

SolarTech Power Solutions

One-to-two micro grid-connected inverter



Overview

What is the control design of a grid connected inverter?

The control design of this type of inverter may be challenging as several algorithms are required to run the inverter. This reference design uses the C2000 microcontroller (MCU) family of devices to implement control of a grid connected inverter with output current control.

How is an inverter connected to a grid?

The inverter is interfaced to the grid via an LCL filter. A relay is used to connect and disconnect the inverter from the grid whenever required by the application. The schematic in Figure 11 shows the filtering and relay schematic section.

What is an off-grid micro inverter?

An off-grid micro inverter is a small inverter connected to individual solar panels in a system that operates independently of the main electricity grid. These inverters are particularly valuable for remote locations or areas with unreliable grid access, as they enable solar panels to work autonomously.

Why should you use a micro inverter in an on-grid system?

In on-grid systems, micro inverters ensure maximum energy harvest by optimizing each panel's output individually. This is especially useful in urban environments where shading from buildings or trees can impact panel performance. 2. Scalability Micro inverters make it easy to scale up on-grid systems.

How to detect a grid connected inverter?

Every algorithm for grid-connected inverter operation is based on the estimation or direct measurement of grid voltage frequency and phase angle. The detection method used in this implementation for a single-phase inverter is based on a synchronous reference frame PLL.

How do micro inverters transform solar energy systems?

Micro inverters have transformed solar energy systems by offering panel-level optimization, enhanced safety, and flexibility in design. In off-grid systems, ensure maximum energy efficiency and reliability, which are critical for independent operation. In on-grid systems, they enhance energy harvest and seamlessly integrate with the utility grid.

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