

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 PV support structure?

Support structures are the foundation of PV modules and directly affect the operational safety and construction investment of PV power plants. A good PV support structure can significantly reduce construction and maintenance costs. In addition, PV modules are susceptible to turbulence and wind gusts, so wind load is the control load of PV modules.

What is cable-supported photovoltaic (PV)?

Cable-supported photovoltaic (PV) modules have been proposed to replace traditional beam-supported PV modules. The new system uses suspension cables to bear the loads of the PV modules and therefore has the characteristics of a long span, light weight, strong load capacity, and adaptability to complex terrains.

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 are the different types of PV support systems?

At present, there are three main types of PV support systems: fixed mounted PV, flexible mounted PV, and float-over mounted PV systems. Fixed mounted PV systems are the traditional and most widely used PV system. They are usually mounted on the ground and building roofs.

What is a PV flexible system?

However, PV flexible system, formed by prestressed flexible cable structure is a large-span PV module support with spans of 10-40 m and has gained popularity in recent years. The modules can be installed 2-10 m above the ground, providing high headroom and reduced pile numbers.

(1) Background: As environmental issues gain more attention, switching from conventional energy has become a recurring theme. This has led to the widespread development of photovoltaic (PV) power generation ...

The new CSPS, with a 10% lower cost compared with traditional fix-tilted PV support, is a better alternative

to traditional photovoltaic (PV) support systems. In this study, the failure models and bearing capacity of the primary ...

The invention discloses an arch-supported flexible photovoltaic support structure, and a flexible photovoltaic support system comprises: the foundation structure is used as a supporting ...

Due to the limitation of the traditional rigid ground photovoltaic support, a long-span flexible photovoltaic support structure composed of the prestressed cable system is being used more ...

The prototype structure of the flexible PV support adopted in this study is shown in Fig.1. The height of the columns is 6 m. The span of the flexible PV support is 33 m, which is consisted of ...

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