

How to design a PV power plant based on wind load?

The design standards suggest that only the horizontal projected area should be considered, but for the optimal design of the structural system, it is necessary to examine the wind load impact due to the geometry of the PV power plant, so the wind load impact on the PV modules was examined through flow analysis [ 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 ].

How is structural safety evaluated in a solar PV power plant?

In the design of solar PV power plants, wind loads, snow loads, and live loads are considered and applied to the structural design, and structural safety is not evaluated independently from these loads but through load combinations for independently derived loads to consider all possible load effects.

Do roof-mounted solar panels have a wind load?

The current codes and standards concerning wind loads on roof-mounted solar panels are discussed and summarized. Wind pressures on flat- and slope-roof-mounted solar arrays obtained from wind tunnel tests are compared with the recommended design values in ASCE 7-16 and JIS C 8955: 2017.

How does wind load affect PV modules?

This means that the wind load on the PV modules decreases rapidly after the first row of PV modules is flown, which is characteristic of a fluid flowing over a certain obstacle.

How is wind load calculated in a PV structure?

The loads applied to the design of PV structures were described earlier. In the structural design of the PV structure, the wind load is assumed to be applied in the horizontal direction, and the basic assumption is that it is calculated by considering the projected area of the structure [11, 12 ].

How to determine design wind loads for multi-row solar arrays?

The proposed method for determining design wind loads for multi-row solar arrays in Eqns (18), (19) requires static and dynamic coefficients compatible with the ASCE 7 Standard. The following sections present and discuss these coefficients, comparing to other sources where possible, and provide an illustrative example of the proposed method.

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