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1 Scope

This Technical Specification provides a test procedure for evaluating the performance of Low Voltage Ride-Through (LVRT) functions in inverters used in utility-interconnected PV systems.

The technical specification is most applicable to large systems where PV inverters are connected to utility HV distribution systems. However, the applicable procedures may also be used for LV installations in locations where evolving LVRT requirements include such installations, e.g. single-phase or 3-phase systems.

The assessed LVRT performance is valid only for the specific configuration and operational mode of the inverter under test. Separate assessment is required for the inverter in other factory or user-settable configurations, as these may cause the inverter LVRT response to behave differently.

The measurement procedures are designed to be as non-site-specific as possible, so that LVRT characteristics measured at one test site, for example, can also be considered valid at other sites.

This technical specification is for testing of PV inverters, though it contains information that may also be useful for testing of a complete PV power plant consisting of multiple inverters connected at a single point to the utility grid. It further provides a basis for utility-interconnected PV inverter numerical simulation and model validation.

2 Normative references

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IEC 61400-21:2008, *Wind turbines – Part 21: Measurement and assessment of power quality characteristics of grid connected wind turbines*