

A rural photovoltaic panel

Can solar photovoltaic projects help alleviate poverty in rural areas?

Nature Communications 11, Article number: 1969 (2020) Cite this article Since 2013, China has implemented a large-scale initiative to systematically deploy solar photovoltaic (PV) projects to alleviate poverty in rural areas.

Does community management influence household adoption of rooftop solar photovoltaics in rural China?

This paper examines inequality in household adoption of rooftop solar photovoltaics in rural China through a qualitative study of three villages. The Chinese government promotes distributed solar to drive low-carbon development. However, community management and China's institutional system influence unequal access.

Are low-quality solar panels a problem for rural residents?

However, rural residents are at a disadvantage in these communications. Their education levels tend to be lower and they have less access to information. Therefore, when solar installation companies use low-quality PV panels, households often cannot identify the problem. The low-quality panels reduce the power generation and income.

Do community-level support and household resources affect photovoltaic adoption?

We find that structural opportunities provided by communities and households' own resource endowments have an additive effect on adoption. This highlights the need to consider both community-level support and household resources when evaluating photovoltaic adoption and energy justice.

Are solar panels good for agriculture?

Research in the drylands of Arizona found that farming under solar panels can decrease evaporation of water from the soil and potentially reduce irrigation requirements. Agrivoltaics can also improve crop yield and crop resistance in extreme weather, such as droughts.

Can a family install a rooftop photovoltaic system?

In communities embracing the collective leasing mode, all families possess equal opportunity to install rooftop photovoltaic systems; however, household income varies. Families with larger roof areas can install multiple photovoltaic sets and garner more rent.

Agrivoltaics - the co-location of solar energy installations and agriculture beneath or between rows of photovoltaic panels - has the potential to help ease this land-use conflict. To address climate change, the Biden-Harris ...

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