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Photovoltaic panel tracking principle



Overview

A solar tracker is a device that orients a payload toward the sun. Payloads are usually flat-panel photovoltaic, solar concentrator, or the receiver of a solar tower. For flat-panel photovoltaic, trackers are used to minimize the angle of incidence between the incoming sunlight and a photovoltaic panel, sometimes known as the cosine error.

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The operating principle of the device is to keep the photovoltaic modules constantly aligned with the sunbeams, which maximises the exposure of solar panel to the Sun's radiation.

A solar tracker is a mechanical device that tracks the position of the sun throughout the day by rotating or tilting an array of solar panels so as to capture maximum amount of solar energy.

The principle behind this process is that when sunlight strikes the solar panel, photons excite electrons within the semiconductor, causing them to move and generate an electric current. Can a solar tracking system improve the performance of photovoltaic modules?

The goal of this thesis was to develop a laboratory prototype of a solar tracking system, which is able to enhance the performance of the photovoltaic modules in a solar energy system.

Do solar tracking systems keep solar panels and solar concentrators?

Several sun tracking systems are evaluated and showed to keep the solar panels, solar concentrators, or other solar applications as the recent studies of

single axis tracking [1-43], dual axis tracking [44-85], single and dual axis tracking [86-107] with respect to the tracking systems types.

What factors affect the energy output of photovoltaic tracking systems?

Several factors that affect the energy output of such systems include the photovoltaic material, geographical location of solar irradiances, ambient temperature and weather, angle of sun incidence, and orientation of the panel. This study reviews the principles and mechanisms of photovoltaic tracking systems to determine the best panel orientation.

What is a photovoltaic tracker?

For flat-panel photovoltaic systems, trackers are used to minimize the angle of incidence between the incoming sunlight and a photovoltaic panel, sometimes known as the cosine error. Reducing this angle increases the amount of energy produced from a fixed amount of installed power-generating capacity.

How efficient is a solar tracker compared to a fixed photovoltaic system?

According to research, the efficiency of such solar trackers ranges from 27.85 % to 43.6 % compared to a fixed photovoltaic system, and the solar tracking accuracy reaches from 0.11° to 1.5° . Controllers and electrical drives include Arduino, Atmega, dSpace, as well as DC motors, stepper motors and servo motors, respectively.

What is a passive tracker for photovoltaic solar panels?

A newly emerging type of passive tracker for photovoltaic solar panels uses a hologram behind stripes of photovoltaic cells so that sunlight passes through the transparent part of the module and reflects on the hologram. This allows sunlight to hit the cell from behind, thereby increasing the module's efficiency.

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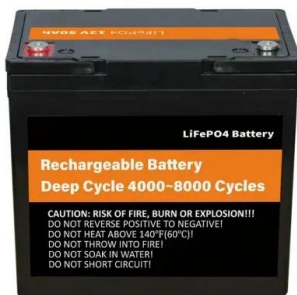


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