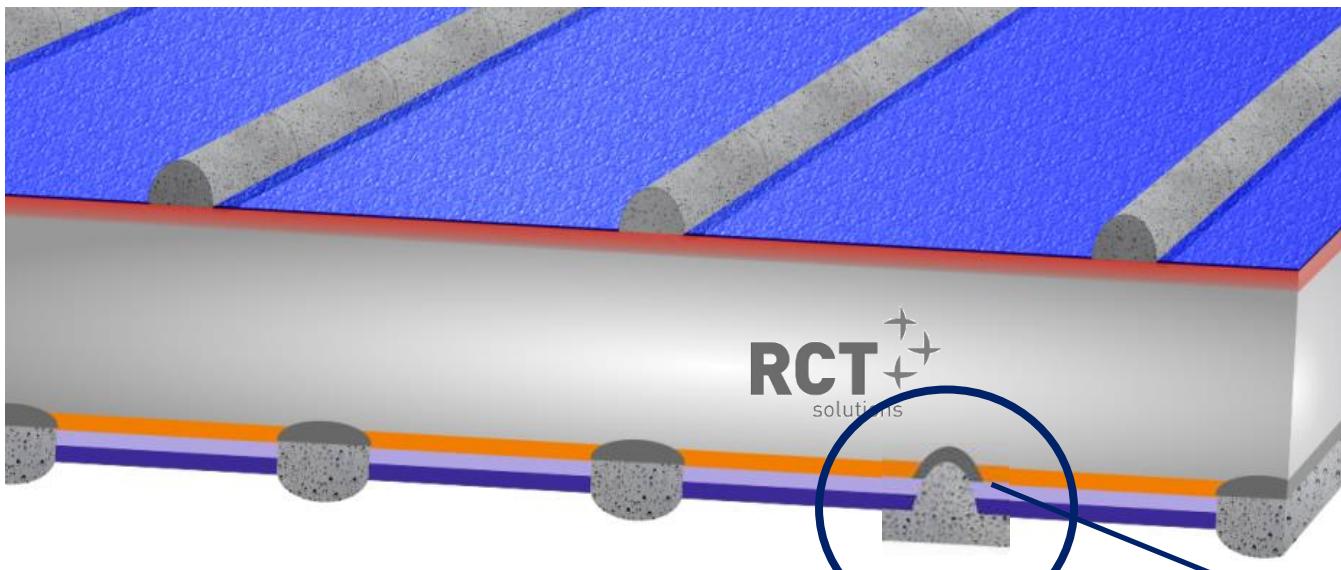
BIFACIAL PERCT cell



Effective rear passivation
($< 40\text{fA}/\text{cm}^2$) by B-BSF and BSG

- High performance emitter
- Anti-PID SiN_x
- Screen print Ag front grid
- Standard multi crystalline wafer
- p⁺ boron BSF, full area
- BSG passivation layer
- PECVD dielectric layer
- Ag/Al contact grid

BIFACIAL PERCT cell

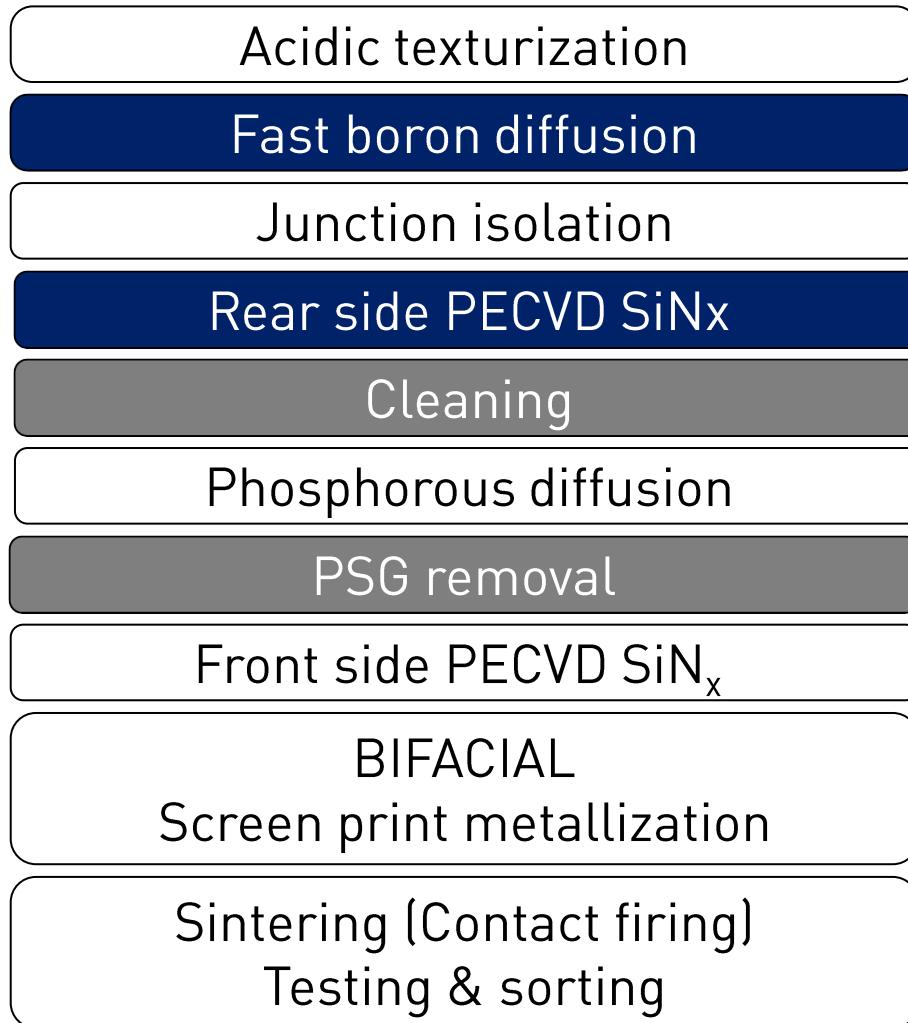


Bifacial Aluminium
rear contact Grid

- Laser opening
- Aluminium contact grid

Production Equipment and Solar Cell Process

Mc-BIFACIAL PERCT process

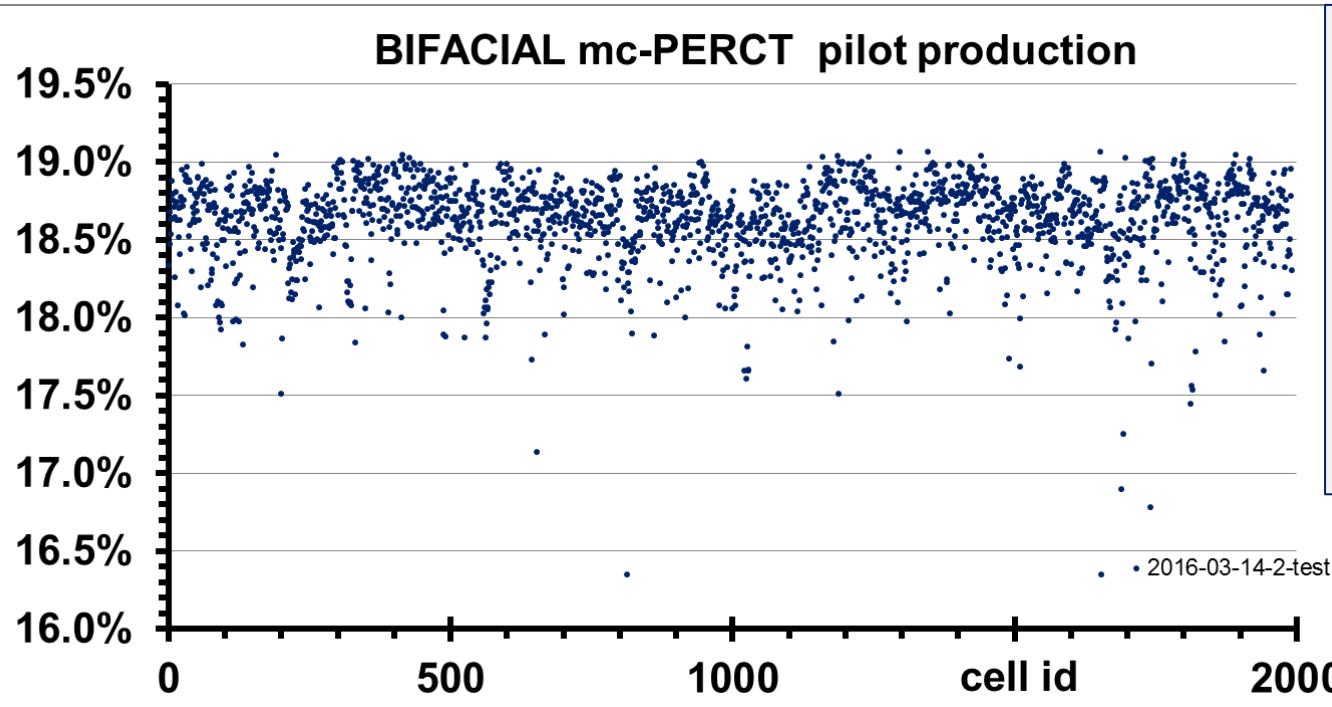


Additional equipment for PERCT production

- ▶ Boron diffusion tube
- ▶ Rear side PECVD SiN
- ▶ Wet bench (HF only)

Pilot Line Results at Shanxi Lu'An

mc-BIFACIAL facial, 4BB

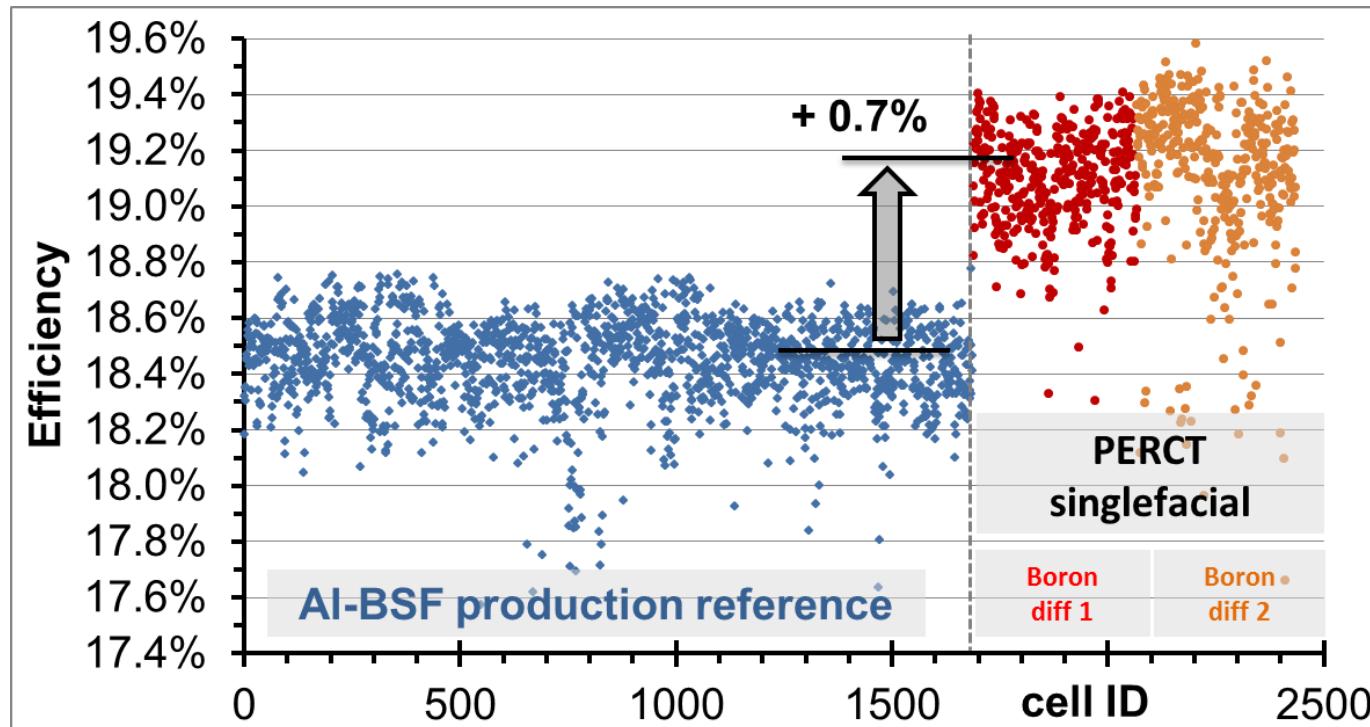


Average efficiency's

- Front side 18.6%
- Rear side 16.1%
- Bifaciality 86%

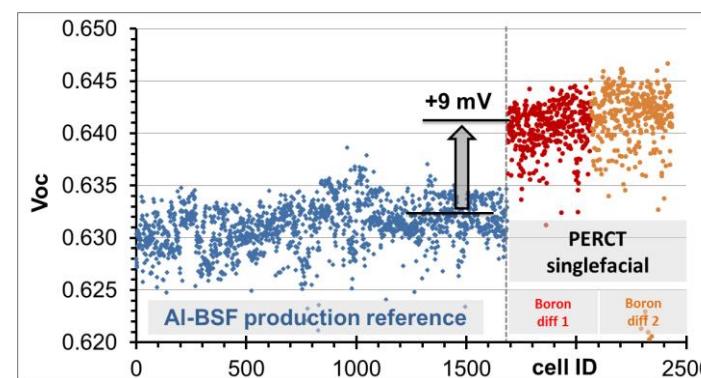
Module ID	average cell Eff.	back sheet	CTM loss	Module power front (1sun) [W]	Module power rear (1 sun) [W]	technical power 1.0 sun front + 0.2 sun rear [W]
P6016SY087	18.47	transparent	2.4%	265.8	167.5	299
P6016SY088	18.47		2.0%	266.9	165.6	300
P6016SY089	18.57		2.5%	267.0	163.4	300
60 cell	18.5	transparent	2.3%	266.6	165.5	300

Pilot Line Results at Shanxi Lu'An mc-single facial, 4BB

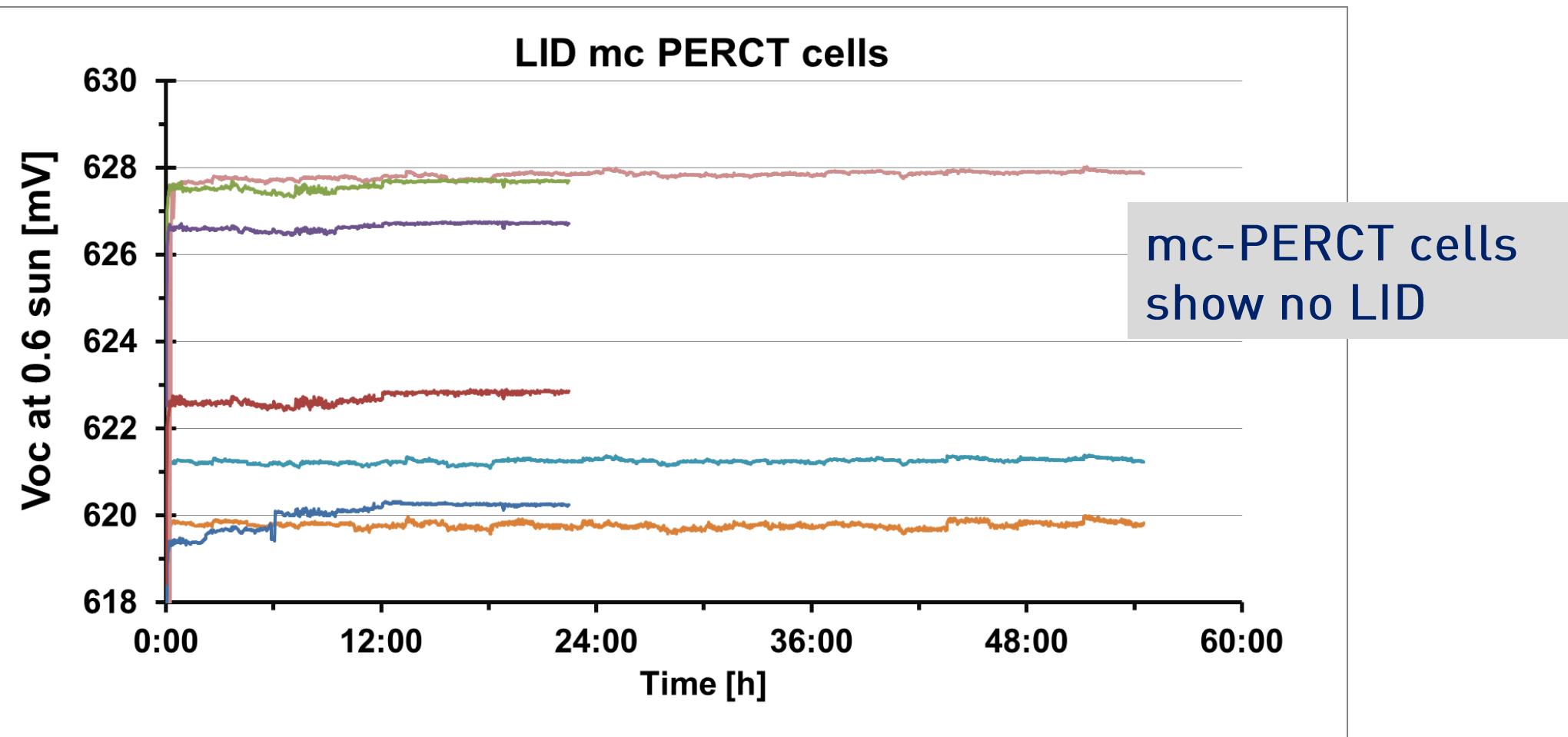


Average efficiency

- Eff gain 0.7%
- Eff 19.1%
- +9mV



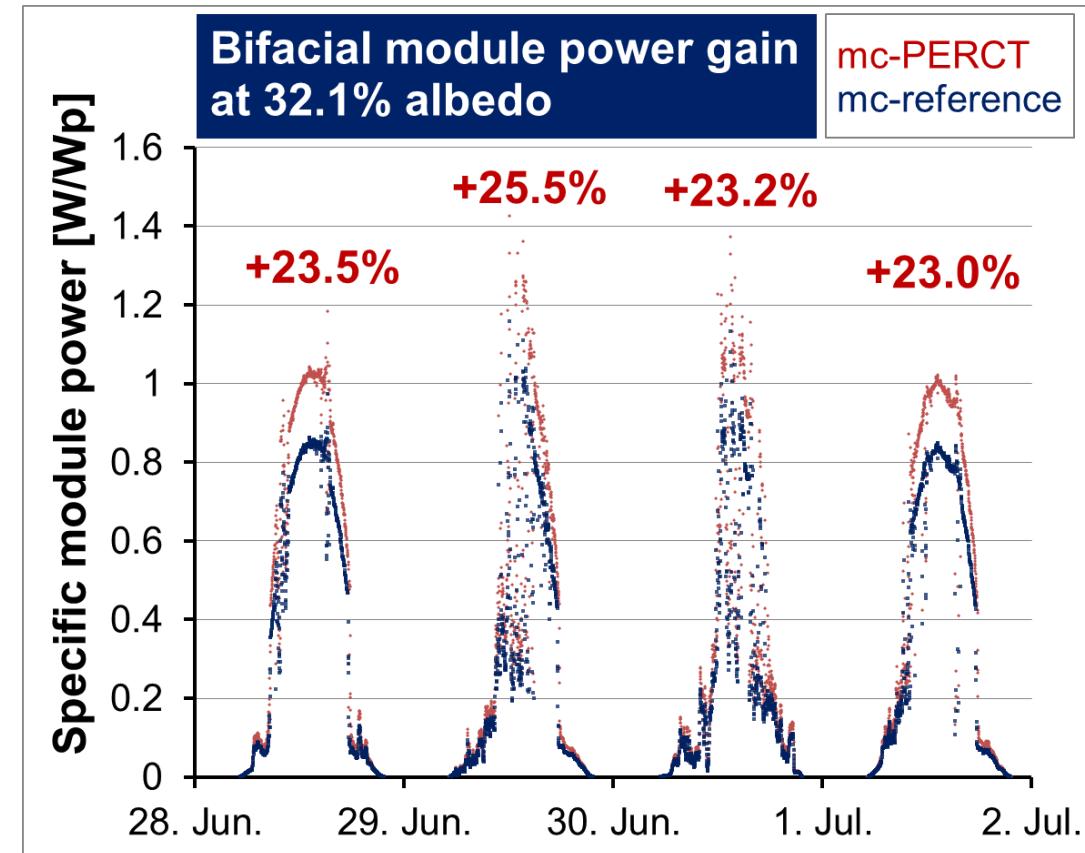
Pilot Line Results: LID



Bi-facial Module Energy Harvest

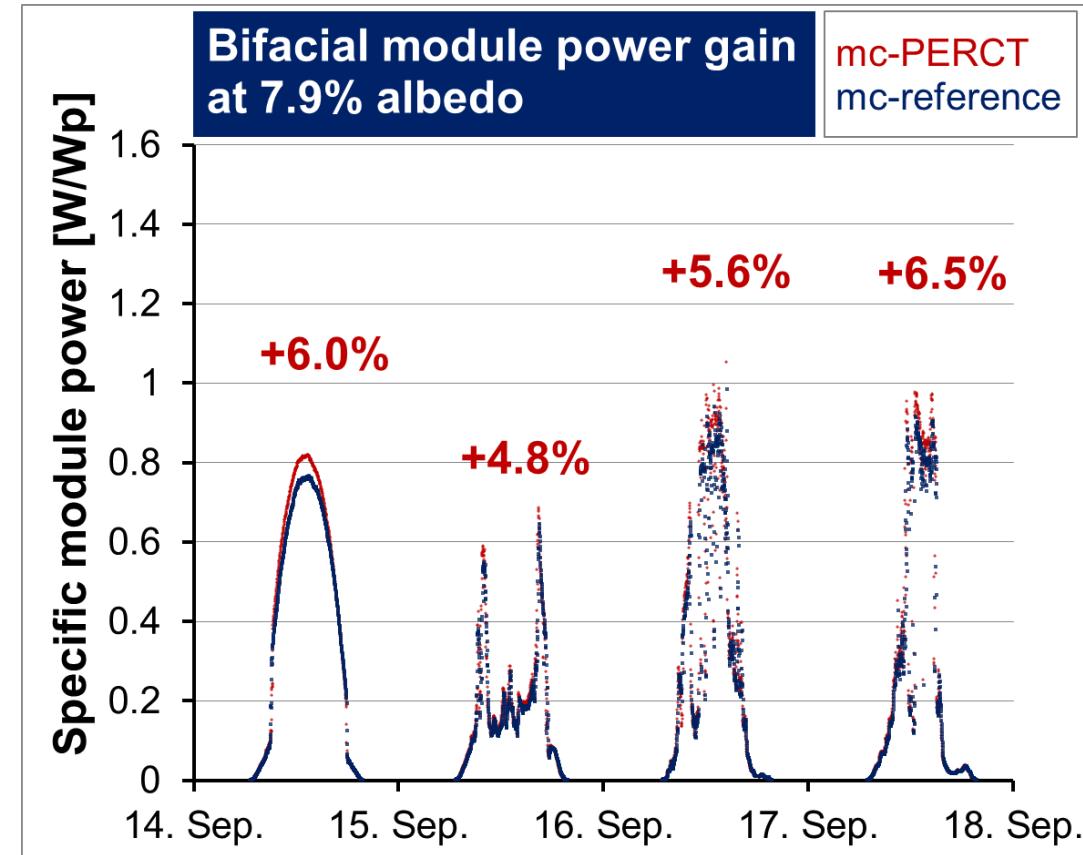


Estimation of bifacial gain
 $32.1\% \text{ albedo} * 80\% \text{ bifaciality} = 25.7\%$



Measure :
+23.0%...25.5%

Bi-facial Module Energy Harvest



Estimation of bifacial gain
 $7.9\% \text{ albedo} * 80\% \text{ bifaciality} = 6.3\%$

Measure :
 $+(4.8) \dots 5.6\% \dots 6.6\%$

mc-PERCT BIFACIAL

- ▶ Average front side eff + 18.6%, >85% bifacial factor
- ▶ 15% cost reduction on module level at 20% albedo
- ▶ No LID
- ▶ Albedo determine additional bifacial energy harvest
- ▶ Optional: Rear side aluminium grid metallization
- ▶ Next step: Set up of pilot PV plants

Thank you for your attention!