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Entering the Terawatt age: A 360° view on solar sustainability



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Sustainability of PV Manufacturing at the Multi-Terawatt Level

Pierre Verlinden

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Why are we suddenly talking about sustainability?

- >PV electricity is clean
 - ► It should be sustainable
- >PV used to be about Cost, Efficiency, Reliability
 - ➤ If it is reliable and cost effective against fossil fuels, it should be sustainable
- >PV in operation does not use any consumable, ...
 - > It should be sustainable

We need to talk about sustainability because PV will be huge!

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Anthropocene

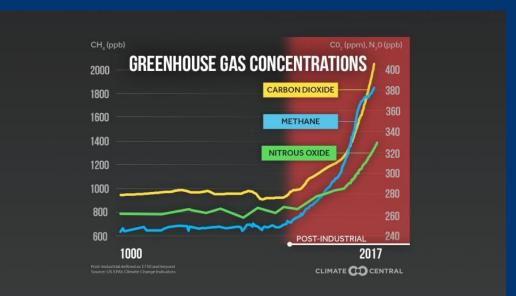
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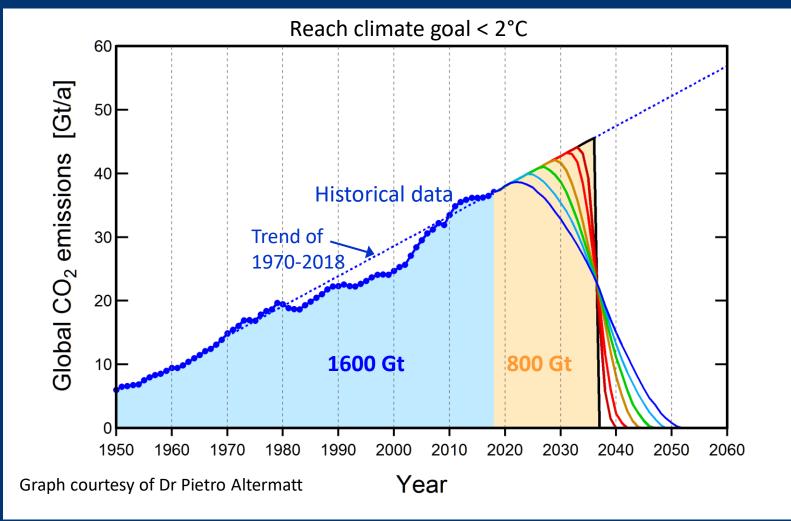
the current geological epoch, viewed as the period during which human activity has been the dominant influence on climate and the environment.

One proposal, based on atmospheric evidence, is to fix the start with the Industrial Revolution, ca. 1780, with the invention of the steam engine.





To fulfill the Paris COP21 Agreement, we are allowed to generate only 800 GT* of CO₂, then zero. The next 10 years will be decisive.

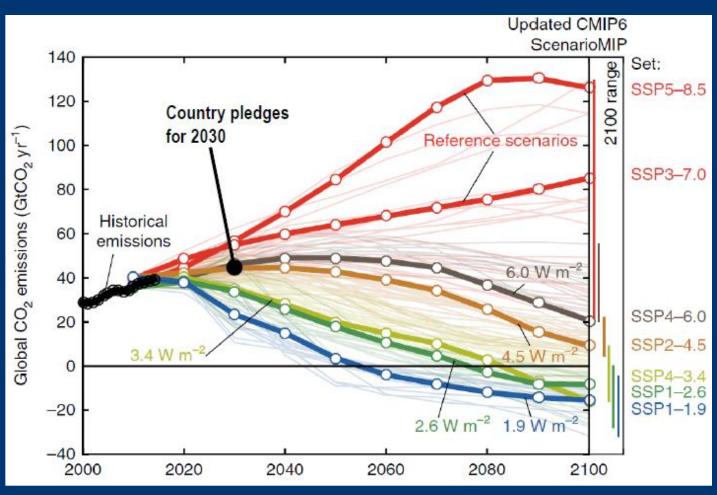


While developing our new PV technologies, when making design, materials and process decisions, we cannot ignore anymore the context of Global Climate Change.

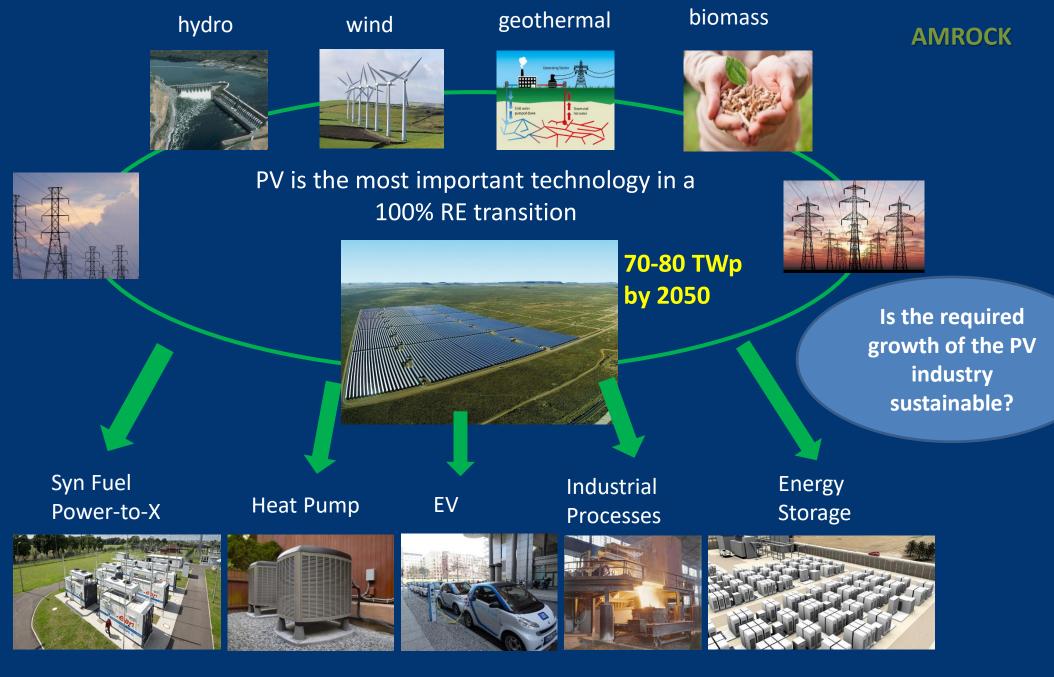
- Can we develop quick enough?
- Is our technology sustainable?
- \triangleright What is our embedded CO₂?

*Note: Only 400GT of CO₂ allowed if target is 1.5°C

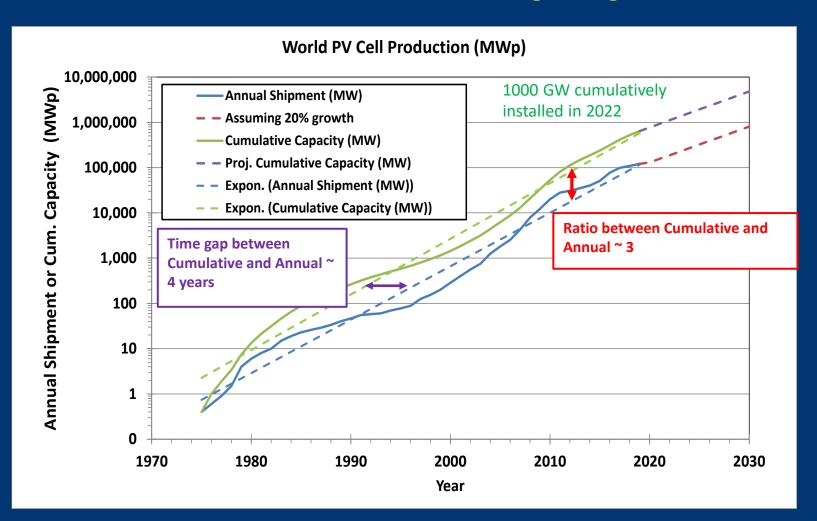
Only fast transition over the next 30 years to AMROCK net-zero CO₂ emission allows to meet +1.5C -2C



Source: Rogeli et al., Nature Climate Change 8, pages325-332 (2018)



PV Production Rate and Installed Capacity double every 3 years

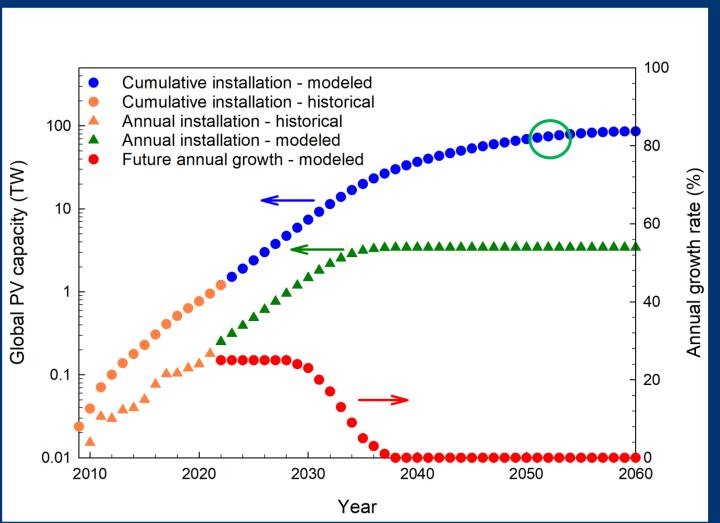


It took ~ 70 years to deploy the first TeraWatt. It will take just 3 years to install the next TW.

In 2022, PV generates 4.5% of Global electricity.

In 2026, PV will generate, worldwide, more electricity than nuclear.

Modelled PV Production to reach net-zero emission by 2050



- Fast growth rate (25%) until 2035
- Stabilise production around 3 TW p.a. before 2040
- Reach ~70 TW by 2050-2055
- The next 10 years will be decisive

There are many ways to look at Sustainability

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- **Energy**: How many kWh consumed per kWp installed?
 - To manufacture PV modules, inverters, BOS
 - > To transport, to install
 - Energy Pay Back Time (EPBT)
 - How fast can we grow this industry? (energy, supply chain, infrastructure, land)
- **CO₂ emissions**: How many kg of CO₂ equivalent per PV module? Per kWp? Per kWh?
- ❖ Water and chemical consumption, solid waste, gas and liquid effluents, pollution
- Material usage: availability, scarcity, risk of price increase, speculation
- *Recycling and Capturing valuable material
- Financial sustainability of PV manufacturers
 - Generate enough earning to grow, to build the next production lines
- ☐ What is impacting the sustainability of PV systems?
 - > Reliability, performance degradation, system lifetime (often depending on climate)
 - > Efficiency, PR, Annual irradiance, orientation, partial shading (also impacts reliability)
 - Energy yield, Bifacial or not, tracking or not

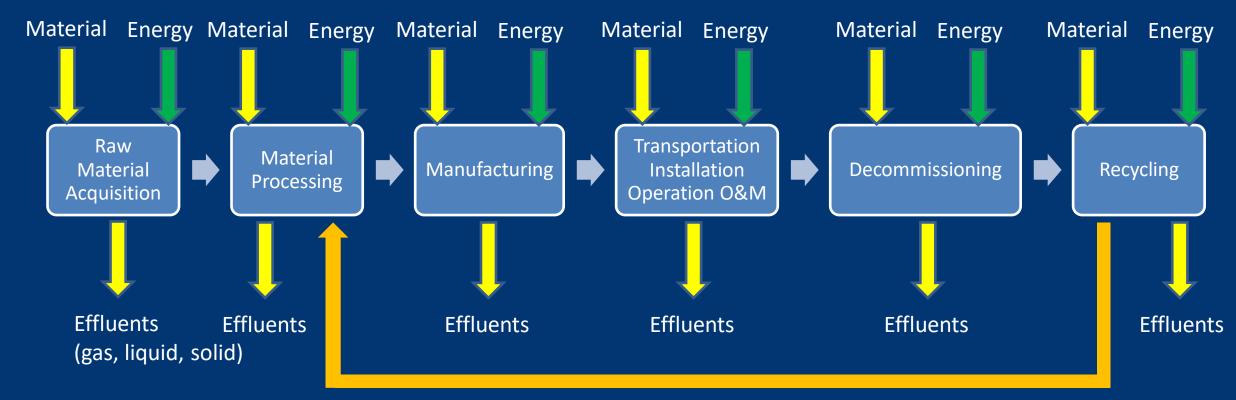
Life Cycle Assessment of PV Systems

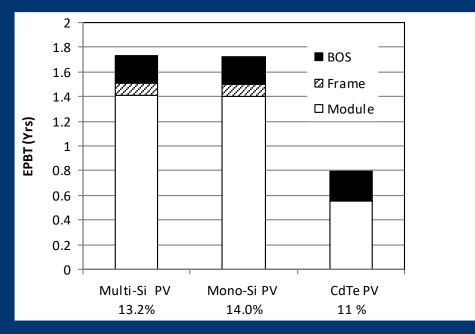
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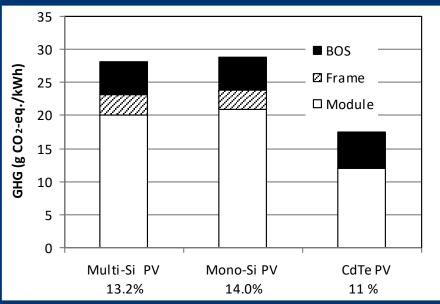
Cumulative (Primary) Energy Demand : $CED = E_{mat} + E_{manuf} + E_{trans} + E_{inst} + E_{EOL}$

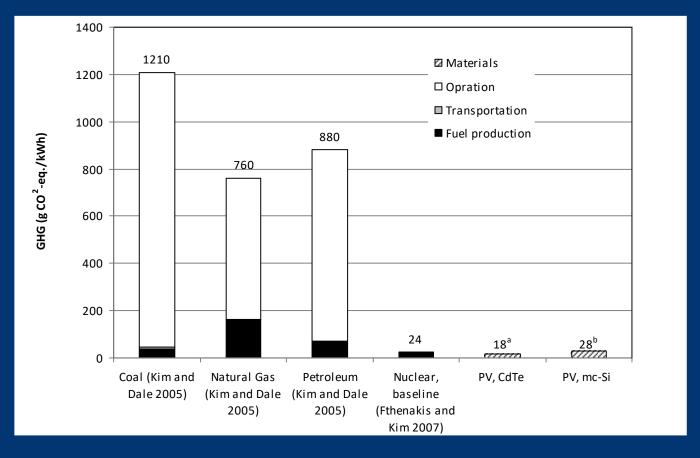
Energy Payback Time : EPBT = CED / $((E_{agen} / \eta_G) - E_{O&M})$

Energy Return on Investment : **EROI** = System Lifetime / EPBT









Ref.: V. Fthenakis, in book Photovoltaic Solar Energy from Fundamentals to Applications, Wiley 2017

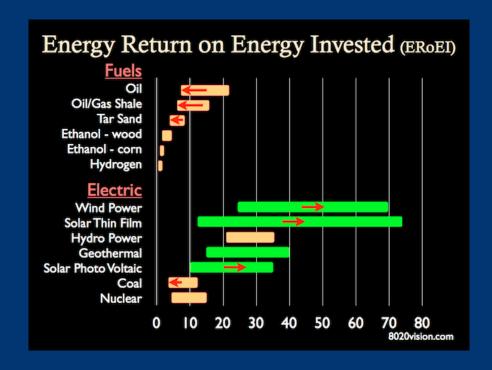
How fast can we grow the PV industry?

 Energy Payback Time EPBT << PV System Lifetime

$$EROI = \frac{System\ Lifetime}{EPBT} >> 1$$

 Energy Consumed to manufacture < Energy generated by PV systems installed the previous year

Growth Rate
$$<\frac{1}{EPBT}$$



http://8020vision.com/tag/eroei/

Financial Sustainability

The PV Industry ability to grow is limited by the EBIDTA and CAPEX

$$Growth \leq \frac{ASP}{CAPEX} \times EBITDA(\%)$$

- ☐ Current typ. EBITDA ~ 15%
- □Current typ. ASP ~ US\$0.26/W
- ☐ Current typ. CAPEX ~ US\$0.18/W

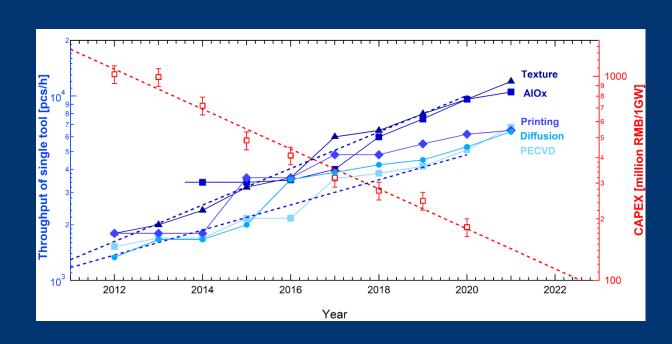
MG Silicon to Module, for mono PERC

⇒ Maximum sustainable growth ~ 22%

⇒Low CAPEX is key

*ASP = Average Sales Price CAPEX = Average Cost to Build (+/-10%) EBITDA = Earning Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortization

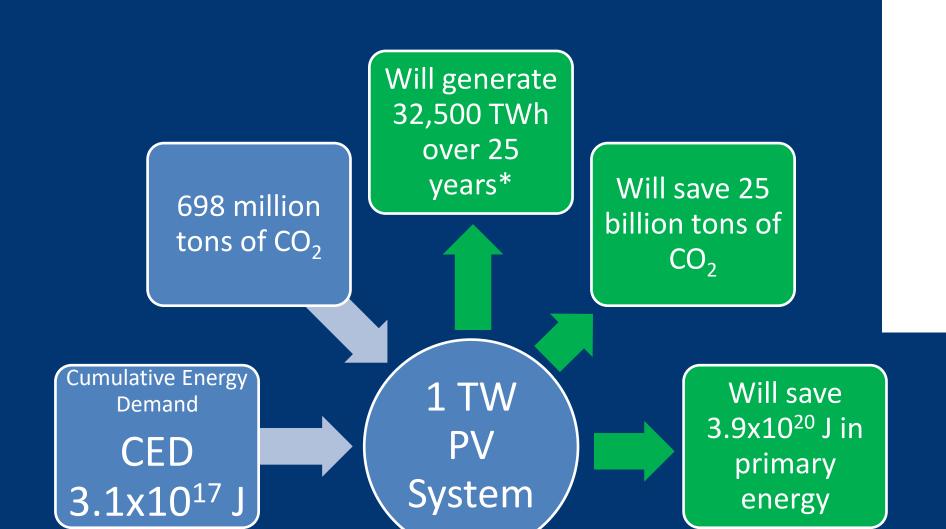
Reduction of CAPEX



Cost of new manufacturing line (CAPEX) decreases by 50% every 3 years

Energy and CO₂ Embedded in a 1 TW PV Modules

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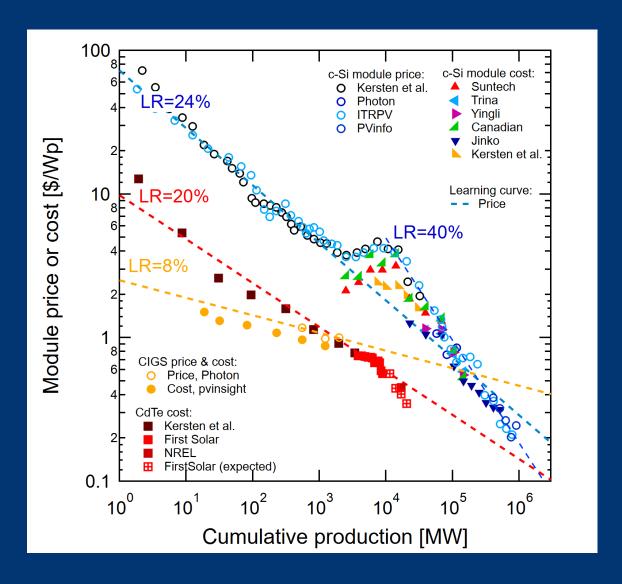


One 400W PV panel (~US\$100) will produce the same amount of electricity as 6.9 tons of coal (~US\$280)

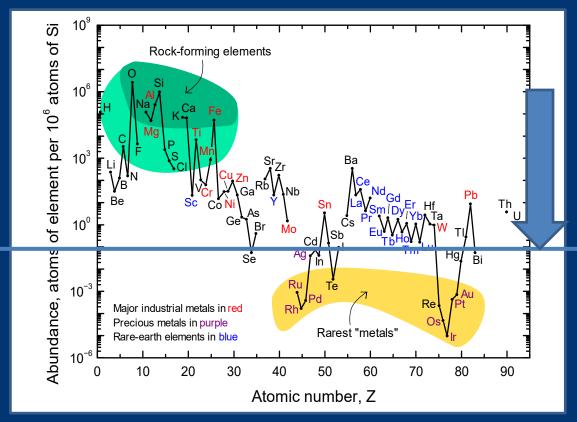
* Average lifetime of PV power plants is actually 32.5 years

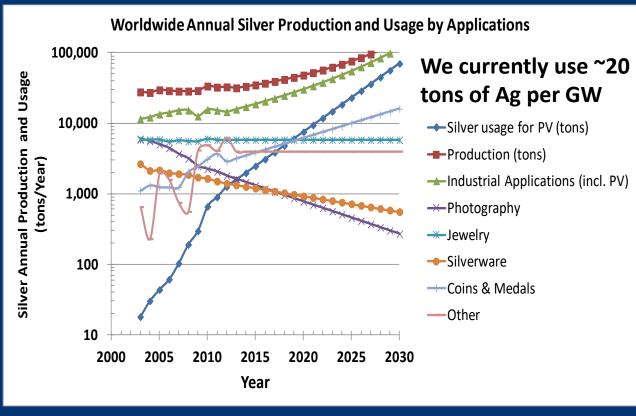
Material Sustainability

- "Bumps" in Learning Curve are generated by Supply Constraints
- > Supply Constraints are due to:
 - 1. Inability of suppliers to grow as fast as demand (ex.: Polysilicon in 2005-2010)
 - 2. Temporary interruption of supply: Accident, Fire, Floods, Hurricane, Strike, Earthquake
 - 3. Material Scarcity (Ag, In, Bi, Te, ...)



Material Sustainability – The Silver Issue



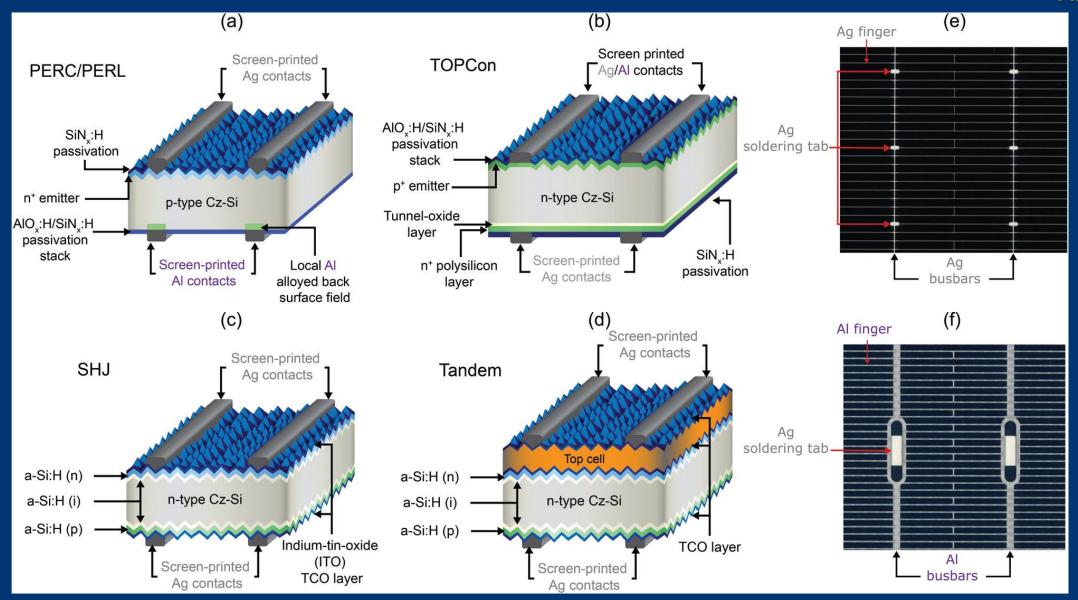


https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abundance_of_elements_in_Earth%27s_crust

Source: www.silverinstitute.org for historical data and projections, except for PV

World Production of Ag $^{\sim}$ 30,000 Tons p.a. Recycling does not become significant until 2050. At 3TW p.a. ($^{\sim}$ 2040), the usage of Ag must be < 2mg/W (currently $^{\sim}$ 20mg/W in average. Best in class 15mg/W)

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Y. Zhang et al., Energy Environ. Sci., 2021, 14, 5587

Silver consumption

	Ag (mg/cell) 166mm	Eff. (%)	Ag (mg/W)	% of global Ag supply for 1TW
PERC	96	22.8	15.4	53%
TOPCon	163	23.2	25.6	88%
HJT	218	23.5	33.9	117%

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- Assuming that 1TW market will be reached before 2030, and 3TW market by 2035,
- Assuming that a sustainable level of Ag should be kept below 20% of global Ag supply (currently ~30,000 metric tons),
- ⇒Ag consumption should be reduced to 5mg/W at 1 TW and 2 mg/W at 3 TW per year
- ⇒We need to reduce the Ag consumption by 3 to 8 (PERC), by 5 to 13 (TOPCon) and by 7 to 17 (HJT)



Indium and Bismuth consumption

	Mass Fraction (kg/kg)	Global reserves (tonnes)	Total supply in 2019 (tonnes)
Ag	7.5 x 10-8	560,000	29,000
In	2.5 x 10-7	15,000 to 50,000	2,100
Bi	8.5 x 10-9	320,000	21,000

- <u>Indium</u> is used in TCO (ITO) for HJT cells
 - Typical consumption of In ~ 4 to 10 mg/W
 - => Maximum PV annual production to stay below 20% of In supply ~ 37 to 95 GW
- <u>Bismuth</u> is used for low-temperature soldering (Sn-Bi alloy) of HJT cells
 - Typical consumption of Bi with 12BB ~ 7.8mg/W
 - Typical consumption with SmartWire™~13mg/W
 - => Maximum PV production ~ 330 GW (SWCT) to 560 GW (12BB)

Y. Zhang et al., Energy Environ. Sci., 2021, **14**, 5587

Embedded in a 1 TW PV System (Mono PERC, fixed tilt)

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14% of today's worldwide production

> 42 million tons of glass

29,000 tons of Ag

32% of today's worldwide production (of MG Silicon)

2.3 million tons of silicon



35% of today's worldwide production



19% of today's

worldwide production

12.5 million

tons of Al

7 million tons of Cu



3% of today's worldwide production

56 million tons of steel

1 TW PV System

47 million tons of concrete

1% of today's worldwide production





Recycling of PV Systems and Modules **AMROCK** Metal (steel, Al), racks, nuts, bolts **PV System Decommissioning** Concrete Cables, Electronics, ... End-of-Life PV Module Currently recycling → Metal : Al frame, Copper cables **Preliminary Disassembly** J-Box, Diodes, Backsheet CO_2 Chemical Mechanical Thermal Solar cells Cutting Chemical Crushing, Thermal Glass Processing with EVA EVA, POE Grinding **Processing** Cu, Pb, Sn Glass Glass with Plastic **Particles** Solar cells Solar cells Metal Metal Chemical Chemical Thermal or Sorting Glass Cu, Ag Cu, Ag Processing Processing Chemical Pb, Sn Pb, Sn Processing Metal Chemical Wafers and Broken Wafers Solar Grade Si Cu, Ag **Processing** Glass Pb, Sn Chemical Solar Grade Si Processing > Today 100MW of modules to be recycled per year Solar grade Si In 10 years, the volume will be 10X larger (~ 150,000 tons)

Conclusions

- PV Manufacturing will have to ramp-up quickly (25% growth p.a.) to reach about 3.5 TW p.a. by \sim 2035, and cumulative capacity should reach \sim 70 TW by 2050
- No issue with EPBT, EROI
- Keep reducing energy and water consumption, and reducing emissions
- Ability to grow is limited by EBIDTA and CAPEX of new production lines
 - CAPEX decreases by 50% every 3 years
- Temporary Supply Constraints (supply chain, fire, floods, ...) are not fundamental issues
- Material Sustainability due to Material scarcity:
 - Ag: reduce to less than 2mg/W, or switch to Cu plating
 - In, Bi, Cd, Te, ... should not be used for mainstream PV technology
- Recycling technology to be improved to recycle critical material: Ag, Cu, Al, Glass, Si, ...

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Thank You

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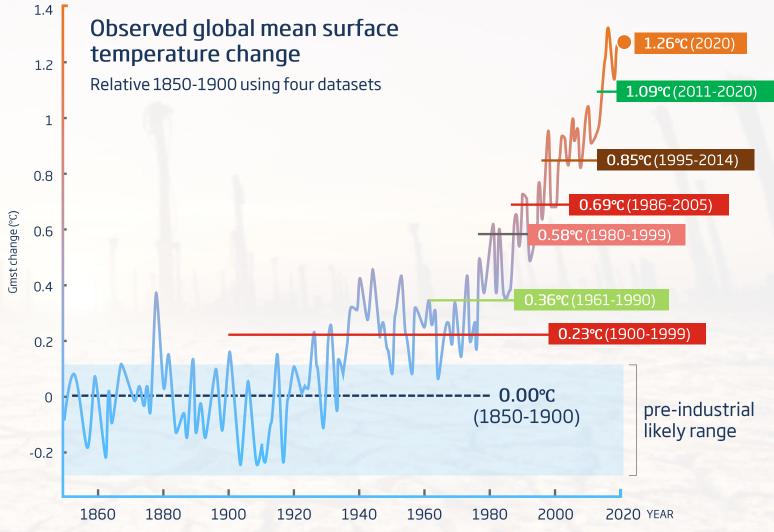
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Source: IPCC, 2021. The Physical Science Basis. Contribution of Working Group I to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Cambridge University Press. In Press.



The World Calls for Cooperation and Accelerated Shift towards Clean Energy



"The Parties shall strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change, by holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C. Parties aim to reach global peaking of greenhouse gas emission as soon as possible and to achieve net-zero emission of green house gas by the second half of the century."

-- Paris Agreement



"Major economies" will phase out coal by 2030s.



For the past 25 years, Trina Solar has stayed true to its purpose Solar Energy for All

Our Vision

We are committed to lead the way in smart solar energy solutions for a net-zero future

Driving Transformation from the Top



We pledge

that Trina Solar conducts all business in a manner that ensures <u>compliance</u> with applicable laws, regulations and industry standards, and integrates <u>environment</u>, <u>health</u>, <u>safety</u> and corporate <u>social responsibility</u> into all stages of our <u>product life cycle</u>.



2022 Reconfirmation of the Product Stewardship Policy

- Trina Solar conducts business in a manner that ensures compliance with all applicable regulatory requirements and
 industry standards. We are committed to integrating environmental, health, safety, and social responsibilities into all
 states of our product life cycle.
- We believe that product stewardship, the ongoing performance improvement of products in terms of environmental, health, safety and social aspects, is one of the cornerstones of sustainable business. We act in a responsible manner to protect our employees, customers and the communities in which we operate.
- Trina Solar pledges to implement effective product stewardship management programs, and shows our commitment and leadership to meet the customers' increasing demands on safer and more environmentally sustainable products.
- Trina Solar actively strives to develop new raw materials and products in a responsible manner by assessing their risks for current and future generations. We commit to conflict-free materials and products, and work diligently to promote sustainable development by away of ethical and green sourcine.
- Trina Solar offers product guidance to customers, distributors and users so that our products are safely transported, stored
 and used. We voluntarily participate in take-back and recycling program for defective and/or end-of-life (EOL) solar
 modulas.
- We pledge to actively engage in fighting against climate change by way of continuously enhancing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emission.
- Trina Solar continuously keeps vigilant in its commitment to safeguard workers' rights in global supply chains. We commit
 to no use of child labor and forced labor, including prison labor, indentured labor, bonded labor or other forms of forced
 labor.
- Trina Solar engages with stakeholders to review periodically the policy to ensure that it remains adequacy and continues to meet stakeholders' expectations.

产品监管政策

- 天合光能确保所有开展的业务都符合相关法律法规和行业标准的要求,我们承诺将环境、健康、安全和企业社会责任疾客到我们产品生会周期的每一个阶段。
- 我们聚信对产品的持续监管和在环保、健康、安全及社会责任方面所做的持续改进是企业可持续发展的基石和核心。
 我们承诺始终以负责任的态度和方式未保护我们的员工、客户和社区。
- 天合光能承诺全面实施有效的产品监管,以照现我们对可持续发展的承诺和领导力,从而满足客户对产品安全和环境保护越来越高的要求。
- 天合光能积极开发新材料、新产品,并本着负责任的态度评估其对目前和未来的潜在风险,我们努力实施道德和绿色采购,承诺不使用冲突矿产,促进产业链可持续发展。
- 天合光能为客户、分铜商和用户提供产品指导性文件,从而确保我们的产品安全运输,安全储存和安全使用。我们自愿参加产品回收计划,对有缺陷的和寿命结束后的太阳能组件进行回收和再利用。
- 我们承诺不断是高能源利用效率,降低温室气体排放。积极参与应对气候变化。
- 天合光能承诺在全球供应链中持续关注和保护员工权益。我们承诺禁止雇佣意工。禁止强迫劳动。包括监狱劳动、契约劳动、抵债劳动或其他形式的强迫劳动。
- 天合光能定期和利益相关方共同回顾产品监管政策,从而确保其合适性,以始终满足利益相关方的期望。







Trina Solar CEO

Message from Mr. Gao Jifan



Our Sustainable Development Path

Environment

Society

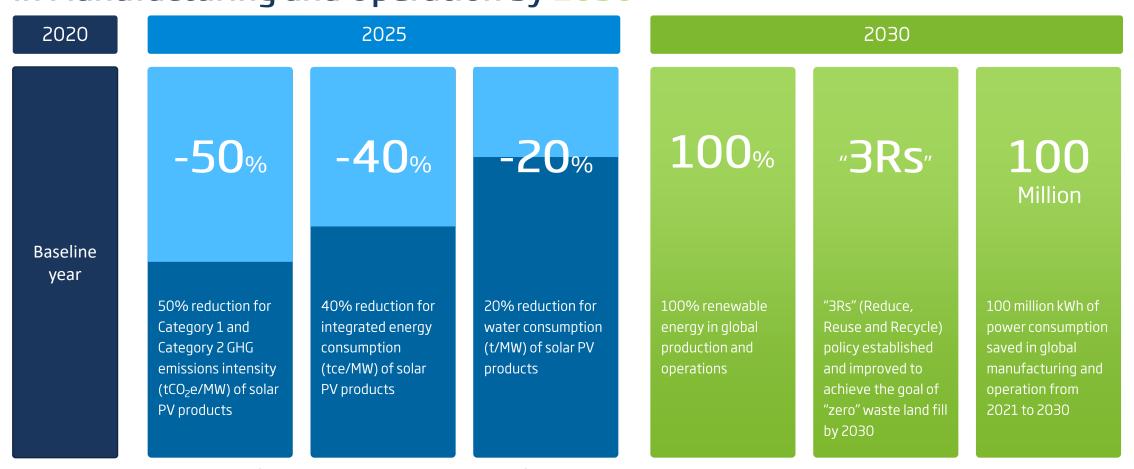
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Environment

Sustainable Development Goal: 100% Renewable Energy Use in Manufacturing and Operation by 2030





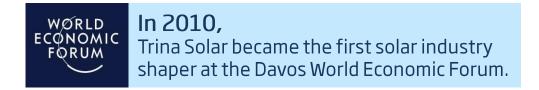
Sustainable development goals are set for 2025 and 2030 against the base year of 2020.

Building Green Factories

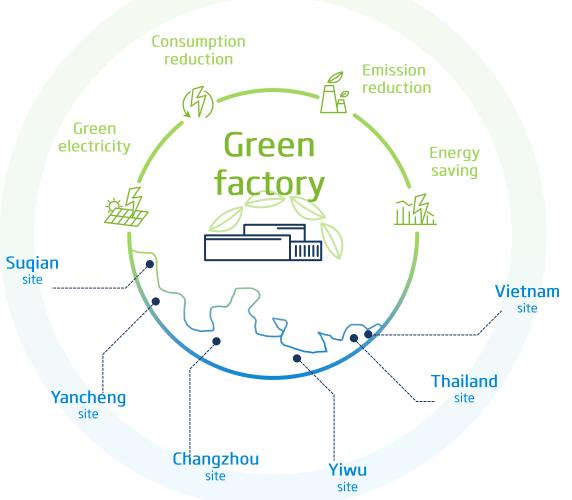
with a High Development Standard and an Environmental Management System

Trina Solar has established and implemented an environmental management system based on the requirements of <u>the</u> <u>international standard ISO 14001</u>. Trina Solar commits to sustainable development by creating a green and low-carbon ecological environment throughout the entire <u>product life</u> <u>cycle</u> from production R&D, raw material procurement, and manufacturing, to energy and resource utilization and waste management.







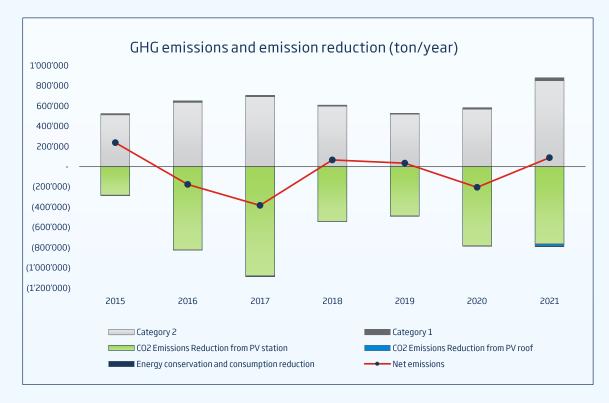


Contributing to a Zero-Carbon Planet

Trinasola

through Measures such as PV Stations, Green Electricity Use,

Energy Conservation and Consumption Reduction



Carbon 4.48 **Negative** million tons

4.82 million tons

Reduction of total carbon emission through PV stations, PV roof electricity generation, green electricity purchase, energy conservation and consumption reduction:

4.82 million tons.

Total carbon emissions during production, operation and R&D of all manufacturing bases:

4.48 million tons.



PV roof electricity generation



Green electricity purchase



Energy conservation and consumption reduction

^{*} Data collection period: 2015 - 2021

^{*} White bars represent emissions, green bars represent emission reductions



100GW+

Data source: Trina Solar's total global shipment of modules as of April 2022

4.4 Three Gorges Hydropower Stations

7.29 billion Trees

135 billion kWh

134.6 million tons Total CO₂ Emission Reduction,

4.05 million tons Total SO2 Emission Reduction

36.72 million tons Total Carbon Dust Emission Reduction



Trina Solar has formally joined the global initiative of Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi)

"contributing to the global 1.5°C goal BUSINESS 1.5°C









Society



We pledge

to constantly focus on and protect employees' rights in global supply chains.





We pledge

to always act in a responsible manner to protect our employees, customers, and the communities in which we operate.

Yearly Supplier Assessment and Management

Collect Quality, Cost, Delivery, Service, Innovation data as well as business ethic and release the final assessment results.

Review the result and push suppliers to do improvement accordingly.

Yearly Supplier EHS Management Procedure

EHS & CSR Performance Investigation.

Deliver audit report to supplier within 10 working days after audit.

The audit result and improvement will be one of the basic supplier assessment requirements.

Commitment Letters

Trina's suppliers promise to strictly comply with labor laws and regulations in their country of operations, not be involved in any illegal employment, child labor, forced labor.

ecovadis

Granted for Global Corporate Social Responsibility Achievement from EcoVadis for multiple years in a row.

















Products & Solutions

Driver of Sustainable Development:



Most Reliable Products and Strongest Commitment

With a history of 25 years and a minimum 25-years performance warranty commitment for module power performance,

Trina Solar's growth spans the entire product life cycle.











 Trina Solar has been recognized as "Top Performer" among global PV module manufacturers for eight consecutive years by PVEL, a world-renowned third-party reliability testing laboratory.



 Trina Solar has been nominated as Overall High Achievement for module manufacturing by RETC three years in a row.





Extended Reliability Tests

*Extended reliability tests refer to tests that have more strict requirements than IEC / UL basic certification tests.

IEC/UL basic cert tests	DH1000 Damp heat	TC200 Thermal cycling	SML Static mechanical load	DML Dynamic mechanical load	HF Humidity freeze	PID 96h
Extended reliability tests	DH 1500/2000	TC 400/600	Compound test sequences with SML, DML, TC, HF			PID 192h





Uneven snow load

Able to withstand

2.8m uneven snow load



Extreme low

temperatures
Remains safe
and reliable at 40 °C



Hail impact
Able to easily withstand 35mm hail impact



Dynamic load Passed ±1500Pa @20,000 dynamic load tests



High wind limits
Passed category 17
hurricane test

210 Vertex Modules Achieve the





ISO LCA and Carbon Footprint

210 Vertex family products (410 - 670W) have achieved an industry leading low carbon emissions assessment by "Cradle to Gate" ISO LCA and Carbon Footprint qualification.

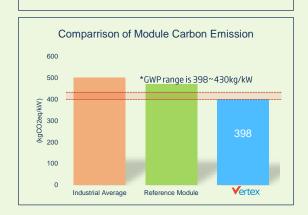




ISO 14044:2006 Carbon footprint of products

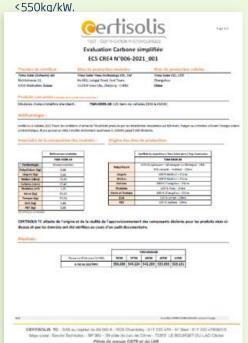


Lowest carbon emissions per unit during production in the industry:
within 400g per watt.



Certisolis (France)

Trina Solar is one of the **first** PV module manufacturers certified by Certisolis (France) with the verified carbon footprint



UI /FPD

Trina Solar is the first PV manufacturer to have obtained UL and Italy EPD certifications. More popular types are



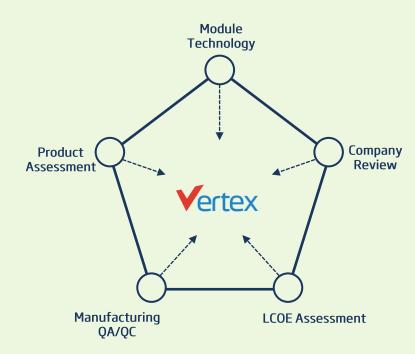
210-Vertex Series Modules

100% Bankability



REPORT BANKABILITY STUDY FOR TRINA SOLAR PV MODULES 天合光能光伏组件可融資性研究报告

Ref. No.: 22-02-023294



Trina Solar entrusted world leading independent advisory, testing, inspection and certification organizations: DNV and UL (Underwriters Laboratories) in 2022 with independent bankability assessment for Trina Solar's Vertex series modules.

The assessment proves that all Vertex series modules have excellent performance in reliability, compatibility and lowering LCOE and high-standard quality management system.



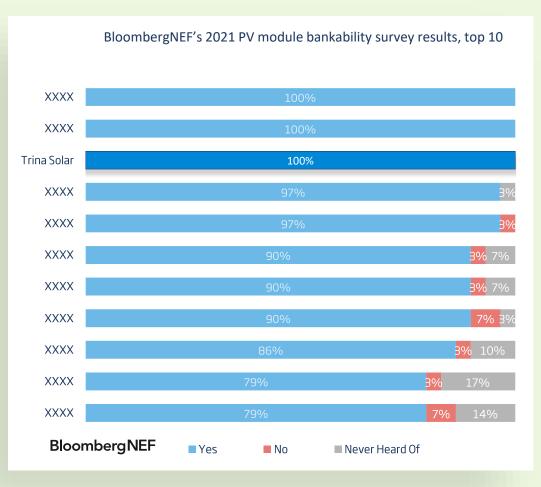




210-Vertex Series Modules

100% Bankability





2021 BloombergNEF

Bankability Rating

Trina Solar has been recognized as bankable by all survey respondents in the 2021 PV Module and Inverter Bankability report issued by BloombergNEF.

Trina Solar is now the only module manufacturer to be rated as bankable for 6 consecutive years by 100% of the industry respondents participating in the annual BloombergNEF survey.

Source:

BloombergNEF. Note: stars** indicate the top performers in PVEL's 2021 PV Module Reliability Scorecard. PVEL did not test all the manufacturers listed above, so a missing star is not indicative of poor quality.

Vertex Modules



Ultra-high-power modules significantly reduce project costs

65**GW**

2022 module production capacity

40+GW

Vertex 210 series production capacity

No. 1

World's largest 210 module production scale



Wide product range for utility projects

Compared with same-class products on the market

0.01-0.04 USD/W▼ Lower system costs

1%-3% ▼
Lower LCOE









Efficiency booster in the era of grid parity

3%-8%

2.4%-4.5%

Higher power generation with smart tracking control system

Lower electricity cost per watt-hour compared with traditional trackers

30%

High safety and stability

Adjustable tilt angle enabled by patented spherical bearing

Wide applications, resilient to extreme weather conditions

Global project design, capacity planning and service

7GW+

5GW+

400+

Global installations

Annual capacity

Tracker projects



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