

Reference figures for photovoltaic inverters





Overview

What is a solar microinverter reference design?

The Solar Microinverter Reference Design is a single stage, grid-connected, solar PV microinverter. This means that the DC power from the solar panel is converted directly to a rectified AC signal. This conversion is done by an interleaved flyback converter.

What are the input specifications of a solar inverter?

The input specifications of an inverter concern the DC power originating from the solar panels and how effectively the inverter can handle it. The maximum DC input voltage is all about the peak voltage the inverter can handle from the connected panels. The value resonates with the safety limit for the inverter.

What is a typical inverter?

A typical inverter comprises of a full bridge that is constructed with four switches that are modulated using pulse width modulation (PWM) and an output filter for the high-frequency switching of the bridge, as shown in Figure 1. An inductor capacitor (LCL) output filter is used on this reference design.

What makes a good inverter design?

High-efficiency, low THD, and intuitive software make this design attractive for engineers working on an inverter design for UPS and alternative energy applications such as PV inverters, grid storage, and micro grids. The hardware and software available with this reference design accelerate time to market.

How does a PV inverter state machine work?

The inverter state machine then sequences to checking for DC voltage. To feed current into the grid the DC voltage (which in case of PV inverters is provided from the panel or panel plus some conditioning circuit), it must be greater than the peak of the AC voltage connected at the output of the



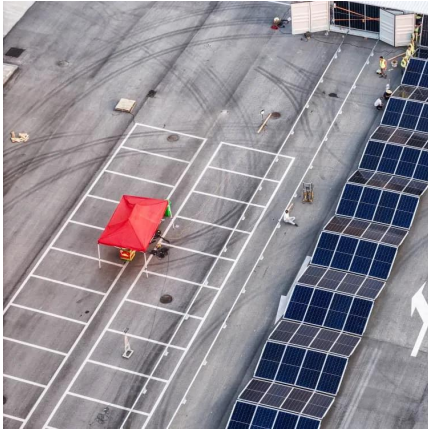
inverter.

What is a CEC rated solar inverter?

Efficiency Specifications The inverter efficiency determines the amount of solar energy that is transformed into useful power. CEC stands for the California Energy Commission and this efficiency rating shows us how efficient the inverter is under standardized testing settings. The higher the CEC efficiency, the better the solar inverter operates.



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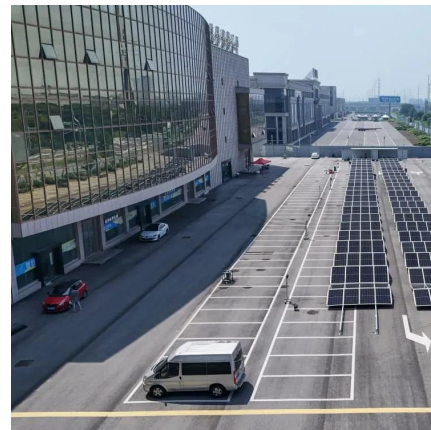


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Figure on the right illustrates an example of inverter performance data documented by the CEC, providing inverter efficiency (ac-power divided by dc-power) as a function of the ac-power ...

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