

# Prestressed cable photovoltaic support system

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 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 are the different types of PV support systems?

In order to meet the applicability of economy and safety, the optimal design of PV support systems have always been a research hotspot in the field of PV engineering and wind engineering. At present, there are three main types of PV support systems: fixed mounted PV, flexible mounted PV, and float-over mounted PV systems.

Is a new CSPs a better alternative to traditional PV?

Recently, a new CSPS with a much smaller settlement and stronger wind resistance was proposed. 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.

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 a new cable supported PV structure?

New cable supported PV structures: (a) front view of one span of new PV modules; (b) cross-section of three cables anchored to the beam; (c) cross-section of two different sizes of triangle brackets. The system fully utilizes the strong tension ability of cables and improves the safety of the structure.

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 and more in recent years. The new system uses suspension cables to withstand the load of photovoltaic modules, which has the characteristics of adapting to ...



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around the steel sheet upper surface, be provided with a plurality of photovoltaic supports on the support piece, both ends all are provided with the anchor block ...

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. This system employs cable-supported PV modules, as shown in Fig. 1.

Recently, a new type of PV support system, replacing the traditional beams with suspension cables to bear the loads of PV panels, has been proposed as shown in Fig. 1 (Baumgartner et al., 2008). Baumgartner et al. (2008, 2009, 2010, 2015) introduced a cable-based mounting system and concluded that it is a viable alternative to traditional mounting ...

One reason for the more stringent requirements is that PV wire as small as 12 AWG single conductor cable is common in PV systems. In a cable tray that has ladder-type rungs for cable support, the maximum allowable ...

External prestressing reinforcement technology forms a cable-supported portal frame with prestressing strands and beams [], while reducing the moment and increasing the stiffness of the beam by prestressing the strands, which can increase its bearing capacity. The external prestressing reinforcement system of portal frames primarily comprise three parts, ...

Taking a photovoltaic power plant as an example, a large-span suspension photovoltaic bracket is established in accordance with the requirements of the code and optimized. By adjusting the cable specifications and pre-tensioning force of the cable, multiple comparison models are established, and the comparison results of different models" natural ...

The traditional photovoltaic system installs photovoltaic modules on the ground rigid photovoltaic support, and the span of the ground rigid support is generally not more than 5 m. In recent years, a flexible photovoltaic support structure composed of a pre-stressed cable system has been widely used [1] ~ [6], and its span is generally 10m~30m.

With the Carbon Peaking and Carbon Neutrality Strategy proposed by China and the continuous promotion of the new energy revolution, PV power generation, as a new type of clean energy using solar energy, has become an important way for China to promote energy transformation. Flexible photovoltaic (PV) support [1] is a flexible support system composed of ...

(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 systems. PV supports, which support PV power generation systems, are extremely vulnerable to wind loads.

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One such advancement is the emergence of flexible racking systems, characterized by prestressed flexible cable structures. These pioneering systems offer substantial advantages, including larger spans ranging from 10 to 40 m and installation heights varying between 2 and 30 m above the ground. ... Moreover, the flexible PV support system finds ...

The PV modules are fixed on the prestressed steel cable through connectors. The cable's rigidity is achieved by applying to prestress, which can be used as a PV module installation bracket [23, 24]. The advantage of the cable-supported system is that the support itself does not occupy any space in addition to the columns, which is easy to form ...

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