

What is eco-design of solar cells?

The eco-design of solar cells covers different aspects such as the choice of materials, the structure or architecture of the cells, the manufacturing processes of the cells, the end of life treatment of the cells, the recovery or recycle of the materials.

What is the manufacturing stage of solar cells?

4.6. Hotspots identification The manufacturing stage is identified as the hotspot during the whole life cycle of the solar cells. This stage is responsible for a large share of several environmental impacts, regardless of the type of solar cells.

How are solar cells screened and selected?

Furthermore, the searched studies are screened and selected based on the three following criteria: screening the abstracts for LCA (or life cycle concepts). At the end of the skimming and screening process, 24 papers on solar cells, solar coatings and LCA are selected for extracting data.

What impact do solar cells have on the environment?

It is identified that the majority of existing life cycle assessments on solar cells take into account four typical environmental impacts: energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, material depletion, and toxicity.

Are solar cells harmful to the environment?

In line with these innovations, there are concerns about greenhouse gas emissions of the solar cells, materials for the solar technologies and other relevant environmental impacts of the manufacturing processes. This review is conducted on life cycle assessments of solar cells, considering the climate change and natural resource shortage context.

What is the European Union's mandate for solar photovoltaic energy systems & components?

CEN and CENELEC (+ETSI for the Information and Communications Technologies) have the European Union's mandate in relation to the "Completion of the Internal Market". The specific mandate for standardisation in the field of solar photovoltaic energy systems and components is M/089 EN (which however does not cover the Ecodesign topic).

In this report we summarize and update the results of a study project on the environmental aspects of photovoltaic solar cell technology.

This study aims to introduce an inventory database on mono-Si solar PV cell production, scientifically evaluate the environmental impact of mono-Si solar PV cell production, identify and quantify key factors in the overall environmental burden, explore approaches for potential environmental benefit improvement, and

compare the results with ...

The silicon-based solar cell was the first generation dominating the market for a long time (El Chaar and El Zein, 2011) before the second generation of thin-film cells was developed (Hosenuzzaman et al., 2015), while the third generation (dye-sensitized, organic, and perovskite cells) are still under intensive research and development (Sampaio and Gonzalez, ...

Solar photovoltaic (PV) is one of the fastest growing renewable energy technology worldwide because of the rapid depletion and adverse environmental impact of fossil fuels (Leung and Yang, 2012). The global output of the PV component has dramatically increased from 0.26 GW in 2000 (Branker et al., 2011) to 41.7 GW (IEA, 2014) in 2013, with an annual ...

Photovoltaic modules (or panels): these are defined as an environmentally protected, essentially planar assembly of solar cells, ancillary parts (such as interconnections and terminals) and ...

The paper presents research that investigated the Life Cycle Assessment of multi-crystalline photovoltaic (PV) panels, by considering environmental impacts of the entire life cycle for any...

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We found that the production and processing of silicon-to-solar-grade polysilicon feedstock were crucial stages that significantly affected the energy consumption and environment of P- and N-type PV modules in China.

Santoyo-Castelazo et al. conducted an LCA of a grid-connected PV system, finding that the primary environmental impacts were linked to the production stage, particularly the manufacturing of materials for solar modules, including PV panels, solar cells, and wafers. The multi-Si PV system evaluated was also compared with three conventional PV systems based ...

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This work optimizes the design of single- and double-junction crystalline silicon-based solar cells for more than 15,000 terrestrial locations. The sheer breadth of the simulation, coupled with the vast dataset it generated, makes it possible to extract statistically robust conclusions regarding the pivotal design parameters of PV cells, with a particular emphasis on ...

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