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What factors affect the bearing capacity of new cable-supported photovoltaic modules?

The pretension and diameter of the cables are the most important factors of the ultimate bearing capacity of the new cable-supported PV system, while the tilt angle and row spacing have little effect on the mechanical characteristics of the new type of cable-supported photovoltaic modules.

Are ground-mounted PV systems a good choice for large-scale solar farms?

Ground-mounted PV systems have been widely used in large-scale solar farms in deserts, open areas and mountains. These systems are cost-effective and easy to construct. However, they occupy large land resources, have high requirement for land flatness, and damage soil and vegetation.

What is the tilt angle of PV modules?

According to Eq. (4), in the present study, the tilt angle of PV modules α is set to range from 0° to 30° ; with increments of 5° . The cable forces are constant $H_1 = H_2 = 30$ kN and $H_3 = 18$ kN. In addition, the row spacing is set as $D = 2.98$ m. The self-weight of the PV modules is mainly borne by the pretension of Cable 3.

Does the new cable-supported PV system have a stronger span ability?

Therefore, the new cable-supported PV system has a stronger span ability. Fig. 7. The vertical displacement of the two cable-supported PV system under self-weight.

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