

Over-provisioning ratio of photovoltaic inverter components





Overview

Why are solar developers increasing inverter loading ratios?

Hourly level solar data are insufficient to fully capture the magnitude of clipping. Due to decreasing solar module prices, some solar developers are increasing their projects' inverter loading ratio (ILR), defined as the ratio of DC module capacity to AC inverter capacity. In this study, we examine the operational impacts of this trend.

Can a solar array be oversized relative to the inverter rating?

To maximize a solar project's value, it can be advantageous to oversize the array relative to the inverter rating to increase system output in partial production conditions. We use the term inverter loading ratio (ILR) to describe this ratio of the array's nameplate DC power rating to the inverter's peak AC output rating.

What is inverter loading ratio?

In this study, the inverter loading ratio is defined as: $(1) ILR = \frac{P_{dc, peak}}{P_{ac, peak}}$ where $P_{dc, peak}$ is the maximum rated module power output for all modules in all strings at standard test conditions and $P_{ac, peak}$ is the inverter's maximum AC power output.

Why do photovoltaic converters have a 1:1 capacity ratio?

From the analysis of the above influencing factors, under the traditional 1:1 capacity ratio design, the maximum power generation of the photovoltaic system is lower than its installed capacity, and a certain ratio of component over-configuration can make up for the capacity loss of the inverter and improve the utilization rate of the converter.

Can the over ratio of modules bring higher power generation?

In order to more intuitively prove that the over ratio of modules can bring higher power generation, we choose Mexico Hermosillo (29.09°, -110.98°)



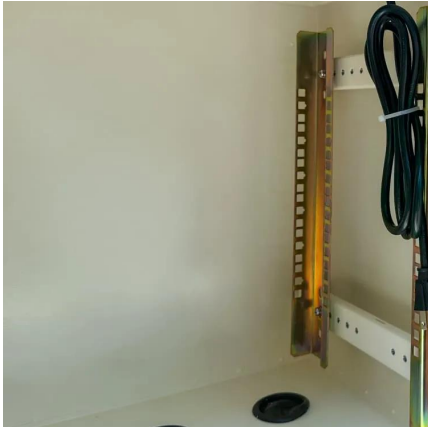
region, use NREL-SAM software to simulate the clipping and total power generation in the first year under various DC: AC ratios.

How does inverter loading affect solar energy losses?

Solar energy losses from clipping increase rapidly with increasing inverter loading ratios. Higher inverter loading ratios lead to larger and more frequent solar ramping events. Over time, module degradation mitigates some of the losses due to inverter sizing.



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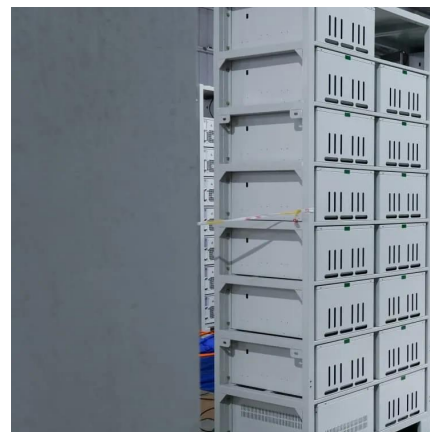


Degradation of PV modules, inverters, components and ...

To establish a definition of the degradation rate for solar PV modules, inverters and PV systems that will be included in the preparatory study on Ecodesign and Energy-labelling. To establish ...

DC/AC inverter oversizing ratio - what is the optimal ratio for

The ratio of the DC output power of a PV array to the total inverter AC output capacity. For example, a solar PV array of 13 MW combined STC output power connected to a 10 MW AC ...



Appropriate PV module over ratio can increase in power ...

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Techno-economic optimization of photovoltaic (PV)-inverter ...

The appropriate sizing of the inverter, specifically the PSR, which is the ratio of the inverter's rated power to the total rated power of the connected

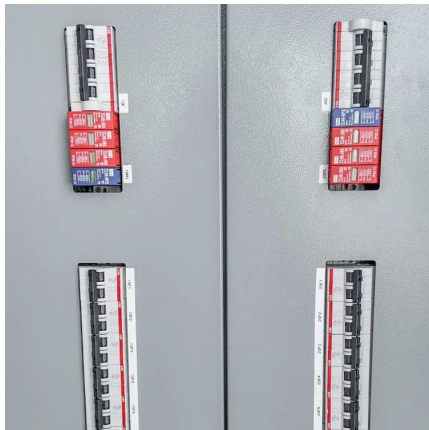


PV modules, plays a vital role ...



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