

# The Ultimate Solution of Single-sided Photovoltaic Module

**Back Contact Technology Using Metal Wrap Through (MWT)** 

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## **Company Profile**



Jiangsu **Sunport Power** Corp., Ltd. **was founded in 2012** in China and dedicated to R&D and manufacturing of **solar cells and modules** based on advanced **MWT** (metal wrap through) **technology**.



The World's First Manufacturer on GW-Scale for MWT PV Modules



The Only Single-glass Module with 30-year Power Warranty Worldwide



## **Company Profile**





**Dr. Fengming Zhang CEO of Sunport Power** 

Professor and Doctoral Supervisor of Nanjing University UNSW Researcher, PhD of Newcastle University



20%
of Revenue for R&D
Investment



Prof. Martin Green

Chief Scientist of Sunport Power

Professor at the University of New South Wales

Fellow of Australian Academy of Science

Director of Australian Centre for Advanced Photovoltaics

300+

Patents worldwide

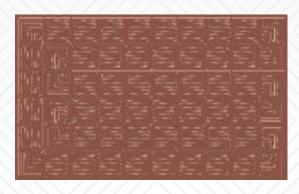
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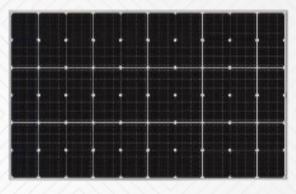
Solar cells





**Conductive** backsheet





**PV** modules





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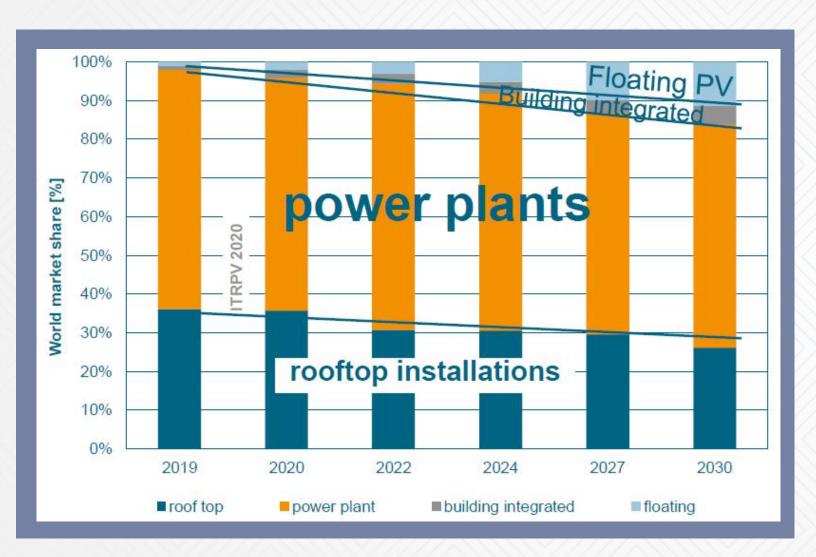
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## **Market Application Trends**





- Ground plant stays main application
- Rooftop share will keep stable
- Emerging part: Building integrated and floating PV
- a. Single facial modules will remain important products
- b. Customized scenarios need to be satisfied



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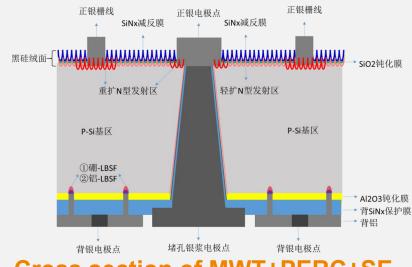
## **Metal Wrap Through**

## Advanced Back Contact Technology

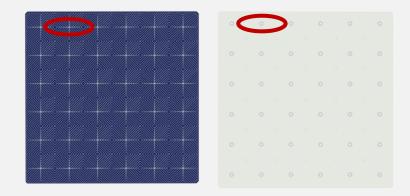
MWT (Metal Wrap Through) is an advanced back contact technology to increase solar cell and module efficiency by eliminating the busbar on the front side, and deploy both positive and negative electrodes on the rear side. It's named as MWT back contact technology.

- Without busbars 3% less shadow on the front surface
- Higher efficiency More STC rated power compared with industrial average
- Without solder ribbons Eliminating the degradation caused by welding stress and micro crack
- Thinner silicon wafer Excellent flexibility for flexible products.
- Technical compatibility Compatible with most of advanced technologies including PERC, TOPCon, HJT etc.





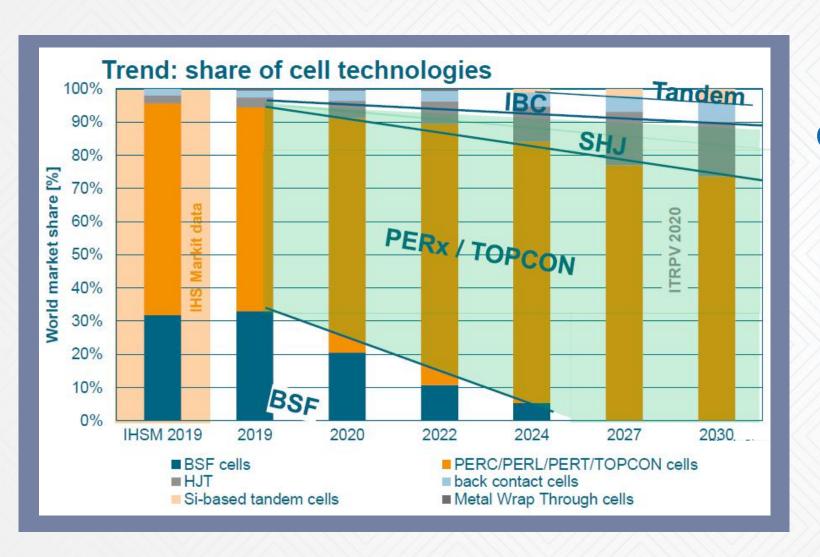
#### **Cross section of MWT+PERC+SE**





## **The Most Compatible Technology Platform**





### **Great Compatibility of MWT**

- ▶ BSF cells √
- Various passivated cells(PERC/PERL/TOPCon etc.) √
- ➢ HIT/HJT √
- $\triangleright$  Si-based tandem cells  $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$

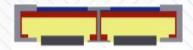


## **Technology Comparison**



### **MWT** technology

Positive and negative electrodes are both on the rear side of solar cell



Structural Feature



Conventional technology

Positive and negative electrodes are located on opposite sides of the cell

Busbar-free design exhibits higher power output by decreasing shading area up to 3 %



Cell Structure



The main busbars increase more shaded area on cell surface, therefore the power output is limited

Cells are connected through conductive foil without soldering, the 2D encapsulation structure reduces the series resistance and module operating temperature, achieving higher reliability



Module Encapsulation



Cells are connected by string ribbons which will cause strain and micro-crack, resulting instability and power degradation



# **Intrinsic Advantages from MWT Structure**



#### 1. Better heat dissipation due to metal foil:

- a) Nominal Operating Cell Temperature (NOCT) 43±2°C, lower than typical products
- b) Operating temperature ~3 °C cooler than typical modules (~1.08% more energy generation)

#### 2. Improved low irradiance generation

No busbar on the front, avoiding more sun shading when sunlight tilts (not ideal 90° direct light)

#### 3. Great Reliability allows flexibility

Conductive adhesive between cells and metal foil provides more flexibility, reducing stress when the module in dynamic load (wind, snow, hail etc.)

### **Harsh Tests**



#### **DH3000**

No apparent defect observed after DH3000test, final power output degradation lower than 1.3%.



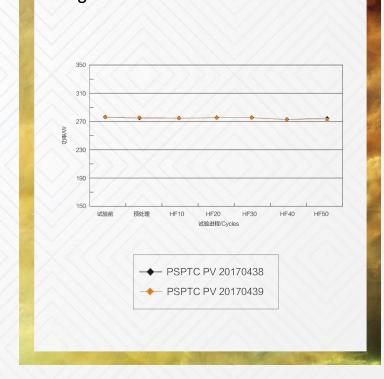
#### **TC600**

No apparent defect observed after TC600 test, final power output degradation lower than 0.5%.



#### HF50

No apparent defect observed after HF50test, final power output degradation lower than 0.5%.



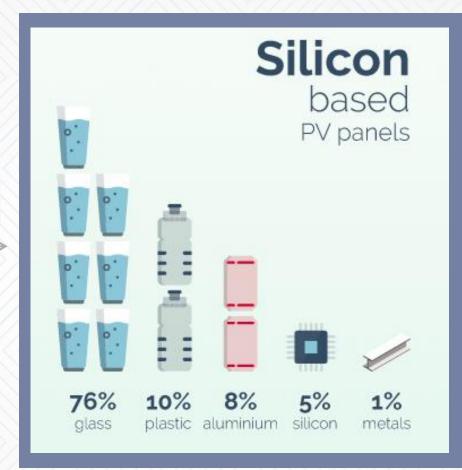
### **Environmental Concerns**











Harmful for environment Raise recycling cost Conventional module

contains toxic Lead(Pb)

**Environmental issue** – the recover of Lead in the modules is more and more important issue for PV application. In ribbon soldering connection modules, Lead is used in the soldering materials. However, the conductive backsheet/paste is Lead free in MWT design.

# **MWT Merits in PV Recycling Economy**



Pathways towards sustainable recycling

MWT merits in recycling economy

Ecodesign

Remanufacturing

More cost-effective recycling processes

Target at value recovery

Effective collection and transportation

Increase landfill disposal charge of PV modules to promote recycling

Lead-free structure

Possible intact wafer and copper separation

Easier processing and lower budget

Full recovery of valuable copper

Light-weight and flexible products



# **Use of Thinner and Bigger Wafers**



- 1. Mono wafers of 160 µm in thickness have been used Nothing abnormal in efficiency and breakage rate
- 2. Mono wafers of 140  $\mu m$  in thickness are under testing A little drop in efficiency and rise in breakage rate, further optimization is in processing. Mass production in 2021 expected.
- 3. Mono wafers of 120  $\mu m$  in thickness are possible? Mass production expected 2022.
- 4、162.75, 166 (M6) wafer in use, 182 & 210 in short-term plan.

# **Efficient Way for Cost Optimization**



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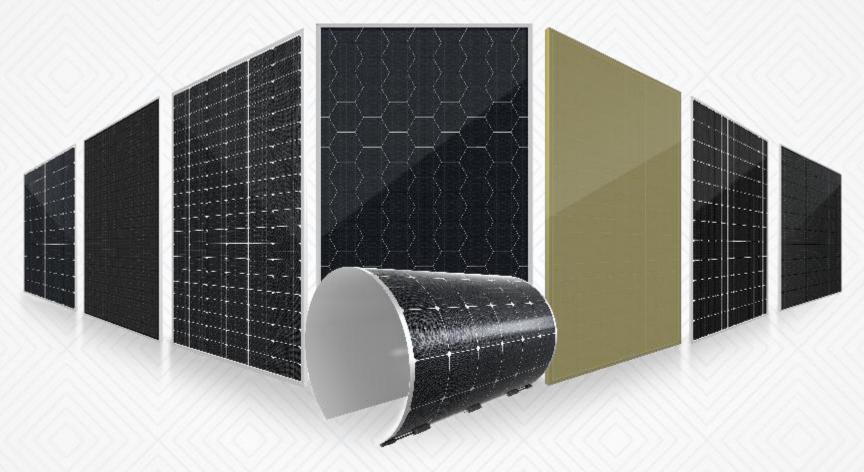
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## **Product Overview**













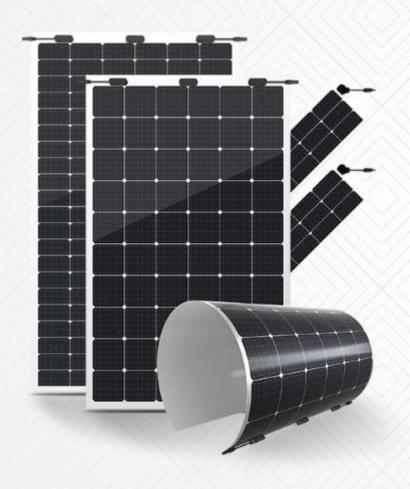




# S Series—Flexible Module



## Various installation methods suitable for low-load rooftop





Light, Thin Design



Ultra Flexible



**BIPV** 



High Efficiency



High Reliability

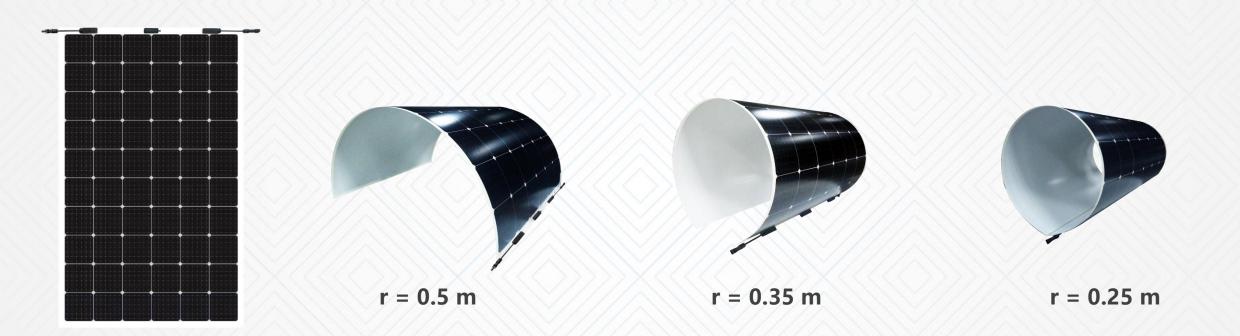


Lead Free



# **Tests under Various Bending Radius**



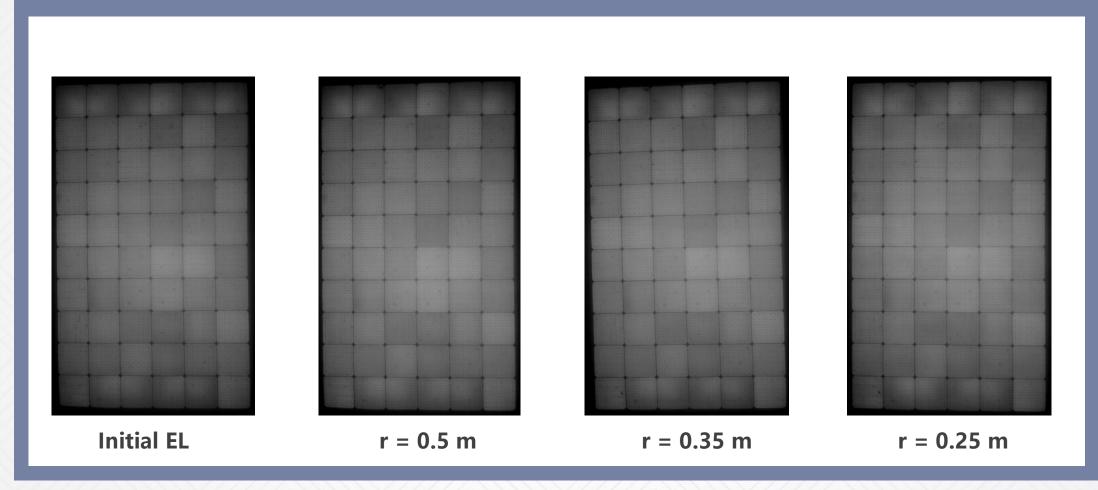


I-V and EL testing after keeping the modules under different radius for 10 minutes



## **EL Results after Bending**





No micro-cracks observed when bending radius reaches 0.25 m

Back Contact interconnection provides more flexibility among cells, encapsulation materials and backsheet.

# **Z Series—Polychrome Module**

# Sunport Power

Suitable for building integrated PV





## **Value Proposition**





### **High Efficiency**

Less shading, higher efficiency

More STC rated power compared with industrial average



### **High ROI (return on investment)**

Reducing LCOE

Bringing more long-term return on investment



### **High Reliability**

First year degradation less than 2%

Over 82% output power guaranteed within 30 years



### **Aesthetic Design**

Recognizable busbar-free design

Unique and graceful finger pattern on the solar cell surface

Customized pattern design available



### **Superior Warranty**

The only single-glass module with 30-year power warranty reinsurance by LLOYD'S & PICC worldwide



#### **Lead Free**

Achieving lead-free by using conductive foil Eco-friendly recycling





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