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Solar panel vibration

Overview

Researchers from the UAE and Singapore have assessed how wind-induced vibrations increase mechanical stress in PV panels and have found these vibrations could lead to microcracks, more serious mechanical failures, misalignments, and ultimately to the system collapse.Do vibrations affect flexible solar panel performance?

Abstract: The proposed paper highlights the performance analysis of the effect of vibrations on the flexible solar panel. The vibrations have been produced by vibration generator embedded on the rear side of the flexible solar panel for testing purpose.

Do solar panels have vibration control?

The dynamic properties of the structural system lay the groundwork for vibration design. Section 2 has already proposed and described approaches for dynamic modeling and analysis of SPSs. Therefore, it is imperative to discuss the issue of vibration control for solar panels, which is the primary focus of this article.

How to reduce solar panel vibration?

To eliminate the harmful effects of vibrations of solar panels, the passive and active methods have been pro-posed and demonstrated. A successful example of solar panel vibration suppression in a passive way is Hubble space telescope.

Is there a passive vibration-damping device for solar panels?

Author to whom correspondence should be addressed. A novel passive vibration-damping device is proposed and investigated for a large deployable solar array. One strategy for achieving high damping in a solar panel is using a yoke structure comprising a hyperelastic shape memory alloy and multiple viscous adhesive layers of acrylic tape.

Why do solar panels vibrate on spacecraft?

Solar panels on spacecraft are typical kinds of flexible structures. Low-frequency and large-amplitude vibrations usually occur due to the inevitable disturbances of deployment impact, attitude/orbit maneuver, separation/docking impact, and so forth.

How does active control affect the vibration of solar panels?

As shown in Figure 37, when the ATDs are powered on, that is, under the case of active control, the vibration of the solar panels significantly attenuates, especially in reducing the vibration peak by a maximum of three times, and the system damping ratio is relatively increased by 110%.

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