

Why are pre-stressed flexible cable-supported photovoltaic systems becoming more popular?

With the increasing adoption of mountainous photovoltaic installations, pre-stressed flexible cable-supported photovoltaic (PV) systems (FCSPSs) are becoming increasingly popular in large-scale solar power plants due to their evident adaptability to sloping terrain. The wind-induced deformation of FCSPSs significantly influences the wind field.

What is a flexible PV support structure?

The baseline, unreinforced flexible PV support structure is designated as F. The first reinforcement strategy involves increasing the diameter of the prestressed cables to 17.8 mm and 21.6 mm, respectively. These configurations are named F1-1 and F1-2 for ease of comparison.

What is a flexible PV mounting structure?

**Flexible PV Mounting Structure Geometric Model** The constructed flexible PV support model consists of six spans, each with a span of 2 m. The spans are connected by struts, with the support cables having a height of 4.75 m, directly supporting the PV panels. The wind-resistant cables are 4 m high and are connected to the lower ends of the struts.

Do flexible PV support structures deflection more sensitive to fluctuating wind loads?

This suggests that the deflection of the flexible PV support structure is more sensitive to fluctuating wind loads compared to the axial force. Considering the safety of flexible PV support structures, it is reasonable to use the displacement wind-vibration coefficient rather than the load wind-vibration coefficient.

Can a cable-supported PV system reduce wind-induced vibration?

Recently, the authors (He et al., 2020) proposed a new cable-supported PV system by adding an additional cable and several triangle brackets to form an inverted arch and reduce the deflection of the PV modules and studied the wind-induced vibration and its suppression through a series of wind tunnel tests.

How safe are flexible PV brackets under extreme operating conditions?

**Safety Analysis under Extreme Operating Conditions** For flexible PV brackets, the allowable deflection value adopted in current engineering practice is 1/100 of the span length. To ensure the safety of PV modules under extreme static conditions, a detailed analysis of a series of extreme scenarios will be conducted.



# Flexible photovoltaic bracket cable tensioning

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