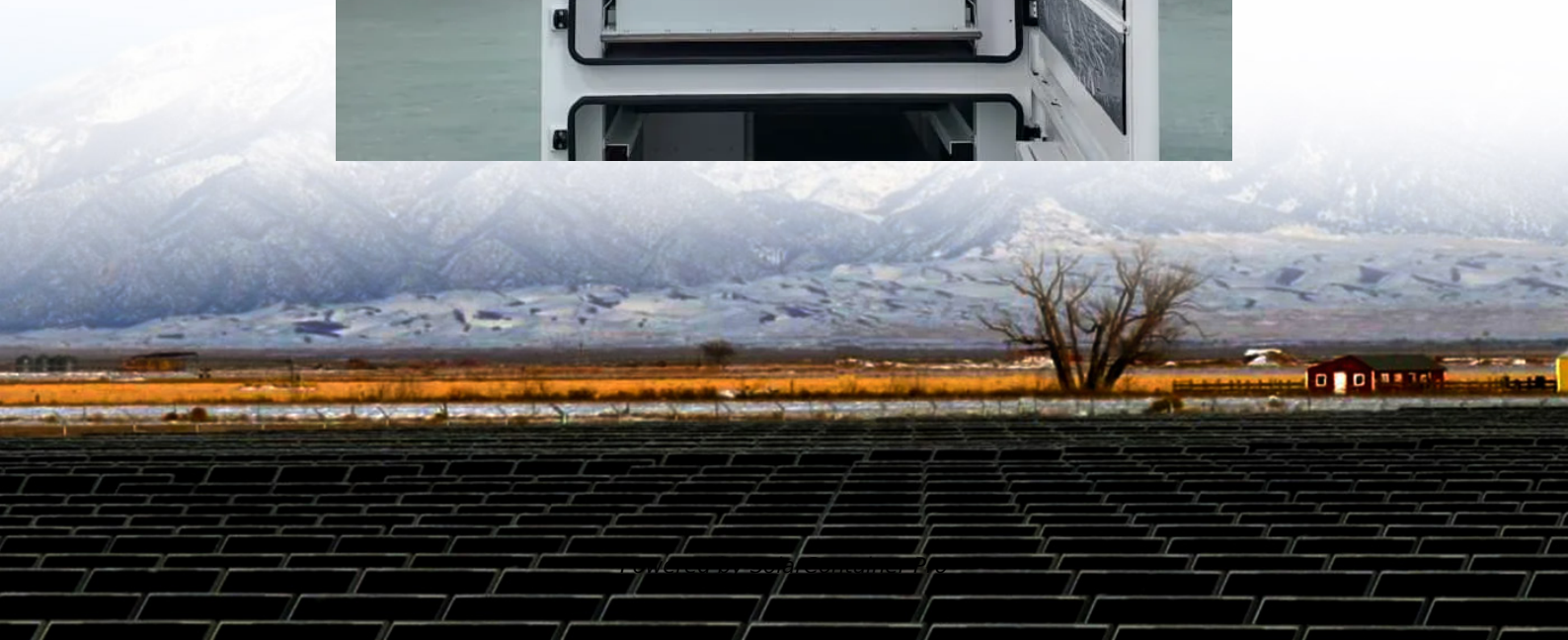


# **Which is more important in photovoltaics the inverter or the PLC**





## Overview

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We are often asked by solar PV plant owners and operators about the difference between PLC versus PC-based controllers. Let's look at the benefits and limitations of each, and how they tie in with typical.

What are the characteristics of a PV inverter?

A large number of PV inverters is available on the market – but the devices are classified on the basis of three important characteristics: power, DC-related design, and circuit topology. 1. Power The available power output starts at two kilowatts and extends into the megawatt range.

How do solar inverters work?

Inverters convert DC generated solar power into AC. They handle the wide swings in power supplied from the solar array. They also steady the voltage supplied to the step-up transformer. The inverters do all this with special switching that regulates their power output. This switching often creates power quality problems in the system.

What are the different types of PV inverters?

There are three primary tiers of PV inverters: microinverters, string inverters, and central inverters. Since microinverters are not rated for utility-scale voltages, we will largely ignore them in this article. String inverters convert DC power from “strings” of PV modules to AC and are designed to be modular and scalable.

Which type of Inverter should be used in a PV plant?

One-phase inverters are usually used in small plants, in large PV plants either a network consisting of several one-phase inverters or three-phase inverters have to be used on account of the unbalanced load of 4.6 kVA.

Why did PV inverters become module-level microinverters?

Ironically enough, the drawbacks of early central inverters (mismatch losses, inflexible system design) led to the development of module-level



microinverters. The PV inverter market of this era had two bookends: microinverters for residential and small commercial projects and increasingly large central inverters for everything else.

How much power does a solar inverter produce?

Typical outputs are 5 kW for private home rooftop plants, 10 – 20 kW for commercial plants (e.g., factory or barn roofs) and 500 – 800 kW for use in PV power stations. 2. Module wiring The DC-related design concerns the wiring of the PV modules to the inverter.



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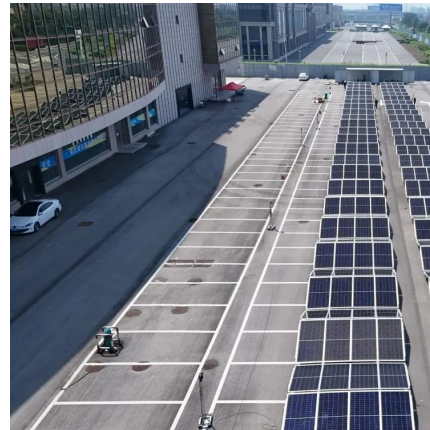




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