

Geographical advantages of China's solar power stations

Why is photovoltaic power generation important in China?

To achieve carbon peaking and carbon neutrality in China, photovoltaic (PV) power generation has become increasingly important for promoting a low-carbon transition. The central and western desert areas of China have been identified as major areas for the construction of large PV bases.

Why is solar energy important in China?

Since solar energy has naturally high availability and relatively low negative impacts on the environment [3,4], PV power generation has become an important way for China to promote energy transformation, protect the ecological environment, mitigate climate change, and achieve the goals of carbon peaking and carbon neutrality [5,6].

Can China's photovoltaic industry be sustainable?

By comparing the spatial and temporal distribution characteristics, regional competition patterns, and cumulative emission reduction potentials of photovoltaic power installation in China's provinces and regions, it is helpful to provide quantitative supports and feasible suggestions for the sustainable development of China's photovoltaic industry.

Does China have a solar power plant?

China's newly installed photovoltaic capacity has ranked first in the world in recent years. Timely and accurate monitoring of the spatiotemporal distribution characteristics of solar power plants is essential to optimize China's renewable energy power distribution and achieve carbon reduction targets.

Why are PV power stations growing in China?

Energy policies are the main factor driving the rapid development of PV power stations in China. Since 2004, PV production in China has experienced tremendous growth due to the dramatic increase in demand for PV in European countries. To promote the domestic deployment of PV, China launched a national solar subsidy program in 2009 [36,37].

Can photovoltaic power stations promote China's low-carbon transition?

To promote China's low-carbon transition, the construction of photovoltaic power stations is practical in various provinces of China. Since the photovoltaic power stations can maintain 25 years, the cumulative emission reduction potentials can be quantified to measure the contribution to low-carbon transition.

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They considered various geographical factors to choose appropriate land for solar PV development, but they

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excluded areas with an elevation greater than 3500 m. This assumption is clearly invalid because some solar PV plants are now gradually being constructed on the Tibetan Plateau. In addition, using only 200 solar radiation datapoints introduces ...

Overall, we have produced a reliable map for China's PV power stations in 2020, which can provide real-world data support for the evaluation of carbon reduction benefits.

Through the analysis of spatio-temporal distribution, competitive development and emission reduction of China's photovoltaic power generation, the main conclusions can be drawn as follows: (1) From 2012 to 2020, the total installed photovoltaic capacities increased from 6.25 million kW to 253.17 million kW, dominated by centralized power stations.

We provide a remote sensing derived dataset for large-scale ground-mounted photovoltaic (PV) power stations in China of 2020, which has high spatial resolution of 10 meters. The dataset is...

Meta-analysis is used to identify existing wind power/PV potential benefits at national and provincial scales in China. The research shows that the primary factors affecting geographic potential are meteorological datasets and land use. Environmental factors have a more significant impact on PV technical potential than technical parameters.

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Solar photovoltaic (PV) plays an increasingly important role in many counties to replace fossil fuel energy with renewable energy (RE). By the end of 2019, the world's cumulative PV installation capacity reached 627 GW, accounting for 2.8% of the global gross electricity generation [1] in China, as the world's largest PV market, installed PV systems with a capacity of ...

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