

Distribution of solar power generation sites

Can a global solar PV census be used as a starting point?

We conclude that our dataset provides an initial global census of commercial-, industrial- and utility-scale solar PV installations, and can be used as a starting point for a more exhaustive, feature-rich inventory of global solar PV. See Supplementary Information for further details.

How many large-scale solar photovoltaic facilities are in the United States?

Scientific Data 10, Article number: 760 (2023) Cite this article Over 4,400 large-scale solar photovoltaic (LSPV) facilities operate in the United States as of December 2021, representing more than 60 gigawatts of electric energy capacity.

How many PV solar installations are there in the world?

The resulting dataset expands the previous publicly available facility-level data for PV solar energy by 432% (in number of facilities), including 18,449 new installations in China, 9,906 in Japan, 4,525 in the United States, 2,021 in India and 17,918 in the European Economic Area.

Where is solar energy most commonly installed?

Sampling from a global land-cover map, we observe that non-residential PV is most commonly installed on croplands, followed by deserts and grasslands. We compare PV solar energy land cover with local and national land-cover distributions to observe the bias in regional and local PV siting decisions.

Which countries have the most solar PV installed capacity in 2022?

In 2022, the most significant expansion in the solar PV market occurred in China, the US, and India, with increments of 86.1 GW, 17.8 GW, and 13.5 GW, respectively (IRENA, 2023). Fig. 2 shows the contribution of each continent in the world's solar PV installed capacity in 2018, followed by 2030 and 2050 based on IRENA's REmap analysis.

How much solar energy is produced in 2022?

Total world solar electricity generation grew from 0.4 billion kWh in 1990 to about 1,280 billion kWh (1.3 trillion kWh) in 2022. China and the United States together accounted for about one-half of total world solar electricity generation in 2022.

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