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Abnormal grounding of photovoltaic panels



Overview

DC ground faults are particularly dangerous in large PV systems because they can go easily undetected. Ground fault protection (GFP) devices do not sense the small (< 1 amp) current leaking in a ground fault, hence why it is called a “blind spot.” In the event of a second fault with larger current in which the GFP would trip.

As mentioned, detection of a DC ground fault is difficult, particularly in large PV systems. This is because DC ground faults are often less than the minimum sensitivity of the GFP device. Techniques for detecting DC ground faults.

DC ground faults can be prevented using transformer-less (non-isolated) inverters, which 1) have sensitive electronics that can sense a fault as low as 300 mA and 2) do not have a grounded.

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