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A Novel Fuzzy Based Modeling & Designing Of A Stand Alone Distributed Generation- Storage System In Microgrids

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Abstract: A control algorithm for a standalone solar photo-voltaic (PV)-diesel-battery hybrid system with FUZZY is implemented in this paper. The proposed system deals with the intermittent nature of the energy generated by the PV array and it also provides power quality improvement. The MPPT controller is employed to achieve the maximum power point (MPP) for photovoltaic (PV) panels. The PV array is integrated through a dc–dc boost converter and is controlled using a maximum power point tracking algorithm to obtain the maximum power under varying operating conditions. The battery energy storage system (BESS) is integrated into the diesel engine generator set for the coordinated load management and power flow within the system. Solar photovoltaic (PV) system has gained its own importance in global electrical power generation. PV system may be connected in standalone mode. The intermediate stages present between solar PV system and load is the boost converter with maximum power point (MPP) tracking controller and the inverter with different control techniques. The present work explains about a solar PV system of two stage configuration simulated in standalone mode with simple proportional-integral (PI) controller and fuzzy logic controller (FLC) to regulate dc output voltage. The behavior of PV system has been observed with switching on of an load for a stipulated time period. The performance of solar PV system under disparate running conditions and its associated power curves were presented.

Index Terms: FLC-based fuzzy control algorithm, battery energy storage system (BESS), diesel generator (DG) set, four-leg voltage-source converter (VSC), neutral current compensation, power quality, solar photovoltaic (PV) array, standalone system.

I. INTRODUCTION

A global transition to renewable energy resources is well suited to meet the need for power in remote areas, which lack grid and road infrastructure. The support for the use of renewable energy resources is increasing as global warming is a major environmental concern, and it offers an alternative for future energy supply. Among the available renewable energy resources, solar photovoltaic (PV) power generation is gaining wide acceptance, and it is used for various applications such as household appliances, remote missions, data communications, telecommunication systems, hospitals, electric aircraft, and solar cars. The utilization of the PV power generation is for the reason that it has many advantages such as it gives clean power, is portable in nature, and can be employed for various small-scale applications. However, considering the large fluctuations in the output of PV power, it is imperative to integrate other power sources like a diesel generator (DG) set, battery storage, fuel cells, etc. [2,3] Due to reserve of fossil fuel dwindling and the global warming effect looming large, alternative energies become popular. The most attention of alternative energies is solar energy. There are two types of technology that employed solar energy, namely solar thermal and solar cell. A PV cell (solar cell) converts the sunlight into the electrical energy by the photovoltaic effect. Energy from PV modules offers several advantages, such as, requirement of little maintenance and no environmental pollution. Recently, PV arrays are used in many applications, such as, battery chargers, solar powered water pumping systems, grid connected PV systems, solar hybrid vehicles and satellite power systems. Since PV module has nonlinear characteristics, it is necessary to model it for the design and simulation of maximum power point tracking (MPPT) for PV system applications [1]. The performance analysis of standalone systems with PV- and DG-based sources is given in. The design and operation of standalone DG-SPV-battery energy storage (BES) using a peak detection based control approach [4]

An enhanced phase-locked loop (EPLL)-based control approach is shown, wherein three EPLLs are used for extraction of fundamental active and reactive power components of load currents. However, only simulation studies are presented. A composite observer-based control approach for standalone PV-DG-based system is used. However, the authors have provided experimental results, but the control approach is complex and requires tuning of internal parameters [5]. Moreover, a detailed experimental study is used to demonstrate all the features of the system. The proposed system consists of a diesel-engine-driven permanent magnet

synchronous generator (PMSG), PV array, and BES. This microgrid is a representative of a typical rural hospital power supply system which needs to ensure uninterrupted constant power supply for 24×7 h. Therefore, the PMSG driven by a diesel engine ensures regulated power supply. In order to maintain the efficiency and to reduce the maintenance cost, the DG set is made to operate at 80–100% of its full capacity. This is because, under light-load conditions, the efficiency reduces and the maintenance cost also increases as the DG set is subjected to carbon build up.[6]

According to the fuzzy model representation[7], [8], nonlinear systems can be described by IF–THEN fuzzy rules and is extensively applied to nonlinear systems. The advantages of FLC over conventional controllers are that they do not need an accurate mathematical model, they can work with imprecise inputs, can handle non-linearity, and more robust than conventional nonlinear controllers. The Mamdani type of fuzzy controller used for the control of dc link voltage gives better results as compared to the PI controller [9],[10] Fuzzy controllers use input fuzzy sets, any type of fuzzy logic, and the general defuzzifier, but the PI controller is difficult to adjust.

The major aim of this paper is to design and analyze control system for PV system in a two stage approach using FLC. In this paper, design of PV array is first discussed along with DC-DC boost converter, control algorithm for MPP i.e. perturb and observe algorithm, fuzzy logic controller to control dc bus. The validity and effectiveness of hybrid system is presented using simulation MATLAB environment, results developed and detailed analysis has been carried out.

II. ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSED HYBRID DISTRIBUTED GENERATION (DG) SYSTEM

Usually, to avoid these problems, the DG is operated by keeping a minimum loading of 80% by means of battery charging or the DG is made to turn ON/OFF depending upon the loading. However, the turn ON/OFF of the DG set is usually not recommended as.

- A. The load may vary frequently. Therefore, the repeated turn ON/OFF of DG increases the mechanical maintenance.
- B. The battery life reduces as the discharging current is high during transient periods. Besides, the PMSG driven by the diesel engine does not require a separate excitation control. The machine is robust, efficient, brushless construction, and with less maintenance. A battery energy storage system (BESS) is incorporated to provide load leveling in the case of variations in PV array output power. The BESS is considered as ideal energy storage for a standalone system as compared to compressed air, super capacitors, fly-wheels, pumped hydro, and superconducting magnetic storage. The implementation of a standalone system devised of PV array, DG set, and BESS intends to fulfill the following requirements
- C. To control the point of common coupling (PCC) voltage depending upon the solar irradiance variations, and load fluctuations and unbalances.
- D. There is no requirement for the measurement of load for turn ON/OFF of DG.
- E. The power quality of the system is improved by reducing the total harmonic distortion (THD) of PCC voltages and DG set currents under IEEE-519 standard.
- F. To effectively regulate power flow between source and load.
- G. The voltage-source converter (VSC) of BESS provides reactive power compensation and maintains the balanced DG currents. This reduces the vibration of shaft and over-heating of machines.

Nowadays, the rapid increase in the use of nonlinear loads such as computers, electronics appliances, medical equipment, refrigerators, etc., has emphasized the concern for power quality in the electrical distribution system. These loads inject harmonics and distort the current and voltage waveforms causing poor power quality problems. The possible provision for the mitigation of the power quality problems is with inclusion of custom power devices. Three-phase four-wire loads are also known to suffer from the problem of neutral current due to nonlinearity and unbalance present in the system. This may produce large amount of neutral current which consists of triplen harmonics. The neutral current may cause overloading of the distribution system and causes additional heat losses, which may be dangerous and poses a serious threat to the connected equipment. A four-leg VSC is used for neutral current compensation in addition to mitigate the current harmonics with other reported advantages. Additionally, the flexible operation of the system depends upon implementation of the various control strategies. Some of the control algorithms that have been applied for controlling are multi loop strategy, sliding-mode control, P controller-based technique, FLC-based control method, and enhanced phase locked technique. The authors have failed to discuss the power quality and reactive power compensation.

III. SYSTEM DESIGN AND CONFIGURATION

Integrated control of solar Photo Voltaic (PV) generators with the maximum power point tracking (MPPT) control and battery storage control is to be implemented to provide voltage and frequency (V-f) support to micro grid. A load change in a microgrid may

lead to imbalance and it also changes the output voltage and frequency of inverters. In order to stabilize the microgrid, an inverter control is to be developed to deal with loads on the system. The ac voltage is controlled in terms of amplitude and frequency. The loads are fluctuating and they are unbalanced in nature. Output power of PV always fluctuates because of weather condition and therefore combined operation of solar PV and Diesel Generator (DG) provides more reliable and feasible solution to supply power. PV-DG system momentarily results in frequency excursion and PCC voltage at point of common coupling (PCC) due to load changes. To avoid this battery can be integrated with PV-DG system. The effectiveness of the maximum power point tracking (MPPT) schemes reduces the inability to discriminate between the MPPT peak and other peaks due to shading. The intermittency issue arises while coupling microgrid to the utility grid such as voltage, frequency, active and reactive power control will be the challenging issues by enabling their energy exchange to utility grid. Fluctuations in output power due to weather conditions and partial shading are the common problems in PV system. Voltage and frequency of microgrids are strongly impressionable from the active and reactive load fluctuations. Operation of Photovoltaic system from its maximum power point (MPP) is to be incorporated to maintain real power balance of system by using equations (1), (2).

$$f - f_0 = -K(P - P_0) \quad (1)$$

$$V - V_0 = -K(Q - Q_0) \quad (2)$$

A. Photovoltaic array

Consider a PV panel array composed of solar cells arranged in an n_p -parallel, n_s -series configuration. Let v_{pv} and i_{pv} , respectively, denote the output voltage and current of the PV array. The voltage/current characteristic equation of the PV array can be described by a light-generated current source and a diode. If the internal shunt and series resistances are neglected, the output current of the PV array is given by (4). During the modeling of SPVA, two important points on V-I characteristics. The first one is open circuit voltage (V_{oc}) and the second is the short circuit current (I_{sc}). On both of these points the power generated by the PV array is zero. In this paper, single diode mathematical model for solar cell, given by equations.

This single cell model can be utilized for any configuration of array by multiplying required number of series and parallel cells. A suitable combination of parallel and series connected solar cells makes solar module and series and parallel connection of solar modules makes solar array. Further, the solar panels are connected in series to form solar string. When these solar strings are connected in parallel it makes solar multi string.

$$V_{pv} = \left(\frac{KT}{q} \right) \ln \left(\frac{I_{ph}}{I_{pv}} + 1 \right) \quad (3)$$

$$I_{pv} = I_d + I_{sc} + I \quad (4)$$

$$I = I_{ph} - I_s * e^{\left(\frac{V + I * R_s}{N * V_t} \right) - 1} - I_{s2} \left(e^{\left(\frac{V + I * R_s}{N_2 * V_t} \right) - 1} - \frac{(V + I * R_s)}{R_p} \right) \quad (5)$$

$$I_{ph} = I_{ph0} * \frac{I_r}{I_{r0}} \quad (6)$$

In above equations, I_{ph} represents photo diode current generated by solar cell; I_s is the saturation current of diode D; I_{sc} is the short circuit current; R_p is the shunt or parallel resistance inversely related to leakage current to the ground; R_s is the series resistance which signifies internal resistance to current flow and depends upon junction depth impurity and contact resistances. Internal losses are represented by R_s and R_{sh} , for an ideal cell R_s should be zero whereas R_{sh} should be infinite, k is Boltzmann's constant, q is the electron charge, T is the working temperature of the cell; V is output terminal voltage of solar cell. Here N_1 N_2 are number of series and parallel cell respectively.

B. Unification Of Pv Panel With Dc Converter

To adjust the PV array power, a dc/dc converter is connected to the PV array. The PV array is connected to the boost converter to meet the requirements. A MPPT controller is designed using P&O algorithm the function of this controller is to maintain the PV panel voltage at the point where maximum power is available. the maximum power point is maximized by the PV voltage and is dependent on various insolation and temperature.

The structure of DC-DC boost converter is consist energy storage element like inductor, capacitor and fast switching devices such as transistor and diodes. Appropriate values of the energy storage element can be find out by using equation(7, 8) based on desired output voltage required by the system.

$$\text{Boost inductor } L = \frac{(DV_{pv})}{(2f_{sh}\Delta V)} \quad (7)$$

$$\text{Boost capacitor } C = \frac{(DI_d)}{(f_{sh}\Delta V)} \quad (8)$$

Where V_{pv} , D , I_d , L , f_{sh} are Output voltage of PV panel, boost converter's Duty cycle, ripple Input current, current at Output ripple Output voltage and Switching frequency respectively, DC-DC boost converter has been used to steps-up input voltage. D is the duty ratio of the pulsewidth-modulated (PWM) signal to control the switching MOSFET and this ratio can be calculated by

$$\text{Duty ratio } D = 1 - \frac{V_{in}}{V_o} \quad (9)$$

Where V_{in} and V_o are input and output voltage respectively. From equation (9) it can be inferred that with the adjustment in duty ratio of boost converter, it can be electronically adjustable. With the control in switching moments of the transistor power provided at the end of the converter can be controlled. So by the control in power flow through the duty cycle adjustment output power will be constant even in case of load variation.

The function of DC side capacitor is to maintain DC link voltage and keep output voltage free from ripples and to provide active power during transients and behave as energy storage element. The value of DC link capacitor is based on three factors which are boost converter design, ripple current and instantaneous energy. DC link voltage should be greater than the twice of phase voltage of the system and dc capacitor voltage is given by equation (10)

$$\text{DC link capacitor voltage } V_{dc} = \frac{(2\sqrt{2}V_{LL})}{\sqrt{3}m} \quad (10)$$

c. design of ac inductor

AC inductance (L_{abc}) of VSC is decided by the various parameters like the ripple current L_{Li} , switching frequency f_s , modulation index (m), dc link voltage (V_{dc}) and overload factor (h) and the value of L can be select by (11)

$$\text{Ac inductor design } L_{abc} = \frac{(\sqrt{3}mV_{dc})}{\sqrt{3}m} \quad (11)$$

IV. STAND-ALONE HYBRID SYSTEM

The standalone system consists of a PV array along with a boost converter, maximum power point tracking (MPPT) controller, diesel-engine-driven PMSG, a four-leg VSC with BESS, and three-phase four-wire ac loads as shown in Fig. 1. The voltage at the PCC is restored by coordinating the reactive power through VSC control. Under varying conditions of generation and loads, BESS offers charging during the daytime when the insolation is large and the load is less. The battery discharges to compensate for any deficits. The DG set operates while maintaining the system frequency.

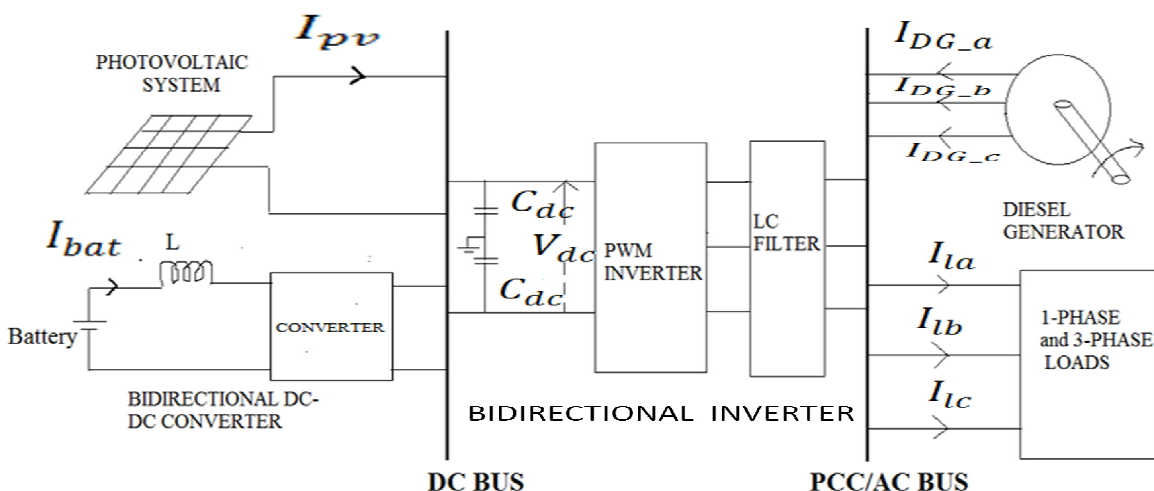


Fig.1. stand alone hybrid system

1) *PI control mode* :As the name suggests it is a combination of proportional and an integral controller the output (also called the actuating signal) is equal to the summation of proportional and integral of the error signal. Now let us analyze proportional and integral controller mathematically. As we know in a proportional and integral controller output is directly proportional to the summation of proportional of error and integration of the error signal.



In present work, PI controller and FLC is implemented in voltage regulator block to minimize the error produced and to maintain dc link voltage constant with changes in load. As shown in “Fig. 6”, FLC is implemented and its output voltage response has been compared with output response of model implemented by using traditional PI controller. FLC, a nonlinear controller has gained wide popularity because of its logical response to nonlinear behaviour of the input parameters. Mamdani and Tagachi-Sukeno (T-S) are two design methods available in FLC, of which Mamdani method is used in present model. The steps involved in FLC are fuzzification, rule base with fuzzy inference system and defuzzification process. Fuzzification process converts crisp input values into fuzzy membership values, then process it by fuzzy inference system as per rule base. De fuzzification process again converts back the fuzzy membership values into crisp output values. The input to FLC is error ‘e’ and change in error ‘ Δe ’ given.



The output of FLC is which is fed as reference d-axis current to current regulator block in order to control the active power to be produced by inverter A total of 25 fuzzy rules has been used, given in “Table 1” with linguistic variables like positive large (pl), positive compact (pc), zero (zo), negative compact (nc) and negative large (nl). The membership functions used at input and output of FLC in standalone mode.

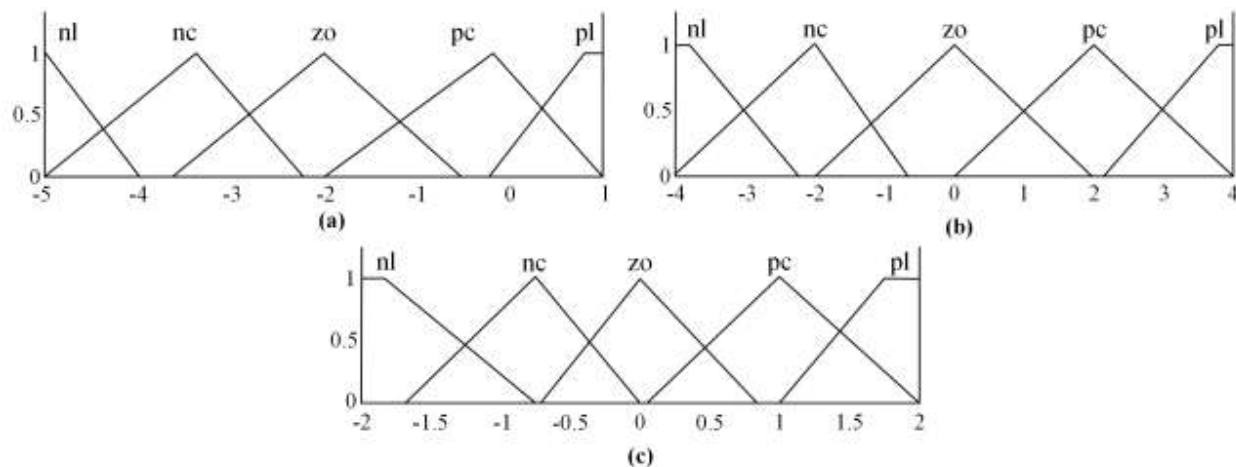


Fig. 4.Membership functions of FLC in standalone mode of operation at (a). Input ‘e’, (b). Input ‘ Δe ’, and (c). Output

		Δe				
		nl	nc	zo	pc	pl
e	nl	nl	nl	nc	nc	zo
	nc	nl	nc	nc	zo	pc
	zo	nc	nc	zo	pc	pc
	pc	nc	zo	pc	pc	pl
	pl	zo	pc	pc	pl	pl

Table 1.Fuzzy rule base matrix.

A PV array with power at output side of inverter in standalone mode have been simulated in MATLAB/SIMULINK platform. The parameters of KC200GT solar PV module was used in above work, as mentioned in [19] and its values are given in “Table 2”. In order to produce the required amount of power, the number of strings that has to be connected in parallel is given by NPP, whereas each string will consist of NSS number of series connected PV modules. The other parameters used in the implemented model of PV system is given in “Table 3”. The four models that has been simulated along with the variation in load are: PV system connected in standalone mode and grid connected mode with PI controller and FLC in Voltage Regulator block. In standalone mode, PV array has been modelled in such a way that it will be able to supply power when required by load. The behaviour of implemented model was observed at the output side of inverter while switching load from lower value to higher value and vice versa.

V_{oc}	32.9 V
I_{sc}	8.21 A
a	1.3
K_I	0.0032 A/K
R_s	0.221 Ω
R_p	415.405 Ω
N_s	54
k	$1.3806503 \times 10^{-23}$ J/K
q	$1.60217646 \times 10^{-19}$ C

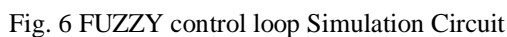
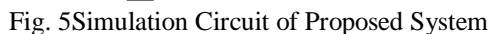


Table 3. Other parameters used in PV System

Inductance of Boost Converter L_b	0.5 H
DC Link Capacitance	0.012 F
Nominal DC bus voltage	500 V
Inductance of Filter L	125 μ H
Resistance of Filter R	3 m Ω
Transformer rating	25000/260 V, 200 KVA

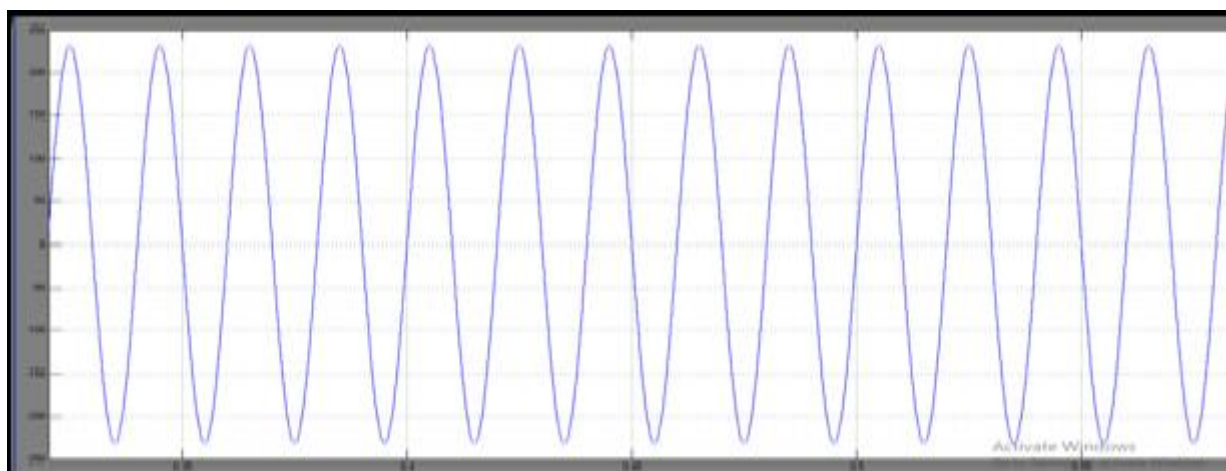


Fig. 8 single phase bus voltage of the Proposed FUZZY System

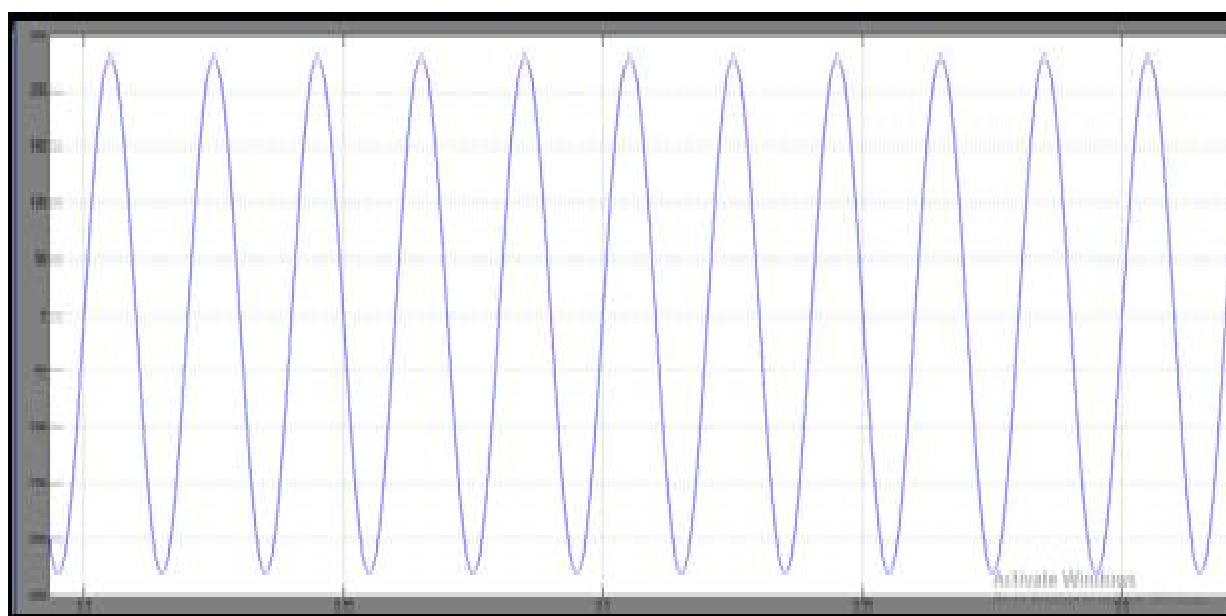


Fig. 9 single phase load voltage at the pv-battery system

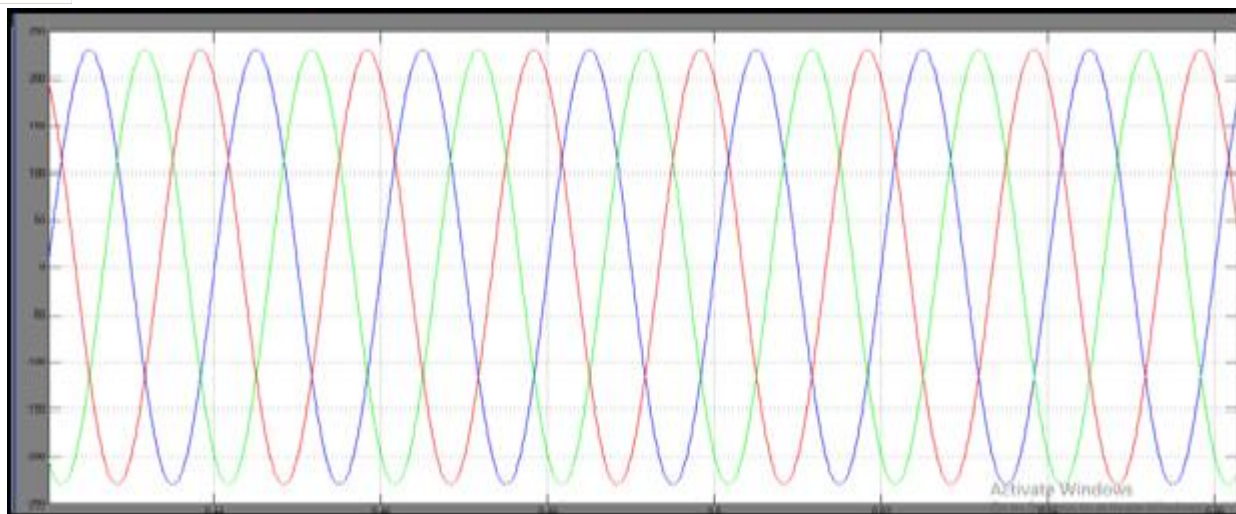


Fig. 10 Three phase standalone grid voltage

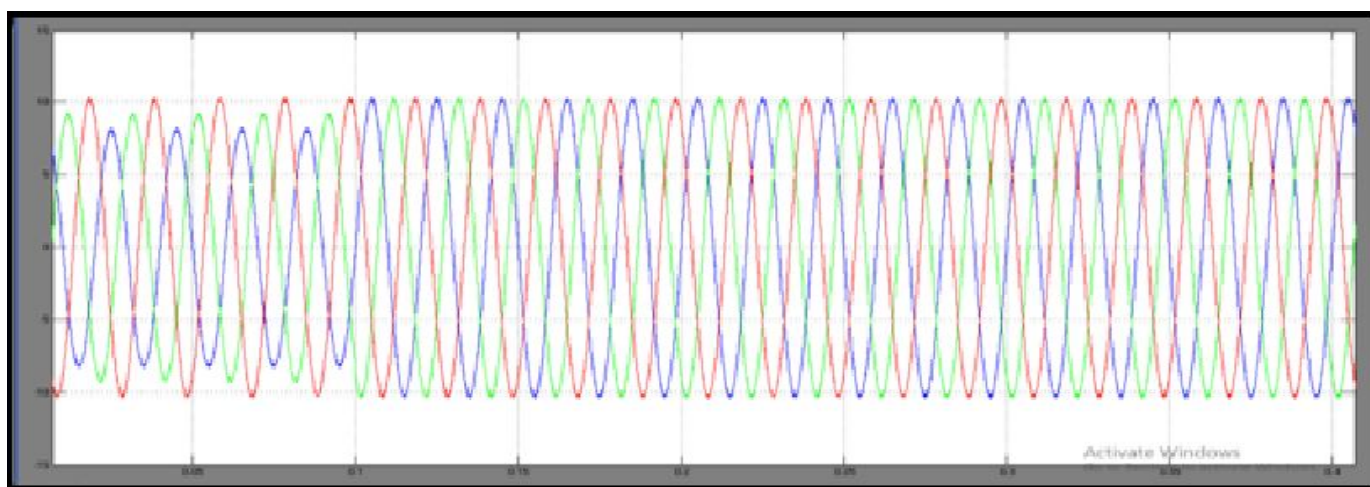


Fig. 11 Three phase standalone grid current

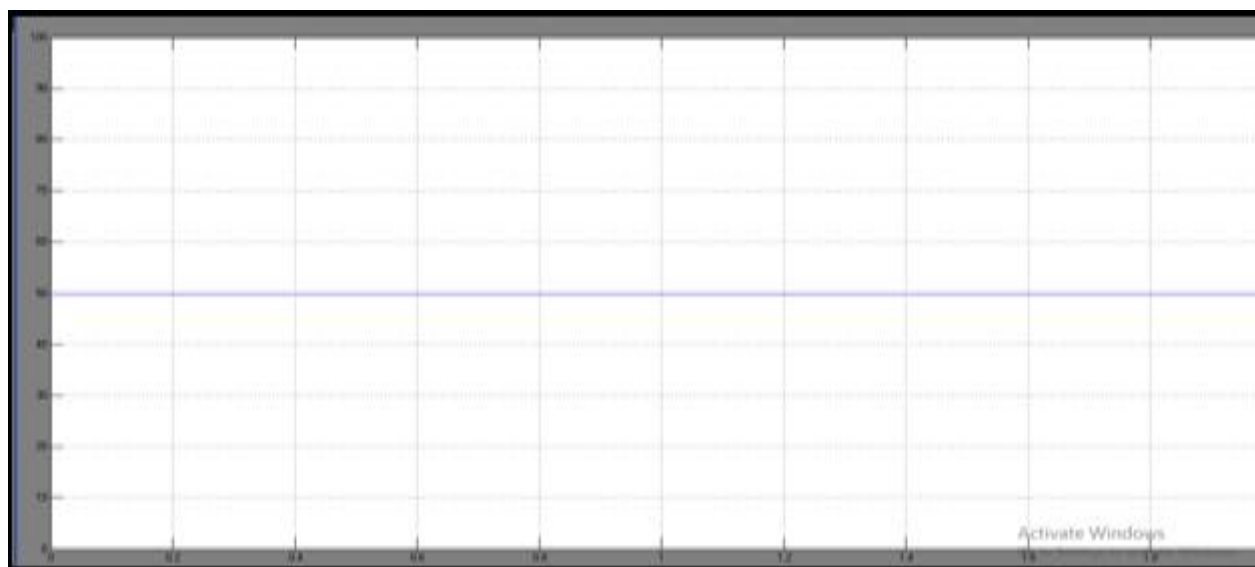


Fig. 12 Three phase standalone grid frequency

Type of model	Transient time in secs at different positions		
	At the instant of starting	When the additional load is switched on	When the additional load is switched off
I. Standalone mode of operation of PV system			
a. With PI controller in voltage regulator block	0.71	0.65	0.4
b. With FLC in voltage regulator block	0.25	0.3	0.1

Table 4 Comparison with two controllers

V. CONCLUSION

In this proposed system an intelligent FUZZY control algorithm of MPPT for the PV system is used to track the Maximum Power Point. This proposed method is implemented to reduce the drawbacks of the PI controller. An optimized control based on a hierarchical controller has been implemented for standalone hybrid power systems. The proposed method includes an control algorithm to achieve the MPP for different types of PV panels. This indicates the FUZZY-based model developed in this work can predict the MPP for a PV panel with high accuracy. Simulation results were obtained by developing a detailed dynamic hybrid system model. FLC voltage regulator limits the transient time with minimum time and it was found that the hybrid topology exhibits excellent performance under various operating conditions, and maintain the SOC between 40% - 80%.

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