

Whether PV inverters are allowed to be over-allocated





Overview

What is over current protection mechanism in PV inverter?

As previously discussed, the simultaneous injection of peak active power from PVs and reactive power into the grid for voltage support can trigger the over current protection mechanism in PV inverter. The triggering of over current protection will lead to disconnection of inverter from the grid which is unfavourable during LVRT period.

How to provide voltage support in PV inverter?

To provide voltage support at the PCC, reactive power is injected into the grid under fault conditions as per the specified grid codes. As previously discussed, the simultaneous injection of peak active power from PVs and reactive power into the grid for voltage support can trigger the over current protection mechanism in PV inverter.

How is maximum exploitation of the inverter's capacity achieved?

It is clearly evident that maximum exploitation of the inverter's capacity is achieved due to simultaneous injection of active and reactive power without curtailing the active power as shown in Fig. 8 d.

What are the goals of grid-connected PV inverters?

Under grid voltage sags, over current protection and exploiting the maximum capacity of the inverter are the two main goals of grid-connected PV inverters. To facilitate low-voltage ride-through (LVRT), it is imperative to ensure that inverter currents are sinusoidal and remain within permissible limits throughout the inverter operation.



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