

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 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.

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.

How many cables does a PV system use?

However, most of the traditional cable-supported PV systems use only two cables to support the PV modules. The settlement of the support cables due to self-weight of PV modules always reduces their power generation efficiency. Therefore, it is necessary to make a reasonable design to flatten the structures.

How are PV modules installed?

The PV modules are directly installed on the upper load-bearing cables (Cables 1 and 2). The pretensioned cable is referred to as Cable 3. The load-bearing cables transmit the self-weight of the PV modules and the cables to the lateral beam. The beam transmits the loads to the columns.

How is a PV module fixed?

The PV module is fixed on Cables 1 and 2 by using back-fasteners. The maximum stress is calculated as  $6.60 \times 10^7 \text{ N/m}^2$  at the four nodes connecting the load-bearing cables and the PV module. Similar results are observed in Case 180°, as shown in Fig. 13 (b).

Cable-supported photovoltaic systems (CSPSs) are a new technology for supporting structures that have broad application prospects owing to their cost-effectiveness, light weight, large span, high ...

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