

## Solar Energy South Africa

# Microgrid operation mode



## Overview

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A microgrid can operate in grid-connected or islanded mode. In islanded mode, microgrids can provide electricity to the rural areas with lower cost and minimum power losses. What is Microgrid modeling & operation modes?

In this paper, a review is made on the microgrid modeling and operation modes. The microgrid is a key interface between the distributed generation and renewable energy sources. A microgrid can work in islanded (operate autonomously) or grid-connected modes. The stability improvement methods are illustrated.

What are the functions of microgrids?

It covers functionality of microgrids including operation in grid-connected mode, the transition to intentionally islanded mode, operation in islanded mode, and reconnection to the grid, specifying correct voltage, frequency, and phase angle.

How to operate a microgrid in grid-connected mode?

The microgrid in grid-connected mode should operate in constant P – Q mode. Thus the inverter is operated in constant current control mode using d – q -axis-based current control. Consider the inverter model as shown in figure 1 b along with the filter.

What challenges come with microgrid operation?

Another challenge that comes with the operation of microgrid is the stabilised operation during grid-connected and islanded modes and proper strategy for a stable transition from grid-connected to islanded mode and vice versa [ 8, 9 ].

What are microgrid control objectives?

The microgrid control objectives consist of: (a) independent active and reactive power control, (b) correction of voltage sag and system imbalances, and (c) fulfilling the grid's load dynamics requirements. In assuring proper

operation, power systems require proper control strategies.

What happens when a microgrid is disconnected?

In the microgrid, when the grid is disconnected, the control mode will change from P – Q to f – V mode. Similarly during grid synchronisation the control mode changes from f – V to P – Q.

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## Transition between grid-connected mode and islanded

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