

Decentralized Coordinated Control of Photovoltaic Power Inverters in a Residential Microgrid

Master Thesis

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Your tasks: Investigate and implement decentralized control methods to achieve coordinated active power curtailment of the PV inverters in residential applications for overvoltage prevention. This includes: read research papers, implement controller methods on a Matlab Simulink environment. Write a report and possibly papers on the achieved results.

The requirements: currently pursuing a degree in electrical engineering or a similar subject with completion of at least 4 semesters; official enrollment is essential; good control knowledge (state-space) and signal processing proficiency in Matlab and Simulink; basic understanding of circuit theory would be beneficial; proficiency in English, spoken and written (working language); quick learner with the motivation to try out cutting-edge technology; ability to think conceptually and express ideas clearly and convincingly.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact

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