

Experiment 1

Introduction to Photovoltaic Systems and Power Electronics

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1 Objectives

- To characterize the SQ-85 photovoltaic panel, and find numerical parameters of the equivalent circuit model
- To test the sine wave inverter provided
- To charge the deep-discharge lead-acid battery using the Direct Energy Transfer approach


This report is structured in the same order as the sequence of tasks given in the Experiment 1 procedure document.

2 Experimental Data


2.1 SQ-85 PV Panel Nameplate Details

Parameter	Value
Maximum Power Output	85 W
Short Circuit Current	[REDACTED]
Rated Current	[REDACTED]
Maximum Open Circuit Voltage	600 V (UL) / 715 V (TUV)
Open Circuit Voltage	22.2 V
Rated Voltage	[REDACTED]
Fire Rating	Class C
Series Fuse	20 A
Field Wiring	14 AWG (min) Insulated for 90°C

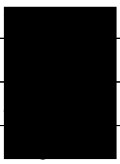
2.2 Initial Readings

Time of Day	
Battery Open-Circuit Voltage	
AC Voltage	
AC Current	
AC Power	
AC Frequency	


2.3 PV Panel Measurements (all cells uniformly irradiated)

Solar irradiance measured with pyranometer =  W/m².

2.3.1 Maximum Power Readings

Maximum Power	
Panel Voltage at MPP	
Panel Current at MPP	
Time of Day	

2.3.2 v_{PV} vs. i_{PV}

v_{PV} [V]	i_{PV} [A]
0 (SC)	
2.07	
5.8	
7.0	
8.0	
11.5	
13.5	
14.6	
15.8	
16.67	
16.86	
17.0	
17.2	
17.3	
17.6	

17.7	
17.85	
18.0	
18.14	
18.46	
18.6	
18.86	
19.0	
19.25	
19.4	
19.53	
19.7	
19.8	
19.84	
19.9	
20.0	
20.1	
20.64	

2.4 PV Panel Measurements (4 cells shaded along left side)

2.4.1 Maximum Power Readings

Maximum Power	
Panel Voltage at MPP	
Panel Current at MPP	
Time of Day	

2.4.2 v_{PV} vs. i_{PV}

v_{PV} [V]	i_{PV} [A]
0 (SC)	
2.5	
4.3	
6.0	
7.3	
7.95	

8.45	
8.84	
9.02	
9.15	
9.25	
9.4	
9.55	
9.63	
19.0	

2.5 Final Readings

2.5.1 After measuring PV characteristics

AC Energy Consumed	
Battery Voltage (Loaded)	
Battery Voltage (Open-Circuited)	
Time of Day	

2.5.2 After removing AC load and connecting PV panel to battery

Panel Voltage	
Panel Current	

Observation:

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3 Calculations and Observations

3.1 PV Panel Efficiency

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⇒ Estimated

3.2 Measured $i - v$ Curves

3.2.1 With all cells uniformly irradiated

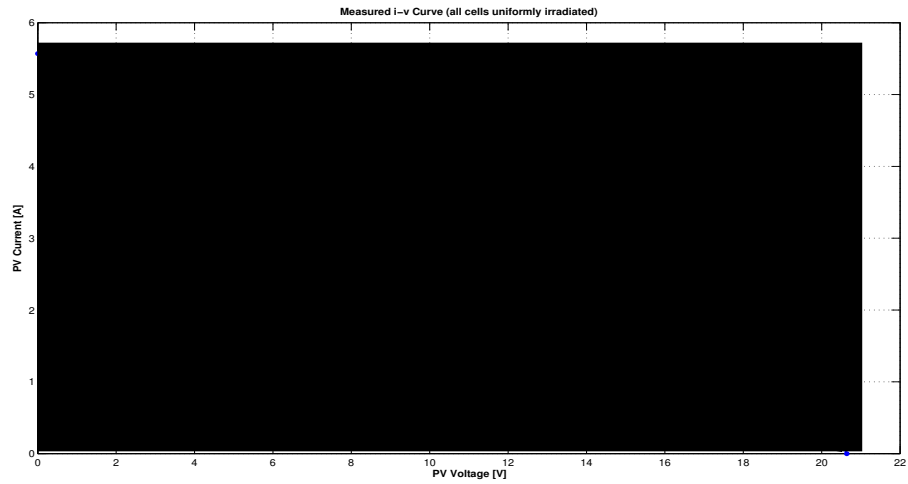


Figure 1: PV voltage vs. current for uniform irradiation

3.2.2 With 4 cells shaded along left side

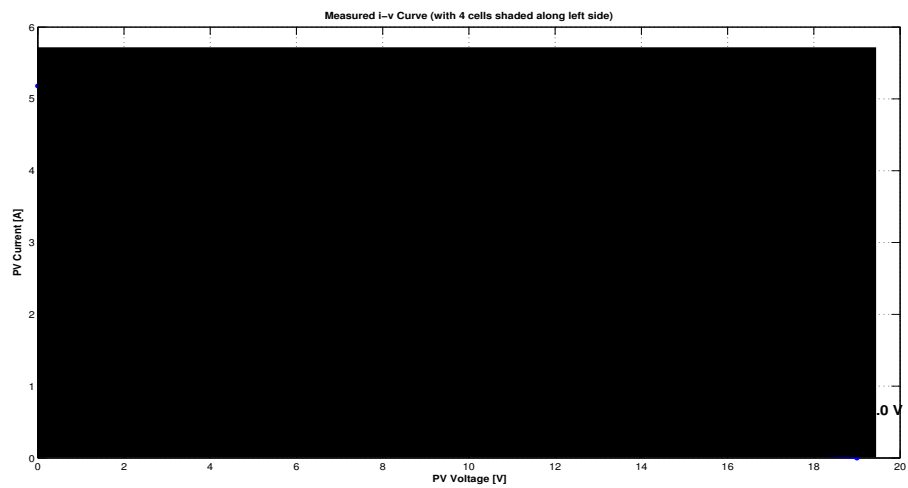


Figure 2: PV voltage vs. current for partial shading

Observation: Under partial shading, the current is reduced, and the open-circuit voltage is slightly lower than in uniform irradiation.

condition.

Explanation:

values of current

3.3 Calculation of PV Circuit Model Parameters

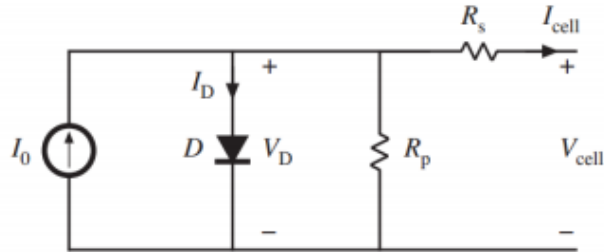


Figure 3: Equivalent circuit model of a PV cell

The equivalent circuit model of a PV cell is shown in Figure 3. The equation for the current I_{cell} is given by:

$$I_{cell} = I_0 - I_D - \frac{V_{cell}}{R_p} \quad (1)$$

where $\lambda =$

The circuit model for the PV cell is shown in Figure 3. The equation for the current I_{cell} is given by:

R_s was calculated from the I-V curve shown in Figure 4. The equation for R_s is given by:

$$R_s = \frac{V_{oc,cell} - V_{mp,cell}}{I_{mp,cell} - I_{sc,cell}} \quad (2)$$

where p_{mp} is the maximum power point.

Similarly, the equation for R_p is given by:

$$R_p = \frac{V_{oc,cell}}{I_{sc,cell}} \quad (3)$$

To obtain the equation for I_0 , the equation for I_{cell} is given by:

$$I_{cell} = I_0 - I_D - \frac{V_{cell}}{R_p} \quad (4)$$

$V_{OC,cell}$ (open circuit voltage) is the voltage across the PV cell when the current I_{cell} is zero. It may be calculated from the equation:

$$I_0 = I_{sc,cell} \left(\exp\left(\frac{V_{OC,cell}}{V_T}\right) - 1 \right) \quad (5)$$

$V_{OC,cell}$.

These equations were solved for I_0 and I_{D0} numerically using MATLAB. Values obtained for the four circuit parameters are listed below:

R_s	Ω
R_p	
I_0	A
I_{D0}	A

3.4 Comparison of Measured and Model-Predicted $i - v$ Curves with Uniform Irradiation

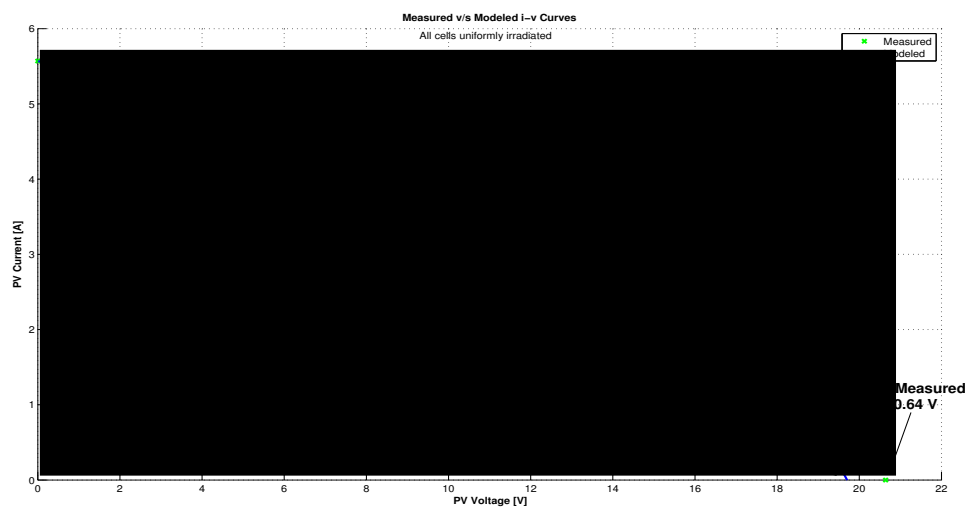


Figure 4: Measured and model-predicted $i - v$ curves

The two curves are shown overlaid in 4, with short-circuit currents, open-circuit voltages and maximum power points marked.

Observation: As can be seen in Fig. 4, the short-circuit current predicted by the model is [redacted] voltage of the model is slightly lower than [redacted] most significant deviation is in the maximum [redacted]

Explanation: Deviations between modeled and measured curves may be explained as under:

- [redacted] er of [redacted] cies
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- [REDACTED] characteristics were being [REDACTED] temperature,

3.5 Modeled $i - v$ and Power-Voltage Curves for Various Values of Insolation (Uniform Irradiation)

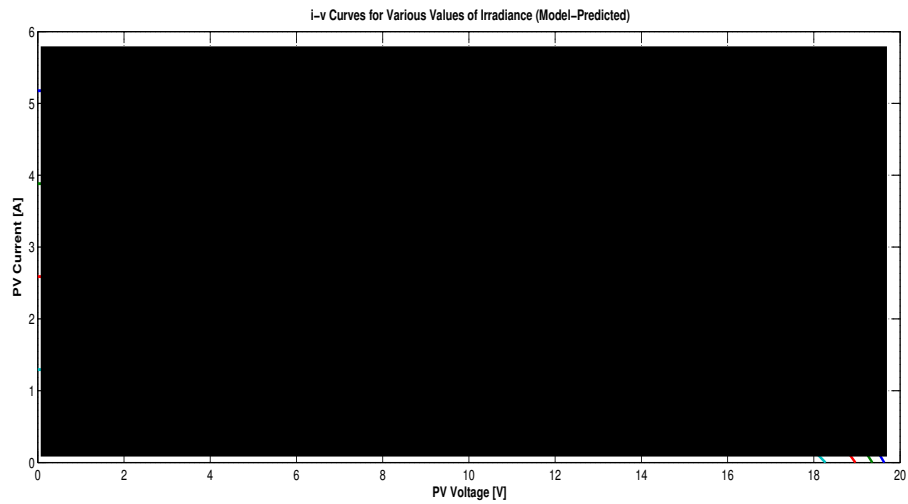


Figure 5: Modeled $i - v$ curves for various values of solar insolation

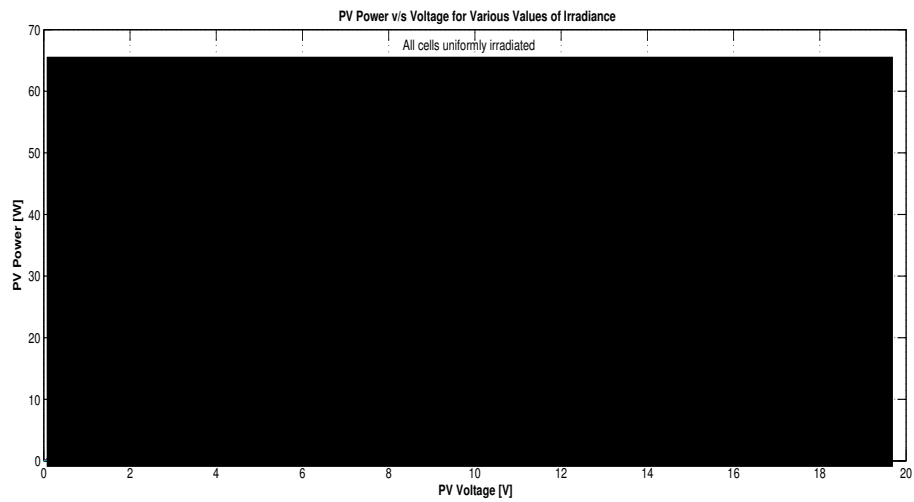


Figure 6: Modeled power vs. voltage curves for various values of solar irradiance

3.6 Comparison of Measured and Model-Predicted $i - v$ Curves with 4 Cells Shaded

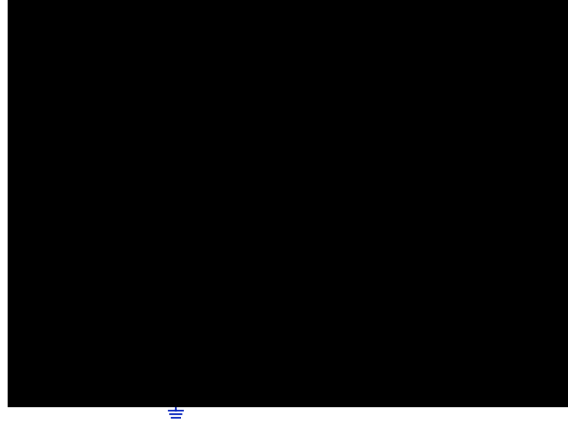


Figure 7: Circuit model implemented in ADS software for partial shading condition

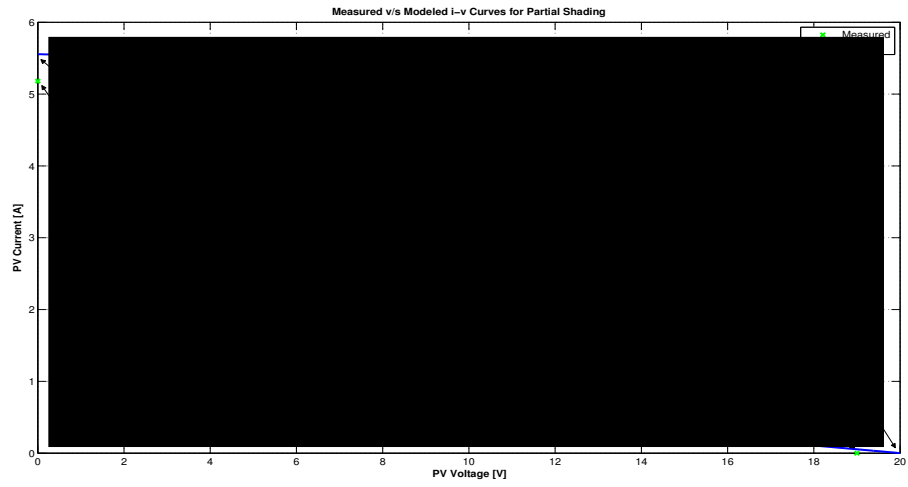


Figure 8: Measured vs. modeled $i - v$ curves for partial shading condition

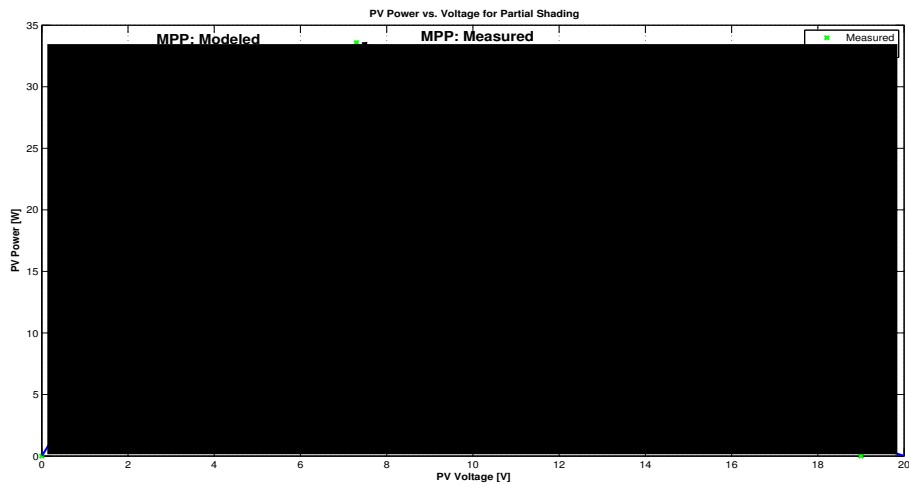


Figure 9: Measured and modeled power vs. voltage curves for partial shading condition

The circuit for the shaded cell is shown in Figure 9. This effect was modeled in the circuit model. The result of the modeled $i-v$ characteristics, currents, and power vs. voltage are shown in Figure 10.

Observation: The measured and modeled power vs. voltage curves are reasonable approximations.

Explanation: The measured and modeled power vs. voltage curves are measured with uniform temperature and partial shading.

3.7 Battery Discharge Calculations

AC power of the inverter is 2.65 kW. Inverter efficiency is 95%. \Rightarrow DC power is 2.77 kW. Assuming the battery voltage is approximately 12.85 V, a reasonable value for the battery voltage is 12.5 V. (Also, a reasonable value for the battery voltage is 12.38 V. The approximate value for the battery voltage is 12.38 V.)

⇒ Average battery current

Time elapsed between initial

⇒ Average ampere-hours stored

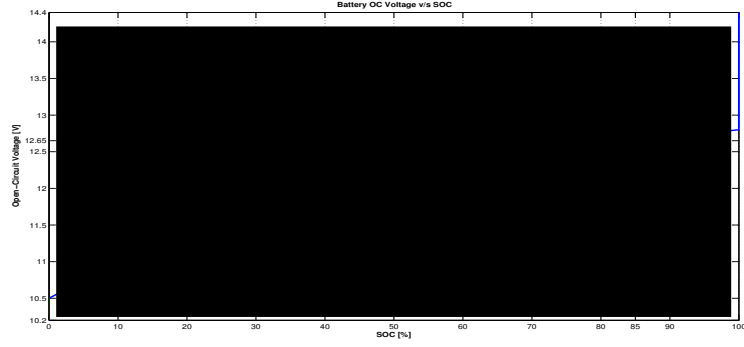


Figure 10: Battery open-circuit voltage vs. SOC

Battery open-circuit voltage vs. SOC characteristics were plotted using the data from Table 1, and additional data provided regarding maximum and minimum open-circuit voltage (6×2.4 V and 6×1.7 V). This is shown in Fig. 10.

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3.8 PV Operating Point during Direct Energy Transfer

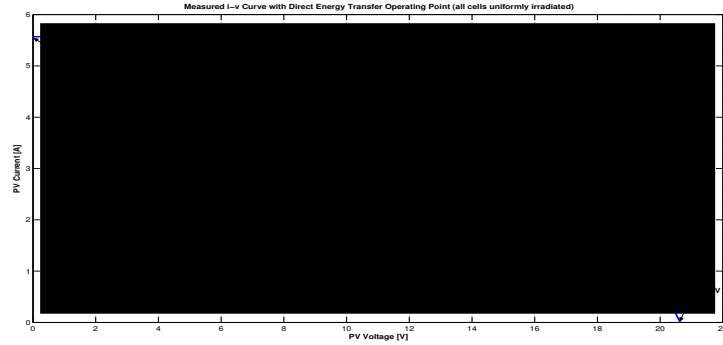


Figure 11: Direct Energy Transfer Operating Point

As recorded in Section 2.5.2, when battery was connected directly to the PV panel output, the operating point was approximately 21.5 V and 5.5 A. This operating point is shown on the measured $i-v$ curve in Fig. 11. The PV output power at this operating point, $P_{PV,DT} = V_{PV,DT} \times I_{PV,DT}$.

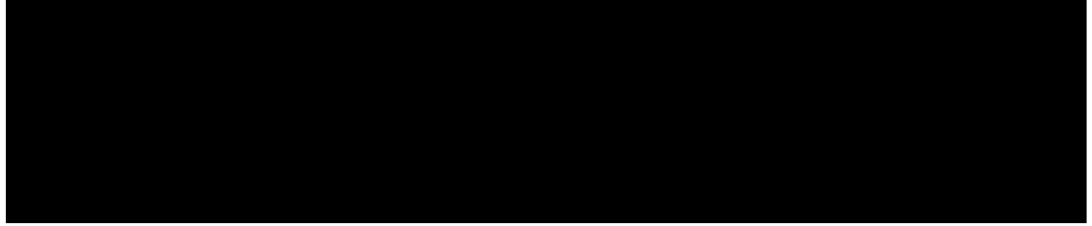
3.8.1 Comparison with MPPT Implementation

With MPPT implementation using a buck converter, PV panel will now operate at its



3.8.2 MPPT under Partial Shading Conditions

As is observed in Section 3.6, for both the measured and modeled $i-v$ curves under partial



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