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LS-600 Microinverter Residential System Design

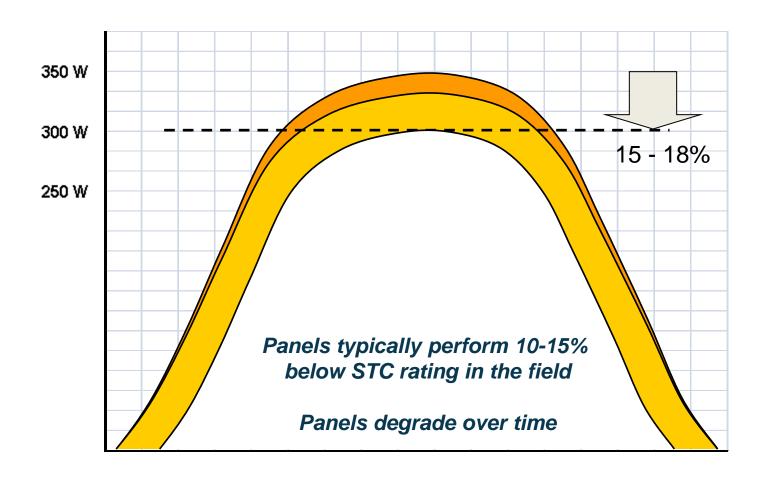
System Sizing



- Evaluate the site's energy needs to obtain the total kWh (kilowatt hours) needed for offset.
- Determine the PV DC system size using programs such as PVWatts. http://pvwatts.nrel.gov/pvwatts.php
- Select the PV panel. Optimal performance is obtained with STC 230-350W panels (60 or 72 cell) for LS600.
- Determine the number of panels needed:
 DC kW system size ÷ STC panel rating
- Determine the number of inverters required:
 Panels ÷ 2

Inverter to Panel Sizing



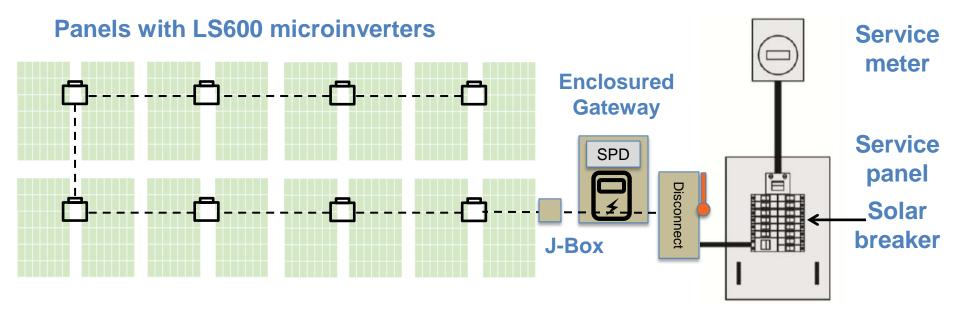


Panels are typically oversized by 15-18% of inverter capacity with respect to their STC rating.

System Design



 Unlike string inverter based DC strings, LeadSolar microinverters connect to form AC branch circuits.



- For residential applications, LeadSolar recommends the panels be configured into 20 A branch circuits.
- This will support up to 16 panels (8 microinverters)
- A 15A breaker can support 6 microinverters.
- LeadSolar also recommends installing a Surge Protection Device

Allowable Branch Circuits

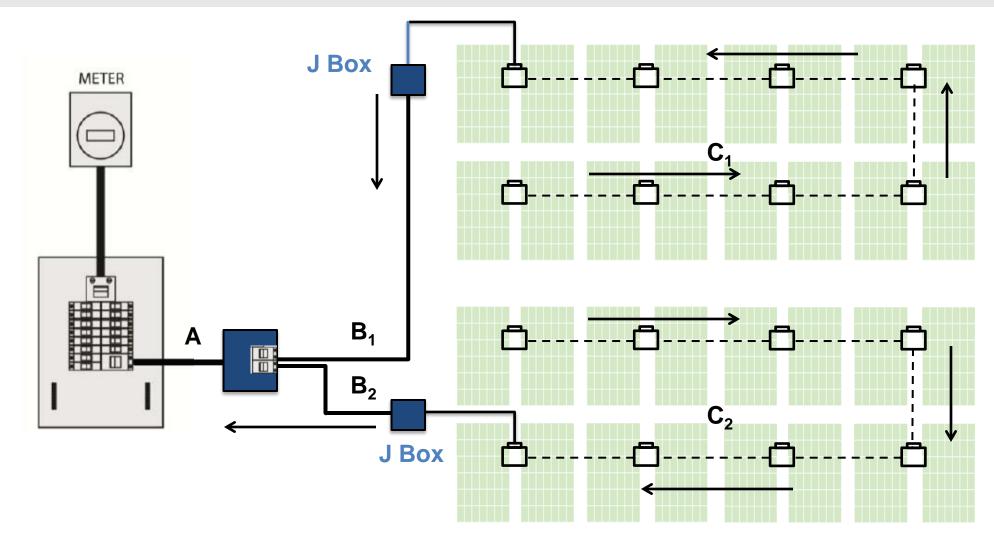


- 100 A service panel ⇒ supports one 20 A branch circuit
- 200 A service panel ⇒ typically supports two 20 A branch circuits*
- Dual branches to be combined in a subpanel with a 40 Amp.
 breaker in the main service panel.
- Micros are sequentially connected directly or via an extension jumper if additional length is needed.
- The last micro in the branch terminates with an end cap.
- The PV system and electrical connections must be described by a Single Line Diagram (SLD).

^{*}Additional branch circuits requires either 225V bus bar, downsizing main breaker, or use of a Generation Meter Adapter on supply side of electrical panel.

Voltage Rise





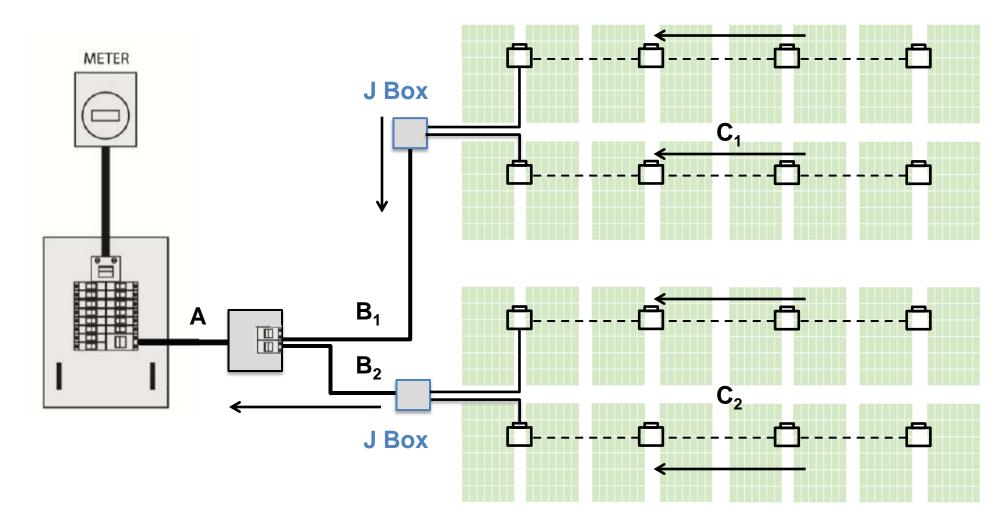
Total of all voltage rises from last inverter to main service panel for each branch

must not exceed 2%: $A + B_1 + C_1 < 2\%$ and $A + B_2 + C_2 < 2\%$

For full branches A + B: <50 ft for #12 AWG or <75 ft for #10 AWG

Voltage Rise – Center Tap





For full branches and A + B > 75 ft, center tap to the branch circuits and #10 AWG recommended (up to 100 ft).

Gateway installation



- Link Gateway installed in series with array
- Supports up to 50A thru current (25 micros)

