

This review paper provides a comprehensive overview of grid-connected inverters and control methods tailored to address unbalanced grid conditions. Beginning with an introduction to the fundamentals of grid-connected inverters, the paper elucidates the impact of unbalanced grid voltages on their performance.

Grid-interactive solar PV inverters must satisfy the technical requirements of PV energy penetration posed by various country's rules and guidelines. Grid-connected PV systems enable consumers to contribute unused or excess electricity to the utility grid while using less power from the grid.

Grid-connected PV inverters have traditionally been thought as active power sources with an emphasis on maximizing power extraction from the PV modules. While maximizing power transfer remains a top priority, utility grid stability is now widely acknowledged to benefit from several auxiliary services that grid-connected PV inverters may offer.

When the solar grid goes down, the inverter will detect the absence of voltage and disconnect from the grid to avoid sending power back out onto the grid. This protects utility workers who may be working on restoring power and prevents damage to the inverter.

By making sure that solar inverters are synchronized with the grid, operators can maintain a consistent and reliable power supply for all users. Furthermore, an accurate synchronization of solar inverters with the power grid is essential for maximizing the efficiency and performance of solar energy systems.

The different solar PV configurations, international/ national standards and grid codes for grid connected solar PV systems have been highlighted. The state-of-the-art features of multi-functional grid-connected solar PV inverters for increased penetration of solar PV power are examined.

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