

Do social factors affect photovoltaic recycling and reuse?

Techno-economic studies of photovoltaic solar cells recycling and reuse often do not take into account the impact of social factors. Walzberg et al. use an agent-based model to estimate the quantitative impact of behavioural choices on photovoltaic recycling efficacy.

How will solar photovoltaics affect energy production?

Soaring global deployment of solar photovoltaics (PV) could mitigate problems related to energy generation, but may exacerbate other issues. PV manufacturing depletes scarce resources, such as silver, tellurium and copper [1,2]. For instance, silver production could peak by 2030, with a risk of demand outstripping supply around 2075 [3].

How will end-of-life photovoltaic (PV) modules be repurposed in 2050?

Nature Energy 6, 913-924 (2021) Cite this article By 2050, the cumulative mass of end-of-life photovoltaic (PV) modules may reach 80 Mt globally. The impacts could be mitigated by module recycling, repair and reuse; however, previous studies of PV circularity omit the consideration of critical social factors.

Do lower recycling prices affect PV material circularity?

We also performed a global sensitivity analysis using a machine-learning metamodel. We show that to exclude social factors underestimates the effect of lower recycling prices on PV material circularity, which highlights the relevance of considering social factors in future studies.

Can a circular economy reduce end-of-life photovoltaic modules?

By 2050, the cumulative mass of end-of-life photovoltaic (PV) modules may reach 80 million metric tons globally. The impacts could be mitigated by circular economy (CE) strategies including module recycling, repair, and reuse. However, previous studies of PV circularity omit consideration of critical social factors.

How do recycling costs affect photovoltaic modules?

Recycling costs (without accounting for the value of recovered materials) decrease with the amount of PV modules being recycled. Shaded areas represent 95% confidence intervals, blue and red lines correspond to the left and right y axes, respectively. By 2050, the cumulative mass of end-of-life photovoltaic (PV) modules may reach 80 Mt globally.

The purpose of this study is to investigate viewpoints on solar energy technologies for sustainable development, with a particular emphasis on photovoltaic (PV), as well as the literature on solar ...

ase serves as main regressor of interest in the panel data model employed. The results suggest small, but positive and significant social effects that can be exploited to promote adoption: at ...

Material-related social profile of global PV electricity in 2030, 2050 and 2100 for the two scenarios evaluated under the following social indicators: a) child labour, b) frequency of forced ...

The solar energy is most widely used renewable energy source and popular solar photovoltaic (PV) and solar thermal system is used for solar energy conversion. ... the energy sector can play a crucial role in social sustainability and in environmental protection [1]. ... The lower value of thermal conductivity of PCM is major drawbacks of PCM.

A more effective IEEE approach described by IEEE Std 929-2000: 19 This is due to the forced restraint on current and voltage harmonics. In addition, this ensures that ...

Author(s): Borenstein, Severin | Abstract: The high cost of power from solar photovoltaic (PV) panels has been a major deterrent to the technology's market penetration. Proponents have argued, however, that typical analyses overlook many of the benefits of solar PV. Some of those benefits are in the realm of environmental and security externalities, but others occur within ...

Number of solar PV modules installed on roof of different buildings in the campus and the total 1.8192 MW peak PV capacity Discounted and cumulative cash flow considering @10.81% Figures ...

Reasons for social acceptability of solar photovoltaic system. and/or having inadequate supply of energy (electricity). The major reason for social acceptability of solar PV system was unavailability of electricity. As already mentioned, more than 50% of rural population in Pakistan is without electricity (IRENA, 2018).

The installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems on residential units is one of the measures that countries around the world are implementing to mitigate the impact of the ...

Therefore, the photovoltaic community has the obligation not only to talk about technical benefits, but to publicise the major economic and social benefits of solar photovoltaics as well.

Affirming the value of solar property. ... Recent research has demonstrated for the first time that homes fitted with solar photovoltaic (PV) systems sell for more than equivalent homes without them. ... This is a major ...

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