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Overview

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[Space deployable mechanics: A review of structures and smart driving]

Here, we present a review on development of mechanics and smart driving of space deployable structures. Advantages and limitations for various deployable mechanisms are also ...

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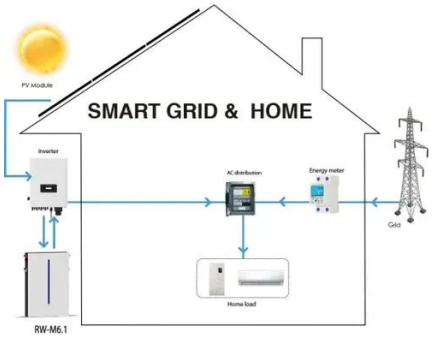

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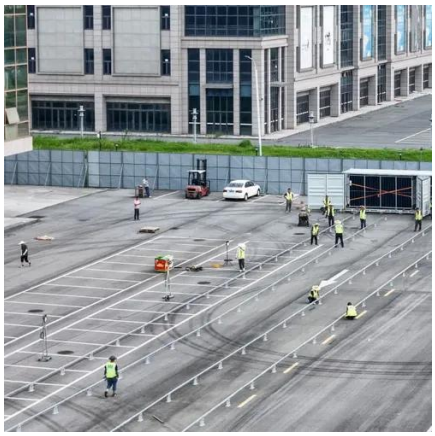

[Advanced Deployable/Retractable Solar Panel System for]

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[Solar Panel Deployment Mechanism for Nano-Satellite]

A compact hinge mechanism for solar panel deployment is developed to meet the mass and size constraints for nano-satellite. The miniature hinge is configured without an active lock mechanism.

[Modeling and simulation of the kinematic behavior of the deployment]

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