

The simplest grid-connected inverter solution

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.

What is a grid-tied inverter?

The key feature that defines grid-tied inverters is their seamless integration with the utility grid. Unlike off-grid inverters, grid-tied inverters do not require energy storage solutions like batteries. Instead, they synchronize with the grid, allowing surplus electricity generated by your solar panels to flow back into the grid.

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.

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.

What should a user not do when using a grid connected inverter?

The user must not touch the board at any point during operation or immediately after operating, as high temperatures may be present. 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.

Does an inverter meet grid standards?

As aforementioned, the inverter is interconnected to the grid, so it should fulfill the grid standards as well. These standards include power quality, grid ride through capability and islanding prevention. Power quality is mainly measured on the basis of Power Factor (PF) and Total Harmonic Distortion (THD).

Abstract--Driven by worldwide demand for renewable sources, the photovoltaic market saw in the last years a considerable amount of innovations regarding the construction and operation of ...



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