

YC600 Night Consumption

This lab experiment had been requested from the technical supporting team, due to the customer question regarding the YC600 micro-inverter night-time real power consumption is greater than the product datasheet claimed, potentially raising the end user's utility costs.

We use the following terms to describe energy flow in a simulated AC grid-tied system:

- Active/Real power (P) or active power: watt [W]
- Reactive power (Q): volt-amperes reactive [var]
- Apparent Power (S), the absolute value of complex power: volt-ampere [VA]
- Power factor (PF) = Real power (P)/ Apparent power (S)

The calibrated AC Power Analyzer had been applied into this experiment; one YC600 had been connected into local grid (220v AC) without operating, to simulate night-time consumption situation.

The collected results as below:



$$I_mea_rms = 0.12591A$$

Then the real power consumption in the inverter delivered by following calculations:

The result of 138mW is very close to the datasheet claimed 120mW