

## Solar Energy South Africa

# Application of IGBT in photovoltaic inverter



## Overview

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Can IGBTs be used in a solar inverter?

These topologies use IGBTs as the power discrete semiconductor of choice for achieving high efficiency and high reliability. This application note presents how Bourns® Trench-Gate Field-Stop (TGFS) IGBTs with co-packaged Fast Recovery Diodes (FRDs) can be used in a solar inverter application to enable efficient power conversion.

How do IGBTs work in a PV inverter?

During operation inside a PV inverter, IGBTs are subject to AC stress conditions as opposed to DC stress conditions. This typically consists of a 60 Hz on-off cycle, with a Pulse-Width-Modulated (PWM) signal on the order of 10 - 15 kHz superimposed on the lower-frequency cycle.

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This application note presents how Bourns® Trench-Gate Field-Stop (TGFS) IGBTs with co-packaged Fast Recovery Diodes (FRDs) can be used in a solar inverter application to enable efficient power conversion. It also outlines the optimal IGBT features necessary for superior thermal performance while delivering low power dissipation.

Are insulated-gate bipolar transistors a good choice for solar inverter applications?

For solar inverter applications, it is well known that insulated-gate bipolar transistors (IGBTs) offer benefits compared to other types of power devices, like high-current-carrying capability, gate control using voltage instead of current and the ability to match the co-pack diode with the IGBT.

What is a 4th IGBT?

The fourth IGBT is a trench-gate IGBT optimized to deliver low conduction and switching losses for high-frequency switching such as in solar inverter

applications. An IGBT is basically a bipolar junction transistor (BJT) with a metal oxide semiconductor gate structure.

Can IGBT degradation cause a failure of an inverter?

This IGBT degradation would most likely not cause the failure of an inverter, but could degrade performance. Furthermore, it is highly questionable if a device exhibiting significant instability would operate for the expected lifetime of an inverter (i.e. 5 to 20 years).

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### Solution offering for 3-phase string inverters in photovoltaic applications

Discrete solution: Proposed BoM for typical 12 kW / 1000 V PV string inverter -Hybrid solution in DC-DC boost and best in class silicon IGBT in DC-AC inverter with 3-level NPC2 topology for ...

### An overall introduction to inverter IGBT

Inverter IGBT plays the role of power conversion and energy transmission in the inverter, and is the heart of the inverter. TYCORUN's all series of inverters, including 3000 watt solar inverter and 2000 watt inverter pure sine ...



 LFP 48V 100Ah



### IGBT reliability analysis of photovoltaic inverter with reactive ...

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### Coordinated Mitigation Control for Wideband ...

The value of K depends mainly on the type of IGBT, so different PV inverters all need the search process of K shown Wolz, C. Modelling

and Model Based Compensation of Non-Ideal Characteristics of Two-Level ...



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