

What is solar photovoltaic (PV)?

Solar photovoltaic (PV) is an increasingly significant fraction of electricity generation. Efficient management, and innovations such as short-term forecasting and machine vision, demand high-resolution geographic datasets of PV installations.

What raster data is used to calculate photovoltaic power potential (pvout)?

The primary input is a global raster data layer, representing the long-term average of photovoltaic power potential (PVOUT), calculated by the Solargis approach. We consider a typical large-scale PV power plant.

What is the theoretical potential for PV power generation?

Theoretical potential for PV power generation is best characterized by the long-term distribution of solar resource, in other words, the 'amount of fuel' available for PV electricity generation at a given location.

How do we provide a global inventory of PV installations?

Here we provide a global inventory of commercial-, industrial- and utility-scale PV installations (that is, PV generating stations in excess of 10 kilowatts nameplate capacity) by using a longitudinal corpus of remote sensing imagery, machine learning and a large cloud computation infrastructure.

Why do solar PV installations clump?

A subtle but important effect is 'contagion' of influence, in which an individual solar PV site can influence local neighbours to adopt the technology as well. This is an additional source of the clumping of solar installations, not directly predictable from geographic features.

How can PV panels be detected and segmented?

PV panels can be detected and segmented from satellite or aerial images by designing representative features (e.g., color, spectrum, geometry, and texture).

The dataset contains 3716 samples of PVs installed on shrub land, grassland, cropland, saline-alkali land, and water surfaces, as well as flat concrete, steel tile, and brick ...

To examine the changing value of solar power, Brown and his colleague Francis M. O'Sullivan, the senior vice president of strategy at First Solar, a major U.S. manufacturer of solar panels, and a senior lecturer at the MIT Sloan School of ...

A solar photovoltaic (PV) array is part of a PV power plant as a generation unit. PV arrays that are usually placed on top of buildings or the ground will be very susceptible to ...

The race to produce the most efficient solar panel heats up. Until mid-2024, SunPower, now known as

Maxeon, was still in the top spot with the new Maxeon 7 series. Maxeon (Sunpower) led the solar industry for over a ...

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