



## PV Operation in dSpace for Inverter Controller

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### ABSTRACT –

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The controller platform connects its prototype hardware to the simulation model created in the MATLAB/Simulink environment. The effectiveness of the dSPACE application in connecting the PV system to the grid is validated by the results that are displayed.

**Keywords—**dSPACE; Filter; Inverter; Modulation Index; Photovoltaic; PI Controller; Sinusoidal Pulse Width Modulation.

### Introduction

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Here, the inverter and its converter in a closed loop system are simulated using MATLAB/SIMULINK. This model is then linked to the dSPACE 1104, where the c code is generated. The code is then loaded directly into the LED panel by utilizing the build function in the control parameter window. This paper develops a simulation model and presents the findings.

### MODELING OF PV SYSTEM

An electrical equivalent circuit containing a current source anti-parallel with a diode, a shunt resistance, and a series resistance can be used to simulate a solar cell. The DC current  $I_g$ , produced in response to light exposure and changes linearly with solar intensity. A considerable portion of the nonlinear I-V characteristics of the PV cell are produced by the current  $I_d$  flowing through the anti-parallel diode.

#### A. PV CELL

Being an electrical device, the PV module generates electricity when it is exposed to sunlight. Its lifespan of more than 22 years is attributed to the

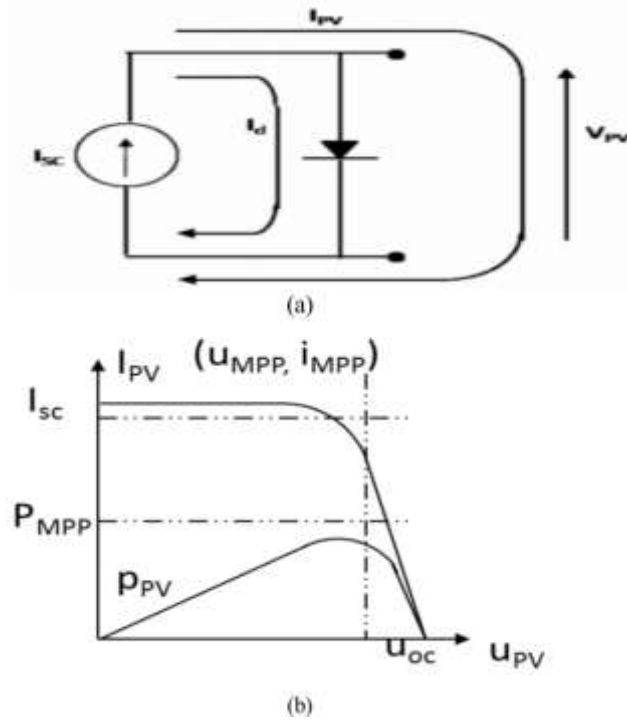


Fig. 1. (a) Electrical model (b) Model with PV cell

lack of a moving part and reduced tear. Photovoltaic cell assemblies are used to create devices that capture solar energy to produce electricity. A solar photovoltaic panel or module is made up of several integrated cells that are all aligned in the same plane. One form of solar energy is the electrical energy produced by solar modules, often known as solar power. An array is a collection of linked solar modules.

### B. dSPACE Platform

The controller board's I/O ports and real-time hardware, which is based on power PC technology, making it the perfect choice for controller development in a variety of industries, including automobiles, robotics, aerospace, and drives. Your PC becomes a potent development system with the DS1104, enabling quick control prototyping. Simulink blocks for graphical configuration of A/D, D/A, digital I/O lines, incremental encoder interface, and PWM generation are provided via the real-time interface. Virtually any PC with a free 5-V PCI slot may install the board. You may simply execute your function model on the DS1104 R&D Controller Board by using Real-Time Interface (RTI). By dragging RTI blocks, you may graphically setup all I/O and minimize the amount of time needed for

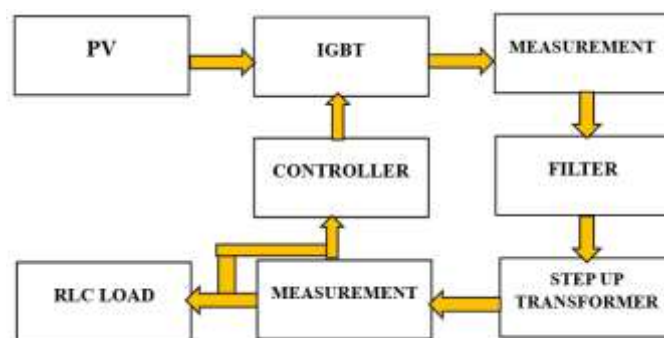


Fig. 2. Block Diagram of Simulation Model

implementation. The inverter is controlled by a dSPACE DS1104 controller, which also serves as the linkage platform by the use of dSPACE between the real hardware and the MATLAB simulation inverter models. I/O block functions are performed by the ADC and DAC. The MATLAB/SIMULINK model window's build function, which is located under the model configuration parameter, allows the SIMULINK model to generate C-code automatically. Following compiler compilation, the real-time dSPACE DS1104 processor board was connected.

### C. Working Principle

The setup depicted in Fig. 2 makes up the suggested PV inverter simulation model. PV system, Inverter, Filter, Step-Up Transformer, Load, Measurement, and Additional components Controller is the primary component.

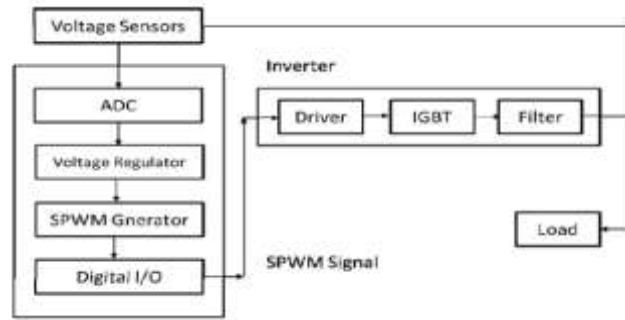


Fig. 3. Block Diagram of DS1104 controller inverter

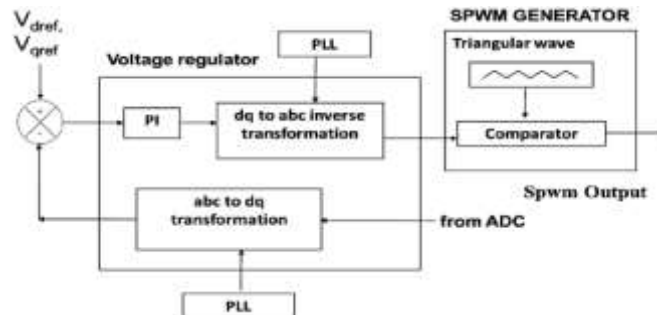


Fig. 4. Voltage regulation scheme inside DS1104 controller.

The C code is generated by the controller when simulation is built in. As illustrated in Fig. 3, the controller's control system is composed of three primary parts. In order to create a closed loop system, the voltage sensor circuit is connected to the dSPACE board and gets input from the load. A sensor is a converter that takes a physical quantity and transforms it into a signal that an electrical device or observer can read. The LEM LA-55P and LEM LV-20P sense current and voltage signals in a similar manner, and then they are inserted into the ADC channel of the dSPACE board. The dSPACE1104 board operates at a voltage of approximately 3 volts. The voltage level is secure for the controller board. As seen in Fig. 4, the signal in the ADC is transformed from analog to digital form and sent to the voltage regulation block. The three phase output voltages that are supplied to the sensor circuit are  $v_a$ ,  $v_b$ , and  $v_c$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_a &= V \cos(\omega t), \\
 v_b &= V \cos\left(\omega t - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right), \\
 v_c &= V \cos\left(\omega t + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right),
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where  $\omega$  is the frequency and  $V$  is the magnitude. Parks transformation, as described in (2), is used to transform the voltage regulation block signal from ADC from ABC to the dq0 reference signal, which is then compared to the  $V_d$  and  $V_q$  reference signals. It obtains a 50 Hz supply for synchronization with the aid of PLL:

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_d \\ V_q \\ V_0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \omega t & \cos\left(\omega t - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & \cos\left(\omega t + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \\ -\sin \omega t & -\sin\left(\omega t - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & -\sin\left(\omega t + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} V_a \\ V_b \\ V_c \end{bmatrix} \tag{2}$$

Then the error signal obtained goes to the PI controller which will give the voltage in regulated form. The equation for time domain PI controller is shown below:

$$u(t) = K_p e(t) + K_i \int_0^t e(t) dt \tag{3}$$

In order to reduce the steady state error and speed up the reaction, it is crucial to combine proportional and integral components. In this case, the controller's integral gains are denoted by  $K_i$  and the proportional gain by  $K_p$ .  $e(t)$  is the error signal. Subsequently, the signal is passed through the inverse parks transformation, resulting in an output voltage waveform that is close to a sinusoidal shape.

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_a \\ V_b \\ V_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \omega t & -\sin \omega t & 1 \\ \cos \left( \omega t - \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) & -\sin \left( \omega t - \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) & 1 \\ \cos \left( \omega t + \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) & -\sin \left( \omega t + \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} V_d \\ V_q \\ V_0 \end{bmatrix} \tag{4}$$

The 50 Hz synchronization signal from the PLL loop is also sent to the inverse park transformation block in this instance. The signal resulting from the inverse park transformation is sent to the SPWM generator in order to generate the switching signal for the inverter switches. It is composed of a triangle waveform and a comparator. In order to shape the output ac voltages to be as near to a sine wave as feasible, the SPWM modulates the switching signals for the inverter switches. This generator compares a 50 Hz control signal to a 25 kHz triangle wave that is used to produce SPWM switching signals that operate the inverter switching components. The inverter switches and their

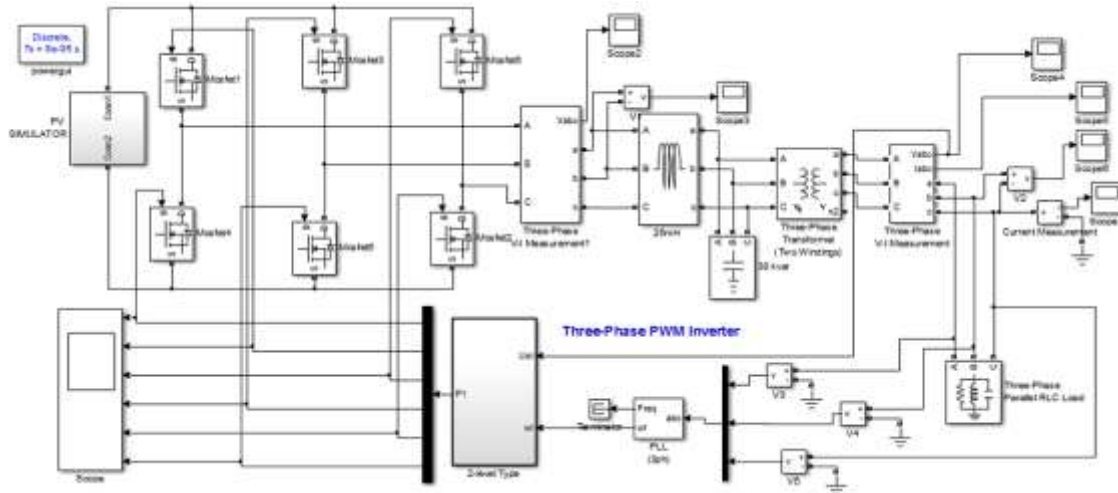


Fig. 5. The simulation model of closed loop inverter and its controller. The triangular wave frequency determine the inverter switching frequencies. PWM's primary benefit is the extremely low power loss in switching devices. Practically no current flows through a switch when it is off, and virtually no voltage drops across it when it is on.

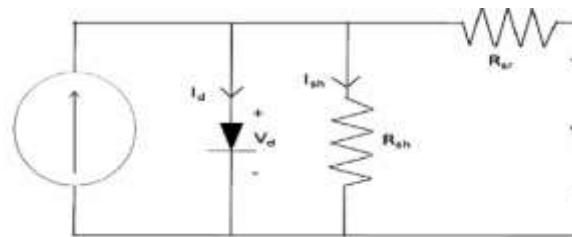


Fig. 6. The circuit diagram of PV Simulator

Since power loss is a function of both voltage and current, it is nearly non-existent in both scenarios. PWM is also compatible with digital controls, which can quickly establish the required duty cycle due to its on/off nature. Typically, a high-frequency transformer is used to step up the voltage and provide isolation for the PWM-driven signal.

**D. Simulation Modelling**

The inverter and controller's thorough simulation model. The PV simulator is included. An electrical equivalent circuit of a current source antiparallel with a diode, a shunt resistance, and a series resistance can be used to simulate a solar cell. The inverter comes next, where a controller receives switching signals. To lessen harmonics, the low-pass LC filter is connected. The output voltage of the inverter is monitored both before and after the filter. The

inductor's value is 25 mH, while the capacitor's value is 30 kVAR. Next, o/p is linked to the load. Since the system is closed loop, three phase voltages are measured, sent to the PLL, and the controller receives the signal from the PLL. The simulation is conducted at the dSPACE1104 Controller Board's sample frequency of 80 usec. A controller that measures the inverter's voltages controls the system.

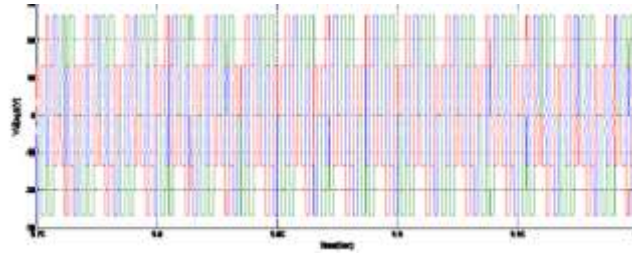


Fig. 7. Three phase inverter output voltage before filter

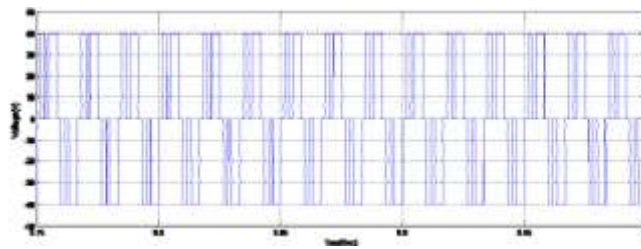


Fig 8. Single phase inverter output voltage before filter

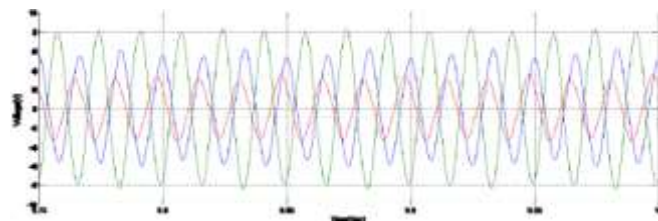


Fig 9. Three phase inverter output voltage after filter

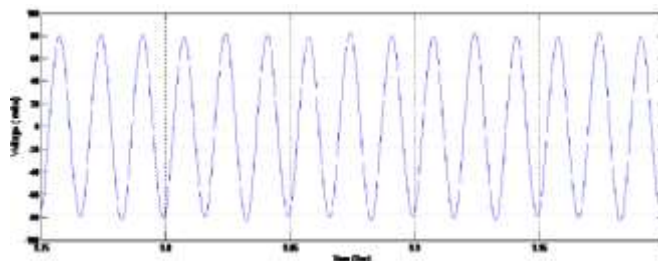


Fig. 10. Single phase inverter output voltage after filter

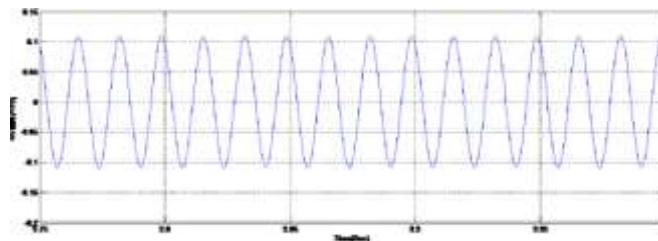


Fig. 11. Load Current of Phase

## Results

Matlab/Simulink has been used to carry out and assess the simulation. MATLAB/SIMULINK tools were used to study the inverter's and its controller model's performance under various scenarios. Consequently, the waveforms of the three-phase inverter output voltage precede the filter. The suggested

inverter controller's PWM switching technique resulted in a series of voltage pulses that ranged between 0 V and  $\pm 40$  V, forming each phase waveform. an improved picture of the single phase voltage, or  $v_a$ , waveform of the inverter.

By using the LC filter, the majority of the higher-order harmonic components were decreased and removed. the inverter's three-phase ac output voltage waveforms, which only show the fundamental and lower order harmonics following the filtering circuits. The voltage waveform of the inverter's output line,  $v_{ab}$ . The patterns of the waveforms were sinusoidal. The period T, which was 0.02 seconds, or 50 Hz, was taken into consideration when determining the frequency of the output waveform. Additionally, the three-phase waveforms, which stand for the inverter output voltages  $v_a$ ,  $v_b$ , and  $v_c$ , are separated from one another by  $120^\circ$ . The load current's phase waveform. This current waveform resembles a sinusoidal waveform, much like the voltage waveform does. Therefore, it can be said that the improved inverter controller that was created was sufficiently efficient for photovoltaic applications.

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## Conclusion

This page presents a MATLAB/SIMULINK-based three-phase PV inverter controller. The outcomes demonstrated that the inverter controller generates a steady and almost sinusoidal in both line voltage and current at 50 Hz. The block name carrier generator will compare the carrier wave with the modulating wave thanks to the controller's design. The low pass filter is operating efficiently, suppressing the higher order harmonics and producing a sine waveform. The simulation's outcome demonstrated an effective reference plan for confirming the controller's desired operation. Results are provided together with the presentation of the inverter's closed loop system.

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