

Are ground mounting steel frames suitable for PV solar power plant projects?

In the photovoltaic (PV) solar power plant projects, PV solar panel (SP) support structure is one of the main elements and limited numerical studies exist on PVSP ground mounting steel frames to be a research gap that has not been addressed adequately in the literature.

How stiff is a tracking photovoltaic support system?

Because the support structure of the tracking photovoltaic support system has a long extension length and the components are D-shaped hollow steel pipes, the overall stiffness of the structure was found to be low, and the first three natural frequencies were between 2.934 and 4.921.

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.

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 %.

Does a tracking photovoltaic support system have finite element analysis?

In terms of finite element analysis, Wittwer et al., obtained modal parameters of the tracking photovoltaic support system with finite element analysis, and the results are similar to those of this study, indicating that the natural frequencies of the structure remain largely unchanged.

How many pillars does a photovoltaic support system have?

The tracking photovoltaic support system consisted of 10 pillars (including 1 drive pillar), one axis bar, 11 shaft rods, 52 photovoltaic panels, 54 photovoltaic support purlins, driving devices and 9 sliding bearings, and also includes the connection between the frame and its axis bar. Total length was 60.49 m, as shown in Fig. 8.

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