

What is the role of solar photovoltaic power generation in China?

Among alternative sources, solar photovoltaic (PV) power generation is expected to play an important role in this process in China given abundant solar resources and huge PV manufacturing capacity ( 7 - 10 ).

Does China have a potential for wind and solar PV power generation?

Then, the technical, policy and economic (i.e., theoretical power generation) constraints for wind and PV energy development were comprehensively considered to evaluate the wind and solar PV power generation potential of China in 2020.

Is solar PV a cost-competitive source of energy in China?

In this case, the cost advantage of solar PV could be further amplified. The decline in costs for solar power and storage systems offers opportunity for solar-plus-storage systems to serve as a cost-competitive source for the future energy system in China.

What is the technical potential of centralized photovoltaic power in China?

Through GIS analysis,the technical potential of land centralized photovoltaic power in China is about 41.88 billion kW(Table 5). The spatial pattern of the technical potential of China's centralized photovoltaic power is basically the same as the spatial pattern of solar energy resource endowment.

What is the technical potential of distributed PV power in China?

The technical potential of distributed PV power is 1.81 billion kW,accounting for nearly half of the country's total. At the same time,the region is close to the load center. It is recommended to give priority to the use of local distributed PV resource. China's offshore wind energy reserves are also very rich.

What is the future of solar energy in China?

China has already made major commitments to transitioning its energy systems towards renewables,especially power generation from solar,wind and hydro sources. However,there are many unknownsabout the future of solar energy in China,including its cost,technical feasibility and grid compatibility in the coming decades.

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