

Is the solar tracking system afraid of wind





Overview

How does wind affect a solar tracker?

The key results of this experiment are the wind loads acting on the solar tracker, comprising the forces due to the mean incoming wind as well as the fluctuations induced by turbulence (buffeting), which depends upon the terrain characteristics in the nearby of the plant site.

Why do solar trackers fail?

While the aero-elastic phenomena of torsional galloping, flutter and divergence were known to bridge aerodynamicists, the propensity of solar trackers to undergo such responses, often resulting in catastrophic failures at wind speeds well below the design level event, came as a surprise to wind engineers anecdotally only a few years back.

How do solar trackers and solar farms respond to wind loads?

The structural response of solar trackers and solar farms to wind loads is typically evaluated in a wind tunnel. These experiments also enable cost-effective assessments of various design configurations before field deployment. A crucial aspect of such testing is the accurate characterization of the wind flow within the test section.

Do solar trackers respond to high turbulence wind flow?

Understanding the aeroelastic response of solar trackers under high turbulence wind flow is crucial for optimizing their design and performance. This paper presents a wind tunnel study on the aeroelastic response of solar trackers at a 1/20 scale.



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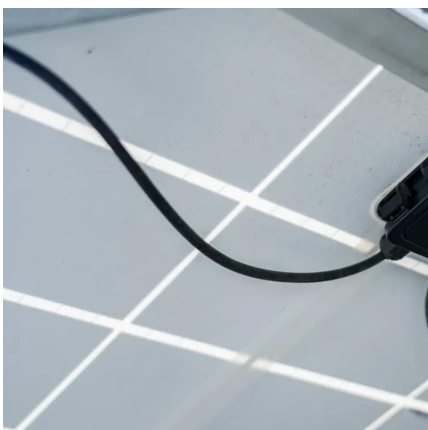
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