

How to install photovoltaic panels in rural fish ponds

Can FPV be installed at irrigation ponds?

Peak Power Floating PV potential in the province of Jaen at irrigation ponds. In the idealistic case, where 100% of the water surface is covered and no minimum power is required for the implementation of an individual FPV system, 2.1 GWp could potentially be installed in this region only using existing irrigation ponds.

How much FPV can be installed in a pond?

The most technically feasible and realistic scenario corresponds to FPV systems above 50 kWp and up to 50% of the water surface area of each pond covered. In this case, FPV systems totalling one GWp could be potentially installed, which represents 5.4 times the existing PV capacity in the province.

What are the benefits of FPV systems on irrigation ponds?

Multi benefits of the massive installation of FPV systems on irrigation ponds. It is outstanding that annually a minimum of approximately 9 hm³ (i.e. 10 6 m³) of water can be saved in the most conservative scenario (C_W = 25%).

What are the limitations of FPV pond simulation?

One of the limitations in the simulation comes from the ponds morphology and the water level variations. When the ponds are much lower than their capacity, but the system was designed to cover 100% of the water surface, although the FPV system is prepared to lay down on the pond's walls, mismatch losses may appear among the PV arrays.

Should FPV systems be installed in large reservoirs?

It has only focused on water accumulation volumes oriented to agricultural irrigation activities, since the installation of FPV systems in these locations does not conflict with other uses (recreational, fishing) or with water quality problems that can be found in large reservoirs.

What happens if FPV does not cover a pond?

Furthermore, if the FPVs do not cover the entire water surface, when the pond is empty, the walls can cast shadow on the FPV generator, therefore, energy losses are produced. This limitation should be approached in future works.

4. Results

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