

Using MATLAB Simulink, design and simulation of a fuzzy logic controller-based MPPT for a PV module

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Abstract—This work describes the use of Matlab-Simulink and a fuzzy logic controller to enhance the maximum power point tracking (MPPT) of a PV system. The KD230GX-LFB PV Module makes up the system. For the PV system to run at its maximum PowerPoint, the DC-DC boost converter circuit controller raises the voltage. This makes the PV system more effective. The fuzzy system is also less difficult to combine with the Matlab software. Under varying sun irradiance and temperature modules, the performance of the suggested technique has been simulated in Matlab-Simulink.

Keywords—Boostconverter,MPPT,FuzzyLogic

I. INTRODUCTION

Solar energy is now the most popular renewable energy source. Solar power is a clean, limitless source of energy. There are two different ways of solar energy consumption. Electricity was mostly produced by solar energy. However, it was employed to generate heat (Drying technology and hot water production technology). PV cells are the name for the solar energy technology used to produce electricity [1-3]. Solar cell technology hasn't, however, been fully employed. The majority of the issues are climate-related. The primary source of energy for the solar cells will be sunshine. The capacity to generate energy is diminished by the varying light intensity throughout the day. Solar cells hence require maximal power tracking [4-5]. Today, a variety of peak power tracking methods, such as voltage configuration and current configuration, are accessible, each with a different set of outcomes. The system can nevertheless trace the peak power using these approaches, but to a lesser extent [6-9]. A computational discipline known as fuzzy logic has seen a rise in popularity in computer science and has been used in a wide range of applications, including several studies involving tracking [10-13]. It will be more effective to monitor the solar cells' maximum power. This is so that the system can automatically adapt to the environment as it changes thanks to the fuzzy algorithm. Additionally, it makes more shrewd choices. In order to better understand the design and

modelling of PV cells, our research focused on the KD230GX-LFB. The effectiveness of the solar system's power tracking was enhanced using Matlab Simulink.

II. FUNDAMENTAL THEORIES RELATED TO RESEARCH

A. PV System

Based on a P-N junction, which resembles a diode structurally, solar cell's function. A solar cell thus faces the same current and voltage effects as a diode even if it is not activated by light. A hole forms in the valence band and free electrons arise in the conduction band when light strikes the connection. Electrons will flow to the right, against the electric field, as a result of the potential wall's effect on the electric field. The hole moves in the same direction as the electric field, to the left. If a suitable power source or load is supplied, this may cause an external current to flow [14]. The production of power in a solar cell is seen in Figure 1.

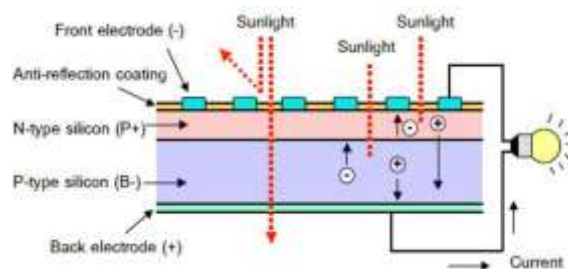


Fig1. The generation of electricity in solar cells [14]

The operational point that the electric load imposes determines the PV power output. Therefore, a sophisticated control approach is required to enhance efficiency and produce the most power from the PV cell. Therefore, the Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) was employed to increase the PV cells' efficiency. Additionally, the MPPT technique is used to operate the PV system, which results in a high-power output [15]. I-V, P-V, and MPP curve characteristics are displayed in Figure 2.

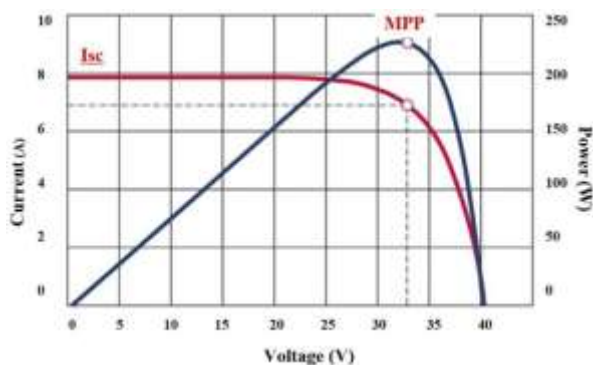


Fig2.I-V and P-V Characteristic curves of PV cells 250W [15].

$$L_{\min} = \frac{(1-D)^2 DR}{2f} \quad (1)$$

The minimum value of the filter capacitance (C_{\min}) that results in the voltage ripple V_r is given by

$$C_{\min} = \frac{DV_O}{V_r R_f} \quad (2)$$

C. Fuzzy Logic

Fuzzy logic (FL) is a methodology designed to allow computers to reason similar to human reasoning. For making decisions that are not just YES and NO. Computers usually return TRUE and FALSE answers, and humans tend to have clear answers YES and NO. However, human responses may not be YES and NO, but maybe expressed as Level values, such as low, medium, or very high, are called "Linguistic values." If we look back at computers in general, besides returning TRUE and FALSE, we can also return numeric values, such as true integers, etc. Therefore, we can continue to apply this knowledge [20-22]. An Architecture of a Fuzzy Logic System is shown in Figure 5.

B. Boost Converter

The Step-up converter circuit, also known as Boost converter, is a circuit to increase the voltage to suit the application [16]. The structure of the circuit is shown in Figure 3; the boost converter has few components, which makes its structure reliable and straightforward [17].

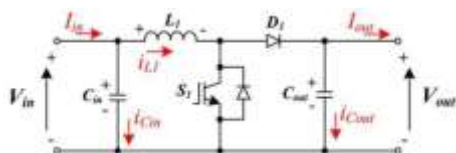


Fig3. Boost Converter Equivalent Circuit [16]

The input voltage source (V_{in}) of the boost converter is connected to an inductor (L_1), and a capacitor (C_{in}) is connected in parallel. The solid-state device, which operates as a switch (S_1), is connected across the source (S_1 in boost converter circuit uses a MOSFET or IGBT). The second switch used is a diode (D_1). The diode is connected to a capacitor (C_{out}), and the load is connected in parallel, as shown in Figure 4 [18].

The operation of the boost converter (Boost Converter) in each mode (Mode) working according to the switch's on-off switch is as follows.

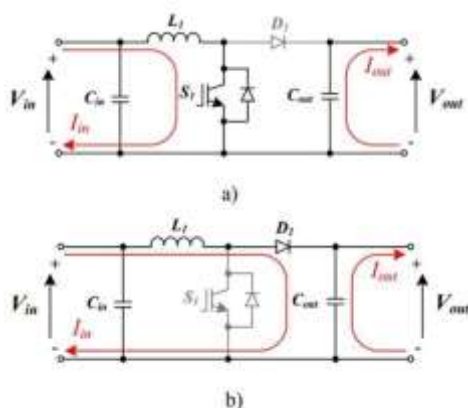


Fig4. Boost converter a) when S_1 is on and b) when S_1 is off

Figure 4-a shows that when the boost converter is on-state (switch S_1 is on), the current in the boost inductor increases linearly, and the diode D_1 is off at that time. Figure 4-b shows that when the boost converter is off-state (S_1 is turned off), the energy stored in the inductor is released through the diode to the output RC circuit [19].

Determination of the most negligible inductance (L_{\min}) of a boost converter circuit is shown in equation 1.

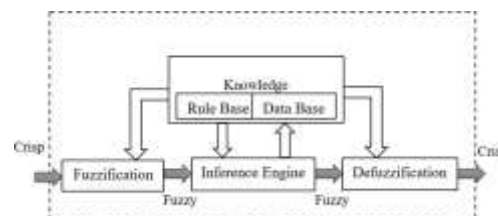


Fig5. An Architecture of Fuzzy Logic System [20]

III. DESIGN AND SIMULATION

The fuzzy Logic controller is designed to track the maximum power point of the PV cells under changing weather conditions. Fast-changing solar radiation is taken into account while designing a fuzzy rules base. In this work, only the simulation part was presented by simulation through the Matlab program.

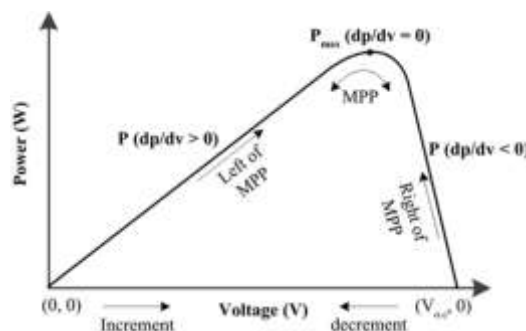


Fig6. The concept principle of MPPT fuzzy logic controller [23]

Five fuzzy logic levels are used for all input and output variables: NB is Negative big, NS is Negative small, ZE is Zero, PS is Positive big and, PB is Positive small. A rule base used in the fuzzy logic controller is shown in Table 1.

Figure 7 shows a functional diagram of a fuzzy logic controller algorithm to track the maximum power of an MPPT solar cell.

TABLE I. RULEBASEUSEDINTHEFUZZYLOGICCONTROLLER

$\Delta V \backslash \Delta P$	NB	NS	ZE	PS	PB
NB	PB	PS	NB	NS	NS
NS	PS	PS	NB	NS	NS
ZE	NS	NS	NS	PB	PB
PS	NS	PB	PS	NB	PB
PB	NB	NB	PB	PS	PB

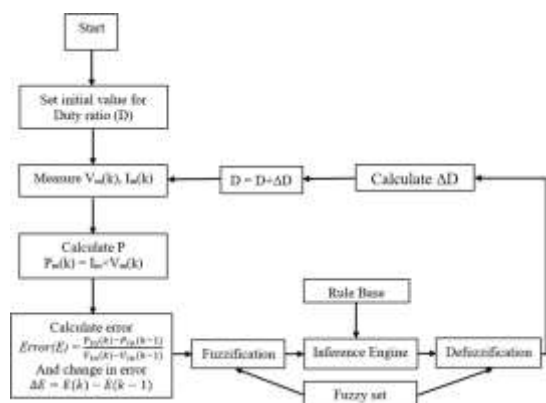


Fig7.Flowchartoffuzzylogiccontrolleralgorithm MPPT[24]

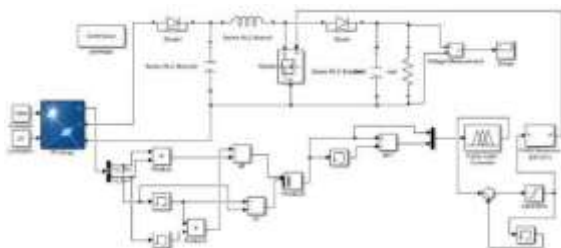


Fig.8ProposedfuzzylogiccontrolbasedMPPTin MATLAB/Simulink

The inputs of the Fuzzy logic controller system are the output voltage of the PV cells (ΔV) and output power of the PV cells ΔP that change each time, which be related to the modulation signal used to the Pulse Width Modulation modulator to produce the pulses switching in DC-DC boost converter. The Proposed fuzzy logic control-based MPPT in MATLAB/Simulink is shown in Figure 8, and Figure 9 shows the surface viewer of the Fuzzy rule.

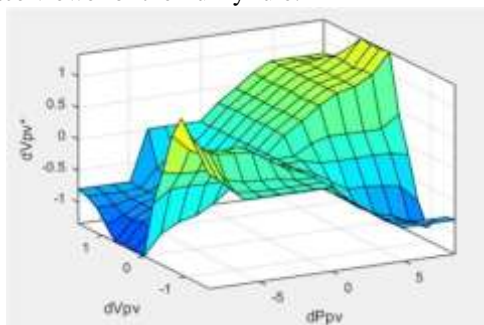
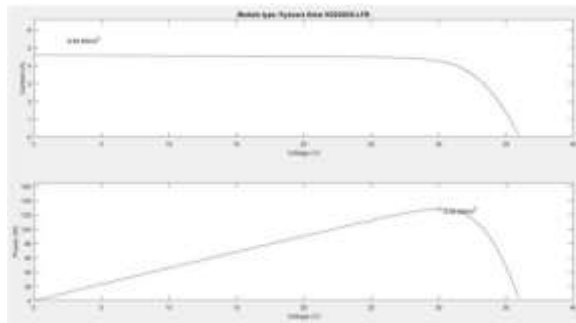


Fig9.ThesurfacevieweroftheMPPTFuzzyrule.

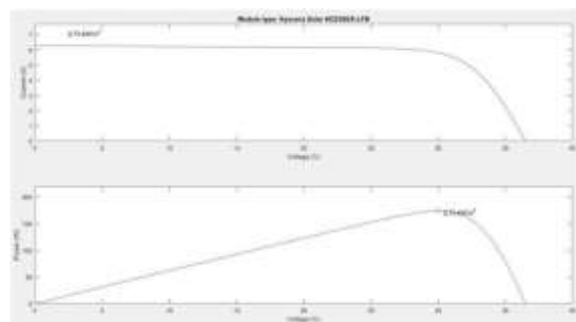
IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This research improves a PV system's maximum power point tracking (MPPT) with a fuzzy logic controller using

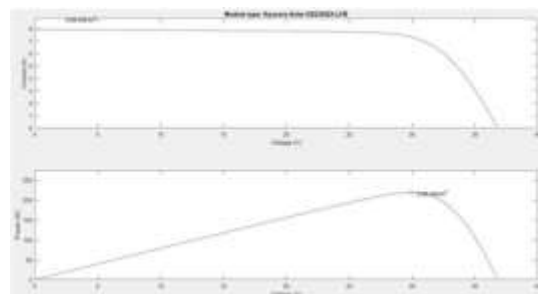
Matlab-Simulink. The maximum power tracking MPPT system works by, the PV output power is monitored, compared to the voltage, and then corrected for which power is the best that the PV module can produce to charge the voltage and convert it to a voltage, that is best to get the maximum PV current. The experimental result simulates the PV cells' output power, current, and voltage output.



a.) 550 W/m²



b.) 750 W/m²



c.) 950 W/m²

Fig.10 I-V and P-V curve of PV at different solar irradiance

Energy gained by the proposed technique is giving better efficiency than the conventional technique. Figure 10 a-e show the performance of the PV system using a Fuzzy logic controller under changing solar irradiance. The irradiance values are a.) 550, b.) 750, and c.) 950 W/m², respectively.

TABLE II. MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY OF THE POWER TRACKING CIRCUIT WITH A FUZZY LOGIC CONTROLLER.

No.	Irradiance (W/m²)	Temperature (°C)	Power Output (W)	Efficiency (η)
1	1000	30	196.09	85.26
2	1000	50	176.08	76.56

Table 2 shows the efficiency of PV module MPPT fuzzy logic controller simulation using Matlab Simulink. Performance was measured with temperature settings in two cases: 30 degrees and 50 degrees, and irradiation at 1000 W/m². The simulation result shows that the circuit efficiency is 85.26% at 30 degrees, and the circuit efficiency is 76.56% at 50 degrees, respectively.

V. CONCLUSION

The instability of solar radiation at different times results in insufficient power from the photovoltaic power generation system. Therefore, PV systems require a maximum power point tracking (MPPT) system. In this article, the Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) controller is a fuzzy logic control to identify MPPs. The fuzzy logic controls are presented and used in a Matlab-Simulink environment. Then the boost converter circuit increases the voltage of the PV system for the PV to produce maximum power.

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