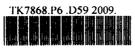
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ABSTRACT

Nowadays, having a reliable power supply has become a must for our daily use. To have a portable power supply might be handy for outdoor supply purposes. The purpose of this project is to design a hybrid power supply system that can cater small AC and DC loads in order to solve the problems of; the availability in getting electric power source during electricity breakdown; the availability to obtain electrical power source other than use of generators during outdoor activities; saving time and cost; and the availability to have a reliable power supply. Multi-Purpose Hybrid Power Supply is a project focusing on designing a hybrid power supply consisting of conventional electric power plug point and/or photovoltaic solar panels. It gives added features where we can choose either to use supply from the conventional plug point or from the PV solar panels. The types of source which cater the loads are in DC (9V) and single phase AC (240V). This feature gives the consumer options in choosing to use their desired loads which might be in AC or DC rating. The design of this project will involve in determining the required components and the electrical characteristics of each component. The design must be fabricated and analyzed thoroughly. A project planning must be arranged properly during completing this project in order to solve the problems and to get the expected results.

ABSTRAK

Kini, memiliki bekalan kuasa yang boleh harap sudah menjadi satu kemestian untuk digunakan dalam aktiviti kita sehari-hari. Dengan memiliki bekalan kuasa mudah alih juga turut membantu memberi bekalan kuasa untuk aktiviti luar rumah. Tujuan projek ini adalah untuk merekabentuk satu sistem bekalan kuasa hybrid yang boleh membekalkan kuasa pada beban AU dan AT yang kecil dalam usaha untuk menyelesaikan masalah seperti; mendapatkan ketersediaan sumber kuasa apabila gangguan elektrik berlaku; ketersediaan untuk mendapatkan sumber kuasa selain menggunakan generator untuk kegiatan di luar rumah; menjimatkan masa dan kos; dan ketersediaan mendapatkan bekalan kuasa yang boleh harap. Bekalan Kuasa Hibrid Pelbagai Guna adalah satu projek yang memfokuskan pada merekabentuk satu bekalan kuasa jenis hybrid yang terdiri daripada titik plag kuasa elektrik yang sedia ada dan/atau panel solar fotovolta. Ia memberi beberapa ciri tambahan di mana kita boleh memilih sama ada menggunakan sumber bekalan daripada titik plag elektrik sedia ada atau pun daripada panel solar PV. Jenis sumber yang membekalkan kuasa kepada beban adalah dalam AT (9V) dan juga fasa tunggal AU (240V). Ciri ini memberi pengguna pilihan untuk memilih menggunakan beban berkadar AU atau AT. Reka bentuk projek ini akan melibatkan proses menentukan penggunaan komponen-komponen electronik dan sifat-sifat setiap komponen yang diperlukan. Reka bentuk projek hendaklah dibina dan dianalisis dengan teliti dan menyeluruh. Satu perancangan projek hendaklah disusun dengan betul semasa hendak menyiapkan projek ini yang bertujuan untuk menyelesaikan masalah dan untuk mendapatkan keputusan yang diharapkan.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Hybrid power describes the combination of a power producer and the means to store that power in an energy storage medium. In power engineering, the term "hybrid" describes a combined power and energy storage system. It does not mean a "method", such as the popular use of hybrid to mean a vehicle.

Examples of power producers used in hybrid power are photovoltaics, wind turbines and generators that use fuel. Examples of energy storage media are batteries or hydrogen (for later use in fuel cells).

Hybrid power supply systems, like the name implies, combine two or more modes of electricity generation together, usually using renewable technologies such as solar photovoltaic (PV) and other types of renewable energy.

Hybrid power supply systems provide a high level energy security through the mix of generation methods, and often will incorporate a storage system (battery, fuel cell) or small fossil fueled generator to ensure maximum supply reliability and security for application of big loads.

1.2 Project Overview

Multi-Purpose Hybrid Power Supply is a power supply project which is a combination of conventional electric power plug point and/or photovoltaic solar panels.

The types of source which cater the loads for this hybrid power supply are in DC and single phase AC.

1.3 Problem Statements

The ultimate goal of a problem statement is to transform a generalized problem into a targeted and well-defined problem which can be resolved through focused research and careful decision-making. For this project, the problem statements that have to be solved are:

a) The availability in getting electric power source:

We have to create a suitable power supply which can be adapted as a backup source of supply.

b) The availability to obtain electrical power source other than the use of generators during outdoor activities like camping, etc.:

For example, to switch on the lights, radios and other electronic goods that has small wattage during outdoor activities.

c) Saving time and cost:

To save time and to reduce the costs spend.

d) The availability to have a reliable power supply:

To create a reliable power supply device that is able to cater any types of desired loads that required AC (single phase) and/or DC source.

1.4 Objectives

We normally face the problems especially in having a good supply of power in its use especially when it involves questioning whether the supply given is reliable or not, the efficient use of the power supply and the usefulness of the power supply we use in helping us with our daily activities either for indoor or outdoor use.

There are some objectives that is planned to be achieved in this final year project.

The objectives are:

- a) To construct a power supply that can cater small scale AC and DC loads.
- b) To build a reliable power supply that consists of conventional electricity and solar photovoltaic.
- c) To design a hybrid power supply that can optimize time of power usage and energy.
- d) To build a portable hybrid power supply that is suitable for outdoor and indoor use.

1.5 Project Scopes

In order to go through with the final year project, the students must know the scopes of their project. This will help them to get the right information and in the same time keep them on the right track in completing the study involved in their project.

The scope of the project helps the students to clarify the limitation of the project in terms of methods applied, tools, theoretical aspects and practical aspects. The scope of a project includes the area or range of things that are related to the project. The scopes for this FYP are:

- a) Only conventional and solar photovoltaic panels are considered as supply for this hybrid power supply systems.
- b) It will cater for loads of up to 5 W only.
- c) Compare to UK standard of solar sizing is 20%, the current peak hour chosen for Malaysia is 38% (Lim, 2009). [1]

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Literature Review

Literature review is once a conceptual for analysis of a project. This is a step to find out how to design and to perform the operation of a project. There can be several of methods to brew a literature review such as analysis a paper work which is related to the project we have work on it.

It is very important in the process for the completion of the project. Literature review is the work to find out other research works that are related to the project so that it can be as a benchmark to the project we have work on it.

2.2 What is a Solar Cell

A solar cell converts solar energy to electrical energy. Photons in the sunlight will provide the energy that moves the electrons from one layer of a semi-conducting metallic wafer to another. A current is created by the movement of the electrons.

Solar cells are devices which convert solar energy directly into electricity. The most common solar cells function by the photovoltaic effect. "Photo" means light and "voltaic" means electrical current or electricity (light-electricity). A solar cell supplies in direct current (DC) electricity that can be used to power DC motors and light bulbs among other things. Solar cells can even be used to charge the rechargeable batteries so that electricity can be stored or transported for later use when the sun is not available. [2]

There are two types of cells primarily used today, silicon and gallium arsenide, which come in several of different grades and varying efficiencies. The satellites that orbit the earth typically use the gallium arsenide type, while the silicon type is more commonly used for earth based (terrestrial) applications. The cloud cover, intensity of the sun and temperature usually will affect the array's performance output.

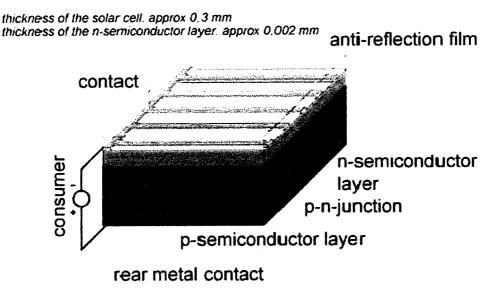


Figure 2.1: Photovoltaic Cell Semiconductor Layers [2]

2.3 Photovoltaics: Solar Electricity and Solar Cells in Theory and Practice

Photovoltaic cells are a relatively technology. Their development and use has come about as part of the technology developed for space travel and satellite communication systems. The word "Photovoltaic" is a combination of the Greek word for Light and the name of the physicist Allesandro Volta.

It identifies the direct conversion of sunlight into energy by means of solar cells. The conversion process is based on the photoelectric effect discovered by Alexander Bequerel in 1839. The photoelectric effect describes the release of positive and negative charge carriers in a solid state when light strikes its surface.

2.4 Review on Solar Applications

The literature review must include a detailed survey of the background to the project, including an overview of the subject, discussion of any essential theories and a review of any important publications such as the text books, research papers and etc.

The background of Multi-Purpose Hybrid Power Supply is mostly based on solar energy application and consisting of few power electronics application such as the power inverter.

2.5 First Review: Solar-Recharged UPS as a Low Cost AC Power Supply for Electronics and Environmental Education (By J. Diz-Bugarín, M. Rodríguez-Paz, 2008) [3]

The article describes about the transformation of an Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS), which is commonly used as power backup for desktop computers into a solar rechargeable portable mains supply. Almost any commercially available UPS can be used and the conversion can be made without having detailed knowledge about electronic circuits inside. The project's article also states that a few external elements must be added such as the solar panel, charge regulator (commercial or self-made), a protection diode, cables and connectors. The system has many applications as a solar educational kit, as a small power source for car or camping, or for lighting and powering small isolated buildings.

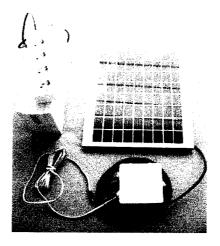


Figure 2.2: Complete Solar Kit with Panel and AC Socket [3]

The UPS usually contain almost all the elements required (battery, charger and inverter) to make a portable mains supply that can be recharged by many sources like solar photovoltaic energy, wind energy or hydroelectric power. If any of these sources is not available, the internal battery could be removed and recharged from a car battery or an ordinary ac socket.

Some external elements must be added, like a solar photovoltaic panel, a charge regulator and protection elements. The battery capacity can be increased adding a second element connected in parallel. This article describes all the changes that must be made and elements that have to be added.

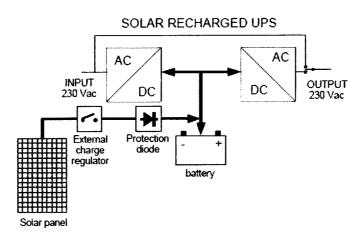


Figure 2.3: UPS Modifications to Allow Solar Recharging (External Elements in Red) [3]

This system was projected to light an old flour mill that will be prepared to host an educational exhibition about traditional uses of renewable energies.

2.6 Second Review: Study on Portable Power Supply Equipment Using The Flexible Solar Cell Sheet (By Sonoda Toshiaki, Iguchi Yoshio, Yonemochi Shigenobu, 1995-1997) [4]

The article describes about study on portable power supply equipment which carried out in 1995-1997. This study aim at obtaining the technical data for realizing portable power supply equipment using the solar cell as a source of energy which is used

as a power supply for the field and which is excellent in maintenance, supply, and secrecy, and does not have noise, and exhaust gas and exhaust heat.

The equipment consists of the amorphous silicon solar cell module covered by the surface protection film processed with the sand mat, the lithium ion secondary battery, and the charger. The result of this study is as follows:

- a) The solar cell module were the unfolding condition size 900mm*600mm*1.5mm, the folding condition size 180mm*300mm*20mm, the weight of 440g, the maximum output of 22W, the surface reflectance of maximum of 2%, and the conversion efficiency of 5.8%.
- b) The secondary battery and the charger were able to be charged even if the output of the solar cell module changed (14V-20V).

2.7 Third Review: Solar Electricity in Rural Villages (By S.N. Singh, A.K. Singh, 2009) [5]

This paper presents the development of a solar power converter for a rural house to meet the additional electrical energy demand which is increasing day by day due to rapid growth of population. A prototype sample has been constructed to explore the feasibility of developing such system to work as a supplementary source.

The PWM conversion technique is used in the development of proposed solar power converter produces a grid quality usable AC power supply from PV and /or battery source. The optimal design of system components like PV, battery and inverter etc has resulted in a cost effective system and offer a stabilized consistent power supply for household loads.

The total load(s) are divided into two category namely critical and heavy duty loads. The critical load(s) are prioritized to match with the availability of power sources whereas balance loads are connected together and powered through auxiliary sources. A