



# 光伏應用與能量轉換探討



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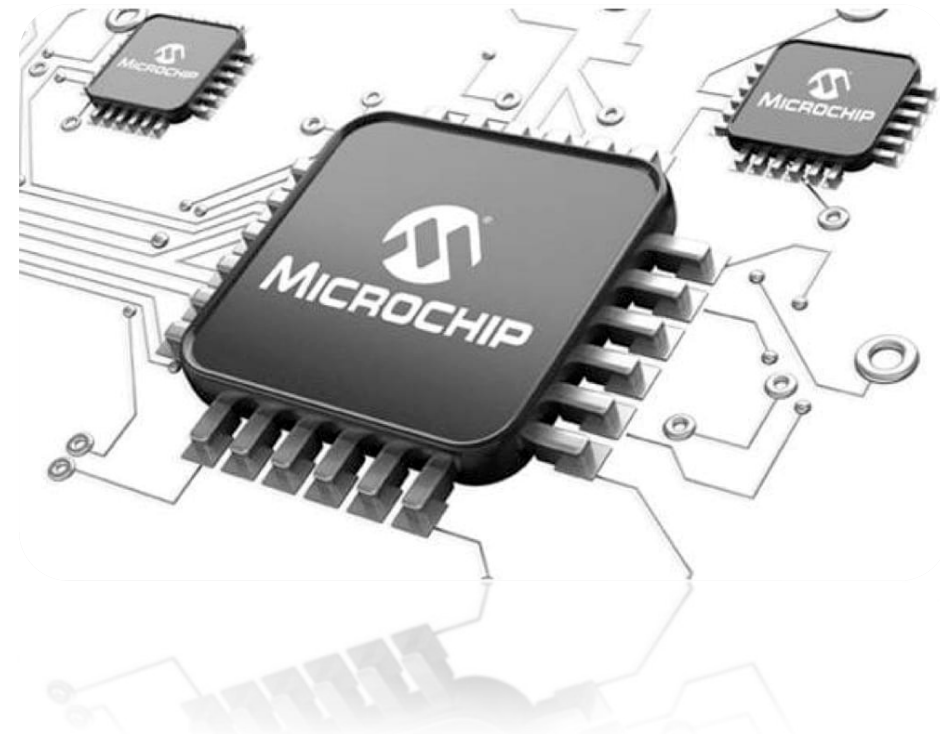
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# Agenda

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- Background Information
- Solar Cell and Panel Characteristics
- Solutions



# Background Information

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# Solar Power Overview

## Why Solar Power

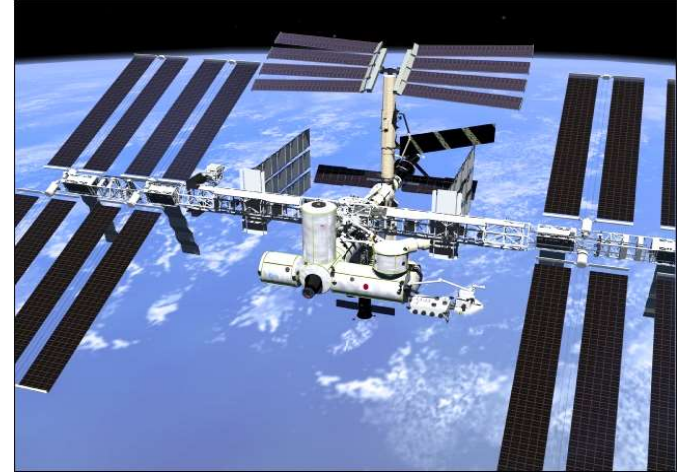
- PV systems produce clean and renewable electricity that replaces power produced by coal, oil, and nuclear power
- Costs for solar panels are declining
- Efficiency of Solar Cells has increased

## Market Pain Points

- Higher Power Density for integration into a panel or more power in the same form factor
- Thermal Challenge
- > 20 years Lifetime

# Solar Power Applications

- **Small Scale**
  - Watches, Calculators
  - Personal Electronic devices
- **Medium Scale**
  - Lighting, Battery Charger
  - Vehicles
- **Large Scale (kW)**
  - Commercial Buildings, Houses
  - Spacecrafts
- **Utility Scale (MW-GW)**



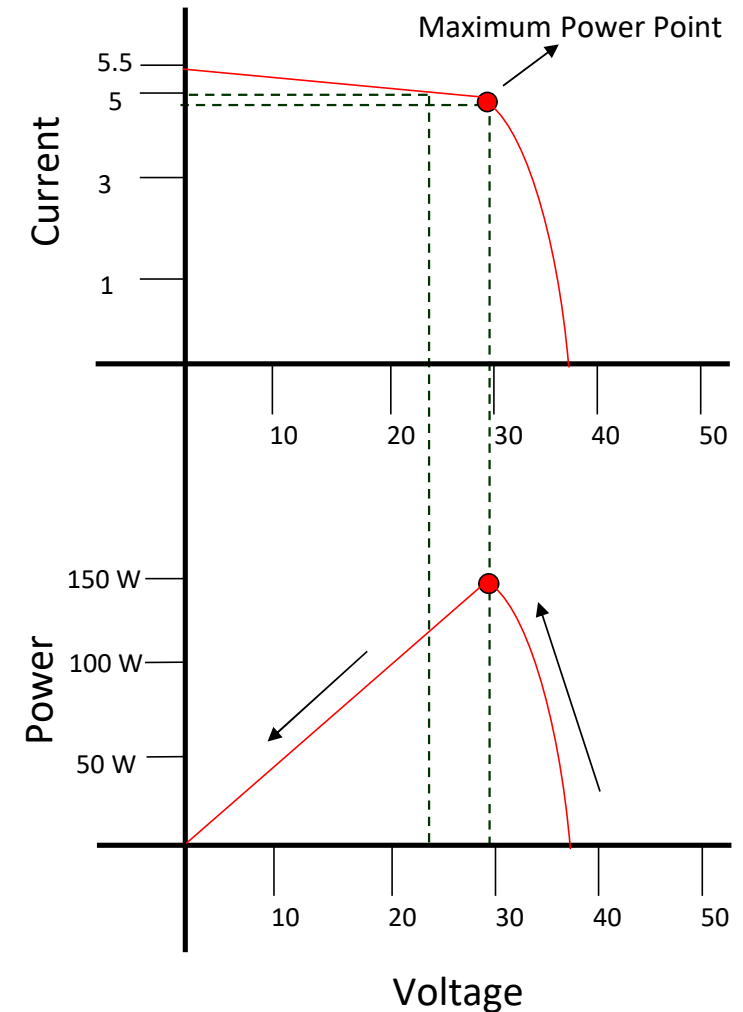
# Common Solar Requirements

- **MPPT – Maximum Power Point Tracking algorithm required to optimize the power harvest from solar panels.**
- **System efficiency: 93% - 95+%**
- **Support a wide DC input voltage range**
- **Safety:**
  - Fault detection
  - Anti-islanding
- **Communication (PLM, Wireless)**
- **AC Quality (THD<5%) – meet IEEE 519**



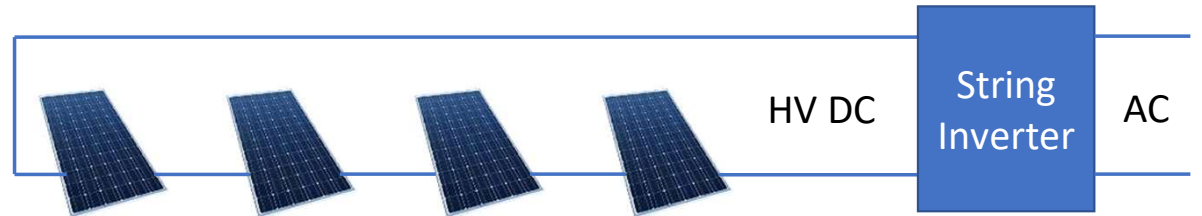
# Maximum Power Point Tracking

- Because of the complex relationship between solar irradiation, temperature and total resistance a maximum power point tracking algorithm is required
- MPPT is a closed loop algorithm that continuously adjusts the output power in order to operate at maximum power as measured at the input
- Two common algorithms:
  - Perturb and Observe
  - Incremental Conductance



# Solar Power Topologies

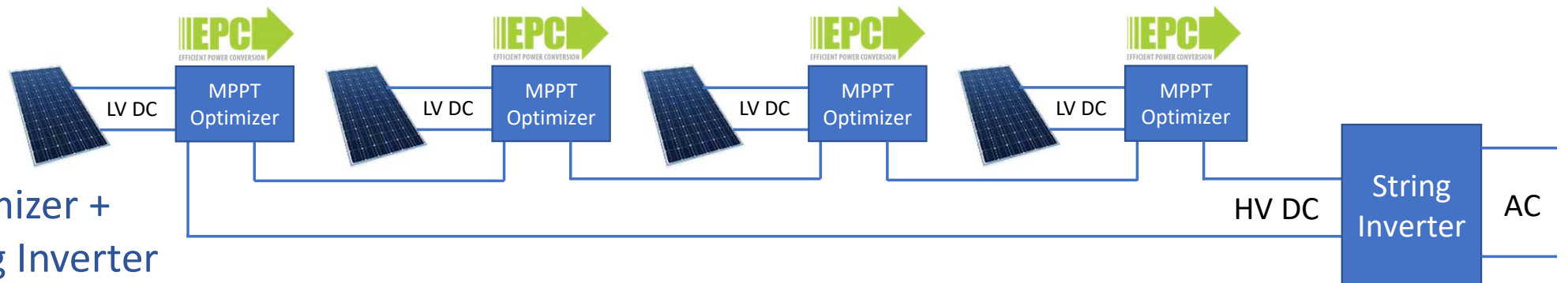
String Inverter



Micro Inverter



Optimizer + String Inverter





# Trend:

## MPPT/Optimizer or panels with built-in microinverter

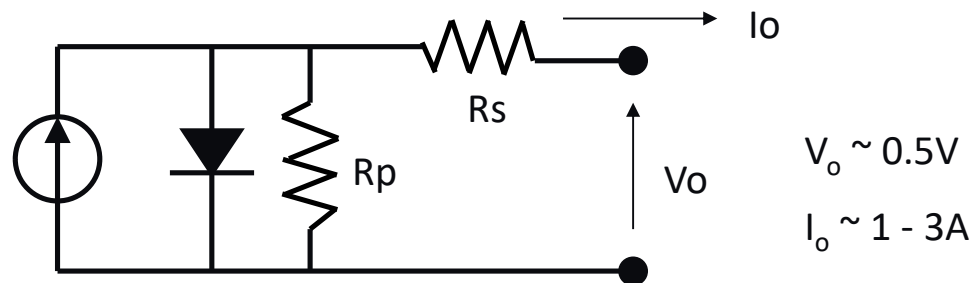
String Inverter	Microinverter	MPPT Optimizer with String Inverter
Centralized system with single inverter connected to multiple solar panels. Power > 2,000 W.	Plug-and-play device that converts DC current by a single up to 6 panels to AC & harvest optimum power by MPPT. Typical power around 350 W for 1 panel (500 W max) to 2,200 W for 6 panels.	A power optimizer is a DCDC converter that maximizes the energy harvest from a solar panel true MPPT. Single or dual panel solutions, up to 800 W.
Lower initial equipment cost per peak watt.	Panels are electrically isolated, resulting in 5% - 25% higher output power. A panel failure does not affect the system. Longer lifespan (20 – 25 years). Does not need to be replaced during the lifespan of the solar panels. Fully Scalable & Monitoring capability. Other Benefits: simplicity, low amperage wires, safety, efficiency.	Same advantages as microinverters with lower initial equipment cost and about 2% higher efficiency. Easy to integrate to solar panel to simplify installation.
Shorter lifespan (5–12 yrs). It will need replacement during the lifespan of the solar panels. Lower performance: malfunctioning of 1 panel affects output power. No monitoring capability.	Each inverter needs to be installed adjacent to a panel (usually on a roof). This makes them harder to remove and replace. Some manufacturers have addressed these issues with panels with built-in microinverters.	Less scalable than microinverter as the size of the inverter is fixed.

# Solar Cell Characteristics



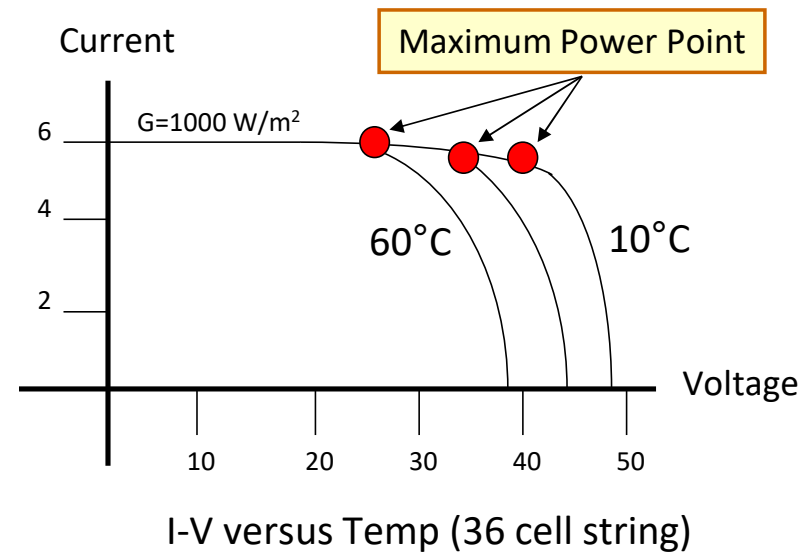
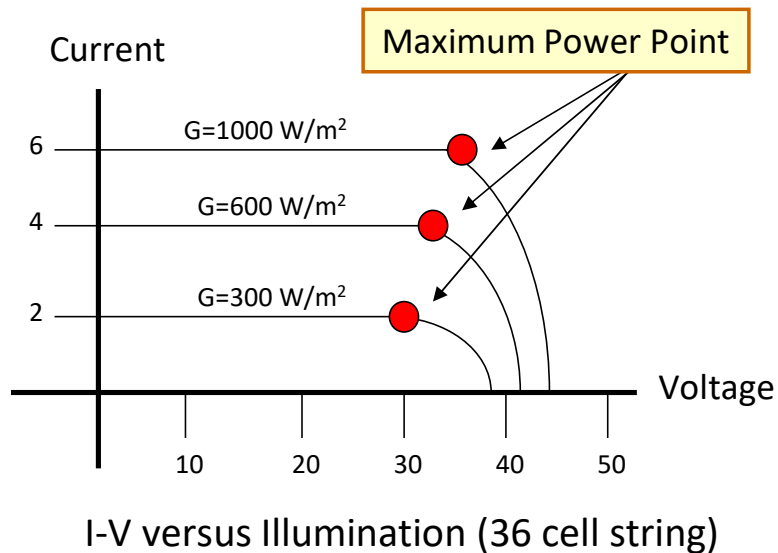
# Solar Cell Characteristics

- A solar cell is a current source, not a voltage source
- The amount of current depends on the illumination from the sun
- $R_s$  and  $R_p$  are parasitic resistances that in an ideal world would be zero and infinite respectively



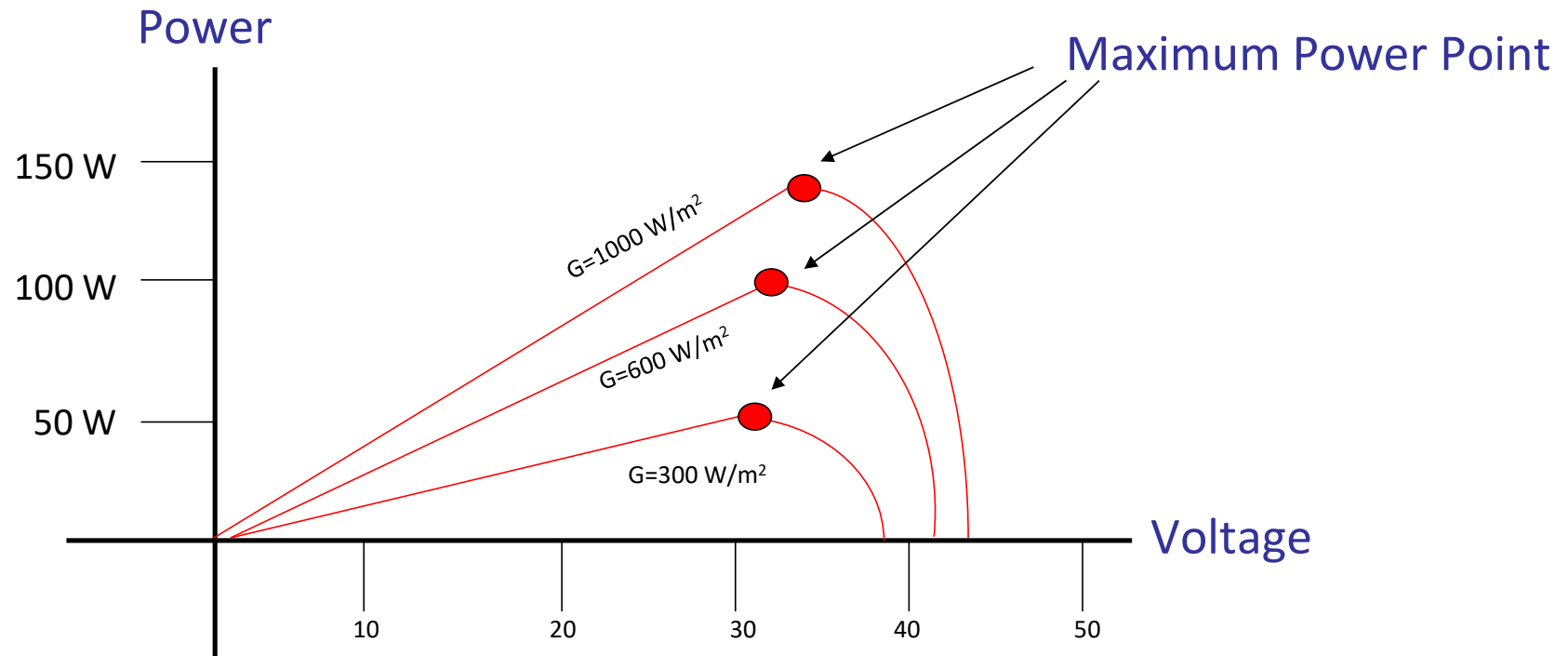
Simplified circuit model of a solar cell

# Panel Operating Characteristics



Solar Panel output varies with LIGHT and TEMPERATURE

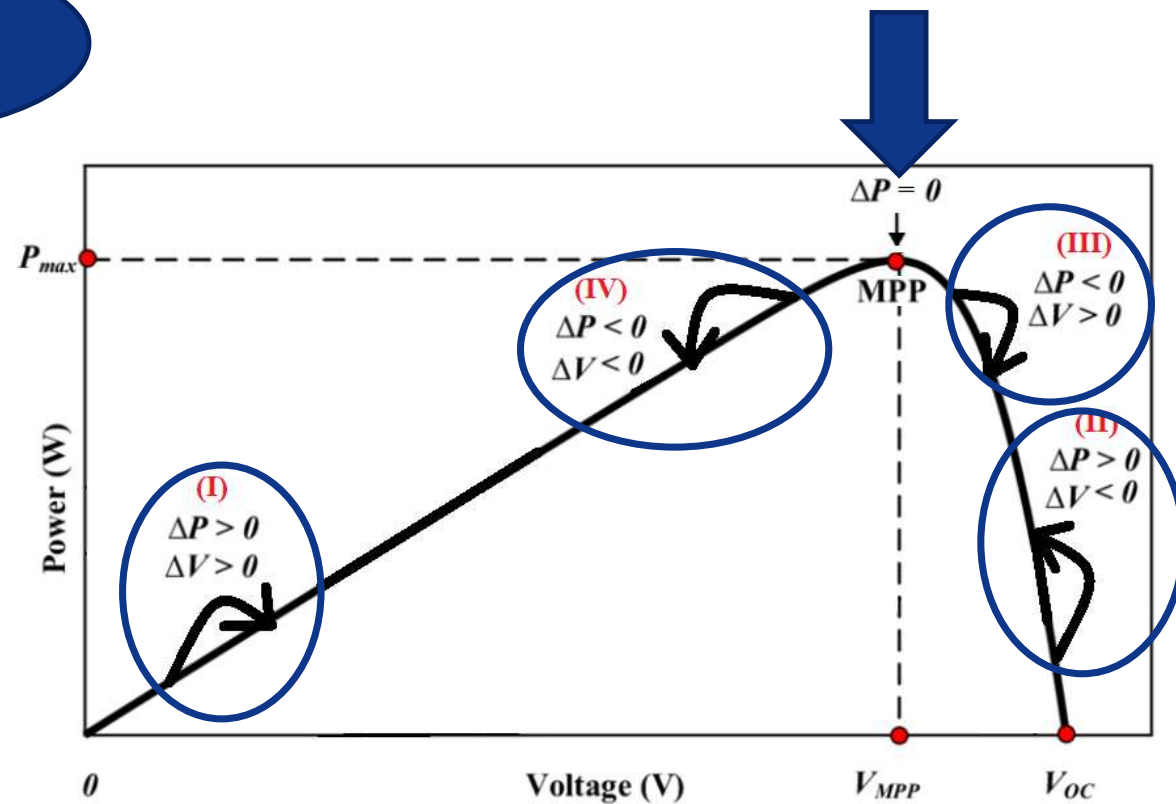
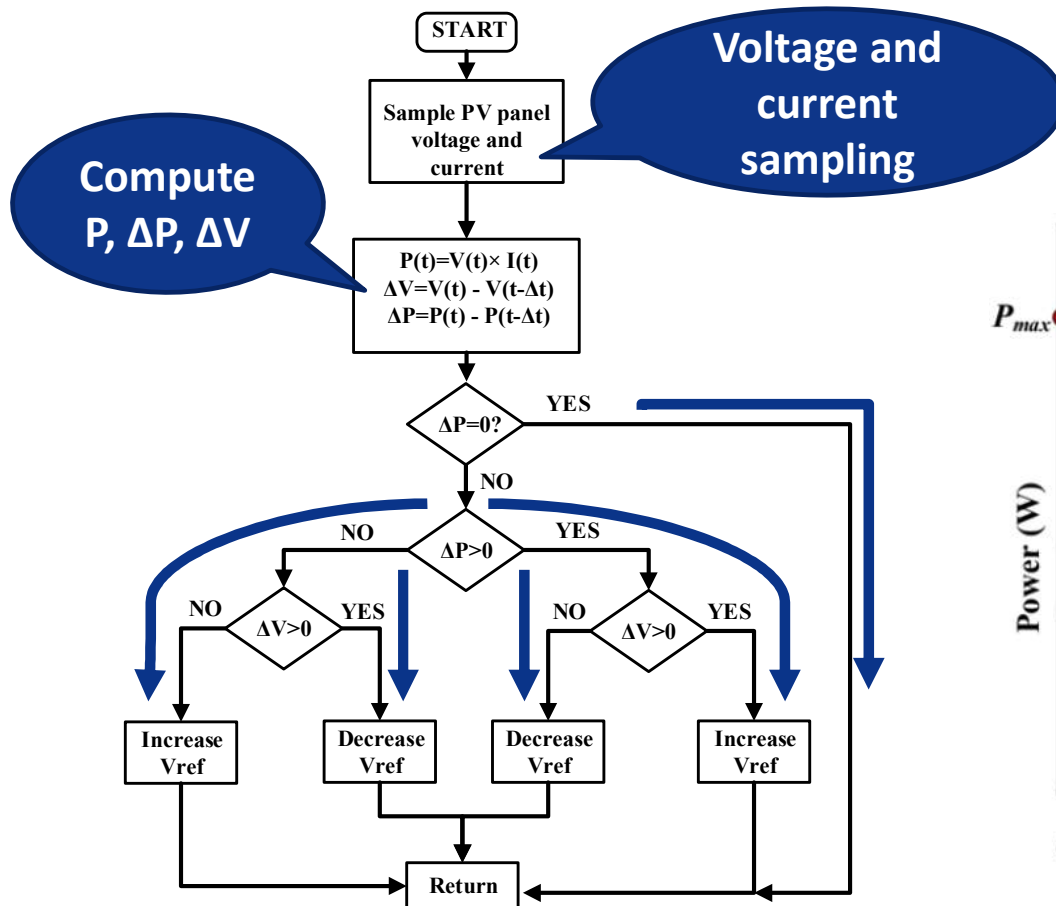
# Panel Operating Characteristics



P-V versus Illumination  
(36 cell string)

# MPPT Algorithms

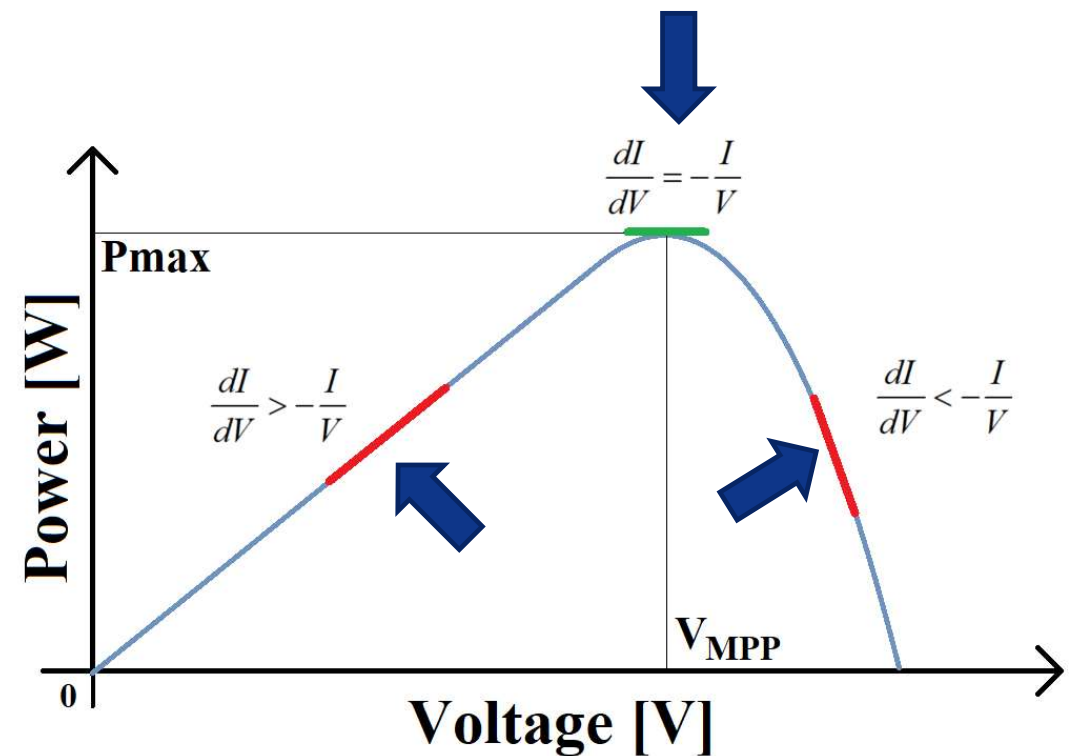
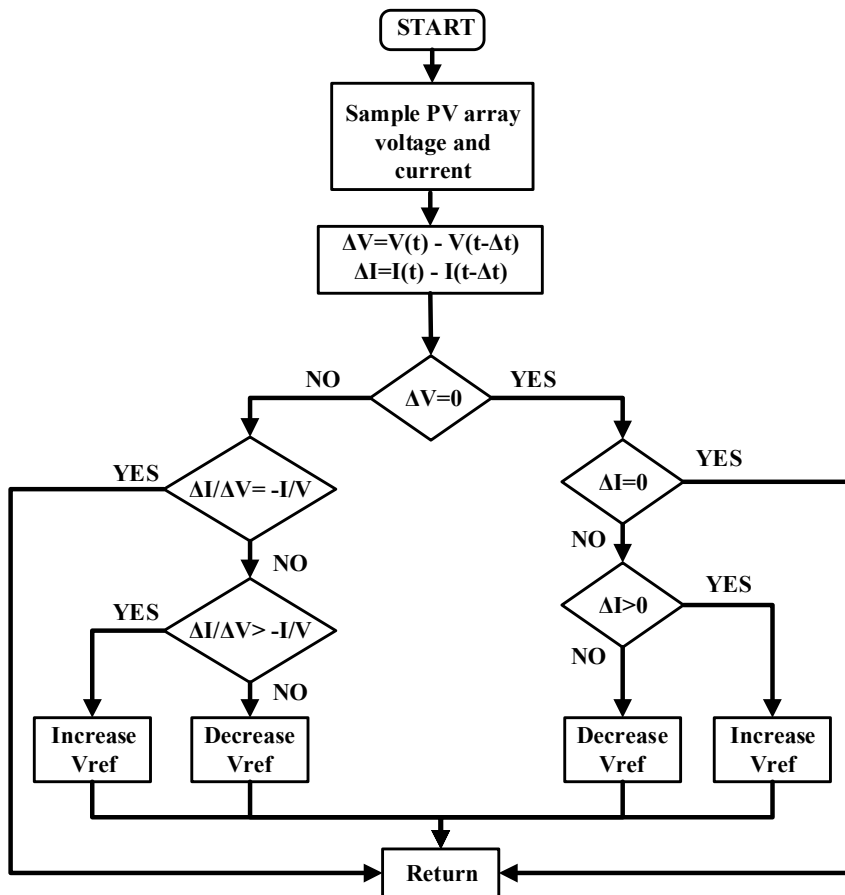
## The perturb and observe algorithm





# MPPT Algorithms

## The incremental conductance (INC) algorithm

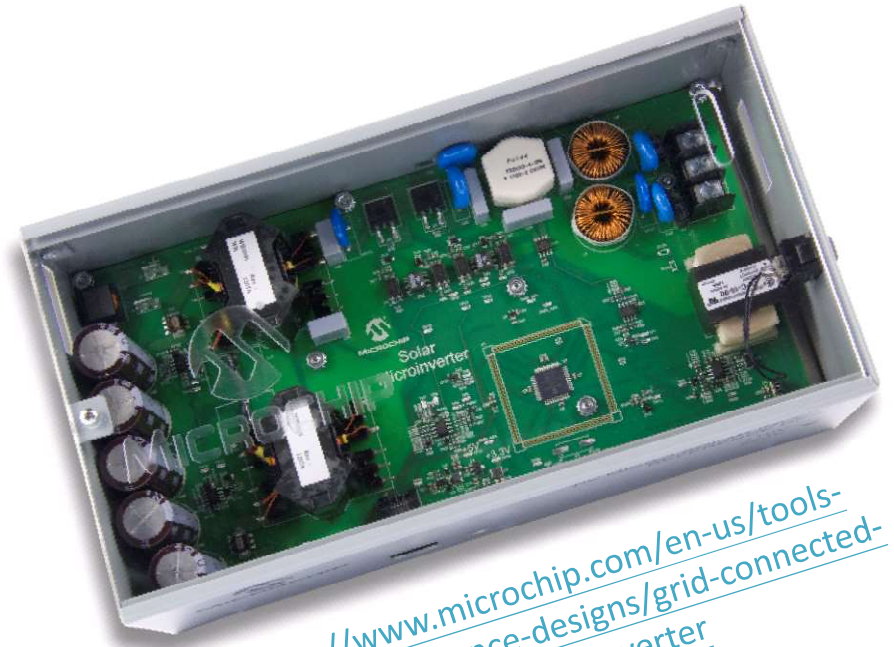


# Solutions



# Grid-Connected Solar Microinverter Ref. Design

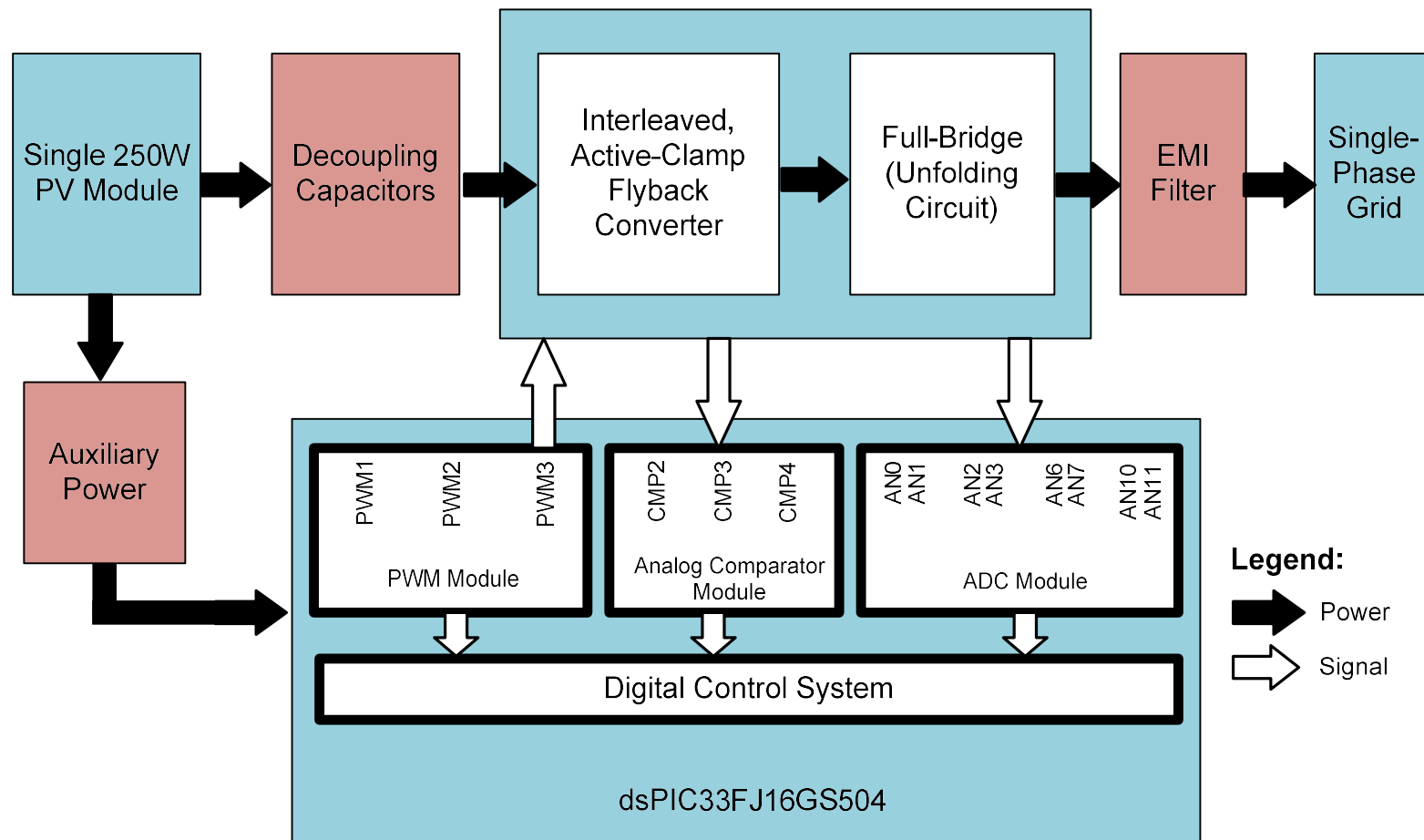
- PV Input Power: 250W (max)
- Maximum Output Power: 215W
- Open Circuit PV Voltage: 53Vdc (max)
- Maximum Power Point Tracking: 99.5%
- MPPT Voltage: 20Vdc – 45Vdc
  - Power de-rating:  $V_{dc} < 25V_{dc}$
- AC Output Voltage range (50/60 Hz)
  - 210Vac – 264Vac
  - 90Vac – 140Vac
- Total Demand Distortion:  $< 5\%$
- Output Power Factor:  $> 0.95$
- Peak Efficiency: 94.5% (nominal conditions)



<https://www.microchip.com/en-us/tools-resources/reference-designs/grid-connected-solar-microinverter>

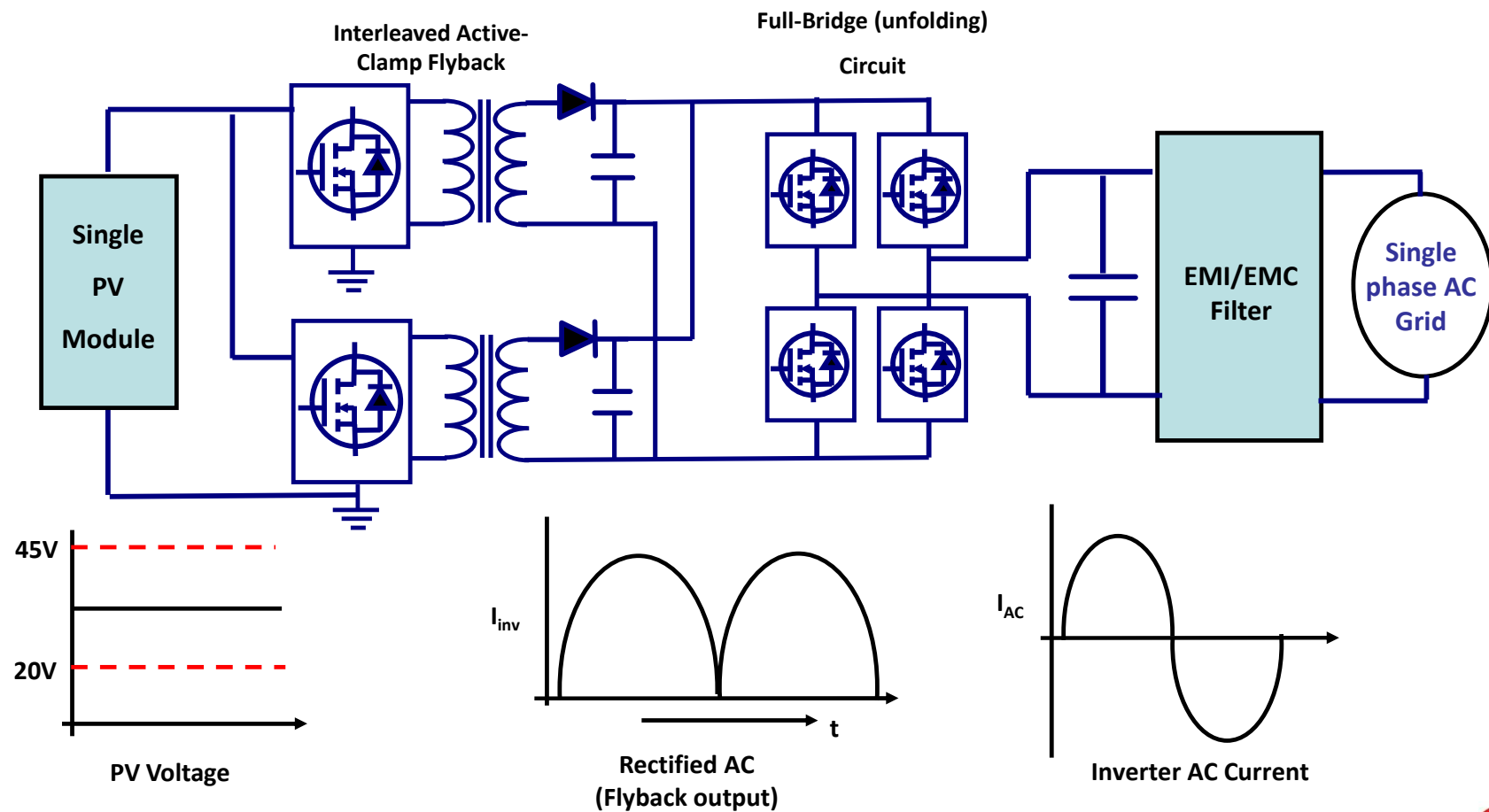
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## Solar Microinverter Block Diagram



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## Solar Microinverter Schematic



# Why Interleaved?

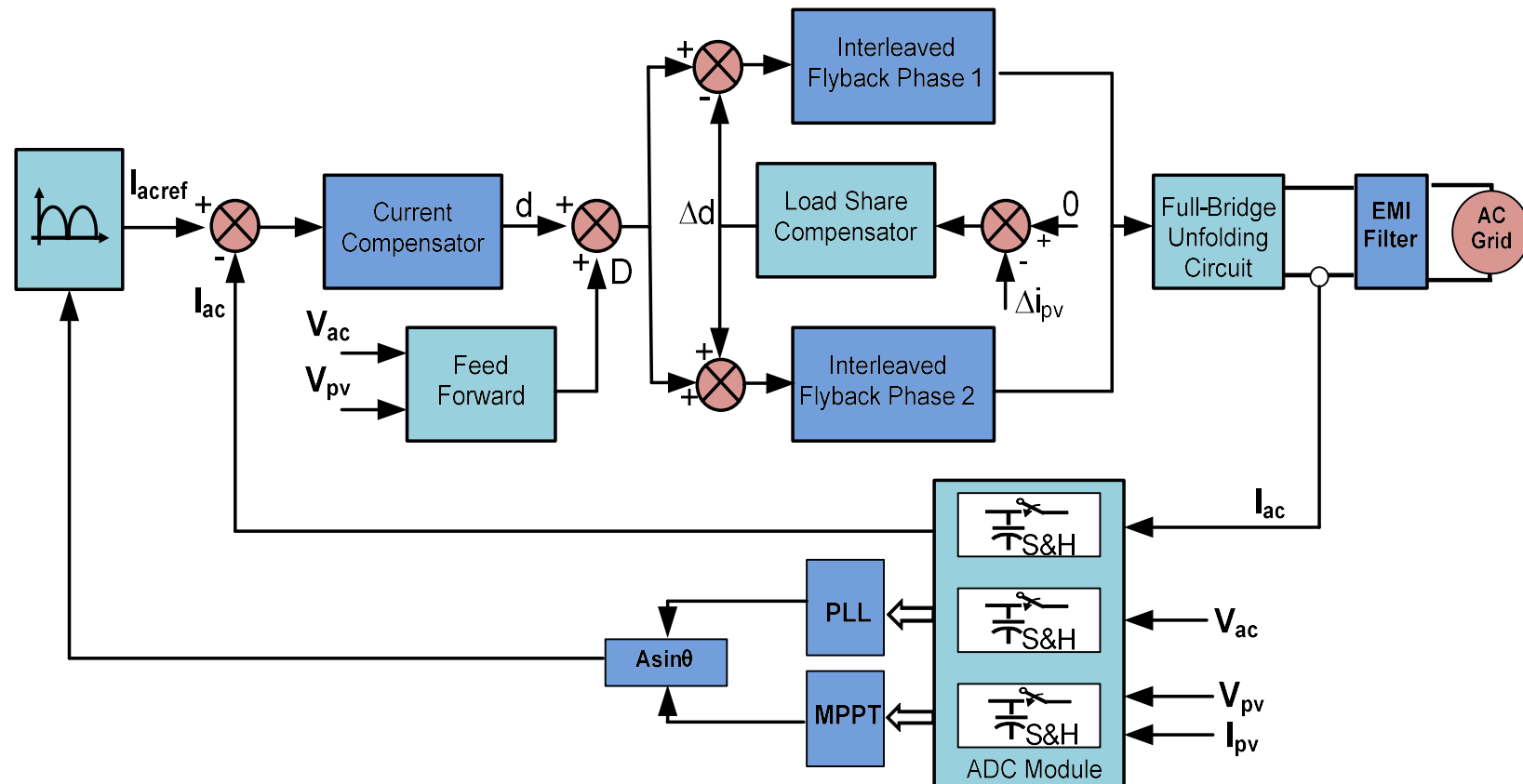
- **Interleaved Flyback shares the input and output current which results in lower copper and core losses**
- **Interleaved Flyback reduces the output current ripple which results in lower ITHD**
- **Interleaved Flyback reduces the input current ripple which increases capacitor life**



# Why Active-Clamp?

- Active clamp circuit utilizes the leakage energy that is typically transferred to heat (Snubber)
- Active clamp circuit clamps the leakage spike which reduces stress on Flyback MOSFETs
- If correctly implemented, active clamp circuit also allows ZVS on the Flyback MOSFETs which reduces switching losses
- With P-Channel MOSFET configuration no high-side gate drive required

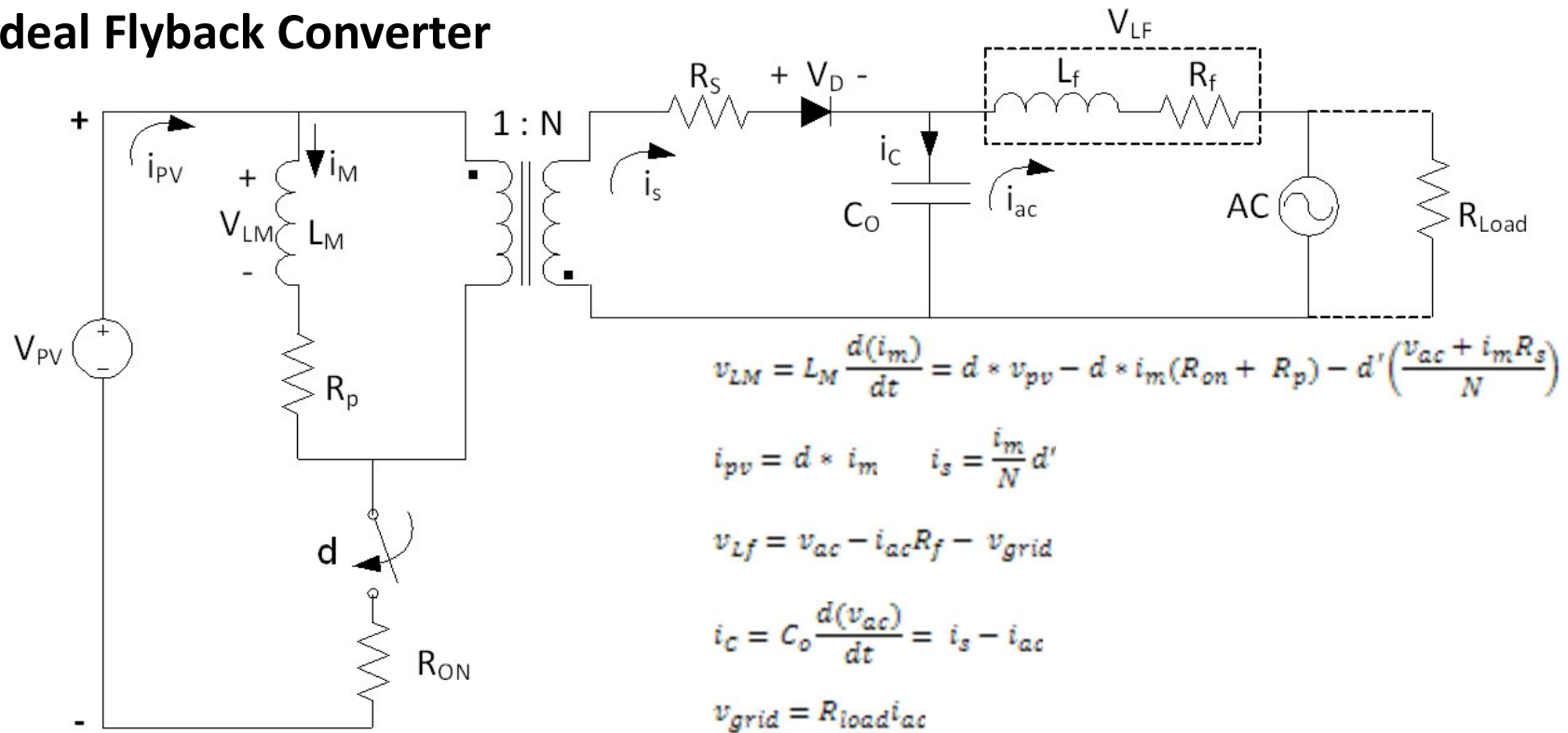
# Control Loop – Block Diagram



- Current Compensator, Voltage Feed-forward, PLL (Execution Rate ~56 kHz)
- Maximum Power Point Tracker (Execution Rate –  $3 \times f_{ac}$ )
- Load Share Compensator (Execution Rate – 5 kHz, ~1/10<sup>th</sup> current compensator)

# Control Loop – Block Diagram

- Non-ideal Flyback Converter

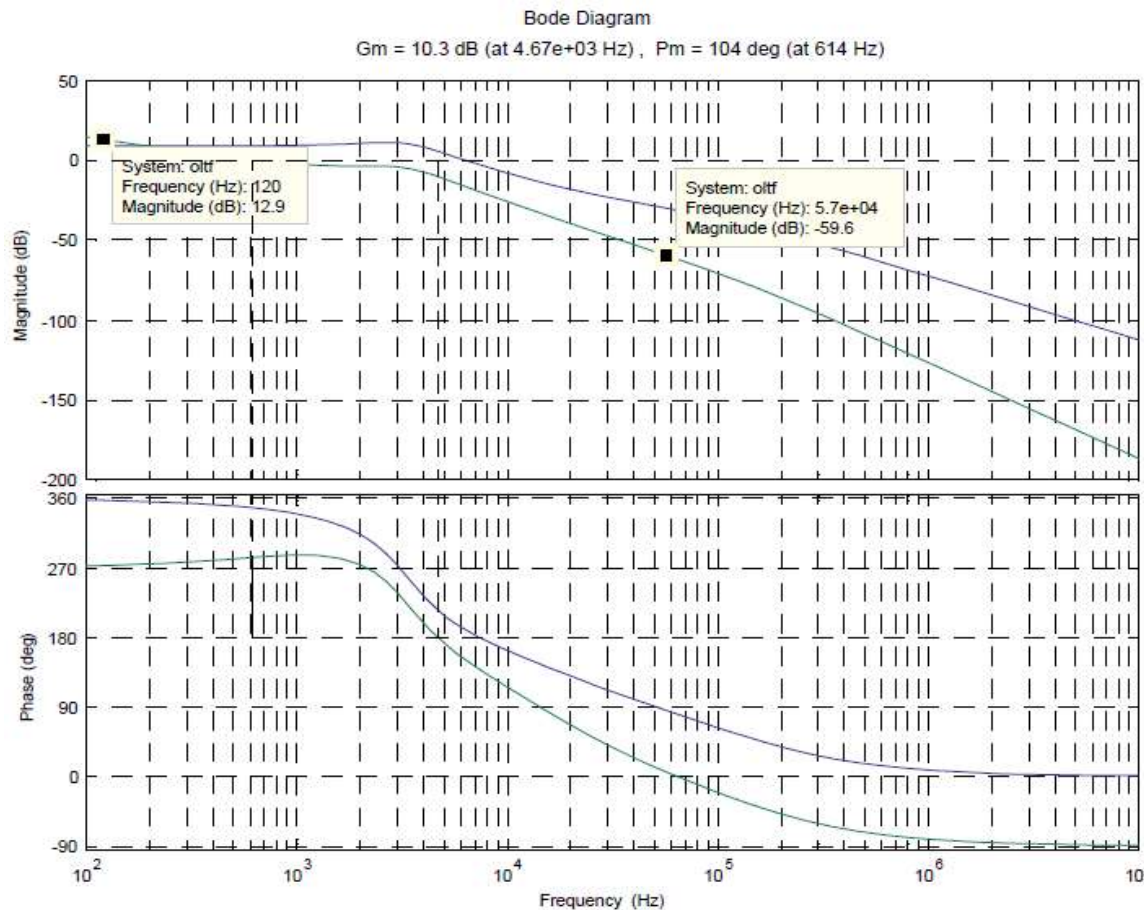


The flyback converter has three states (storage elements)

- $I_m(s)$  – Flyback Inductor Current
- $V_{ac}(s)$  – Flyback Output Capacitor Voltage
- $I_{ac}(s)$  – Output Filter Inductor Current

# Control Loop – Block Diagram

- Using State Space Modeling the transfer function of the system can be obtained:



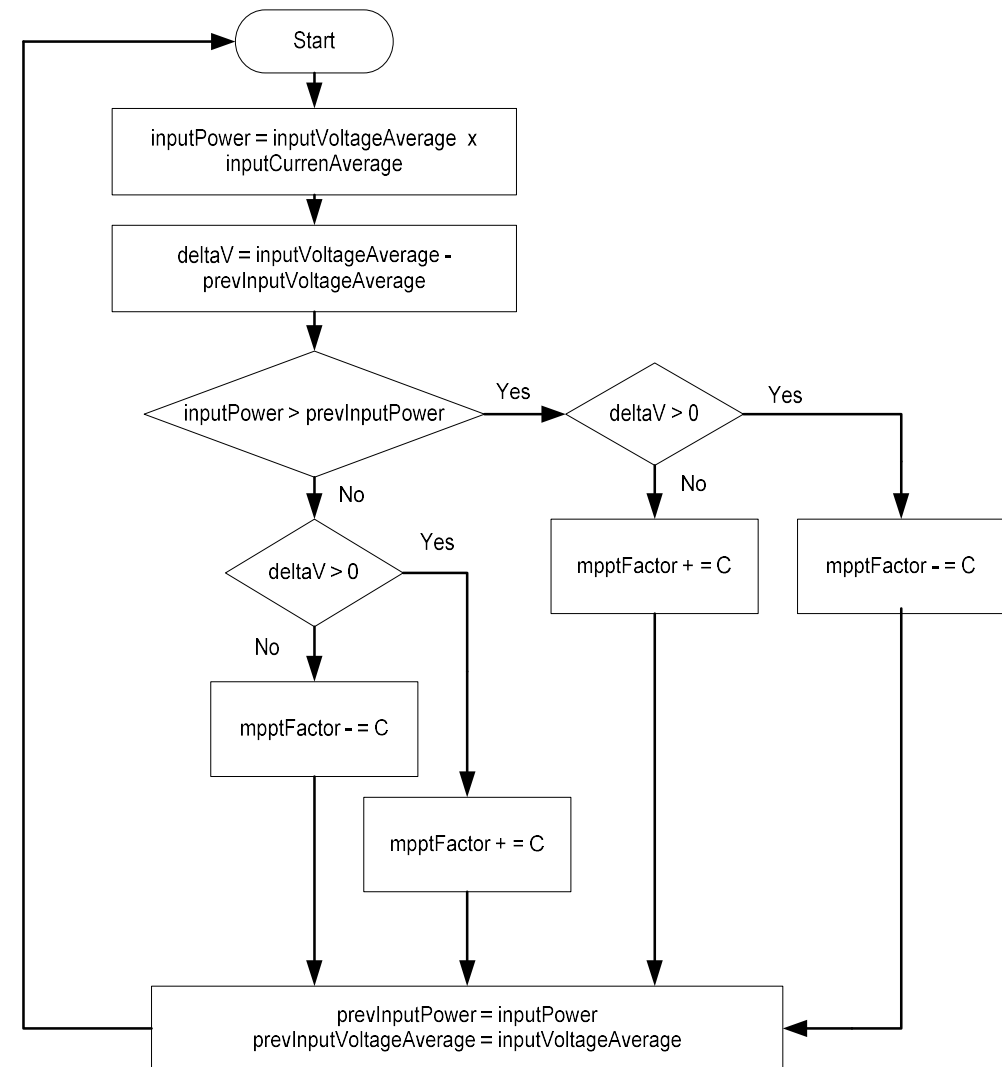
$$G_{id}(s) = \frac{\left( \frac{kD' - I_m R}{L_m N L_f C_o} - \frac{I_m s}{L_m C_o N} \right)}{s^3 + \left( \frac{R}{L_m} + \frac{R_f}{L_f} \right) s^2 + \left( \frac{R R_f}{L_m L_f} + \frac{1}{L_f C_o} + \frac{D'^2}{N^2 L_m C_o} \right) s + \left( \frac{R}{L_m L_f C_o} + \frac{D'^2}{N^2 L_m C_o} \right)}$$

PI Compensator improves:

- Phase Margin (104 deg. vs. 10 deg.)
- Gain Margin (10.3 dB vs. 3 dB)
- Gain @ operating frequency

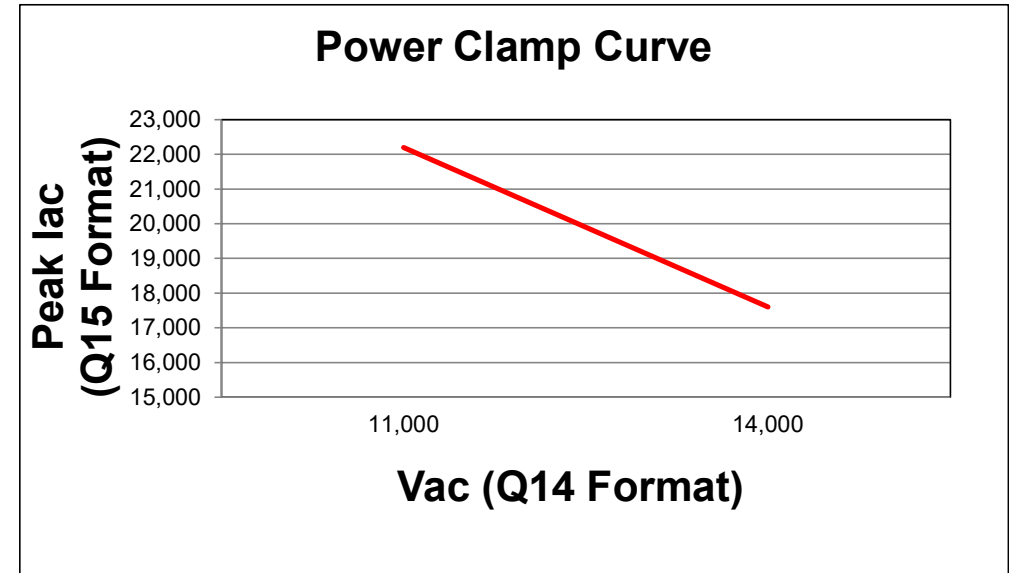
# Control Loop MPPT (P&O)

- Calculate average input power
- Determine change in input voltage/input power
- Add/subtract constant based on direction on power curve
- Executes every three AC cycles (average taken over 3 AC cycles)



# Output Power Clamp

- Clamp output power to 215W across output voltage (controlled variable  $I_{ac}$ )
- Determine peak inverter output current at min/max operating voltages
- Executes every zero crossing
- Software Implementation:



$$y = -1.567x + 39530$$

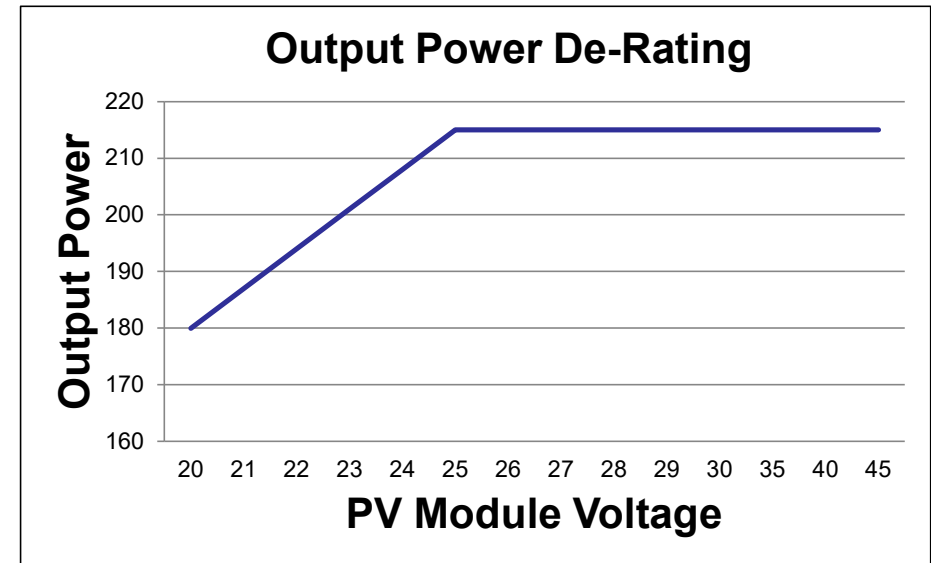
$$y = 39530 - ((\_builtin\_mulss(x, 25673)) \gg 14);$$

- $y$  = Maximum  $I_{ac}$
- $x$  = Measured  $V_{ac}$  in Q14
- 25673 = Q14 representation of 1.567

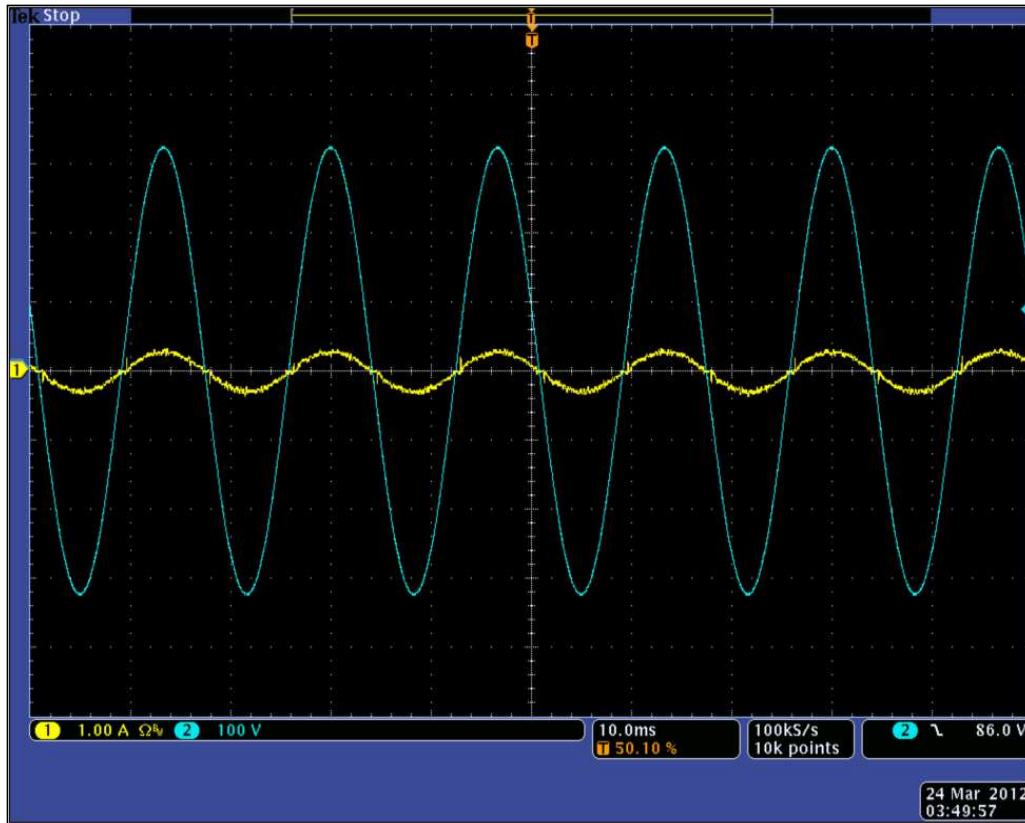


# Output Power De-rating

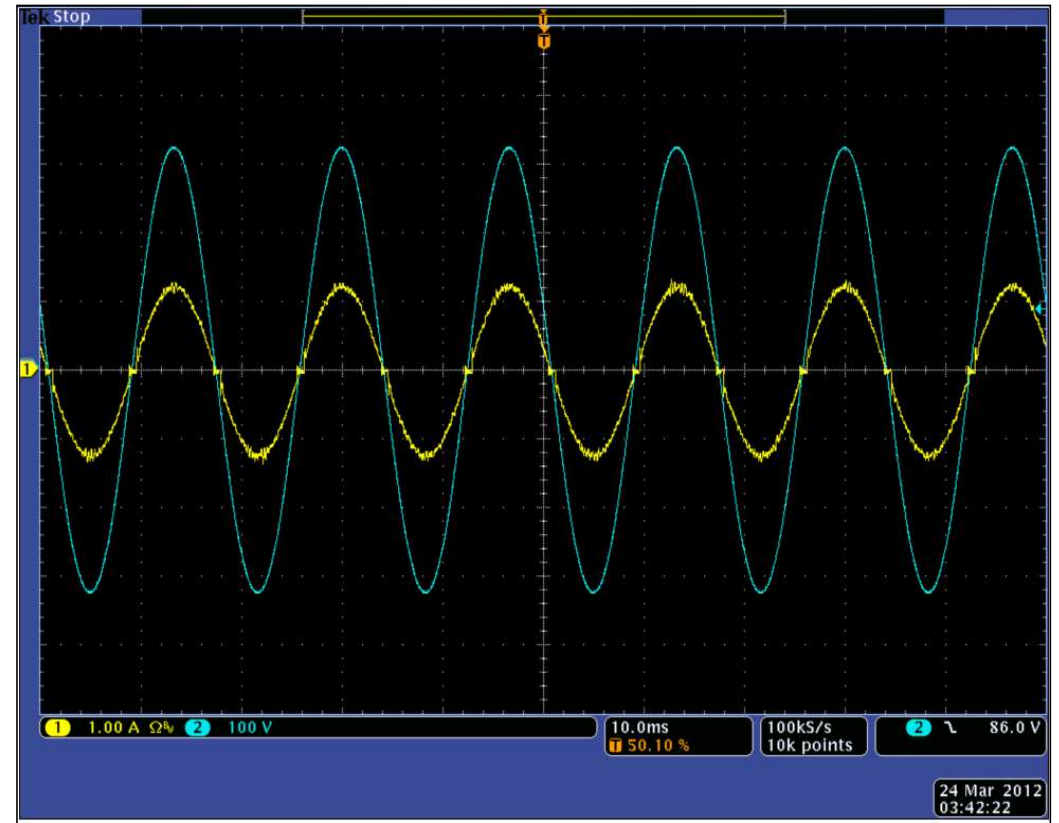
- **When PV Panel voltage drops below 25Vdc**
  - De-rate the output power to prevent saturation of the flyback transformers
  - De-rating factor: ~7W per Volt
  - Clamping output current
- **Execute every zero crossing**
- **Software Implementation**
  - `deratingFactor = ((_builtin_mulss(Vdiff, 18235)) >> 14);`
    - $V_{diff} = 25V$  minus measured input voltage
    - $18235 = Q14$  representation of  $I_{pk}(7W) / V_{pv}(1V)$
  - `maxCurrentReference -= deratingFactor`



# Output Current



Light Load: ~60W



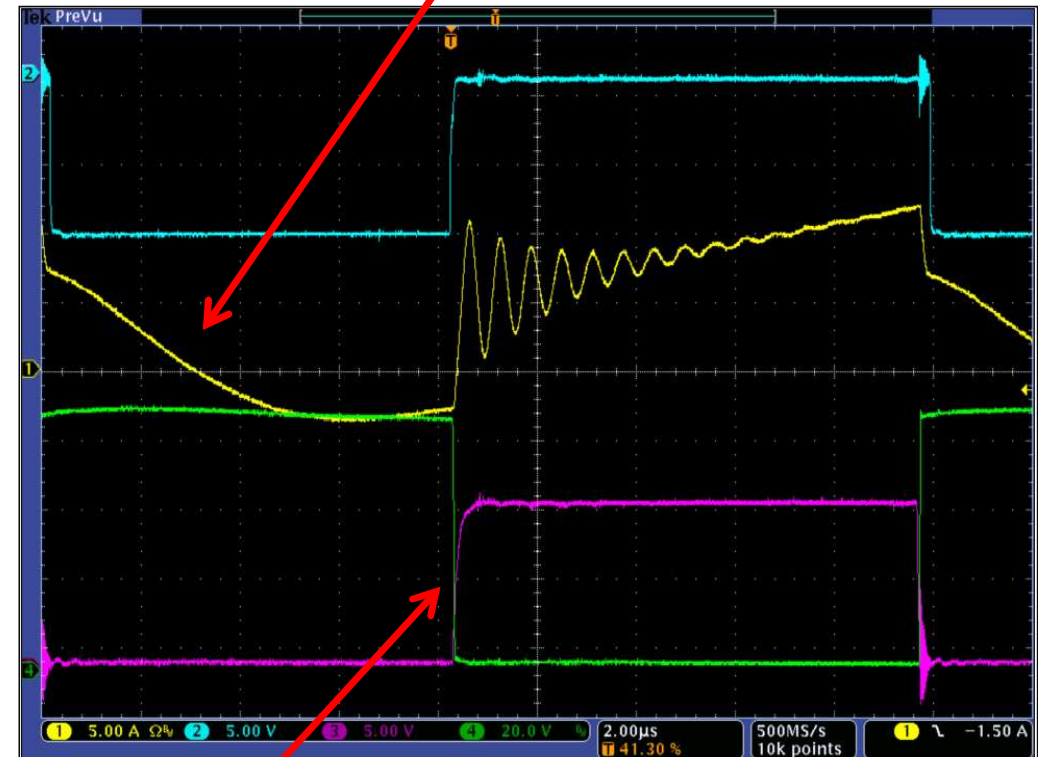
Full Load: 215W

# Active Clamp & ZVS

Clamp Voltage  
drain-to source

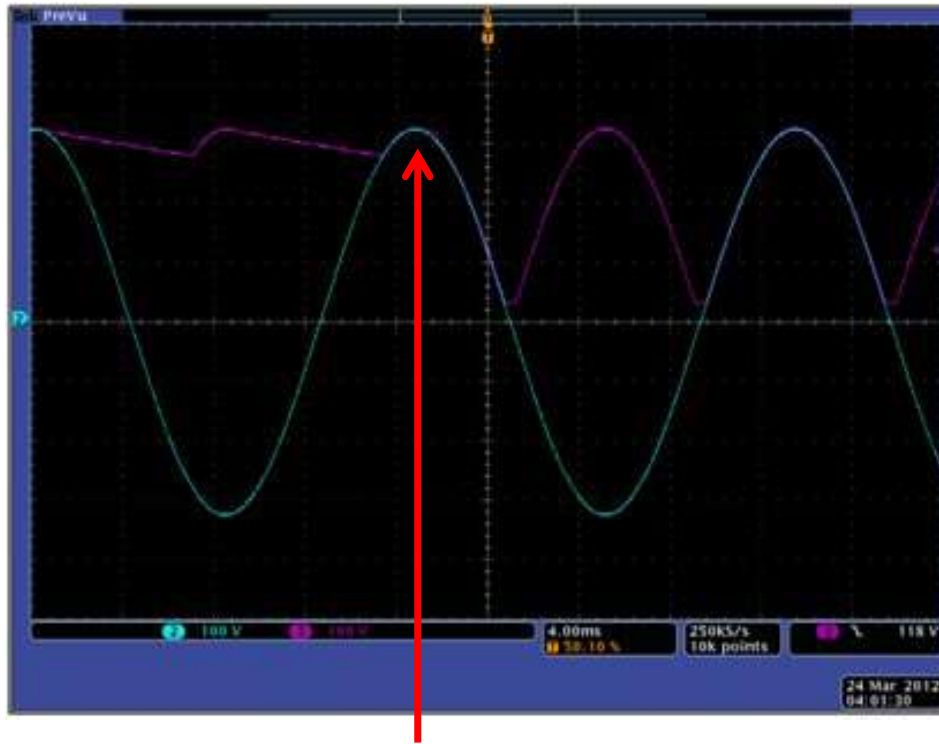


Resonant current

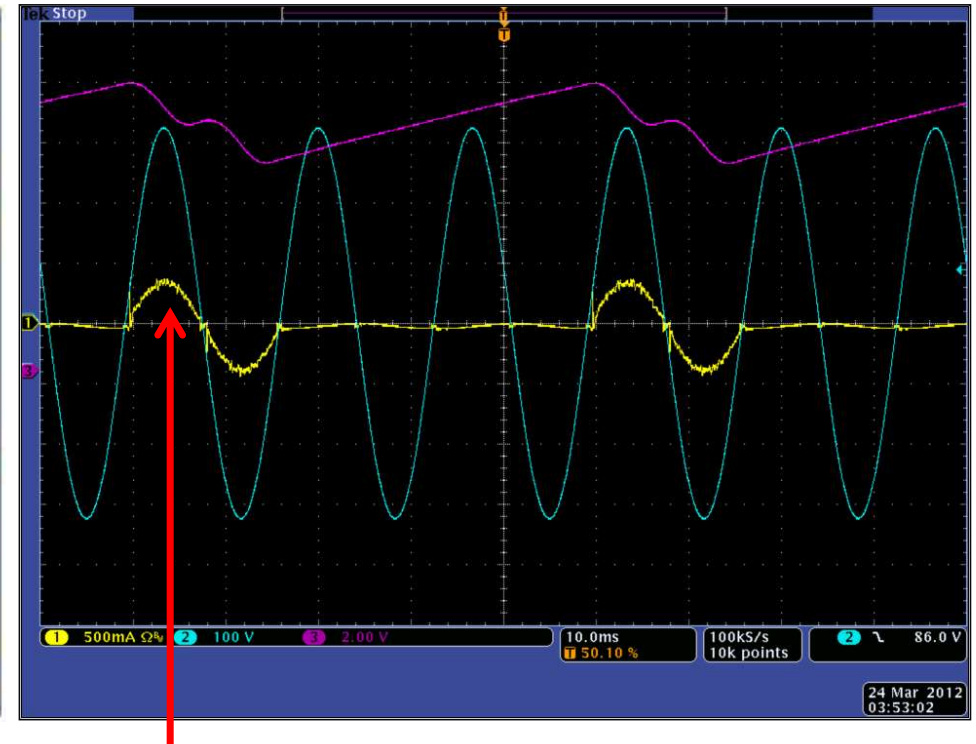


ZVS at Flyback Turn-On

# Full-Bridge Startup and Burst Mode



**At Startup - enable full-bridge unfolding circuit at Peak of AC cycle as MOSFET body diodes will become forward biased and will charge the flyback output.**

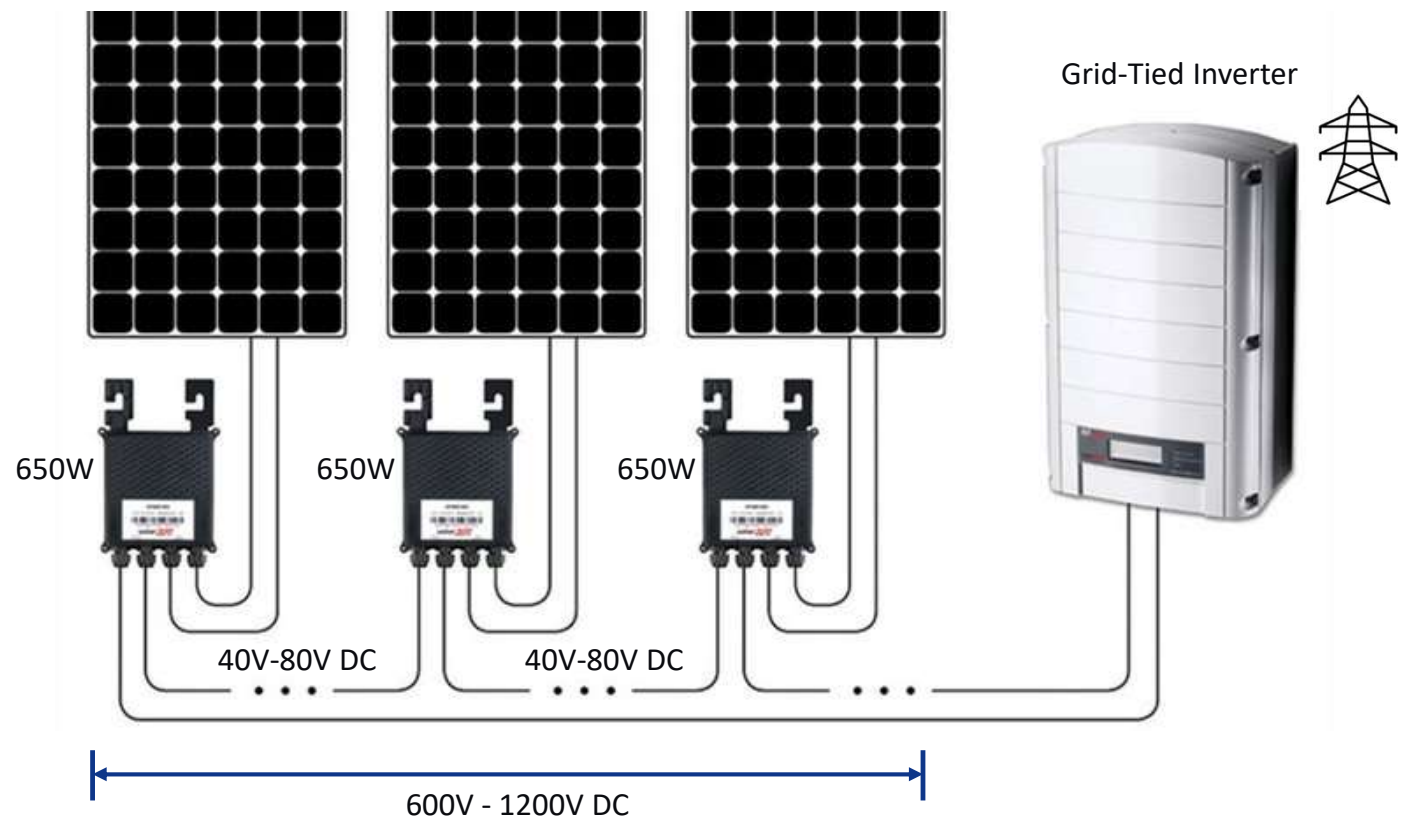


**In Burst mode, deliver 3x the output power in one AC cycle and then shut down for two AC cycles allowing bulk capacitors to recharge.**

# PV Optimizer

## Maximizing Single Panel Energy Harvest Efficiency

- Solving partial shading power harvest limitations in series-connected PV panel installations
- Total power harvest improvements outweigh additional losses of each optimizer
- **Most efficient in large scale installations, such as solar farms**
- **Specs:**
  - $V_{IN} = 12,5-65 \text{ V DC}$
  - $V_{OUT} = 40-80\text{V DC (max.)}$
  - $I_{OUT} = \text{max. } 20 \text{ A DC (} P_{MAX} = 700\text{W)}$
  - MPPT
  - Peak Efficiency >99%
  - $-40^{\circ} \text{ bis } +85^{\circ}\text{C (IP68 – IP72)}$
  - EMC: FCC Class B (IEC61000-6-2, IEC61000-6-3)
  - Safety: IEC62109-1 (Class II), UL1741

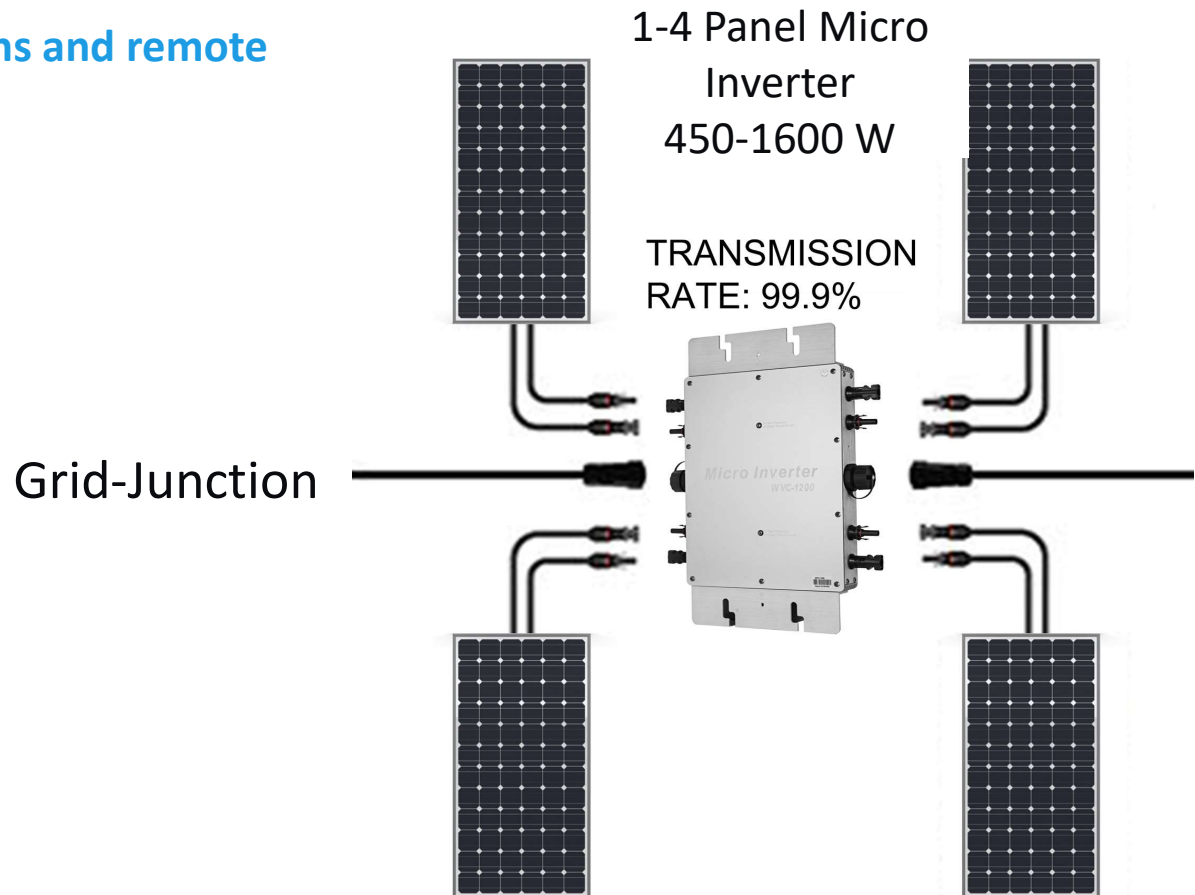




# PV Micro Inverter

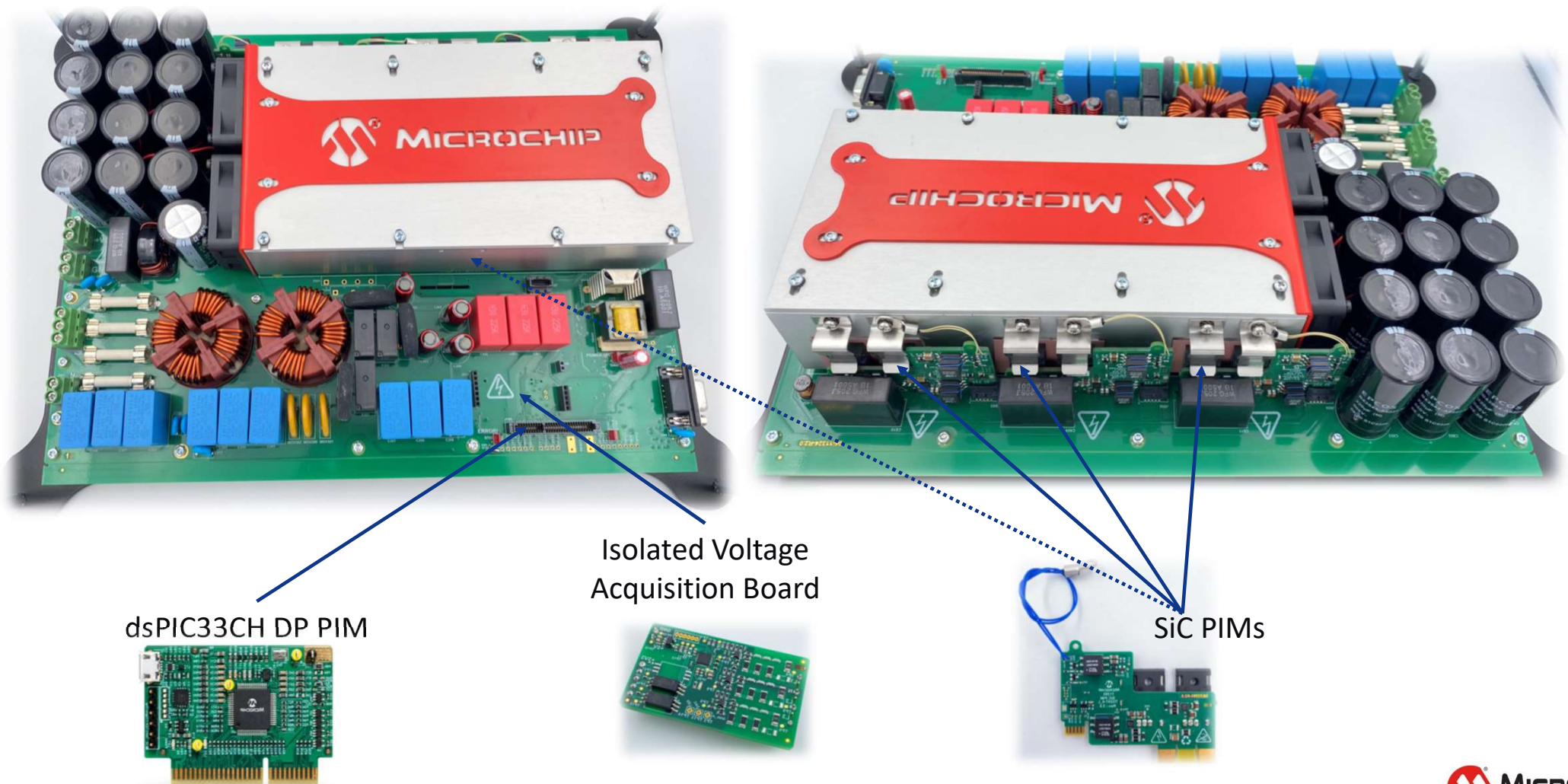
## Enabling Small Scale Installations

- Most efficient in small scale installations and remote island applications
- Two modes:
  - Grid-tied inverter
  - Island inverter
  - Auto-Detection
- Output options:
  - 120V AC / 14A (max)
  - 240V AC / 7A (max)
- Anti-Island Detection
- MPPT
- Wireless Metering / Status Monitoring



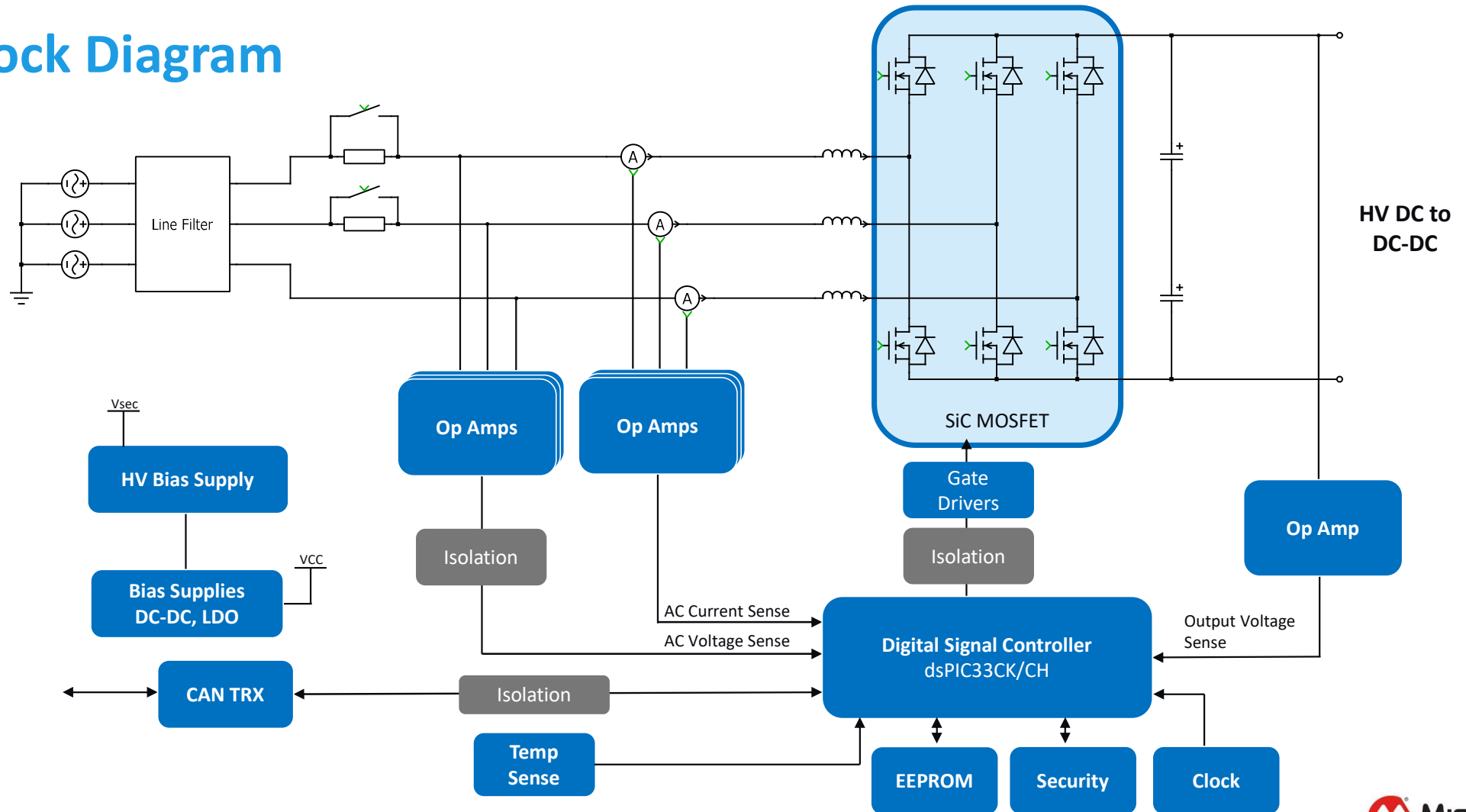


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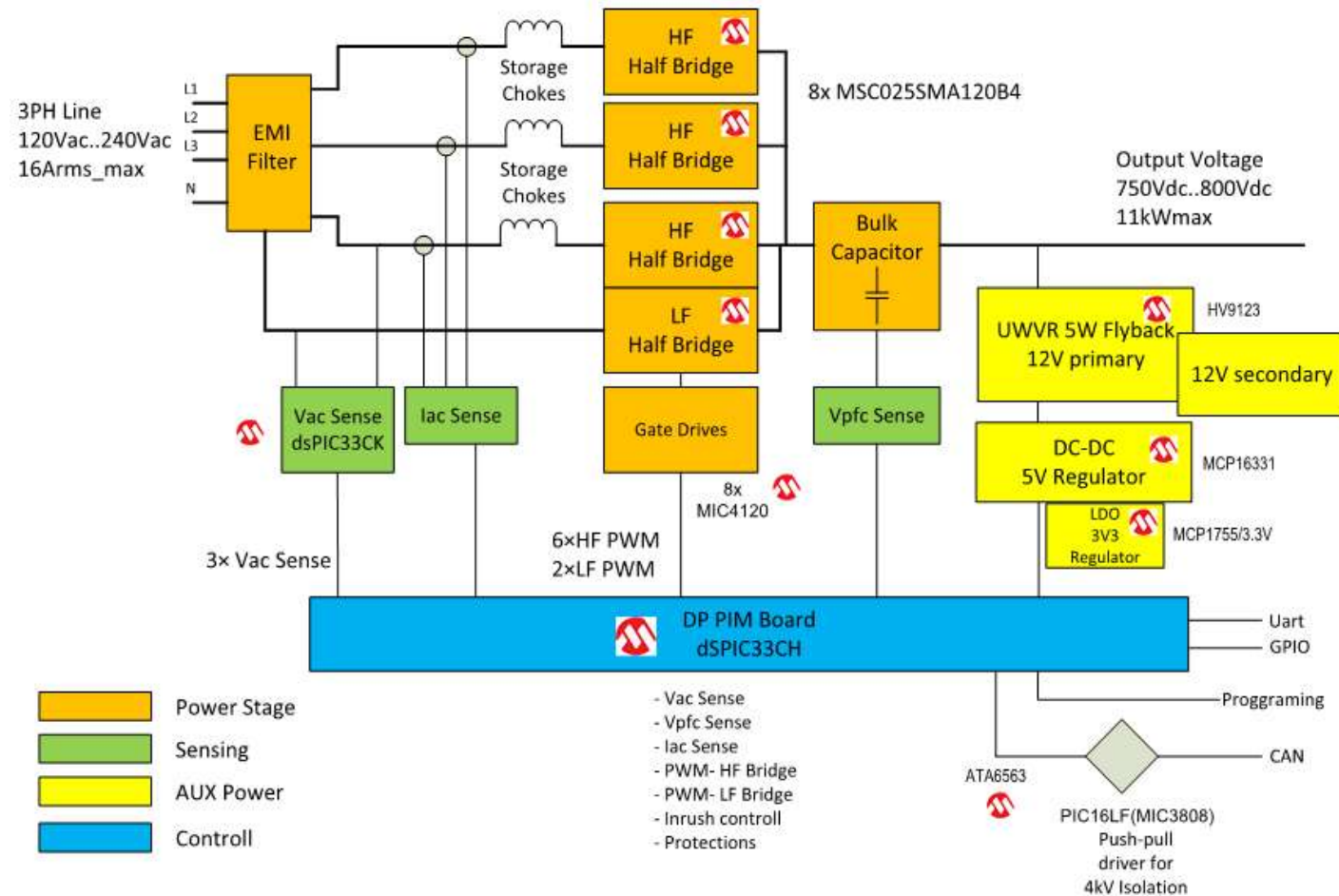
## Block Diagram



# 11 kW Totem-pole PFC Development System

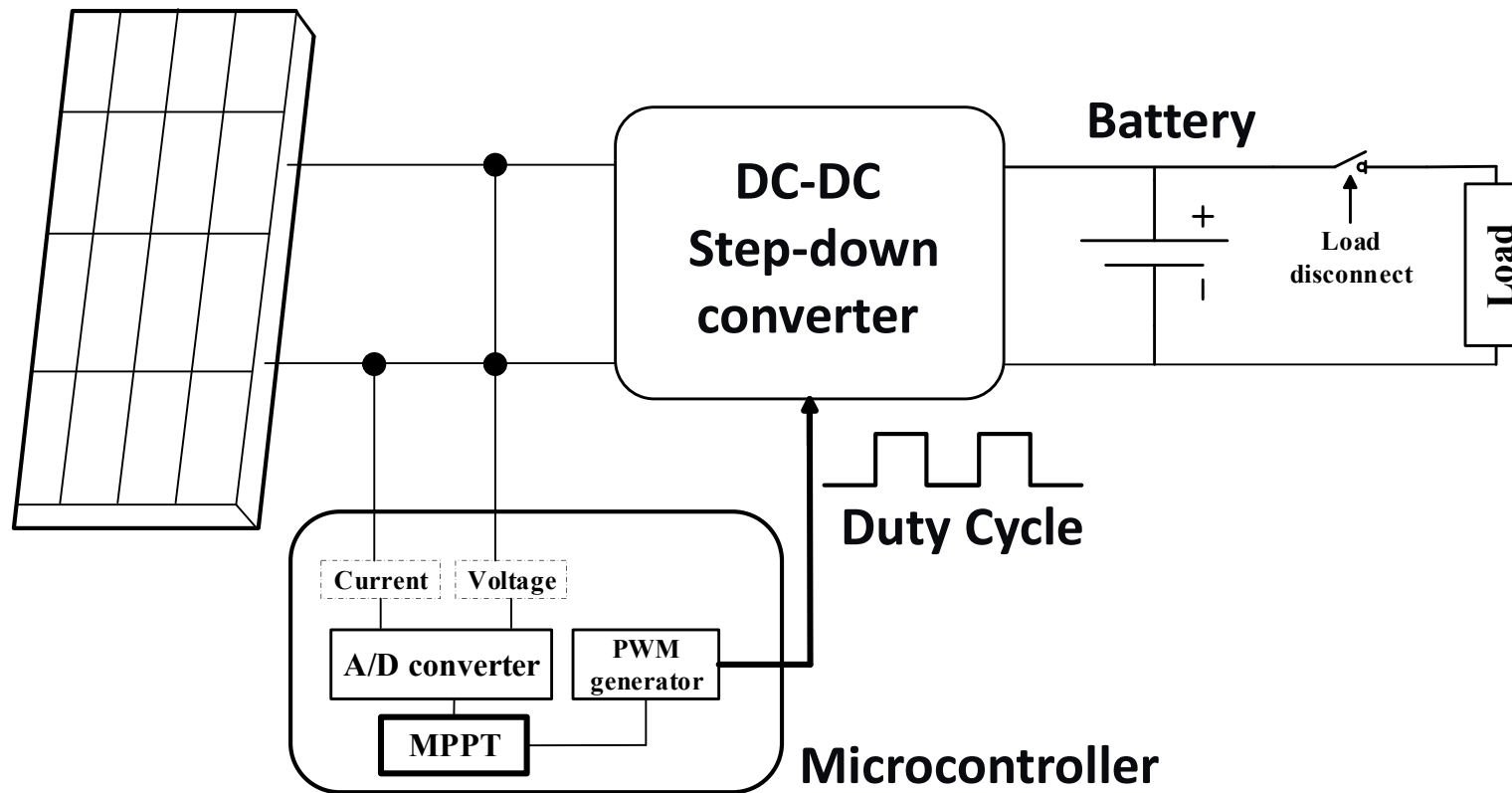
## 11 kW Totem-pole PFC Features:

- Single- or 3-phase AC source
  - Level 2: 11 kW from 3-phase source
  - Up to 3.6 kW from single-phase
  - Bidirectional operation
- Uses dsPIC33 DP PIMs and new FET PIMs for SiC power MOSFETs
- AEC-Q100 qual'ed components
- Forced-air cooled
- **Development Board available for evaluation**



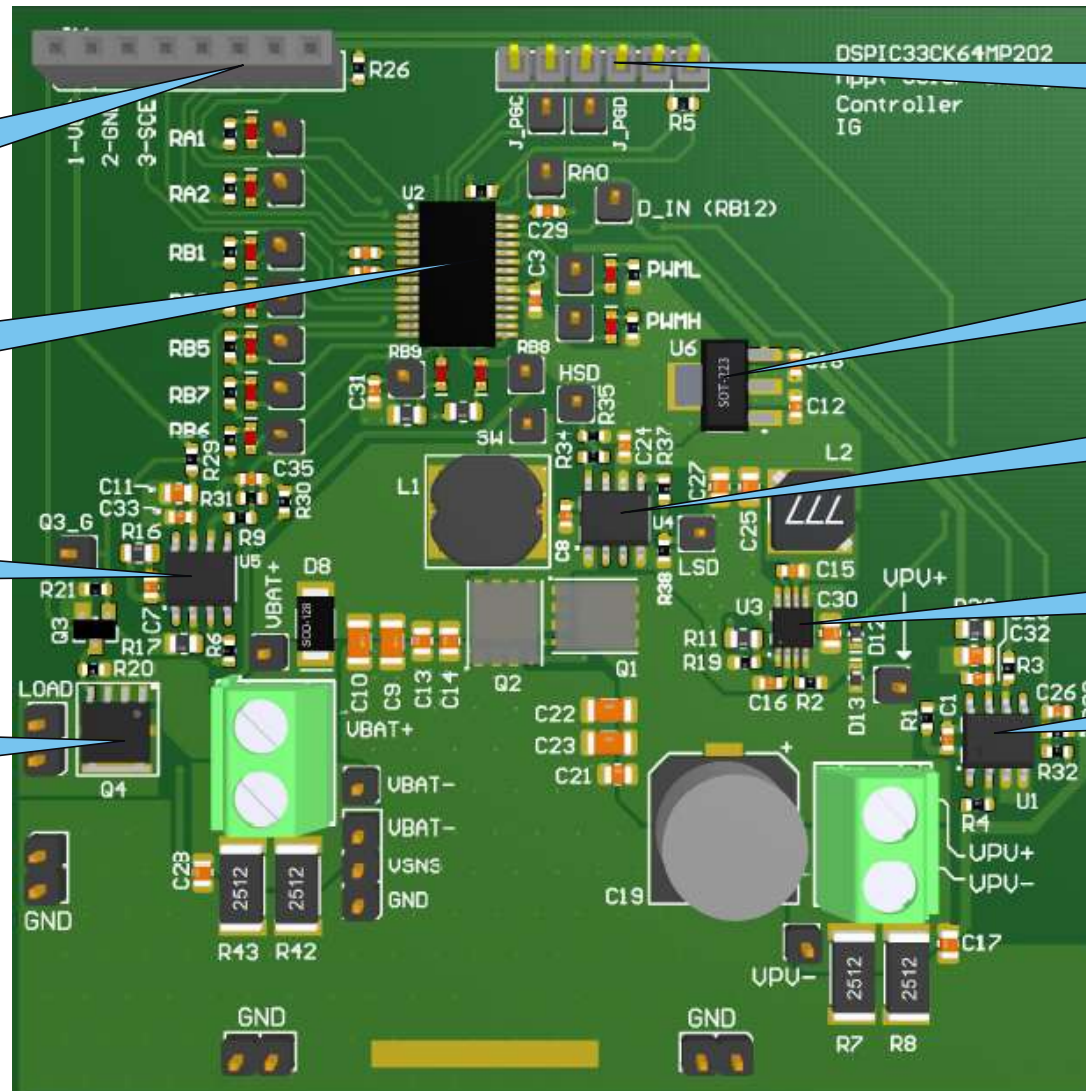
# Solar MPPT Battery Charger Demo 1#

30W Photovoltaic module





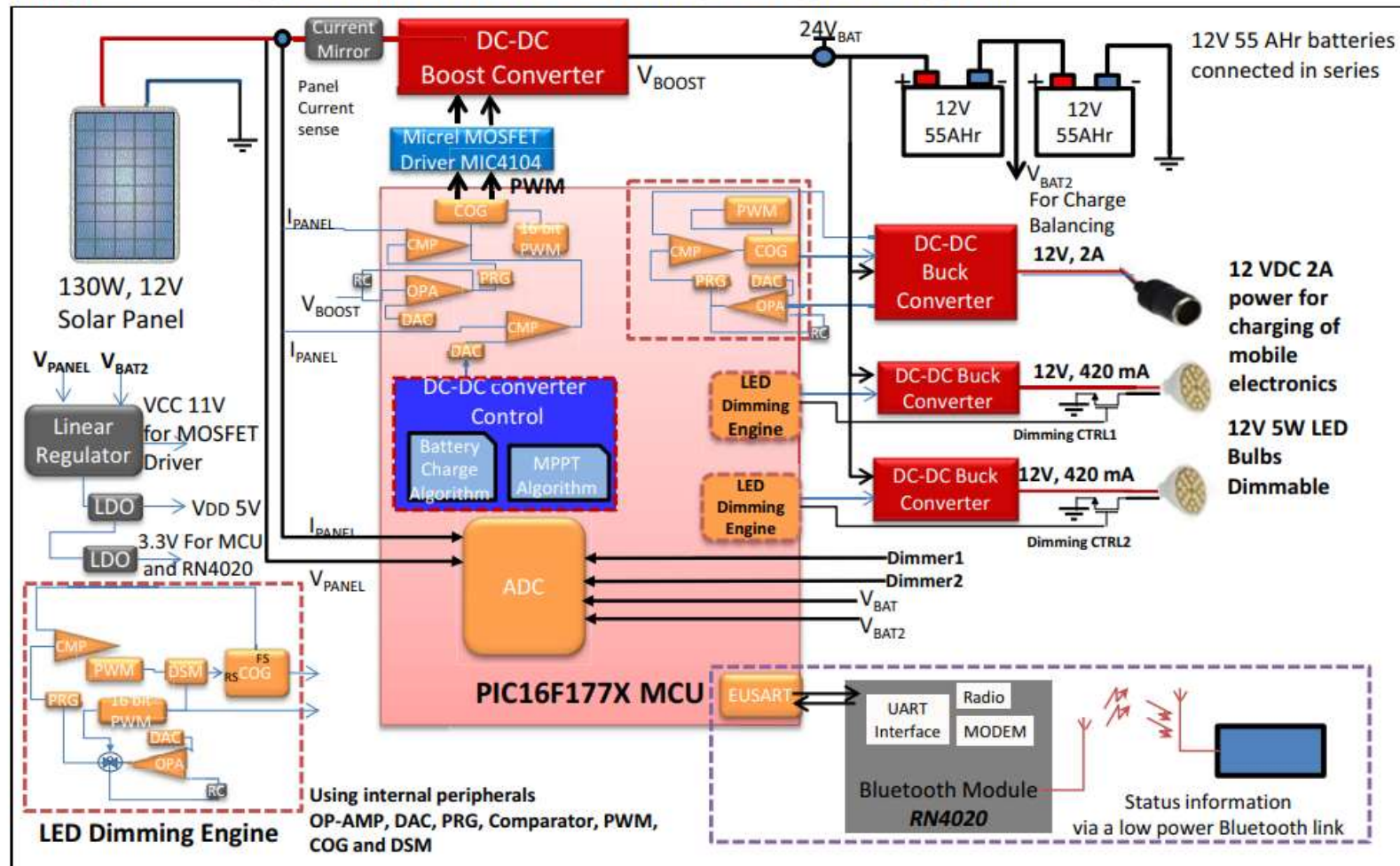
# Solar MPPT Battery Charger Demo #1



# Solar MPPT Battery Charger Demo #2

FIGURE 2: SOLAR MPPT BATTERY CHARGER BLOCK DIAGRAM

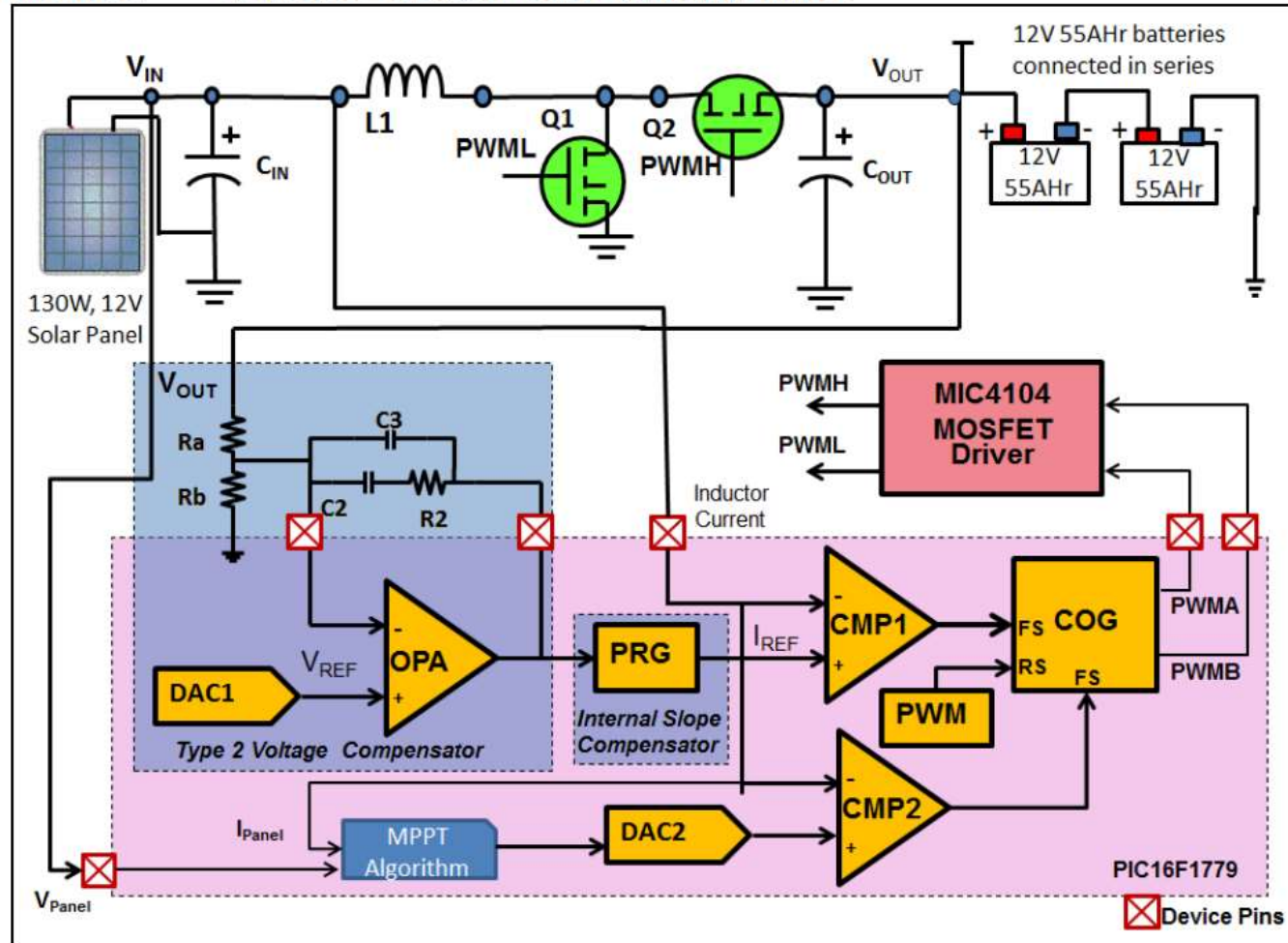
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# Solar MPPT Battery Charger Demo #2

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FIGURE 3: PCMC DC-DC BOOST CONVERTER WITH MPPT





# Thank You!!

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