

Design of the rotating mechanism of photovoltaic panel support

Why do photovoltaic panels have orientation problems?

Authors to whom correspondence should be addressed. After installing a solar panel system, the orientation problem arises because of the sun's position variation relative to a collection point throughout the day. It is, therefore, necessary to change the position of the photovoltaic panels to follow the sun and capture the maximum incident beam.

How much do solar panels rotate?

Panels in this system rotate by 120°. Peterson et al. in Ref have designed a two-axis solar tracker with stepper motors for the azimuth and Altitude rotational degrees of freedom. Relay circuits have been used for the control purpose.

How to evaluate the dynamic response of tracking photovoltaic support system?

To effectively evaluate the dynamic response of tracking photovoltaic support system, it is essential to perform a tracking photovoltaic support systematic modal analysis that enables a comprehensive understanding of the inherent dynamic characteristics of the structures.

What are the dynamic characteristics of the tracking photovoltaic support system?

Through processing and analyzing the measured modal data of the tracking photovoltaic support system with Donghua software, the dynamic characteristic parameters of the tracking photovoltaic support system could be obtained, including frequencies, vibration modes and damping ratio.

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 %.

How much energy does a solar panel orientation system save?

This orientation system is expected to save more than 40% of the total energy of the panels by keeping the panel's face perpendicular to the sun. This percentage is assumed to be lost energy in the fixed panels. A special care should be taken to the design of the grid arrangement of panels in the collecting plant.

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