

Photovoltaic panel mountain stool

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The impact of a photovoltaic (PV) panel on runoff and sediment in a slope was tested. The key impact of the PV panel is preventing soil detachment by raindrop impacts. The PV panel slope produced 27 %-63 % less soil erosion than the control slope. The PV panel delayed runoff start time under rainfall with heavy rainfall intensities.

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Does PV panel affect overland flow?

4.1. The effect of PV panel on overland flow The rainfall experiment results showed that the PV panel did not have remarkable influence on runoff volume and peak discharge rate at the slope outlet, although the PV panel on the slope blocked part of the raindrops during rainfall and created concentrated water drops at the lower edge of the panel.

Which soil surface is rougher under a PV panel?

Compared with the relative smooth soil surface of the control slope (Fig. 6a), the soil surface under the PV panel was rougher. For example, under the 80 mm hr⁻¹ rainfall, a big part of the ground surface under the PV panel did not have soil surface seal (see the red square in Fig. 6b).

Can solar panels reduce soil erosion?

The experiment results indicated that the PV panel can greatly reduce soil erosion in the slope (especially under heavy rainfall), which implied that, in natural hillslope in arid or semi-arid regions, PV panels may lead to retain organic matter (from plant litter) in the top soil layer under the PV panels.

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