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Overview

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By contrast, production of polysilicon, the key material for solar PV, is currently a bottleneck in an otherwise oversupplied supply chain. This has led to tight global supplies and a quadrupling of polysilicon prices over the last year.

Silicon-based PV relies on a diverse range of raw materials, including silicon, tin, aluminum, copper, indium, silver, lead, glass, plastics, and others (IEA, 2022a). Some PV materials have been identified as critical and strategic, considering their economic significance, associated supply risks, and other factors (Goe and Gaustad, 2014).

Rapidly increasing solar photovoltaic (PV) installations has led to environmental and supply chains concerns. The United States relies on imports of raw materials for solar module manufacturing and imports of PV cells and modules to meet domestic demand.

We distinguish three classes of PV materials: (i) ultrahigh-efficiency monocrystalline materials with efficiencies of >75% of the S-Q limit for the corresponding band gap: Si (homojunction and heterojunction), GaAs, and GaInP; (ii) high-efficiency multi- and polycrystalline materials (50 to 75% of the S-Q limit): Si, Cu(In,Ga)(Se,S)₂ ("CIGS).

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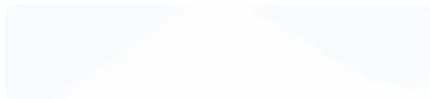
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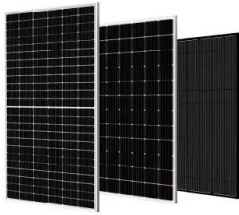
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