

Does wind-induced vibration affect flexible PV supports?

Discussion The wind load is a vital load affecting PV supports, and the harm caused by wind-induced vibration due to wind loads is enormous. Aiming at the wind-induced vibration of flexible PV supports, a PV building integration technology [86, 87] was proposed to reduce the harm caused by wind vibration.

How wind induced vibration response of flexible PV support structure?

Aeroelastic model wind tunnel tests The wind-induced vibration response of flexible PV support structure under different cases was studied by using aeroelastic model for wind tunnel test, including different tilt angles of PV modules, different initial force of cables, and different wind speeds.

What is the wind vibration coefficient of flexible PV support structure?

The wind vibration coefficients in different zones under the wind pressure or wind suction are mostly between 2.0 and 2.15. Compared with the experimental results, the current Chinese national standards are relatively conservative in the equivalent static wind loads of flexible PV support structure.

Are flexible PV support structures prone to vibrations under cross winds?

For aeroelastic model tests, it can be observed that the flexible PV support structure is prone to large vibrations under cross winds. The mean vertical displacement of the flexible PV support structure increases with the wind speed and tilt angle of the PV modules.

Why is a photovoltaic support system prone to torsional vibrations?

Due to the lower natural frequencies and torsional stiffness, the system is susceptible to significant torsional vibrations induced by wind. Currently, most existing literature on tracking photovoltaic support systems mainly focuses on wind tunnel experiments and numerical simulations regarding wind pressure and pulsation characteristics.

Does a tracking photovoltaic support system have vibrational characteristics?

In this study, field instrumentation was used to assess the vibrational characteristics of a selected tracking photovoltaic support system. Using ANSYS software, a modal analysis and finite element model of the structure were developed and validated by comparing measured data with model predictions. Key findings are as follows.

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