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# Combining TOPCon Technology With Mono-Facial Backsheet Modules

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#### Solar **JinKO**

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# No.1 Shipment in 2023

With 78.5GW

#### 225GW+ Delivered



Market Share

26 World Records

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### **120GW** Module capacity

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#### Jinko Solar Global Layout



**14** Production Facilities

**35** Sales Offices

160+ Covered Countries

3000+ Customers

#### **Zero Carbon Factories**









\*Domestic grid green power share from China Energy Statistical Yearbook 2021; Malay, US, Vietnam grid green power share from local energy statistics agencies

#### Solar **JinKO** Leading-edge Technology N type tandem cell 32.33% 24.76% **25** times break the world record $\bigcirc$ 26.4% $\bigcirc$ The conversion efficiency of the perovskite tandem solar cell 26.89% based on N-type TOPCon reaches 32.33% 23.53% 24.9% 24.38% 23.01% P-Type Mono Cell 22.49% <u>23.95</u>% 21.82% no PERC Ce 22.78% 469.3W 22.12% 373.8W N-Type MonoModule-60 Cell 378.6W



application

2000+

Granted

Patents



**330+** Core TOPCon Patents -;<u>;</u>;;

409 2278 Number of R&D Patents Team



6.9 Billion RMB + R&D Investment in 2023

#### • Core Technology

Low Oxygen and Low Concentric Circles Rate N-type Monocrystalline Technology N-type Silicon Wafer Thinning Technology N-type HOT 2.0 Cell Technology N-type IBC Cell Technology Tiger Neo Module Technology BIPV technology, etc.

#### R&D Concepts

Exploration of a new generation R&D of a new generation Mass Production of a new generation

#### **N-Type Leading the Way**





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#### **Mono-facial DH Test Failure Mechanism Analysis**





- In TOPCon cells, the silver paste is applied on both sides of the cell unlike the PERC where the silver paste is applied on the rear side.
- > The AL is added to the silver paste to reduce the contact resistivity to the boron-doped emitter.
- > Aluminum has Poor Resistance to Water Vapor/Acid Corrosion.

#### **Mono-facial DH Test Failure Mechanism Analysis**

- Mono-facial failure path
  - Water vapor can enter the interior of the PV modules through the backsheet
  - From the edge of the cell to the center of the cell
  - > Then from center of the cell to the interface between the encapsulation film and the cell
- > Bifacial failure path
  - > The glass will prevent the water vapor from entering from the rear side
  - > Only small portion of water vapor will enter from the edges of the module to the cell





#### Jinko Solution For TOPCon Backsheet Modules



#### **On the Cell Level**

- SMBB technology, reduce contact between the ribbon and busbar (ribbon contains Pb, flux is acid)
- Unique temperature design for the front sintering, increase the fluidity and the non-uniformity pulp of glass material
- □ The front busbar and finger material comes from the same manufacturer, reduce the mismatch caused by the void area
- ALD prepares dense alumina to prevent water vapor from entering the PN junction on the front side of the cell



#### **On the Module Level**

- Professional SMBB welding equipment reduces the influence of fine diameter ribbon offset on busbar
- Special POE film (TF4N) is applied on the front side. No acid is released under the condition of high temperature and humidity.
- Low water permeability back plate, with respiratory function to release small acetic acid molecules decomposed by EVA on the back, to avoid the accumulation of acid
- High-performance silicone edge sealing is applied in modules to reduce the water vapor transmission at the edge

Steven Tang, Hangzhou First: Packaging Solutions for Bifacial n-type Module, Taiyang News Webinar

#### Jinko Solution For TOPCon Backsheet Modules



#### Spotlight on TOPCon: PI Berlin shares concerns about degradation

Asier Ukar, the director of PI Berlin Spain, discusses the importance of addressing the risks associated with tunnel oxide passivated contact (TOPCon) tech early on, even though it outperforms (passivated emitter rear contact (PERC) when considering standard and tangible indicators.

JUNE 20, 2023 PV MAGAZINE

#### Weekend Read: Getting to the bottom of TOPCon degradation

Should the industry be alarmed at the potential degradation susceptibility of tunnel oxide passivated contact (TOPCon) solar cells? Or are the problems easily addressed and more a reflection of rushed-to-market products? **pv magazine** contributor and consultant **Götz Fischbeck** reports.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 PV MAGAZINE

Within the bill of materials (BOM) for TOPCon modules, the encapsulant is a key component. An inadequate or low-quality encapsulant can nullify the benefits of TOPCon compared to PERC.

As a takeaway, one can conclude that the chemical reaction that ultimately leads to corrosion, and thus degradation, is already well known. So one would therefore assume that manufacturers have taken this aspect into account from the onset and have dealt with it through the proper choice of encapsulant.

#### N-Type Technology Roadmap



26.89% Maximum Solar Conversion Efficiency For

**TOPCon Cell** 

Oct 31, 2023

**Chinese Manufacturer Reports Record 24.76% Efficiency For N-Type TOPCon Panels; Achieves** 32.33% Tandem Cell Efficiency Nov 09 2023

efficiency rating for new N-type solar cell OCTOBER 30, 2023 ANGELA SKUJINS

#### **Jinko Solar Mono-Facial Products**

- ✓ Weight: Around 4kg lighter than dual glass which makes it more suitable for rooftop installations.
- ✓ Higher Power: Power enhancement procedures can be implemented (special grid, white EVE ...), usually mono-facial module is one power bin higher than bifacial module.
- ✓ Lower Operation Temperature: The backsheet allows for more heat dissipation, in some sites the temp of the mono-facial modules is around 1C lower than dual glass modules.
- ✓ Cheaper: Around 0.5-1 US cent lower than dual glass modules.





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#### **3xIEC Reliability Tests Results – TUV NORD**



Mono facial Bifacial

#### Saudi Arabia Outdoor Performance Test Project





Location: King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST)

**Testing Partners: TUV Rhineland, SGS** 

Testing During: 3 months (July – Sep)

Testing Samples: TOPCon mono-facial backsheet JKM555N-72HL4-V TOPCon bifacial dual glass JKM550N-72HL4-BDV





Month	Jul.		Aug.		Sep		Average	
Module Type	Mono- facial	Bifacial	Mono- facial	Bifacial	Mono- facial	Bifacial	Mono- facial	Bifacial
Performance Ratio (PR)	83.2%	93.6%	81.9%	90.4%	80.6%	89.4%	81.9%	91.1%
Bifacial PR Improvement	BL	12.5%	BL	10.38%	BL	10.92%	BL	11.26%
Bifacial Yield	Baseline	12.54%	BL	10.44%	BL	11.06%	BL	11.34%

# THANK YOU!



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#### **Company Snapshot**

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#### **Technologies**

PV Solar System



- PV Modules
- Mounting Structures & Racking





- Cell
- Module
- Rack
- Integrated Container





- Electrolyzer stack
- Gas-liquid separator
- Gas purification system
- Auxiliary Units





- Inverter/PCS
- Transformer

#### Module Technology Has Drastically Changed In The Last 5 Years – New Challenges For Performance And Quality



#### ~75% of overall cell capacity likely to be TOPCon as PERC transitions

HJT and other technologies will be a viable minority of overall capacity shares

Outlook for global likely cell production capacity by technology (GW)



Notes | Data aggregated by CEA based on company announcements and disclosures. Data does not account for utilization, but factors in ramp times and potential production delays. Overall timelines are based on supplier statements or industry best practices if no timeline data was reported. Capacity totals are discounted by CEA based on supplier track records to remove unlikely expansion plans

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#### The Main Upstream Quality Assurance Activities

CEA performs quality assurance work before, during and after the production of PV modules, conducting 6 main activities, that are necessary to ensure pre-installation quality.

	Technical Requirements & QAP (Golden Standard)	•	All technical, quality and inspection requirements are agreed with suppliers pre-contractually: standards, reliability tests, characterization, supplier's QAP, inspection process and criteria, pass/fail parameters etc.
Pre-produ	Factory Audit (FA)	•	A team of engineers audits a factory location using a 1,000+ point checklist Every finding is recorded and classified according to its risk potential
	Inline Production Monitoring (IPM)	•	A team of engineers continuously monitors all stations of a factory location during the production of an order, using a 280+ point checklist Every finding is recorded and classified according to its risk potential
QA 	Pre-Shipment Inspection (PSI)	•	A team of engineers performs visual, EL and IV inspections to a sample lot of modules, according to a list of vetted quality criteria Every finding is recorded and classified according to its risk potential
Production	Container Loading Monitoring (CLM)	•	Conformance with packaging and loading specifications Confirmation that the boxes/pallets of products being loaded into the shipping container come exclusively from inspected and approved lots
	Batch Testing (PID, LID, LETID, etc.)	•	Randomly selected samples from a production batch are tested at inhouse or external labs The production batch shipment is approved according to agreed test result pass/fail criteria

# The Rapid And Sometimes Simultaneous Introduction Of New Technologies Increased Overall Quality Risk



**Source** | CEA Quality Assurance PSI Risk Score Data

#### **TOPCon Shows Some Advantage to PERC, More Data Needed**



**Source** | CEA Quality Assurance PSI Risk Score Data

#### PID Trends: Outliers Persist, TOPCon on a Learning Curve



**Source** | CEA batch testing data, multiple labs. PID at 85°C/85%RH/96h TOPCon data from 4 suppliers.

#### LID Trends: TOPCon Better Than PERC



**Source** | CEA batch testing data, multiple labs. LID at 60 – 80 kWh/m2 TOPCon data from 3 suppliers.

#### LeTID Trends: TOPCon Showing Slight Advantage Over PERC



**Source** | CEA batch testing data, multiple labs. Test conditions: (Isc-Imp) or 2\*(Isc-Imp), 75 C, 162h-324h, with stabilization. TOPCon data from 3 suppliers.

# CEA - PV Magazine Test Program: How does TOPCon and Other Technologies Perform Compared to PERC?

CEA has been testing PV modules in collaboration with PV Magazine at Gsola's Xi'an facilities since 2017. Products are characterized and tested before being installed in the field.

TOPCon products have better Pmax temperature coefficient, reduced low irradiance losses, lower PID and LID and higher bifaciality ratio.

All these factors can contribute to higher specific energy yield for TOPCon.

Newly tested HJT and back modules show even better characteristics, which must be validated in the field, when they are installed.

Suppliers typically select these products from small production runs, not necessarily representative of mass production.



#### **Source** | CEA - PV Magazine Xi'an, China, indoor data since 2017. Indoor test results published at pv magazine's website (https://www.pv-magazine.com/pv-magazine-test-results)

#### CEA - PV Magazine Test Program: Does TOPCon Have Higher Energy Yield than PERC?

Recent additions of bifacial TOPCon products to the outdoor test field will allow us to have more insights in TOPCon's advantages.

6 out of a total of 13 bifacial products are TOPCon, with the rest being PERC.

A fist insight is that TOPCon has higher energy yield advantage in September's warmer and sunnier weather of Xi'an, as it has a better Pmax temperature coefficient, helping it perform better in warmer months.

We need more data over a full year to perform a detailed analysis of TOPCon's advantages due to its temperature and bifaciality characteristics.



**Source** | CEA - PV Magazine Xi'an, China test field data from October 2023. Bifacial modules only shown. Detailed monthly results get published in <u>CEA's blog (https://www.cea3.com/cea-blog/pv-magazine-test-september-2023)</u> and <u>pv magazine's website (https://www.pv-magazine.com/features/pv-magazine-test)</u>.





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