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Design and Implementation of Boost Voltage Doubler for Maximum Power Point Tracker Application Using STM32F1038CT

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Abstract— Photovoltaic is an absolute device in solar power plant system. To obtain maximum power of photovoltaic, a DC-DC converter with maximum power point tracker (MPPT) algorithm is required. In general, solar power plant application used two-stage converter: the first stage is boost DC-DC converter and the second stage is multi-level inverter. In fact, boost DC-DC converter is usually implemented simply which causes many boost DC-DC converters to be implemented in solar power plant application. Voltage doubler type boost DC-DC converter proposed in this paper is to simplify the circuit so that there is only one converter in solar power plant application. The principle of this converter is a combination of two conventional boost converter which are integrated into one, so that the power circuit and control circuit form become simpler. This proposal is verified through computation simulation and hardware design using the STM32F1038CT microcontroller for the final verification. The efficiency algorithm of the simulation is 99.7% and hardware experimental is 85.65%.

Keywords— MPPT, boost, voltage doubler, STM32F1038CT

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I. INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, the usage of photovoltaic has increased in line with the increased long electrical energy. It is caused by increased human population and economic growth. Photovoltaic (PV) is a device of converting energy from sun light to electrical energy and absolutely required in the application of solar power plant. Sun rays intensity affects the photovoltaic power output which the sun rays depends on weather and climate where the photovoltaics are. To achieve maximum work of power output from photovoltaic is uses a system called maximum power point tracker (MPPT) [1], [2]. Some algorithms are often used to achieve MPPT such as Ripple Correlation Control (RCC), fractional open voltage and fractional short circuit, perturbation and observation (P&O), incremental conductance (IC), proportional integral controller, fuzzy logic and neural network. From many algorithms, P&O is chosen since it is easier [3], [4]

However, photovoltaic produces the DC voltage output at low range and cannot directly support AC or

DC electrical appliances [5]. Therefore, this necessitates two-stage converter [6] the first stage is to be maximized with a converter based on algorithm MPPT in boost DC-DC converter and second is converted into AC using 5-level inverter. Fig.1 is shown as example of 5-level inverter commonly used in solar power plants application [7].

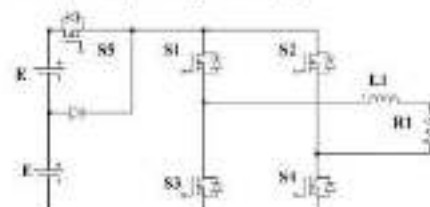


Fig.1. 5-level inverter

Photovoltaic primarily used conventional boost converter to generate a high DC voltage [8]. However conventional boost converter have many drawbacks such as have large size because low frequency



operation and conduction losses because high voltage stress on switch [9], [10]. That drawbacks make conventional boost converter to be not efficient [11], [12]. In fact, the system uses two conventional boost DC-DC converter which causes many boost DC-DC converters to be implemented in solar power plant application [13], [14], [15]. To realize an efficient step-up converter, voltage doubler technique can be applied. It can reduce the voltage stress of the rectifier diode, thus the conduction losses are greatly reduced and the converter efficiency can be improved [5]. Boost voltage doubler is suitable to operate both of power grid or battery [16] and can achieve the high range voltage output using simple frequency control [17].

Boost Voltage Doubler proposed in this paper is to replace two conventional boost DC-DC converter based on MPPT algorithm with P&O method. Photovoltaic is used power source by implementing solar power plant application. To generate maximum power, converter based on MPPT is used. Hardware implementation uses STM32F1038CT microcontroller. As first section of this research describe the operation mode of boost voltage doubler. The second section describes boost voltage doubler and its integration with MPPT algorithm programming will be presented in the third section. Simulation, implementation, and discussion will presented in the forth section.

II. RESEARCH METHOD

Solar power plant uses two-stage converter which is photovoltaic maximized using a converter based on algorithm MPPT into DC, then converted into AC as shown in Fig.2. As usual, DC-DC converter used to increase the low voltage from solar panel. In order to increase efficiency.

Research method begins with describing the working principle of boost voltage doubler, MPPT based on P&O algorithm through flowchart program, and STM32F1038CT as a device to control boost voltage doubler using P&O algorithm method.

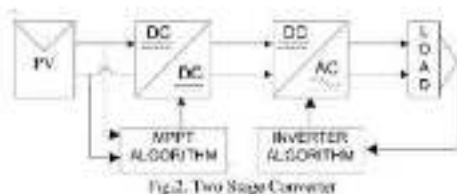


Fig.2. Two Stage Converter

A. Boost Voltage Doubler

Voltage doubler can be used for step-up voltage applications because the output voltage is double of the input voltage [18], [19]. Boost voltage doubler in principle is a combination of two boost DC-DC converter as shown in Fig.3. The equivalent circuit of boost voltage doubler is consist of a resistor (R) as a load, a source voltage (V_{pv}), two switches (S1 and S2), two inductors (L1 and L2), and two capacitors (C1 and C2).



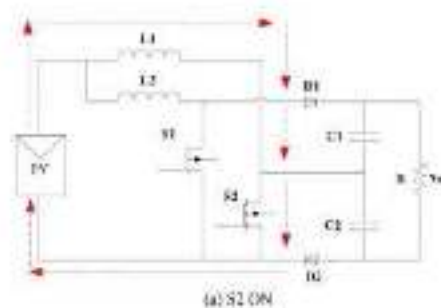
Fig.3. Topology Boost Voltage Doubler

Boost voltage doubler can be divided into four operation modes based on switching cycle.

Operation Mode 1: Power switches S2 as shown in Fig.4(a) and S1 Fig.4(b) are set to ON state. So that, current flows from voltage source V_{pv} and the energy stored in L1 and L2 respectively. The inductor voltage for L1 and L2 can be expressed as

$$V_{L1} = L \frac{di_{L1}}{dt} = V_{pv} \quad (1)$$

$$V_{L2} = L \frac{di_{L2}}{dt} = V_{pv} \quad (2)$$



(a) S2 ON

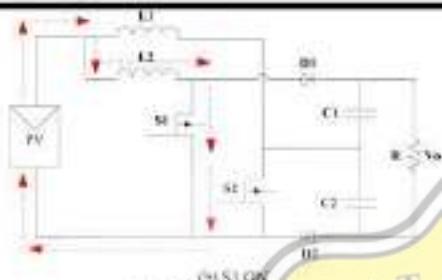


Fig.4. Mode Operation 1

Operation Mode 3: Power switches S2 as shown in Fig.6(a) is set to OFF state. Meanwhile an S Fig.6(b) is set to ON state. The inductor voltage for L1 and L2 can be expressed as

$$V_{L1} = L \frac{di_{L1}}{dt} = V_{PV} - V_{C2} \quad (5)$$

$$V_{L2} = L \frac{di_{L2}}{dt} = V_{PV} \quad (6)$$

Operation Mode 2: As shown in Fig. 5, power switches S2 Fig.5(a) is set to ON state. So that, current flows from voltage source V_s to L1. Meanwhile, S1 Fig. 5(b) is in the OFF state, so current flows voltage source V_s to L2 through D1 and R, then back to source voltage through D2. The inductor voltage for L1 and L2 can be express as

$$V_{L1} = L \frac{di_{L1}}{dt} = V_{PV} \quad (3)$$

$$V_{L2} = L \frac{di_{L2}}{dt} = V_{PV} - V_{C1} \quad (4)$$

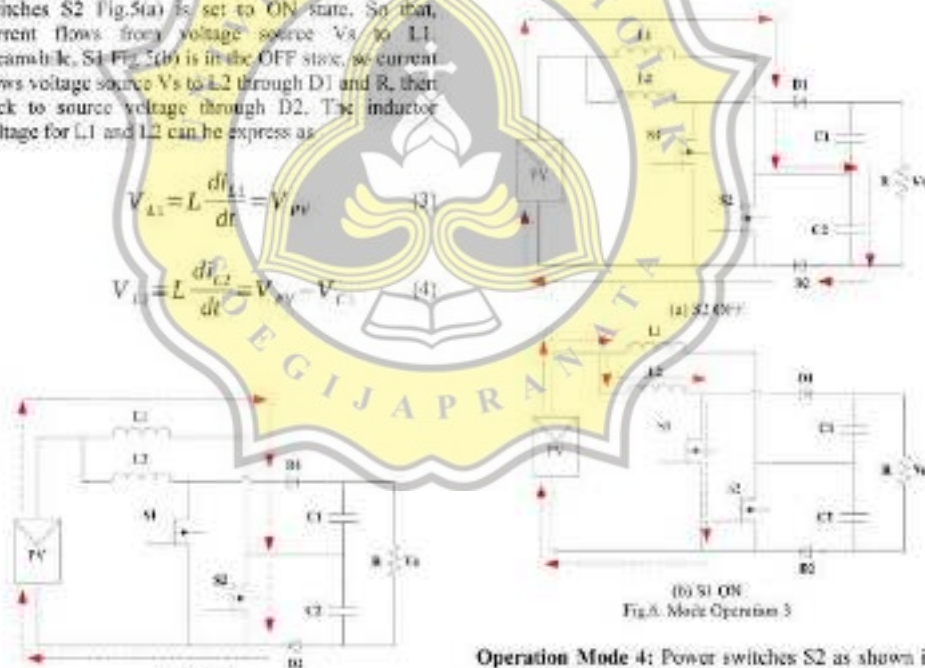


Fig.6. Mode Operation 3

Operation Mode 4: Power switches S2 as shown in Fig.7(a) and S1 Fig.7(b) are set to OFF state. So that, current flows from voltage source (V_s) to load R through L1 and L2, then back to V_s through D1 and D2. The inductor voltage for L1 and L2 can be expressed as

$$V_{L1} = L \frac{di_{L1}}{dt} = V_{PV} - V_{C2} \quad (7)$$

$$V_{L2} = L \frac{di_{L2}}{dt} = V_{PV} - V_{C1} \quad (8)$$

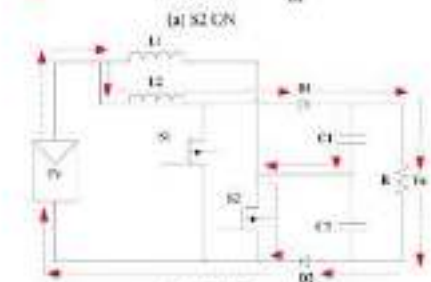
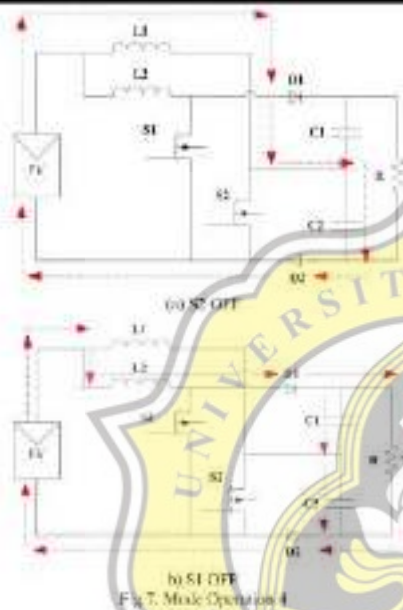


Fig.5. Mode Operation 2



simple value. P&O method is the simplest for its simplicity to implement with low cost [21].

$\frac{dP}{dt}$ is a change in power per minute, $\frac{dV}{dt}$ is a change voltage per minute. Based on Fig.8, it can be seen that $\frac{dP}{dt}$ is equal $\frac{dV}{dt}$ so the equation as below could be achieved. Therefore maximum power point would be achieve.

$$\frac{dP}{dV} = 0 \tag{9}$$

Based on Fig.9, boost voltage doubler as a converter will be integrated with photovoltaic, which uses MPPT algorithm is the proposed of this research.

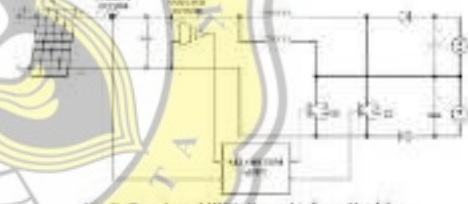


Fig.9. Topology MPPT Boost Voltage Doubler

B. Maximum Power Point Tracker

Photovoltaic is used to convert sun rays energy into electrical based on semiconductor principle. Whenever the intensity of sun rays increases, the power output from the cell will increase too. As shown in Fig.8, photovoltaic works by using the maximum performance from the power output cells which stated at maximum point. Besides the sun rays intensity and weather condition, load factor connected on cells also affects the maximum power point.

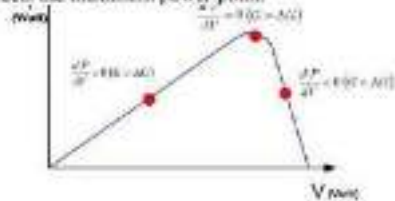


Fig.8. PV Characteristic Curve (P vs V)

Perturb and observe (P&O) method as MPPT works based on observation of the array of power output and on the perturbation of the power based on increments of the array current or voltage. [20]. The reference voltage or current will be continuously decrements or increments based on the previous power

C. Algorithm Programming using STM32F1038CT

The boost voltage doubler with P&O MPPT algorithm requires one current sensor and voltage sensor, see Fig.9. Power is generated from multiplication of current (I) and voltage (V). Delay time used to obtained $\left(\frac{dP}{dt}\right)$ on power and voltage $\left(\frac{dV}{dt}\right)$. After getting $\left(\frac{dP}{dt}\right)$ and $\left(\frac{dV}{dt}\right)$, the equation (9) could be derived. The algorithm of $\frac{dP}{dV}$ value should be compared with the counter to have switching gating signal for S1 and S2. Counter are assumed to be operator. For detail information, the boost voltage doubler with P&O MPPT algorithm flowchart is shown in Fig.10. The algorithm Fig.10 is implemented using a STM32F1038CT microcontroller.

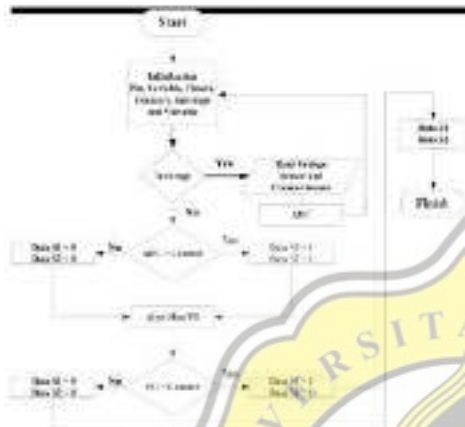


Fig.10 Flowchart Program

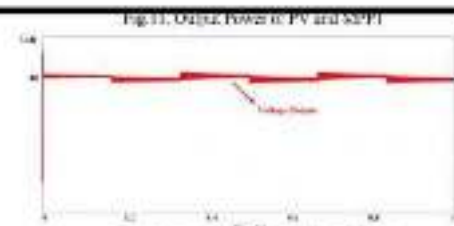


Fig.11 Output Power of PV and MPPT



Fig.12 Output Voltage of PV and MPPT

Based on computation simulation result and waveforms as shown in Fig.11, P_i get value $3,44189259e+001$ and P_o get value $5,4303644e+001$. From the value of P_i and P_o , algorithm efficiency is 99.7% and power converter algorithm is on ideal condition 100%. The efficiency is derived by the equation;

$$\eta = \frac{P_o}{P_i} \times 100\% \quad (10)$$

Where:
 η = Efficiency
 P_o = Power Output (Watt)
 P_i = Power Input (Watt)

III. RESULT
The boost voltage doubler integrated with MPPT was verified by a computation simulation using Power Simulator (PSIM) software and prototype in laboratory test. The parameters are given in Table 1.

Table 1. Simulation Parameter

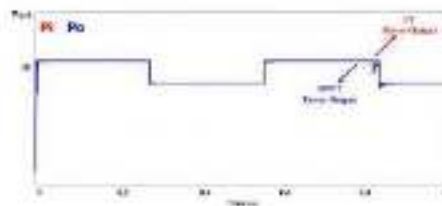
Parameter	Rating
η	
PV	60 WP
Inductor	3mH
Capacitor	220 μ F
Battery	48 V

The simulation result of power output (P_o) of the proposed MPPT boost voltage doubler is always tracking on maximum power (P_i) using photovoltaic 60 WP as shown in Fig.11. It means P_o on MPPT is always follow power output on PV (P_i). Moreover, the simulation result of output voltage forces the DC voltage which is locked at battery voltage as shown in Fig.12. It means the battery was able to be charged at 48 Volt.

Hardware implementation was done to ensure the system worked properly using STM32F1038C7 microcontroller. MPPT boost voltage doubler as shown in Fig.13 is a implementation which uses battery charger.



Fig.13. Implementation of MPPT Boost Voltage Doubler



On testing the boost voltage doubler hardware integrated with MPPT, the EverExceed PV 50 WP is used as a test material in the laboratory. The experimental result is shown in Table 2 it is found that converter and algorithm efficiency value. It start from power input on PV (P_{pv}) is obtained by irradiance divided by 1000 W/m^2 which 1000 W/m^2 is assume maximum irradiance as shown in equation (11). Then



power nameplate is maximum power on PV in standard condition (STC). Power nameplate is displayed 50WP based data on PV.

$$P_{s,pv} = \frac{Irr}{1000^{0.0142}} \times \text{Power Nameplate} \quad (11)$$

Where:

$P_{s,pv}$ = Power Input on PV(Watt)

Irr = Irradiance (W/m²)

Table 2. Converter Efficiency Result

I_{sc} (mA)	$P_{s,pv}$ (W)	V_{oc} (V)	I_m (A)	$P_{s,pv}$ (W)	V_{out} (V)	I_{out} (A)	P_{out} (W)
245	27.25	18.5	1.5	23.31	44.1	0.53	23.32
240	27.01	18.5	1.5	23.3	44.1	0.53	23.29
235	26.75	18.5	1.5	23.2	44.1	0.53	23.28
230	26.50	18.5	1.5	23.1	44.1	0.53	23.27
225	26.25	18.5	1.5	23.0	44.1	0.53	23.26
220	26.00	18.5	1.5	22.9	44.1	0.53	23.25
215	25.75	18.5	1.5	22.8	44.1	0.53	23.24
210	25.50	18.5	1.5	22.7	44.1	0.53	23.23
205	25.25	18.5	1.5	22.6	44.1	0.53	23.22
200	25.00	18.5	1.5	22.5	44.1	0.53	23.21
195	24.75	18.5	1.5	22.4	44.1	0.53	23.20
190	24.50	18.5	1.5	22.3	44.1	0.53	23.19
185	24.25	18.5	1.5	22.2	44.1	0.53	23.18
180	24.00	18.5	1.5	22.1	44.1	0.53	23.17
175	23.75	18.5	1.5	22.0	44.1	0.53	23.16
170	23.50	18.5	1.5	21.9	44.1	0.53	23.15
165	23.25	18.5	1.5	21.8	44.1	0.53	23.14
160	23.00	18.5	1.5	21.7	44.1	0.53	23.13
155	22.75	18.5	1.5	21.6	44.1	0.53	23.12
150	22.50	18.5	1.5	21.5	44.1	0.53	23.11
145	22.25	18.5	1.5	21.4	44.1	0.53	23.10
140	22.00	18.5	1.5	21.3	44.1	0.53	23.09
135	21.75	18.5	1.5	21.2	44.1	0.53	23.08
130	21.50	18.5	1.5	21.1	44.1	0.53	23.07
125	21.25	18.5	1.5	21.0	44.1	0.53	23.06
120	21.00	18.5	1.5	20.9	44.1	0.53	23.05
115	20.75	18.5	1.5	20.8	44.1	0.53	23.04
110	20.50	18.5	1.5	20.7	44.1	0.53	23.03
105	20.25	18.5	1.5	20.6	44.1	0.53	23.02
100	20.00	18.5	1.5	20.5	44.1	0.53	23.01
95	19.75	18.5	1.5	20.4	44.1	0.53	23.00
90	19.50	18.5	1.5	20.3	44.1	0.53	22.99
85	19.25	18.5	1.5	20.2	44.1	0.53	22.98
80	19.00	18.5	1.5	20.1	44.1	0.53	22.97
75	18.75	18.5	1.5	20.0	44.1	0.53	22.96
70	18.50	18.5	1.5	19.9	44.1	0.53	22.95
65	18.25	18.5	1.5	19.8	44.1	0.53	22.94
60	18.00	18.5	1.5	19.7	44.1	0.53	22.93
55	17.75	18.5	1.5	19.6	44.1	0.53	22.92
50	17.50	18.5	1.5	19.5	44.1	0.53	22.91
45	17.25	18.5	1.5	19.4	44.1	0.53	22.90
40	17.00	18.5	1.5	19.3	44.1	0.53	22.89
35	16.75	18.5	1.5	19.2	44.1	0.53	22.88
30	16.50	18.5	1.5	19.1	44.1	0.53	22.87
25	16.25	18.5	1.5	19.0	44.1	0.53	22.86
20	16.00	18.5	1.5	18.9	44.1	0.53	22.85
15	15.75	18.5	1.5	18.8	44.1	0.53	22.84
10	15.50	18.5	1.5	18.7	44.1	0.53	22.83
5	15.25	18.5	1.5	18.6	44.1	0.53	22.82
0	15.00	18.5	1.5	18.5	44.1	0.53	22.81
Average	27.63			23.66			17.66
Efficiency				85.65			74.64

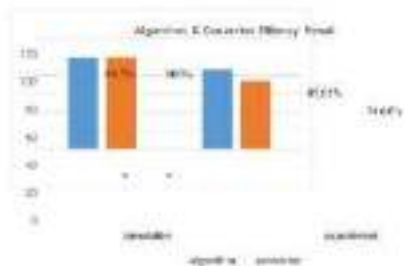


Fig.14. Efficiency Graph

Based on experimental data as shown in Table 2 it is found that the average power input on PV input ($P_{s,pv}$) is 27.73, power output on PV ($P_{o,pv}$) is 23.66, and power output on battery (P_{out}) is 17.66. Finally, based on equation (10), the efficiency algorithm is 85.65% and the converter of boost voltage doubler

efficiency is 74.64%. Fig.14 shows the comparison efficiency between simulation and hardware implementation in laboratory test.

IV. DISCUSSION

The principle boost voltage doubler converter combines two conventional boost DC-DC converter. To maximize the power of PV, P&O algorithm is integrated with a boost voltage double converter. Based on the simulation result using PSIM software in ideal condition, the algorithm efficiency is 99.7% and converter efficiency is 100%. Therefore, the hardware implementation has an efficiency of algorithm is 85.65% and the converter efficiency is 74.64%. It was caused at simulation, the irradiance was 1000 W/m². Meanwhile at the hardware implementation, the irradiance not at the maximum point due to it is influenced by several other factor such as wire, inductor, sun rays intensity from the photovoltaic, weather and climate conditions, and load shedding [22].

Based on tested result, boost voltage doubler circuit was able to produce two times the voltage of the conventional boost DC-DC converter. Therefore, boost voltage doubler that has been researched can use to replaced the conventional boost DC-DC converter at the solar power plant application. Moreover, it is more efficient in term of circuit, algorithm, and cost. Finally, the future researches would implement boost voltage doubler integrated with MPPT algorithm combine a five level inverter for standalone PV application and/or grid tie inverter for PV application.

V. CONCLUSION

In the experimental laboratory results, it is proven that voltage doubler can work properly. It shows that the output voltage (V_{out}) is capable of producing double voltage from input voltage. Thus, the voltage doubler can replace the conventional boost DC-DC converter which needed many boost to implemented in solar power plant application. The MPPT boost voltage doubler was generated maximum power which is PV power always tracking on MPPT power with algorithm efficiency 99.7%. Moreover, the hardware implementation using STM32F1038CT microcontroller worked properly with algorithm efficiency 85.65% and converter efficiency 74.64%.

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BAB IPENDAHULUAN Latar Belakang Penggunaan photovoltaic pada hari-hari ini bertambah seiring dengan kebutuhan energi yang bertambah. Hal ini disebabkan oleh penambahan populasi manusia dan pertumbuhan di sektor ekonomi [1]. Photovoltaic (PV) adalah alat pengkonversi energi dari energi sinar matahari menjadi energi listrik yang dibutuhkan untuk aplikasi Pembangkit Listrik Tenaga Surya (PLTS) [2]. Intensitas cahaya matahari mempengaruhi daya keluaran pada PV yang mana cahaya matahari tergantung pada musim dan cuaca dimana PV tersebut berada [3]. Untuk mencapai kerja maksimal dari daya keluaran PV digunakan sistem yang disebut maximum power point tracker (MPPT) [4]. Beberapa algoritma yang sering digunakan untuk mencapai titik maksimal antara lain Ripple Correlation Control (RCC), fractional open voltage dan fractional short circuit, perturbation dan observation (P&O), incremental conductance (IC), proportional integral controller, fuzzy logic dan neural network [5]. Dari sekian algoritma, P&O dipilih untuk dipergunakan karena memiliki efisiensi yang baik dan mudah diterapkan [6]. Pada aplikasi PLTS, photovoltaic yang digunakan hanya menghasilkan tegangan keluaran DC yang rendah dan tidak dapat secara langsung digunakan untuk mendukung peralatan listrik AC ataupun DC [7]. Lazimnya menggunakan dua buah tahap konversi [8] bagian pertama DC-DC