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Causes of IGBT breakdown in solar inverters



Overview

While various factors can contribute to an IGBT's demise, three culprits are responsible for the vast majority of field failures: overcurrent, overvoltage, and overtemperature. In photovoltaic (PV) power systems, the inverter plays a critical role in converting DC electricity from solar panels into AC power for grid use. Abstract—This work investigates the failure mechanisms of Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor (IGBT) modules, with a particular emphasis on understanding how overstress and wear-out malfunctions contribute to their degradation. If not prevented, it could lead to severe equipment failure. Understanding the reasons behind IGBT failures is key to maintaining stable operation and avoiding unnecessary losses. As the heart of modern inverters, motor drives, and power supplies, an IGBT failure isn't just a component loss; it's a catastrophic event that leads to costly downtime, potential damage to surrounding equipment, and significant project delays. One common cause is thermal breakdown, where excessive heat exceeds the IGBT's tolerance, leading to failure.

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IGBT Module Failure Mechanisms

The IGBT module failures can result from three main failure categories, namely early failures, random (overstress) failures and wear-out (long-term) failures [1], [2]. Early failures are often ...



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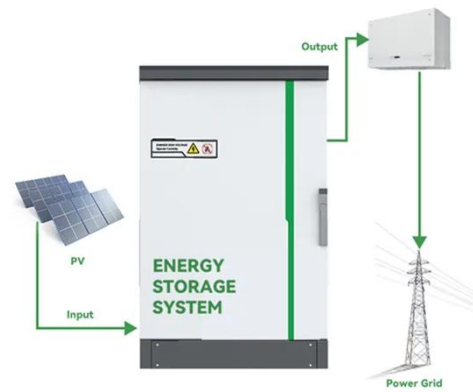
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