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Agricultural land can be used to build solar power generation

Overview

Can solar power be used for agriculture?

The concept behind it is to install PV using the land for agriculture. Integration of PV systems with agriculture production could be one of the sustainable approaches by employing improved land productivity. This can eradicate the growing land use competition and astonishing demand for energy and food in a country.

Can agricultural land be used for energy co-production?

To relax land constraints, we propose the concept of ‘aglectric’ farming, where agricultural land will be sustainably shared for food and energy co-production. While wind turbines on agricultural land are already put into practice, solar power production on agricultural land is still under research.

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Is solar energy a good option for land use?

However, recent studies based on satellite views of utility-scale solar energy (USSE) under operation, either in the form of photovoltaics (PV) or concentrated solar power (CSP), show that their land use efficiency (LUE) is up to six times lower than initial estimates 17, 18, 19.

What are the benefits of combining solar power and agriculture?

Land productivity: Combined setup can potentially increase 70–80 % land productivity and distribute the co-benefits of agriculture and PV power generation more widely by selling electricity, leasing land, and enhancing agricultural-sector production plants.

Does land use for solar energy compete with other land uses?

Based on the spatially defined LUE of solar energy, as well as the identified potential for solar energy in urban areas, deserts and dry scrublands, land use for solar energy competes with other land uses through the inherent relative profitability of each land use.

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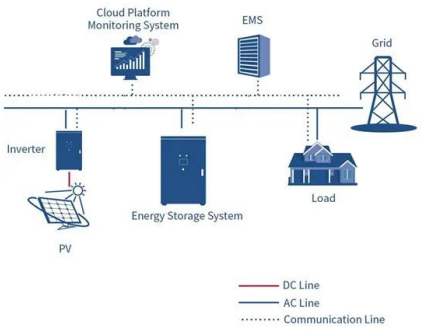

Using agricultural land for utility-scale photovoltaic solar

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Factsheet: Solar Farms and Agricultural Land

This document sets out the considerations that should be given to assessing the impact of solar farms on agricultural land, both in policy and

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