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Comparative Study of Solar MPPT Systems

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Abstract : One of the most essential needs of humans in the present day to day life is electricity. Among the energy source, solar energy is abundant and environmentally friendly. So conversion of solar energy into electricity not only improves generation of electricity but also reduces pollution due to fossil fuels. The output power of solar panel depends on solar irradiance, temperature and the load impedance. As the load impedance depends on application, a dc-dc converter is used for improving the performance of solar panel. The solar irradiance and temperature are dynamic. Hence an online algorithm which dynamically computes the operating point of the solar panel is required. The efficient conversion of solar energy is possible with Maximum Power Point Tracking(MPPT) algorithm. There are various MPPT algorithms available such as Perturb and Observe, Incremental Conductance and parasitic capacitance. The most prevalent methods in MPPT and their topology are compared and it is found that the best MPPT technique is the modified perturb and observe method compared to other techniques.