

Design and Simulation of Grid Connected Wind Photovoltaic Hybrid System using MATLAB

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Abstract— Renewable energy sources have become a popular alternative electrical energy source where power generation in conventional ways is not practical. In the last few years the photovoltaic and wind power generation have been increased significantly. In this study, we proposed a hybrid energy system which combines both solar panel and wind turbine generator as an alternative for conventional source of electrical energy like thermal and hydro power generation. A simple control technique which is also cost effective has been proposed to track the operating point at which maximum power can be coerced from the PV system and wind turbine generator system under continuously changing environmental conditions. In this paper the entire hybrid system is described given along with comprehensive simulation results that discover the feasibility of the system. A software simulation model is developed in Matlab/Simulink.

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sources is continuously improving. This is the reason why renewable energy sources have become more important these days. Few other reasons include advantages like abundant availability in nature, eco-friendly and recyclable. Many renewable energy sources like solar, wind, hydel and tidal are there. Among these renewable sources solar and wind energy are the world's fastest growing energy resources. With no emission of pollutants, energy conversion is done through wind and PV cells. Day by day, the demand for electricity is rapidly increasing. But the available base load plants are not able to supply electricity as per demand. So these energy sources can be used to bridge the gap between supply and demand during peak loads. This kind of small scale stand-alone power generating systems can also be used in remote areas where conventional power generation is impractical. In this project, a wind-photovoltaic hybrid power generation system model is studied and simulated. A hybrid system is more advantageous as individual power generation system is not completely reliable. When any one of the system is shutdown the other can supply power. A block diagram of entire hybrid system is shown below in figure 1.

I. INTRODUCTION

Due to the critical condition of industrial fuels which include oil, gas and others, the development of renewable energy

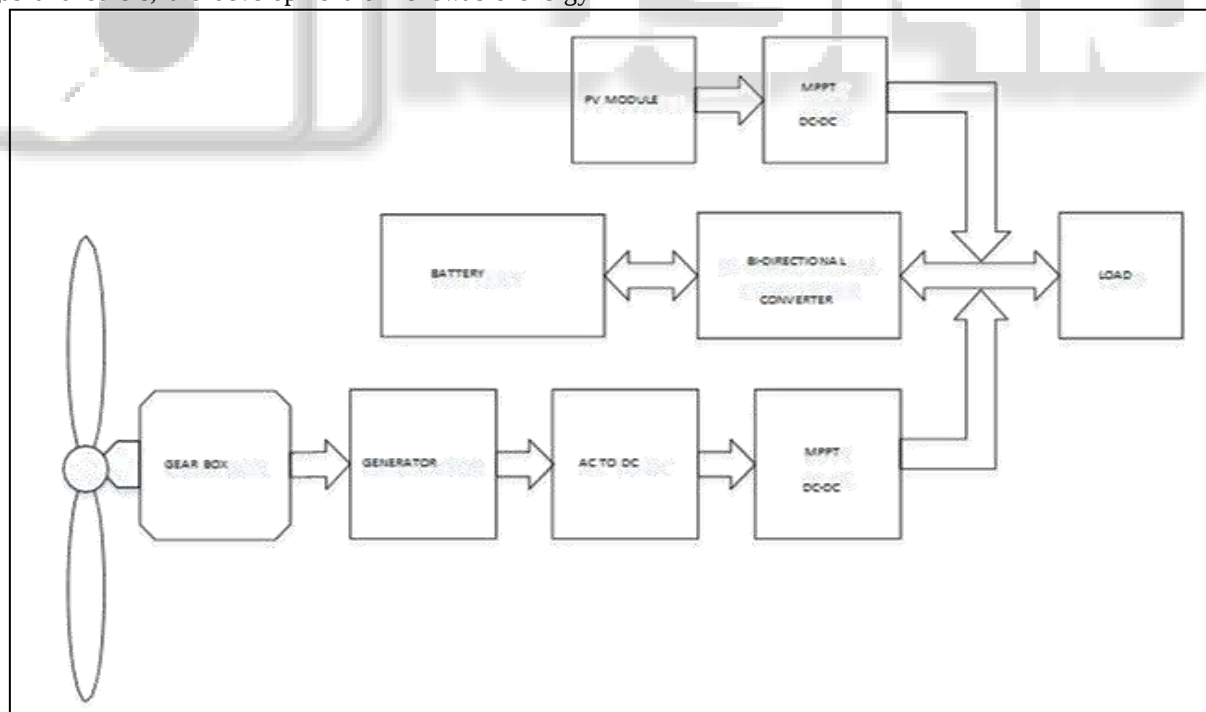


Fig. 1: Block diagram of hybrid system

The entire hybrid system comprises of PV and the wind systems. The PV system is powered by the solar energy which is abundantly available in nature. PV modules, maximum power point tracing systems make the PV energy system. The light incident on the PV cells is converted into

electrical energy by solar energy harvesting means. The maximum power point tracking system with Perturb & absorb algorithm is used, which extracts the maximum possible power from the PV modules. The ac-dc converter is used to converter ac voltage to dc. Wind turbine, gear box, generator

and an AC – DC converter are included in the wind energy system. The wind turbine is used to convert wind energy to rotational mechanical energy and this mechanical energy available at the turbine shaft is converted to electrical energy using a generator. To coerce the maximum power from wind system we used a maximum power point tracking system. Both the energy systems are used to charge a battery using bi-directional converter. Bidirectional converter and the battery form the common additional load to the wind and PV energy systems. Hybrid generation systems that use more than a single power source can greatly enhance the certainty of load demands all the time. Even higher generating capacities can be achieved by hybrid system. In stand-alone system we can able to provide fluctuation free output to the load irrespective of weathers condition. To get the energy output of the PV system converted to storage energy, and constant power delivered by the wind turbine, an efficient energy storage mechanism is required, which can be realized by the battery bank.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Due to high demand of energy and limited availability of conventional energy, non- conventional sources become more popular among researchers. A lot of research work is going on to enhance the power efficiency of non-conventional sources and make it more reliable and beneficial. Hybrid generation system uses more than one source, so that we can extract energy from different sources at the same time which enhances the efficiency. From [2],[3] the working of PV /Wind hybrid system is understood, different topologies that can be used for the hybridization of more than one system and also about advantages and disadvantages of hybrid system. From [1], [4] and [5] basic details of PV cell, PV module, PV array and their modeling are studied. Also, the behavior of PV modules at varying environmental conditions like solar irradiation and temperature are studied. Behavior of PV module during partial shading condition and also how it's bad effects can be minimized is explained in [6]-[8]. Different MPPT

techniques, their advantages and disadvantages and why MPPT control is required is explained in [9]-[11]. The wind energy system, its working and also techniques to extracts the maximum power from the wind energy system is understood from [13]- [17]. From [18]-[20] study about different type of bi-directional converters, their working and how to use them in battery charging and discharging is carried out.

III. OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the thesis is to implement a power system that is a hybrid of both Photovoltaic and wind powers. The step by step objectives are

- 1) To study and model PV cell, PV array and PV panels
- 2) To study the characteristic curves and effect of variation of environmental conditions like temperature and irradiation on them
- 3) To study the PV module's behaviour under partial shading condition
- 4) To trace the maximum power point of operation the PV panel irrespective of the changes in the environmental condition.

IV. METHODOLOGY

A. Photovoltaic Arrangement

It contains PV modules or arrays, which convert solar energy in the form of solar irradiation into electric energy. The dc-dc converter changes the level of the voltage to match it with the electrical appliances that are supplied by this system. This DC-DC converter may be either buck or boost or buck-boost contingent on the required and available voltage levels. The maximum power point tracing system coerces the maximum power from the PV modules as shown in figure 2. A bi-directional converter which is able to supply the current in both the directions is used to charge the battery when there is a power surplus and the energy stored by the battery is discharged into the load when there is a power deficit.

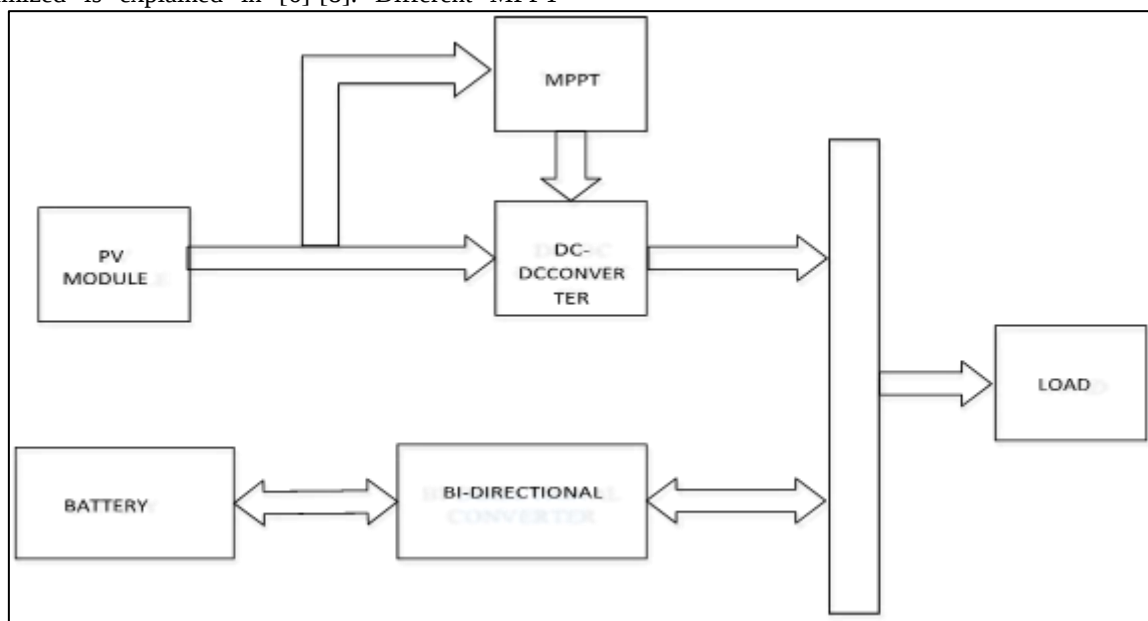


Fig. 2: Overall block diagram of PV energy system

V. MAXIMUM POWER POINT TRACKING

Maximum power point tracing (MPPT) system is an electronic control system that can be able to coerce the maximum power from a PV system. It does not involve a single mechanical component that results in the movement of the modules changing their direction and make them face straight towards the sun. MPPT control system is a completely electronic system which can deliver maximum allowable power by varying the operating point of the modules electrically [9].

A. MPPT algorithm

There are many algorithms which help in tracing the maximum power point of the PV module. They are following:

- 1) P&O algorithm
- 2) IC algorithm
- 3) Parasitic capacitance
- 4) Voltage based peak power tracking
- 5) Current Based peak power tracking

VI. WIND POWER SYSTEM

The schematic diagram of the wind energy system is manifested in figure below in figure 3.

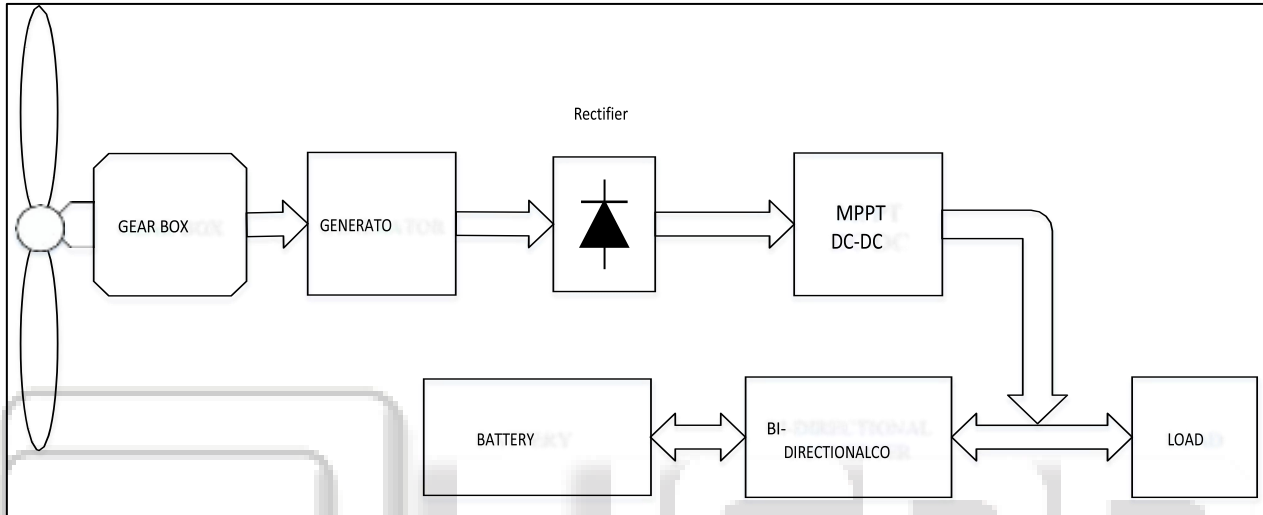


Fig. 3: Overall diagram of wind energy system

This system comprises of a wind turbine which transforms wind's kinetic energy into rotating motion, a gear box to match the turbine speed to generator speed, a generator which converts mechanical energy into electrical

energy, a rectifier which converts ac voltage to dc, a controllable dc-dc converter to trace the maximum power point, a battery is charged and discharged through directional converter.

VII. RESULTS AND FUTURE SCOPE OF WORK

A. Results:

Figure 4 shows the system Matlab simulink model. Figure 5- 7 shows the important output waveforms.

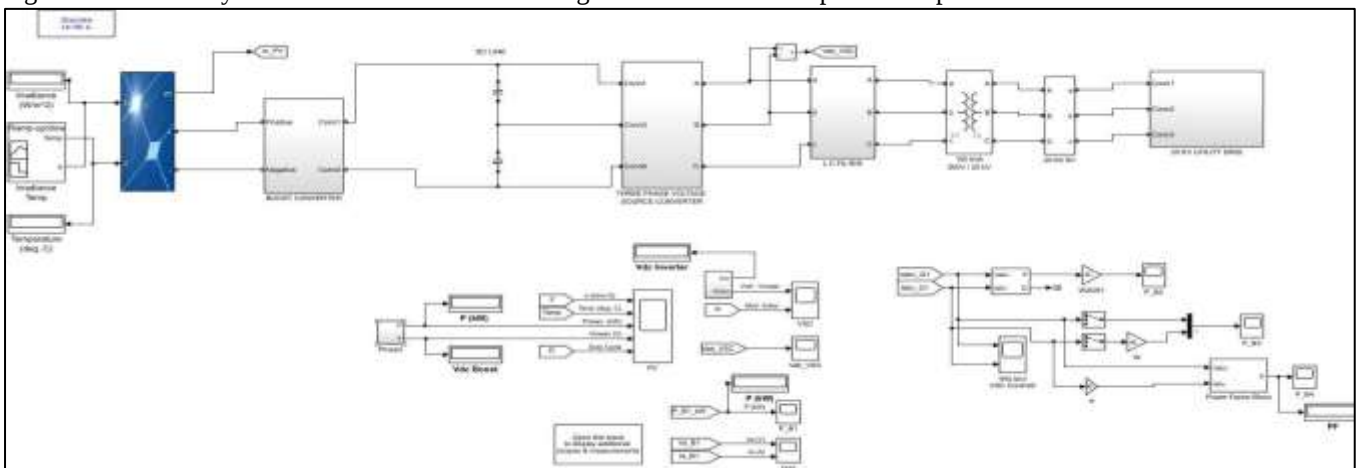


Fig. 4: Simulink model

B. Simulation results of PV module

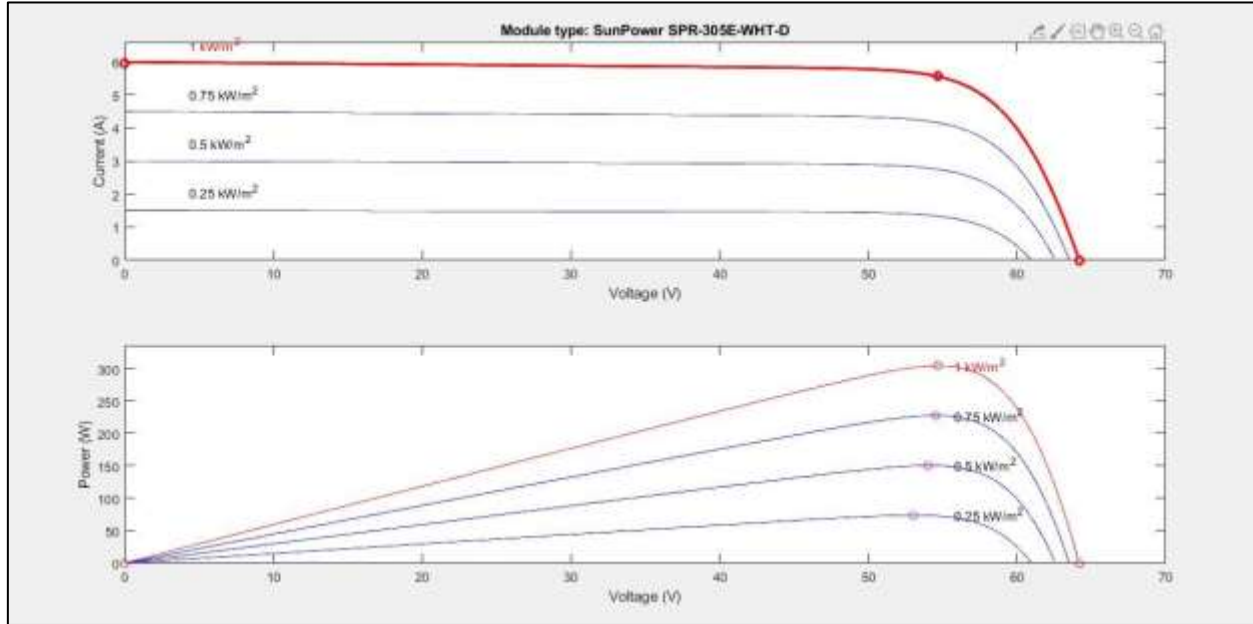


Fig. 5: (a) Current-voltage (I-V) characteristics of PV array. (b) Power-voltage (P-V) characteristics of PV array. Performance of PV station during variation of the solar irradiance is shown in figure 6.

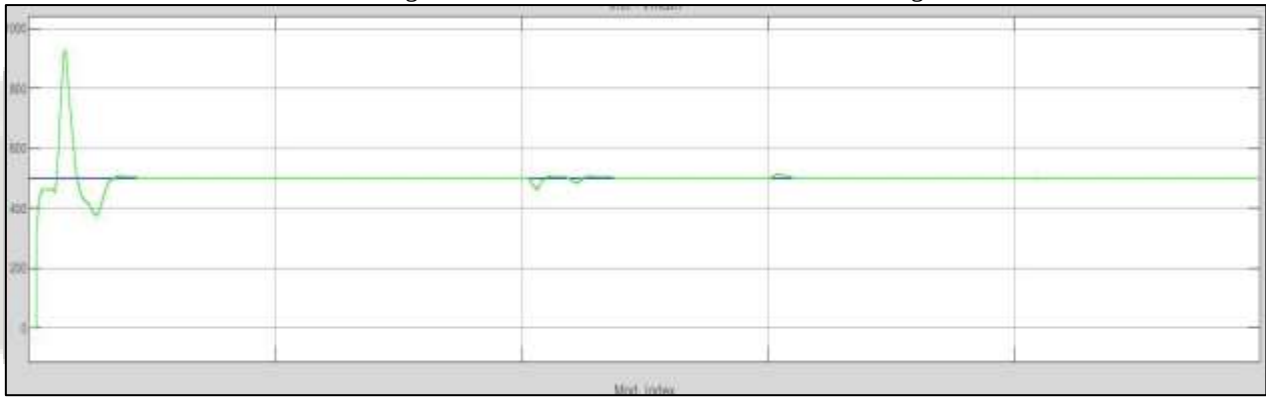


Fig. 6(a): PV DC-link Voltage.

Performance of wind farm during constant wind speed is shown in figure 7(a) -7(c).

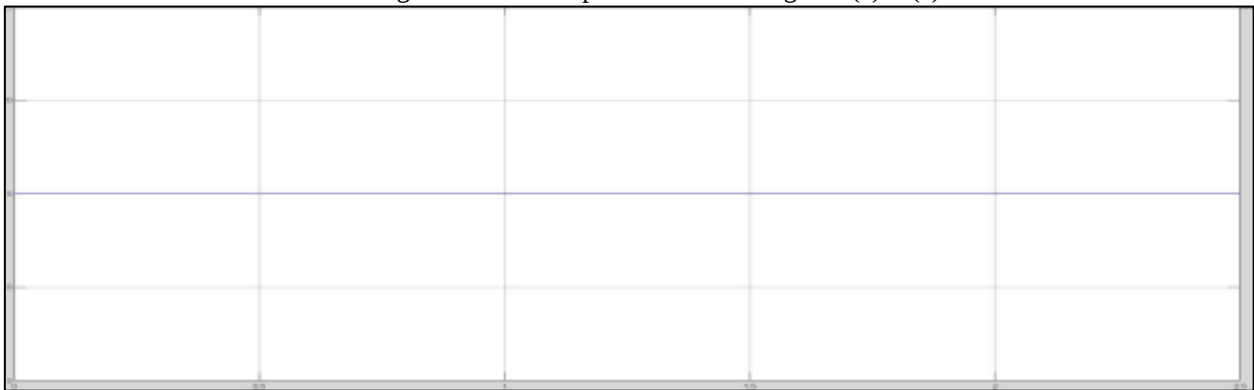


Fig. 7(a): Wind speed profile.

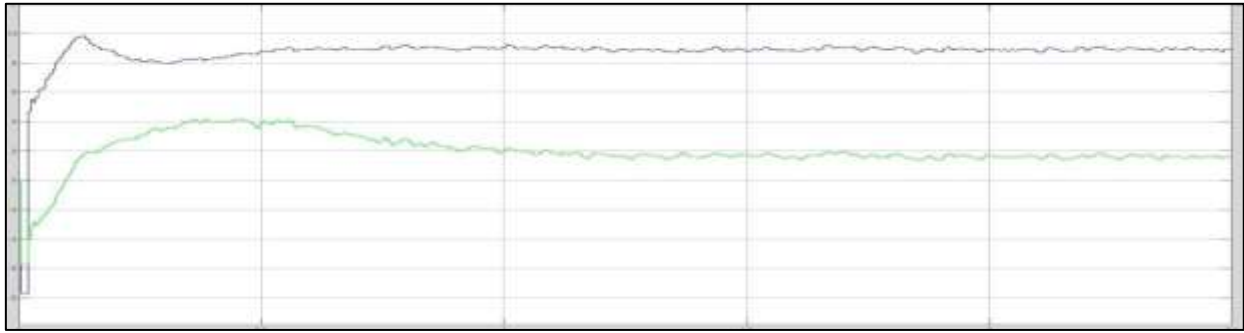


Fig. 7(b): Injected active and reactive power from the wind farm.

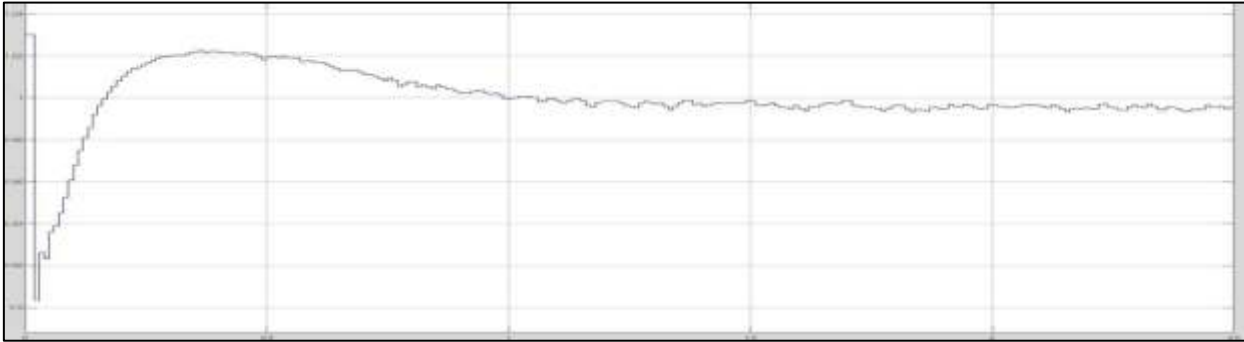


Fig. 7(c): The power factor of the wind farm.

VIII. CONCLUSIONS

- 1) PV cell, module and array are simulated and effect of environmental conditions on their characteristics is studied.
- 2) Wind energy system has been studied and simulated
- 3) Maximum power point of operation is tracked for both the systems using P&O algorithm
- 4) Both the systems are integrated and the hybrid system is used for battery charging and discharging

IX. FUTURE SCOPE

- 1) MPP can be tracked using different algorithms(e.g. intelligent MPPT)
- 2) Battery charge controller can be designed for more reliable operation and better battery life.

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