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# UV-resilient i-TOPCon cell design



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# Reliability analysis of Trina Solar's UVID-resilient i-TOPCon cell design

Cherif Kedir | September 3, 2024



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- ✓ UL61730
- ✓ IEC61215 / IEC61730
- ✓ UL2703, UL3703
- ✓ CEC/FSEC Listing
- ✓ JET Listing
- ✓ Australia CEC Listing
- ✓ UL Fire Type / Class
- ✓ Factory Audits

## Photovoltaics

## Bankability

- ✓ **Thresher Test**
  - ❖ Annual PVMI
- ✓ PVSyst PAN File
- ✓ AOI/IAM
- ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Sampling
- ✓ Hail Durability Test
- ✓ Tracker Compatibility
- ✓ Salt Spray Test



## Engineering

- ✓ Production Level Testing (PLT)
- ✓ Inverter Characterization
- ✓ On-site Field Forensics
- ✓ Failure Analysis
- ✓ Super UV
- ✓ Long Term Outdoor Energy Yield Study
- ✓ Soiling

## Power Electronics

### Certification

- ✓ UL 1741
- ✓ IEC 62109
- ✓ Sunspec Compliance
- ✓ CEC Efficiency
- ✓ Factory Audits

### Bankability

- ✓ **PE Thresher Test**
  - ❖ Inverter Performance & Durability
  - ❖ ESS Performance Validation
  - ❖ True Back-up power validation
- ✓ PVSyst OND File
- ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Inverter and ESS Sampling
- ✓ Extreme Weather Durability Test

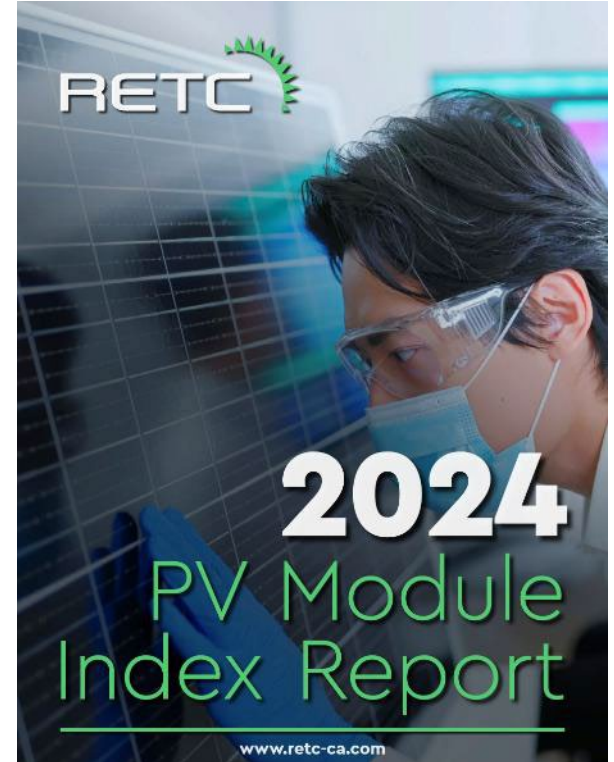
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# PV MODULE INDEX OVERVIEW & RESULTS

# About the PV Module Index (PVMI) Report

- **Annual solar module technology report** that compiles **beyond-certification test results**
  - Data aggregated between **Q2 2023** and **Q1 2024**
  - Sources of data include RETC's **Thresher Test product qualification** sequences and **California Energy Commission (CEC)** testing
- **Comparative test data** informs science- and engineering-based approaches to **technical risk mitigation**
  - The goal of a data-driven approach to project development is not to eliminate every risk at any cost but rather to allow stakeholders to balance risk mitigation based on a holistic cost-benefit analysis





# Categories for high achievement

## Interrelated disciplines

- Module **Reliability**
  - Seven test sequences
- Module **Performance**
  - Seven test sequences
- Module **Quality**
  - Three evaluation criteria



# Thresher Test product qualification overview

Thresher Test								
3rd Party Sampling								
Module Durability Test						Performance		
DH	TC	SDML	PID	BUDT	UVID	PVSyst® .PAN		LeTID
Damp Heat	Thermal Cycling	Static & Dynamic Mechanical Load	Potential-induced Degradation	Backsheet UV Durability Test	UV-induced Degradation	Parametric Model Measurements		Light & elevated Temp
2 modules	2 modules	2 modules	4 modules	2 modules (polymeric substrates only)	2 modules	4 modules		2 modules
Light-induced Degradation 40 + 20 kWh/m <sup>2</sup>				Light-induced Degradation 5 kWh/m <sup>2</sup>		Light-induced Degradation 40 + 20 kWh/m <sup>2</sup>		BO-CID
DH1000 <span>2x</span>	TC200 <span>3x</span>	SML	PID 96 hrs (85 °C/85% RH, + and / - MSV) <span>2x</span>	DH1000	UV 220 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> Front Side	3 modules	1 module	LeTID 162hrs <span>3x</span>
BO-LID		DML	UV2 kWh/m <sup>2</sup>	UV65 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> Rear Side	UV 66 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> Rear Side	IEC 61853-1 Matrix	IEC 61853-2 IAM	
		TC50		TC50 + HF10 <span>3x</span>				
		HF10 <span>3x</span>		UV6.5kWh/m <sup>2</sup> Rear Side				

# Categories for recognition



- Complete RETC's full Thresher Test program
- Meet model-level high achievement requirements in both the reliability and performance disciplines
- Meet criteria for recognition in the quality discipline (p. 32)



- Meet model-level high achiever requirements for at least three of the seven tests sequences within the performance discipline only



- Meet model-level high achiever requirements for at least three of the seven test sequences within the reliability discipline only\*

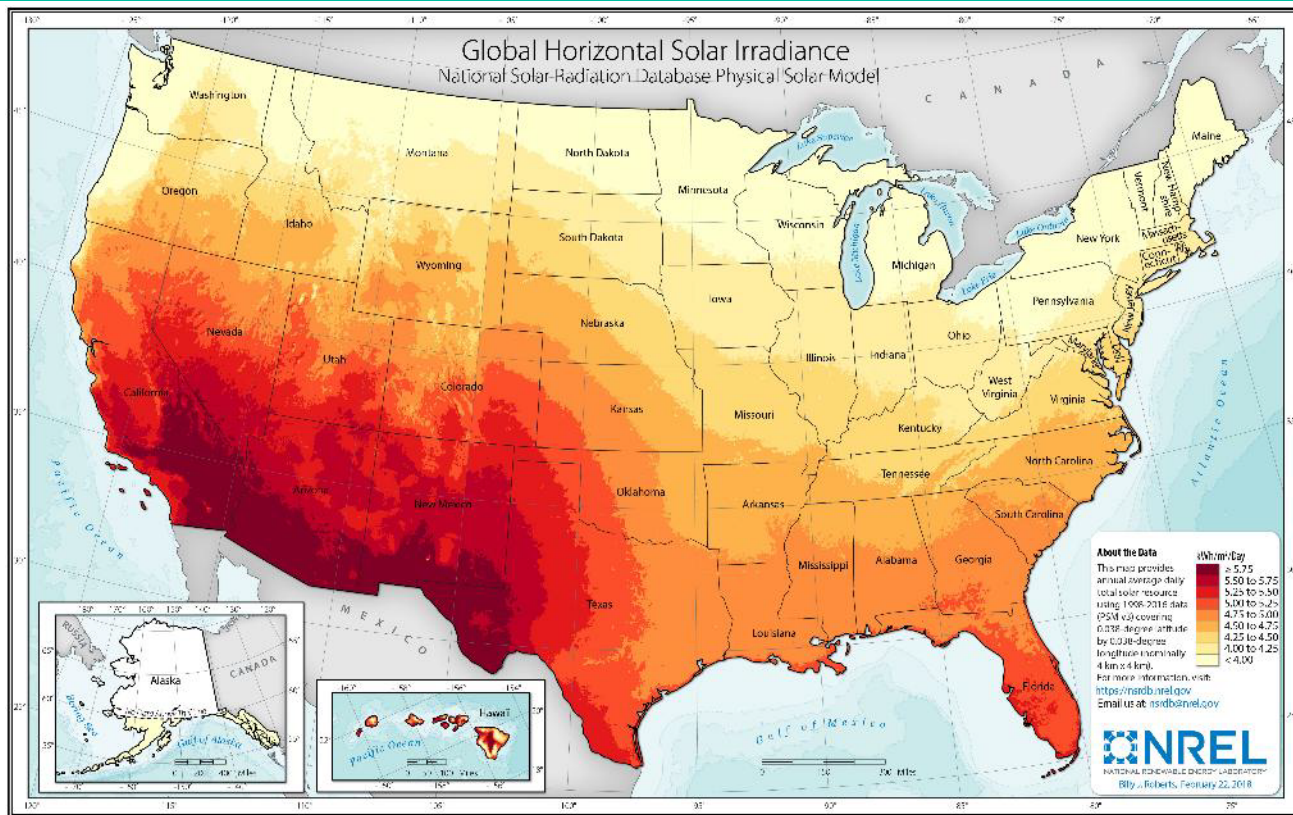


- Meet model-level high achiever requirements for one or more individual test sequences only

# KEY TAKEAWAYS

# UVID RISK ON THE RISE

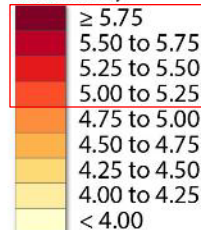
# Determining UVID Exposure from National Irradiance



## About the Data

This map provides annual average daily total solar resource using 1998-2016 data (PSM v3) covering 0.038-degree latitude by 0.038-degree longitude (nominally 4 km x 4 km).

kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/Day



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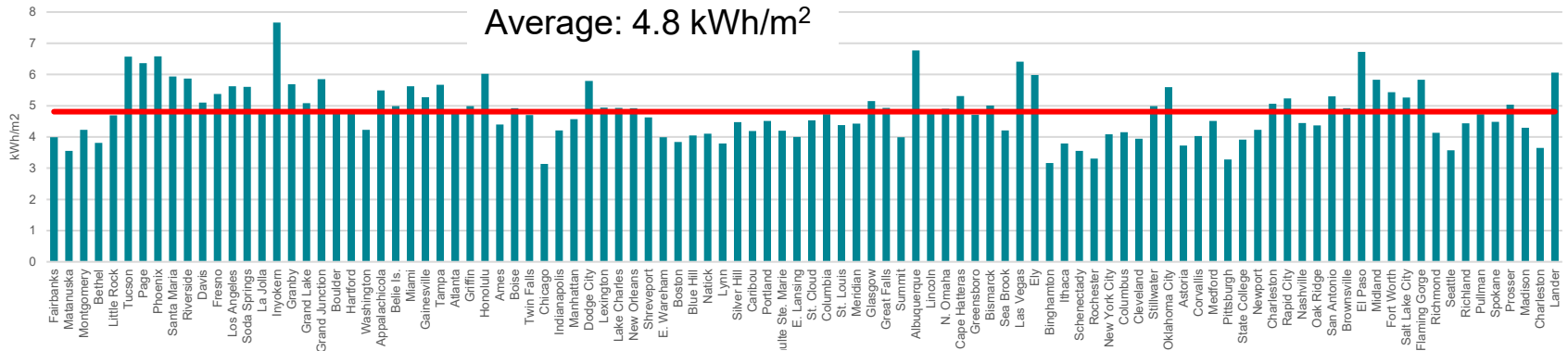


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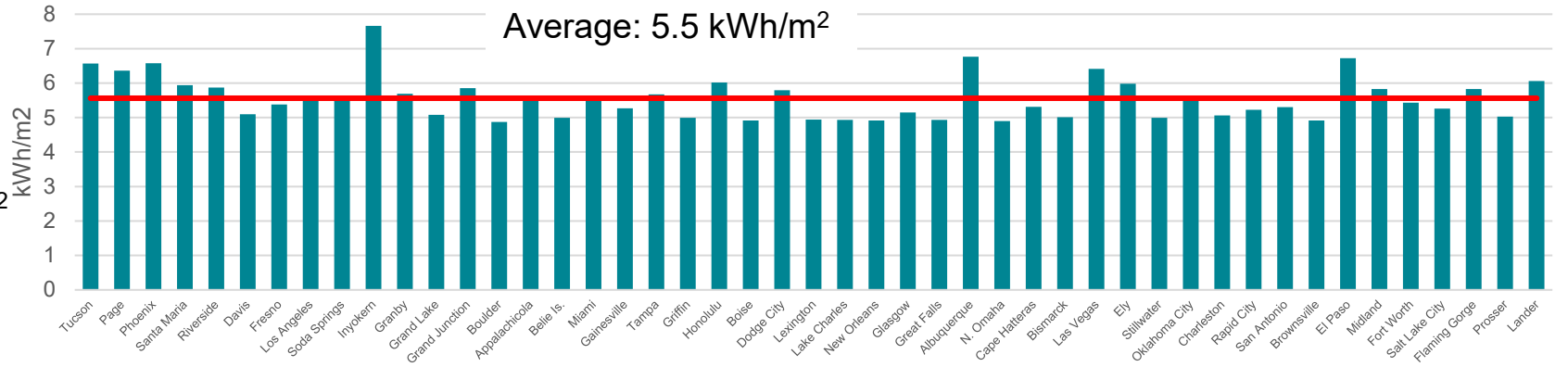
Billy J. Roberts, February 22, 2018

# Determining UVID Exposure from National Irradiance

National Insolation Average



National Insolation Average >4.8kWh/m<sup>2</sup>



# Determining UVID Exposure from National Irradiance

Solar Radiation for Flat-Plate Collectors Facing South at a Fixed Tilt (kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/day), Uncertainty ±9%

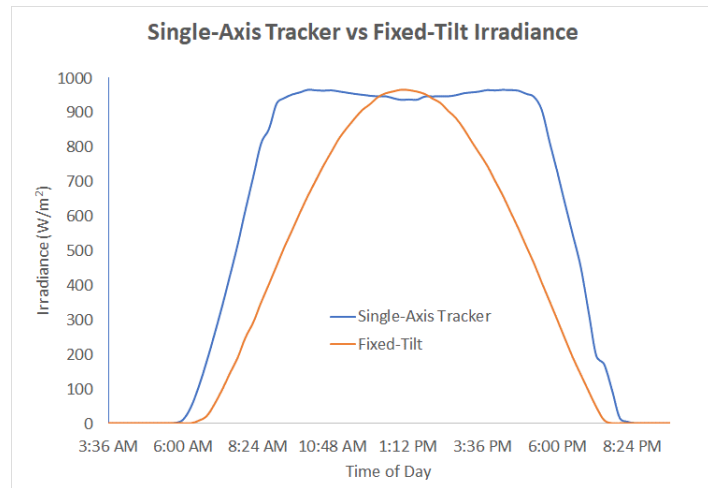
Tilt (°)		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
0	Average	3.3	4.2	5.5	6.5	7.0	7.3	7.0	6.5	5.4	4.6	3.6	3.0	5.3
	Min/Max	2.8/3.8	3.6/4.8	4.8/6.1	5.7/7.3	6.4/7.4	6.7/8.2	5.9/8.0	5.7/7.1	4.4/6.1	3.9/5.2	2.7/4.1	2.6/3.6	5.2/5.5
Latitude -15	Average	4.3	5.1	6.2	6.8	7.0	7.1	6.9	6.6	5.9	5.5	4.6	4.1	5.8
	Min/Max	3.6/5.2	4.3/6.0	5.2/7.0	5.9/7.7	6.4/7.4	6.5/7.9	5.8/7.8	5.8/7.3	4.8/6.7	4.5/6.3	3.4/5.4	3.3/5.0	5.7/6.1
Latitude	Average	5.0	5.7	6.5	6.7	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.0	6.0	5.3	4.8	6.0
	Min/Max	4.0/6.1	4.7/6.7	5.4/7.4	5.8/7.6	6.0/7.0	6.0/7.2	5.4/7.2	5.6/7.0	4.8/6.8	4.8/6.9	3.8/6.3	3.8/6.0	5.8/6.2
Latitude +15	Average	5.4	5.9	6.4	6.2	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.8	5.8	6.1	5.6	5.2	5.8
	Min/Max	4.3/6.7	4.8/7.1	5.2/7.3	5.4/7.1	5.3/6.2	5.2/6.2	4.7/6.2	5.1/6.3	4.6/6.6	4.9/7.1	4.0/6.8	4.0/6.6	5.6/6.1
90	Average	4.7	4.7	4.2	3.2	2.4	2.0	2.2	2.7	3.5	4.5	4.8	4.7	3.6
	Min/Max	3.7/6.0	3.8/5.7	3.5/4.9	2.9/3.6	2.3/2.5	2.0/2.1	2.0/2.2	2.6/2.9	2.8/4.0	3.6/5.3	3.3/5.8	3.5/6.1	3.4/3.9

Reference Average Solar Radiation for Midland Texas for Fixed Tilt installations.

Source: NREL Solar Radiation Data Manual for Flat-Plate and Concentrating Collectors  
William Marion and Stephen Wilcox

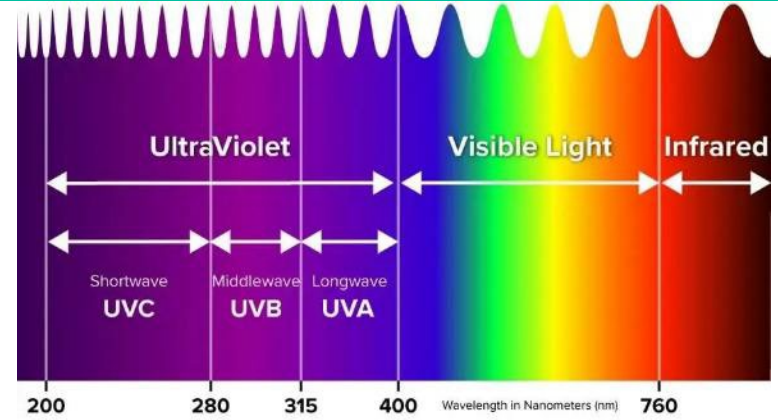
National GHI Average >4.8kW/m<sup>2</sup> is 5.5kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.  
Equivalent average insolation at Latitude Tilt (Fixed installations) is 6.23 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>

- Energy harvested on SAT is 15-30 percent compared to a fixed-tilt system.
- Assumed value increase in irradiance is 20%



# Annual UV Dosage

- Average Insolation for locations likely to have PV:  $6.3 \text{ kWh/m}^2$
- Additional 20% harvest from SAT:
- $6.23 \times 1.2 = 7.5 \text{ kWh/m}^2$
- UV Component (5%):  $7.5 \times 0.05 = 373.8 \text{ W/m}^2$
- Annual expected UV Dosage on SAT:  $136.4 \text{ kWh/m}^2$
- Assuming a national average insolation of  $5 \text{ kWh/m}^2$ , Annual UV dosage would be  $110 \text{ kWh/m}^2$



1 year in the field ~  
 $110 \text{ kWh/m}^2$



# RETC UVID Protocol

- Front Side: 220 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Equivalent to 2 years in the field on a SAT
- Backside: 66kWh/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Assumption: 30% Albedo [ best albedo from RETC BiFi Assessments ]

BUDT	UVID
Backsheet UV Durability Test	UV-induced Degradation
2 modules (polymeric substrates only)	2 modules
Light-induced Degradation 5 kWh/m <sup>2</sup>	
DH1000	UV 220 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> Front Side
UV65 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> Rear Side	UV 66 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> Rear Side
TC50 + HF10	
UV6.5kWh/m <sup>2</sup> Rear Side	

## Bifacial Characterization – Long-term Fixed Tilt / Nevada

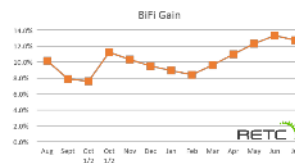
- 72 Cell Bifacial v. 72 Cell Monofacial – 8 - 12mo
- Pahump Nevada, 30° Fixed Tilt, String Level Monitoring
- Gravel Change in October to White – Improved Albedo

Month	POA Irradiation (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )	FA Irradiation (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )	Bifacial String			Monofacial String			Gain
			Actual (kWh)	Expected (kWh)	%	Actual (kWh)	Expected (kWh)	%	
Aug	221.4	25.0	246.7	400.5	91.0	598.7	217.1	23.2	23.2
Sept	225.0	35.7	263.3	617.3	90.3	550.0	205.4	37.2	7.9
Oct	14.0	8.0	22.0	212.0	91.0	102.0	230.2	10.2	7.6
Total	460.4	68.7	529.1	1229.8	79.3	1250.7	652.6	68.8	18.8



White Gravel: Surface Albedo 21.8% Effective Albedo 9.9%  
 Gray Gravel: Surface Albedo 24.3% Effective Albedo 11.0%

Month	POA Irradiation (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )	FA Irradiation (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )	Bifacial String			Monofacial String			Gain
			Actual (kWh)	Expected (kWh)	%	Actual (kWh)	Expected (kWh)	%	
Aug	215.0	9.8	346.4	444.1	97.1	472.4	174.4	37.3	22.2
Nov	120.0	25.3	204.5	258.3	88.4	238.5	288.4	81.1	20.0
Dec	14.0	16.1	147.1	147.1	103.7	167.3	136.7	48.7	28.9
Jan	134.0	14.4	240.7	336.0	103.4	257.5	338.5	84.0	30.0
Feb	143.4	17.2	309.4	350.0	101.9	370.6	434.0	144.0	38.4
Mar	183.0	35.0	358.2	424.4	98.1	450.0	550.0	150.0	33.3
Apr	215.0	32.2	397.2	428.2	97.1	485.0	575.0	150.0	31.0
May	315.0	28.7	350.0	354.0	101.7	344.0	334.0	0.0	19.9
Jun	315.0	21.2	300.0	273.0	91.0	288.0	278.0	0.0	17.1
Jul	221.7	25.7	340.1	335.3	102.2	347.2	334.0	1.0	19.7
Total	2003.0	170.0	4024.4	4802.4	103.3	4922.1	4049.7	89.0	20.0



- 20.8 Albedo Gray Gravel – 8.8% Demonstrated Bifacial Gain over 3-month Period
- 33% Albedo White Gravel – 10.9% Bifacial Gain over 9 months



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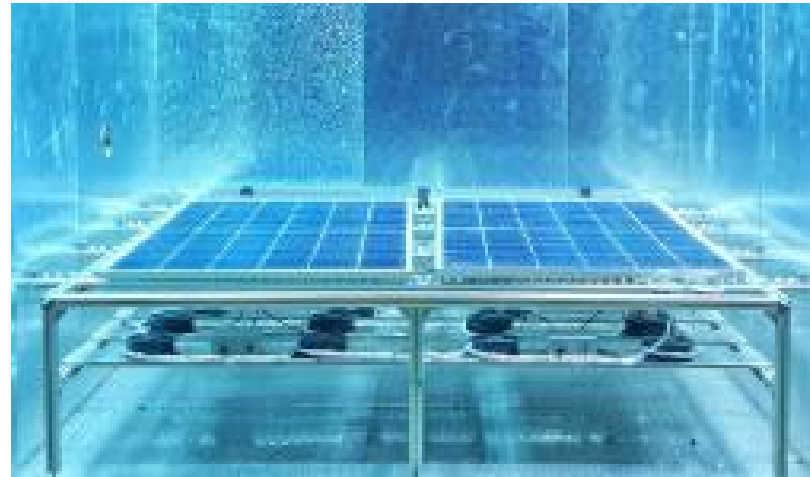


# SUMMARY DATA & RED FLAGS BY MODEL

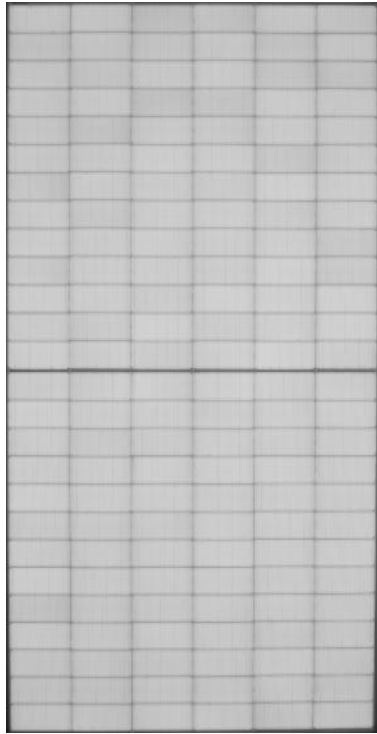
PV Module Index Report Test Category	High Achievement		Red Flag	
	Threshold	Percentage	Threshold	Percentage
<b>Backsheet Ultraviolet Durability</b>	No cracking	100%	Backsheet cracking	0%
<b>Potential-Induced Degradation</b>	<2% degradation	83%	≥5% power degradation	6%
<b>Light- and Elevated Temperature-Induced Degradation</b>	<0.5% degradation	82%	≥2.5% power degradation	0%
<b>Static and Dynamic Mechanical Load</b>	<2.5% degradation	68%	≥5% power degradation	7%
<b>Thermal Cycling</b>	<2% degradation	67%	≥5% power degradation	9%
<b>PAN File Characterization</b>	>85% PR	65%	—	—
<b>Light-Induced Degradation</b>	≤0.5% degradation	57%	≥5% power degradation	3%
<b>Module Efficiency</b>	>21%	56%	—	—
<b>PTC-to-STC Ratio</b>	≥94%	50%	—	—
<b>Ultraviolet-Induced Degradation</b>	<2% degradation	40%	≥5% power degradation	40%
<b>Temperature Coefficient of Power</b>	<0.3%/°C (abs)	27%	—	—
<b>Incidence Angle Modifier</b>	>88% at 70° AOI	27%	—	—
<b>Damp Heat</b>	<2% degradation	26%	≥5% power degradation	18%
<b>Hail Durability Test</b>	>20-joule impact	17%	—	—
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>See p. 17</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>14%</b>

# Ultraviolet-induced degradation (UVID)

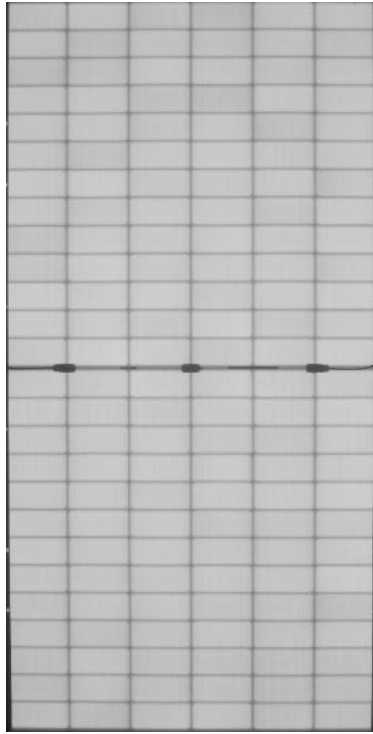
- UVID testing in the 2024 PVMI
  - 220 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> of UV exposure (UV220)
  - Certification testing = 15 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> of UV exposure (UV15)
- **40% of models** tested returned a **red flag** result
  - **≥5% maximum power degradation** (red flag threshold)
  - **12-15% degradation noted** in some products
- UVID risk appears high in new cell technologies, namely TOPCon
  - Possible causes:
    - Silicon Nitride degradation
    - Bulk defects



# Front-side UV - (ANON)

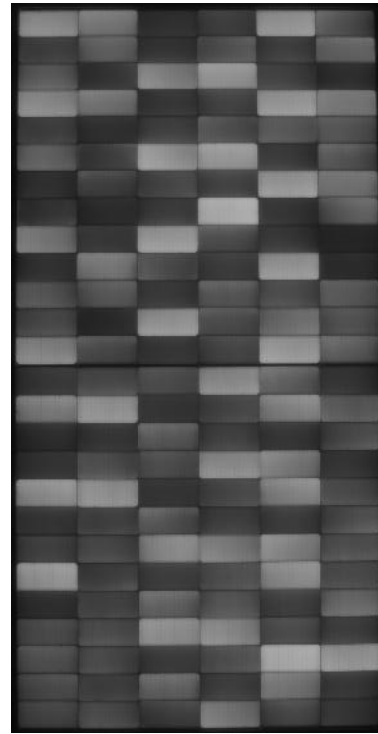


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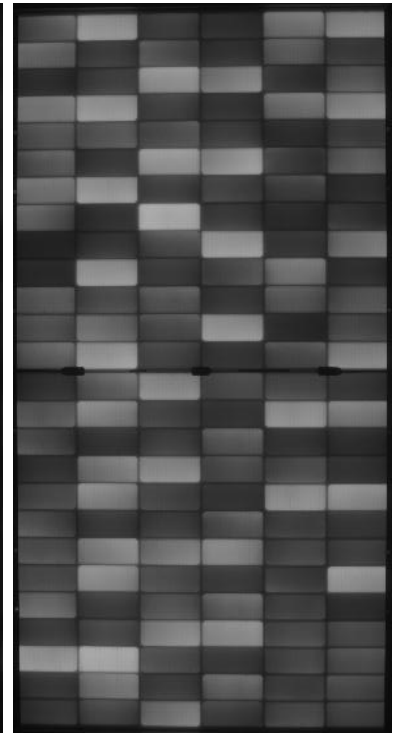


Rear EL

↓ -12.5%  
Power Drop

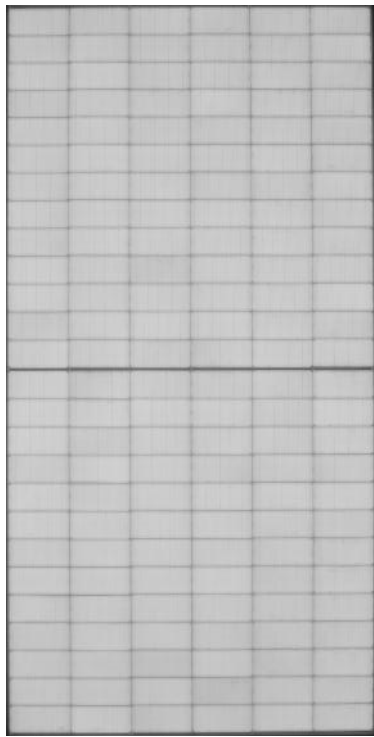


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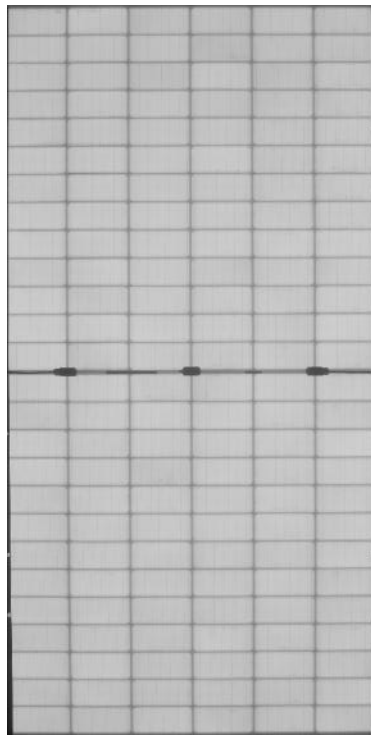


Rear EL

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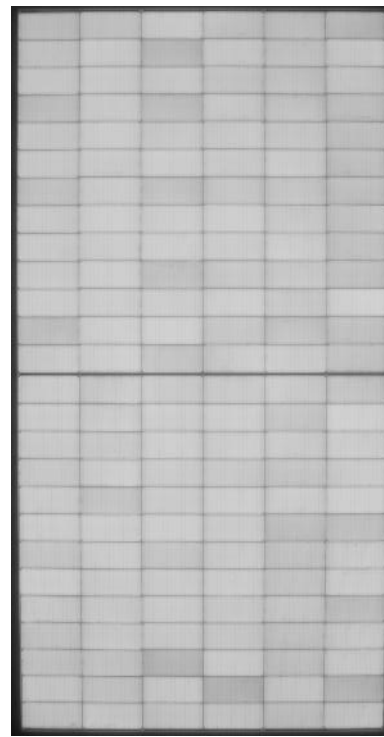


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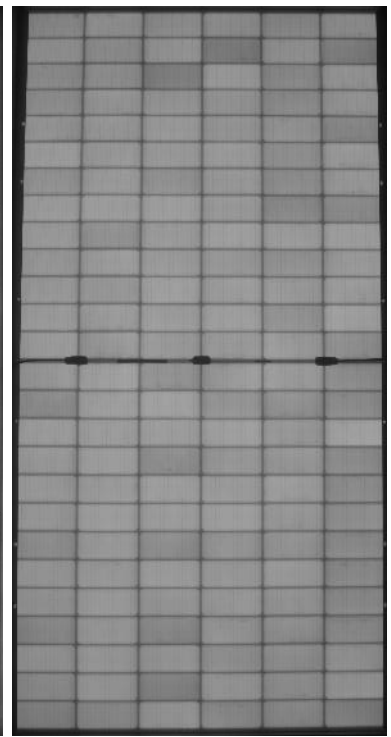


Rear EL

↓ -4.8%  
Power Drop

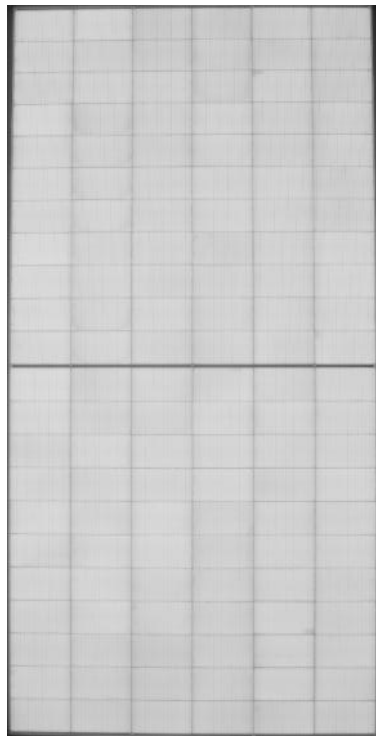


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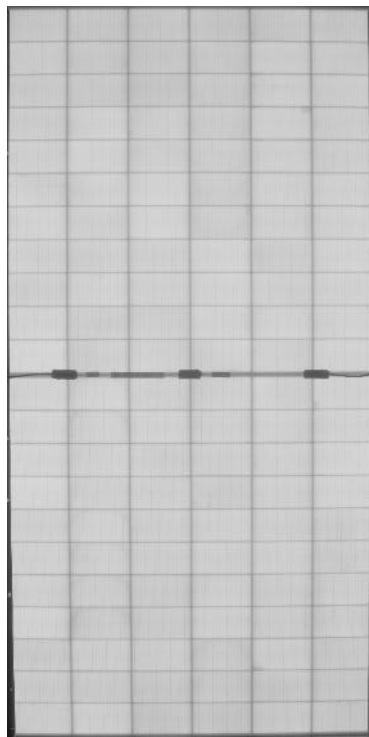


Rear EL

# Front-side UV - (Trina)

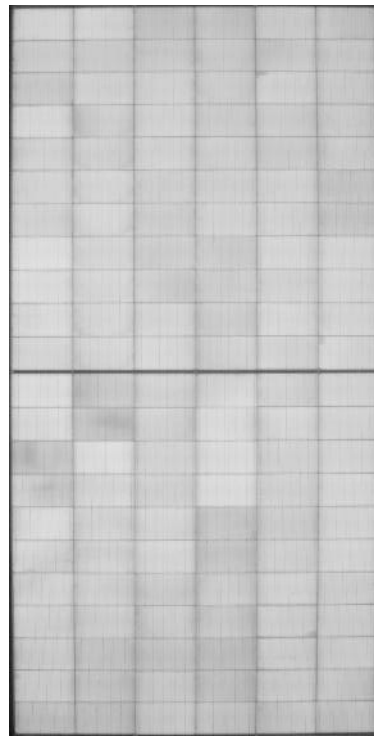


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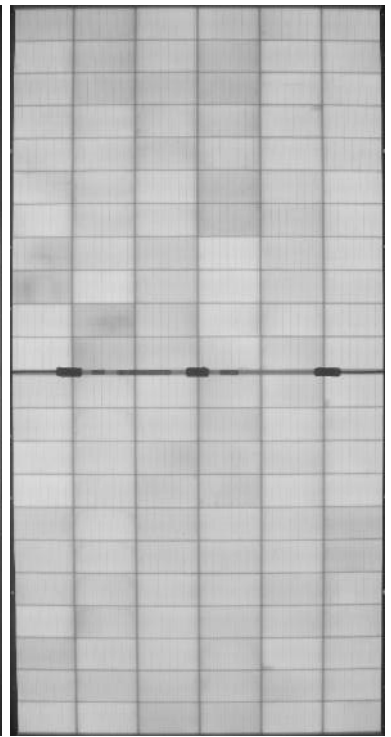


Rear EL

↓ -1.44%  
Power Drop

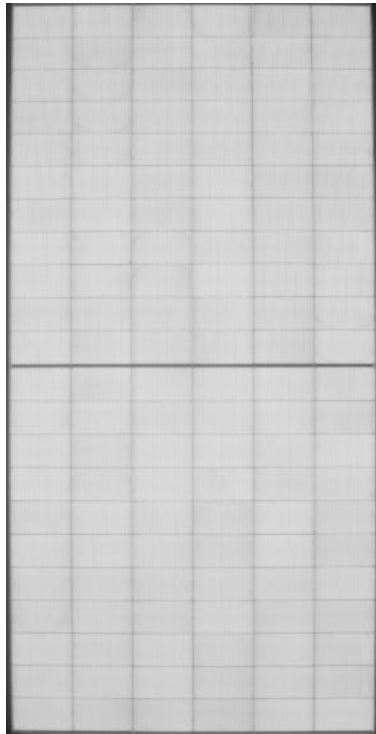


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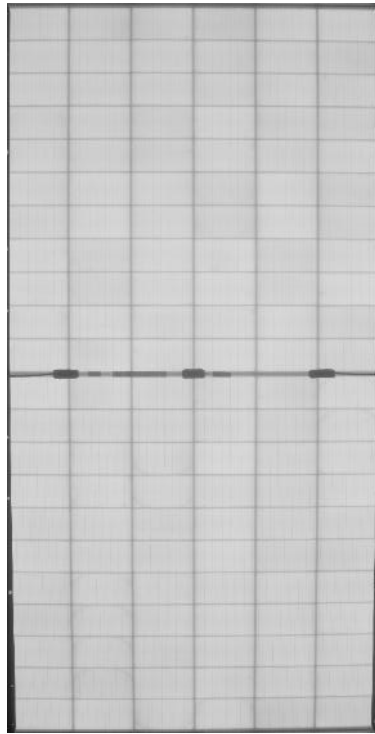


Rear EL

# Rear-side UV - (Trina)

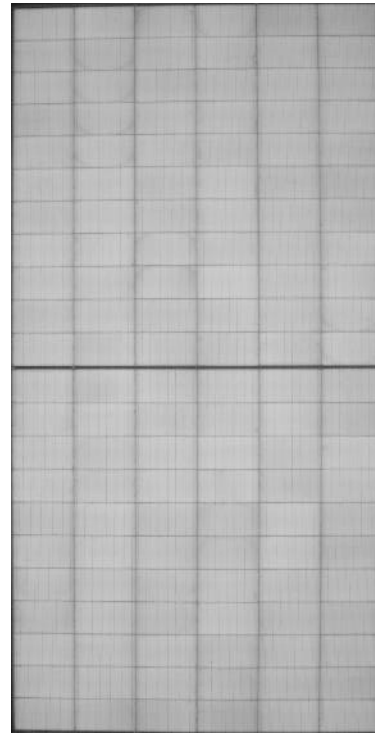


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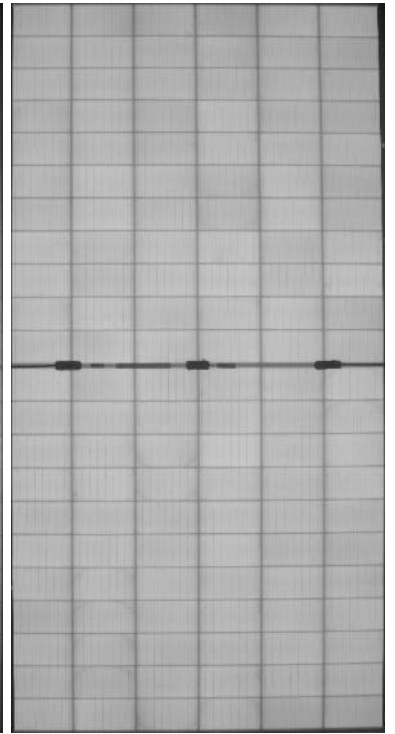


Rear EL

↓ -1.06%  
Power Drop



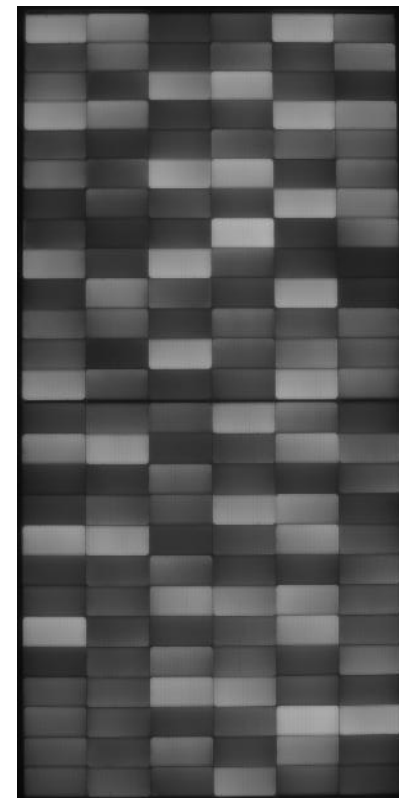
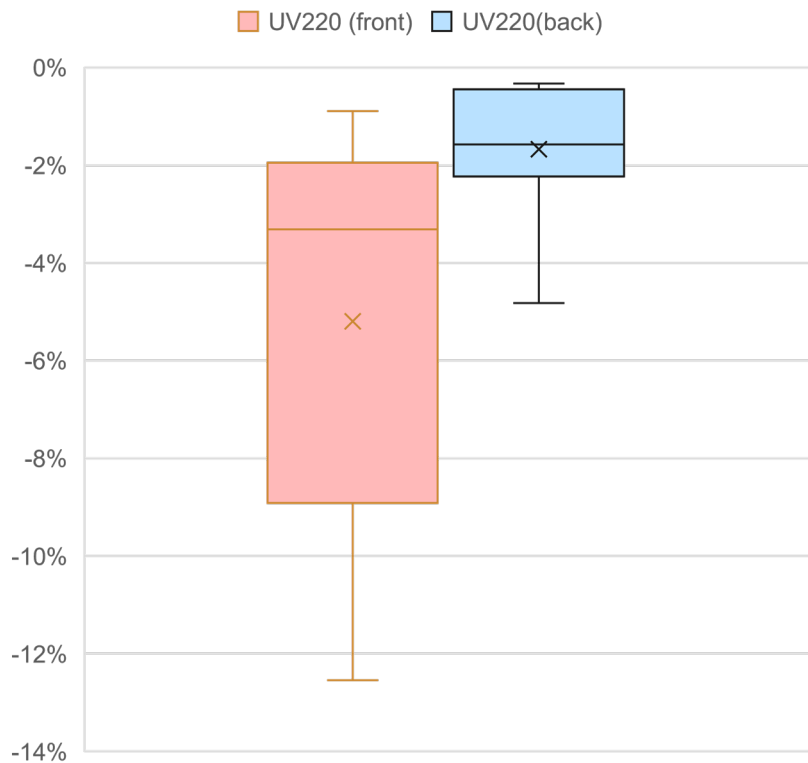
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Rear EL

# UVID Summary






- UVID on Front side
  - UV 220kWh/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Degradation observed up to -15%
- UVID on Rear side
  - UV 220kWh/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Generally lower degradation
- Degradation Theories
  - Silicon nitride passivation damage
  - Bulk Recombination





# TRINA SOLAR IN THE PVMI REPORT

# Module reliability evaluation criteria





RELIABILITY DISCIPLINE CRITERIA		
Category	Evaluation Method	High Achiever
Backsheet Ultraviolet Durability	DH1000 + [3 x (UV65 + TC50 + HF10)] + UV6.5	No backsheet cracking
Damp Heat	DH2000 + B-O LID	<2% degradation 
Hail Durability Test	HDT + TC50 + Hot Spot	>20-joule impact
Potential-Induced Degradation	PID192 + UV2	<2% degradation 
Static and Dynamic Mechanical Load	SML + DML + TC50 + HF30	<2.5% degradation 
Thermal Cycling	TC600	<2% degradation 
Ultraviolet-Induced Degradation	UV220	<2% degradation 



Blue star indicates that Trina Solar met test category high achiever criteria

# Module performance evaluation criteria

## PERFORMANCE DISCIPLINE CRITERIA

Category	Evaluation Method	High Achiever
Module Efficiency	CEC testing	>21%
Incidence Angle Modifier	CEC or Thresher Testing	>88% at 70° AOI
Light- and Elevated Temperature-Induced Degradation	B-O CID + LETID486	<0.5% degradation 
Light-Induced Degradation	Outdoor light soaking per IEC 61215-2	≤0.5% degradation 
PAN File Characterization	IEC 61853-1 and Performance Ratio (PR)	>85% PR 
PTC-to-STC Ratio	CEC testing	≥94% 
Temperature Coefficient of Power	CEC or Thresher Testing	<0.3%/°C (abs)



Blue star indicates that Trina Solar met test category high achiever criteria

# Module quality evaluation criteria

## QUALITY DISCIPLINE CRITERIA

Category	Evaluation Method	
Bill of Materials	Third-party factory bill of materials verification	★
High Achievement in Reliability	Product recognized as high achiever in three or more reliability categories*	★
High Achievement in Performance	Product recognized as high achiever in three or more performance categories	★

\*Glass-on-backsheet products must meet high achiever requirements for BUDT plus at least three additional reliability test sequences.



Blue star indicates that Trina Solar met test category high achiever criteria

# Overall highest achiever in 2024 PVMI

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# i-TOPCon Cell Technology with High UV Resistance

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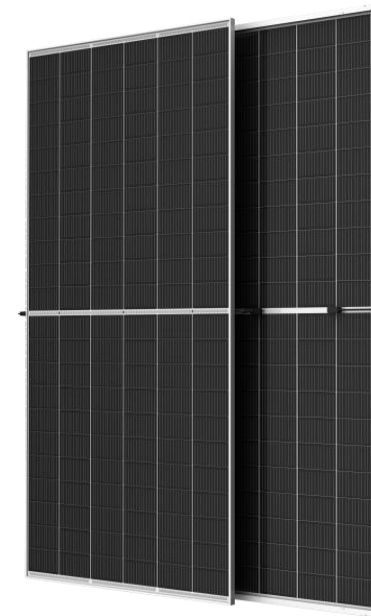
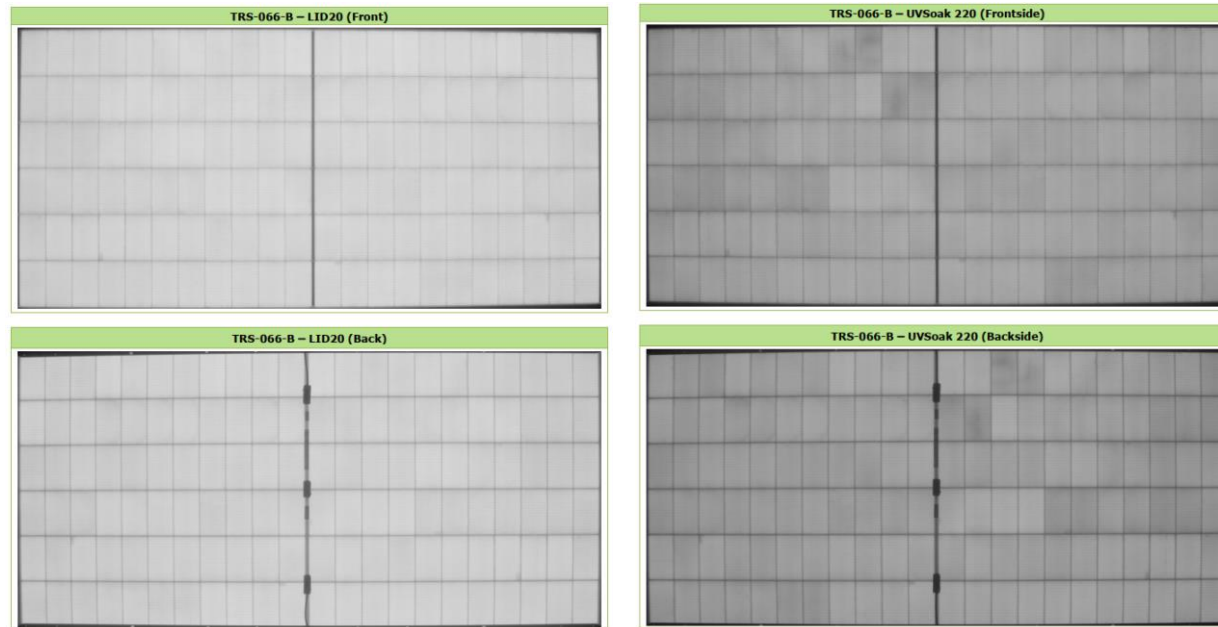
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# Outstanding UVID Test Data by 3<sup>rd</sup> Parties -- RETC

## Performance Summary

RETC ID #	Sequence (Post)	Pmax	% Deg	Visual
TRS-066-B	Initial	595.15	-	No visual defects observed.
	LID40	594.28	-0.15%	n/a
	LID20	594.56	-0.10%	n/a
	UV Soak 220kWh/m2 (Frontside)	585.65	-1.44%	No visual defects observed.
TRS-066-C	Initial	597.25	-	No visual defects observed.
	LID40	596.26	-0.17%	n/a
	LID20	595.91	-0.22%	n/a
	UV Soak 220kWh/m2 (Backside)	589.18	-1.06%	No visual defects observed.



- UVID 220
- DH2000
- PID
- TC
- SMDL\*

\*SML+DML+ TC 50+ HF 30

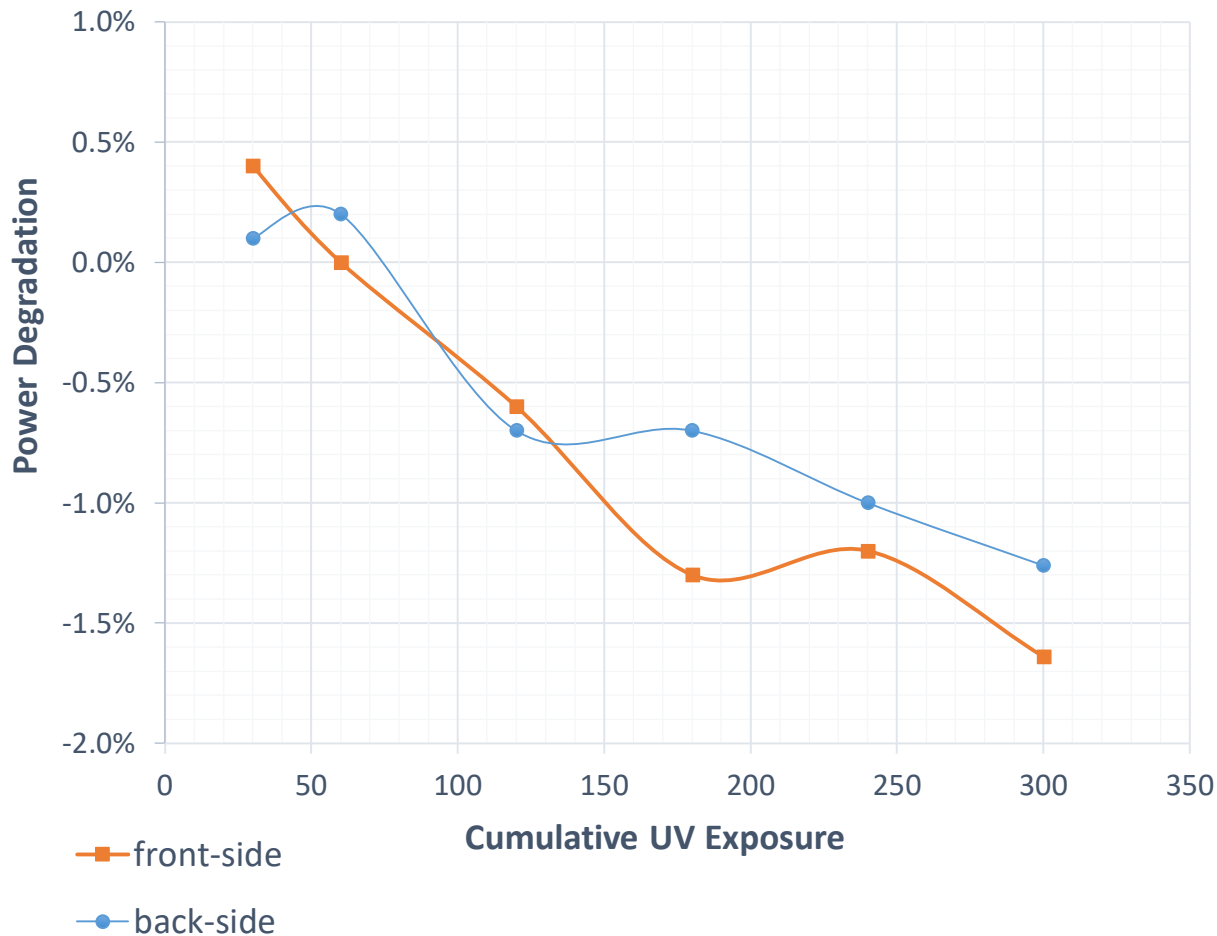
210-Vertex awarded “Highest Achiever”

Product: NEG19RC.20 (Vertex N series 630W)

Result: The power degradation is kept **within 1.5% after UVID 220** compare to industry level.

# Outstanding UVID Test Data by 3<sup>rd</sup> Parties- CGC (China General Certification Center)

## Power Degradation vs. Cumulative UV Exposure



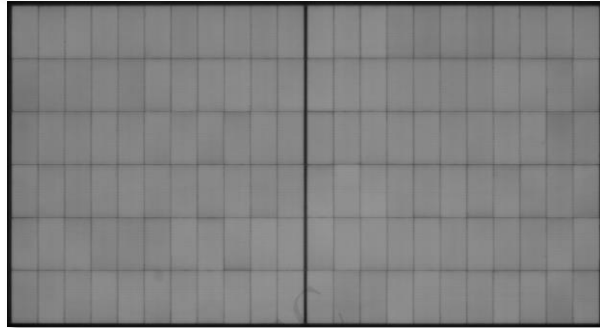
Product: NEG21C.20 (Vertex N series 720W)

### Result:

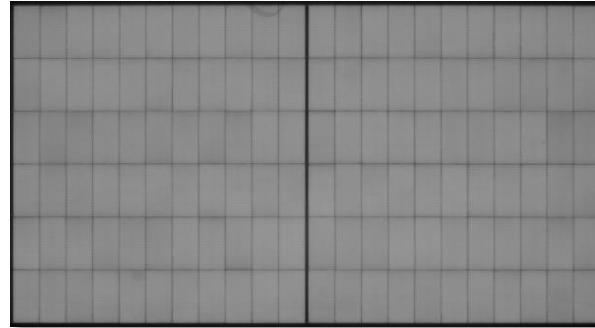
- After 300 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> of frontal ultraviolet irradiation (UV300), the power degradation is **1.64% on the front side and 1.26% on the back side.**
- Passed the insulation test and the wet leakage current test after each UV test cycle.

Note: The accumulative irradiance level for UV300 are 20 times of the IEC basic UV test (UV15) and have been estimated by authorities to be equivalent to about **4 years** of field UV exposure conditions.

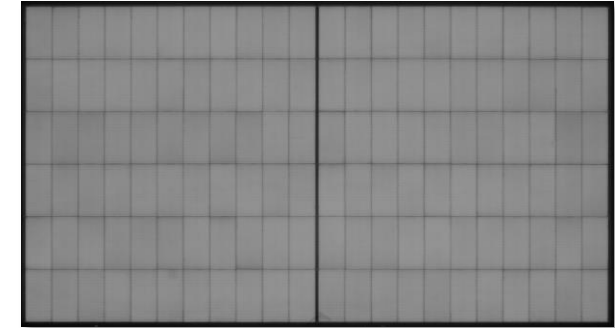
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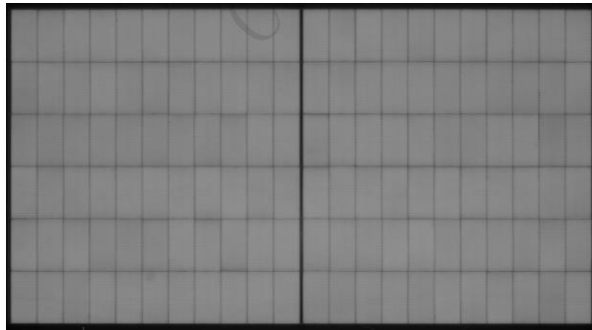
Initial-Before UV Exposure



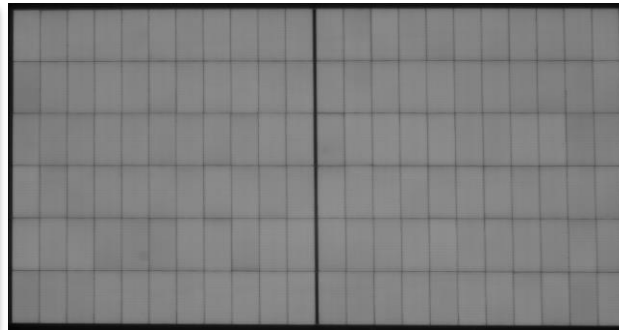
After UV30



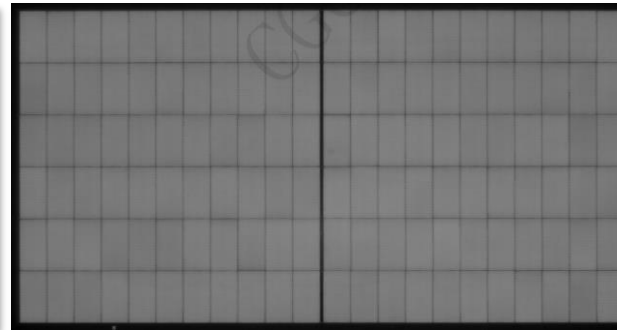
After UV60



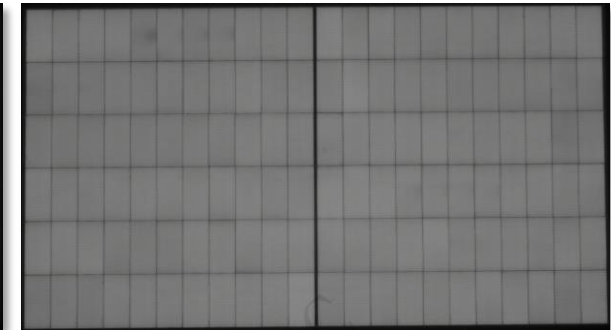
After UV120



After UV180



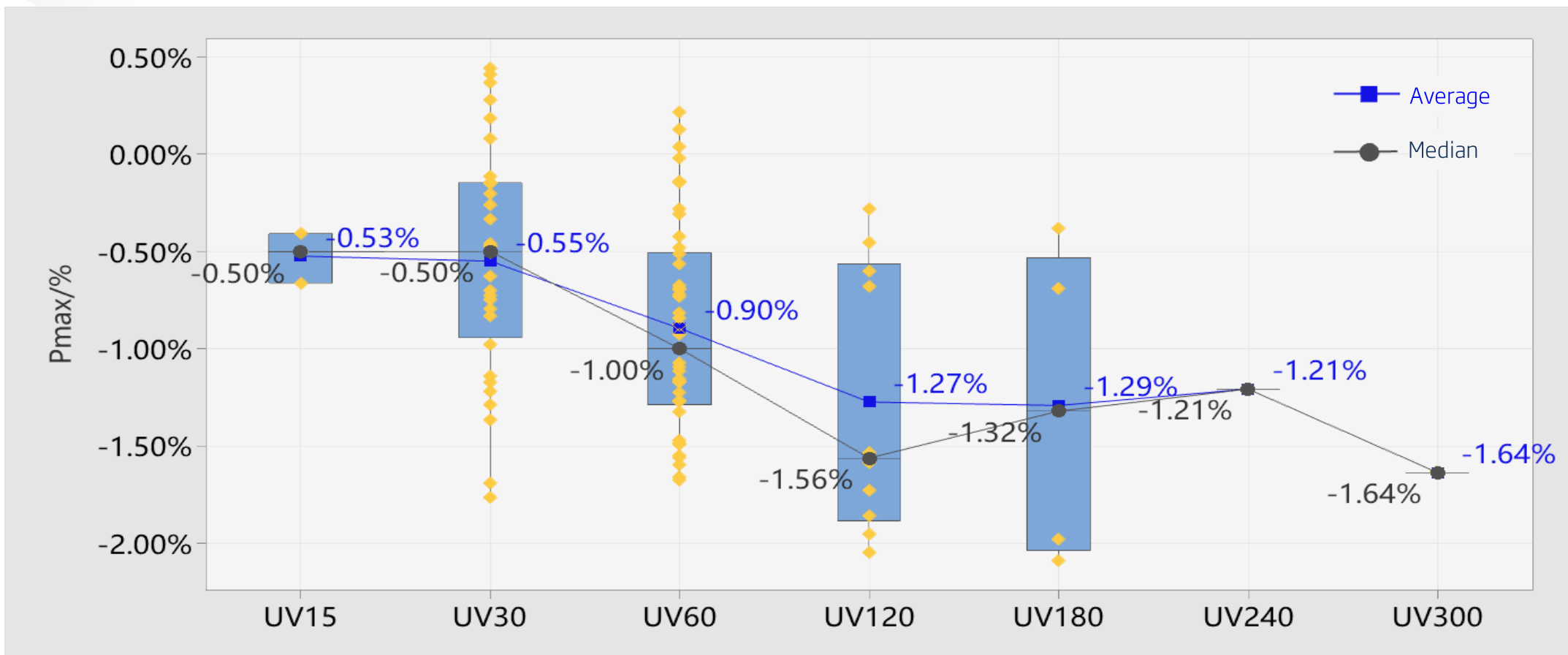
After UV240



After UV300

- The EL images before and after the test also show that the cells have no visible defects even after UV300.
- The performance of each cell on the module is very consistent.

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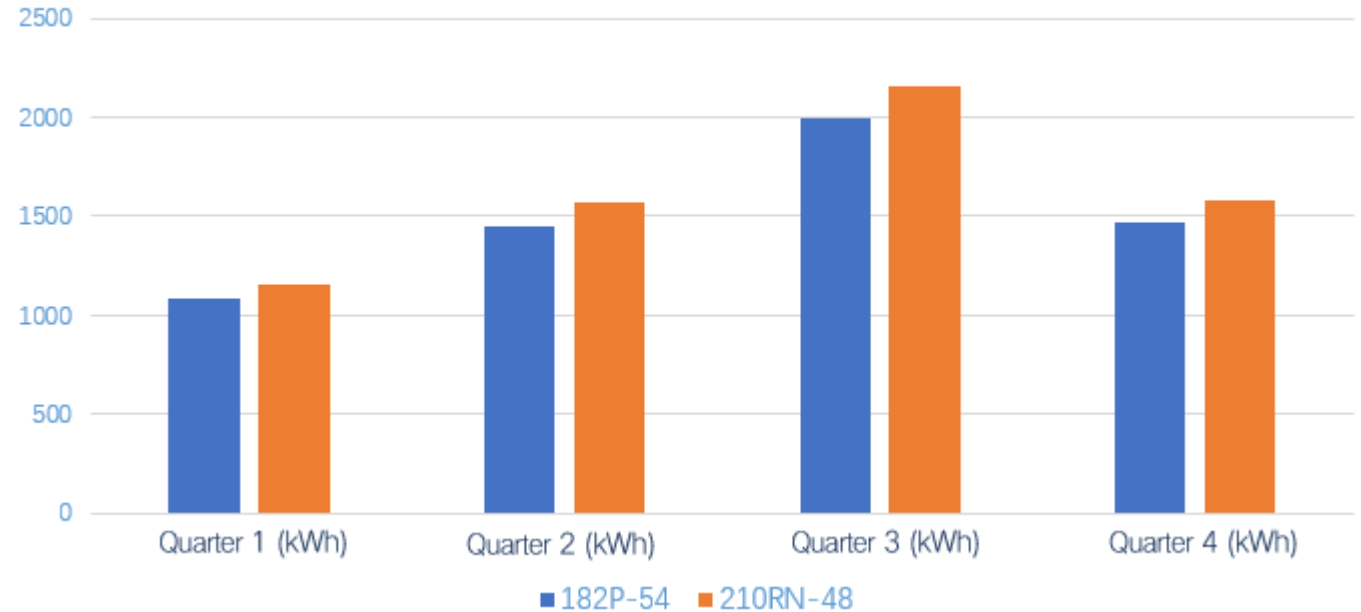
Hundreds of i-TOPCon modules (with different product types/production lines/production dates) were tested by CGC, with consistent test results.

# Vertex N modules' Low Field Degradation - certified by CGC



- Location: Haikou, Hainan Province, China
- Climate: High Temperature & High Humidity
- Mounting Structure: Small Inclination Angle (9°) above the roof
- Ground Condition: Concrete
- Test Period: 2022.10.29-2023.10.29
- Test Module: 210RN-48 (NEG9R.28)
- Reference Module: 182P-54

## Module Power Generation - Quarterly



According to the module power measurement results at the lab, Trina's Vertex N mono-facial modules' annual power degradation is as low as **0.81%**.

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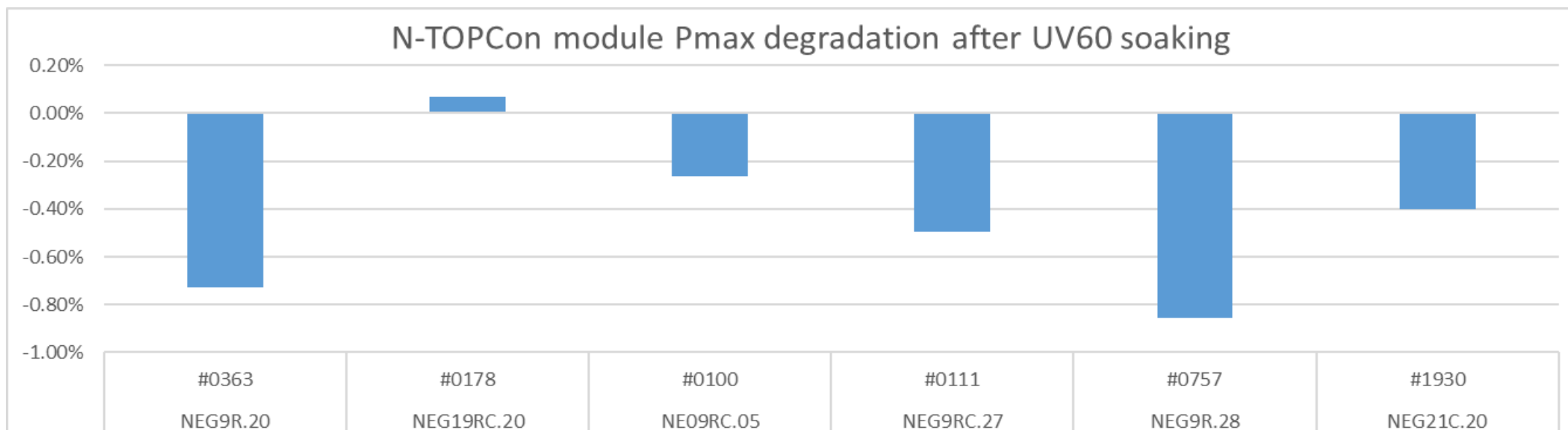
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# Trina Internal Test Results

## Comparison of data with other mainstream manufacturers

UV60	Trina	A	B	C	D
Front-side Degradation	-1.5% ~ -0.2%	-4% ~ -1%	-2.8% ~ -1.5%	-3% ~ -1%	-5% ~ -4%
Back-side Degradation	-1.2% ~ -0.2%	/	/	-3%	-5%

## Comparison of data for different module sizes in Trina



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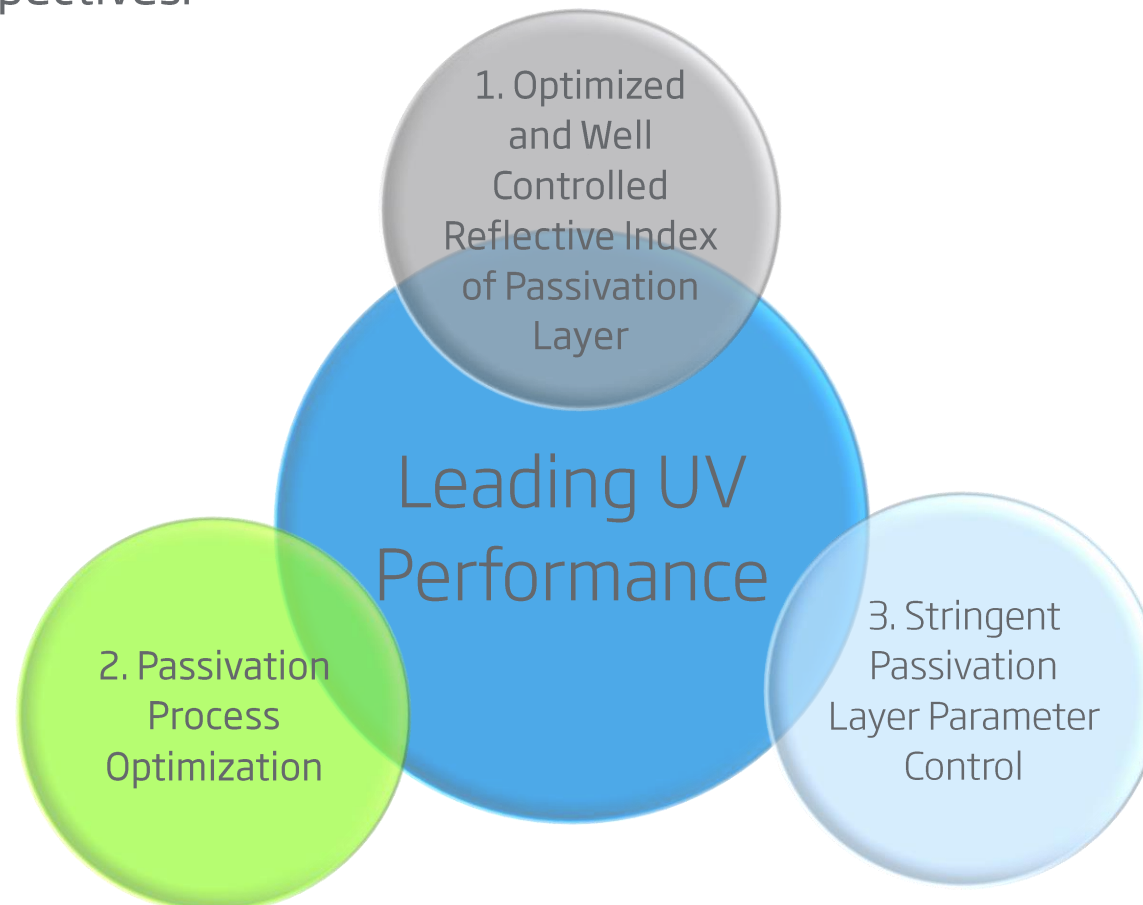
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# Advantages of Vertex N UV Resistance

UVID is the key element new PV cell technologies and irreversible under normal field conditions. Ultraviolet light exposure can cause efficiency changes of PV modules.

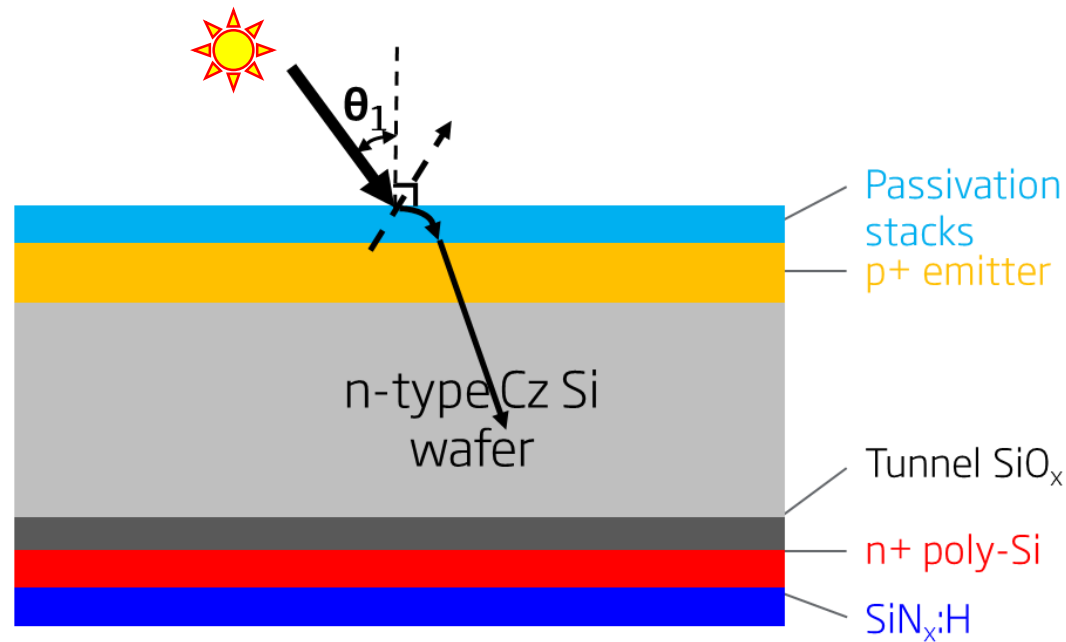
To solve this problem, Trina Solar focused on UVID resistance during the TOPCon cell design stage in various perspectives:



# Advantages of Vertex N UV Resistance- Cell design

The unique anti-UV design of the cell reduces the degradation rate.

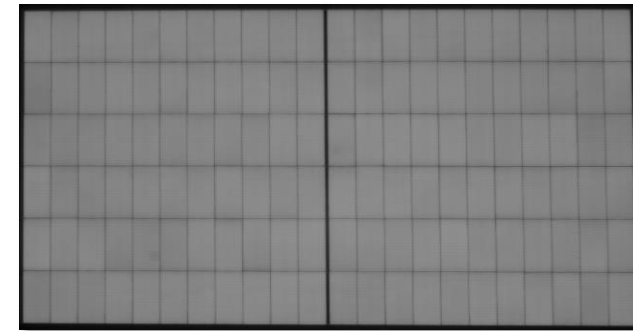
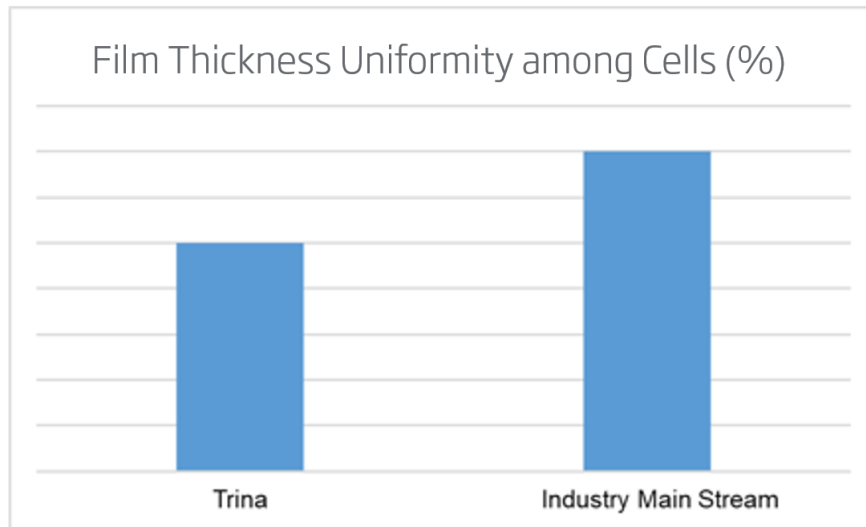
- Design: The Positive film passivation structure integrated low light self-absorption, low reflection, strong protection blocking ability during design and development, to achieve high cell efficiency with excellent UV resistance.



- The unique process of the passivation layer are with a good balance between chemical passivation and field-effect passivation. With the passivation process combining **stronger passivation capability** and **higher stability**, the resultant passivation layer has achieved optimal efficiency and enhanced UV resistance.

# Advantages of Vertex N UV Resistance- Strict Control

- A more strict control standard leads to a better film uniformity and more consistent passivation capability among cells. When the consistency of cell passivation capability is ensured, UV resistance is also improved.
- Follow **more rigorous monitoring methods and standards** of passivation film thickness could achieve more accurate and **better inter-sheet uniformity**.
- To calculate the uniformity, other manufacturers use the average film thickness of each cell while Trina uses the average film thickness of several selected points on each cell.



Excellent Cell Uniformity Verified by EL

# Strict Process Quality Control

**Key Characteristics Recognition & Standardization**  
Process control of coating



**Process control**  
IPD ( Integrated Product development)  
ECCB (Engineering Change Control Board)

**ORT Monitoring**  
Regularly check  
ORT: ongoing reliability monitoring

**Process Monitoring**  
Intelligent information management of cell

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# Trina i-TOPCon Technology Roadmap

## 2015-2019

### i-TOPCon

- In 2015, Base on Trina Solar's State Key Laboratory of Photovoltaic Science and Technology(PVST) ,i-TOPCon Lab was established.
- Innovative hydrogen passivation
- Wafer size 158.75mm×158.75 mm
- Cell efficiency 23.07% (JET certificate) 24.58% (ISFH certificate) mass production efficiency 23.2%
- 500 MW mass production line



2019.12 250MW  
Tongchuan 'Top Runner'  
technical leader project

2019.6.30 250MW  
Changzhi 'Top Runner'  
technical leader project

- The first TOPCon Cell World Record in China, 23.5% (2019)

## 2020-2022

### i-TOPCon Plus

- Wafer size: 210mm×210mm+ 18BB
- 500 MW TOPCon pilot line
- Average production cell efficiency 24.5%
- Cell efficiency 25.15% (ISFH certificate)



Vertex S in Europe

2020.9.30 137MW  
Yellow River hydropower in  
Qinghai

- Cell efficiency record
- 25.25% (2022/2, ISFH certificate)
- 25.42%(2022/3, ISFH certificate)
- 25.5%(2022/3, China National Metrology Institute certificate)

## 2023-2024

### i-TOPCon Advanced

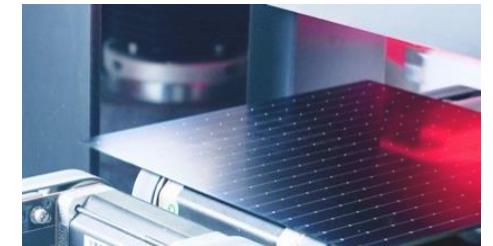
- Selective emitter, Rear planar reflector, Highly low rear TOPCon structure, Laser induced Firing, Edge Recovery Technology
- Large wafer: 210,210R
- Lab efficiency reach 26% (German third-party certificates)
- Comprehensive product portfolio



## 2025+

### i-TOPCon Ultra & Tandem

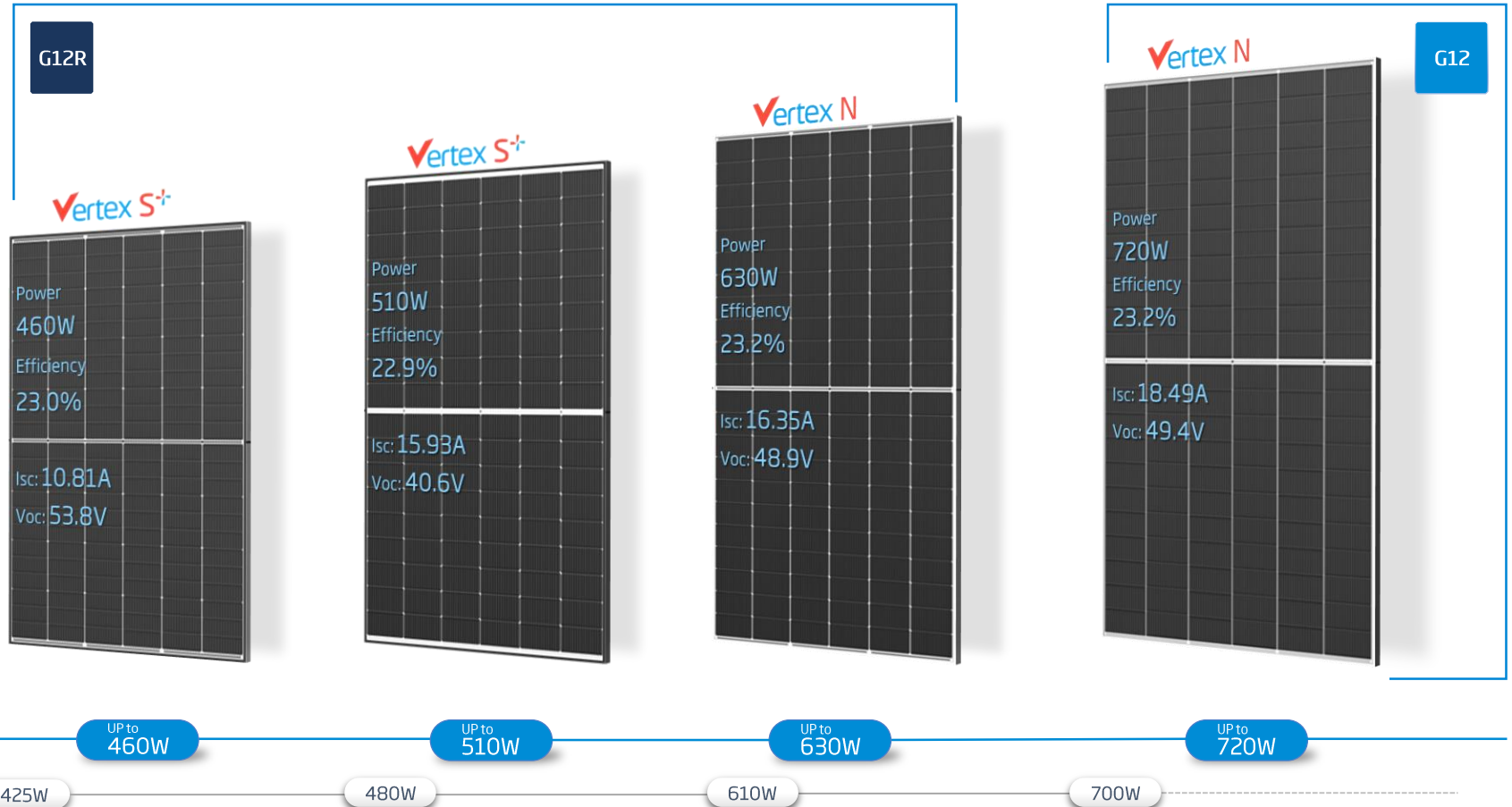
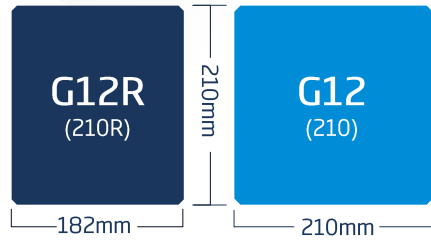
- i-TOPCon cell efficiency can be improved by more than 1%, and module power can be improved by more than 30W
- i-TOPCon + Perovskite Tandem Cell: Efficiency > 30%



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# Trina Vertex N Product Family Introduction



- Small format module: **2m<sup>2</sup> extreme design** , leading power and efficiency.
- Medium format module: excellent installation and electrical compatibility, **best partner for tracker**.
- Large format module: ultra high power, "**designed for optimal LCOE**".



# 210+N

## VERTEX DNA

### 210

#### Innovative Technology Platform

##### 210/210R

advanced wafer products in mass production



##### Half-cut technology

High shadow tolerance and reduced risk of hot spots



##### Non-destructive cutting

Lower risk of hidden cracks, higher product reliability



##### MBB (multi-busbar)

Perfect balance of efficiency and reliability



##### High density packaging

Reduced risk of hidden cracks, higher reliability



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#### Trinasolar i-TOPCon



**i-TOPCon Advanced technology upgrade drives continuous efficiency improvement.**

Laser induced Firing, Rear planar reflector, Highly low rear TOPCon structure, Edge Recovery Technology



**TOPCon core patent group, globally Risk-free**

Stand at the forefront of the industry with over a hundred patents in the TOPCon field.

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