



# IMPLEMENTATION OF MODIFIED SOLAR PANEL PHOTOVOLTAIC GRID CONNECTED PV SYSTEM

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**Abstract:** Photovoltaic (PV) generators are a good option for producing electricity in a decentralized and sustainable way. The development of enhanced power electronic interfaces and training of HQP is still in high demand. This paper discusses the digital implementation of the required control loops of a typical 2-stage PV interface using a low power renewable energy developer's kit (REK). Experimental results demonstrate the effectiveness of the selected techniques and implementation in steady-state and transient conditions.

**Keywords:** *renewable energy; PV inverter; digital control; MPPT; grid-connected; stand-alone.*

## INTRODUCTION

PV systems interfaces are based on power electronic converters [1], [2], [3]. They can be connected to the conventional utility grid or installed in autonomous (standalone) systems, also known as mini-grids. Since their required features can vary significantly, depending on the application, it is very convenient to use a flexible platform for controlling the power interfaces. A number of low-cost digital signal processors (DSPs) that present the resources necessary for implementing the control structure of PV inverters. One of them is the Texas Instruments C2000 family of microcontrollers with its enhanced peripheral set and optimized CPU core for control tasks.

Digital control logic for PV interfaces with similar systems have been presented in the literature, many do not provide experimental results [5]. This paper focuses on the digital implementation of the various control loops required for a typical storage-less 2-stage (DC-DC and DC-AC) PV interface using the TI Renewable Energy Developer's Kit. The control system comprises a maximum power point tracking (MPPT) algorithm that allows the boost DC-DC converter to draw the maximum amount of power available in a PV panel and that varies with the solar irradiance, cell temperature and so on [6]. A simple logic for preventing

overvoltage in the intermediate DC bus, when the load demand is low in the stand-alone mode or when the grid is

General Specifications Of the solar module are as follows:

Capacity of Plant: 100 KW

Cost of Plant: 79.49 Lacs INR

Daily Power Generation: 400-450 KWH (On Sunny Days)

Annual Power Generation: 1, 50,000 Units

**Solar PV module and Inverter** are two important constituents of the Photovoltaic energy system. Online real time access to the generation data and performance specifications is also available with help of interconnected local area network.

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It will be helpful in creating awareness in young minds present in University which acts as a hub for exchanging ideas, information and awareness in society for such initiatives of clean energy

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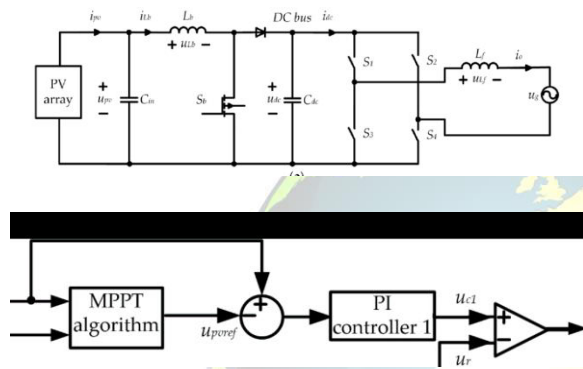
As an initiative towards green campus it will be helpful in cutting down dependence on conventional energy as well as



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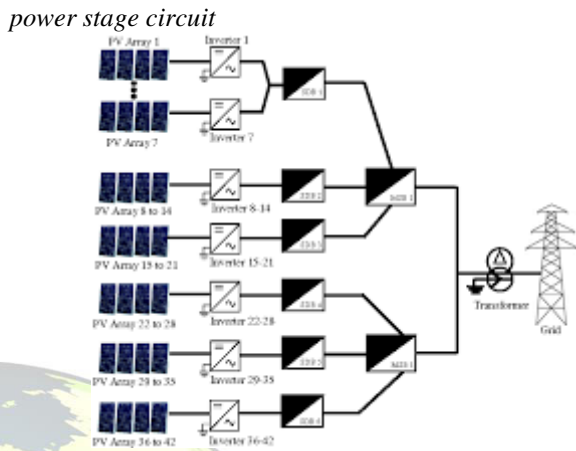
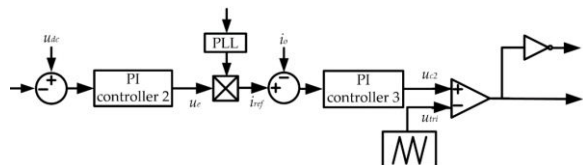
### Research & Development

It will be helpful for understanding the theory and applications of rooftop Solar PV system. Detailed case study, reports, research ideas and new development can be formulated using such a system in University.



### pv Array

The output current  $i_{pv}$  of the PV array is related to the output voltage  $u_{pv}$  and also affected by other parameters of PV panel itself [25]. However, the manufacturer's datasheet do not provide some of these parameters, such as equivalent series resistance and equivalent parallel resistance. Basic parameters provided in all datasheets of PV array are open circuit voltage  $U_{OC}$ , short circuit current  $I_{SC}$ , the current at maximum power point (MPP)  $I_M$ , and the voltage at maximum power point  $U_M$ . These parameters are all with the standard test condition (STC). To overcome the lack of detailed information of the PV array, a simplified model proposed in [26] is used in this study, which describes the terminal characteristic of the PV array with STC.



To describe the power stage circuit, four state variables are used: the output voltage of PV array  $u_{pv}$ , the current of  $L_b$  which denoted as  $i_{Lb}$ , the DC bus voltage  $u_{dc}$  and the output current of full bridge inverter  $i_o$ . The averaged equations of the input filter and boost converter can be derived as follows [19]:

$$i_{pv} = I_{SC} \left[ 1 - A_1 \left( e^{\frac{u_{pv}}{A_2 U_{OC}}} - 1 \right) \right]$$

$$\text{where } A_1 = \left( 1 - \frac{I_M}{I_{SC}} \right) e^{-\frac{U_M}{A_2 U_{OC}}}, A_2 = \left( \frac{U_M}{U_{OC}} - 1 \right) \left[ \ln \left( 1 - \frac{I_M}{I_{SC}} \right) \right]^{-1}.$$

According to the operation principle of the full bridge inverter, following equations can be derived

$$\begin{cases} i_{dc} = (2d_2 - 1)i_o \\ \frac{di_o}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_f} [(2d_2 - 1)u_{dc} - u_g] \end{cases}$$

then the averaged equations of the power stage circuit

$$\begin{cases} \frac{du_{pv}}{dt} = \frac{1}{C_{in}} (i_{pv} - i_{Lb}) \\ \frac{di_{Lb}}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_b} [u_{pv} - (1 - d_1)u_{dc}] \\ \frac{du_{dc}}{dt} = \frac{1}{C_{dc}} [(1 - d_1)i_{Lb} - (2d_2 - 1)i_o] \\ \frac{di_o}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_f} [(2d_2 - 1)u_{dc} - u_g] \end{cases}$$



The state equations corresponding to the Proportional-Integral (PI) controller can be expressed as follow

$$\frac{dm(t)}{dt} = K_p \frac{de(t)}{dt} + \frac{K_p}{T_i} e(t)$$

where  $m(t)$  and  $e(t)$  are the output and the input signals of the PI controller, respectively,  $K_p$  is the gain of the PI controller, and  $T_i$  is the time constant of the PI controller.

Since the perturbation step size of P&O method is small, the reference voltage  $u_{pvref}$  given by the algorithm is assumed to be constant.

$$\frac{du_{c1}}{dt} = K_{p1} \frac{du_{pv}}{dt} + \frac{K_{p1}}{T_{i1}} (u_{pv} - u_{pvref})$$

where  $u_{c1}$  is the output signal of PI controller 1 and  $K_{p1}$  and  $T_{i1}$  are the gain and the time constant of the PI controller.  $u_{c1}$  is compared to a ramp  $u_r$  in the PulseWidth Modulation (PWM) comparator to produce driving signal. To complete the model of MPPT controller, the duty cycle  $d_1$  is expressed as following equation:

$$d_1 = \frac{u_{c1}}{U_{M1}}$$

where  $U_{M1}$  is the peak-to-peak amplitude of ramp  $u_r$ .

The state equation of PI controller 2 can be derived as

$$\frac{du_e}{dt} = K_{p2} \frac{du_{dc}}{dt} + \frac{K_{p2}}{T_{i2}} (u_{dc} - u_{dcref})$$

$u_{dc}$  is the reference voltage of DC bus,  $u_e$  is the output signal of PI controller 2,  $K_{p2}$  and  $T_{i2}$  is the gain and the time constant of the PI controller.

The nonlinear averaged equations of the system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{di_{pv}}{dt} = \frac{1}{C_{dc}} \left( I_{SC} \left[ 1 - A_1 \left( e^{\frac{u_{pv}}{A_2 U_{OC}}} - 1 \right) \right] - i_{Lb} \right) \\ \frac{di_{Lb}}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_b} \left[ u_{pv} - \left( 1 - \frac{u_{c1}}{U_{M1}} \right) u_{dc} \right] \\ \frac{du_{dc}}{dt} = \frac{1}{C_{dc}} \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{u_{c1}}{U_{M1}} \right) i_{Lb} - \frac{u_{c2} i_o}{U_{M2}} \right] \\ \frac{di_o}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_f} \left[ \frac{u_{c2}}{U_{M2}} u_{dc} - U_{gm} \sin(\omega t) \right] \\ \frac{du_{c1}}{dt} = K_{p1} \frac{du_{pv}}{dt} + \frac{K_{p1}}{T_{i1}} (u_{pv} - u_{pvref}) \\ \frac{du_e}{dt} = K_{p2} \frac{du_{dc}}{dt} + \frac{K_{p2}}{T_{i2}} (u_{dc} - u_{dcref}) \\ \frac{du_{c2}}{dt} = K_{p3} \left( u_e \omega \cos(\omega t) + \sin(\omega t) \frac{du_e}{dt} - \frac{di_o}{dt} \right) + \frac{K_{p3}}{T_{i3}} (u_e \sin(\omega t) - i_o) \end{cases}$$

#### Observer-Pattern Model

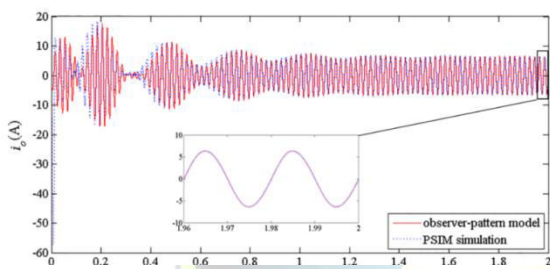
The equations shown in (12) contain  $\sin(\omega t)$  and  $\cos(\omega t)$ , which means that the single-phase two-stage grid-connected photovoltaic system is a time-variant nonlinear system. This time-variance is the main difficulty in stability analysis of the system. To eliminating the effect of time-variance, the system is transformed into a time-invariant one using an observer-pattern modeling method [21,22]. Notice that  $\sin(\omega t)$  and  $\cos(\omega t)$  only exist in the expressions of  $di_o/dt$  and  $du_{c2}/dt$ . Thus, only  $i_o$  and  $u_{c2}$  need to be processed.

$$\begin{cases} i_{odq} = \begin{bmatrix} i_{od} \\ i_{oq} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{T} \begin{bmatrix} i_o \\ i_{oI} \end{bmatrix} \\ u_{c2dq} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{c2d} \\ u_{c2q} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{T} \begin{bmatrix} u_{c2} \\ u_{c2I} \end{bmatrix} \end{cases}$$

first, the time-variance originated from fundamental frequency of the grid is removed by Park transformation. Implementation of Park transformation needs at least two orthogonal variables, so the concept of Imaginary Orthogonal Circuit is introduced [27]. Denote the corresponding Imaginary Orthogonal Circuit variables to  $i_o$  and  $u_{c2}$  as  $i_{oI}$  and  $u_{c2I}$ . Since  $i_o$  and  $u_{c2}$  are sinusoidal,  $i_{oI}$  and  $u_{c2I}$  maintain 90° phase shift with  $i_o$  and  $u_{c2}$ . The Park transformation can be expressed as



$$\begin{cases} \frac{du_{pv}}{dt} = \frac{1}{C_{in}} \left( I_{SC} \left[ 1 - A_1 \left( e^{\frac{u_{pv}}{A_2 U_{OC}}} - 1 \right) \right] - i_{Lb} \right) \\ \frac{di_{Lb}}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_b} \left[ u_{pv} - \left( 1 - \frac{u_{c1}}{U_{M1}} \right) u_{dc} \right] \\ \frac{du_{dc}}{dt} = \frac{1}{C_{dc}} \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{u_{c1}}{U_{M1}} \right) i_{Lb} - \frac{1+g_1}{2} u_{c2d} i_{od} - \frac{1-g_1}{2} u_{c2q} i_{oq} + \frac{g_2}{2} (u_{c2d} i_{oq} + u_{c2q} i_{od}) \right] \\ \frac{di_{od}}{dt} = \frac{u_{dc} u_{c2d}}{L_f U_{M2}} + \omega i_{oq} \\ \frac{di_{oq}}{dt} = \frac{u_{dc} u_{c2q}}{L_f U_{M2}} + \frac{U_{gm}}{L_f} - \omega i_{od} \\ \frac{du_{c1}}{dt} = K_{p1} \frac{du_{pv}}{dt} + \frac{K_{p1}}{T_{i1}} (u_{pv} - u_{pvref}) \\ \frac{du_{c2}}{dt} = K_{p2} \frac{du_{dc}}{dt} + \frac{K_{p2}}{T_{i2}} (u_{dc} - u_{dcref}) \\ \frac{du_{c2d}}{dt} = K_{p3} u_e \omega - \frac{K_{p3}}{L_f U_{M2}} u_{dc} u_{c2d} - \frac{K_{p3}}{T_{i3}} i_{od} + \omega u_{c2q} \\ \frac{du_{c2q}}{dt} = -K_{p3} \frac{du_{dc}}{dt} - \frac{K_{p3}}{L_f U_{M2}} u_{dc} u_{c2q} - \frac{U_{gm} K_{p3}}{L_f} - \frac{K_{p3}}{T_{i3}} u_e - \frac{K_{p3}}{T_{i3}} i_{oq} - \omega u_{c2d} \\ \frac{dg_1}{dt} = -2\omega g_2 \\ \frac{dg_2}{dt} = 2\omega g_1 \end{cases}$$



### Stability Analysis

The gain and the time constant of three PI controllers are key parameters that affect the performance of the system. As these parameters change, the eigenvalues of the system also change. For the purpose of estimating the direction and size of the eigenvalue movement due to variations in system parameters, a sensitivity analysis is often used [28,29].

The decrease in  $K_{p3}$  makes  $\lambda_{1,2}$  move toward right in the s-plane. For  $\lambda_{3,4}$ , the most sensitive parameters are  $T_{i1}$  and  $K_{p1}$ . A negative perturbation in  $T_{i1}$  makes  $\lambda_{3,4}$  move towards right in the s-plane. In contrast, the decrease in  $K_{p3}$  makes  $\lambda_{3,4}$  move to left. For  $\lambda_5$ , the most critical parameter is  $T_{i1}$ . The increase in  $T_{i1}$  leads to  $\lambda_5$  moving towards right-half plane. For  $\lambda_{6,7}$ , the most sensitive parameter is  $K_{p2}$ . When  $K_{p2}$  decreases,  $\lambda_{6,7}$  moves towards right in the s-plane. For  $\lambda_{8,9}$ , the most sensitive parameters is  $T_{i3}$ . The increase in  $T_{i3}$  leads to  $\lambda_{8,9}$  moving towards right in the s-plane.

	$\lambda_{12}$	$\lambda_{34}$	$\lambda_5$	$\lambda_{67}$	$\lambda_{89}$	$\lambda_{10,11}$
$K_{p1}$	$-8.93 \times 10^4 \pm j7.47 \times 10^6$	$5.57 \pm j1.38 \times 10^4$	-9.31	$-0.91 \pm j0.145$	$-2.45 \times 10^5 \pm j2.42 \times 10^4$	0
$T_{i1}$	$-2.78 \times 10^7 \pm j2.88 \times 10^8$	$-47.5 \pm j0.21$	94.9	$0.0286 \pm j0.193$	$3.85 \times 10^6 \pm j3.28 \times 10^7$	0
$K_{p2}$	$-937 \pm j35.6$	$-0.605 \pm j0.188$	-0.664	$-134 \pm j553$	$0.00347 \pm j0.00126$	0
$T_{i2}$	$-11.8 \pm j0.68$	$-0.0211 \pm j0.0846$	1.47	$11 \pm j144$	$1.22 \times 10^4 \pm j0.00224$	0
$K_{p3}$	$-1.6 \times 10^4 \pm j0.977$	$7.45 \times 10^4 \pm j0.00145$	$-1.35 \times 10^4$	$0.236 \pm j0.0336$	$0.00154 \pm j0.00409$	0
$T_{i3}$	$-25 \pm j7.68 \times 10^4$	$2.62 \times 10^6 \pm j1.36 \times 10^5$	$2.21 \times 10^5$	$0.00141 \pm j0.00192$	$25 \pm j0.0208$	0

This section provides a background on the control strategies used in the two power converters of the PV interface when connected to the grid and when supplying an isolated (stand-alone) load or system. A.

### MPPT Algorithm

There are many maximum power point tracking (MPPT) techniques for PV systems [8]. In this work a method called "Perturb and Observe" (P&O) has been selected because of its ease of implementation and overall good performance. The parameter that will be used to introduce the disturbance in the system is the duty cycle ( $D$ ) of the boost DC-DC converter. In this way, the operating point of the PV panel will be bouncing around the maximum power point (MPP) as the solar irradiance reaches a steady-state condition.

### Inverter Control in Grid-Connected Mode

In most cases, a PV interface is connected to an AC power grid, as shown in Fig. 3. It is controlled so as to inject the maximum power available in the PV panel into the grid, with unity power factor (UPF). In such a case, the boost DCDC converter operates with MPPT and the DC-AC converter operates as a current source, injecting current in phase with the grid voltage. The magnitude of the reference current of the DC-AC converter is adjusted so as to regulate the magnitude of the voltage in the intermediate DC bus. This is shown in Fig. 3 where the conventional SPWM scheme with cascaded outer-voltage loop and inner-current loop is used. Linear PI-type controllers are used in both loops. A feedforward loop to minimize the impact of the grid voltage in the AC current waveform is also employed.

### Inverter Control in Stand-Alone Mode

In some applications, the PV interface might be required to supply an isolated AC load, where it has to regulate the magnitude and the frequency of the output/load voltage. This



can be done with a control scheme similar to that shown in Fig. 4, but with the outer-voltage loop being used to regulate the AC voltage across the load. In such a case, the voltage in the intermediate DC bus would vary depending in the unbalance of the input (PV) and the output (load) powers of the system.

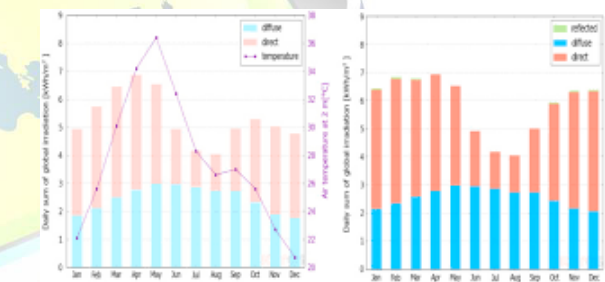
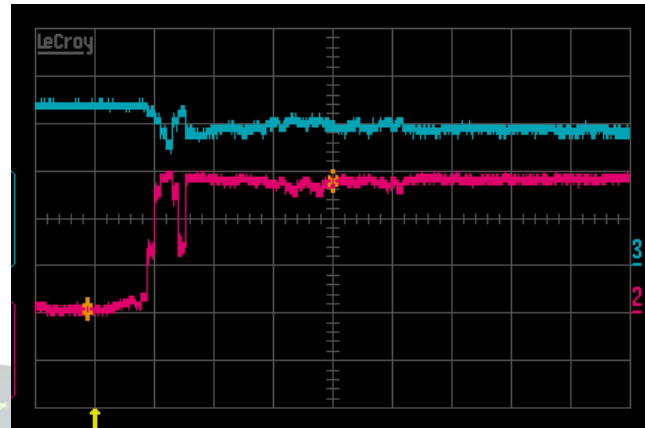
## Results

The schematic diagram of the experimental set-up used in this paper is shown in Fig. 4 and Fig. 5. It can be used to test grid-connected and autonomous inverter operation. The solar array simulator (SAS) model E4350B (AGILENT) was used to emulate a PV panel with characteristics suitable to be used with the TI REK. These parameters, listed in Table 2 were programmed into the SAS with a dedicated PC. A number of tests were conducted for verifying the performance of the control strategies and implementation approaches described in the previous section.

### Operation in the Grid-Connected Mode

In this mode, the boost DC-DC converter operates with MPPT, drawing as much power available in the PV panel as possible, which varies as a function of the solar irradiance. The DC-AC converter operates with unity power factor (UPF) injecting the amount of active power required to regulate the intermediate DC bus voltage. Fig. 6 depicts the waveforms of the voltage and current of the PV panel with the P&O MPPT technique based on duty cycle variation. The oscillation around the maximum power point (MPP) in steady-state can be better seen in Fig. 7 that shows the variation of  $PPV$  (y axis) with  $IPV$  (x axis) in that time interval.

One can see in Fig. 8 that the top waveform, the voltage in the intermediate DC bus presents a small second order ripple, typical of single-phase DC-AC converters, and that its average value is about 30 V. The waveforms in the bottom of Fig. 8 are the voltage and current in the AC side. It is shown that they are in-phase as expected for the desired unity (displacement) power factor operation. Fig.



$PPV$ -MP 23.4 W

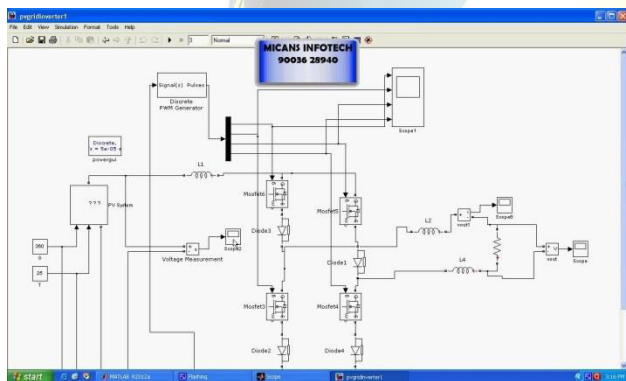
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The harmonic spectrum of the injected current is shown in Fig. 9. The FFT was calculated after getting all the data points experimentally. The total harmonic distortion (THD) of the injected current was computed as 14.77% using numerical calculation. This is mostly due to the relatively large magnitude of the 3rd harmonic, which is not a switching harmonic, and therefore it is not affected by the output filter of the DC-AC converter. This harmonic could be minimized by introducing a dead-time compensation scheme which should also reduced the distortion seen at the positive zero crossing

### Operation in the Stand-alone Mode



In the stand-alone mode, the DC-AC converter is controlled to regulate the voltage supplied to the load, leaving the intermediate DC bus voltage unregulated. In case the load power is larger than the PV power, the DC bus voltage will decrease, what should result in a reduction in the output voltage and eventual over-modulation by the closed loop control. A scheme to prevent overvoltage and damage to switches and DC capacitor when the power demanded by the load is lower than the power drawn from the PV panel is required. The conditions for this test are as follows: The PV panel operates with rated solar irradiance,  $PPV-MP \sim 23.4$  W, and a resistive load of  $13 \Omega$  is placed at the output of the PV interface with a reference voltage of 15 Vrms. As the overvoltage is detected, the value of the duty cycle of the boost DC-DC converter is set to 0.35 and the MPPT routine resumes. In this case, as shown in Fig. 11, the voltage in the DC bus varies between a maximum value of 30 V, when the overvoltage protection is activated, and a minimum value of 28 V, with a certain period. These voltages are within the range required by the DC-AC converter to keep the voltage across the load regulated.



## CONCLUSION

Modeling and stability analysis of a single-phase two-stage grid-connected photovoltaic system have been presented in this paper. (1) An integrated mathematical model including both DC-DC converter and DC-AC converter is developed to capture the dynamics of the system, also the nonlinear characteristic of the PV array is considered in the model; (2) An observer-pattern modeling method is applied to transform the system into time-invariant; (3) Critical controller parameters that influence the stability of the system are identified using eigenvalue sensitivity and

eigenvalue loci plots. It is found that  $Ti1$  is closely related to  $I_{3,4}$ . The decrease in  $Ti1$  makes  $I_{3,4}$  move to left in the s-plane and is disadvantageous to the stability of the system. The theoretical results have been validated by PSIM simulations.

This paper has discussed the implementation of a digital control system for a 2-stage PV inverter capable of operating in the grid-connected and in the stand-alone modes. The low power Texas Instruments Renewable Energy Developer's Kit (TI REK), which presents the required power converters, sensors and filters along with a F2808 C2000 control card has been selected. Some experimental results have demonstrated the effectiveness of the following techniques in steady-state and transient conditions: MPPT, protection against overvoltage in the intermediate DC bus, current injection in an AC grid with UPF.

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