

Evaluation of Power Performance of Solar Module Using Two Diode Model with MATLAB Simulation

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ABSTRACT

This paper tries to represent the difference between single diode and two diode photovoltaic models in terms of efficiency simulated by MATLAB. The research activities done earlier had shown a clear preview that the solar cell can act as concentrated solar cell for increasing the conversion efficiency to a great extent so that output power can be improved to a large scale. Here for showing the manner of concentrated solar action double diode model has been calculated for observing the power difference in comparison with the solar cell of single diode as a convenient one. It has been observed that the photovoltaic module with two diode model is observed as highly efficient in comparison with single diode model. And this two diode model can be treated as highly efficient to convert the solar energy in the electric energy. Also, the behavior of power performance is observed practically which is included in this paper. And finally, a comparison has been drawn out to exhibit the verification of power performance for two diode model using MATLAB simulation. The mostly impact factors considered in this paper are solar irradiance and temperature affecting the power output from PV module.

Keywords: Photovoltaic, module, power.

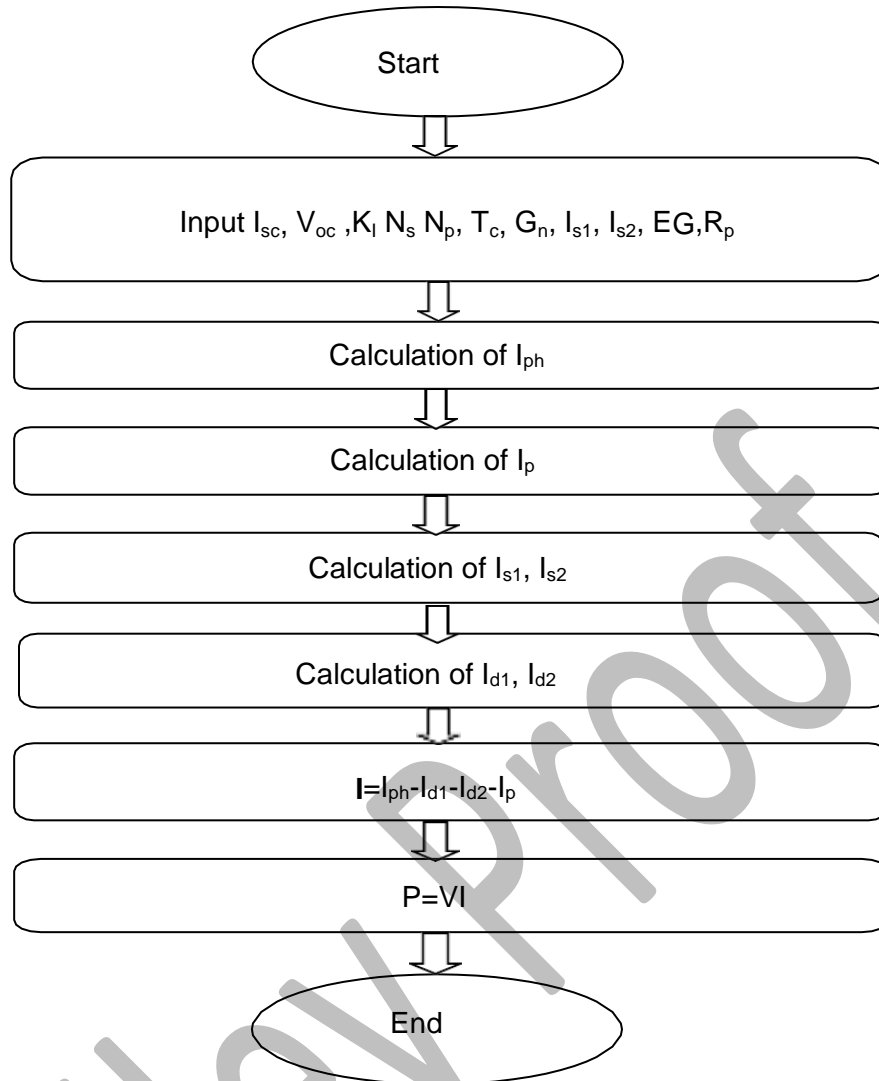
1 Introduction

Day by day, fossil fuels utilization is increasing. Fossil fuel is extremely used in power plants responsible to generate electricity by fossil fuels such as coal, oil, gas. The steam produced by boilers of generators drives big turbines that generate electricity. These power plants are largely dependent on fossil fuels for the long run power generation process. However, by burning these fossil fuels they generate large amounts of carbon dioxide, which causes world weather change. It also pollutes our environment, and this pollution increases malign disease. Renewable energy is that type of energy which is coming from renewable resources, such as wind, sunlight, tides, waves, and geothermal heat. Renewable energy does not pollute our environment. Now a day, many researchers are taking their researches on the photovoltaic (PV) cell technology and its efficiency. The electricity produced by utilization of the PV module relies on important factors like solar irradiance and temperature. The photovoltaic (PV) cell is the root device that produces electricity from sunlight. Cells are connected in series combination to increase voltage or in parallel combination to increase

18 current level. Modules and arrays are created by the connection of cells in a demand based manner. The
19 PV cell is represented by an electrical equivalent circuit according to the principal of semi-conductors [1].
20 In this model, the equivalent circuit has two resistances R_p and R_s . R_p is connected in parallel and R_s is
21 connected in series with current source. Here we represented two models, one is single diode model, and
22 another is two diode model and we also compared between these models which is more accurate model for
23 more efficiency. In these model, there have inputs, outputs and other parameters. Sunlight (light and heat)
24 is considering as input and there have some variable data, assumption data, and constant data. After building
25 the PV module, we have got optimistic power and here we measure accurate data with the equivalent model.
26 Here I_p is the reverse saturation currents of both models and I_{s1} and I_{s2} are diode current and here ideal
27 factors respectively A_1 and A_2 . The purpose of the paper is to determine the power and simulate these
28 modules by MATLAB Simulation [1]. Here diodes are connected parallel with source in this module. A
29 solar cell is directly affected by sunlight and the other two parameters are irradiance and temperature. In
30 this module load is connected with series resistance. It is necessary to operate the photovoltaic (PV) systems
31 and find out the peak power point and current of these systems. However, there is a different equation
32 current and power curve, and which depends on the photovoltaic (PV) array terminal voltage of these
33 photovoltaic systems. The maximum power point varies because the sunlight (temperature and irradiation
34 level) are variable. When temperature increases, current and power also increases. When temperature
35 decreases, current and power also decreases [2]. Normally the available voltage and current of a PV device
36 can meet the demand of the small load but in case of bigger complicated applications some electronic
37 converters are required to fulfill the demand [3]. The photovoltaic cell fabricated in thin wafer of
38 semiconductor is capable of showing slightly different electrical property than a diode characterized by the
39 Shockley equation [4]. The commercially produced PV panels are mainly produced by Silicon (Si), although
40 Si is not the only possible material for the PV panel. The main reason behind the utilization of the Si
41 material is its feasibility of fabrication process in the large scale even though low conversion efficiency [5].
42 The modeling of the PV module is involved with the non-linearity of the I-V curves [6]–[8]. The early
43 period researchers developed the circuit for characterizing the PV cell in terms of environment parameters
44 like irradiance and temperature whereas at present time researchers try to represent the circuit models in
45 terms of single and double diode or two model characterized by the modified Shockley equation [9]. The
46 research shows that the single diode model is less efficient than two diode model to describe the cell
47 characteristics at low illuminations [10]. Here we try to justify which module is perfect for maximum power.
48 In the two-diode model power is higher more than one diode model. This PV system has some leakage
49 current. Here I_{s1} and I_{s2} are leakage current. Solar panel consists of series connected photovoltaic cells. The
50 Russian researchers are interested to work in photovoltaic system, because solar power generation has large
51 growth potential voltage. In this work to solve the complex equation we used MATLAB Simulation [11].
52 In addition, it is said that the two different doped layers of semiconductor materials are responsible for
53 absorbing the irradiance from the solar energy [12]. And the equivalent models of photovoltaic are very
54 important to execute the performance of the PV module so that further improvement can be investigated
55 [13]. And the tilt angle is one influencing factor to affect the power performance of the PV module [14]–
56 [16]. On top of this the power output can be maximized using several MPPT techniques [17], [18]. But to
57 control the duty cycle of the MPPT the DC-DC converter plays a vital role [19], [20].

58 2 Methodology

59 At first the two and single diode model of solar cell have been taken for analyzing the MATLAB simulation.
60 The single diode model and the two diode model for the solar cell is shown in figure 4 and figure 5. And
61 the process of analyzing the simulation is shown in figure 1 as a flow chart diagram. This photovoltaic (PV)
62 module estimates the non-linear I–V and P–V curves. Figure 2 exhibits the single diode model arrangement
63 for expressing the equivalent circuit of the PV module. Again figure 3 represents the double diode model
64 or two diode model accordingly. Out of these two models only double diode model is considered as the
65 better diode model since it is capable to generate the more power under the same operating condition [2].



66 **Figure 1:** Flow chart of power estimation process for the double diode model.

67 The photocurrent (I_{ph}) is taken from the provided parameters of data sheet. Here the ideality factor (A_1 and
 68 A_2) are taken as unity, leaving shunt resistance (R_{sh}) and series resistance (R_s) values to be measured. Initial
 69 estimates of series and parallel resistances are taken considering respective derivations utilizing equation (1)
 70 and (6) [21].

71 Finally, an experiment set up has been initiated for investigating the power performance of the PV module
 72 to get the output characteristics of the PV module. The experiment is done in the IUBAT campus located
 73 in Dhaka in Bangladesh.

74 **3 Analysis of PV Characteristic using Experiment**

75 Table 1 shows the experimental data that has been collected from the experiment set up in IUBAT campus.
 76 This experiment set up includes a solar module, an ammeter, a voltmeter and a variable resistor as the load.
 77 Then changing the load, the corresponding voltage and current have been noted which is shown in the data
 78 table. In the data table resistance, voltage, current and power data are shown. From the data table it is
 79 shown that the voltage level is increased with the increment of load resistance. Again, the current level is
 80 almost constant throughout the variation of load resistance. And finally, the table exhibits the power data
 81 which is very important parameter in the investigation.

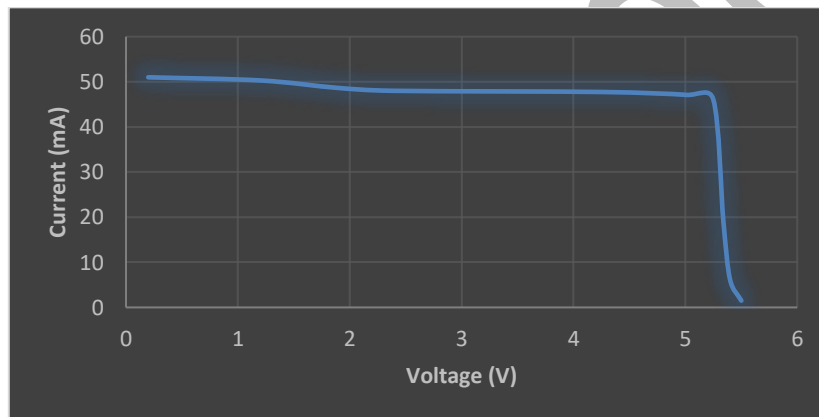
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Table 1: Obtained Experimental data for investigation of PV characteristics

Resistance (k Ω)	Voltage (volt)	Current(mA)	Power(watt)
1.8	0.199	50.10	0.010149
3.7	1.2	50.3	0.06036
4.5	1.89	48.65	0.091949
5.01	2.38	48.01	0.114264
7.6	4.25	47.74	0.202895
9.00	5.01	47.1	0.235971
10.15	5.25	46.06	0.241815
12.00	5.34	19	0.10146
13.00	5.4	3.58	0.03294
13.9	5.5	1.5	0.00825

84 Figure 2 expresses the I-V curve of the PV module taking practical data from experiment set up. The figure
 85 shows that the current is almost constant throughout the change of voltage. These are the important
 86 characteristics obtained from the PV module which is responsible for producing the significant power from
 87 the PV module.

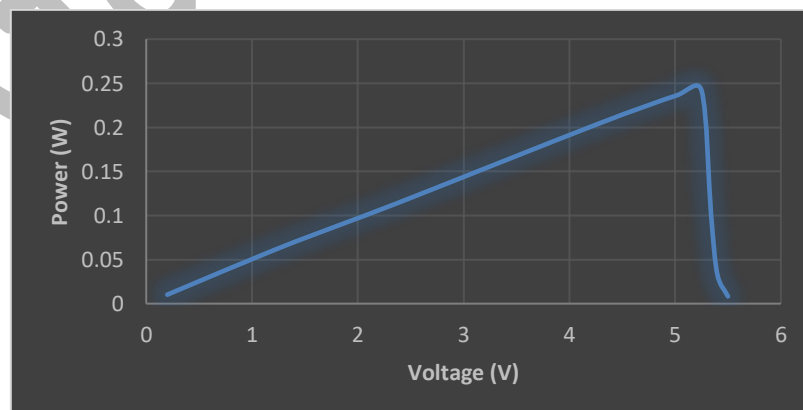


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Figure 2: I-V Curve obtained from experimental data (Current and voltage)

90 Figure 3 expresses the P-V curve of the PV module taking practical data from experiment set up. The figure
 91 shows that the power is increasing rapidly with the increment of the voltage level. These are the important
 92 characteristics obtained from the PV module which is responsible for tracking the significant power from
 93 the PV module.



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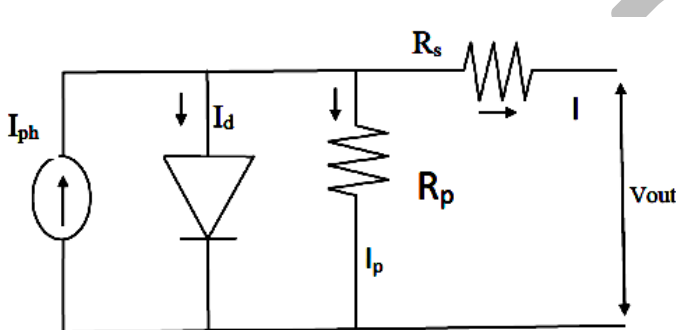
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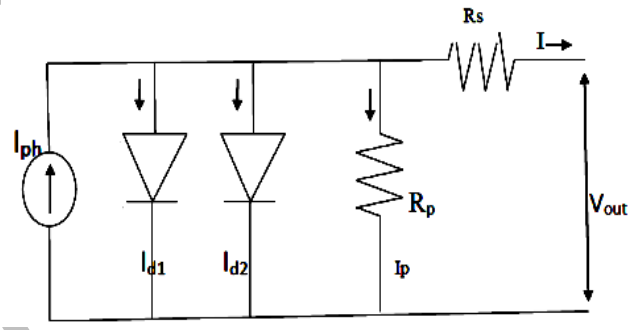
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97 4 Working Principle of Solar Cell Model

98 Solar cell works on light energy, and it converts the solar energy into electric energy through electron hole
 99 pair generation process. Again, the generated electron hole pair are separated by an electric field produced
 100 internally in the cell. Through the accumulation of the electron and hole in opposite polarity makes a voltage
 101 across the two terminals by which power is transmitted to the load. Now this solar cell can be manufactured
 102 in various materials with various techniques performing improved efficiency. The main problem in solar
 103 cell is its conversion efficiency. Almost maximum portion of the absorbed radiation is converted into heat
 104 energy which is totally lost criterion. So, researchers are trying to absorb maximum radiation as well as
 105 conversion to electric energy by producing the more electron hole pairs. From this concept two diode
 106 model has been come out for achieving the maximum power from the solar cell. In construction one diode
 107 and one resistance are connected in parallel with the current source. And one resistance and one the load
 108 are series connected with the current source. On top of this in two diode model, two diodes and one
 109 resistance are parallel connected with the current source and rest part of connection is same. Many
 110 researchers tried to decrease the number of unknown parameters. Since the two-diode model involves with
 111 large unknown parameters, most of the researchers prefer single diode model for involving reduced number
 112 of unknown parameters which make them easier to find the unknown parameters in the respective analysis
 113 [21], [22]. Alternatively, the single diode model cannot withstand with the climate change because it provides
 114 unusual data which is expected in real life implementation of PV module [2]. The construction of equivalent
 115 circuit for one diode model is shown in figure 4 and the construction of equivalent circuit for two diode
 116 model is shown in figure 5.



117 **Figure 4: Single diode model**



118 **Figure 5: Two diode model**

119 From figure 4, it is shown that only one diode is connected in the circuit diagram. In this figure, it is
 120 observed that a current source is connected in parallel with the diode. Also, a high resistance is connected
 121 in parallel with the diode and a low resistance is connected in series in the circuit. From figure 5, it is shown
 122 that two diodes are connected in the circuit diagram. A current source is connected in parallel with the
 123 diodes in the circuit diagram. Also, a high resistance is connected in parallel with the diode and a low
 124 resistance is connected in series in the same circuit.

125 Where I_{ph} is the current source that is produced by the sunlight, and it is directly proportional to the solar
 126 radiation. Here for single diode model I_d reverse saturation current, for two diode model I_{d1} and I_{d2} are the
 127 reverse saturation diode currents of diode 1 and 2 respectively. Here I is the load current (I). R_p is the shunt
 128 resistance and R_s is the series resistance. V_{out} is the load of this these circuit. R_s is variable to compute R_p
 129 in which is implemented in Matlab Simulink environment. On the other hand, there is given another module
 130 which is consist by two diode that shows the PV cell more accurate while it needs extra unknown variables
 131 in the two-diode model. The proposed two-diode model is more accurate that one diode model.

131 5 Comparison of One Diode and Two Diode Model

132 In the field we used variable resistance so that we may get variable voltage current and power. Some
 133 researchers tried to evaluate I_{d1} and I_{d2} the diode currents using the iteration process in the two diode model.

134 But due to impact of anonymous initial values the computational time has been increased in the iteration
 135 process. The total process is done in MATLAB simulation taking the initials from the data sheet. The
 136 experiment set up is done for the observation of current and power characteristics against of voltage across
 137 the load. It is noted that this experimental data is not directly associated with the simulation process.

138 Mathematical Model of Solar Cells

139 In figure (1), according to Kirchhoff current law we can write

$$142 \quad I = I_{ph} - I_d - I_p \quad (1)$$

140 Where I_{ph} is the photovoltaic current and I_d is the diode current. I_p is the leakage current of parallel
 141 resistance R_p .

$$143 \quad I_{ph} = N_p(I_{sc} + K_i)(T_c - T_{ref})\left(\frac{G}{G_n}\right) \quad (2)$$

144 At 25 °C where I_{sc} is the short circuit current of PV cell and that short circuit current coefficient is K_i ,
 145 T_{ref} is the temperature coefficient, T_c is the reference temperature and G is the solar radiation in kW/m²
 146 and G_n is nominal solar irradiation at STC in kW/m². To measure the parameters of single-diode and a
 147 two-diode models, the analysis has been executed based on an analytical method. Although, the Newton-
 148 Raphson method is offered the merits of fast convergence, when it can only be executed if the first-order
 149 derivative can be done [4].

$$150 \quad I_d = N_p I_s \left[e^{\frac{q\left(\frac{V}{N_s} + \frac{I R_s}{N_p}\right)}{k T_c A}} - 1 \right] \quad (3)$$

151 Here the diode voltage is V , T_c is the cell temperature in Kelvin (K), k is the Boltzmann constant that value
 152 is $1,381.10^{-23}$ J/K, also here q is electron charge, and the amount of charge is $1.602.10^{-19}$ C, N_s is the number
 153 of cell connected in series, N_p is the assumption value, the ideality factor is A and I_s is the reverse saturation
 154 current [15].

$$155 \quad I_p = \frac{\frac{N_p V}{N_s} + I R_s}{R_p} \quad (4)$$

156 Finally, we can write that for single diode model

$$157 \quad I = I_{ph} - N_p I_s \left[e^{\frac{q\left(\frac{V}{N_s} + \frac{I R_s}{N_p}\right)}{k T_c A}} - 1 \right] - \frac{\frac{N_p V}{N_s} + I R_s}{R_p} \quad (5)$$

158 For two diode model:

159 In figure (2), according to Kirchhoff current law we can write,

$$160 \quad I = I_{ph} - I_{d1} - I_{d2} - I_p \quad (6)$$

161 Where I_{d1} and I_{d2} are diodes current.

$$162 \quad I_{d1} = N_p I_{s1} \left[e^{\frac{q\left(\frac{V}{N_s} + \frac{I R_s}{N_p}\right)}{k T_c A_1}} - 1 \right] \quad (7)$$

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164 And

$$165 \quad I_{d2} = N_p I_{s1} \left[e^{\frac{q \left(\frac{V}{N_s} + \frac{I R_s}{N_p} \right)}{k T_c A_2}} - 1 \right] \quad (8)$$

166 Finally, we can write that for two diode model

$$167 \quad I = I_{ph} - N_p I_{s1} \left[e^{\frac{q \left(\frac{V}{N_s} + \frac{I R_s}{N_p} \right)}{k T_c A_1}} - 1 \right] - N_p I_{s2} \left[e^{\frac{q \left(\frac{V}{N_s} + \frac{I R_s}{N_p} \right)}{k T_c A_2}} - 1 \right] - \frac{N_p V}{N_s} + I R_s \quad (9)$$

168 Where I_{ph} is the current source which generated from the sunlight, and it is directly proportional to the
 169 solar irradiation. In this model diode current I_{s1} and I_{s2} are the reverse saturation current. Here A_1 and A_2
 170 are the ideality factors of single diode and double diode respectively, the charge on electron is q , k is the
 171 Boltzmann constant, and that value is given in single diode method, R_s and R_p are resistance respectively.
 172 The series resistance and the shunt resistance, V_{out} is the output voltage, and I is the output current of the
 173 solar cell. Here assuming ideality factor $A_1=1$ and $A_2=1.2$. Also here, $I_{s1}=1.782 \times 10^{-10}$ and $I_{s2}=9.075 \times 10^{-9}$
 174 [22].

175 6 MATLAB Simulation

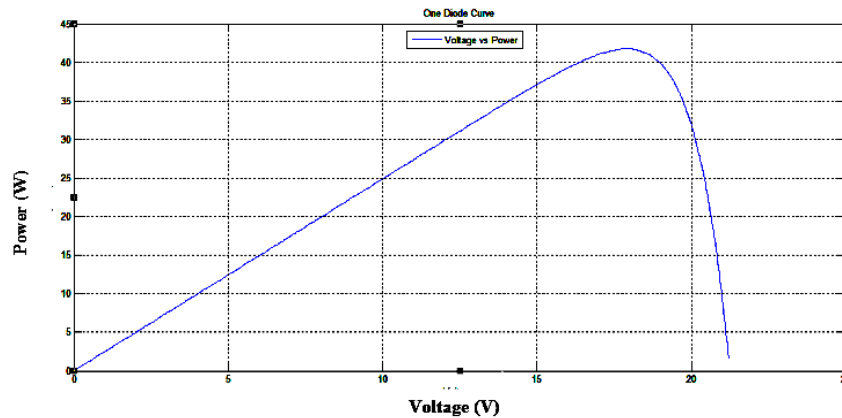
176 In these simulation models, from the equivalent circuits, we can establish the R_s and R_p value by MATLAB
 177 Simulation. Here we use controlled current source to simulate photocurrent I_{ph} and the constant current is
 178 obtained at certain sunlight intensity [23].

179 The specification as provided by the manufacturer is given in table 2. From the data table it is shown that
 180 the parameters are shown for both of the single and double diode models. These data are used as parametric
 181 value for the MATLAB simulation. From the data table it is shown that all parameters are same for both
 182 models except A_1 , A_2 , I_{s1} , I_{s2} .

183 **Table 2:** Data sheet for initials of parameters [22]

Parameters	Single diode value	Two diode value
I_{sc}	3.11	3.11
V_{oc}	21.8	21.8
R_s	0.55	0.55
R_p	1000	1000
A_1	-	1
A_2	-	1.2
N_s	36	36
N_p	1	1
T_c	300	300
T_{ref}	298	298
I_{s1}	-	1.782×10^{-10}
I_{s2}	-	9.075×10^{-9}
G	800	800
G_n	1000	1000
V_{oc}	21.8	21.8

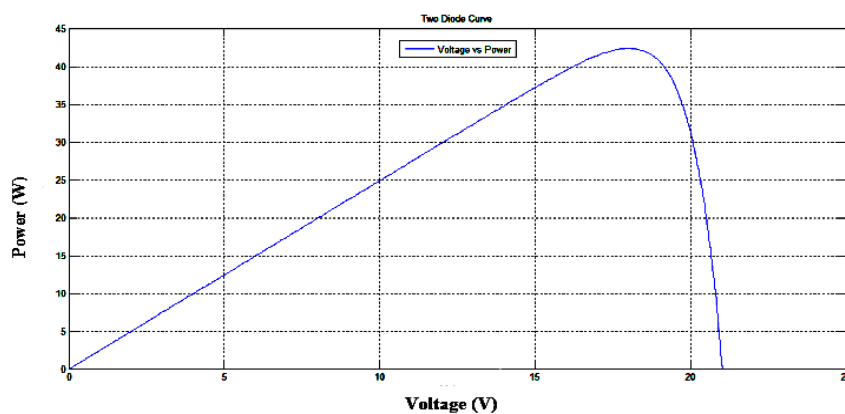
184 Table 2 shows the blank cell for the single diode model because the single diode model only does not
 185 need these factors.



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Figure 6: P-V curve for one diode model using Matlab



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Figure 7: P-V curve for two diode model using Matlab

190 It is clear, which one is the better model from figure 6 and figure 7, that the two-diode model gives a better
 191 power more than the single-diode model under the same condition. Here x axis reference is voltage and Y
 192 axis reference is power. The solar energy is directly relying on solar radiation (temperature and illumination).
 193 In general, under same conditions, in photovoltaic system, the big area solar arrays will generate more power
 194 than the smaller solar arrays because big area solar arrays absorb large [2]. To verify PV model, the PV
 195 module is simulated by MATLAB simulation.

196 Figure 6 is standing for observation of power performance in case of the single diode model and figure 7
 197 is standing for the observation of power performance in case of the two diode model. These figures are
 198 obtained from the MATLAB simulation. Though these two figures are showing almost same manner, there
 199 is a little bit maximum power difference which is manipulated in table 3. Though the power difference is
 200 little in the small PV panel but for a large PV panel this power difference will reach a significant level. The
 201 power data obtained from two different models are provided in the data table 3. From the data table it is
 202 seen that the voltage and current are slightly in better position in case of two diode model. Also, power is
 203 better in the two diode model.

204 **Table 3:** Data table for comparison between one diode and two diode model using MATLAB (Power, current)

Parameters	One diode value	Two diode value
Maximum Voltage (V_m)	17.8 (V)	18 (V)
Maximum current (I_m)	2.3442(A)	2.3550 (A)
Maximum power (P_m)	41.7275 (w)	42.3903 (w)

205 From this comparison table we have seen that two diode model is better than single diode model.

206 **7 View of Practical Work and Simulation**

207 A practical work has been investigated for the basic I-V and P-V characteristics of the PV module so that
208 power performance of the PV module can be realized properly. This experiment is essentially needed to
209 improve the power performance from the PV module. Because all the related parameters are directly
210 involved in the power characteristic such as solar irradiance, temperature, fill factor, ideality factor, and
211 clearness index and the current versus voltage curve is also a matter of fact to analyze. From the experiment
212 it is shown that the current is almost constant for the wide variation of the terminal voltage of the PV
213 module which brings excellent benefit of obtaining a maximum power at a certain voltage level. Besides a
214 simulation work is investigated for showing the power performance variation with two and single diode
215 models. And from the simulation process it has been perceived that the power is highly dependent on the
216 number of connected diodes in the equivalent models. This investigation is focusing the important
217 potentiality of the PV module to produce more efficient power with concentrated technique of the
218 semiconductor layers with optimization of the power potentiality.

219 **8 Conclusion**

220 In this paper, an accurate module of photovoltaic (PV) system is represented in detail under MATLAB
221 Simulation. The simulation directly shows the power performance of the PV module for the both case of
222 models. The single diode model shows the obtained maximum power is 41.7275 W whereas the double
223 diode model shows 42.3903 W which is expressing the improved gain of the power. This improved power
224 output is possible only for consideration of the diode action in excess. From the simulation result it has
225 been observed that around 1.6 % more power can be developed in case two diode model for the
226 consideration of 36 cells integrated module. It has been concluded that the two diode model can be treated
227 as more efficient model to get optimum power from the solar cell.

228 **9 Declarations**

229 **9.1 Study Limitations**

230 No external fund to execute the biogas power plant. For this reason, we need to rely on online data to
231 execute the research.

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