

Designing of Solar PV Module with MPPT Controller

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Abstract—Solar Photovoltaic (PV) systems are having increasing importance in present time of electrical power system due to its non-polluting nature, less maintenance, and free fuel characteristics. The efficiency of the Solar PV system is limited to design constraints that are as follows- Surface Reflection, Carrier Collection, Recombination and Parasitic Resistances. Hence, attaining higher efficiency and achieving maximum power from PV system is the major concern for all utilities which involves the solar PV systems. MPPT is one of the technique by which we can achieve maximum power from the PV module or array.

Keywords - MPPT; MATLAB (Simulink); Solar PV module

I. INTRODUCTION

For human lives, energy is the basic requirement. So, its supply should be secure and sustainable. It should be eco-friendly, economic and socially acceptable. The regular hike of fuel prices together with increasing carbon footprints threatens our energy supply. Among all the non-conventional energy resources like as wind, geothermal, solar, ocean etc. solar is abundant. In recent years, various research work have been done on the application of PV as a alternate energy source. PV energy is one of the energy resources as a clean, inexhaustible and can be easily harvested. Several applications employing Solar PV technology have been developed for satellite power systems, solar power generation etc.

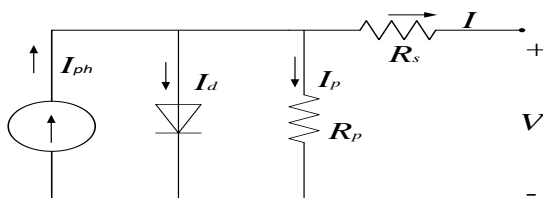


Fig. 1. Practical single diode model with R_s and R_p

The solar cells are represented as the single diode model fig no.A. The equivalent single diode model consists of a controlled current source, a diode, R_s and R_v shunt resistance. The controlled current source depends upon the solar irradiance.

At higher solar irradiance it gives greater value of current. Solar cells are connected in combination of series and according to the voltage, current and power rating is required. The model of solar module is configured by using SIMULINK blocks. Boost converter is used for regulating the voltage of the solar PV system [1-14]. The gate signal of dc-dc converter is given from the MPPT algorithm. The algorithm takes voltage and current signal from the solar PV module and after optimizing voltage value a referenced duty cycle is generated which is given to dc-dc boost converter.

II. BLOCK DIAGRAM OF MODEL

In dc-dc boost converter IGBT is used as switching device. Pulse width modulation technique is used for varying the output voltage of the boost converter. Perturb and observe method is easy to implement and also it tracks Maximum power point accurately.

The generalized block diagram of PV System is shown in figure 2. The input voltage and current of PV System is measured and using these data calculate the instantaneous power. Maximum power point is identified and MPPT algorithm is used to vary the duty ratio of DC-DC Converter accordingly. The duty ratio is varied in such a way that the power delivered from input side to the converter will almost be equal to the power delivered to the load.

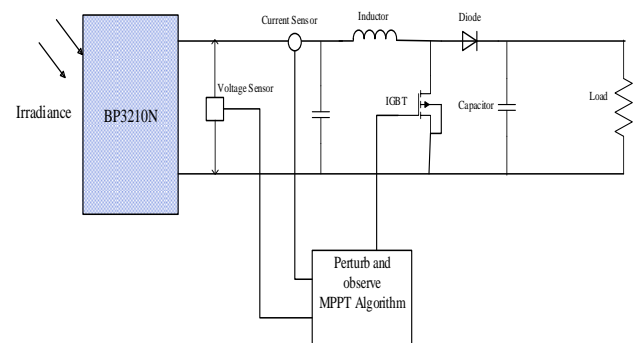


Fig.2. Block diagram of proposed PV system

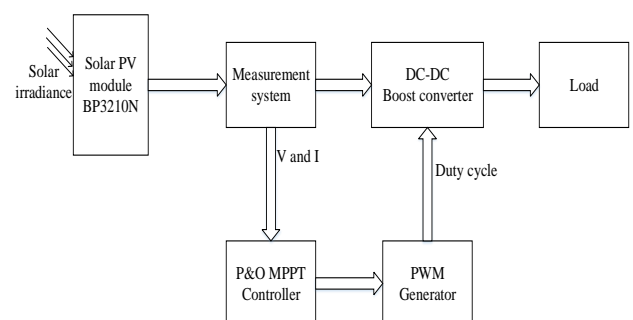


Fig.3 PV System Modeling

Diode current is proportional to the saturation current and is given by the equation:

$$I_d = I_0 \left[\exp \left(\frac{V}{A \cdot N_s \cdot V_T} \right) - 1 \right] \quad 2$$

$$V_T = k \cdot \frac{T_c}{q} \quad 3$$

Where V = voltage imposed on the diode

I_0 = reverse saturation current or leakage current of the diode in ampere

T_c = actual cell temperature (K)

k = Boltzmann constant = 1.381×10^{-23} J/K

q = electron charge = 1.602×10^{-19} Coulombs

V_T = thermal voltage (exclusively depend on temperature)

N_s = number of PV cells connected in series

A = ideality factor

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF PV MODULE WITH MPPT AND BOOST CONVERTER

Figure 4 shows the implementation of the proposed research work. The Perturb and Observe MPPT algorithm is implemented in this model. This method is used here to perform maximum power point tracking for PV module due to its easiness and ease of execution [15-66]. The boundary and initial value of the duty cycle is specified in MPPT parameters block. The initial value of input duty cycle of P&O algorithm is 0.5, the maximum value of input duty cycle is 0.8 and the minimum value is 0.3.

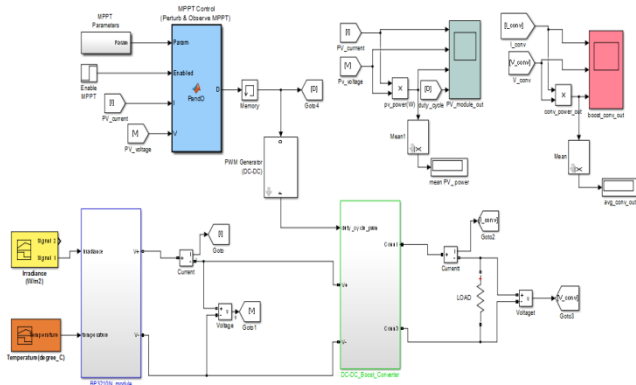


Fig.4 PV Module with MPPT and boost converter

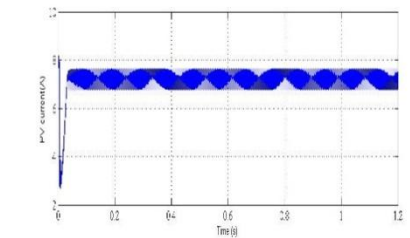
The incremental value of duty cycle is chosen as 0.001 for increase or decrease in duty cycle according to the environmental condition. If the greater incremental change of duty cycle it gives fast response but produces higher oscillation at MPP. If a lower value of incremental change in duty cycle is chosen to increase or decrease duty cycle it gives slower tracking response but it gives minimum oscillation.

The operation of Perturb and Observe starts by measuring the voltage and current at two sampling intervals. By using voltage and current instantaneous power is calculated and compared. By checking these two operating voltage and output power of the PV module at two sampling intervals, the algorithm decides the direction of tracking process, shifting the voltage either to a smaller value or to a larger value. P&O algorithm operates continuously and finding maximum power point at which module operates at maximum power point.

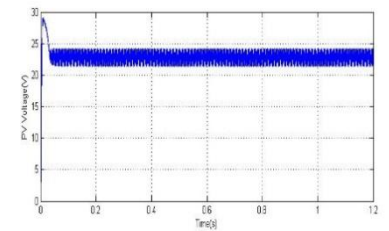
IV. RESULT ANALYSIS

A. Simulation at $G = 1000 \text{ W/m}^2$ & cell temperature = 45°C

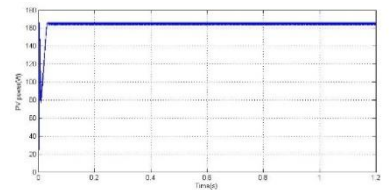
At irradiance level and PV cell temperature of PV Module is 1000 W/m^2 and respectively, the average power achieved by the PV module is 165.2 Watt. The average value of power at STC is 194.5. Hence, the maximum power point ratio calculated at this condition is 84.95 %. Hence, the boost converter shows the efficiency of 92.7%. The various waveforms are shown at this environmental condition is in figure 5.1.



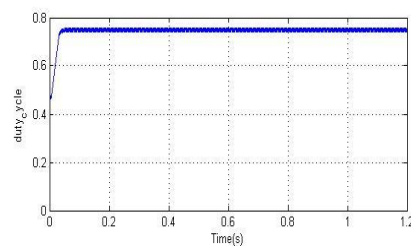
(a) PV module output current



(b) PV module output voltage



(c) PV module output power



(d) Duty cycle

Fig 5.1 Output waveform of PV module at $G=1000 \text{ W/m}^2$ & 45°C

B. Simulation at $G = 800 \text{ W/m}^2$ & cell temperature = 45°C

At irradiance level and PV cell temperature of PV Module is 800 W/m^2 and 45°C respectively the average power achieved by the PV module is 132.4 Watt. The average value of power at STC is 156.7. Hence, the MPP ratio calculated at this condition is 84.49 %. The average output power of the boost converter is 122.7Watt. The various waveforms are shown at this environmental condition is in figure 5.2

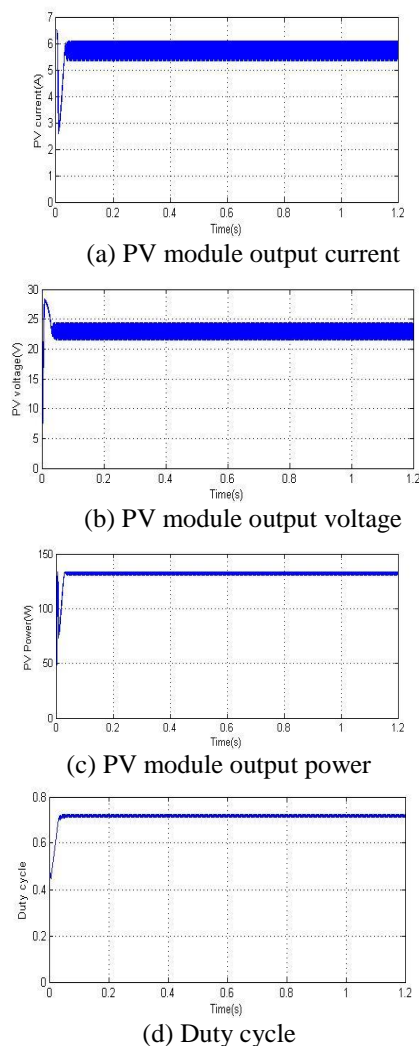


Figure 5.2 Output waveform of PV module at $G=800 \text{ W/m}^2$ and 45°C

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