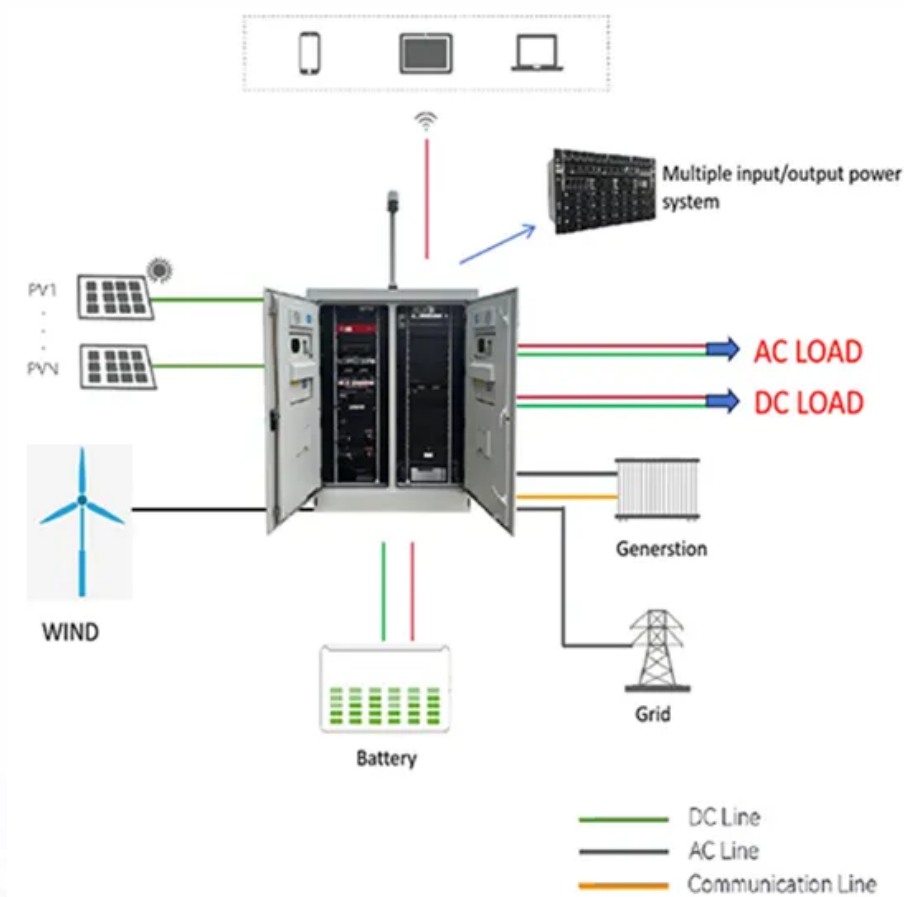


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How to choose capacitors for three-phase inverters



Overview

In this paper, we will discuss how to go about choosing a capacitor technology (film or electrolytic) and several of the capacitor parameters, such as nominal capacitance, rated ripple current, and temperature, for power inverter applications of a few hundred watts and up. How much capacitor nameplate CV rating should a 3 phase inverter use?

For three-phase inverters at any DC bus voltage, for films and electrolytics, respectively, a rule of thumb is that about 5 and 50 millicoulombs of capacitor nameplate CV rating will be required per amp of ripple current.

How do I choose the right capacitor for my inverter?

In practice, selecting the right capacitor for your inverter involves more than just calculating the required capacitance. Other factors to consider include: - Voltage Rating: The capacitor must have a voltage rating higher than the DC link voltage to prevent breakdown.

How do I choose a DC-link capacitor?

Other considerations in choosing a DC-Link capacitor include knowing the DC voltage required at the rails, the expected life of the application, the maximum possible ripple current and frequency that the system will experience, and whether the generated ripple current is steady-state or intermittent.

How to sizing capacitors for inverter bus link applications?

The first step in sizing capacitors for inverter bus link applications should be to understand how much bus link capacitance is required for a given inverter design. The biggest design limitation for electrolytic capacitors in inverter applications has been the amount of ripple current that the electrolytic capacitor can sustain.

Does Adding capacitance improve the performance of an inverter?

So beyond a certain point, adding capacitance does little to enhance the performance of the inverter. = 308 uF That's 16 times less capacitance than that of the electrolytic capacitor! Certainly packaging a 308 uF capacitor verses a 5,000uF capacitor makes for a smaller, lighter and more compact design.

Why does a DC link capacitor have a ripple current I_{CAP} ?

We may infer from Figure 2 that the DC link capacitor's AC ripple current I_{cap} arises from two main contributors: (1) the incoming current from the energy source and (2) the current drawn by the inverter. Capacitors cannot pass DC current; thus, DC current only flows from the source to the inverter, bypassing the capacitor.

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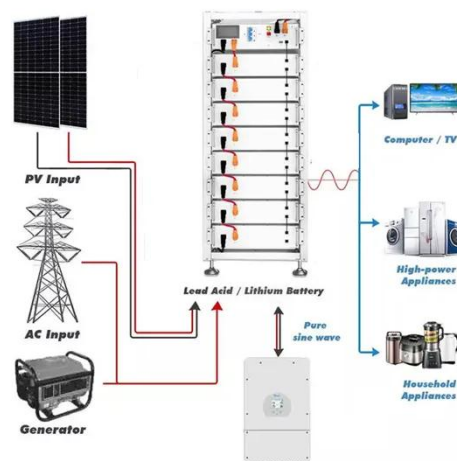


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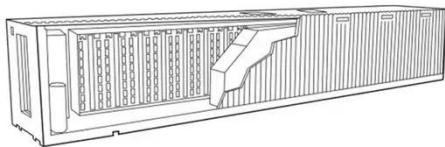


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