

How stiff is a tracking photovoltaic support system?

Because the support structure of the tracking photovoltaic support system has a long extension length and the components are D-shaped hollow steel pipes, the overall stiffness of the structure was found to be low, and the first three natural frequencies were between 2.934 and 4.921.

Does a tracking photovoltaic support system have vibrational characteristics?

In this study, field instrumentation was used to assess the vibrational characteristics of a selected tracking photovoltaic support system. Using ANSYS software, a modal analysis and finite element model of the structure were developed and validated by comparing measured data with model predictions. Key findings are as follows.

How to reduce wind load of PV support structure?

It is also necessary to reasonably increase the template gap and reduce the ground clearance in order to reduce the wind load of the PV support structure, enhance the wind resistance of the PV support structure, and improve the safety and reliability of the PV support structure.

Does a tracking photovoltaic support system have finite element analysis?

In terms of finite element analysis, Wittwer et al., obtained modal parameters of the tracking photovoltaic support system with finite element analysis, and the results are similar to those of this study, indicating that the natural frequencies of the structure remain largely unchanged.

What is the wind load of a PV support?

The wind load is the most significant load when designing a PV support; thus, its value and calculation should be investigated. Different countries have their own specifications and, consequently, equations for the wind loads of PV supports.

What are the dynamic characteristics of photovoltaic support systems?

Key findings are as follows. Dynamic characteristics of tracking photovoltaic support systems obtained through field modal testing at various inclinations, revealing three torsional modes within the 2.9-5.0 Hz frequency range, accompanied by relatively small modal damping ratios ranging from 1.07 % to 2.99 %.

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