

Photovoltaic inverter DC side fault

What causes coupling in DC side of photovoltaic inverter?

There are multiple fault causes coupling in DC side of photovoltaic inverter. The changes of voltage, current and power are derived by fault mechanism analysis. The differences of failure feature are used to locate the fault cause. 1. Introduction

What is a DC ground fault in a PV system?

DC ground faults are the most common type of fault in PV systems and half go undetected. A DC ground fault is the undesirable condition of current flowing through the equipment grounding conductor in the circuits carrying DC power (before the inverter).

What causes a two-stage PV inverter to fail?

Since the two-stage PV inverter has an intermediate DC/DC link, there is a certain voltage difference between the PV module and DC capacitor, and the fault coupling degree of undervoltage is lower than that of overvoltage fault. According to the fault location, the fault causes can be divided into two types: DC short circuit and sampling error.

How to detect non-recoverable faults at DC side of a PV system?

A statistical monitoring method relying on Modified Exponentially Weighted Moving Average (MEWMA) algorithm can detect non-recoverable faults at the DC side of a PV system. The tactic starts with the one-diode model identification, to simulation of PV system, and end up with applying the algorithm.

Can a transformer-less inverter cause DC current leakage to ground?

In photovoltaic systems with a transformer-less inverter, the DC is isolated from ground. Modules with defective module isolation, unshielded wires, defective Power Optimizers, or an inverter internal fault can cause DC current leakage to ground (PE - protective earth). Such a fault is also called an isolation fault.

What is fault diagnosis in PV Grid-connected inverter?

The fault diagnosis of PV grid-connected inverter is to determine whether the fault occurs, judge fault type, isolate and locate the fault. In this section, we will introduce the fault classification and location in the DC side. Due to the limitation of the inverter's DC structure, the fault classification process is relatively simple.

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