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The entire photovoltaic industry chain of batteries and components



Overview

This special report examines solar PV supply chains from raw materials all the way to the finished product, spanning the five main segments of the manufacturing process: polysilicon, ingots, wafers, cells and modules. What is the supply chain for solar PV?

The supply chain for solar PV has two branches in the United States: crystalline silicon (c-Si) PV, which made up 84% of the U.S. market in 2020, and cadmium telluride (CdTe) thin film PV, which made up the remaining 16%. The supply chain for c-Si PV starts with the refining of high-purity polysilicon.

How has global solar PV manufacturing capacity changed over the last decade?

Global solar PV manufacturing capacity has increasingly moved from Europe, Japan and the United States to China over the last decade. China has invested over USD 50 billion in new PV supply capacity – ten times more than Europe – and created more than 300 000 manufacturing jobs across the solar PV value chain since 2011.

What are the three components of PV technology?

PV technology has three essential components: the PV cell, the PV module and encapsulation, and the balance system for the PV industrial value chain, while three different technology trajectories are available for developing PV cells (Kalthaus, 2019). Thus, we count priority patent applications for each technological component.

How has technology changed the solar PV supply chain?

Technological innovation throughout the solar PV supply chain has increased the conversion efficiency of solar cells, reduced material usage and improved energy efficiency per module. Since 2010, solar PV cells have become nearly 60% more efficient and generation costs have fallen almost 80%.

Why is solar energy a key component of the PV value chain?

As the PV cell is the essential component of the PV value chain, converting sunlight into electricity by reduced cost and increased efficiency has been heatedly discussed in the existing literature. Technology innovation drives the development of competing or emerging technological trajectories.

What is the future of solar PV supply chain?

Solar PV supply chain expansion has outpaced rapid demand growth in the last decade, with crystalline silicon technology dominating the market at over 95% of installed capacity in the last five years. At the end of 2021, global capacity for manufacturing wafers and cells and for assembling modules exceeded demand by at least 100%.

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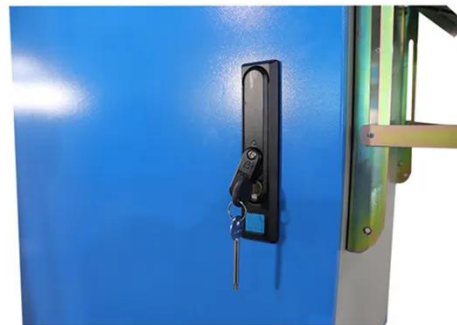
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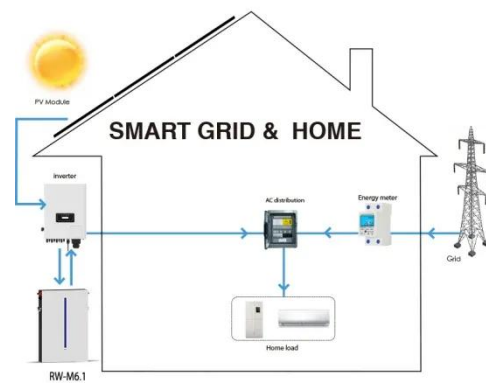
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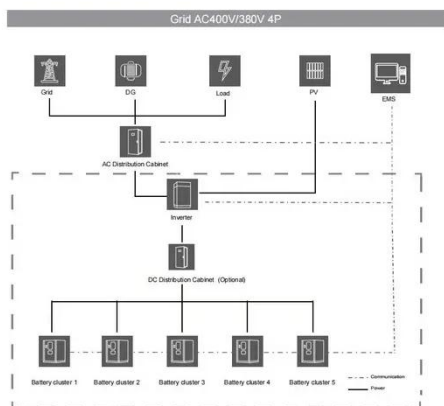
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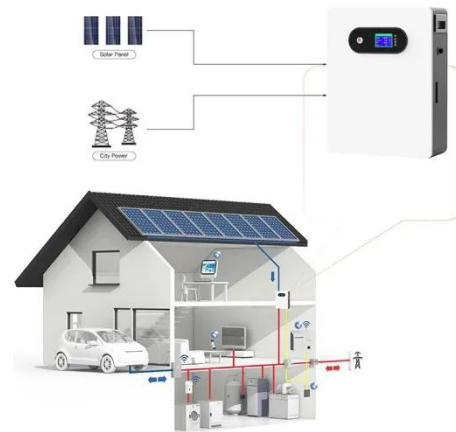
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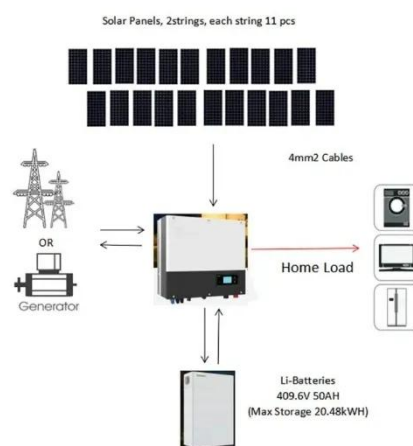
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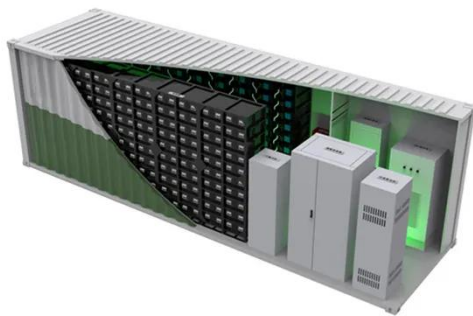
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