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Grid-connected inverter specifications

Overview

This document defines a set of UNIFI Specifications for GFM IBRs that provides requirements from both a power system-level as well as functional requirements at the inverter level that are intended to provide means for vendor-agnostic operation of GFM IBRs at any scale in electric power systems.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.

Can a grid connected inverter be left unattended?

Do not leave the design powered when unattended. Grid connected inverters (GCI) are commonly used in applications such as photovoltaic inverters to generate a regulated AC current to feed into the grid. The control design of this type of inverter may be challenging as several algorithms are required to run the inverter.

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.

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.

Do grid connected inverters use direct current control?

To generate reference current for easier procedure, multi-functional grid-connected inverters (MFGCIs) mostly use direct current control. Tables 8 and Table 9 display a thorough assessment of different kinds of grid connected inverter’s topologies in three-phase and single-phase applications, respectively. (Table 8).

What are the features of a grid-connected inverter?

Grid-connected inverters are used to perform active power control, reactive power control, DC-link voltage control, and power quality control as their basic features. Some utilities may request additional services like compensation of harmonics and voltage regulation. (6.2.1)

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