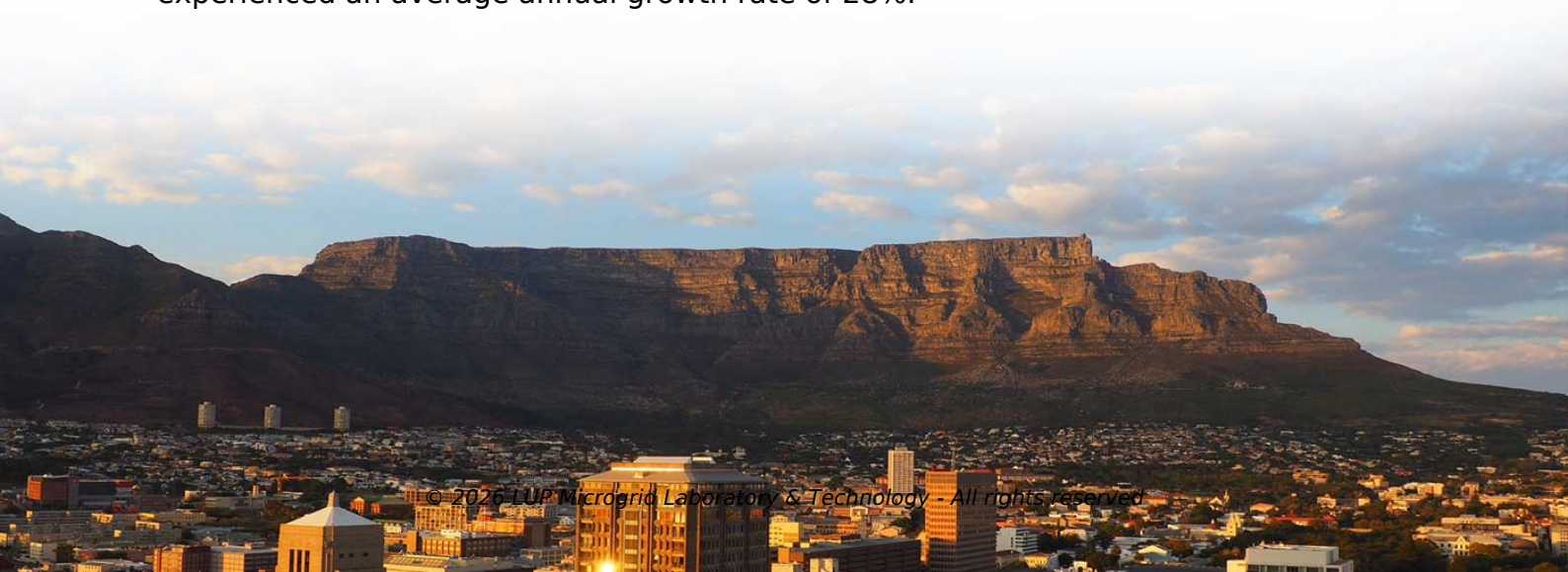
Solar photovoltaic power generation capacity reduction

Overview

Recent policy changes are expected to affect the pace at which solar PV capacity is added annually through the end of this decade. Solar photovoltaics (PV) is a very modular technology that can be manufactured in large plants, which creates economies of scale, but can also be deployed in very small quantities at a time. This allows for a wide range of applications, from small residential roof-top systems up to utility-scale. Plane of Array Irradiance, the sum of direct, diffuse, and ground-reflected irradiance incident upon an inclined surface parallel to the plane of the modules in the photovoltaic array, also known as POA Irradiance and expressed in units of W/m2. It is expected to surpass natural gas before the end of this year and, maintaining current growth rates of 20%. Solar energy generation, measured in gigawatt-hours (GWh) versus installed solar capacity, measured in gigawatts (GW). Data source: Energy Institute - Statistical Review of World Energy (2025); IRENA (2025) – Learn more about this data Our World in Data is free and accessible for everyone. As a result, PV output is almost always prioritized over other fuel sources and delivered to the electric grid. In the last decade, solar deployments have experienced an average annual growth rate of 28%.



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