





User-Centered Design Approach to Identify Biases in Household Solar PV Adoption

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User-Centric Design Approach







Objective and Methodology

Identify relevant behavioral aspects within solar PV investment for product development and randomized field trials

- Identify the customer's needs, barriers, motives, misconceptions
- Define promising information delivery methods
- Map PV market stakeholders

Three modes of investigation

- 28 semi-structure interviews with property owners
- Review of existing information channels in the market
- Compared/contrasted with relevant literature





Interview Results

| Triggers Climate Change Community engagement Renovation | Motivations Leadership Economy Simplicity | Contact Points Community Governments Third Parties PV Sellers |
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| Barriers Waiting for new tech Uncertainty Poor economics | <u>Activities</u> Online searches Visit others with PV Compare offers | |





Online Information Sources

Professor's personal blog

Market specific reports

Swedish Energy Agency

Online Solar Calculators

- Semi-personalized
- Multiple forms of info
- Several sources, purposes, and designs







Results for one villa...clear?







Mapping stakeholder information channels

Consumers

- Difficult to demo
- Time consuming
- Trust is key

PV Sellers

- Branding is key
- Web marketing
- Lure now, inform later

Gov/NGO

- Good faith actors
- High trust (SWE)
- Limited utility





Conclusions and Design Insights

Information sources for Swedish consumers are becoming easier to access, but not necessarily more valuable/useful

Design factors for improved information delivery

- Simulate personalized testing
- Details about PV system function
- Reducing uncertainty (novel analysis)

Experimental points for behavioral intervention

- Time dependence and mental accounting
- Gain vs. Loss framing





Work in Progress

Machine learning models for PV self-consumption

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Commercial websites under development

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- Utilizing design insights
- Experimental platforms

Behavioral treatments tested during summer 2021











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