



PV Industry Trends from Trends Report 2020 and some update

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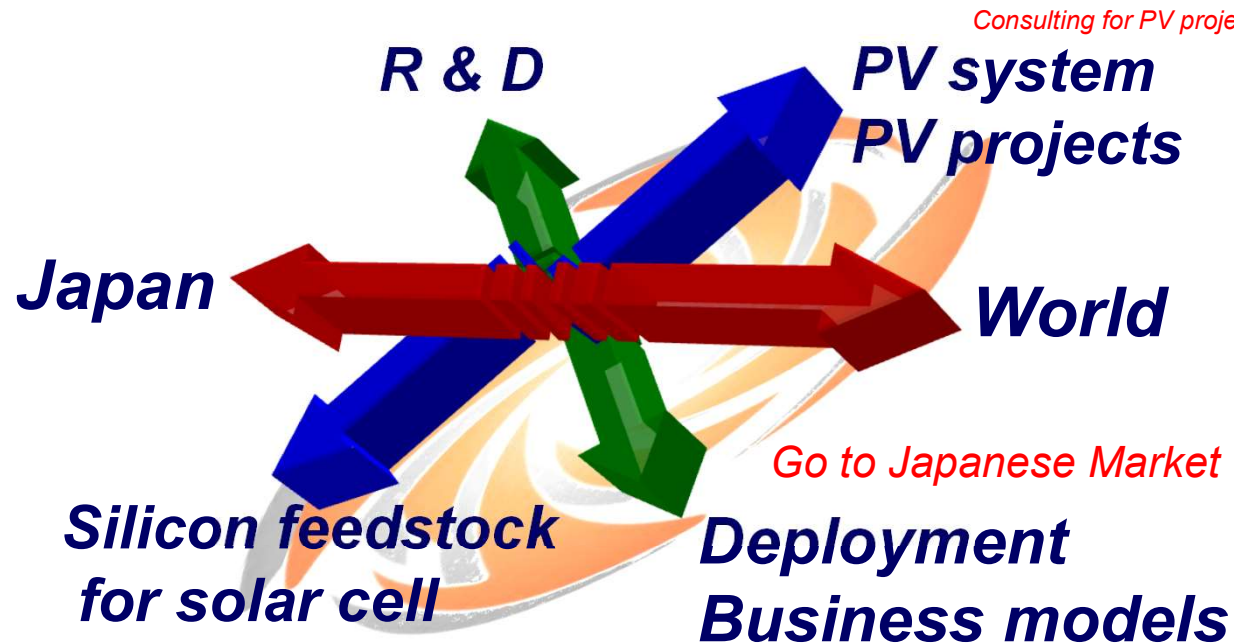
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[Comprehensive Consulting company on Photovoltaics \(PV\)](#)

Business: Helping establish PV business strategy, **“Go to Japanese market ”**

Clients: Government agencies, utilities, manufacturers (entire value chain of PV) project developers, financial institutes, industry associations, etc.
in JP, US, DE, IT, FR, AT, NR, CHE, AUS, CHN, IND, KOR, Taiwan, Thailand, Norway, etc.



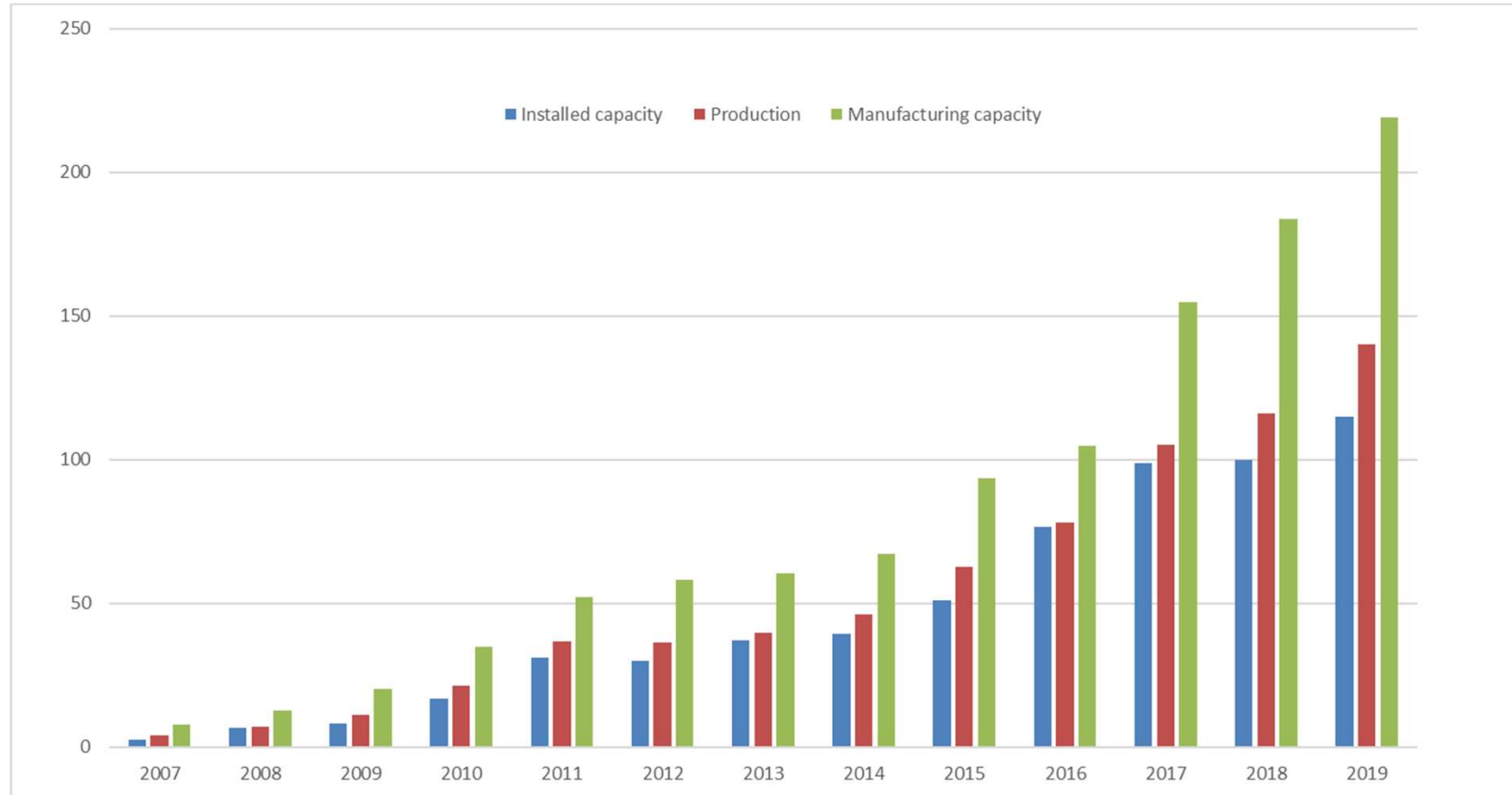
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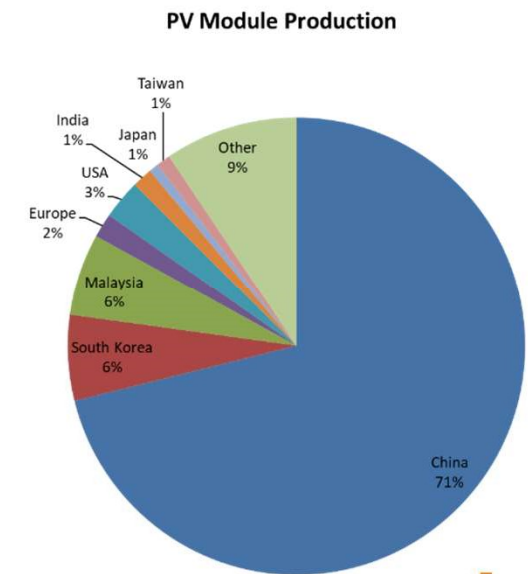
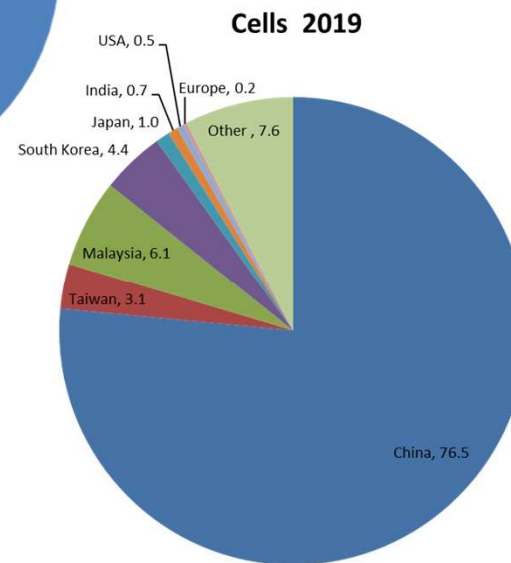
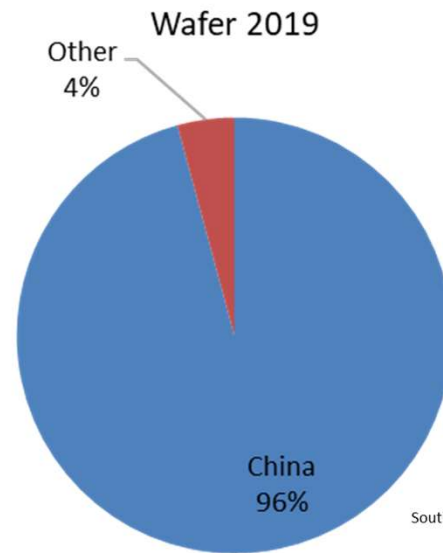
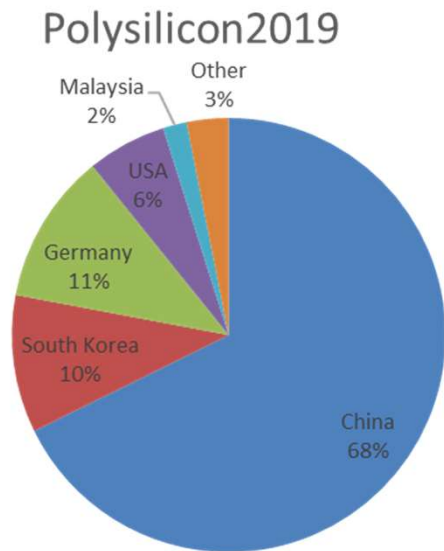
Trends with more focus on downstream sectors will be presented on Thursday, Date: 14:50-18:00, Nov. 12 (Thu), 2020
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Yearly PV Installation, PV Module Production & Production capacity

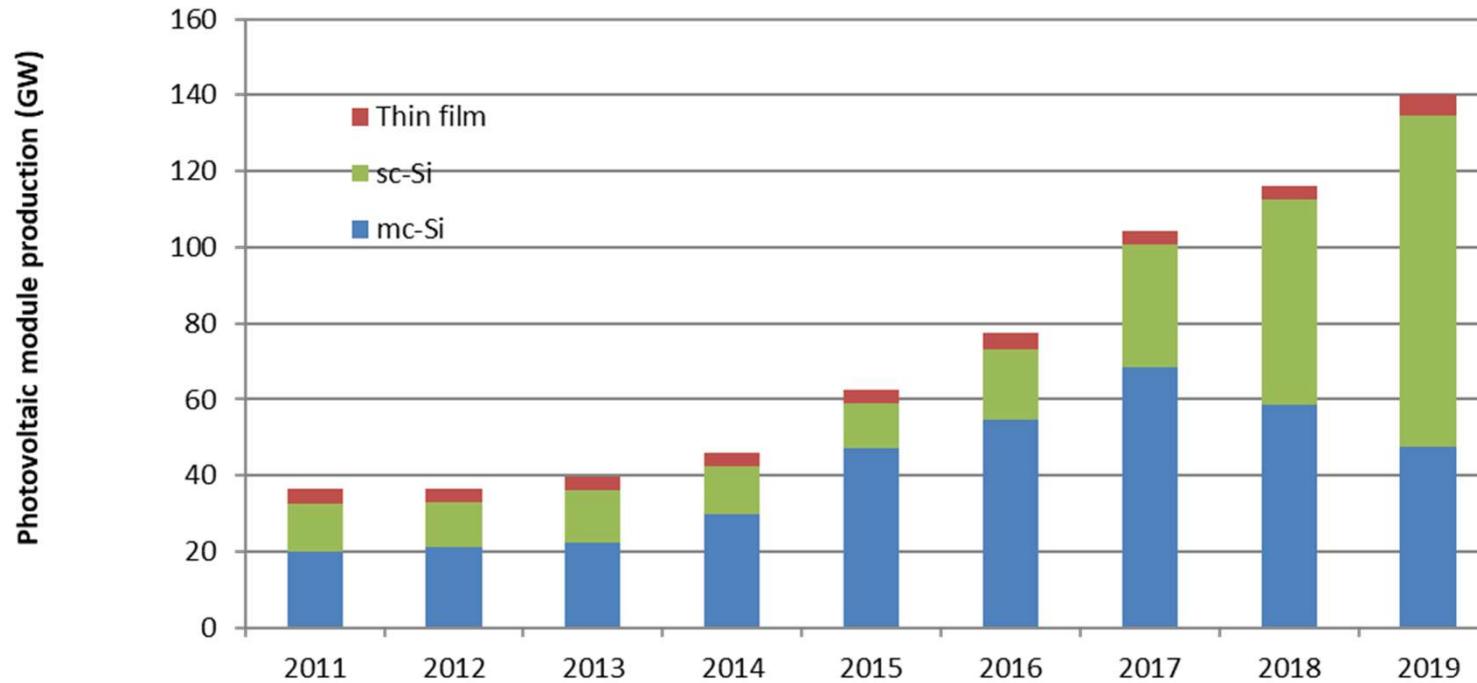


Preliminary
(Trends 2020)

Share of manufacturing countries along the value chain (2019)



PV Module production by technology



- sc-Si share increased to 62%, mc-Si share decreased from 50.4% to 34%
- Thinfilm share: 4.1%, majority from First Solar, then, Solar Frontier, etc.

Some update trends

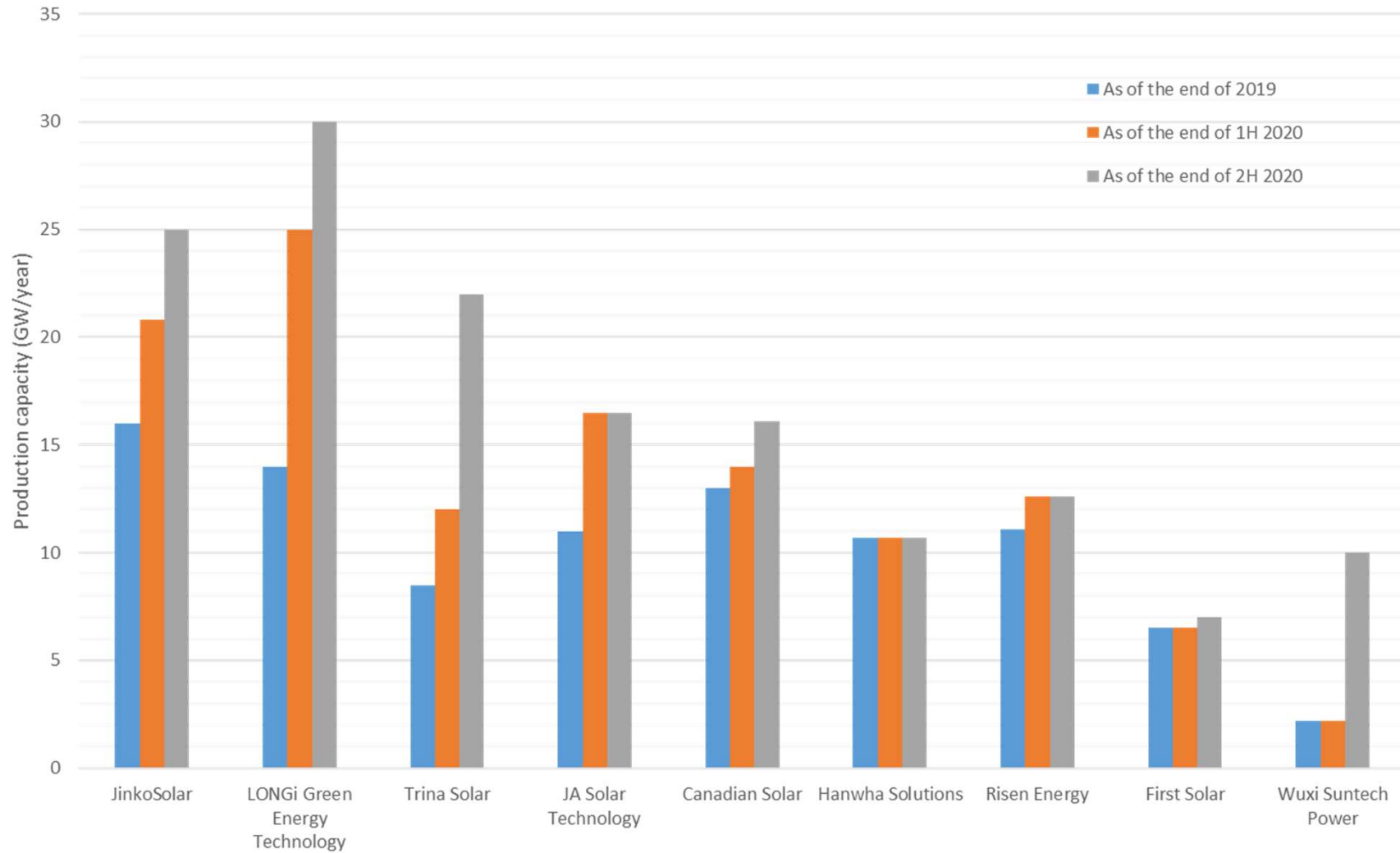
- 1H 2020 Module shipment rankings
- Further enhancement of manufacturing capacity
- PV module prices
- Higher output & efficiency technologies

PV module top 10 suppliers in 1H 2020 and major manufacturing sites

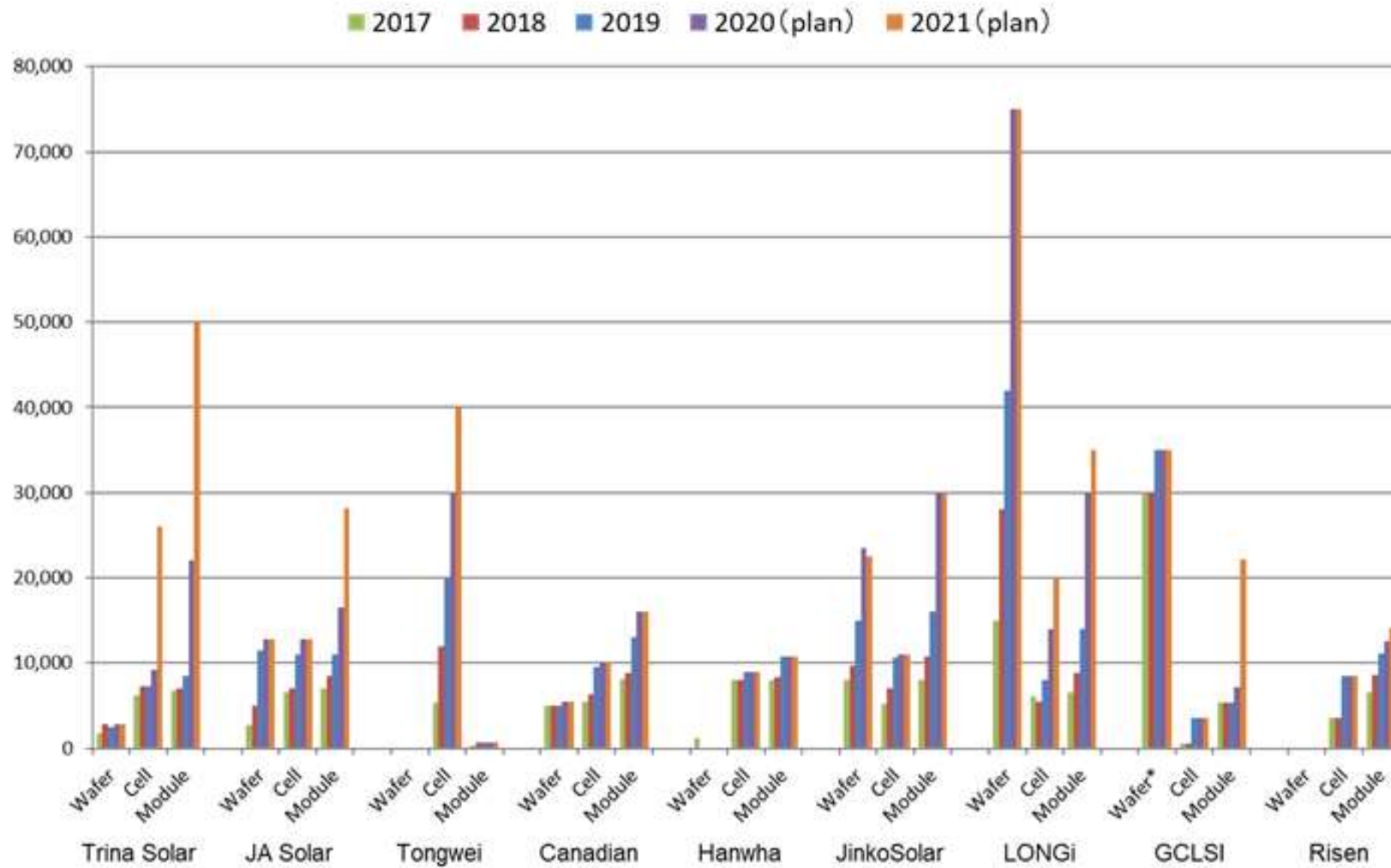
Rank	1H 2020 Shipment preliminary (GW)		2019 Shipment preliminary (GW)		2018 Shipment (GW)	
1	JinkoSolar (China/ Malaysia/ USA)	8	JinkoSolar (China/ Malaysia/ USA)	14.3	JinkoSolar(China/Malaysia)	11.17
2	LONGi Green Energy Technology (China/ Malaysia)	6.8	JA Solar Technology (China/ Malaysia/ Vietnam)	10.3	JA Solar(China/Malaysia)	8.5
3	Trina Solar (China/ Thailand)	5.84	Trina Solar (China/ Thailand)	10	Trina Solar(China/Thailand)	7.54
4	JA Solar Technology (China/ Malaysia/ Vietnam)	5.46	Canadian Solar (Canada/ China/ Brazil/ Vietnam/ Taiwan)	8.6	Canadian Solar (Canada/China/Brazil/Vietnam)	6.82
5	Canadian Solar (Canada/ China/ Brazil/ Vietnam/ Taiwan)	5.12	LONGi Green Energy Technology (China/ Malaysia)	8.4	LONGi Green Energy Technology (China/Malaysia)	6.58
6	Hanwha Solutions (S. Korea/ China/ Malaysia/ USA)	4	Hanwha Solutions (S. Korea/ China/ Malaysia/ USA)	7.3	Hanwha Q CELLS (S. Korea/China/Malaysia)	5.60
6	Risen Energy (China/ Mexico)	3.37	Risen Energy (China/ Mexico)	6.3	GCL System Integration Technology (GCLSI) (China)	4.57
8	First Solar (USA/ Malaysia/ Vietnam)	2.5	First Solar (USA/ Malaysia/ Vietnam)	5.4	Risen Energy(China)	3.35
8	Zhejiang Chint Electrics (Astronergy) (China)	2.22	Zhejiang Chint Electrics (Astronergy)) (China)	3.7	Shunfeng International Clean Energy/Suntech Power(China)	3.30
10	GCL System Integration Technology (GCLSI) (China/ Vietnam)	2	GCL System Integration Technology (GCLSI) (China/ Vietnam)	3.6	Chint Electrics(China)	3.15

Source : RTS Corporation based on annual report, etc.,including estimates, as of August 2020

Capacity expansion of PV modules by major companies



Manufacturing capacity along the value chain, as of 22nd October



Recent PV module trends

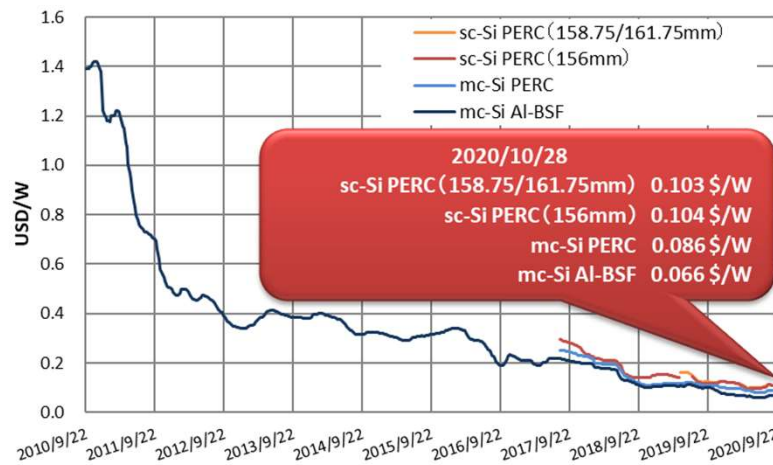
Polysilicon (PV grade, spot price)



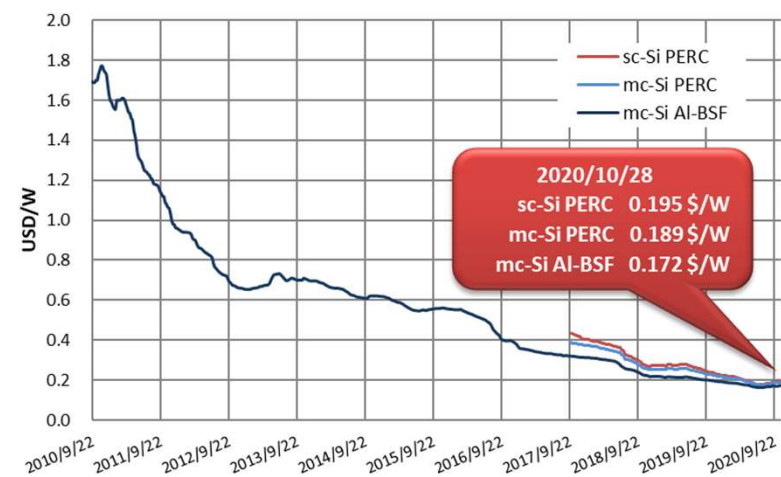
PV Si wafer (Spot price)



Cell (Spot price)



PV module (Spot price)



Source: PV Insight

Glass for PV modules

Bloomberg Green



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Glass Shortage Threatens Solar Panels Needed for Climate Fix

Bloomberg News

2020年11月5日 13:46 JST Updated on 2020年11月6日 11:00 JST

- ▶ PV glass output seen 20%-30% short of demand next year
- ▶ Price have risen 71% since July, hurting solar power economics

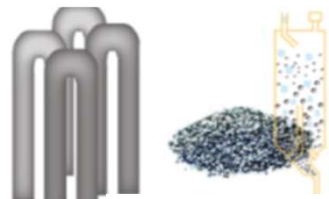
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The world's biggest solar power company says a shortage of glass is raising costs and delaying production of new panels, throwing a wrench into



Technology trends along the value chain : Crystalline Silicon



Poly Silicon

- FBR
- Debottlenecking
- Higher purity for N-type solar cell, and semiconductor

mc-Si

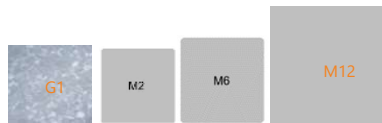
- Cast-mono

sc-Si

- Recharging
- Multiple use of Crucibles
- Longer pulling
- Ga doping

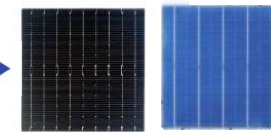


Ingot



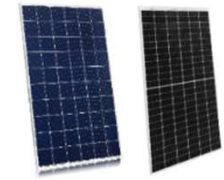
Wafer

- Larger sizes
156 → 158 → 161/166 → 180/182 → 210mm
- Standardization



Solar Cell

- Higher efficiency: n-PERT, TOPCon (Passivated Contact), SHJ, IBC, Tandem)
- Bifacial
- Contacts (finer, multiple, MBBs)



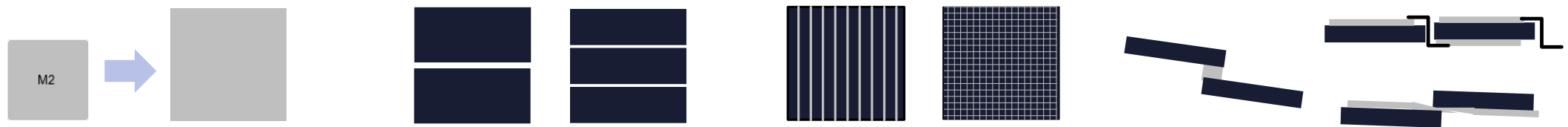
Module

- Higher power
1/2 Cut, 1/3 Cut or more
- Bifacial (Glass-Glass, Glass-Polymer) Interconnection (Shingled, Paving/Tiling, etc.)
- Light weight, bendable
- Colored/Printed glass
- BIPV/BAPV

PVPS

Location of manufacturing sites, Low-cost equipment, Smart manufacturing (Automation plus highly efficient process management with IoT, Bigdata, AI and machine learning), Sustainable manufacturing/lower carbon footprint

Trends for higher output for crystalline silicon PV modules



Larger wafers
(182/210mm)

Cut cells
(1/2, 1/3...,
Damageless
cutting)

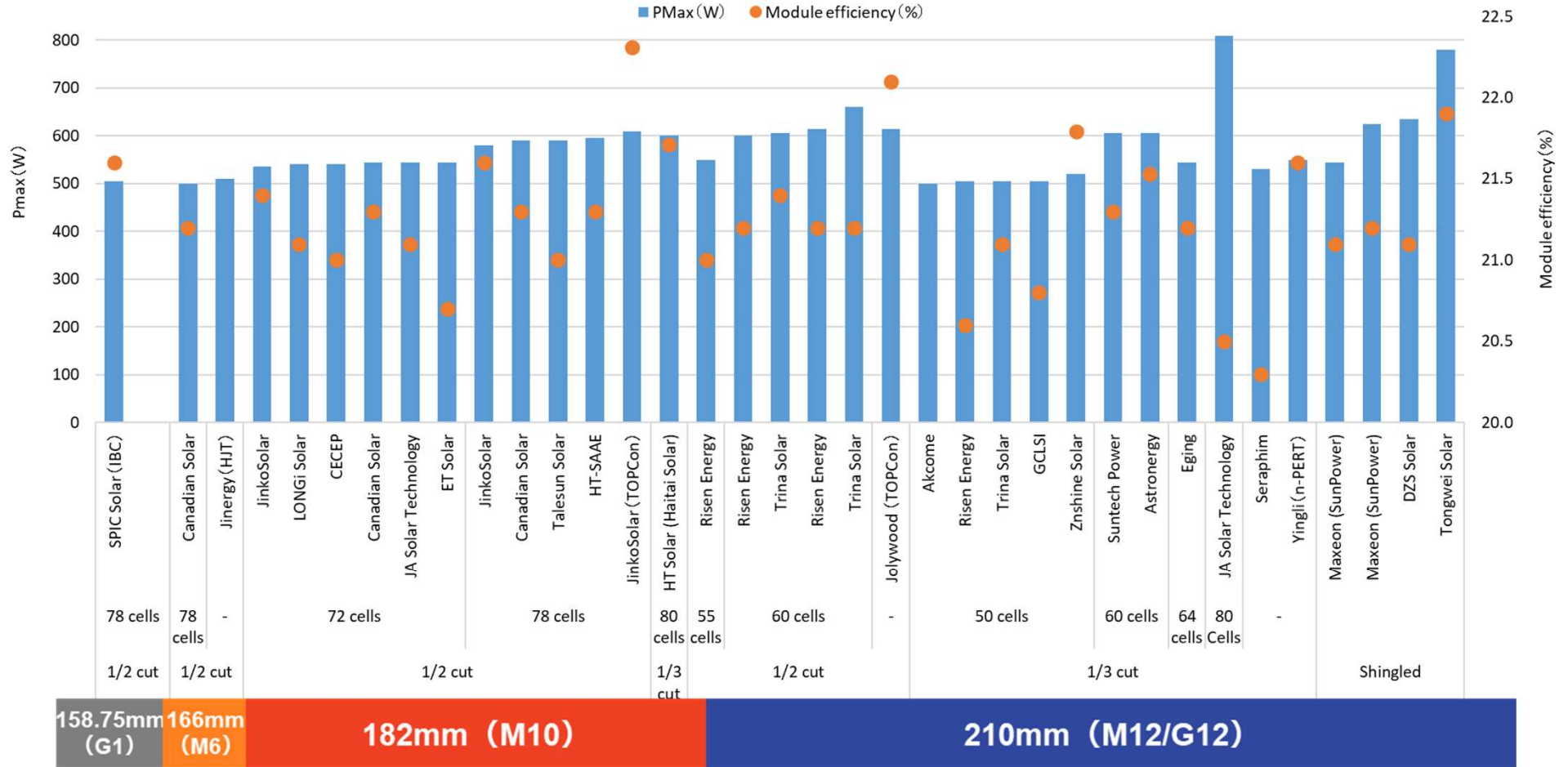
**MBBs/
Multiwire,
Smart wire**

**Interconnecti
ons**
Shingled/
Paving/
Tiling...)



Bifacial (PERC, HJT), Glass-Glass, Glass-polimer

Recently announced high efficiency PV modules



※If not noted, cell type is p-mono silicon PERC
 ※Cell number based on fullsize wafer

Technology trends along the value chain : Thinfilms



CdTe, CIGS, etc.

- Higher efficiency (tandem)
- Larger size module
- Light weight
- Flexible/ bendable
- Coloured/ Printed surface
- BIPV/BAPV



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Conclusion



- Still gap exists between demand and production capacities
- Price affected by supply issues of polysilicon and glass but eventually stabilized
- Cost competition → Higher output and efficiency to reduce LCOE
- COVID-19 may diversify of manufacturing location
- But lower margins cast some questions for future investment for TW era
- Reliability and sustainability are essential

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