

Do ground-mounted photovoltaic (PV) modules have seismic performance?

Policies and ethics This paper presents the seismic performance of ground-mounted photovoltaic (PV) modules. The seismic performance of the PV module is evaluated for sets of near-field (NF) and far-field (FF) ground motion records.

Are solar photovoltaic systems vulnerable to cyclones?

This vulnerability is not limited to just wind hazards; ground-mounted utility-scale solar photovoltaic systems are particularly susceptible to the combined effects of intensifying wind, rainfall and storm surge from tropical cyclones. Wind turbines also face intensifying challenges.

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.

How is the seismic performance of a PV module evaluated?

The seismic performance of the PV module is evaluated for sets of near-field (NF) and far-field (FF) ground motion records. The selected ground motions are matched to the target spectra in IS-1893 (Part-I):2016 for different soil conditions and seismic intensities. The varied capacity and supporting module systems are considered in the analysis.

Does roof slope affect sliding displacement between rooftop-isolated PV modules?

Walter et al. (2012) performed an experimental investigation to determine the safe displacement between rooftop-isolated PV modules. The study concluded that roof slope has a dominant effect on sliding displacement.

How is seismic analysis done in a ground-mounted PV module?

The seismic analysis of the ground-mounted PV module is done for various seismic conditions. The NF and FF real ground motions are selected to perform the time history analysis. The desired ground motions are matched to the target spectra given in Indian Standard Code IS-1893:2016 (part 1).

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