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INTRODUCTION

The performance of a photovoltaic power generation system is influenced by various factors, such as meteorological conditions, installation environment (e.g. shade sources, soiling), design, and so on. The performance of a power conversion equipment is one of the significant indices for evaluating the performance of a PV system. IEC 61683 and IEC 62891 describe procedures for measuring the static (constant) conversion efficiency of power conversion equipment and MPPT efficiency, respectively. However, the standards do not define conversion efficiency under dynamic changes in factors such as meteorological changes, installation environment changes or temporal changes.

The CEC efficiency test protocol and EN 50530 define dynamic performance tests and procedures partially, but do not define a calculation procedure for evaluating the quantity of energy produced by a PV system. IEC TS 61724-3 describes a procedure for measuring and analysing the energy production of a specific photovoltaic system relative to the production expected for the same system from actual weather conditions for a certain period, but does not define the procedure for measuring the performance of power conversion equipment under actual environments.

Since there are areas where meteorological conditions, especially irradiance, change greatly and could affect the performance of power conversion equipment, a performance evaluation method under dynamic conditions needs to be defined. This document describes the procedure for evaluating the dynamic performance and energy production efficiency of power conversion equipment in a particular location using site-specific solar profiles.

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PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS – POWER CONVERSION EQUIPMENT PERFORMANCE – ENERGY EVALUATION METHOD

1 Scope

This document describes the procedure for evaluating the energy conversion performance of stand-alone or grid-connected power conversion equipment (PCE) used in PV systems. This procedure includes the calculation of inverter performance to anticipate the energy yield of PV systems. This evaluation method is based on standard power efficiency calculation procedures for PCE found in IEC 61683 and IEC 62891, but provides additional methods for evaluating the expected overall energy efficiency for a particular location given solar load profiles. This document can be used as the energy evaluation method for PCE in IEC TS 61724-3, which defines a procedure for evaluating a PV system's actual energy production relative to its modeled or expected performance.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 61683, *Photovoltaic systems – Power conditioners – Procedure for measuring efficiency*

IEC TS 61836, *Solar photovoltaic energy systems – Terms, definitions and symbols*

IEC 62891, *Maximum power point tracking efficiency of grid connected photovoltaic inverters*

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3.1
irradiance
G
electromagnetic radiated power per unit area

Note 1 to entry: Unit: $W \cdot m^{-2}$.

3.2
in-plane irradiance
G_I
total irradiance on the plane of a PV cell or module

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