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Does China have a price threshold for solar power?

The cost of solar PV electricity generation is affected by many local factors, making it a challenge to understand whether China has reached the threshold at which a grid-connected solar PV system supplies electricity to the end user at the same price as grid-supplied power or the price of desulfurized coal electricity, or even lower.

How much does solar power cost in China?

Additionally, the cost of solar PV power generation was CNY5.6-15.1 kWh⁻¹ in 2000, which fell to CNY0.29-0.79 kWh⁻¹ in 2018, with an average annual decrease of CNY0.28-0.75 kWh⁻¹ (Fig. 1). Technological progress sheds light on less expensive and more commercially viable solar systems, and increases the competitiveness of the solar PV market.

Can photovoltaic electricity be compared to grid prices in China?

Although solar photovoltaic use grows rapidly in China, comparison with grid prices is difficult as photovoltaic electricity prices depend on local factors. Using prefecture-level data, Yan et al. find that 100% of user-side systems can achieve grid parity, while 22% can produce electricity cheaper than coal-based power plants.

Is China a major market for solar photovoltaics?

Provided by the Springer Nature SharedIt content-sharing initiative In recent years, China has become not just a large producer but a major market for solar photovoltaics (PV), increasing interest in solar electricity prices in China.

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For example, the grid used to pay over CNY0.30 (USD0.04) per kilowatt hour to new energy power stations, but since electricity prices were allowed to be determined by the market, ...

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Given large spatial differences in the natural conditions needed for solar power generation and a fast-changing PV production industry in China, strategic plan-ning to realize China's ...

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