Internet Energy Carbon Neutrality



Overview

The study used a spatial econometric model to explore the impact of Internet development on carbon emission efficiency.

Key Takeaways

The Energy Internet, by integrating digital technologies with renewable energy systems, can significantly reduce carbon emissions and accelerate the path toward carbon neutrality.

Concept and Mechanism

The Energy Internet refers to a digitally connected energy system that combines smart grids, renewable energy sources, and advanced information technologies to optimize energy production, distribution, and consumption. By enabling real-time monitoring, demand-response management, and efficient energy allocation, the Energy Internet enhances energy conversion efficiency and promotes the use of low-carbon energy sources, such as solar, wind, and bioenergy, thereby reducing carbon dioxide emissions. Impact on Carbon EmissionsEmpirical studies in China show that the development of the Energy Internet has significantly reduced regional carbon emissions, particularly in areas with lower baseline emissions and in western regions of the country.

The mechanism involves increasing renewable energy utilization, improving energy efficiency, and promoting cleaner energy consumption, such as natural gas, while reducing reliance on fossil fuels. Additionally, digital infrastructure initiatives like the Broadband China Policy have been shown to reduce carbon emission intensity and enhance carbon sinks through improved energy efficiency and public awareness of climate change.

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Role in Renewable Energy Integration

The Energy Internet facilitates the integration of multiple renewable energy sources into hybrid systems and smart grids. Globally, renewable energy contributions to electricity generation are dominated by hydro (47. 83%), wind (25.

8%), and solar (18. 19%), with smaller shares from bioenergy, geothermal, and ocean energy. By connecting these sources through intelligent networks, the Energy Internet ensures stable energy supply, balances intermittent generation, and maximizes the share of low-carbon energy in the overall energy mix, which is essential for achieving carbon neutrality.

Digital Technologies and Low-

Carbon Transition

Digital technologies embedded in energy systems help mitigate the instability of renewable energy supply and manage the surging energy demand associated with low-carbon transitions. Tools such as predictive analytics, system optimization, and regional simulation allow policymakers and energy operators to plan and implement low-carbon strategies more effectively, supporting the global goal of carbon neutrality by mid-century.

Policy and Global Implications

The development of the Energy Internet provides a diversified pathway for carbon reduction, offering lessons for other developing countries. Government support for regional technology development, investment in digital infrastructure, and promotion of renewable energy adoption are critical to maximizing the carbon reduction potential of Energy Internet systems. This approach aligns with international climate goals, including the Paris Agreement, by enabling a shift from fossil-fuel-dominated energy systems to low-carbon, digitally managed energy networks.

In summary, the Energy Internet acts as a catalyst for carbon neutrality, combining digital innovation, renewable energy integration, and energy efficiency improvements to reduce emissions, enhance carbon sinks, and support a sustainable, low-carbon energy future.

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Carbon Neutral Internet → Area → Sustainability

Carbon neutral internet refers to the digital infrastructure and services that achieve a net-zero release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere through a combination of emission reduction and carbon offsetting.

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