A PVPS/BS Based Induction Motor Drive in Water Pumping System Comparative Study

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Abstract—One of the most important applications of PVPS is the operation of electric motors. This paper introduced a complete study of the impact of PVPS solar cell type on the induction motor (IM) performance. Different types of PV solar cells have been selected. Moreover, the application has been carried out for five different types of 1-phase and 3-phase IM. The design procedure takes into account the nature of the PVPS output voltage as well as the requirements of the IM at different operating conditions such as starting, loading ratio and normal operation. The energy cost figure (ECF) (the price per produced kWh) has been calculated for such cases taking into consideration the different solar cell types as well as the different IM types. In addition a deep comparative study has been carried out to determine the optimum solution of operating IM pumping system fed by PVPS. Finally, This paper provides a contribution of the PVPS modeling and its characteristics, studies the combination of PVPS/Battery Storage (PVPS/BS/IM system) and at the last investigates the economic analysis of ECF.

Index Terms—BS, IM, PVPS

I. INTRODUCTION

Photovoltaic power systems have been proven capable of operating efficiently in a wide range of applications including small, low-power devices for remote communications equipment, medium as well as large size systems. For example, the use of PVPS energy for autonomous systems has been shown to be attractive because of its low cost [1]. In isolated regions, PVPS pumps are cheaper than standard diesel pumps [2].

II. METHODOLOGY

The design of PVPS includes the calculations of the required solar cells area, no of modules to satisfy the requirements of the load power, voltage and current. This can be carried out by the following algorithm.

Computation of monthly best tilt angle

\[ \delta = 23.45 \sin \left( \frac{360 \cdot (284 + n)}{365} \right) \]

Where: \( n \) is the day of the year given for each month [3], \( S \) is the tilt angle in degrees, \( \delta \) is the latitude angle in degrees and \( \delta \) is the solar declination angle.

Calculation of the radiation on the tilted surfaces [4]

\[ \frac{R_t}{R} = \frac{\sin \left( \delta \sin \left( \Omega \sin (\delta \sin \Omega) \right) \right) - \cos \left( \delta \sin \left( \Omega \sin (\delta \sin \Omega) \right) \right) \omega_s \sin (\Omega \sin (\delta \sin \Omega))}{\cos \delta \sin \Omega + \cos \left( \delta \sin \left( \Omega \sin (\delta \sin \Omega) \right) \right) \omega_s \sin (\Omega \sin (\delta \sin \Omega))} \]

Where:

- \( \omega_s \) is the daily average solar cells area (m²), \( \omega_s = \frac{\text{Solar cell area}}{\text{module area}} \)
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Calculation of solar cells area [1]

\[ \eta_{e} = \frac{1}{1 - 0.0062(\theta_c - \theta_f)} \]

\[ T_c = \frac{T_a + (\theta_c - H_{th} \cdot 100)}{P_{eq} \cdot 3600} \]

\[ SCA_d = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{16} SCAd}{8} \]

\[ SCA_y = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{36} SCAd}{12} \]

\[ \text{Land area} = \frac{SCAy}{\text{Land area factor}} \]

No. of modules = \( \frac{SCAy}{\text{module area}} \)

Where:

- \( \eta_{e} \) is the operating efficiency of the cell, \( \eta_{f} \) is the reference efficiency of the cell, \( \theta_c \) is the temperature of the cell, \( T_a \) is the reference temperature of the cell, \( H_{th} \) is the ambient temperature, \( \text{SCAd} \) is the hourly radiation on the tilted surface (kW/m²) and it has been calculated by multiplying the hourly radiation on the horizontal surfaces for each month by \( R \) of the that month. \( \text{SCAy} \) is the yearly average solar cells area.

The capacity factor is defined as the ratio between the generated power and the demand power. The hourly, monthly and yearly capacity factors \( P_d \) are determined as follows:

\[ P_d = \frac{SCAd \cdot \eta_{e} \cdot \eta_{f} \cdot \eta_{PC} \cdot \eta_{TR}}{V_f} \]

\[ P_d = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{36} P_d / 12}{P_d} \]

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The total energy generated by the designed solar cell array, ESA, must be exactly equal to the energy required by the load requirement of the energy, ELL, plus the energy required to recharge the battery, EB, i.e.

\[ ESA = ELL + EB \]

If the solar array has sufficient capability, i.e. ESA > (EB + ELL), then the battery storage is expected to be fully charged before the end of the sunlight period. Whereas, if the solar array has insufficient output, i.e. ESA < (EB + ELL), then the battery storage would continually decrease its energy in each successive charge/discharge operation.

The PVPS voltage and current at any radiation level can be obtained as follows [5]:

\[ V_{PVPS} = \frac{P_{pro}}{I_{pro}} \left( k_{I} \frac{H_{th}}{H_{n}} \right) \times \left[ 1 + h_{p} (T_{c} - T_{p}) \right] \]

\[ I_{PVPS} = \frac{I_{pro}}{I_{C} + 1} \times \left[ 1 + h_{p} (T_{c} - T_{p}) \right] \]

Where: Ppro, Ipro are the voltage and current of the PVPS at any radiation Hth w/m² and at the temperature Tc (Co).

Pvpo, Ipvo are the voltage and current at the normal radiation Hn (1000 W/m²). The cell temperature at normal radiation, hv, hi are parameters depending on the solar cell material and they are \(-3.7 \times 10^{-3}/C^{0}/\) Co and \(6.4 \times 10^{-4}/C^{0}\) respectively. KI is the thermal resistance, m2.C/W.

The current to or from the battery can be estimated as follows:

\[ A = \frac{V_{th}}{V_{PVPS}} \]

\[ I_{B} = \frac{A}{A_{st}} = \frac{I_{PVPS} + I_{B}}{I_{B}} \]

Where: Ipro is the inverter output voltage which represents the input voltage of the transformer. A is the transformer turns ratio, Vth is IM rated voltage, Ipvo is the PVPS/BS combination output current, Ith is the BS current.

By the aid of radiation, ambient temperature data during the day time along the year and the above equations (24), (25) and (26). The I-V C/C of the solar cells can be carried out as detailed in the following [5]:

\[ V = f(t) \]

\[ V = V - I \times R_{s} \times (1 + \frac{1}{Z_{s}}) \times \ln \left( \frac{I_{ph} - \beta I - (V/R_{ph})}{I_{ph}} + 1 \right) \]

Where: q is the charge of the electron, K is the Boltzmann constant, T is the temperature, Z is a correction factor, Ith is the photon current.

\[ \beta = \frac{1}{R_{ph}} \]

Where: Rth, Rsh, are the series, shunt resistances respectively and Ipvo is the diode current as shown in Fig.1.

In this section, the cost estimation procedure that has been followed to calculate the ECF for the different studied cases has been introduced.

The cost of solar cell modules, battery storage (BS), power conditioning unit (PCU), land area, the wiring and control equipment have been considered [6].

![Fig. 1. The Equivalent Circuit of the Solar Cell](image)

![Fig. 2 Block diagram of the Proposed Combined System](image)
The investigation of energy balance.

One is concerned with the cost estimation. The different stages of the study are divided according to the above methodology into four parts:

A. Design of PVPS

The extraterrestrial radiation and the radiation on horizontal surfaces of the selected site represent the data required for the solution. A complete computer program based on the corresponding methodology of PART I has been designed and applied.

The obtained results of this program can be summarized as follows:

1- The required SCA, to supply the five different types of the IM according to the rated power, voltage, and current has been estimated. Moreover, this program has been executed for the different solar cell types. These results are tabulated in Table (3).

2- On the other hand, the hourly, monthly average and yearly average capacity factors have been obtained.

From Table (3) and Fig.3 it is concluded that the SCA needed for each IM type is the same under the same solar cell type. This is because each IM has the same rated power. SCA differs from solar cell type to another for the same IM. On the other hand, considering the SCA needed, it can be seen that the lowest value of SCA occurs when using the Dentretic-Web Silicon solar cell type. Thus, it is recommended to use this solar cell type in the case of available small land area.

Table 3. The Solar Cells Area and Calculated Number of Modules for Different IM and Solar Cell Types

| Solar Cell Type | Dendritic-Web Silicon | Monolithic-Thin Film Smorphous | M-50 Silicon |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| CRIM           | 2.315                 | 3.362                          | 3.374        |
| SPIM           | 2.315                 | 3.362                          | 3.374        |
| CSIM           | 2.315                 | 3.362                          | 3.374        |
| WRIM           | 2.315                 | 3.362                          | 3.374        |
| SQIM           | 2.315                 | 3.362                          | 3.374        |

Fig.3. The Needed SCA of Solar Cell Using Different Types of IM.

Energy Balance Data required:

The required data for this section can be summarized as follows:

a. The ambient temperature.

b. The characteristics of the selected solar cell.

c. The characteristics of the selected IM.

d. The hourly radiation incident on the titled surface calculated at the best tilt angle.
The energy balance problem has been investigated according to energy except for the small value when the IM starts at interval hour to the suggested technique based on the methodology explained of (16-17) (not shown in the Figure). Moreover, the maximum in the previous sections. This technique takes into consideration yearly surplus energy occurs when IM starts at hour 9 and operates the various conditions of the IM, such as the ratio of loading during the period between 9-17.

w.r.t. the full load, the starting load ratio w.r.t. the full load and no load conditions. This investigation is necessary to find out the reliability and ability of the designed PVPS/BS to produce the necessary power as well as the current at the different conditions. Thus, the surplus and deficit energy and the optimum number of PV modules required can be determined. Fig. 4 shows the complete flowchart of the proposed computer program which was designed and applied.

B. Results

By the aid of the computer program described in Fig.4, the operation of the IM has been investigated. First, the following definitions are used to make the understanding of the different starting conditions easier:-

1- Worst condition: in this condition it is assumed that the IM will be started under full load and supply by its rated voltage.

2- Normal condition: it is considered here that the IM will be started under its full load and supplied by the fraction of its rated voltage which makes the value of its starting torque equal to or greater than the full load torque.

3- No load condition:
   a- Starting of IM at no load and supplied with 50% of its rated load.
   b- Starting of IM at no load and supplied with 25% of its rated voltage.

According to the calculated number of modules, shown in Table 3, the generated power is calculated. Then, the surplus and deficit energy along the operating day hours (from 9 AM to 17) are estimated. To overcome the problem of the starting period, when the required current is about 5 to 8 times of the rated current, the actual number of modules is recalculated. After the starting period the surplus energy is directed to the BS.

The energy balance study, here, has been made to obtain the optimum number of modules which reduces the effect of the previous conditions. Using the number of modules of a certain solar cell type obtained as a result of the energy balance program, makes us run the IM of certain type under any condition. Tables (5-8) illustrate the number of modules needed for each IM type using different types of solar cell under the different conditions. From this Table it can be seen that each IM type has the same number of modules for the same solar cell type without any consideration of the previous conditions. Thus, our aim is achieved. This is true for all cases except the case of SQIM when using Monolithic-Thin film-Amorphous solar cell under the worst & the no load with 50% rated voltage conditions.

1. Effect of the starting hour and the operating period on the yearly surplus and deficit energy:

Fig. 5 shows the relation between energy and starting hour (case of SQIM and Monolithic-Thin film-Amorphous solar cell type under worst condition). The energy shown in this figure represents the yearly surplus and deficit ones, after using the calculated and optimum number of modules estimated from the energy balance program.

From this figure, it can be concluded that there is no deficit.

2. The influence of the number of modules on the starting hour

Figure 6 displays the relation between energy and number of modules under different starting hours (case of SQIM and Monolithic-Thin film-Amorphous solar cell type). This figure shows that the IM can be started at any hour from 9 to 15 without deficit energy by using three modules only. On the other hand, four modules must be used to start the run of IM at hour of 16 without deficit. It must be mentioned here that the above results are obtained for all the IM types used and for the different types of selected solar cells. Above results are obtained for all the IM types used and for the different types of selected solar cells.

C. I-V Characteristics (C/C)

The radiation on the tilted surface, ambient temperature, and the used solar cells etc. represent the data required for this part. A computer program has been designed and applied to develop the I-V C/C of the PVPS. The I-V C/C has been determined for the different selected solar cell types. Figure (8) shows the I-V C/C for SQIM using four modules of Monolithic-Thin Film-Amorphous solar cell type (summer season, July). This figure displays the maximum power points at different dy hours.

The line which passes through these points represents the load line. The IM must be operated following this line to take the maximum power produced from the PVPS. Table (40 shows the...
maximum power supplied from the PVPS of monolithic-Thin Film-Amorphous solar cell type for the different types of IM under the worst condition during the summer season in July. From this table, it is seen that the voltage, current and power at the maximum power point have suitable values for running single-phase and three-phase IM directly at certain hours or by using a conventional tapping transformer through a suitable PCC.

There are other Figures and Tables for the other two selected solar cell types. Comparative study between the I-V C/Cs of monolithic thin film amorphous, M-50 and denetric web solar cell types has been carried out. From this study it can be concluded that the I-V C/Cs of monolithic thin film amorphous solar cell type has the most technical parameters to be used in constructing PVPS to supply IM.

D. Cost Estimation

The data required for this part are the SCAy, land area factor (LF), rating of the PCU, the price per square meter of solar cell, land price (BC, $/kWh), field controlling and building cost (FC), rate of interest ©, life period (n), and the yearly generated energy.

Fig 7: I-V C/C of monolithic-Thin Film-Amorphous Silicon PVPS constructed to supply SQIM under Worst condition (summer season, July)

The ECF in Cent/kWh generated by PVPS has been estimated under the following cases:
1- Five selected IM.
2- Three selected solar cell types. 3- Four starting conditions.

During the computation of ECF under the above cases, it is noticed that there are two factors which affect it. These factors are the BS rating and the yearly generated energy. The obtained results are tabulated in Tables (5), (6), (7) and (8). From these Tables it is concluded that:

1- Monolithic-thin film Amorphous PVPS is the most economic one to feed CRIM (1-phase), WRIM (3-phase) and SQIM (3-phase) under worst condition. This is also true under normal condition except for SQIM. Also this PVPS type has the same advantages to supply CRIM under the other two conditions.

2- Denetric-web silicon PVPS is the most suitable type from the economical point of view to supply SPIM (1-phase) and CSIM (1-phase) under all starting conditions. This is also true for the studied SQIM (3-phase). PVPS type represents the most economical type to feed studied WRIM (3-phase) under no load (50% of rated voltage) and worst condition. Considering the I-V C/C which was studied in section (4.3.2), it is recommended to use Monolithic-thin film amorphous PVPS instead of Denetric-web silicon PVPS. This is because of its suitable technical parameters. Moreover, from Tables (5), (6), (7) and (8), it is seen that the ECF of PVPS using Monolithic-thin film-Amorphous solar cell has a value which is approximately corresponding to its value of PVPS using Denetric-web silicon.

3- It is not recommended to use M-50 PVPS because of its high ECF and its I-V C/C has a poor technical parameter.

V. CONCLUSION

The following conclusions can be obtained:-

1- The studied IM can be started at any hour from 9 to 15 without deficit energy by using three modules only. On the other hand, four modules must be used to start the studied IM at hour 16 without deficit.

2- The PVPS voltage, current and power at the maximum power point have suitable values for running studied single-phase and three-phase IM directly at certain hours or by using a conventional tapping transformer through a suitable PCC.

3- The I-V C/Cs of monolithic thin film amorphous solar cell type has the most suitable technical parameters to be used in constructing PVPS to supply studied IM and this type is the most economic one to feed studied CRIM (1-phase), studied WRIM (3-phase) and studied SQIM (3-phase) under worst condition. This is also true under normal condition except for studied SQIM. Also this PVPS type has the same advantages to supply studied CRIM under the other two conditions.

4- Dentritic-web silicon PVPS is the most suitable system from the economical point of view to supply the studied SPIM (1-phase) and studied CSIM (1-phase) under all starting conditions. This is also true for studied SQIM (3-phase) under normal and no load conditions. This PVPS type represents the most economic system to feed the studied WRIM (3-phase) under normal (50% of rated voltage) and worst case conditions.

5- It is not recommended to use M-50 PVPS because of its high ECF and poor technical parameters.

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APPENDIX

Table 4. Maximum Power of Monolithic-Thin Film-Amorphous Silicon PVPS to Supply IM Through PCU and Tapping Transformer (Worst Condition, Summer Season, July)

| IM type | Case of operation | CRIM (5-Mod.) | SPIM (8-Mod.) | CSIM (8-Mod.) | WRIM (4-Mod.) | SQIM (4-Mod.) |
|---------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|         |                  | IpM (A) | Vpm (V) | Ppm (W) | IpM (A) | Vpm (V) | Ppm (W) | IpM (A) | Vpm (V) | Ppm (W) | IpM (A) | Vpm (V) | Ppm (W) |
| 9       | Starting under full load | 1.7 | 211.8 | 360.1 | 1.7 | 600.5 | 1021 | 1.7 | 600.5 | 1021 | 1.6 | 135.6 | 217.0 |
| 10      |                  | 1.8 | 228.9 | 412.1 | 1.9 | 564.7 | 1129 | 1.9 | 564.7 | 1129 | 1.8 | 138.0 | 238.3 |
| 11      |                  | 2.0 | 225.7 | 451.3 | 2.0 | 639.5 | 1279 | 2.0 | 639.5 | 1279 | 1.9 | 143.5 | 272.7 |
| 12      |                  | 2.0 | 236.3 | 472.5 | 2.1 | 637.2 | 1338 | 2.1 | 637.2 | 1338 | 2.0 | 142.1 | 284.1 |
| 13      |                  | 2.0 | 236.0 | 471.9 | 2.1 | 636.3 | 1336 | 2.1 | 636.3 | 1336 | 2.0 | 141.8 | 283.6 |
| 14      |                  | 1.9 | 236.1 | 448.6 | 2.0 | 636.2 | 1272 | 2.0 | 636.2 | 1272 | 1.9 | 142.6 | 270.9 |
| 15      |                  | 1.8 | 229.4 | 412.9 | 1.9 | 619.9 | 1172 | 1.9 | 619.9 | 1172 | 1.8 | 138.3 | 248.9 |
| 16      |                  | 1.7 | 213.7 | 363.3 | 1.7 | 604.0 | 1027 | 1.7 | 604.0 | 1027 | 1.6 | 136.6 | 218.5 |

Table 5. The ECF for five types of IM with three types of Solar cell under W. C.

| Motor type | Case of operation | CRIM | SPIM | CSIM | WRIM | SqIM |
|------------|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Cell type  |                  |      |      |      |      |      |
| No of mod. |                  |      |      |      |      |      |
| ECF (c/kWh) | Starting under full load | 2.87 | 2.76 | 3.20 | 1.67 | 1.72 | 1.89 | 1.64 | 1.72 | 1.89 | 3.82 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 4.6 |

Table 6. The ECF for five types of IM with three types of Solar cell under N. C.

| Motor type | Case of operation | CRIM | SPIM | CSIM | WRIM | SqIM |
|------------|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Cell type  |                  |      |      |      |      |      |
| No of mod. |                  |      |      |      |      |      |
| ECF (c/kWh) | Starting under full load | 2.87 | 2.76 | 3.18 | 1.64 | 1.72 | 1.89 | 1.64 | 1.72 | 1.89 | 3.83 | 3.44 | 4.13 | 3.83 | 3.59 | 4.59 |

Table 7. The ECF for five types of IM with three types of Solar cell under F. C.

| Motor type | Case of operation | CRIM | SPIM | CSIM | WRIM | SqIM |
|------------|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Cell type  |                  |      |      |      |      |      |
| No of mod. |                  |      |      |      |      |      |
| ECF (c/kWh) | Starting under full load | 2.87 | 2.76 | 3.20 | 1.67 | 1.72 | 1.89 | 1.64 | 1.72 | 1.89 | 3.82 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 4.6 |

Table 8. The ECF for five types of IM with three types of solar cell under S. C.

| Motor type | Case of operation | CRIM | SPIM | CSIM | WRIM | SqIM |
|------------|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Cell type  |                  |      |      |      |      |      |
| No of mod. |                  |      |      |      |      |      |
| ECF (c/kWh) | Starting under full load | 2.87 | 2.76 | 3.18 | 1.64 | 1.72 | 1.89 | 1.64 | 1.72 | 1.89 | 3.83 | 3.44 | 4.13 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 4.59 |

N: is the starting current / IM rated current, M is the number of module, Vp is the module voltage, VRo is the IM rated voltage.