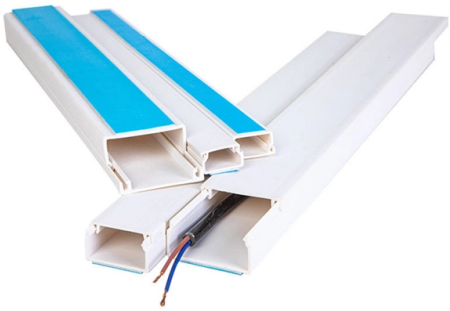
Photovoltaic transformer control module



Overview

This paper presents a modular multilevel converter (MMC)-based power electronic transformer (PET) for interconnection of solar photovoltaic (PV) system and the grid.

Key Takeaways

A photovoltaic transformer control module manages voltage, power flow, and protection in PV systems, ensuring efficient integration of solar generation into the grid while maintaining transformer safety and system stability.

Overview

A photovoltaic (PV) transformer control module is a specialized system designed to interface between solar inverters and the electrical grid. Its primary functions include voltage regulation, power flow management, and protection of transformers and downstream equipment. These modules are essential in PV farms and distributed solar installations to handle the unique characteristics of solar power, such as intermittent generation and fluctuating loads.

Key Functions1. Voltage and Power Control: The module ensures that the voltage output from PV inverters is properly stepped up or down to match grid requirements. Advanced control strategies, including centralized or decentralized approaches, can optimize voltage regulation while minimizing PV curtailment.

In some systems, solid-state transformers (SSTs) are used to provide fast, precise voltage and power control, integrating dual-active bridge converters and inverters for both PV and battery systems. 2. Transformer Thermal Management: PV transformers experience variable loading due to solar intermittency.

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Control modules monitor transformer temperature and adjust power flow to prevent overheating, extending transformer life and avoiding failures. 3. Grid Compliance and Protection: Modules ensure compliance with grid codes and standards (e.g., IEC, ANSI, IEEE) by controlling active and reactive power, providing fault isolation, and coordinating with protective devices such as switchgear, circuit breakers, and disconnectors.

Outdoor-rated enclosures and IP65/IP66 protection are often used to safeguard electronics in harsh environments. 4. Integration with Energy Storage: In PV-battery systems, control modules coordinate PV generation with battery charging and discharging, maintaining a stable DC bus voltage and balancing power between the grid, PV array, and storage.

Types of PV Transformers and Control Modules

Dry Type Transformers: Suitable for indoor or fire-sensitive environments.

Pad-

Mounted Transformers: Compact outdoor solutions for distributed PV systems.

Oil-

Immersed Transformers: High reliability and thermal performance for large-scale PV farms. Prefabricated Substation Transformers: Modular solutions for utility-scale PV integration. Control modules can be modular and scalable, supporting multiple zones or inverters per plant, and often include real-time monitoring with reaction times under 100 ms for dynamic grid support.

Benefits

Maximizes P

V energy utilization by minimizing curtailment. Protects transformers from thermal and electrical stress. Ensures grid stability and compliance with regulatory standards.

Enables integration of energy storage for enhanced flexibility and reliability. In summary, a photovoltaic transformer control module is a critical component in modern PV systems, combining voltage regulation, thermal management, protection, and energy coordination to ensure safe, efficient, and grid-compliant solar power delivery.

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6.1. Main components of large PV systems

Let us briefly discuss the main components in this scheme and describe their functions. Charge controllers or regulators manage the flow of electricity between the solar modules (arrays), energy

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Abstract— The increasing penetration of photovoltaic (PV) systems in distribution grids can lead to overvoltage and transformer overloading issues. While voltage regulation has been

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