P-V Characteristics of Photovoltaic According to the Irradiation

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Abstract - Solar energy has inestimable development potential. However, it is an extreme intermittent and inconstant energy source. The radiative energy output from the sun derives from a nuclear fusion reaction. So it is necessary to study the photovoltaic P-V characteristics according to the irradiation. The results show that the DC power of the photovoltaic system is increased along with the increasing values of irradiation and module.

1. Introduction

Photovoltaic has very vital significance to construct the resource conservation and the environment-friendly society, and to realize the sustainable development of economic society. However, because solar energy is an extreme intermittent and inconstant energy source, the electric power generated by the PV panel varies with the solar radiation. In order to improve the photovoltaic system efficiency and utilize the solar energy more fully, it is necessary to study the photovoltaic P–V characteristics according to irradiation[1~3].

2. Experiment

The experimental solar array consists of 8EA modules which are made in single crystal silicon. The efficiency of the module is 16[%]. The specifications of the experimental device are as follows. The device rated power is 800[W], the maximum power PMPP is 100+Wp±5[%], the voltage at MPP (maximum power point) is 34.5[V], the current at MPP is 2.90[A], the open-circuit voltage is 42.5[V], the short-circuit current Isc is 3.20[A]. The measured data of this paper include DC current[A], module temperature.

3. Result and Discussion

Fig. 1 presents the P-V characteristics according to the irradiation which is from 100[W/m2] to 800[W/m2]. Fig. 1 (a) shows the P-V characteristics according to the irradiation of 100[W/m2]. In this case, along with the increase of DC voltage from 225[V] to 267[V], the value of module temperature declines from $32[\degree]$ to $19[\degree]$.

Fig. 1 (b) shows the P-V characteristics according to the irradiation of 200[W/m2]. In this case, along with the increase of DC voltage from 247[V] to 279[V], the value of module temperature declines from $38[\degreeC]$ to $21[\degreeC]$.

Fig. 1 (c) shows the P-V characteristics according to the irradiation of 300[W/m2]. In this case, along with the increase of DC voltage from 264[V] to 291[V], the value of module temperature declines from 32[°C] to 14[°C].

Fig. 1 (d) shows the P-V characteristics according to the irradiation of 400[W/m2]. In this case, along with the increase of DC voltage from 263[V] to 296[V], the value of module temperature declines from $38[\degreeC]$ to $12[\degreeC]$.

Fig. 1 (e) shows the P–V characteristics according to the irradiation of 500[W/m2]. In this case, along with the increase of DC voltage from 257[V] to 292[V], the value of module temperature declines from $43[^{\circ}C]$ to $12[^{\circ}C]$.

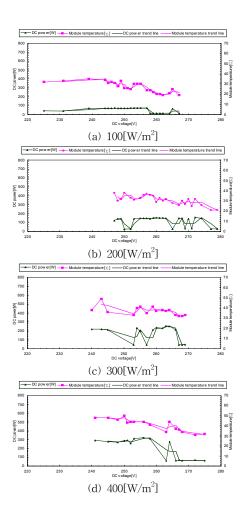
Fig. 1 (f) shows the P-V characteristics according to the irradiation

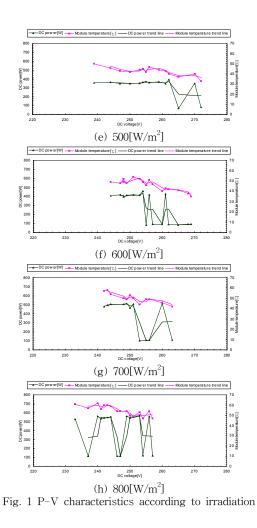
of 600[W/m2]. In this case, along with the increase of DC voltage from 252[V] to 291[V], the value of module temperature declines from $43[\degree]$ to $17[\degree]$.

Fig. 1 (g) shows the P-V characteristics according to the irradiation of 700[W/m2]. In this case, along with the increase of DC voltage from 250[V] to 284[V], the value of module temperature declines from $53[\degree]$ to $20[\degree]$.

Fig. 1 (h) shows the P–V characteristics according to the irradiation of 800[W/m2]. In this case, along with the increase of DC voltage from 242[V] to 277[V], the value of module temperature declines from $47[\degreeC]$ to $27[\degreeC]$.

Fig. 1 shows that when the irradiation increases, the DC power increases. That is, there is positive correlation between the PV DC power and the irradiation.





4. Conclusion

The objective of this paper is to analyze the photovoltaic P-V characteristics according to irradiation which is from 100[W/m2] to 800[W/m2]. It indicates that when the irradiation increases, DC power increased. So it can be obtained that increasing the irradiation is available method to increase the PV output power, furthermore, increase the efficiency of PV system.

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