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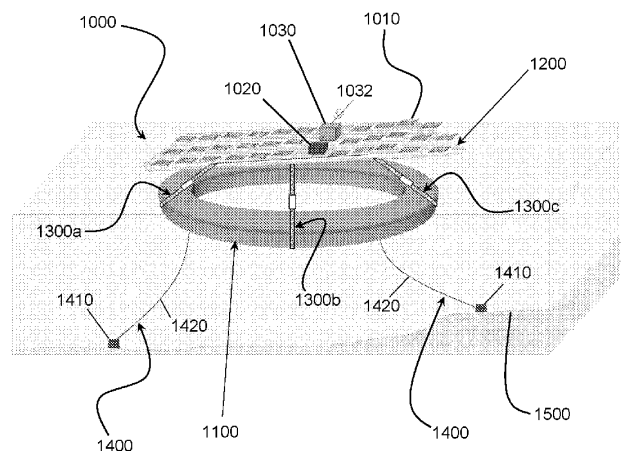


Figure 1

(57) Abstract: A floating apparatus 1000,3000 for supporting solar modules 1010 is disclosed. In a specific embodiment, the floating apparatus 1000,3000 includes a floatation device 1100,1140 operable to float in a water body, a platform 1200 for supporting the solar modules 1010, and linearly adjustable support structures 1300a,1300b,1300c arranged to space the platform 1200 from the floatation device 1100,1140. Each support structure 1300a,1300b,1300c is independently operable to adjust a respective relative distance between the platform 1200 and the floatation device 1100,1140. A method of operating the floating apparatus 1000,3000 is also disclosed.

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