## **Desert Photovoltaic Panel Transport**



## Can a solar power station be built in a desert?

Deserts are ideal placesto develop ground-mounted large-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) power station. Unfortunately,solar energy production,operation, and maintenance are affected by geomorphological changes caused by surface erosion that may occur after the construction of the solar PV power station.

Can a desert solar park power a transcontinental power network?

In China, the Tengger Desert Solar Park with a solar generation capacity of 1.5 GW and an area of 43 square kilometers could power over 1,800,000 people (13). In this research, we conceptualize a desert PV-based power network for transcontinental power interconnection.

Does PV power station deployment affect desert vegetation?

Previous remote sensing studies of a few PV power stations have demonstrated that the PV power station deployment does not significantly alter desert vegetation (Edalat and Stephen, 2017; Potter, 2016).

Are desert areas suitable for building photovoltaic power stations?

As is shown in Fig. S1,most desert areas are suitable for building photovoltaic power stations when considering three factors: slope,distance from fresh water resources, and solar irradiation, especially deserts in Australia and Africa.

Does PV power station deployment promote desert greening in China?

In general, the desert greening (with a significant increase in vegetation) in China from PV power station deployment is largely promoted by the policy-driven Photovoltaic Desert Control Projects. However, the human activities effects on vegetation are often superimposed on the long-term climate-driven variations.

Are solar panels used in desert areas worldwide?

We assume that solar panels are laid in desert areas worldwidewith 20% land utilization and 15% photovoltaic conversion efficiency (14) and calculate the annual power generation under different cleaning frequencies for each desert solar farm.



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