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## **ABSTRACT**

The photovoltaic (PV) solar system is an alternative way of generating electricity. This project presents the design and development of a portable solar pumping water filter with low cost and easy to maintain over time. It would be great to have clean water and electricity supplied sustainable without needing any outside help. The water is being pump through a pipe and will filter the water for purification. Solar module is used to power the pump for pumping instead of using conventional electricity to on the pump. Battery is needed to be a backup and use at night. The portable solar pump will remove sand and any particles inside the water. The system will generate 200W/day from 50W mono-crystalline type of solar panel with 12V DC pump of 13.3Ah batteries capacity. System sizing is being done using PVGIS system and manually calculated so as achieve optimize design. The sizing of both elements is important to make sure that the panel and battery is protected from power leakage.

## ABSTRAK

Sistem solar photovoltaic (PV) adalah antara salah satu cara untuk menjana elektrik. Projek ini menggunakan aplikasi pum untuk menyedut dan membawa air ke dalam penapis untuk ditapis supaya menjadi lebih bersih dan sihat untuk digunakan dengan menggunakan kos yang rendah dan menjimatkan masa. Bekalan elektrik akan dibekalkan secara mampan tanpa perlu apa-apa bantuan luar. Jenis panel Photovoltaic (PV) yang akan digunakan adalah jenis 50Wp mono-kristal dimana ia akan menjana 200W/hari daripada beban yang digunakan dengan penggunaan pam 12V DC 13.3Ah kapasiti bateri. Reka bentuk dan saiz projek dilakukan menggunakan sistem PVGIS dan juga dikira menggunakan kaedah manual untuk mendapatkan hasil yang terbaik. Pengiraan saiz untuk kedua-dua elemen ini amatlah penting untuk memastikan bahawa panel dan bateri dilindungi daripada kebocoran kuasa. Konsep sistem adalah air dipam melalui paip pada hari yang cerah dan penapis akan menapis air untuk pembersihan. Solar digunakan sebagai alternatif lain untuk memberi kuasa kepada pam untuk proses pengepaman. Penggunaan bateri amatlah penting terutama sekali pada waktu malam dimana tenaga solar tidak dapat beroperasi pada waktu tersebut. Pam akan menarik air melalui penapis yang mempunyai kualiti yang baik untuk membuang pasir dan mana-mana zarah di dalam air supaya menjadi bersih dan boleh digunakan.

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## LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

SBM	=	Shape-Based Matching



# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.0 Introduction

This chapter is all about the beginning of the project which is the pumping system that had being generated and powered by the solar power and control the flowing of water for filtering processes.

### 1.1 Background

Water is one of the important elements in human life and essential to the survival of most other organisms. Clean and purity water is the most concern issues in rural communities where by dirty water is the biggest problem of health risk and lack of basic protections that is harmful for humans used and not fit for drinking. Human body required about seven liters of water per day to avoid dehydration. The World Health Organization state that water hygiene and sanitation improvement can reduce 32 percent of diarrheal disease. However, over 40 percent of the world's 6 billion people not accept the fact about sanitation and still using water from unsafe sources (Kindhauser, 2002).

Nowadays, technological age has resulted in high demand for electricity. Hence, the demand of the production has led to global warming and environmental effected. Therefore, renewable energy was created to concern the environment issue and produce more electricity. Solar have the greatest potential of renewable energy that can be commercial in Malaysia regarding the location of Malaysia on the equator give this country an advantage which receive 12 hours of sunlight daily. It generated electricity during the day at peak power usage time when

the cost and value of electricity is at the highest. Photovoltaic (PV) is the main component in solar power system that will convert the light directly into electricity in direct current (DC) form. The term of photovoltaic represents two words; photo refers to the light and voltaic represent the electricity. By using solar panel, we can save eco-system and global warming rather than using fossil fuels as energy power and we can also reduce our energy cost and contribute to a clean environment.

Solar pumping water filter is the low cost of purifying the water and can be implemented rather than rely on firewood that has impact on the environment. It is inexpensive, effective and increasing water safety and decrease dehydration. It can be used in rural area that not connected in grid with utility companies. Solar powered pumps are the best choice when the utility power and piped water is not available. There are many researcher studied about solar pumping system but they are only focusing on modeling and simulation of the system.

## **1.2 Problem Statement**

Nowadays, people at rural or remote area are still beyond the coverage and lack of knowledge about fresh and pure water for their daily usage. As we known, drinking unsafe water will affected their health and it would be great to have clean water and electricity supplied sustainably without needing any outside help since lack of electricity is one of the main problem in rural area. Usually fresh water is not available in many locations that are too far from water supply system which they have to transport from nearby sources at high cost.

Solar pumping water filter is an alternative way to make the water purification, suitable for drinking and usable for household activities. The water supply that has been used for drinking water is usually stored in households in a container which is exposed to dirt and environment that not very clean. Apart from that, the quality of cleanliness of water from other sources; lake or rivers used by villagers are rarely known whether it is clean water or not.

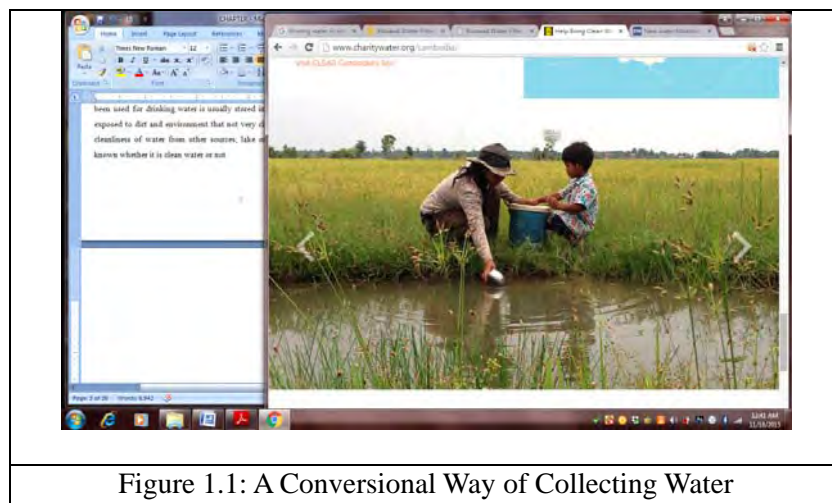


Figure 1.1: A Conversional Way of Collecting Water

An automatic pumping system is developing through this project since it is easy to use technology and simple which is effective to bring the latest technology to a new level of usage and innovation. This filtering of water is basically and manually done by a person where it's require an extra work by collect the water by their self and keep it inside a tank. With this pumping system that attach together with the filter, it will pump water automatically without needing to collect the water from any sources and directly filter the water.

### 1.3 Objective

The aim of this project is to design a portable solar water filter with low cost and easy to maintain over time. A design for a small-scale PV system will able to supply a rural area with safe portable water. To fulfill this objective, a photovoltaic (PV) panel stand-alone solar was used as a solar power source and stored the power energized in the battery. A basic water filter system is connected to the solar panel to purify the water and produced safe water for drinkable. This green power sources will benefit rural communities where utility companies are too far from their places. Other than that is to study and establish more knowledge about renewable energy especially solar energy.

## 1.4 Scopes

Project scope is one of the essential ingredients that required guiding and assisting for development of the project. The size of the system intended to be small therefore it can be portable and easy to handle. The project scope includes:

- To design the simple pumping system that will automatically collect water
- To determine the suitable sizing for the battery and solar panel to be used
- To make an analysis about the system performance and to determine if it capable to filtering the unwanted substances

# **CHAPTER 2**

## **LITERATURE REVIEW**

### **2.0 Introduction**

To design and develop this project, research about the system such as renewable source, PV panel, battery sizing, water filter and pumping system must be in detailed. The literature review is conducted by doing some research and searching information to the related point subjected to the project through internet and journal from IEE articles and other resources helps a lot.

Generally, water pumping system is the process of moving the fresh sources of water and purified it through the filter to get clean water with the best result of pH value. Fresh water that comes from lake, river or pond is usually unhealthy or poisonous. Thus, this purifies and treatment directly after being pumped will result a clean water and safe for human. A typical stand-alone solar system comprises the following components; solar panels, voltage or charge controller, storage battery and inverter for AC load.

### **2.1 Renewable Energy**

Renewable energy is an energy that naturally gets from our surrounding and environment resources. There are many types of renewable energy such as solar, wind, geothermal and others that can be use as sources to generating the electricity. Renewable energy is important regarding the benefits that provides by the energy such as environmental benefits. Renewable energy is a clean energy and sources that have a lower environmental impact. It is also an energy that will

not run out. Renewable energy is an alternative way in rural and remote areas rather than using fossil fuels that expensive and difficult to get.

### **2.1.1 Solar Energy**

Sunlight is the sources of heating and lighting when the energy is used directly from sun. It can generate electricity for variety of commercial and industrial uses and will give benefits to homes and other buildings. Solar energy is an environment friendly, requires minimal maintenance and PV cells is last until 30 years. The only disadvantage of solar panel is it cannot operates within the night, without light and it is also requires large area for large scale applications.

### **2.1.2 Wind Energy**

Wind turbines are a process of evaporation of water by using hydroelectric power. The energy from the sun will drives the winds and cause water to evaporate turns into rain or snow into the river or streams. Wind energy is the most widely renewable energy consumed in term of capacity. The advantages of the system are it wills reduces consumption of fossil fuels for electricity production and prevent from pollution. Wind energy is using wind generator that is only available in certain areas and will make a humming sound of noise that can disturb people nearby. It is also need a wide place and the height of the generator can block the viewing of scenery.

### **2.1.3 Biomass Energy**

Biomass is a renewable energy that gets the sources of energy indirect from the sun. Biomass energy is consists of biological material produced by the living organisms. It is often apply for plants and also can apply to animal. It is exists by transferring through the food chain

of animal bodies and their wastes. This system is widely used due to its low cost and amount of energy captured. The good example of biomass energy is wood from tree that will produce energy for heating and cooking and biomass is suitable for off-grid electricity generation.

#### **2.1.4 Ocean Energy**

Ocean energy comes from the gravitational pull of the moon and the sun with the earth. The energy that produces the oceans wave drives by the winds. There is much renewable energy that can forms ocean energy to produce electricity (Kishore, 2009). The benefits of using ocean energy are it can prevent from uncontrolled flooding and provide water for irrigation. Regarding the disadvantages, dirt can build up at dams and decreasing their effectiveness. It is also interfaces with natural flow of water through environment and wildlife migration pattern such as salmon.

#### **2.2 Solar Power**

The sun is the only star of our solar system located at its center whereby the earth and other planets orbit the sun. Energy from the sun in the form of solar radiation support almost all life on earth via photosynthesis and drives the earth's climate and weather. Soteris (2009) also highlights that solar energy is the greatest advantages compared with other forms of energy are that is clean and can be supplied without environmental pollution.

Solar energy is the most popular renewable energy and it is suited to apply in rural and remote area where the energy is crucial in human development. It is an energy that consistent and steady source throughout the year that convert energy from sun to usable electricity. The main benefit of solar energy is it can be easily to get and very economic.

Table 2.1: The Advantages and Disadvantages of Solar Energy

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment friendly</li> <li>• Low noise</li> <li>• Minimal Maintenance requirements</li> <li>• Reduce production of various pollution</li> <li>• Long life, PV cell last until 30 years</li> <li>• Easy to install</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low output in cloudy weather</li> <li>• High initial cost</li> <li>• Large area needed</li> </ul>

### 2.2.1 On-grid Solar Systems

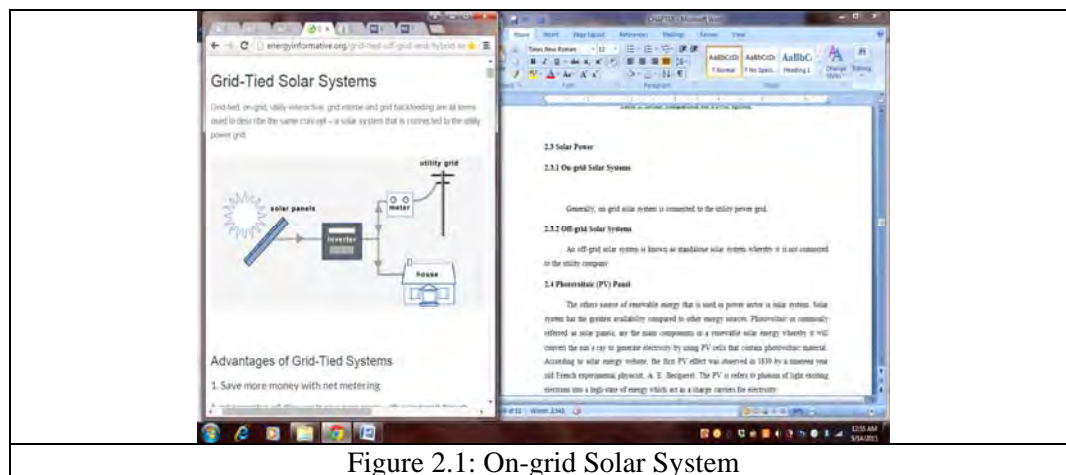


Figure 2.1: On-grid Solar System

Generally, on-grid solar system is connected to the utility power grid. The advantages of this system are it save more money with metering system with solar panel. Usually, household will consume a lot of electrical energy, but with metering, homeowners can excess electricity onto utility grid instead of paying extra bills and storing the energy to the battery. Homeowners can make a benefit by selling the energy and the utility company is committed to buy the