

Inverter negative power





Overview

Why is my PV inverter generating negative power at night?

This will generally result in negative power or a very low power factor. In some cases, you may see negative power readings from a PV inverter at night. See [Non-Zero Nighttime PV Power Generation](#) for more information. Reverse the CT on the wire being monitored. Swap the white and black wires at the WattNode.

Why does my PV inverter have a low power factor?

For example, suppose the CTs are shifted by one phase, so that instead of monitoring phases A, B, and C (in that order), the CTs are on B, C, and A. This will generally result in negative power or a very low power factor. In some cases, you may see negative power readings from a PV inverter at night.

What is negative power factor?

The cosine of the angle between voltage and current when electrical power is flowing in reverse direction or opposite direction is called the Negative Power Factor. Generally, a negative Power Factor occurs when power flows from load to source.

How does a PV inverter work?

PV inverters make power where the current and voltage are in phase. The load consumes power with some angle between the current and voltage. Whatever is different between the PV inverter and the load -- the PoCo has to supply it. The inverter doesn't do anything to the load, the load is still the same.

What is a negative power reading in a photovoltaic system?

The white and black CT wires are swapped at the WattNode. This is a bidirectional power measurement application, such as a photovoltaic system, where negative power occurs whenever you generate more power than you consume. In this case, there is nothing wrong with the negative power



readings, so long as they occur when power is being generated.

What IC is used for a negative voltage inverter?

The supplier's Application Note 782 3 illustrates a negative voltage inverter using the MAX1681. Another Application Note (3659 4) from Maxim presents a charge pump converter circuit that produces -10 V at no load with more than 200 mA from +5-V input. The charge pump IC used in this circuit is MAX889 as shown in Figure 4.



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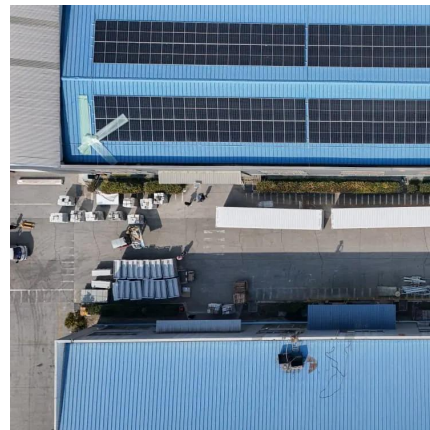


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But in this case it is much more likely that the current reading component on those inverters is not precise, just an indication. For a more precise and accurate reading, it is ...

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