

## Flexible photovoltaic construction demonstration

Are flexible solar cells the future of photovoltaic technology?

For the previous few decades, the photovoltaic (PV) market was dominated by silicon-based solar cells. However, it will transition to PV technology based on flexible solar cells recently because of increasing demand for devices with high flexibility, lightweight, conformability, and bendability.

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.

Do flexible SHJ modules address load-bearing issues in building-integrated photovoltaics?

The flexible SHJ modules demonstrated in this study mayaddress the load-bearing issue encountered in the fast-growing research field of building-integrated photovoltaics and enable c-Si solar modules to be attached to building walls with either flat or curved surfaces.

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 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.

Which wind-vibration coefficient should be used for flexible PV support structures?

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. For the flexible PV arrays with wind-resistant cables discussed in this study, a recommended range for the wind-vibration coefficient is 1.5 to 2.52.

Do flexible PV support structures have resonant frequencies?

Modal analysis reveals that the flexible PV support structures do not experience resonant frequencies that could amplify oscillations. The analysis also provides insights into the mode shapes of these structures. An analysis of the wind-induced vibration responses of the flexible PV support structures was conducted.



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