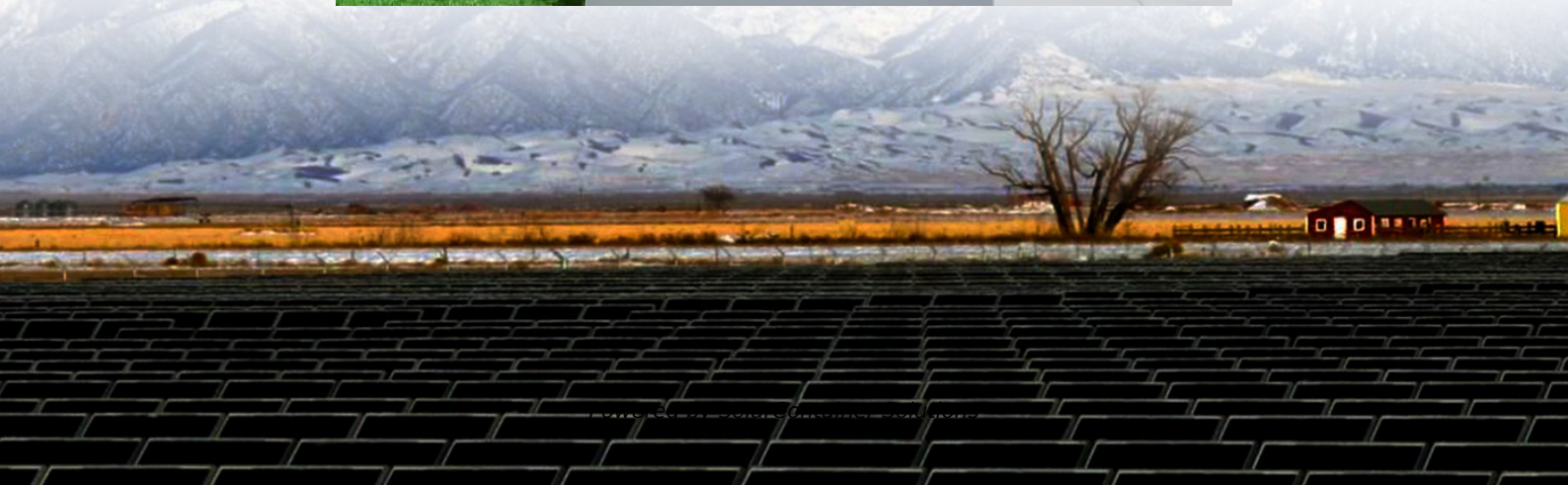


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## Overview

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Does China make solar panels?

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. Today, China's share in all the manufacturing stages of solar panels (such as polysilicon, ingots, wafers, cells and modules) exceeds 80%.

Are solar panels cheaper in China than in Europe?

The European Commission's Joint Research Centre has determined that the costs of solar panel manufacturing in China is 35% lower than in Europe. On the other hand, Enel recently secured a EUR 560 million financing package for the ongoing expansion of its 3Sun solar panel factory in Catania in Sicily.

Is Europe installing more solar panels than ever before?

Europe is installing more solar panels than ever before, thanks to a flood of cheap Chinese solar panels. But it comes at a hefty cost.

Why are European solar panels being investigated?

The probes reflect a hardening stance in Europe towards cheap Chinese imports, which the EU's solar industry has blamed for the heavy losses and plant closures of several European solar panel manufacturers. "Solar panels have become strategically important for Europe," said the EU's internal market commissioner Thierry Breton on Wednesday.

How has China shaped the global supply and demand of solar PV?

Government policies in China have shaped the global supply, demand and price of solar PV over the last decade. Chinese industrial policies focusing on solar PV as a strategic sector and on growing domestic demand have enabled economies of scale and supported continuous innovation throughout the supply chain.



Why are Chinese solar panels being shipped to Europe?

Tough tariffs against Chinese imports in the US means that most excess panels are shipped to Europe. Xuyang Dong of Climate Energy Finance, an Australian think-tank, said that “China’s estimated wafer, cell and module capacity that will come online in 2024 is sufficient to meet annual global demand now through to 2032.



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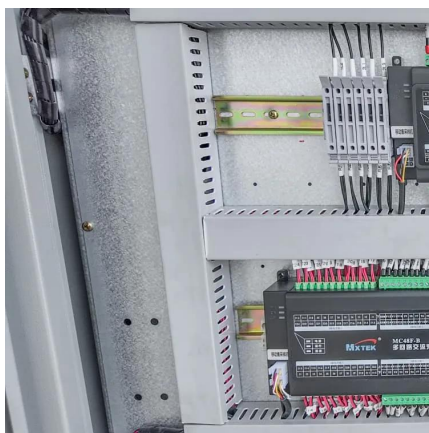




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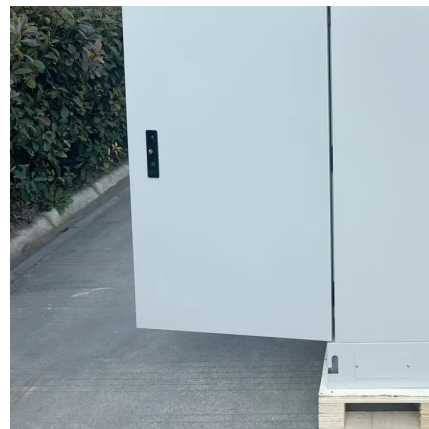
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