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MAXIMUM POWER POINT TRACKING FOR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM

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Objective

What is a solar cell?



A solar cell converts optical energy directly into electrical energy.

It is essentially a semiconductor device fabricated in a manner which generates a voltage when solar radiation falls on it.

- ❖ Efficiency of solar cell is less, it only converts 30-40% of energy incident on it to electrical energy.
- ❖ Need to use solar energy :
- pollution free
- maintenance free
- silent operation
- long life time
- ❖ Efficiency of solar cell increased by a technique called maximum power point tracking, by installing this technique we can get additional 20-30% of extra energy.

Mathematical Model of Solar Cell

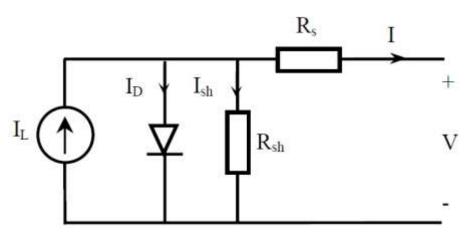


Fig 1. Equivalent circuit of solar PV array.

$$I = I_L - I_o \left(e^{\frac{q(V + IR_s)}{kT}} - 1 \right) - \frac{V + IR_s}{R_{sh}}$$

Where:

I is the cell current (A).

I_L is the light generated current (A).

I_o is the diode saturation current.

q is the charge of electron = 1.6×10^{-19} (coul).

K is the Boltzman constant (j/K).

T is the cell temperature (K).

 R_s , R_{sh} are cell series and shunt resistance (ohms).

V is the cell output voltage (V).



V-I and P-V characteristics of a solar cell



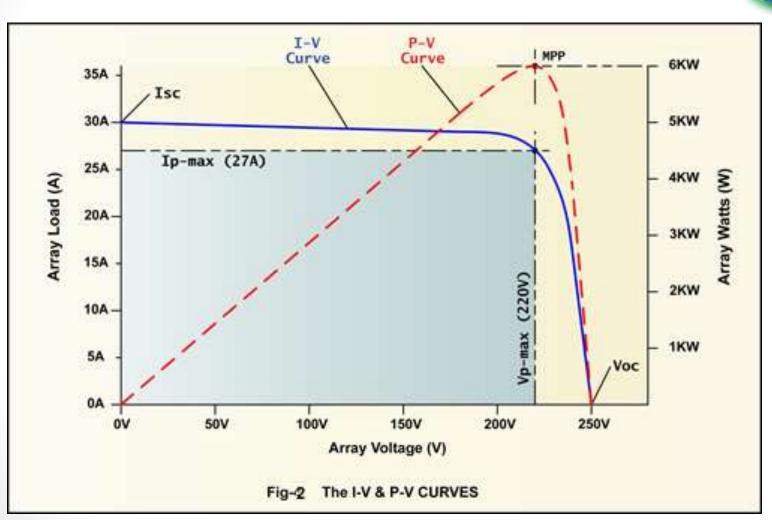


Fig. 3: Variation of I-V curve with solar irradiation



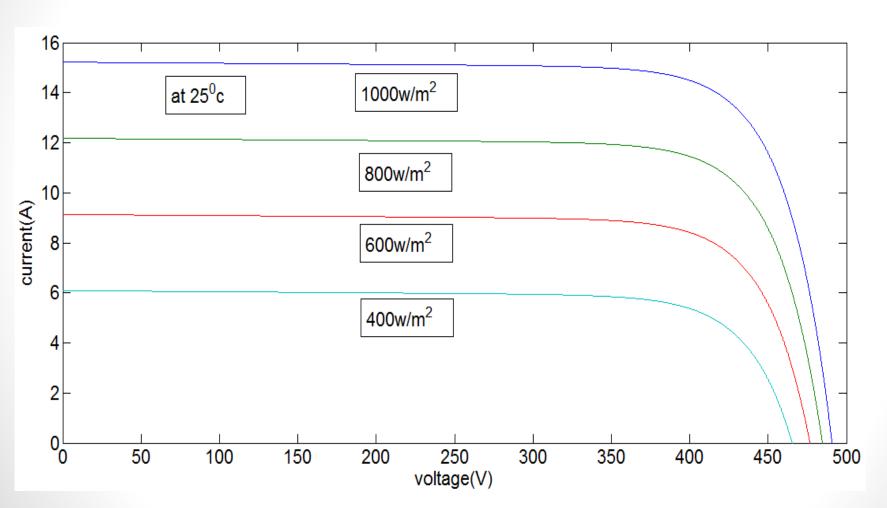


Fig. 4: Variation of P-V curve with solar irradiation



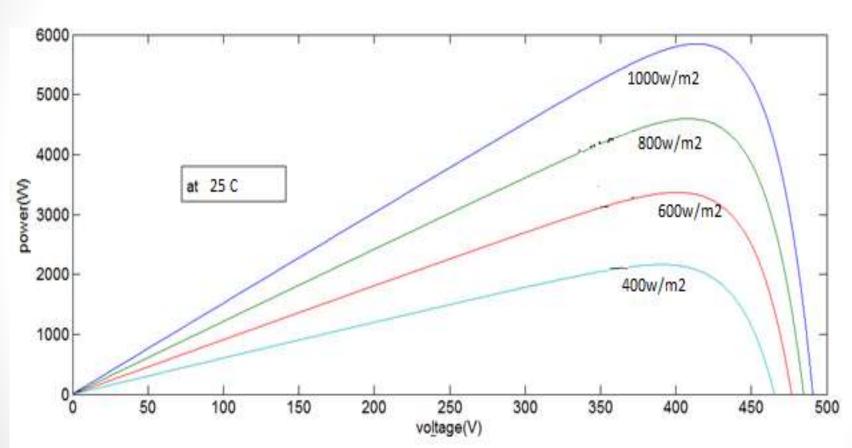


Fig. 5: Variation of I-V with temperature



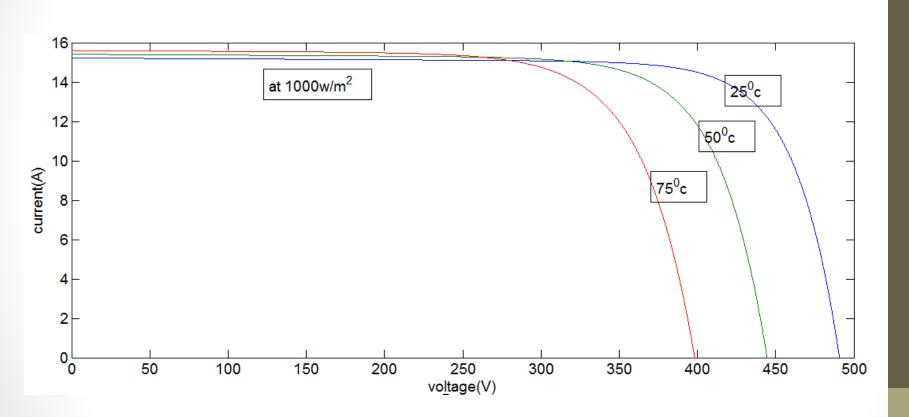
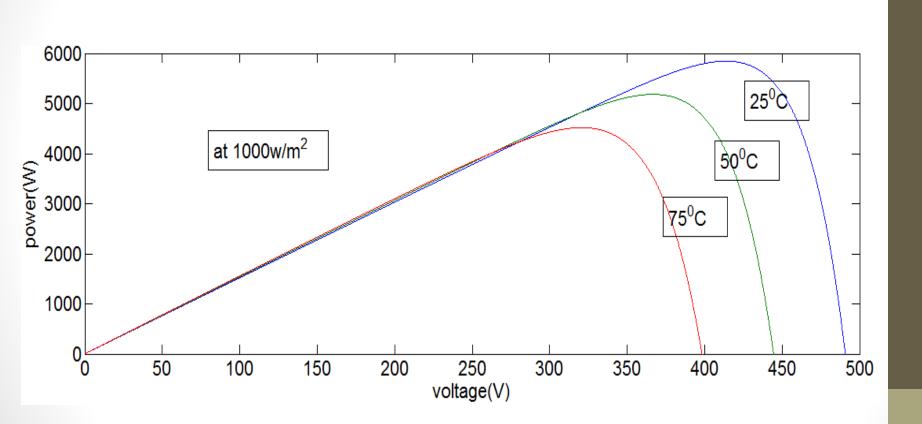


Fig. 6: Variation of P-V curve with temperature





Methodology



- Introduction to maximum power point tracking (MPPT).
- Different types of techniques for MPPT.
 - Fixed Voltage
 - Fractional Open Circuit method
 - Perturb and Observe technique (P&O)
 - □ Incremental Conductance (INC).
- Hardware implementation.

Introduction



What is MPPT?

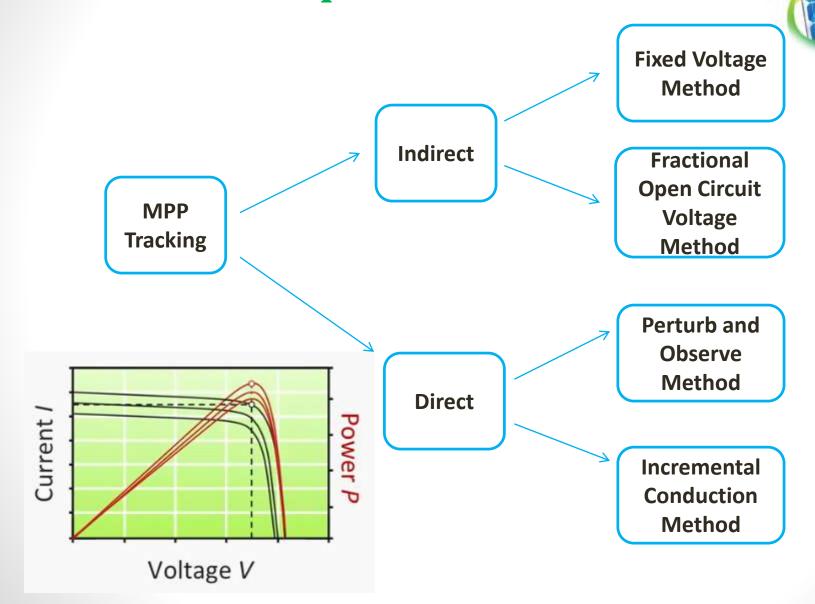
It is an electronic system that operates the photovoltaic modules in a manner to extract the maximum power from the system.

What is maximum power point ?

It is a operating point at which maximum power can be extracted from the system. Usually represented as MPP.

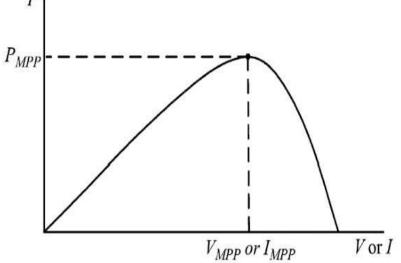
- The output of solar module is a function of solar irradiance, temperature.
- ❖Generally MPPT is installed in between PV system and load. Coupling to the load for maximum power transfer may required either providing a higher voltage at lower current or lower voltage at higher current.

MPPT Techniques

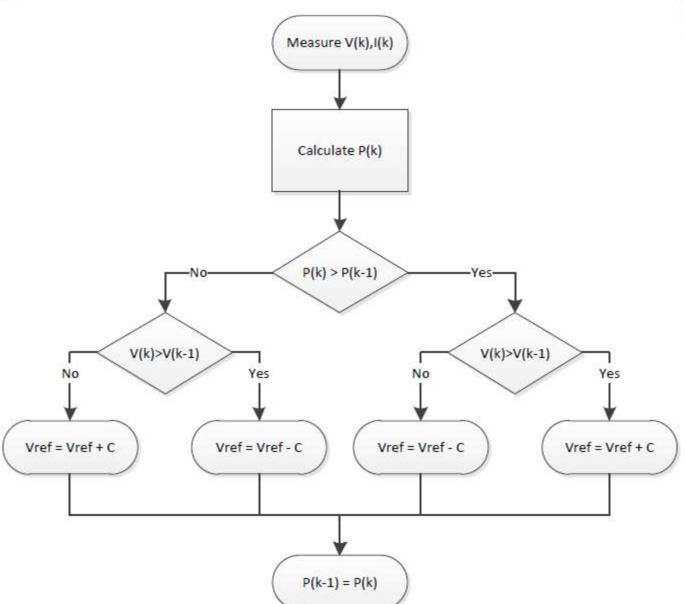




- The concept behind the P&O method is to modify the operating voltage or current of the PV panel until you obtain maximum power from it.
- The tracker operated by periodically incrementing or decrementing the solar array voltage.
- In this we use only voltage sensor, to sense the PV array voltage.
- Hill climbing method fail under rapid environment change conditions.
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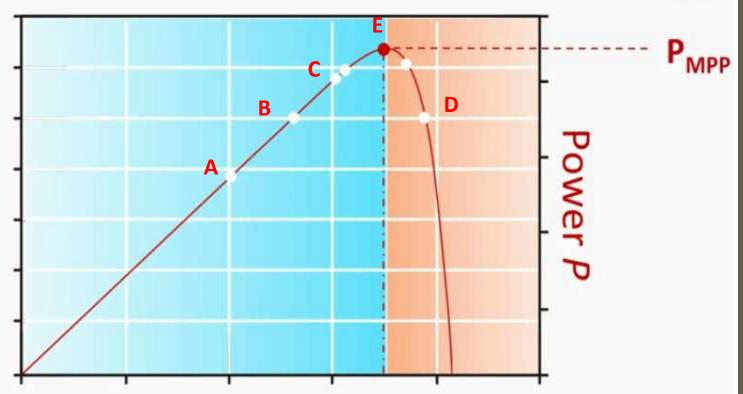






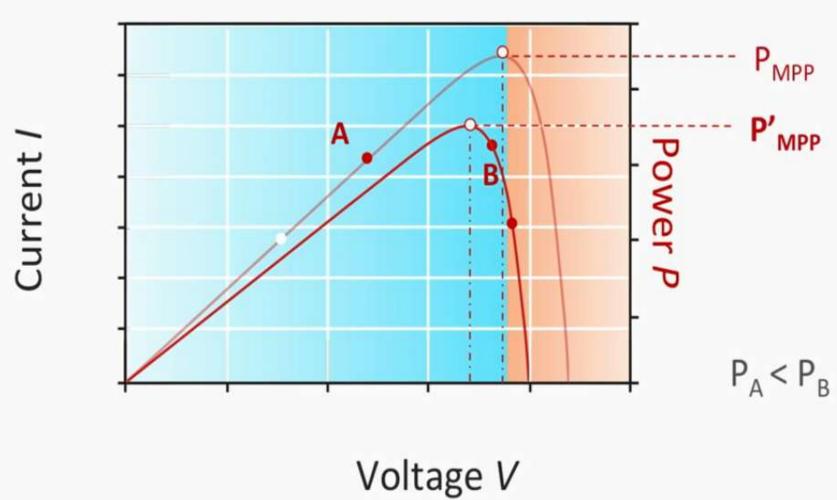






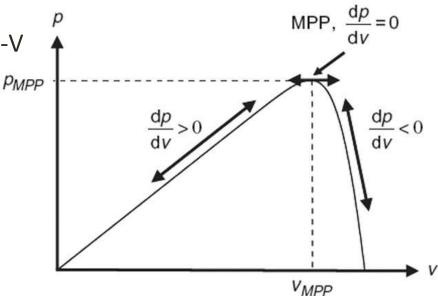
Voltage V

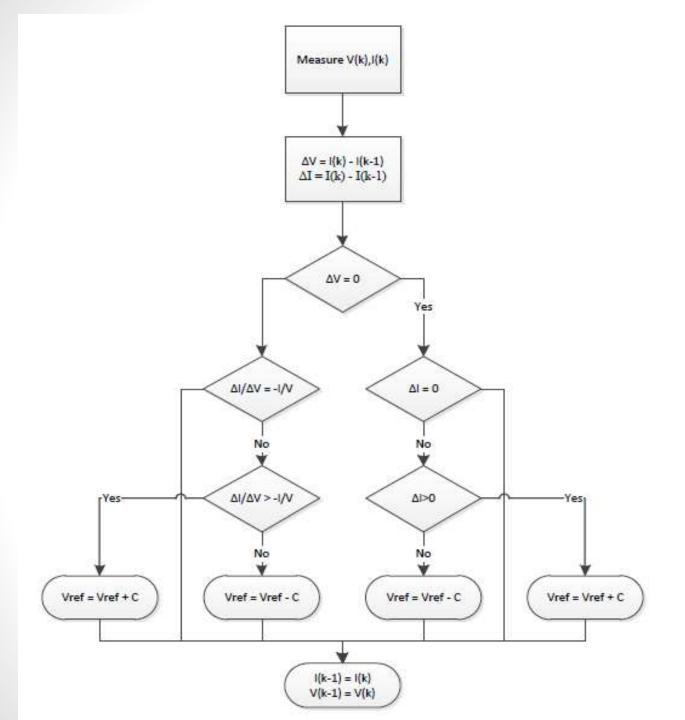




- Incremental conductance uses two voltage and current sensors to sense the output voltage and current of the PV array
- Here we are sensing both current and voltage simultaneously. Hence the error due to change in irradiance is eliminated. However the complexity and cost of implementation increases.
- Based on fact that slope of P-V

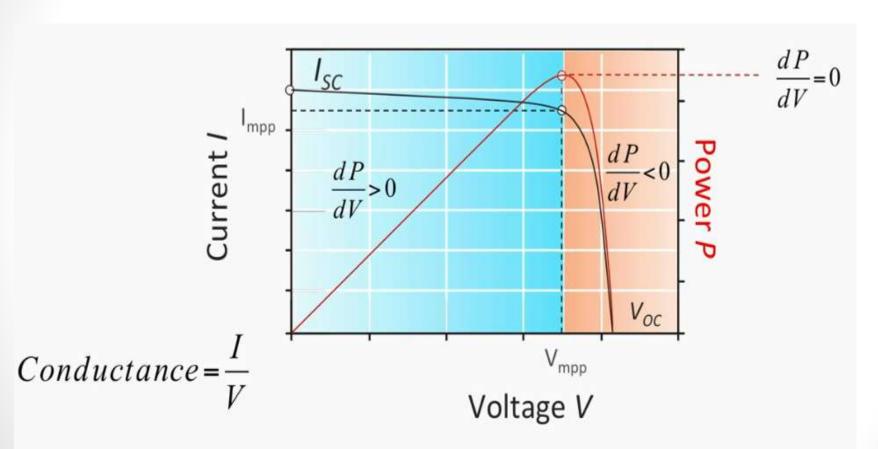
 $\frac{dp}{dv}$ =0 at Mpp $\frac{dp}{dv}$ >0 at left Mpp $\frac{dp}{dv}$ <0 at right Mpp













$$\frac{dP}{dV} = \frac{d(I \times V)}{dV}$$

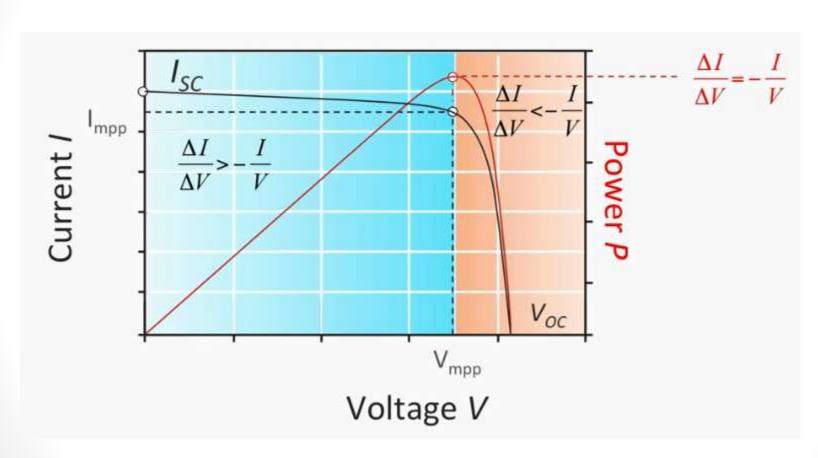
$$\frac{dP}{dV} = I + \frac{V \times dI}{dV}$$

$$\frac{\Delta I}{\Delta V} = -\frac{I}{V} \quad \text{At MPP}$$

$$\frac{\Delta I}{\Delta V} > -\frac{I}{V}$$
 To the left of MPP

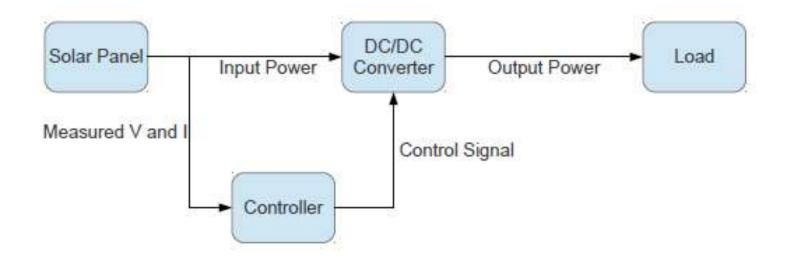
$$\frac{\Delta I}{\Delta V} < -\frac{I}{V}$$
 To the right of MPP





System Modeling

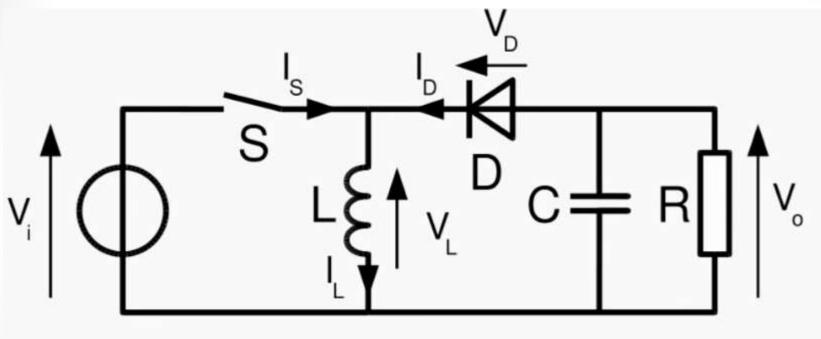




MPPT block scheme

Hardware Implementation





Buck Boost DC-DC Converter

Advantages



- MPPT method can extract maximum available power from the PV module.
- This can increase the tracking efficiency.
- If your energy use is greatest in the winter (typical in most homes) and you have cold winter weather, then you can gain a substantial boost in energy when you need it the most!

Conclusion



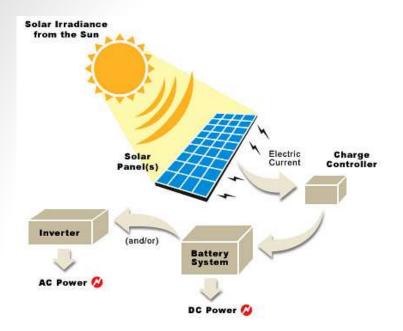
In this presentation a detailed analysis of various maximum power point tracking algorithms were carried out. Incremental Conductance algorithm which holds good performance than any other methods under normal and varying atmospheric conditions. Power output obtained from incremental conductance method is high us compared to other methods under varying atmospheric conditions. Maximum Power Point Tracking algorithm which place a major role for a grid connected Photo voltaic system. A most suitable MPPT technique is chosen based on the implementation cost, number of sensors required, complexity. So for residential and industrial purposes INCREMENTAL CONDUCTANCE ALGORITHM performs better results.

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