



Design And Simulation Of A Grid-Connected Solar PV System For Residential Applications Using MATLAB/Simulink

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Abstract: This paper explores the design and simulation of a solar PV system for home use, using MATLAB/Simulink. The system includes a PV panel, a boost converter to increase voltage, an inverter to convert DC to AC power, a passive filter to ensure clean power, and a variable load. We simulate how well this system performs in real-world conditions, focusing on how efficiently it generates power and integrates with the grid. The results show that this setup effectively meets residential energy needs and helps maintain grid stability, offering a practical solution for sustainable home energy.

Index Terms - Solar PV System, MATLAB/Simulink, Grid-Connected, Boost Converter, Inverter, Passive Filter, Residential Energy, Power Simulation, Efficiency, Load Analysis.

I. INTRODUCTION

As the demand for sustainable energy solutions grows, solar photovoltaic (PV) systems have emerged as a viable option for residential energy needs. This paper focuses on the design and simulation of a grid-connected solar PV system using MATLAB/Simulink. Our system integrates a PV panel, a boost converter, an inverter, a passive filter, and a variable load to efficiently harness solar energy and deliver it to the grid. The boost converter steps up the voltage from the PV panel, while the inverter converts the DC power to AC, making it suitable for home use and grid integration. The passive filter ensures that the power remains clean and stable, minimizing interference. By simulating this system, we aim to evaluate its performance in real-world scenarios, assessing its efficiency, power output, and overall effectiveness in enhancing residential energy solutions and contributing to grid stability.

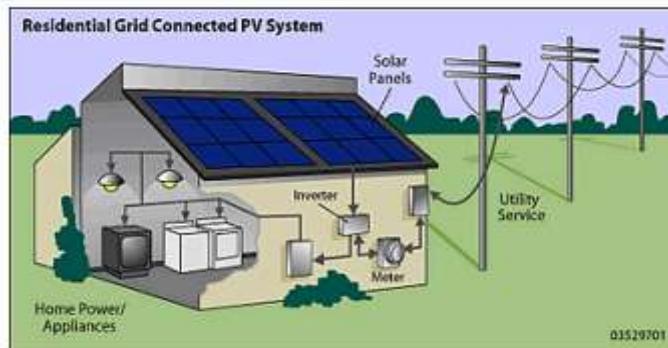


Figure 1. Residential Grid tied PV System

II. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Residential solar PV systems often face challenges such as voltage mismatches, inefficient power conversion, and poor power quality. These issues can reduce the system's effectiveness and affect grid stability.

III. OBJECTIVES

1. Design a grid-connected solar PV system using MATLAB/Simulink.
2. Implement a boost converter to match PV panel voltage with grid requirements.
3. Develop an inverter for efficient DC to AC power conversion.
4. Add a passive filter to ensure clean and stable AC power.
5. Simulate and evaluate the system's performance and grid integration.

IV. METHODOLOGY

The circuit design for the grid-connected solar PV system integrates several key components to optimize energy generation and ensure stable power delivery to the home and grid.

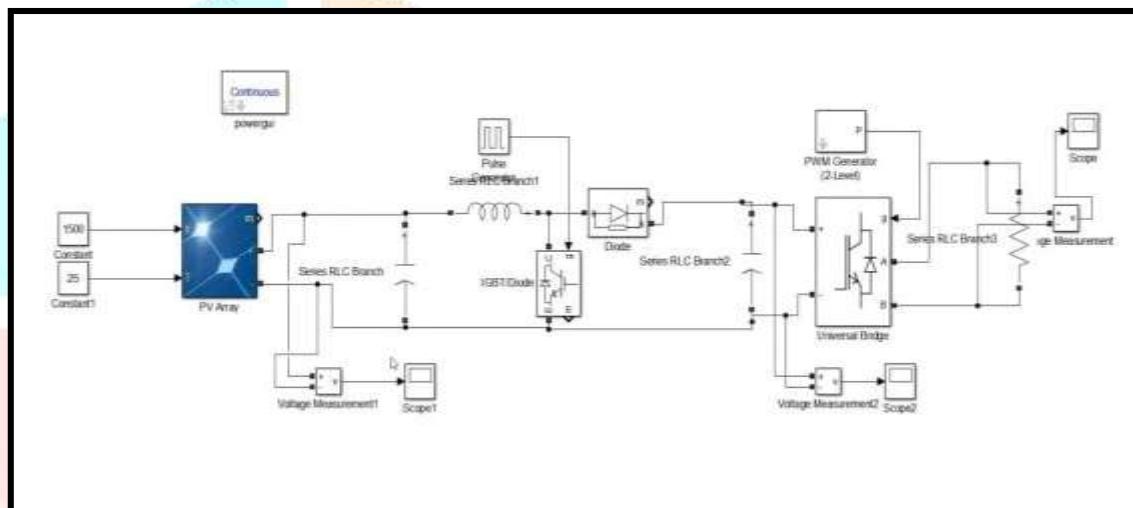


Figure 2. Simulink model of Solar PV

1. **Solar PV Panel:** The system starts with the solar PV panel, which captures sunlight and converts it into direct current (DC) electricity. The output voltage of the PV panel can vary depending on sunlight conditions, so effective management is crucial.
2. **Boost Converter:** To match the voltage of the PV panel with the requirements of the grid and the inverter, a boost converter is employed. The boost converter steps up the DC voltage from the PV panel to a higher level that is suitable for grid integration. It regulates the voltage and ensures that the energy generated is efficiently utilized.
3. **Inverter:** The DC power output from the boost converter is fed into an inverter. The inverter's role is to convert the high-voltage DC power into alternating current (AC) power, which is compatible with household appliances and the electrical grid. It ensures the AC power has the correct frequency and voltage for residential use.
4. **Passive Filter:** To improve the quality of the AC power and reduce harmonics or electrical noise introduced by the inverter, a passive filter is used. This filter smooths out any distortions in the AC signal, providing clean and stable power to both the home and the grid.
5. **Load:** The load represents the home's electrical appliances and systems. The power output from the inverter is supplied to the load, meeting the home's energy needs. Any excess power generated can be fed back into the grid, depending on the system's configuration and local regulations.

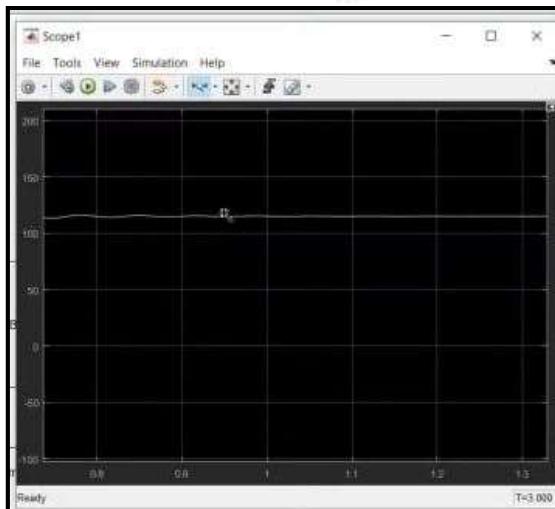
6. **Grid Connection:** The final stage involves connecting the system to the grid. The design ensures that power can be safely and effectively delivered to the grid, contributing to overall grid stability and efficiency.

V. DESIGN:

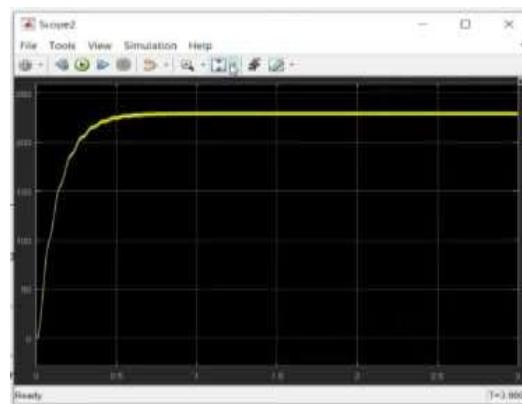
- Residential solar PV systems often encounter issues related to variable solar irradiance and temperature, which can affect efficiency and power output. Specifically, with an irradiance of 1500 W/m² and a temperature of 25°C, optimizing the performance of a system with 20 parallel strings of PV panels generating a maximum power of 213.5 W and delivering 120V DC is crucial. This paper aims to design a grid-connected solar PV system using MATLAB/Simulink to address these challenges. The objectives include configuring the system for optimal voltage adaptation using a boost converter, ensuring efficient DC to AC conversion with an inverter, incorporating a passive filter for clean power delivery, and evaluating the system's overall performance and grid integration under various conditions.
- A 0.006 F capacitor is used in the design to reduce ripple and stabilize the DC voltage output from the PV.
- The boost converter in the system takes a 120V DC input from the PV panels and steps it up to 240V DC. This process is controlled by a pulse generator operating at a frequency of 1500 Hz (1/1500 seconds) and a Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) duty cycle of 50%. The PWM controls the switching of the converter, ensuring efficient voltage conversion and maintaining a stable 240V DC output.
- The inverter receives 240V DC from the boost converter and converts it into 240V AC. It operates with the same Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) signal used by the boost converter to maintain consistent power quality. By synchronizing with the boost converter's PWM, the inverter ensures smooth and stable AC output suitable for residential use and grid integration.
- The inverter's output is initially a pulsated AC waveform. To smooth and transform this waveform into a clean, sinusoidal signal, a passive LC filter circuit is used. This filter, consisting of an inductor (L) and capacitor (C), removes high-frequency harmonics and reduces ripple, resulting in a stable and pure sinusoidal AC output suitable for residential use and grid integration.

VI. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

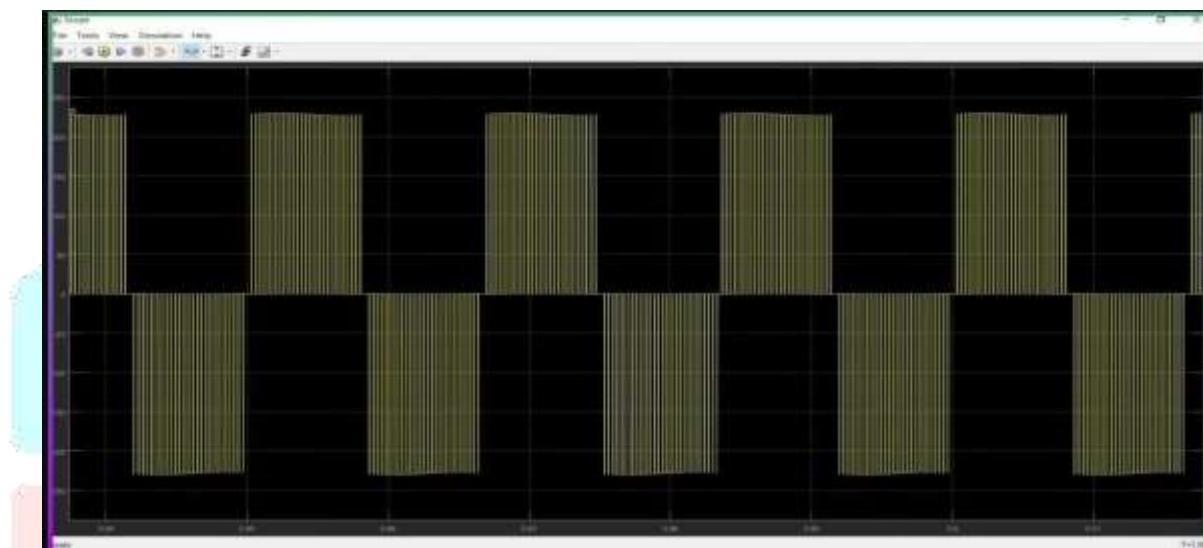
- The output of the solar PV system is 120V DC with a maximum power of 213.5W and a current of approximately 1.78A.



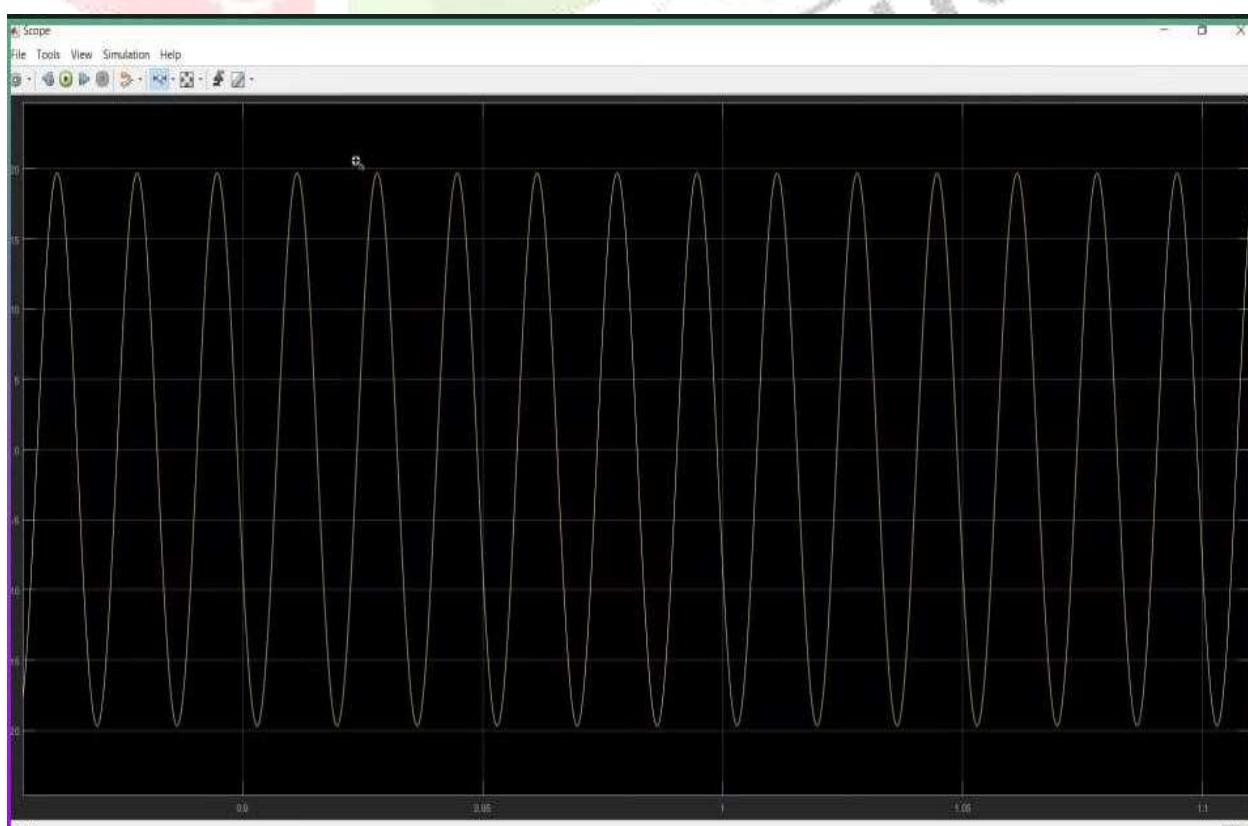
- The output from the boost converter is 240V DC.



- The output of the inverter is a pulsated AC waveform.



- The output of the inverter is a pulsated AC waveform, which is smoothed and transformed into a clean, sinusoidal AC signal by the passive LC filter.



- Table summarizing the key outputs at different stages of your solar PV system:

Component	Input	Output	Description
PV Panels	Sunlight	120V DC, 213.5W	Generates DC power from sunlight.
Boost Converter	120V DC	240V DC	Steps up the DC voltage to 240V DC.
Inverter	240V DC	Pulsated AC	Converts DC to pulsated AC voltage.
Passive Filter	Pulsated AC	Sine Wave AC	Smooths the pulsated AC into a clean, sinusoidal waveform.

VII.CONCLUSION:

In this study, a grid-connected solar PV system was designed and simulated using MATLAB/Simulink. The system successfully converted 120V DC from the PV panels to 240V DC using a boost converter and then to pulsated AC with an inverter. A passive LC filter was employed to smooth the pulsated AC into a clean, sinusoidal waveform suitable for residential use and grid integration. The results demonstrate the effectiveness of the system in managing power conversion and maintaining stability.

VIII.FUTURE SCOPE:

Future work could explore integrating advanced MPPT (Maximum Power Point Tracking) algorithms to optimize energy capture under varying environmental conditions. Additionally, incorporating digital control techniques could enhance the efficiency and responsiveness of the boost converter and inverter. Research into more sophisticated filters and energy storage solutions could further improve system reliability and performance, making solar PV systems more adaptable to diverse residential and grid requirements.

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X.Appendix

A. System Design Details

A.1. PV Panel Specifications

- Irradiance:** 1500 W/m²
- Temperature:** 25°C
- Output Voltage:** 120V DC
- Maximum Power:** 213.5W
- Number of Parallel Strings:** 20

A.2. Boost Converter Parameters

- **Input Voltage:** 120V DC
- **Output Voltage:** 240V DC
- **Pulse Generator Frequency:** 1500 Hz (Period: 1/1500 seconds)
- **PWM Duty Cycle:** 50%

A.3. Inverter Specifications

- **Input Voltage:** 240V DC
- **Output:** Pulsated AC
- **PWM Control:** Matches boost converter PWM signal

A.4. Passive LC Filter Design

- **Filter Type:** Passive LC Filter
- **Components:**
 - **Inductor (L):** [Specify value, e.g., 1 mH]
 - **Capacitor (C):** 0.006 F
- **Purpose:** Smooth pulsated AC to a sinusoidal waveform

A.5. MATLAB/Simulink Model

- **Components Included:**
 - PV Panel Model
 - Boost Converter Block
 - Inverter Block
 - Passive LC Filter Block
 - Load and Grid Connection Models
- **Simulation Conditions:**
 - **Irradiance:** Variable (1500 W/m² as standard)
 - **Temperature:** 25°C

A.6. Simulation Results

- **Graphical Representations:**
 - Voltage and Current Waveforms at Different Stages
 - Efficiency and Performance Metrics
- **Tables:**
 - Output Power and Voltage at Each Component
 - Ripple Reduction Analysis

A.7. Additional Calculations

- **Current Calculation for PV Panels:**
 - Formula: $I = \frac{P}{V} = \frac{213.5}{120} \approx 1.78 \text{ A}$
 - Example: $I = \frac{213.5}{120} \approx 1.78 \text{ A}$

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