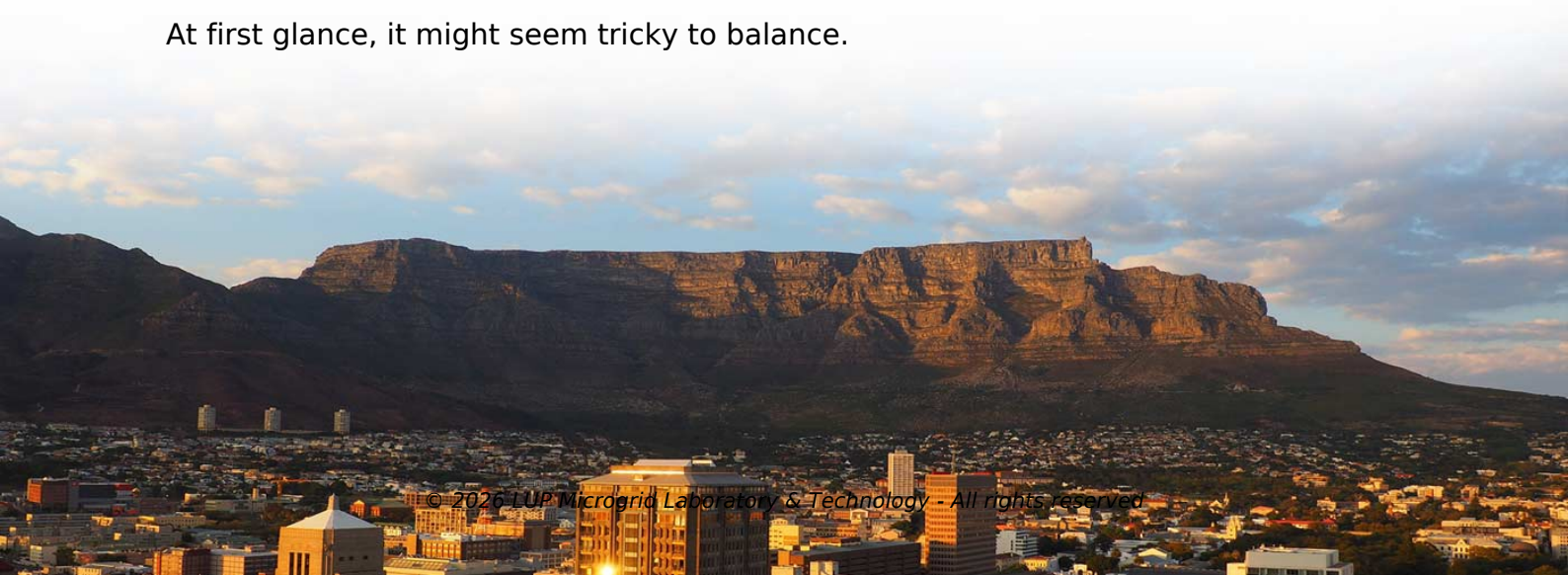
Solar power generation can be installed on the water

Overview

Instead of covering valuable farmland or rooftops, solar panels can be placed on the surface of ponds, lakes, reservoirs, or even large aquaculture tanks. This approach uses otherwise unused water surfaces to produce clean electricity. Instead of installing photovoltaic (PV) panels on land, as is the case with traditional solar farms, these systems are mounted on buoyant structures that rest atop. Floating solar, also called floating photovoltaics (FPV) or “floatovoltaics”, refers to a solar power system where photovoltaic panels are installed on structures that float on bodies of water instead of being mounted on land or rooftops. These systems use buoyant platforms (often made of plastic. An irrigation district in California's Central Valley region has installed arrays of solar panels atop a series of canals to demonstrate how such systems can generate electrical power and, through shading, reduce the loss of water from evaporation. But there are still many unknowns. For fish farm operators such as salmon farmers, the tops of. These innovative systems take the concept of solar energy and give it a twist—literally placing panels on water instead of land. But how do they actually work?

At first glance, it might seem tricky to balance.



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