PERC Bifacial PV BiFi cell, module, and system

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Bifacial market share 15% in 2020 ITRPV roadmap 2016



- Bifacial PV market share is forecasted to be 15% in 2020. However, its growth rate is quite slow in reality.
- High cost is main issue for expanding market share of bifacial PV.



Bifacial solar cell and module technology comparison on material and tools invest

	nPERT/nPERL	SHJ	PERC BiFi
Cell Eff.	21.x%	22.x%~23.x%	21.x%
Wafer type	6" N-type	5"/6" N-type	6" P-type ★
Ag usage	Double-side Ag	Double-side Ag	One-side Ag ★
Cell Tools	New tools + Existing tools	New tools	Existing tools ★
Module Tools	Existing tools	New soldering	Existing tools ★
Cost	High	High	Low ★

- nPERT/nPERL/SHJ are using high-cost n-wafers and double-sided Ag paste.
- nPERT/nPERL/SHJ cell and module process need more tool investment than PERC BiFi.
- PERC bifacial is using existing process tools and same materials as pPERC, enabling cost reduction for bifacial PV.





PERC market share 25% in 2020 ITRPV roadmap 2016



PERC market share is forecasted to be 25% in 2020.

• PERC bifacial can be a new way for expanding market share of bifacial PV by leveraging PERC technology.

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Black21_BiFi P-type PERC bifacial solar cell



Black21_BiFi is a p-type PERC bifacial solar cell with 21.2% frontside efficiency and bifaciality=65%.



Equivalent eff.=23.96% assuming albedo 20%



Cell eff. = $21.2\%_{\text{front}} + 13.8\%_{\text{rear}} \times 20\%_{\text{Albedo}} = 23.96\%_{\text{equ-eff.}}$



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21.2% Black21_BiFi cell electrical parameters

	BIFI		
		Champion	Ave.
	Voc	674.4 mV	673.0mV
21.2%	Isc	9.75 A	9.74A
	FF	78.81%	78.44%
	eff.	21.2%	21.0%

in-house test with reference cell from third-party certificate

• 21.2% 4BB BiFi cell efficiency has been achieved.



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337W equivalent power double-glass BiFi module



Power Output

- Front-side power 298W (60 cells)
- Equivalent power 337W(20% albedo)

Reliability

- Double-Glass Protection for Cells
- 3X IEC test level DH3000hrs/TCT600cycles

1500V/Anti-PID

• BiFi double glass module enables higher power output and better reliability.



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298.1W_F/194.2W_R power certificate

BIFI				
B21_BiFi cell eff.	21.0% eff. x 60 cells			
Front power	298.1W			
	Voc=39.8V; Isc=9.9A; FF=75.7%			
Rear power	194.2W			
Bifaciality	65.1%			
Equ. Power Front+Rear x Albedo (Albedo=20%)	337.0W			

Certificated by third party.

 337.0W equivalent power with 298.1W_F/194.2W_R was certificated by third party.



Equivalent power of BiFi module

	Gray pavement	Grass	White paint	Snow
Ground Condition				
Albedo	10%	20%	30%	40~80%
Equivalent Power Front-side 298W	317W	337W	356W	> 375W

Equivalent power BiFi module is 337W, assuming albedo=20%.

Equivalent power BiFi module is 356W, assuming albedo=30%.

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5 benefits from BiFi module

- Benefit1: High-Power output 298W_F and equivalent 337W
- Benefit2: 3X IEC (30yrs) reliability, low degradation rate, and high fire-resistance
- Benefit3: 1500V/anti-PID, saving cost in inverter and grounding
- Benefit4: Aesthetic appearance with double glass
- Benefit5: Higher system IRR than conventional c-Si modules





IRR simulation for BiFi system

- ChangHua (彰化) Taiwan
- Ground type 500 kW
- Leverage from bank
 - Bank loan percentage: 70%
 - Interest Rate: 3.5%
 - Years of loan: 15 year

• 2017 FIT condition:

- NTD 4.4/kWh multi
- NTD 4.62/kWh incentive for >295W module
- Modules to compare
 - 265W Multi c-Si
 - 280W Mono c-Si
 - 295W PERC mono
 - 295W PERC BiFi



System IRR comparison



280W Mono c-Si

20% Albedo

- NSP BiFi 295W module enables higher system IRR than conventional mono-facial 265W multi c-Si, 280W mono c-Si, and 295W PERC modules.
- Higher albedo enables higher IRR in BiFi system.



Various application of double-glass BiFi module



• **BiFi module has various applications** in solar farm, agriculture, flat rooftop, BIPV, carport, landmark, snow region, and desert region.



Summary

- Cost reduction is the key to expand bifacial PV market. PERC bifacial technology is a new way to achieve high-power and lowcost module.
- NSP BiFi double-glass module has high power output and better reliability.
 - Champion cell efficiency 21.2%
 - Champion module power 298W with 60 cells and equivalent power 337W.
- NSP BiFi module enables higher system IRR than conventional mono-facial multi c-Si, mono c-Si, and PERC modules.



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