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## **Abbreviations**

**AC:** Alternative Current.

**AC-AC:** Inverter alternative /alternative.

**AC-DC:** Inverter alternative /direct.

**CV:** Constant Voltage.

**CS:** Static Converter.

**DC:** Direct Current.

**DC-AC:** Direct/ Alternatif converter.

**DC-DC:** Inverter direct/direct.

**DP:** Depth of discharge

**GPV:** Photovoltaic generator

**PMW:** Pulse-width modulation

**MPPT:** Maximum Power Point Tracking

**NN:** Neural Network

**SNG:** Sonalgaz.

**PV:** Photovoltaic

**PPM:** The maximum power point.

## List of Symbols

**A:** The cross-sectional area of the diode

**Aut:** Number of days of battery autonomy

**AM:** Air mass

**BC:** Band of conduction.

**Bj:** Daily consumption.

**BV:** The band of valence.

**C:** The capacity.

**D:** The diode.

**G:** Irradiation.

$\omega$ : Hour angle

**Hz:** Hertz.

***I*0:** Saturation current.

**I<sub>ph</sub>:** Photo-current.

**I<sub>S</sub>:** Output current.

**I<sub>opt</sub>:** Optimal current.

**I<sub>cc</sub>:** Short circuit current.

**NA:** The acceptor concentration in the p-region

**ND:** The donor concentration in the n-region

**N<sub>m</sub>:** Number of modules.

**N<sub>ms</sub>:** Number of series modules.

**N<sub>mp</sub>:** Number of parallel modules.

**n<sub>i</sub>:** Intrinsic carrier concentration

**k<sub>B</sub>:** Boltzmann's constant (kB)

**$\eta_b$** : Battery efficiency.

**$P_m$** : Maximum power.

**$P_m$** : Power in one module.

**$P_{out}$** : Output power

**$P_{in}$** : Input power

**$P_c$** : Peak power.

**$P_{Loss}$** : Loss power.

**$q$** : The magnitude of the electronic charge

**$V_s$** : Output voltage.

**$R_s$** : Series resistance.

**$R_{sh}$** : Shunt resistance.

**$R_{opt}$** : Optimal resistance.

**$V_{co}$** : Emptiness tension

**$V_{opt}$** : Optimal voltage.

**$V$** : The Volt.

**$V_{ch}$** : Nominal voltage of charge.

**$V_m$** : Nominal voltage of one module.

**$WC$** : Watt-peak.

**$Wh/J$** : The watt hour per day.

**$\alpha$** : Altitude Angle

$\lambda$ : Coefficient of temperature

$\delta$ : Declination

$\phi$ : Latitude

$\theta_Z$ : Zenith angle

$\gamma_S$ : Solar azimuth angle

$\gamma$ : Surface azimuth angle

## **Abstract**

The installation of a solar system meets a specific need on a given site. It should only be considered after a study of photovoltaic (PV) system production in order to have a fairly precise idea of the return on investment of the installation.

This study aimed to forecast PV Production using Neural network (NN) for the realization of a stand-alone PV installation within a tertiary building, Department of electronics at Amar Telidji, Laghouat .

We set out to forecast PV production in the short and long terms using 10 months (hourly steps) weather data. MATLAB programs were needed to treat the data for training. The first step was the calculation of the energy needs of the location. Then we did the sizing with two methods: by calculation and with the PVsys (a software that offers a detailed sizing reports and simulation) using PVgis ( offers sunshine maps irradiation in kWh / m<sup>2</sup> ).Next , We enriched our work with an economical features. Finally, We used NN to forecast PV production.

The results obtained show that NN are a very effective means for PV forecasting, in the short and even in the long term with a fairly low error rate.

**Key words:** Forecasting, Neural Network, Stand-alone PV system, PVsys, PVgis., Photovoltaic production.

## **Résumé**

L'installation d'un système solaire répondant à un besoin précis sur un site donné. Elle ne doit être envisagée qu'après une étude de la production PV afin d'avoir une idée assez précise du retour sur investissement de l'installation.

Cette étude visait à prévoir la production photovoltaïque à l'aide du réseau neuronal (RN) pour la réalisation d'une installation photovoltaïque autonome dans un bâtiment tertiaire, Département d'électronique à Amar Telidji, Laghouat.

Nous avons décidé de prévoir la production photovoltaïque à court et à long terme en utilisant des données météorologiques de 10 mois (pas horaires), des programmes MATLAB étaient nécessaires pour préparer les données pour la formation. La première étape a été le calcul des besoins énergétiques du site. Ensuite, nous avons fait le dimensionnement avec deux méthodes : par calcul et avec le PVsys (c'est un logiciel qui propose un rapport de dimensionnement détaillé et une simulation) en utilisant PVgis (il propose l'irradiation des cartes d'ensoleillement en kWh / m<sup>2</sup>). Ensuite, nous avons enrichi notre travail avec une caractéristiques économiques. Enfin, nous avons utilisé NN pour prévoir la production photovoltaïque.

Les résultats obtenus montrent que les réseaux neurones sont un moyen très efficace pour la prévision PV, à court et même à long terme avec un taux d'erreur assez faible.

**Mots clés :** Réseau neurone, Production photovoltaïque, PVsys, PVgis, Prévision, Système PV autonome

### ملخص

يلبي تركيب النظام الشمسي حاجة معينة في موقع معين. يجب أن يؤخذ في الاعتبار فقط بعد دراسة إنتاج النظام الكهروضوئي (PV) من أجل الحصول على فكرة دقيقة إلى حد ما عن عائد استثمار التثبيت. هدفت هذه الدراسة إلى التنبؤ بالإنتاج الكهروضوئي باستخدام الشبكة العصبية (NN) لتحقيق التركيب الكهروضوئي المستقل داخل مبنى جامعي ، قسم الإلكترونيات في عمار تليجي، الأغواط. انطلقنا للتنبؤ بالإنتاج الكهروضوئي على المدى القصير والطويل باستخدام بيانات الطقس لمدة 10 أشهر (خطوات كل ساعة)، كانت هناك حاجة إلى برامج MATLAB لإعداد البيانات للتدريب. كانت الخطوة الأولى هي حساب احتياجات الطاقة من الموقع. ثم قمنا بإجراء التحجيم بطريقتين: عن طريق الحساب ومع PVsys (وهو برنامج يقدم تقارير تحجيم تفصيلية ومحاكاة) بالاستعانة بـ PVgis (يوفر إشعاع خرائط أشعة الشمس بـ kWh / m<sup>2</sup>). بعد ذلك ، قمنا بإثراء عملنا مع ميزات اقتصادية. أخيراً ، استخدمنا NN للتنبؤ بالإنتاج الكهروضوئي.

تظهر النتائج التي تم الحصول عليها أن الشبكات العصبية هي وسيلة فعالة جداً للتنبؤ الكهروضوئي ، على المدى القصير وحتى على المدى الطويل مع معدل خطأ منخفض إلى حد ما.

**الكلمات المفتاحية:** الإنتاج الكهروضوئي، التنبؤ ، الشبكة العصبية ، النظام الكهروضوئي المستقل ، PVsys ، PVgis.

# **General Introduction**

## **General Introduction**

Solar energy supports continuity of energy supply, which is a key strategic issue for many countries to guarantee their industry growth.

They contribute to the use of inexhaustible energy sources, to the preservation of power generation and, to a more environment friendly production of energy.

However, the need for precise predictions of how much power will be fed into the grid at any given moment is becoming increasingly important and, due to the intermittent nature of solar energy, optimizing solar systems is based on criteria of sizing and power maximization generated to have a good yield and the dependency of photovoltaic (PV) energy on the climatic conditions, forecasting and scheduling are essential for stable and efficient grid.

Many forecasting methods have been proposed for the energy prediction where Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) are one of them.

Neural network (NN) have been widely touted as solving many forecasting and decision modeling problems.

In this dissertation, we present methods to do the estimation and forecast of the solar power using ANN. Our application is divided between the sizing of PV system and the PV production forecast. It is applied on the department of electronic, University of Laghouat, Algeria.

By going through different steps from collecting the data of this region, the electricity needs of our department, the surface of our department and the economically optimized and available materials of the PV system as well as the right algorithm for NN method.

The methodology carried out in this modest dissertation is structured around four main chapters:

The first chapter is devoted to general information about the solar resources. Like the sun and its components, we detailed the sun-earth angles and the electromagnetic radiation received on earth.

The second chapter illustrates the photovoltaic cells and its characteristics, Definition of conversion system besides to PV system utility and safety and energy storage.

In the third chapter, we are interested in sizing and economics of the PV installation using first calculation and then using PVsyst 7.0 ( A software package for the study, sizing and data analysis of complete PV systems)with the help of PVgis (offers sunshine maps and precise high definition temperature maps for most countries in the world) we ended the chapter by the cost estimation for the PV system.

In the last chapter we represent the results of forecasting using neural network for long and short terms. After treating the weather data with some MATLAB programs for training. Also, we cited the effects of each weather data on PV production.

Finally, we end our work with a general conclusion of the outlook.

# **CHAPTER I**

## **SOLAR RESOURCES**

## **I.1 Introduction**

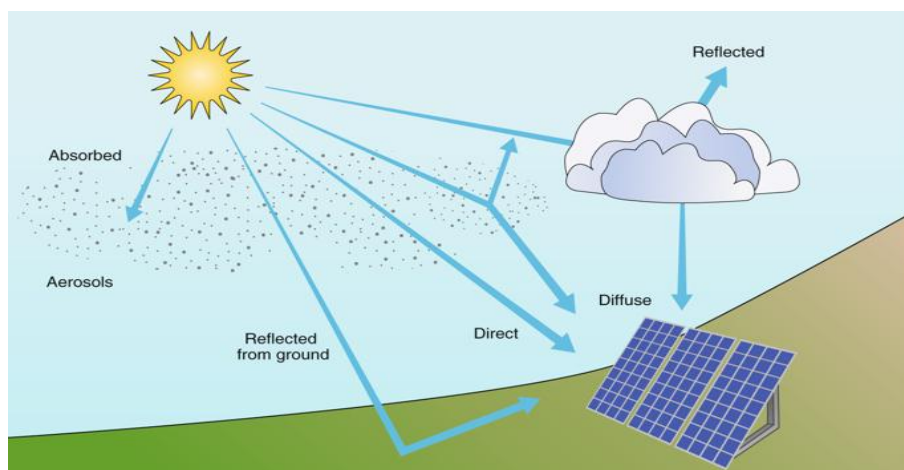
Solar electricity generation represents a clean alternative to electricity from fossil fuels, with no pollution, no risks of electricity price spikes, and no threats to our public health. Solar energy will play a prominent role in the generation of electrical energy. The sun's energy contains about 1,300 watts, just 18 days of sunshine on Earth contains the same amount of energy as is stored in all of the planet's reserves of coal, oil, and natural gas. All measures described in this chapter mainly aim to shed light to the solar resources, including energy irradiated from the Sun, the geometrical relationship between the Sun and the Earth, and orientation of energy receivers, as well as the importance of acquiring reliable solar information for engineering design, operation, and management of solar technologies.

## **I.2 Solar radiation**

The solar radiation that reaches the surface of the earth without being diffused is called direct solar radiation. It is measured by instrument named as pyrheliometer.

As sun light passes through the atmosphere, some part of it is absorbed, scattered and reflected by air molecule, water vapors, clouds, dust and pollutants. This is called diffuse solar radiation. The diffuse solar radiation does not have unique path.

The sum of the direct and diffuse solar radiations is called total radiation or global solar radiation. Pyranometer is used for measuring the total radiation.[1]



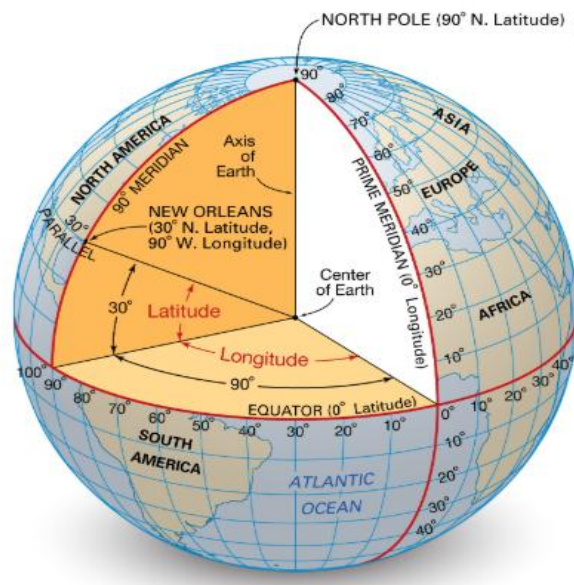
**Figure I. 1:Solar radiation**

### I.3 Sun – Earth angles

#### I.3.1 Latitude( $\phi$ )

The latitude of a location is the angle made by the radial line joining the location to the centre of the earth with the projection of the line on the equatorial plane [1]:

$$-90^\circ \leq \phi \leq +90^\circ$$



**Figure I. 2 :**The latitude of a location

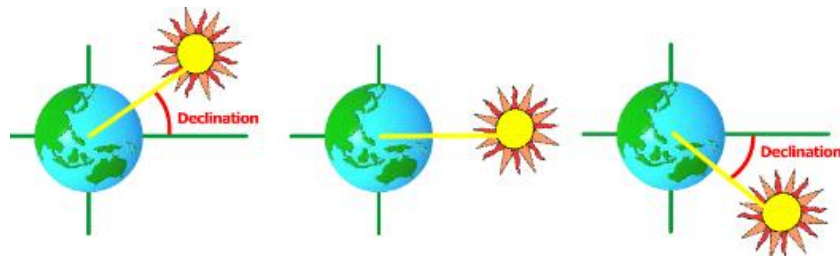
#### I.3 .2 Declination ( $\delta$ )

The declination angle is the angle made by the line joining the centre of the sun and the earth with its projection on equatorial plane.

The declination angle varies from a maximum value of  $+23.45^\circ$  on June 21 to a minimum value of  $-23.45$  on December 21.

$$\delta = 23.45 \sin\left(\frac{360}{365}(nj + 284)\right) \quad (I.1)$$

(Where, n- number of days) $\delta < 0$  – for winters in northern hemisphere  $\delta > 0$  – for summer in northern hemisphere



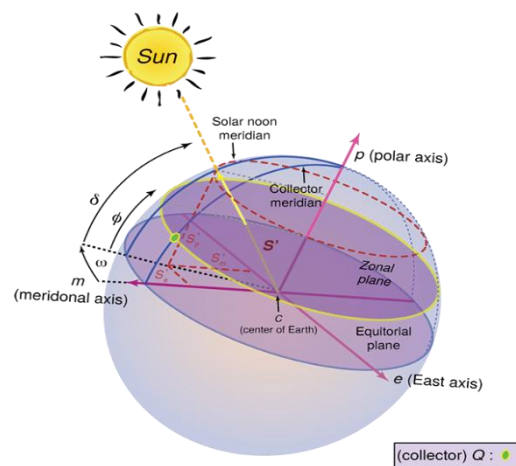
**Figure I.3 :**The declination angle

### I.3 .3 Hour angle( $\omega$ )

It is the angle through which the earth must be rotated to bring the meridian of the plane directly under the sun. Because it is 24 hours for  $360^\circ$  of rotation, so each one hour correspond to [1] :

$$15^\circ \omega = 15 (ST - 12) \quad (I.2)$$

Where, **ST**=solar time



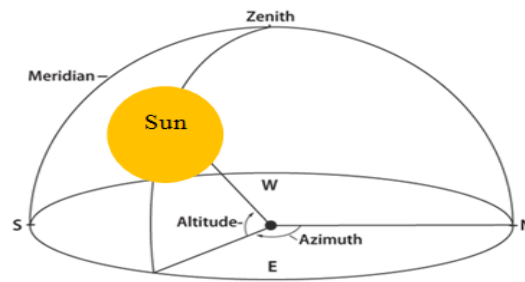
**Figure I.4 :** Hour angle

### I.3 .4 Altitude Angle ( $\alpha$ ) and Zenith angle( $\theta_z$ )

Altitude angle is the angle between the incident sun ray and the projection of sun's rays on the horizontal plane.

Zenith angle is the complementary angle of sun's altitude angle  $\theta_z = 90^\circ - \alpha$ , zenith angle is the angle between the incident sun ray and the perpendicular line to the horizontal plane [2].

$$\cos \theta_z = \sin \phi \sin \delta + \cos \phi \cos \delta \cos \omega \quad (I.3)$$



**Figure I.5 :**Altitude and zenith angles

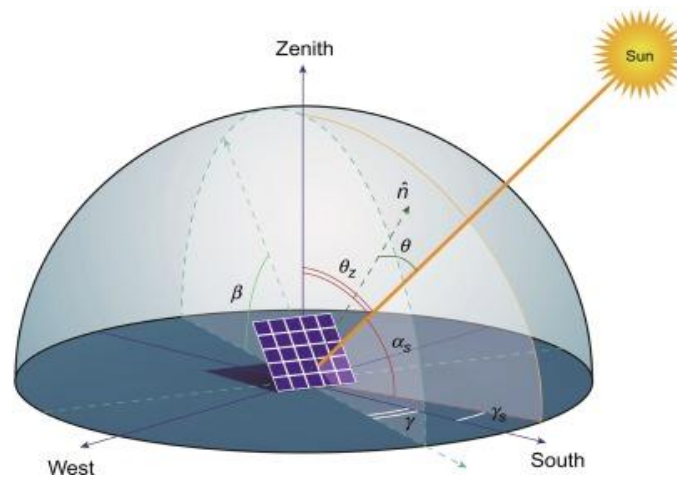
### **I.3 .5 Surface azimuth angle ( $\gamma$ ) and solar azimuth angle( $\gamma_s$ )**

Consider a surface with slope “ $\beta$ ”. Draw a outer normal to this surface and take a projection of normal on horizontal plane.

Surface azimuth angle is the angle between line due south and the projection of normal to the surface on horizontal plane.

Solar azimuth angle is the angle between line due south and the projection of sun rays on horizontal plane[2].

$$\cos \gamma_s = \cos \theta_z \cdot \sin \phi - \sin \delta \sin \theta_z \cdot \cos \phi \quad (I.4)$$



**Figure I.6:** surface and solar azimuth angles

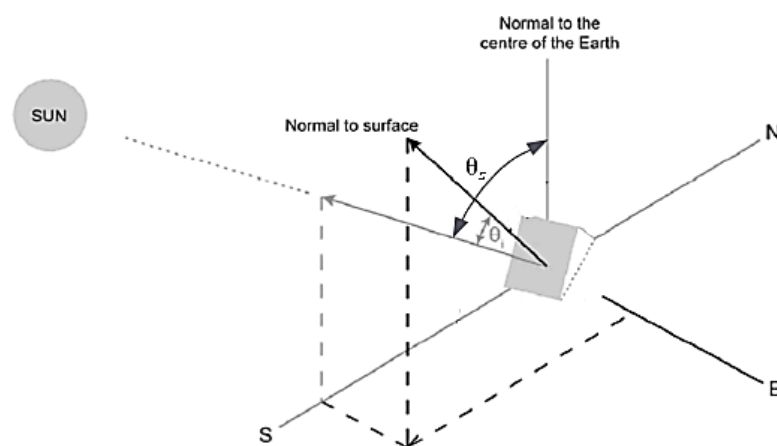
### **I.4 Position of the Sun with Respect to a Horizontal Surface**

The angle that sunlight strikes a surface affects how much solar energy is transferred to that surface. The solar radiation striking a horizontal surface is affected

by the angle of the sun (the solar angle) which is in turn influenced by latitude, season and time of day. When the sun is lower in the sky, its rays strike a horizontal surface with less concentration, lowering the portion of the insolation in the air that will be transferred to a horizontal surface. If the sun is directly overhead, the solar elevation angle of the sun, SEA above the horizon is  $90^\circ$  and the sunlight hits the surface directly. This is the best possible energy-transferring case. At any lesser angle, the sun hits the surface less directly and less solar energy is transferred to the surface.

### **I.5 Position of the Sun with Respect to a Tilted Surface**

The tilt angle has a major impact on the solar radiation incident on a surface. For a fixed tilt angle, the maximum power over the course of a year is obtained when the tilt angle is equal to the latitude of the location. However, steeper tilt angles are optimized for large winter loads, while lower tilt angles use a greater fraction of light in the summer.

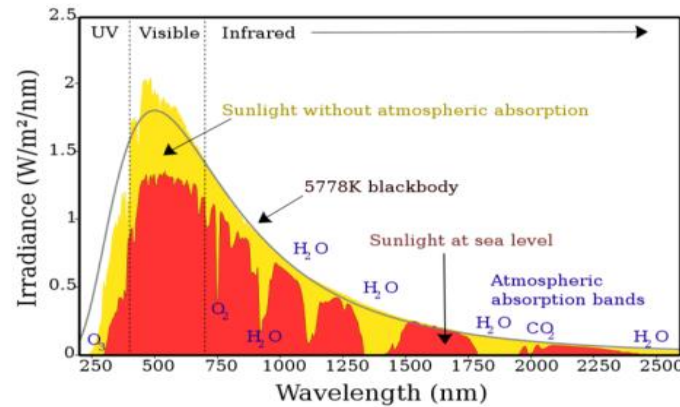


**Figure I.7:** Sun ray angle with a tilted surface

### **I.7 Electromagnetic Radiation**

The solar radiation from the sun's surface is relatively constant throughout the year, often indicated as the solar constant ( $1367 \text{ W/m}^2$ ). But as it reaches the earth's surface, it has been affected by the earth's atmosphere due to absorption and scattering. On clear, cloud-free days, the maximum radiation reaching the earth's surface occurs as the sun is directly overhead, because of shorter path length through the atmosphere. The figure illustrates the spectrum of solar radiation, where the black

line represents the idealized radiation from the sun which can be seen as a blackbody with temperature at approximately 5778 K, the yellow area represents the radiation outside the atmosphere and the red area represents the radiation at sea level[3].



**Figure I. 8:** Extraterrestrial Solar Radiation

The red curve is varying due to absorption bands occurring in the atmosphere from various gases. Due to scattering of radiation in the atmosphere, the solar radiation reaching the earth's surface is not constant. This scattering is occurring due to molecules, aerosols and dust particles and scattered light is known as diffuse radiation. The path length the sunlight travels through the atmosphere to reach the earth's surface is referred to as the air mass. It varies throughout the day, depending on the location of the sun relative to the earth. Equation (I.4) can be used to calculate the air mass based on the assumption of a homogenous, non-refractive atmosphere.

$$AM = \frac{1}{\cos(\theta_z)} \quad (I.4)$$

### **I.8 Extraterrestrial Solar Radiation:**

Some variations in the extraterrestrial radiation above the atmosphere are not due to solar changes but rather to the Earth–Sun distance throughout the year as stated in

$$I_0 = I_{SC} \left( 1 + 0.033 \cos \frac{360n}{365} \right) \quad (I.5)$$

Where  $I_0$  is the extraterrestrial radiation,  $I_{sc}$  is the solar constant, and  $n$  is the day of the year. The units are Joules per second per square meter (J/s-m<sup>2</sup>). Also, of interest is the amount of beam energy received by a horizontal surface outside the atmosphere at any time. This value corresponds to the maximum possible if there were no atmosphere:

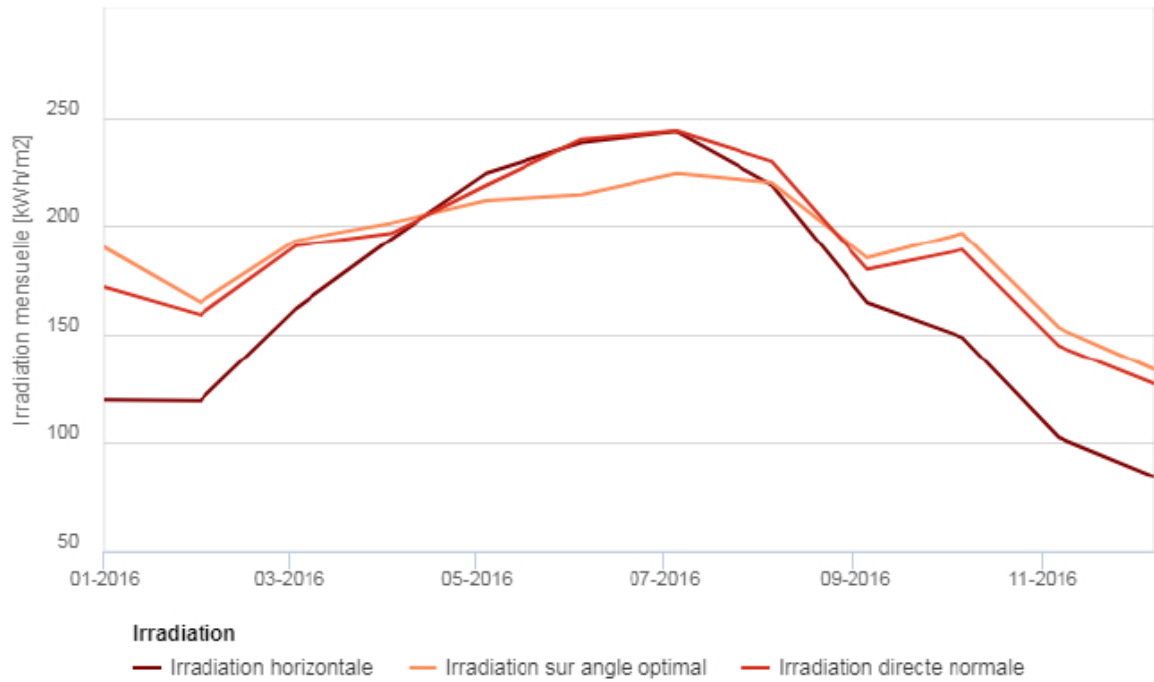
$$H_0 = I_{sc} \left( 1 + 0.033 \cos \frac{360n}{365} \right) \sin \alpha_s \quad (I.6)$$

### **I.9 Terrestrial Solar Radiation**

In space, solar radiation is practically constant; on Earth, it varies with the day of the year, time of the day, the latitude, and the state of the atmosphere. In solar engineering, the surfaces that capture and redirect solar radiation are known as solar collectors. The amount of solar radiation striking solar collectors depends also on the position of the surface and on the local landscape. Solar radiation can be converted into useful forms of energy such as heat and electricity using a variety of thermal and photovoltaic (PV) technologies, respectively. The thermal systems are used to generate heat for hot water, cooking, heating, drying, melting, and steam engines, among Photovoltaic are used to generate electricity for grid-tied or stand-alone off-grid systems. The total solar radiation incident on either a horizontal ( $H$ ) or tilted plane ( $I$ ) consists of three components: beam, diffuse, and reflected radiation. As sunlight passes through the atmosphere, some of it is absorbed, scattered, and reflected by air molecules, water vapor, clouds, dust [3].

### **I.10 Measurement of Terrestrial Solar Radiation**

Solar radiation data are required for resource assessment, model development, system design, and collector testing among other activities in solar engineering and research. The basic solar radiation measurements are the beam, diffuse, and global radiation components. The expense of radiometric stations and high maintenance make impossible the spatially continuous mapping of solar radiation. Due to the scarcity of real data, the use of representative sites where irradiance data are measured or modeled has been a common practice for engineering calculations.



**Figure I.8:** Monthly irradiation of laghouat for 2016 from PVGIS [4]

Thermopile pyranometer is a sensor based on thermopiles designed to measure the broad band of the solar radiation flux density from a  $180^\circ$  field of view angle. It usually measures 300 to 2800 nm with a largely flat spectral sensitivity.



**Figure I.9:** Thermopile pyranometer

**I.12 Conclusion**

In this chapter we presented important notions on the solar deposit, like the astronomical and meteorological factors and their definitions, which are taken into account before any expose's exploitation of solar energy. Then, we presented the different types of radiation (direct, diffuse, and global), Also the mathematical expressions and calculation methods of each radiation according to the variation of inclination and orientation. In the next chapter we will present the physics of a pv cell and its relation with the meteorological factors besides the PV conversion system

# **CHAPTER II**

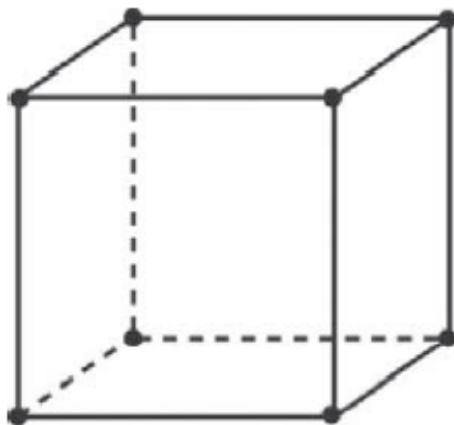
## **THE PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM**

## **II.1 Introduction**

Electricity can be produced from sunlight through a process called the PV effect, where “photo” refers to light and “voltaic” to voltage. The term describes a process that produces direct electrical current from the radiant energy of the Sun. The PV effect can take place in solid, liquid, or gaseous material; however, it is in solids, especially semiconductor materials, in this chapter we abstract what a PV cell made of and all its characteristic and how can we turn light into power using the PV conversion system.

## **II.2 Crystal Structure**

Silicon and many semiconductor materials on a microscopic scale are crystalline structures arranged in an orderly fashion from the atoms from which they are composed. The smallest subsection of this orderly arrangement, whereby the entire structure may be reproduced without voids or overlaps, is called the primitive cell. Often the primitive cells have awkward shapes, so we use a simpler unit cell, typically defined by three orthogonal axes such as x, y, and z, with unit vectors located along each axis. The length of the edge of the unit cell is called the lattice constant. The orientation of planes within the crystal can be expressed by using Miller indices, as shown in Figure above [5]:



**Figure 1:** Simple cube crystallattice

### II.3 PN junction

A PN junction is the metallurgical boundary between an n-type region and a p-type region in a semiconductor. The space charge region is formed around the metallurgical junction while the remaining parts of the diode remain neutral under no bias. This layer is formed because of immigration of holes from the p-side to the n-side and the electrons from the n-side to the p-side around the metallurgical junction. They leave behind them un-neutralized acceptor and donor ions. The electric field associated with the charges establishes opposing forces for further migration of holes and electrons, leading to equilibrium such that no net current of either type exists. The width of this field region under no bias is of the order of few tenths of a micrometer depending on the doping concentrations  $N_A$  and  $N_D$ .

### II.4 Solar Cell Equations

In order to derive the ideal current-voltage characteristics of a p–n junction diode when illuminated by light, mathematical results from the ideal diode equation are combined with the illuminated characteristics of the solar cell. The ideal diode law is expressed as the following equation [5]:

$$I = I_0 \left( \exp \left( \frac{qV}{K_B T} \right) - 1 \right) \quad (\text{II.1})$$

Where  $I_0$ , the saturation current density, is given by:

$$I_0 = A \left( \frac{qD_e n_i^2}{L_e N_A} + \frac{qD_h n_i^2}{L_h N_D} \right) \quad (\text{II.2})$$

where

$N_A$  = the acceptor concentration in the p-region

$N_D$  = the donor concentration in the n-region

$n_i$  = intrinsic carrier concentration

$D_h$  = diffusion coefficient of the holes

$D_e$  = diffusion coefficient of the electrons

$L_e$  = diffusion length (how far into the material before electrons diffuse) of the electrons

$L_h$  = diffusion length of the holes

$A$  = the cross-sectional area of the diode

$q$  = the magnitude of the electronic charge (same as in Equation 5.2)

$k_B$  = Boltzmann's constant ( $k_B$ ) (can also simply use "k")

The assumption is made for solar cells that the generation rate of electron–hole pairs by the light ( $g_{op}$ ) is constant throughout the device. The typical diode equations for determining the excess minority carrier concentrations include an additional term relating  $g_{op}$  as follows:

$$\frac{d^2(\Delta p)}{dx^2} = \frac{\Delta p}{L_h^2} = \frac{g_{op}}{D_h} \quad (\text{II.3})$$

## II.5 Characterization

Typically, three parameters are used to characterize solar cell output: short circuit current ( $I_{sc}$ ), open circuit voltage ( $V_{oc}$ ), and fill factor ( $FF$ ). In order to find open circuit voltage,  $I$  in previous Equation is set to 0 (meaning short circuit current) to give the ideal value as follows:

$$V_{oc} = \frac{k_B T}{q} \ln\left(\frac{I_L}{I_0} + 1\right) \quad (\text{II.4})$$

This equation illustrates the interdependence of  $I_{sc}$  and  $V_{oc}$ . The fill factor uses  $I_{sc}$  and  $V_{oc}$  as well as maximum power points of both current and voltage ( $I_{mp}$  and  $V_{mp}$ ) in the following expression:

$$FF = \frac{V_{mp} I_{mp}}{V_{oc} I_{sc}} \quad (\text{II.5})$$

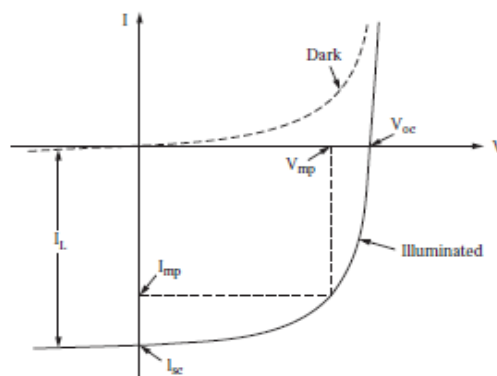
Where  $v_{oc}$  is a normalized voltage defined as:

$$V_{oc} = \frac{V_{oc}}{(k_B T/q)} \quad (\text{II.6})$$

The energy conversion efficiency for solar cells is calculated using the following equation

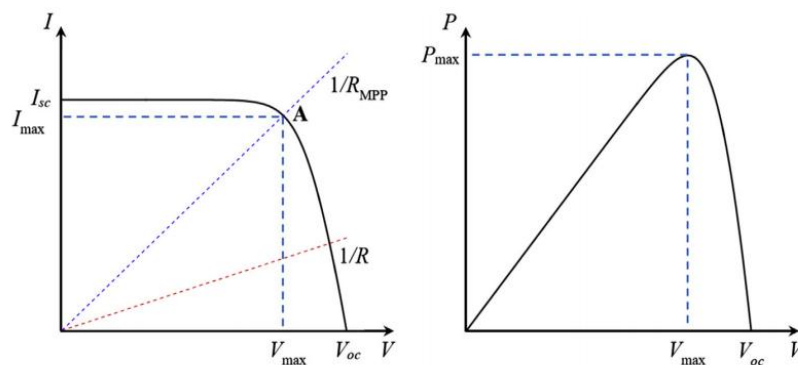
$$\eta = \frac{V_{mp} I_{mp} FF}{P_m} \quad (\text{II.7})$$

Where  $P_{in}$  is the total power in the light incident on the cell. This equation demonstrates the dependency of efficiency calculations on the fill factor. Fill factor is defined by dividing the square area on the graph in the following Figure by a larger outer square area formed by the intersection of  $I_{sc}$  and  $V_{oc}$ . Note from the figure that results from illumination are in a region in the fourth quadrant, indicating where electrical power can be extracted from the device. when no light is incident on the cell, a solar cell is equivalent to a diode or semiconductor current rectifier [7].



**Figure 2:** Curve of a solar cells.

The graphical representation of the relation between the current and voltage produced by a solar cell is the standard form of representing the output of the pv cell. It represents the snap-shot of all the potential combinations of current and voltage possible from a cell underspecified environmental conditions like irradiance, air mass and surrounding temperature.



**Figure 3 :** I-V and P-V characteristics

## II.6 Efficiency

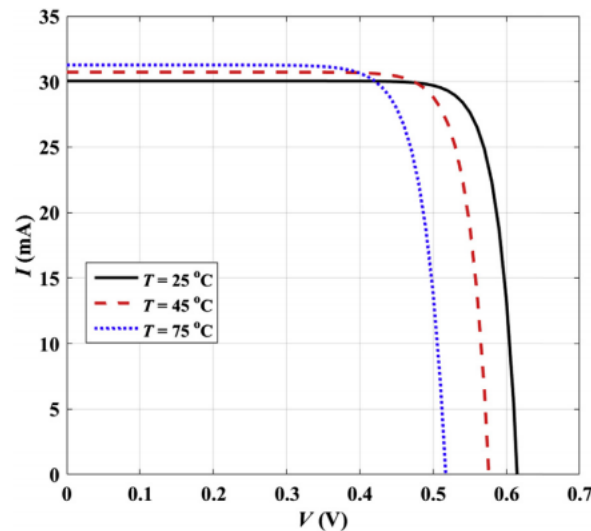
Values that affect the efficiency of solar cells are the band gap of the semiconductor, operating temperature, incident light, type and purity of the material, and parasitic resistances.

for some recent efficiency claims. Construction of the current-voltage (I-V) curve is crucial to estimating efficiencies in the solar cell. As shown in the previous equations,  $I_0$  needs to be as small as possible for maximum  $V_{oc}$ . The generally accepted estimate of the minimum value of the saturation current density is [7]:

$$I_0 = 1.5 \times 10^5 \left( -\frac{E_g}{k_B T} \right) \quad (\text{II.8})$$

### II.6.1 Temperature

Studies have yielded empirical results that prove there is an approximately linear decrease in  $V_{oc}$  with increasing temperature ( $\approx 2.3 \text{ mV}/^\circ\text{C}$ ; Talbot 2007). The ideal fill factor depends on the value of  $V_{oc}$  normalized to  $k_B T/q$ , so that the fill factor will also decrease with an increase in temperature.



**Figure 4:** The effects of the temperature of a solar cell.

### **II.6.2 Light**

Light affects primarily the short circuit current. Effects to consider in order to increase efficiency are antireflective coatings (bare silicon is very reflective), minimization of the surface grid (shadowing will reduce  $I_0$ ), light trapping, and the thickness of the semiconductor.

### **II.6.3 Type and Purity of Material**

Solar cells for terrestrial applications are typically made from silicon as single-crystal, polycrystalline, or amorphous solids. Single-crystal silicon is the most efficient because the crystal is free of grain boundaries, which are defects in the crystal structure caused by variations in the lattice that tend to decrease the electrical and thermal conductivity of the material. They can be thought of as barriers to electron flow. Polycrystalline silicon has obvious grain boundaries; the portions of single crystals are visible to the naked eye.

#### **a. Monocrystalline solar cell**

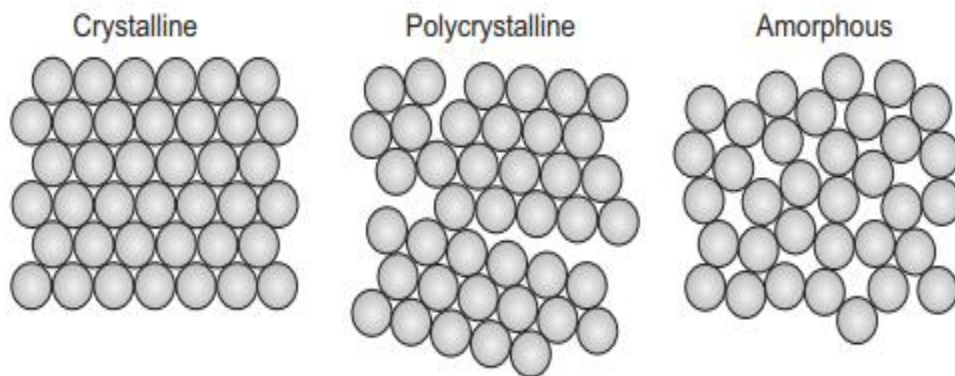
These types of solar cells belong from first-generation solar cell technologies. The width of the wafer used in these types of solar cells is up to  $200\mu m$ . The cell slice is cut from a pure silicon bar and the silicon used is single-crystal silicon. The complete cells aligned in the same direction, so when the light falls on the cells at the accurate direction, they are very efficient. Cost of the production of these types of solar cells is more than in the comparison of a polycrystalline cell.

#### **b. Polycrystalline solar cell**

These types of solar cells also belong from first-generation solar cell technologies. These cells are made up of several silicon cells joined together instead of using a single crystal of silicon. In general, the cost of production of a polycrystalline solar cell is not much higher than monocrystalline. Therefore, they are also more affordable. In comparison with a monocrystalline solar cell, the power conversion efficiency of polycrystalline solar cell is less.

### c. Amorphous solar cell

Amorphous silicon ( $a - Si$ ) solar cells belong from a thin-film solar cell. In these types of solar cells, one or more layers of photovoltaic materials are deposit on a substrate. In comparison with other technologies, they have low manufacturing cost. They are produced by placing one or more thin layers of photovoltaic composite on a substrate. [7].

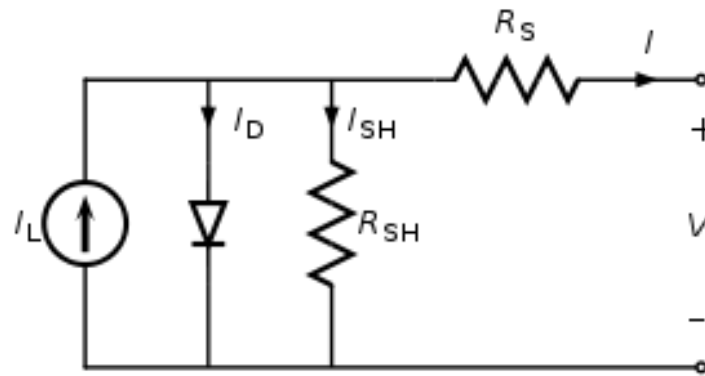


**Figure II. 5:** Monocrystalline, polycrystalline, and amorphous solids.

### II.6.4 Parasitic Resistances

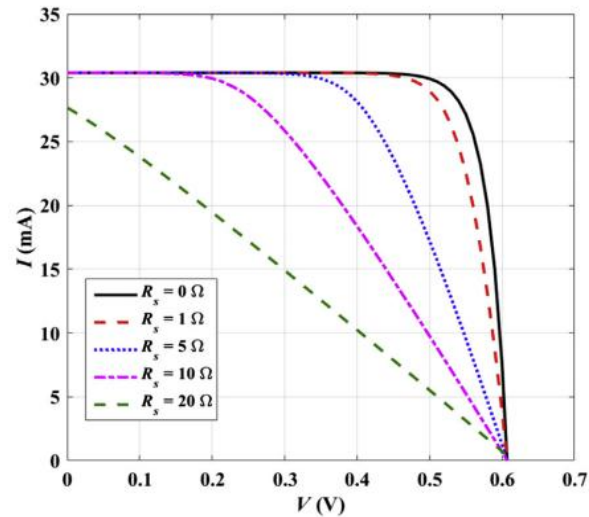
The solar cell can be schematically depicted, As shown in the following figure, the model shows the parasitic series and shunt resistance, depicted as  $R_s$  and  $R_{sh}$ , respectively.

Major components of series resistance are the bulk resistance of the semiconductor material, bulk resistance of the metallic contacts and interconnections, and the contact resistance between the metallic contacts and the semiconductor. Shunt resistance is caused by leakage across the p-n junction caused by crystal defects and foreign impurities in the junction region.



**Figure II.6:** Equivalent circuit of a solar cell.

The serial resistance  $R_s$  due to the contribution of the base and front resistances of the junction and the front and rear face contacts.



**Figure 5 :**Effect of  $R_s$  on solar cell characteristics

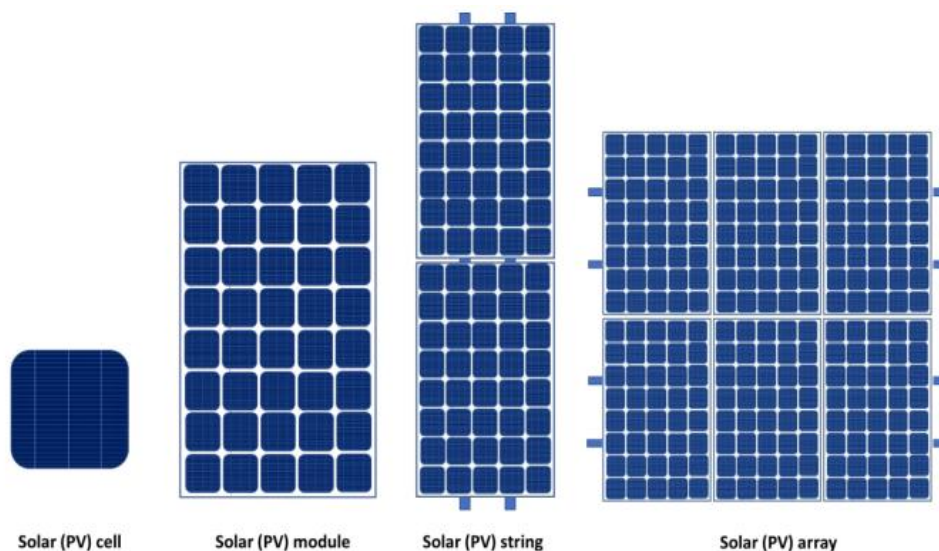
The parallel resistance  $R_{SH}$  is reduced due to the penetration of metal purities in the junction, which causes leakage current through the edges of the cell.

## II.7 PV Arrays

Individual solar cells electrically connected together are called a PV array, and are done so to increase their power output. The cells are packed so that they are protected from the environment and to protect the user from electric shock. The effects that are considered the most important in PV modules are:

- Losses due to mismatched solar cells interconnections
- Module temperature
- PV modules failure modes

A representation of how the different terms from PV cells to arrays can be seen in following figure.



**FigureII.8:** From solar cell to solar array

## II.8 PV Array Tilt

Maximum energy is obtained when the Sun's rays strike the receiving surface perpendicularly. In the case of PV arrays, perpendicularly between the Sun's rays and the modules can be achieved only if the module's mounting structure can follow the movements of the Sun (i.e., track the Sun). Mounting structures that automatically adjust for azimuth and elevation do exist. These types of structures are called trackers.

For the case in which a tracker is not used, the array is mounted on a fixed structure. This structure has the advantage of simplicity. Because the angle of elevation of the Sun changes during the year, the fixed-tilt angle of the array should be chosen so that maximum energy production is guaranteed.

## **II.9 PV Balance of Systems**

Several PV cells make up a PV module, several modules connected in series is referred to as a PV string and several PV modules (strings) make up a PV array. By having several PV arrays connected together make up a PV system. This latter is broadly classified into three part, Standalone (off-grid) PV system. Grid connected (on-grid) PV system and Network connected solar power plants. The balance of system (BOS) encompasses all components of a photovoltaic system other than the photovoltaic panels [8].

### **II.9.1 Energy storage**

Energy storage for PV systems commonly consists of batteries to store and discharge electrical energy as needed. Batteries vary by type, depth of discharge, rate of charge, and lifetime (in PV applications). The most common types of batteries used with PV systems are lead-acid, but other more exotic and expensive batteries are sometimes used, such as nickel metal hydride.

The technology lead-acid battery capable of long cycle and most efficiently recycled commodity metal. The selection of lead-acid battery depends on its sustainability of chemistry, completely recycled energy storage system and partially recycled metal parts. In addition, that electrochemical models have been computationally complex in terms of parameter identification and constant phase element dynamics. The selection of battery depends on various factors such as fast charge, heavy duty, deep cycle, high capacity and long life[8].

### **II.9.2 Charge controllers**

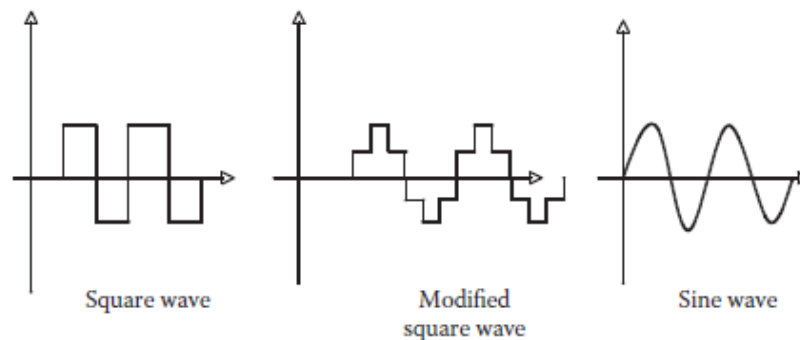
Charge controllers manage the flow of electricity among the array, battery, and loads. The appropriate charge control algorithms and charging currents should be

matched for the batteries used in the system; no one size controller fits all batteries. Better quality charge controllers allow for adjustable regulation voltages, multiple stage charge control, temperature compensation, and equalization charges at specified intervals for flooded batteries. The main purpose of a charge controller is to protect batteries from damage from excessive overcharging or discharging.

### **II.9.3 Inverters and Converters**

#### **a. Inverters**

An inverter is a device that converts direct current into alternating current. The solar inverter is directly connected to the solar PV panel.



**Figure II.9:** Inverter wave outputs.

- The centralized inverter, the PV modules are connected in series and form the strings and are all connected in parallel to a central inverter.
- String Inverters are reduced form of central inverters. In the circuit topology with string inverters, diodes between strings are eliminated which reduce the power loss. Also, string inverters let each string operates at its own.
- The multi-string inverter, has a DC/DC converter for each string that allows the integration of heterogeneous PV strings. The DC/DC converters increase the number of control freedoms in the system, the MPPT, system protection, and ancillary services can be realized with more flexibility. stages are involved.

### **b.Converters**

- Step-down converter, which is the basic converter is known as buck converter. As it is understood from its name the main function of this converter is to convert the input DC voltage level to another and lower voltage level.
- Step-up converter, is called boost converter which consists of inductor L, capacitor C, controllable semiconductor S, diode D and load resistance R.
- Buck-boost converter, Non-isolated buck-boost converter which consists of input voltage  $V_s$ , inductor L, capacitor C, load R and controllable switch S .

Usually in PV systems more than one conversion stage is used, for example DC-DC plus DC-AC. These configurations must be adapted to the topology of the PV system by taking account the efficiency of the total system, the size (fixed or embedded system) and also, to a certain extent, the price.

### **II.10 PV System Safety**

A safe PV system is installed according to applicable building codes and standards, even PV installers safety includes considerations for a safe work area, safe use of tools and equipment, safe practices for personal protection, and awareness of safety hazards and how to avoid them. It addresses many safety categories as:

#### **Hazard Assessment and Training**

- Use a hazard assessment checklist to document and describe the hazards and sources: Electrical, falls and falling objects, impacts, penetrations, heat, chemical, etc.
- Select the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) when all engineering controls and work practices cannot eliminate the hazards (Protection for the head, eyes, face, hands, feet and other parts of the body)



**Figure II.10:** Impact splash-resistant goggles



**Figure II.11:** Cut-Resistant Leather Glove

- Record and report work-related fatalities, injuries and illnesses.

### Electrical Hazards

Electrical accidents are caused by a combination of three factors:

- Unsafe equipment and/or installation.
- Work places made unsafe by the environment
- Unsafe work practices

### How to prevent

- Wear electrical hazard (EH) rated foot protection
- Use properly grounded or double-insulated power tools.
- Work on electrical equipment and circuits in a de-energized state using lockout and tag out procedures.
- Beware of overhead power lines and buried electrical conductors

### Power Tools

- Disconnect tools when not in use, before servicing and cleaning, and when changing accessories.
- Secure work with clamps or vise, freeing both hands to operate the tool.
- Keep tools sharp and clean.
- Do not wear loose clothing and jewelry that can get caught in moving parts.
- Do not use electric cords to carry; hoist or lower tools.
- Remove damaged electric tools and tag them by “Do Not Use” [9].

### **II.11 Conclusion**

In this chapter we presented the physics, characterization and applications of a solar cell. Also, we have seen the effects of the temperature, purity of material and light on it. Also, we discussed the PV conversion system which is the most important part of a PV installation.

In the next chapter we will illustrate a PV system sizing, designing application and the economics study.

# **CHAPTER III**

## **PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM SIZING APPLICATION**

## **II.1 Introduction**

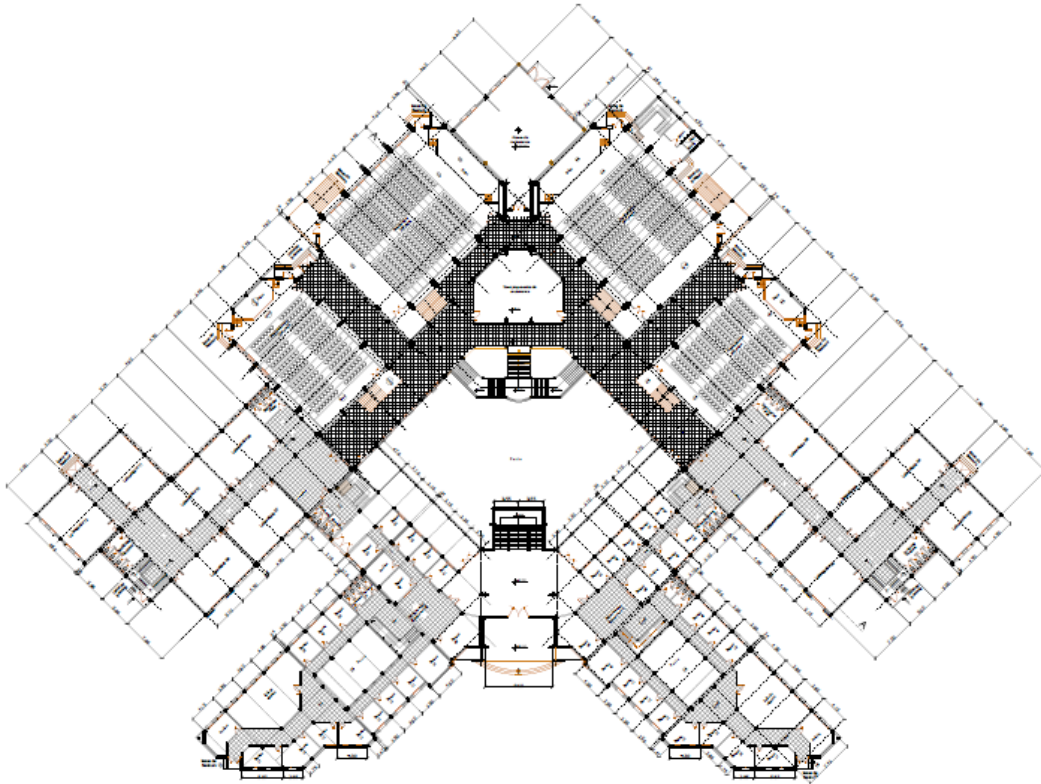
When considering planning stand-alone PV system, the most important factor should be energy balance of the system which means balancing the energy consumption with the supply. In this section it is desired to show the stand-alone PV system on the electronic department of Laghouat University.

## **III.2 Location**

The department is situated in Laghouat, Algeria, Northern Africa, it has sufficient solar radiation to support the construction of photovoltaic power plants. Data sourced from Photovoltaic Geographical Information System (PVgis) website using geographical coordinates; longitude 33.7744 and latitude 2.8264.



**Figure III.1:** Place Location Using Google earth.



**Figure III.2:** Department plan by ORCAD.

### **III.3 Electrical needs of the faculty**

First, we need to know the daily consumption of power in our department and calculate the global power consumed by each electrical machine or light, and it is presented in the above (refer to appendix A):

**Table III.1:** Daily measured consumption of the studied place.

<b>UNIT</b>	<b>KW</b>	<b>KWh/jr</b>	<b>KWh/mois</b>
<b>Power consumed</b>	245.371	2208.339	66250.17

**Table III.2:** Yearly consumption of energy in the faculty

Bill number	Date of bill	Energy bill (Kwh/mois)
831908000889	01/09/2019	59808
831909000886	01/10/2019	56449
831910000887	03/11/2019	61994
831911000889	01/12/2019	72217

### III.4 Sizing the studied photovoltaic field

#### III.4.1 Using calculations

##### III.4.1.1. Peak power calculation

$$P_c = \frac{B_j}{E_j \times \eta_b \times \eta_i} \quad (III.1)$$

**B<sub>j</sub>**: Average Daily Consumption (kWh/j)

**E<sub>j</sub>** : Average yearly insolation in Laghouat city 5.51 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/jour

**η<sub>i</sub>**: Installation efficiency 90%

**η<sub>b</sub>** : battery charge and discharge performance 80%

$$P_c = \frac{2208.339}{5.51 \times 0.9 \times 0.8} = 556.649 \text{ kWc}$$

##### III.4.1.2 Assembly of modules

We have chosen IF-P320-72 of IFRISOL panels. (refer to appendix c)

The total number of modules:

$$Nm = \frac{Pc}{Pm} = \frac{556649.27}{320} \approx 1740 \text{ pannels} \quad (\text{III.2})$$

**Nm:** modules number

**Pc:** consumed power

**Pm:** power for one pv module

### **III.4.1.3 Inverter sizing**

We will divide the photovoltaic field on sub-fields with a 50kw inverter for each one

For this purpose, we need 5 inverters with integrated controller from a proposed brand SMA connected in string structure.

-Total power of all components = 245,371

-Inverter nominal power = 250,000

$$\frac{250,000}{5} = 50000W$$

Each field will be assembled as follows:

#### **a- Series mounting:**

To find the suitable voltage for supplying a given load by placing several PV modules in series, the number of these modules is calculated by the following expression:

$$Nms = \frac{Vch}{Vm} = \frac{1000}{37.56} = 27 \quad (\text{III.3})$$

**VM:** the nominal voltage of the module.

**VCh:** the nominal voltage of the load.

**b- parallel mounting:**

The paralleling of the module gives the intensity necessary for the load. The number of branches is calculated by the following equation:

$$Nmp = \frac{Nm}{Nms} \quad (III.4)$$

$$Nmp = \frac{1740}{27} \approx 65$$

**III.4.1.4 Sizing of a solar electric cable**

- We want to determine the section of cables to minimize losses during the transport of electricity. To do this sizing, we need to know the intensity of the current flowing in these cables.

- There will therefore be 15 meters of cable between the module and the batteries.

- The aim is to reduce losses to less than 3% of the energy produced.

**Cable's section**

$$R = \frac{\rho \times L}{S} \quad (III.5)$$

$$0.045 = 17 \times 10^{-9} \times 15 / S$$

$$S = 5.7 \times 10^{-6} m^2 = 5.7 mm^2$$

**III.4.1.5 Regulator sizing**

The regulator chosen must be able to withstand at least the following intensities:

The voltage of the controller must be the same with the generator (48v)

The current of the PV module must be exceeded by the current of the controller

$$(Isc \times \text{modules in parallel}) = 9.03 \times 65 = 586.95A$$

In our system, the best command to apply is the MPPT.

### III.4.1.6 Size the battery bank (U and Ah)

In stand-alone PV systems the battery plays an important role in matching the load requirement for the system. In the locations where there is a big fluctuation in irradiation, we will need at least 2-3 days reserve for the winter months. The battery capacity depends on certain parameters such as the desired storage autonomy in days, the battery voltage, the maximum authorized degree of discharge and the efficiency [10].

The nominal capacity of the batteries results in the following law:

$$c = \frac{B_j \times \text{Aut}}{\eta_b \times D_p \times v} \quad (\text{III.6})$$

**C** : battery capacity required (Ah)

**Aut** : days number of battery life (J)

**B<sub>j</sub>**: Result of the balance of electrical consumption (Wh / d)

**D<sub>p</sub>**: Coefficient of deep discharge at the end of autonomy (0.7).

**V**: Nominal voltage of the photovoltaic generator (V)

**η<sub>b</sub>**: 85% battery efficiency

$$c = \frac{2208339 \times 1}{0.85 \times 0.7 \times 48} = 77322.8 \text{ ah}$$

Number of accumulators in series

$$N_s = \frac{48}{12} = 4$$

Number of accumulators in parallel when using batteries of 400ah:

$$N_p = \frac{77322.8}{400} = 194$$

Total number of batteries

$$N_s \times N_p = 4 \times 194 = 776 \text{ batterie}$$

**NOTE:** This case of study can be reliable in case we have an empty zone of more than 2000 m<sup>2</sup>. So, we will take only the spaces that are non-shaded in order to take the maximum profits and win space.

If we calculate the surface of no shadowed areas it will be estimated around 1118.79m<sup>2</sup> as we have seen on the previous chapter which means it will powered almost the half of the total power.

#### **III.4.2 Sizing using PVsys**

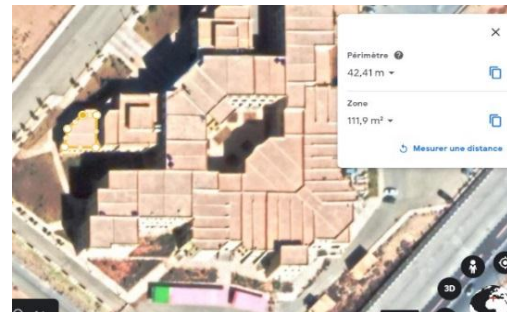
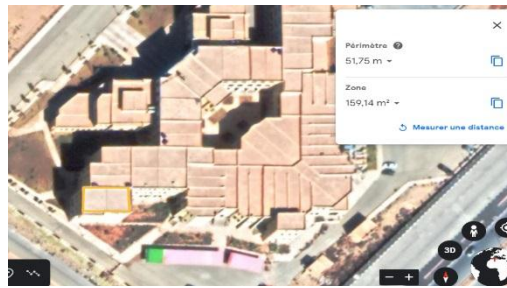
PVsys software is a simulation software for photovoltaic systems, developed within the framework of the Applied Physics Group (GAP) of the University of Geneva by André Mermoud. PVsys is one of the oldest and most efficient software dedicated to photovoltaic. It offers very advanced functionalities such as its 3D application which simulates the course of the sun and the shadows cast in order to optimize the layout of the panels. (check appendix B)  
It presents the results in a complete report, including specific graphs and tables

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<b>PV Array Characteristics</b>					
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Total number of PV modules		Nb. modules 736		At operating cond. 165 kWp (50°C)	
Array global power		Nominal (STC) 184 kWp		I mpp 377 A	
Array operating characteristics (50°C)		U mpp 437 V		Cell area 1073 m²	
Total area		Module area 1197 m²			
<b>Inverter</b>					
Original PVsyst database		Model 12 kWac Inverter			
Characteristics		Manufacturer Generic		Unit Nom. Power 12.0 kWac	
		Operating Voltage 350-600 V		Max. power (→25°C) 14.0 kWac	
<b>Inverter pack</b>		Nb. of Inverters 12 units		Total Power 144 kWac	
<b>PV Array loss factors</b>					
Thermal Loss factor		Uc (const) 20.0 W/m²K		Uv (wind) 0.0 W/m²K / m/s	
Wiring Ohmic Loss		Global array res. 20 mOhm		Loss Fraction 1.5 % at STC	
Module Quality Loss		Loss Fraction -0.8 %			
Module Mismatch Losses		Loss Fraction 1.0 % at MPP			
Strings Mismatch loss		Loss Fraction 0.10 %			
Incidence effect, ASHRAE parametrization		IAM = 1 - bo (1/cos I - 1)		bo Param. 0.05	
<b>User's needs :</b>		Unlimited load (grid)			

Figure III.3: PVsys Report.

### III.4.3 Module Layout

The layout is the positioning of the panels in portrait or landscape. According to the surface on which we will place the panels, it is recommended that we use a portrait layout; however, as we have several surfaces it is necessary to calculate how many panels can be placed on each non shaded surface while respecting the necessary distance.

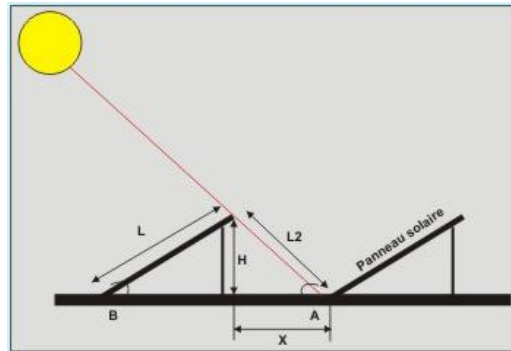




**Figure III.4:** The pictures represents the calculations of non-shaded areas using GPS

Therefore the total non-shaded available areas is:

$$75.46+69.38+78.22+125.21+102.04+99.03+51.75+67.3+42.41+45.23+27.42+34.08+33.38+80.27+54.34+33.04+31.98+28.5+39.75 = 1118.79\text{m}^2 = 111879\text{cm}^2$$



**Figure III.5 :**Minimal distance between panels.

The distance between panel is:

$$BC = \sqrt{(166.6^2 - 95.56^2)} = 136.46 \quad (\text{III.10})$$

Total distance that should be respected when implanting solar panels

$$BC + X = 136.46 + 142 = 278.5\text{cm}$$

Number of panels that can be implanted on total surface

$$111879 / 278.5 = 402 \text{ panel}$$

As an additional option we suppose that we will install a PV system that power only the lights of our department. Using the same brand of panel of 250W and a Battery of 250 Ah, The Results were as follows

#### Load Estimation:

**Table III.3 :** Load Estimation Light Only

Appliance Load	Power	Daily use(H)	Daily energy use
75 Led Lamp	18W	12	16848Wh
70 Lamp with motion sensor	12W	When detected	840Wh
Daily AC Energy Demand			17688Wh
Peak Load	2190W		

### **III.4.4 Cost Estimation**

The prices of the equipment to be used in our stand-alone PV installation are given in the following table:

**Table III.4:** The prices of the equipment

<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Unit price</b>	<b>Price</b>
<b>Panel (250Wc)</b>	20	16000DA	320000DA
<b>Battery (12V/250Ah)</b>	8	48000DA	384000DA
<b>Cable</b>	15m	340DA/m	5100DA
<b>Total</b>			709 100DA

### **III.5 Conclusion**

After seeing the steps of sizing and the cost of installing a stand-alone PV system, we know how to choose our components (panels, batteries, regulators and cables) according to the available place and economical requirements. In the next chapter we will use NN to forecast the next days of PV production using weather data.

# **CHAPTER IV**

## **NEURAL NETWORK FORECAST**

## **IV.1 Introduction**

In this part of the dissertation, we will detail the study and the dimensioning of the autonomous solar station system that has served our study. It has concerned the department of Electronics in pole level of 2000 place in the city of Laghouat which is characterized by a significant sunshine energy. It is therefore interesting to apply the techniques studied on a real calculation to confirm the validity of the chosen method and to draw conclusions from it.

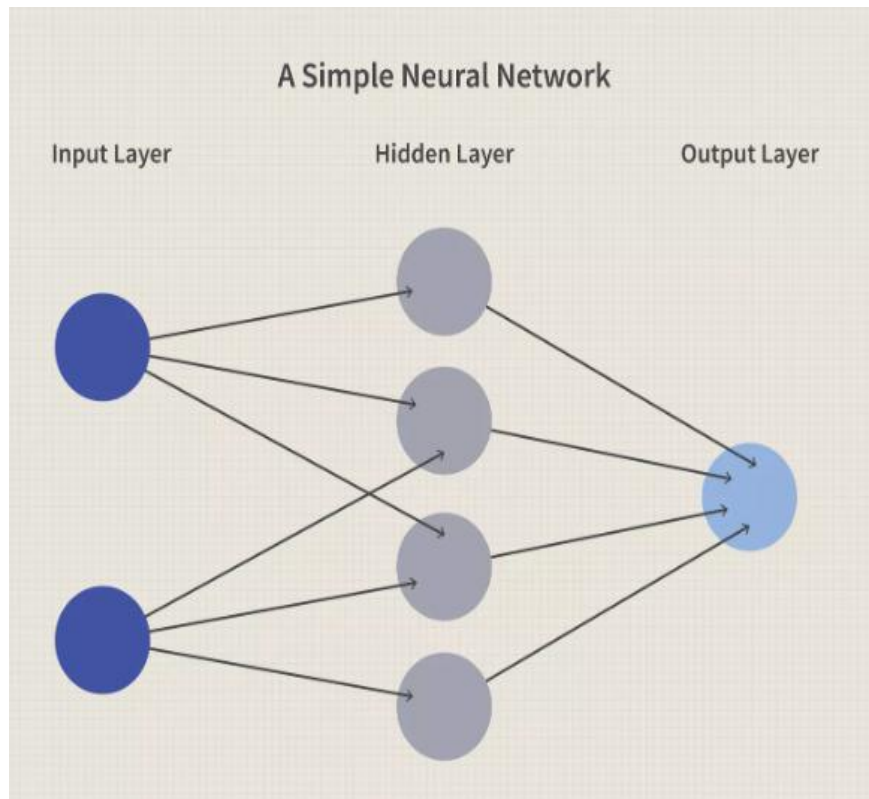
## **IV.2 Neural network definition**

NN is a series of algorithms that endeavors to recognize underlying relationships in a set of data through a process that mimics the way the human brain operates. In this sense, NN refer to systems of neurons. NN can adapt to changing input; so the network generates the best possible result without needing to redesign the output criteria. The concept of NN, which has its roots in artificial intelligence, is swiftly gaining popularity in the development of trading systems [13].

- Self-Organisation: An NN can generate its own representation of the information that it receives at the time of learning.
- Real Time Operation: NN calculations may be done simultaneously, and some special (hardware) devices are manufactured which take advantage of this capability.
- Adaptive learning: Capability to learn how to solve tasks is based on the data given for training set.

### **IV.2.1 Methodology**

A typical NN system has three layers; the input layer, the hidden layer(s) and the output layer. These three layers are interconnected and each layer consists of one or more nodes. Neurons in the input layer send data onto the hidden layer, which in turn transmit data to the output layer. NN learn from data examples presented to them and use these data to adjust their weights in an attempt to capture the relationship between the historical set of model inputs and corresponding outputs. (Appendix B)

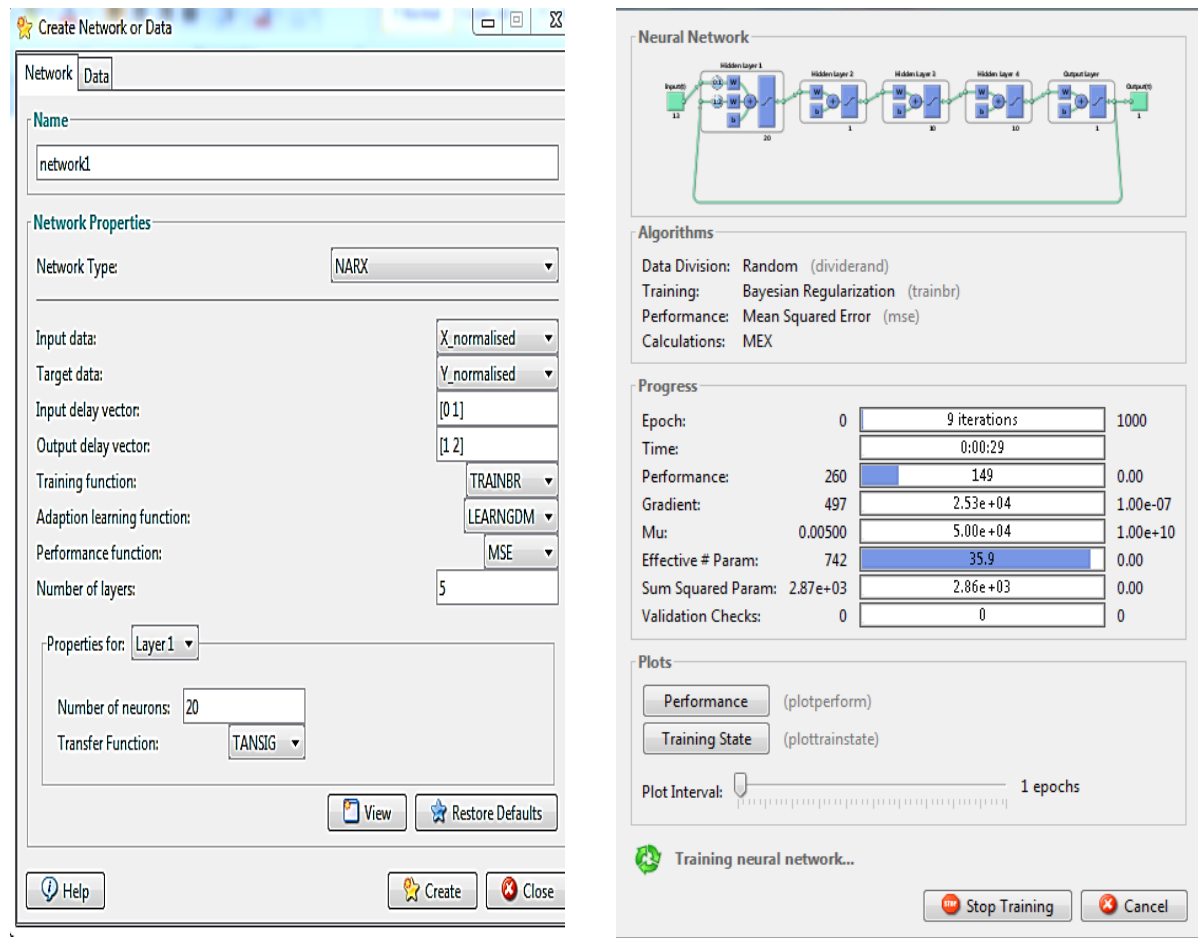


**Figure VI.1:**Neural network chronogram.

### **IV.3 Neural Network Production Forecast**

For the forecast of photovoltaic production over a period of 10 months we used as inputs: hours, days of the week, drybulb, dewpoint, irradiation, pressure, speed of wind, humidity, rain, sunset and sunrise, vacation ,prevday , prevweek .The data were treated using MATLAB programs to organize , normalize , draw the graphes .

The choice of inputs was held to their strong affection on PV production. In one hand to see the effects of each one , On the other hand to know which are the most affective datas on a PV production .(check appendix B)

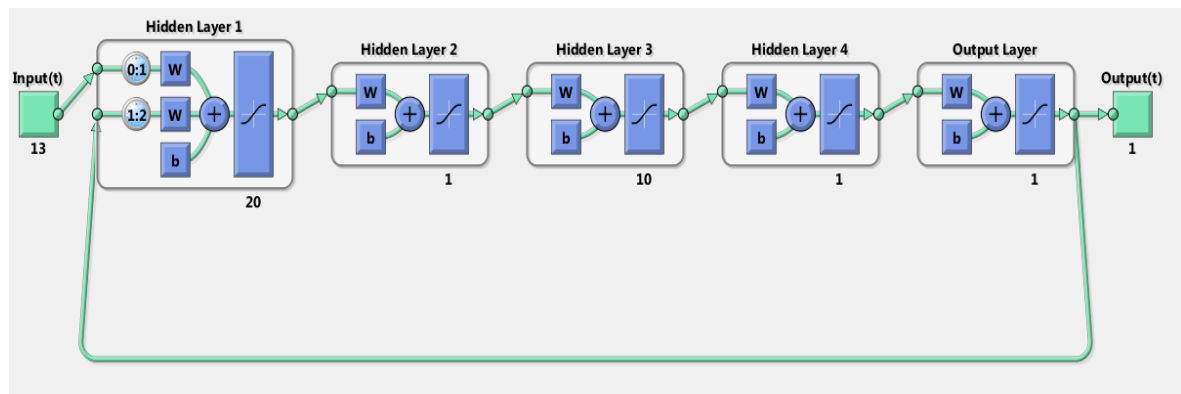


**Figure VI.2:** The steps of creating a network

### **Data processing:**

The measured data from the NOAA website comes in digital form. They are then processed to correct atmospheric, geometric, and systematic distortions when necessary. If the verification using Excel was positive for the erroneous data (the data values that are not logical), we perform the calibration to correct them.

If the verification with Excel for the missing data was positive, the sensor is damaged and it does not take correct measurements (eg: 99.9 and 999.9), it is corrected by reconstruction using mathematical methods.

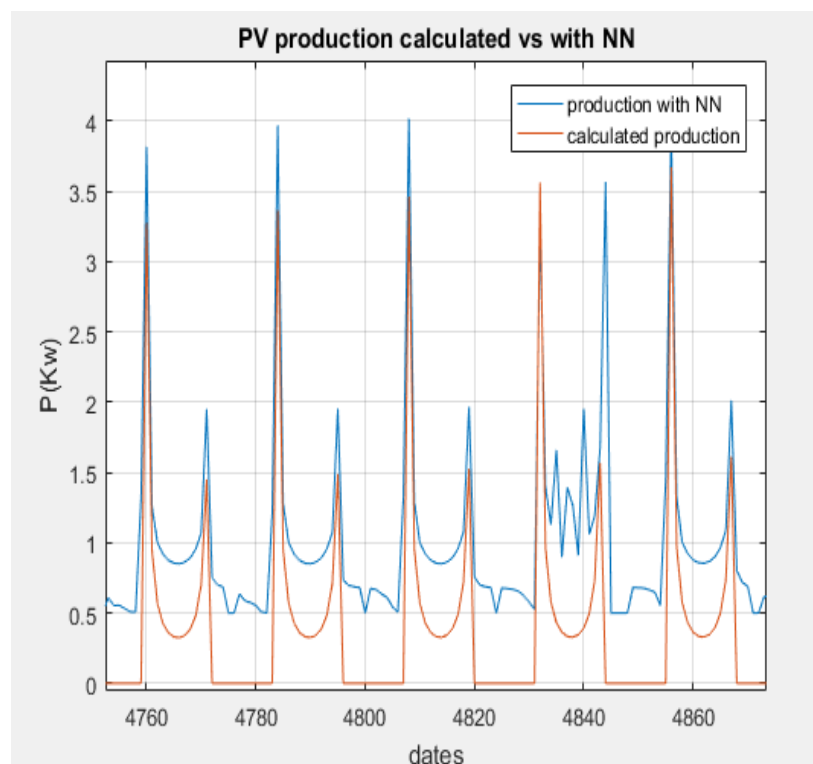


**Figure VI.3:** The number of layers and neurons of the training

For the forecast of the production the results obtained were made by training the network over a period of 10 months.

#### **IV.4 Neural Network Forecast Results**

The comparison between the photovoltaic production obtained by our calculation and the forecasts by neuron network.



**Figure VI.4:** Comparison of PV production with NN Forecast.

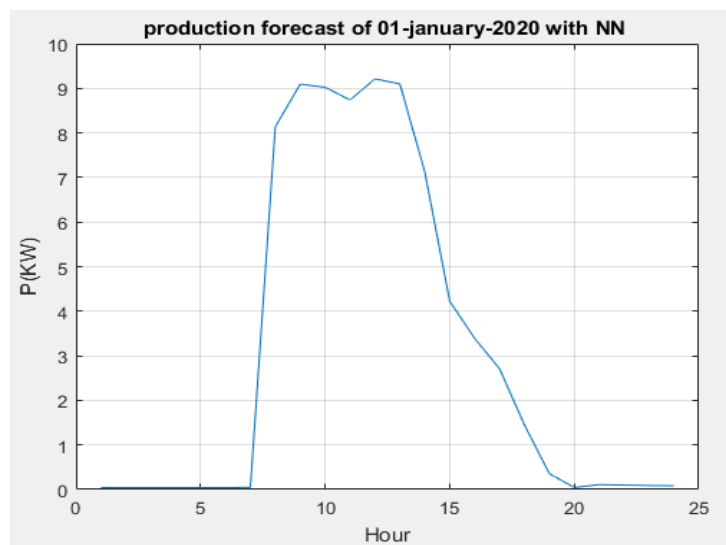
After simulation of the neuron network we obtain good results with a **relative error of 9.79%** for a network made up of 5 layers and 20 neurons for the first layer.

Before we obtain a good results, we made a lot of essays represented in the table down, In which the vector weight of entrance and exit are fixed and we changed number of neurons and layers and we calculate the error rate each time indicated by MAPE

**Table VI.1:** Parameters for the training of the photovoltaic forecast by NN.

Number of neurons	Vector of weight in entrance	Vector weight in exit	Number of layers	Mape %
10	[0 1]	[1 2]	1	78%
10	[0 1]	[1 2]	2	85%
10	[0 1]	[1 2]	3	95%
20	[0 1]	[1 2]	1	53.54%
20	[0 1]	[1 2]	3	21.47%
20	[0 1]	[1 2]	5	9.79%

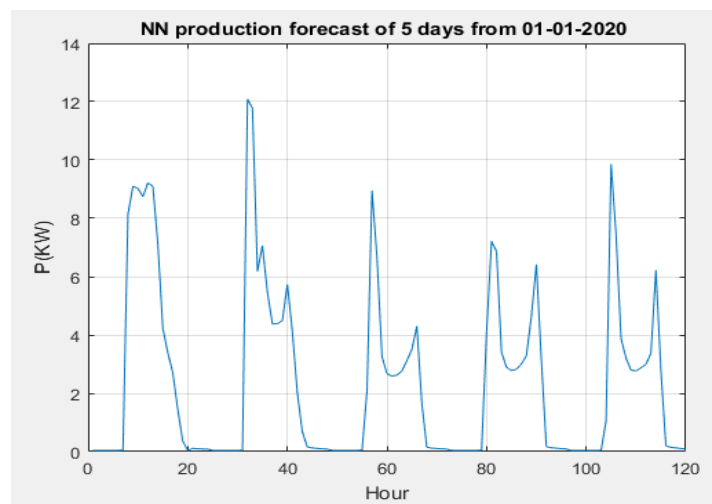
#### IV.4 1 production forecast of next 24h



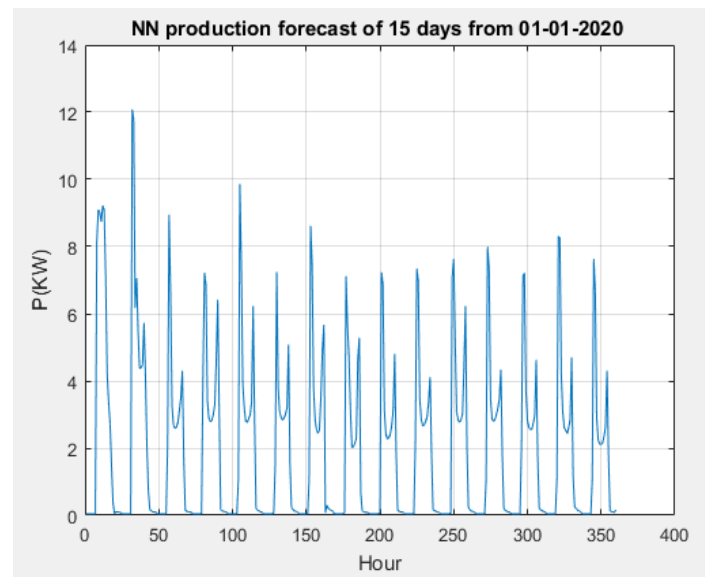
**Figure VI.5:** 24 hours production forecast with NN

The graph above represents a 24 hours forecasting, we notice that the production is 0 in the time [ (1AM-7AM) (7PM-12AM)] and of course due to lack of irradiation (sun light), In other hand the production getting more from (7AM – 2:30PM) by dint of the good lightening. we notice a drop of production in the middle of day and it is because of a cloudy passage.

#### IV.4.2 production forecast of next 5 days and 2 week



**Figure VI.6:** 5 days production forecast with NN



**Figure VI.7:** Production forecast of next 15 days

The graphs above represented a 5 days and two weeks forecasting , we notice that NN has well predicted the production .

#### **IV.4.3 The affects of weather data on PV production**

The length and strength of solar power received are the two most important factors in producing electricity through photovoltaics. As such, regions that receive the most sunshine per day will produce the most energy.

Wind damage to the solar panels is unlikely considering they are specifically designed to withstand wind speed. However, solar PV systems are subject to the same laws of physics as any other electrical circuit. The behavior of the electrical circuit in terms of voltage, resistance and current are governed by other effects, like air temperature and wind speed. Since wind speed influences air temperature, it is a piggy-back factor of how temperature can affect a solar PV system.

Solar panel power production is the most efficient when temperatures are low in sunny environments.

- **High temperatures:** Field and laboratory experiments have revealed a drop of solar energy output for every increase in degree of a home photovoltaic solar

panel once the panel reached 42 degrees Celsius, or about 107 degrees Fahrenheit.

- **Low temperatures:** The angle of the sun determines irradiance (brightness) and insolation (strength of sun when it reaches ground) which both determine the amount of energy production photovoltaics. Locations closest to the poles, and/or during winter seasons, the angle of the sun is low and temperatures decrease, causing solar panel energy production to also decrease.

Thin air is ideal for solar power for the simple fact that when the air is thicker, it scatters more sunlight. Typically, the higher the elevation, the thinner the air is. Locations at or below sea level tend to have higher air density.

A thick layer of snow on your solar PV panels will affect the production of energy entirely. However, panels naturally give off heat and are purposely installed at an angle which will prevent the accumulation of thick layers of snow. During rain or snow, the length and strength of the sun is minimal and will decrease energy production as a result.

If you live in an area with dense cloud cover or fog, your solar power output will decrease but the solar PV panels will still produce electricity. Clouds/fog diffuse (spread out) sunlight, so the angle of the sun and/or panels are not as critical. The amount of solar energy produced in these conditions depends on the thickness and duration of the fog or cloud cover. A single cloudy day will not affect the amount of power coming into your home, it is more important on the amount of sun that your panels see on average per year.

#### **IV.5 Conclusion**

Weather can have a significant impact on solar power production. In this chapter we have trained a NN often months data in order to forecast the maximum period we could which is a 15 days . The forecasting has been done successfully with a rate error estimated by 9.79 %. So we can say that the NN forecast a long and short term period



# **GENERAL CONCLUSION**

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The generation of energy from solar sources is subjected to very dynamic changes in environmental parameters and asset operating conditions. This is a very relevant issue to be considered when developing reliability studies.

Solar energy generated by sunlight has a non-schedulable nature due to the stochastic environment of meteorological conditions.

To that end, NN models have proven to be a very interesting tool, and there are many relevant and interesting contributions using NN models, with different purposes.

In this dissertation we applied NN model for PV production forecast of a PV off grid structure used at the Department of Electronics, University of Amar Telidji ,Laghouat, Algeria.

To achieve the work objectives, we needed to use a several softwares such as , PVsys , MATLAB and the PVgis .We started from collecting the department energy needs then moved to the topology of the location, Then typed the data manually for a period of 10 months with hourly steps for the forecasting and collected the irradiation of PVgis for the sizing. Also we took into consideration the options we had.

At first we have done a general study that needs more than 2000m<sup>2</sup> .So we had to calculate the available non-shaded areas to apply the second option of using PV production only to power lights , with its economical features .

The Obtained results confirm that NN can forecast a long and short terms with a fairly low error rate of 9.79% . Besides we confirmed the efficiency of PVsys and how accurate and fast is.

The PV installation can be interconnected to the network.It is interesting to note that our installation becomes profitable in view of the energy saving which is very significant at present contribution to public demand.

Finally, in perspective, we suggest that our study can be completed by using other methods of forecasting.

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# Appendix

**Table A.1** : the total power consumption of our department

area	puissance (W)	number	total power (W)	hour of function	Energy per day (KWh)
class	520	15	7800	9	70200
Coridor 1	1280	1	1280	9	11520
Coridor 2	1520	1	1520	9	13680
Coridor 3	64	1	64	9	576
Coridor 4	192	1	192	9	1728
bathroom 1	96	1	96	9	864
bathroom 2	96	1	96	9	864
Laboratory 1	3142	1	3142	9	28278
Laboratory 2	3142	1	3142	9	28278
Laboratory 3	3142	1	3142	9	28278
Laboratory 4	3142	1	3142	9	28278
Laboratory 5	3142	1	3142	9	28278
Amphi 1	29152	1	29152	9	262368
Amphi 2	43792	1	43792	9	394128
Amphi 3	43792	1	43792	9	394128
Amphi 4	43792	1	43792	9	394128
Amphi 5	43792	1	43792	9	394128
CC 1	2486	1	2486	9	22374
CC 2	2389	1	2389	9	21501
CC 3	2195	1	2195	9	19755
responsable	161	1	161	9	1449
Labo phy 1	2092	1	2092	9	18828
Labo phy 2	2284	1	2284	9	20556
Labo phy 3	2686	1	2686	9	24174
			245371	216	2208,339

**TableA.2 :** table represents the detailed power consumption of each area

Area	Components	Power	N° of compo	Total power
Corridor 1	Lamps	40	32	1280

Area	Components	Power	N° of compo	Total power
Corridor 2	Lamps	40	38	1520

Area	Components	Power	N° of compo	Total power
Corridor 3	Lamps	16	12	192

Area	Components	Power	N° of compo	Total power
Baths 1,2	Lamps	16	6	96

Area	Components	Power	N° of compo	Total power
Laboratory	Lamps	40	14	560
	air-conditioner	1900	1	1900
	oscilloscope	60	8	480
	Generator	30	6	180
	Multimeter	11	2	22

Area	Components	Power	N° of compo	Total power
Class	Lamps	40	13	520

Area	Components	Power	N° of compo	Total power(w)
Amphi1,2,3	Lamps	16w	112	7168w
	air-conditioner	14000w	12	168000w

Area	Components	Power	N° of compo	Total power
Amphi 4	Lamps	16	72	1152
	air-conditioner	14	2	28000

Area	Components	Power	N° of compo	Total power
CC 04	Lamps	16	16	256
	air-conditioner	1900	1	1900
	PC	33	10	330

Area	Components	Power	N° of compo	Total power
CC 05	Lamps	16	12	192
	air-conditioner	1900	1	1900
	PC	33	9	297

Area	Components	Power	N° of compo	Total power
CC 06	Lamps	16	4	64
	air-conditioner	1900	1	1900
	PC	33	7	231

Area	Components	Power	N° of compo	Total power
Bureau responsible	Lamps	16	8	128
	PC	33	1	33

Area	Components	Power	N° of compo	Total power
Labo 1	Lamps	16	12	192
	air-conditioner	1900	1	1900

Area	Components	Power	N° of compo	Total power
Labo 2	Lamps	16	24	384
	air-conditioner	1900	1	1900

Area	Components	Power	N° of compo	Total power
Labo 3	Lamps	16	12	192
	air-conditioner	1900	1	1900

<u>Area</u>	<u>components</u>	<u>Power</u>	<u>N of comp</u>	<u>Total power</u>
<u>foyer</u>	<u>lamp</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>360</u>
	<u>microwave</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>800</u>
	<u>printer</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>96</u>
	<u>Air-conditioner</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>48</u>

**TableA.3:** the peak power of each month

month	Eb(kw)	Pi(kw/m <sup>2</sup> )	Ei(kw/m <sup>2</sup> )	Pr	Pc(kwc)
january	245,371	1	189,82	0,65	1,98869374
february	245,371	1	164,59	0,65	2,29354059
March	245,371	1	193,15	0,65	1,95440769
april	245,371	1	201,26	0,65	1,87565262
may	245,371	1	211,55	0,65	1,78441903
june	245,371	1	214,15	0,65	1,76275436
july	245,371	1	223,83	0,65	1,68652033
august	245,371	1	219,55	0,65	1,71939807
september	245,371	1	184,96	0,65	2,04094856
october	245,371	1	196,53	0,65	1,92079502
november	245,371	1	153,02	0,65	2,46695756
december	245,371	1	133,63	0,65	2,8249184

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Adresse client	LAGHOUAT	
Reference	039021201724125	
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Cadran Factures Créances

Hist. Paiement Hist. Consommation

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PMD / DMD	5000
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Entretien Poste	0,00

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Figure A.1 : The SNG bills of our department

## **Appendix B:Sizing and forecasting results**

PVSYST V8.64		21/05/20	Page 1/3
<b>Grid-Connected System: Simulation parameters</b>			
<b>Project : laghouat</b>			
<b>Geographical Site</b>	<b>Laghouat</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Algérie</b>
<b>Situation</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>	<b>2.51° E</b>
<b>Time defined as</b>	<b>Legal Time</b>	<b>Time zone</b>	<b>UT+1</b>
	<b>Albedo</b>	<b>Altitude</b>	<b>764 m</b>
<b>Meteo data:</b>	<b>laghouat</b>	<b>Meteonorm 7.1 (1986-2005), Sat=100% - Synthétique</b>	
<b>Simulation variant : sizing</b>			
	<b>Simulation date</b>	<b>21/05/20 23h28</b>	
<b>Simulation parameters</b>			
<b>Collector Plane Orientation</b>	<b>Tilt</b>	<b>30°</b>	<b>Azimuth 0°</b>
<b>Models used</b>	<b>Transposition</b>	<b>Perez</b>	<b>Diffuse Perez, Meteonorm</b>
<b>Horizon</b>	<b>Free Horizon</b>		
<b>Near Shadings</b>	<b>No Shadings</b>		
<b>PV Array Characteristics</b>			
<b>PV module</b>	<b>SI-poly</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Poly 250 VVp 60 cells</b>
<b>Original PVsyst database</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Generic</b>	
<b>Number of PV modules</b>	<b>In series</b>	<b>16 modules</b>	<b>In parallel 46 strings</b>
<b>Total number of PV modules</b>	<b>Nb. modules</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>Unit Nom. Power 250 Wp</b>
<b>Array global power</b>	<b>Nominal (STC)</b>	<b>184 kWp</b>	<b>At operating cond. 165 kWp (50°C)</b>
<b>Array operating characteristics (50°C)</b>	<b>U mpp</b>	<b>437 V</b>	<b>I mpp 377 A</b>
<b>Total area</b>	<b>Module area</b>	<b>1197 m²</b>	<b>Cell area 1073 m²</b>
<b>Inverter</b>			
<b>Original PVsyst database</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Generic</b>	
<b>Characteristics</b>	<b>Operating Voltage</b>	<b>350-600 V</b>	<b>Unit Nom. Power 12.0 kWac</b>
			<b>Max. power (→25°C) 14.0 kWac</b>
<b>Inverter pack</b>	<b>Nb. of Inverters</b>	<b>12 units</b>	<b>Total Power 144 kWac</b>
<b>PV Array loss factors</b>			
<b>Thermal Loss factor</b>	<b>Uc (const)</b>	<b>20.0 W/m²K</b>	<b>Uv (wind) 0.0 W/m²K / m/s</b>
<b>Wiring Ohmic Loss</b>	<b>Global array res.</b>	<b>20 mOhm</b>	<b>Loss Fraction 1.5 % at STC</b>
<b>Module Quality Loss</b>			<b>Loss Fraction -0.8 %</b>
<b>Module Mismatch Losses</b>			<b>Loss Fraction 1.0 % at MPP</b>
<b>Strings Mismatch loss</b>			<b>Loss Fraction 0.10 %</b>
<b>Incidence effect, ASHRAE parametrization</b>	<b>IAM = 1 - bo (1/cos I - 1)</b>		<b>bo Param. 0.05</b>
<b>User's needs :</b>	<b>Unlimited load (grid)</b>		

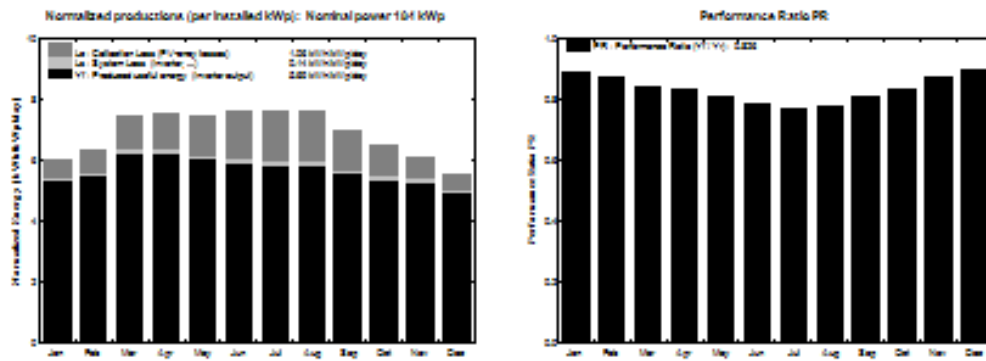
**Figure B.1:** sizing report using PVsyst page 1

### Grid-Connected System: Main results

**Project :** laghouat  
**Simulation variant :** sizing

<b>Main system parameters</b>		<b>System type</b>	Grid-Connected	
PV Field Orientation		tilt	30°	azimuth 0°
PV modules		Model	Poly 250 Wp 60 cells	Pnom 250 Wp
PV Array		Nb. of modules	736	Pnom total 184 kWp
Inverter		Model	12 kWac Inverter	Pnom 12.00 kW ac
Inverter pack		Nb. of units	12.0	Pnom total 144 kW ac
User's needs		Unlimited load (grid)		

<b>Main simulation results</b>		<b>Produced Energy</b>	382082 kWh/year	<b>Specific prod.</b>	2077 kWh/kWp/year
<b>System Production</b>		<b>Performance Ratio PR</b>	82.63 %		



#### sizing Balances and main results

	GlobHor kWh/m²	DiffHor kWh/m²	T.Amb °C	GlobInc kWh/m²	GlobDF kWh/m²	EArray kWh	E_Grid kWh	PR
January	114.8	20.92	7.02	166.2	162.4	21266	20268	0.960
February	122.1	27.62	8.14	176.6	172.7	22040	20976	0.979
March	167.9	32.16	13.22	230.2	222.7	28269	26669	0.941
April	212.9	46.64	16.20	292.2	279.9	36294	34440	0.950
May	243.0	64.86	21.66	331.4	324.2	42244	40212	0.911
June	250.6	69.97	24.92	327.0	320.1	42622	40661	0.767
July	224.2	61.22	27.29	299.9	299.9	39171	39962	0.767
August	200.6	51.12	29.69	264.9	269.7	34126	33991	0.772
September	160.6	30.07	23.66	207.7	202.4	27216	26794	0.906
October	120.9	27.42	19.60	161.2	167.0	21462	20726	0.929
November	118.4	22.92	11.79	169.2	179.7	22999	22074	0.967
December	101.9	21.20	6.19	171.4	167.6	22779	22127	0.982
<b>Year</b>	<b>2170.2</b>	<b>468.86</b>	<b>16.21</b>	<b>2219.0</b>	<b>2120.0</b>	<b>281172</b>	<b>262082</b>	<b>0.929</b>

Legends: GlobHor Horizontal global irradiation      GlobDF Effective Global, corr. for WM and shadings  
 DiffHor Horizontal diffuse irradiation      EArray Effective energy at the output of the array  
 T.Amb Ambient Temperature      E\_Grid Energy injected into grid  
 GlobInc Global incident in coll. plane      PR Performance Ratio

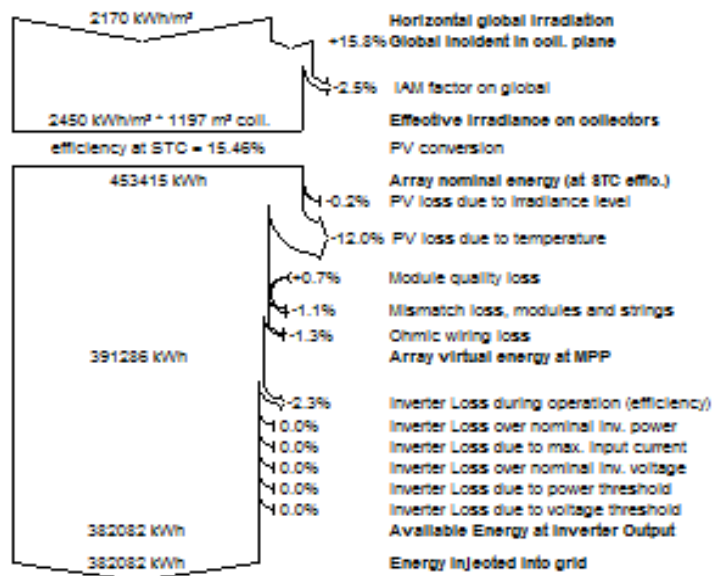
**Figure B.2: sizing report using PVsys page 2**

### Grid-Connected System: Loss diagram

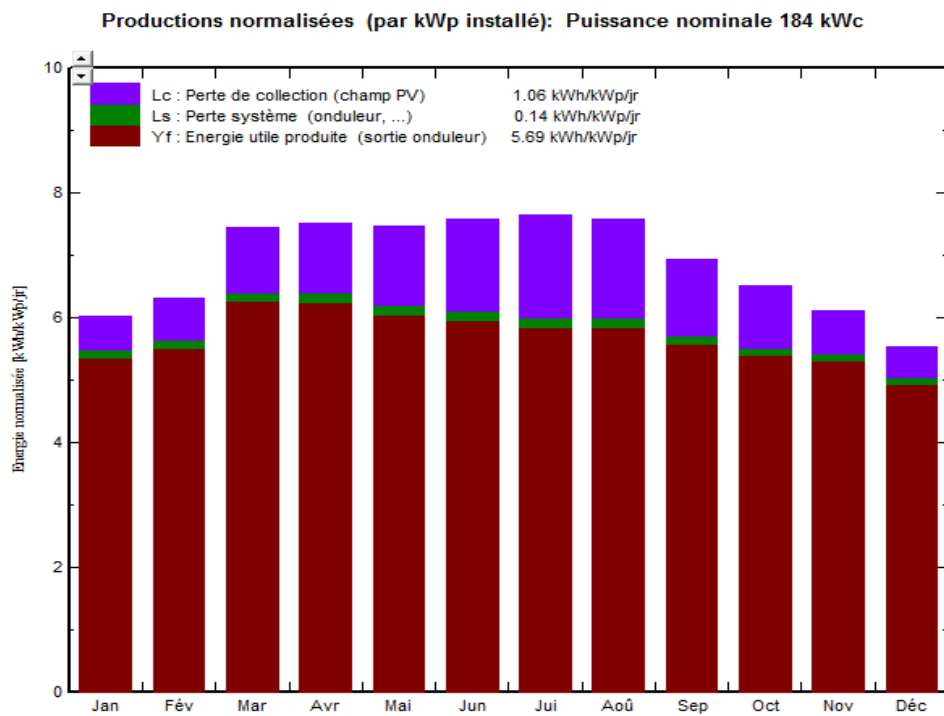
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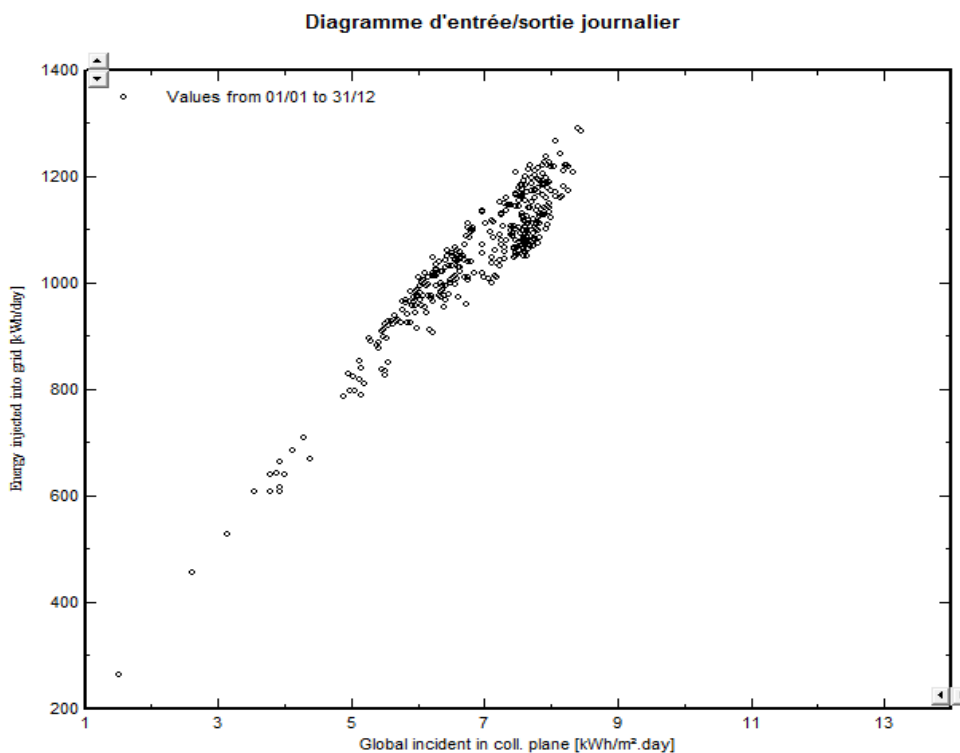
#### Loss diagram over the whole year



**Figure B.3:** sizing report using PVsys page 3



**Figure B.4:** the loss of PV power



**Figure B.5 :** the energy injected into grid

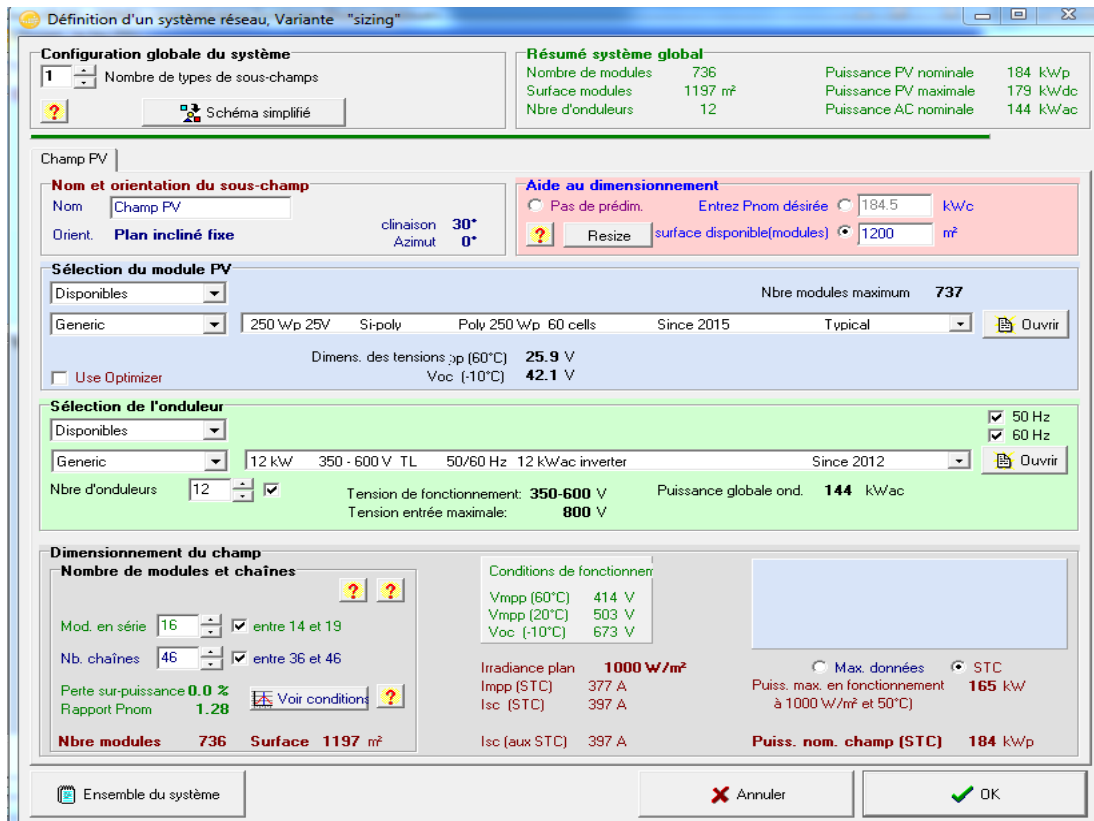


Figure B.6: the parameter of PVsys sizing

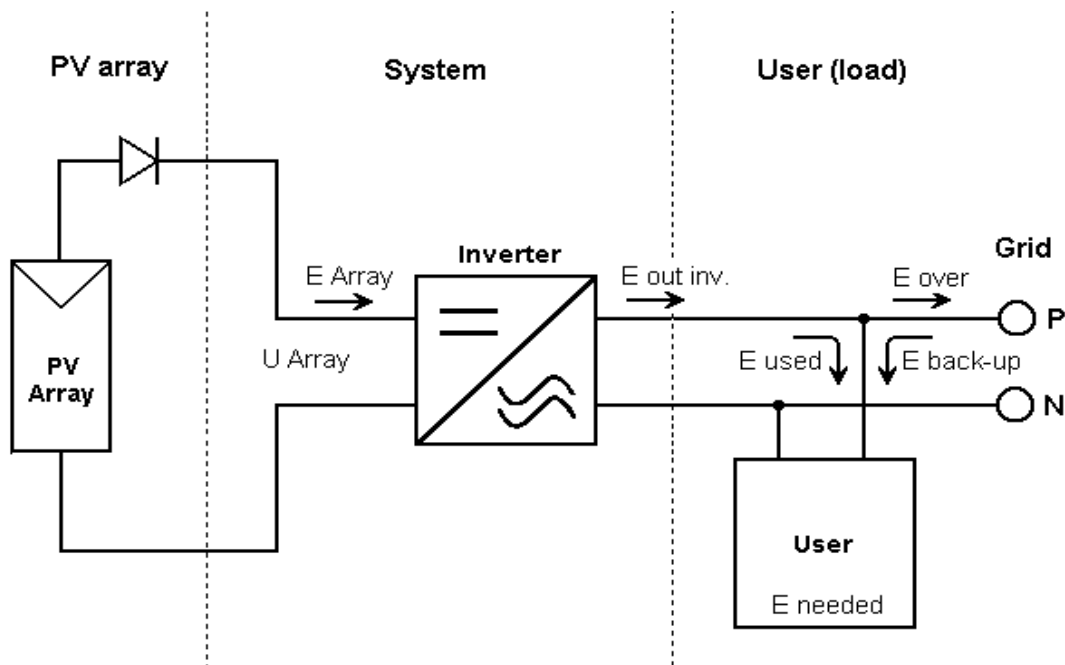
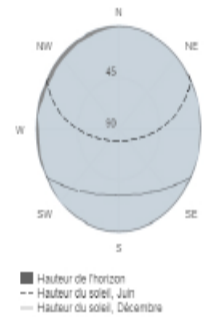


Figure B.7 : the PV system scheme

PVGIS-5 base de données géo-temporelles d'irradiation

Entrées fournies  
 Latitude/Longitude: 33.791, 2.846  
 Horizon: Calculé  
 Base de données: PVGIS-SARAH  
 Année de début: 2016  
 Année finale: 2016

Ligne d'horizon:



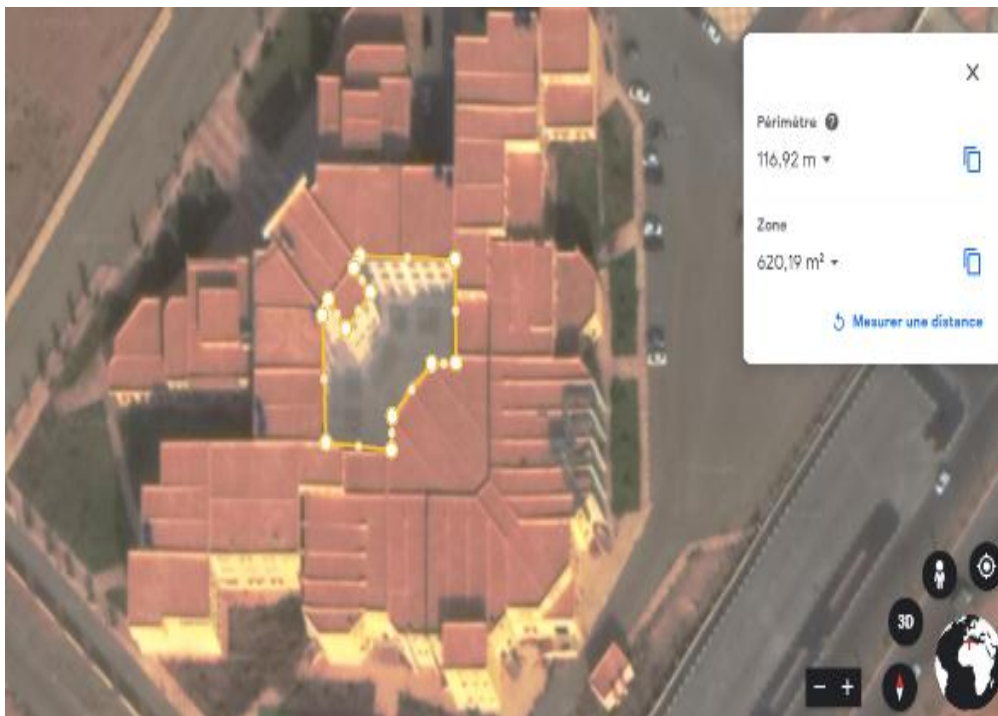
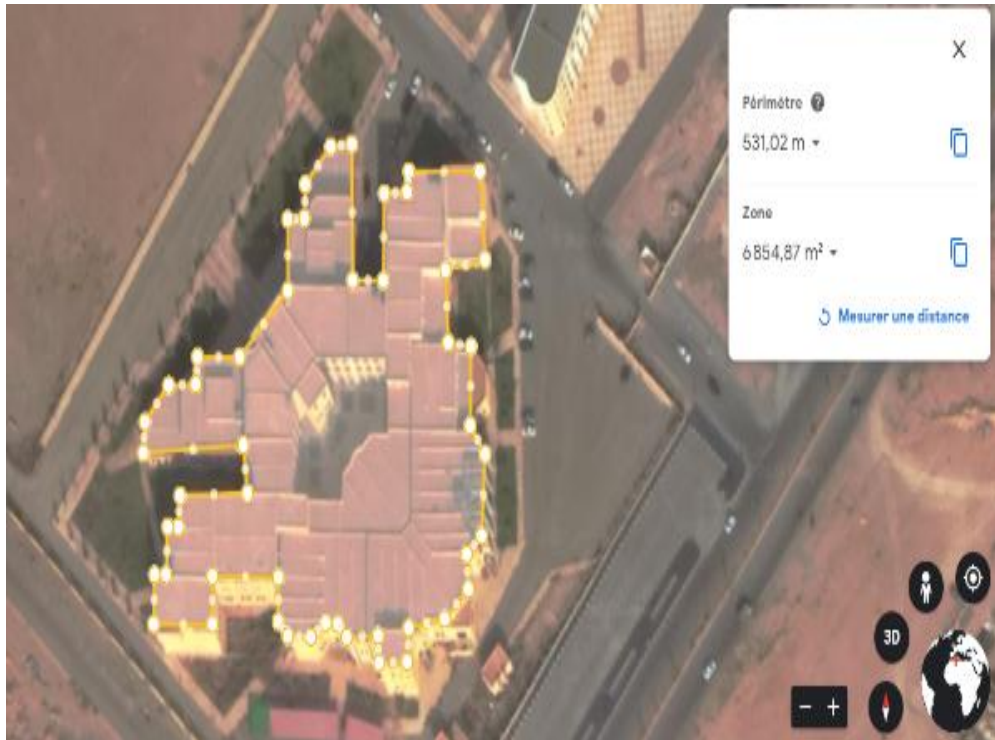
Irradiation solaire mensuelle

Irradiation solaire mensuelle



Irradiation globale horizontale		Irradiation directe normale		Irradiation globale angle optimal	
Mois	2016	Mois	2016	Mois	2016
Janvier	119.69	Janvier	171.57	Janvier	189.82
Février	119.17	Février	158.85	Février	164.59
Mars	161.71	Mars	190.64	Mars	193.15
Avril	193.77	Avril	196.44	Avril	201.26
Mai	223.9	Mai	218.44	Mai	211.55
Juin	237.92	Juin	239.42	Juin	214.15
Juillet	242.92	Juillet	243.18	Juillet	223.83
Août	218.56	Août	229.29	Août	219.55
Septembre	164.48	Septembre	179.75	Septembre	184.96
Octobre	148.54	Octobre	188.7	Octobre	196.53
Novembre	102.53	Novembre	144.68	Novembre	153.02
Décembre	84.34	Décembre	126.96	Décembre	133.63

Figure B.8: the PVgis report of monthly irradiation



**Figure B.9** : surface calculation using Google Earth

The image shows a MATLAB variable viewer window titled 'data'. It displays a 1x1 struct with 12 fields. The fields and their values are as follows:

Field	Value
Date	7344x1 cell
Hour	7344x1 double
DryBulb	7344x1 double
DewPnt	7344x1 double
SYSLoad	7344x1 double
irradiation	7344x1 double
pression	7344x1 double
vitessevent	7344x1 double
pluie	7344x1 double
humidite	7344x1 double
coucheretlever	7344x1 double
holiday	7344x1 double

**Figure B.10** : the different steps of inserting the outputsMATLAB

```

data =

    Date: {7344x1 cell}
    Hour: [7344x1 double]
   DryBulb: [7344x1 double]
    DewPnt: [7344x1 double]
   SYSLoad: [7344x1 double]
   NumDate: [7344x1 double]
  irradiation: [7344x1 double]
    pression: [7344x1 double]
  vitessevent: [7344x1 double]
    pluie: [7344x1 double]
    humidite: [7344x1 double]
  coucheretlever: [7344x1 double]
    holiday: [7344x1 double]

fx >>

```

**Figure B.11** : adjusting the outputs using a MATLAB code

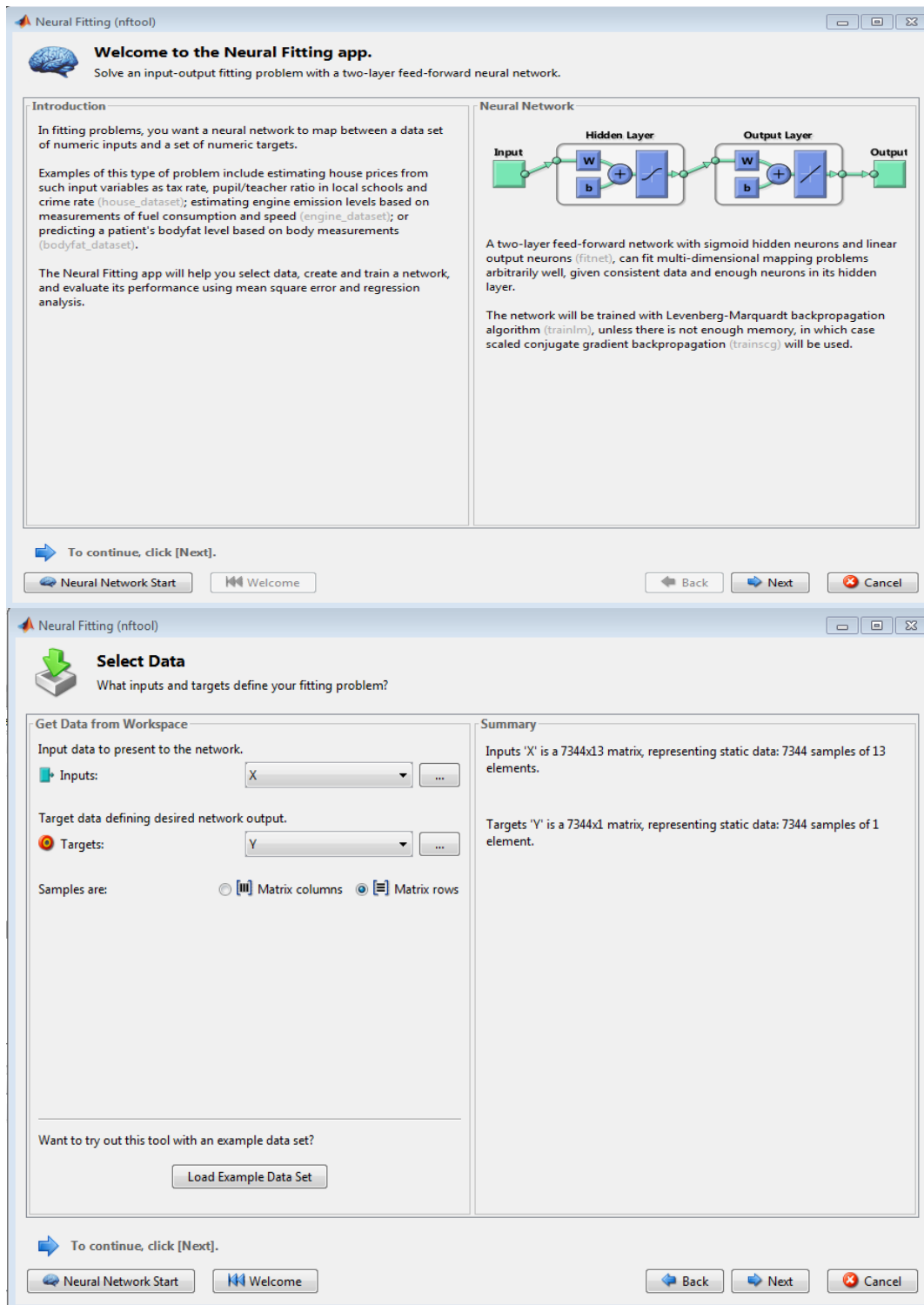


Figure B.12 : the different steps of using NN in MATLAB

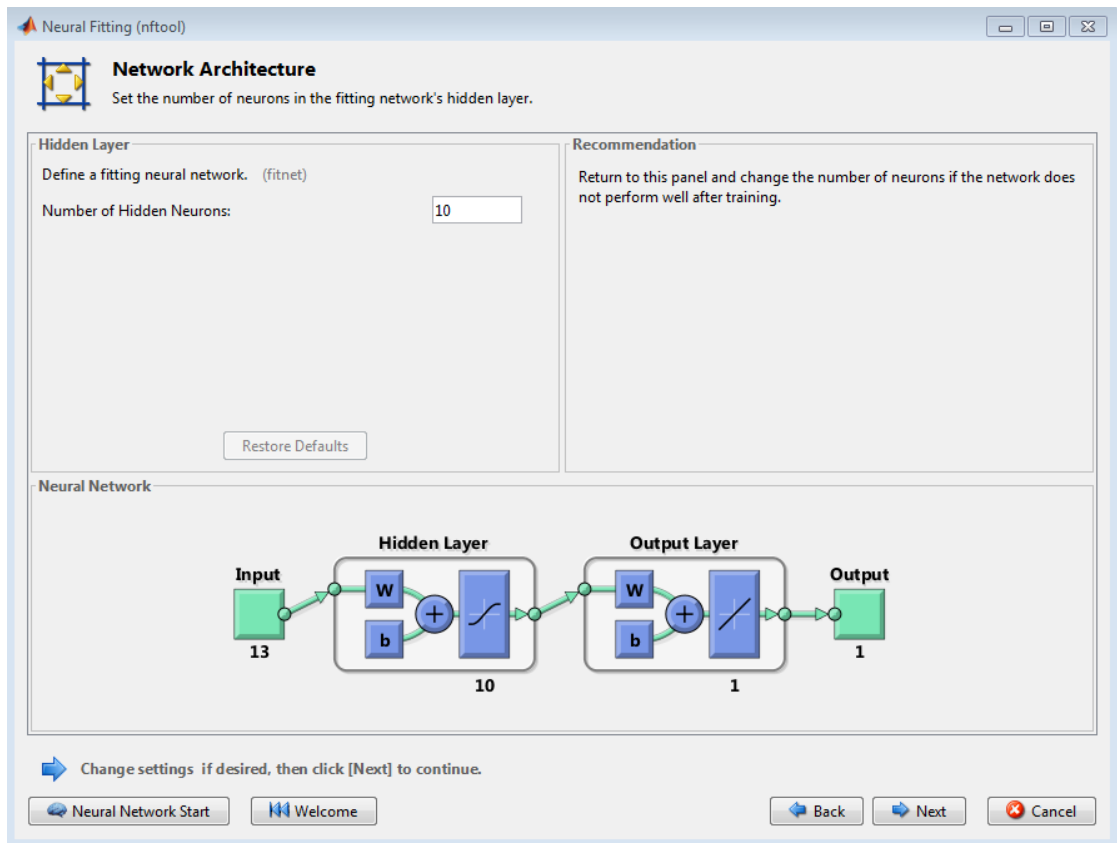
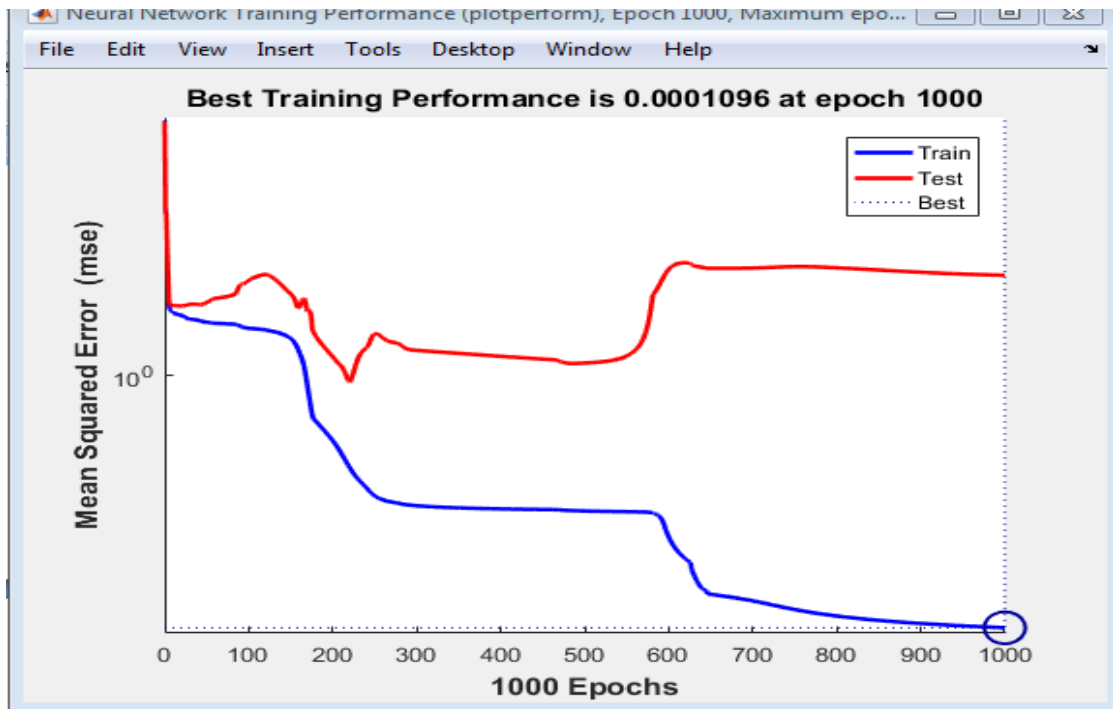
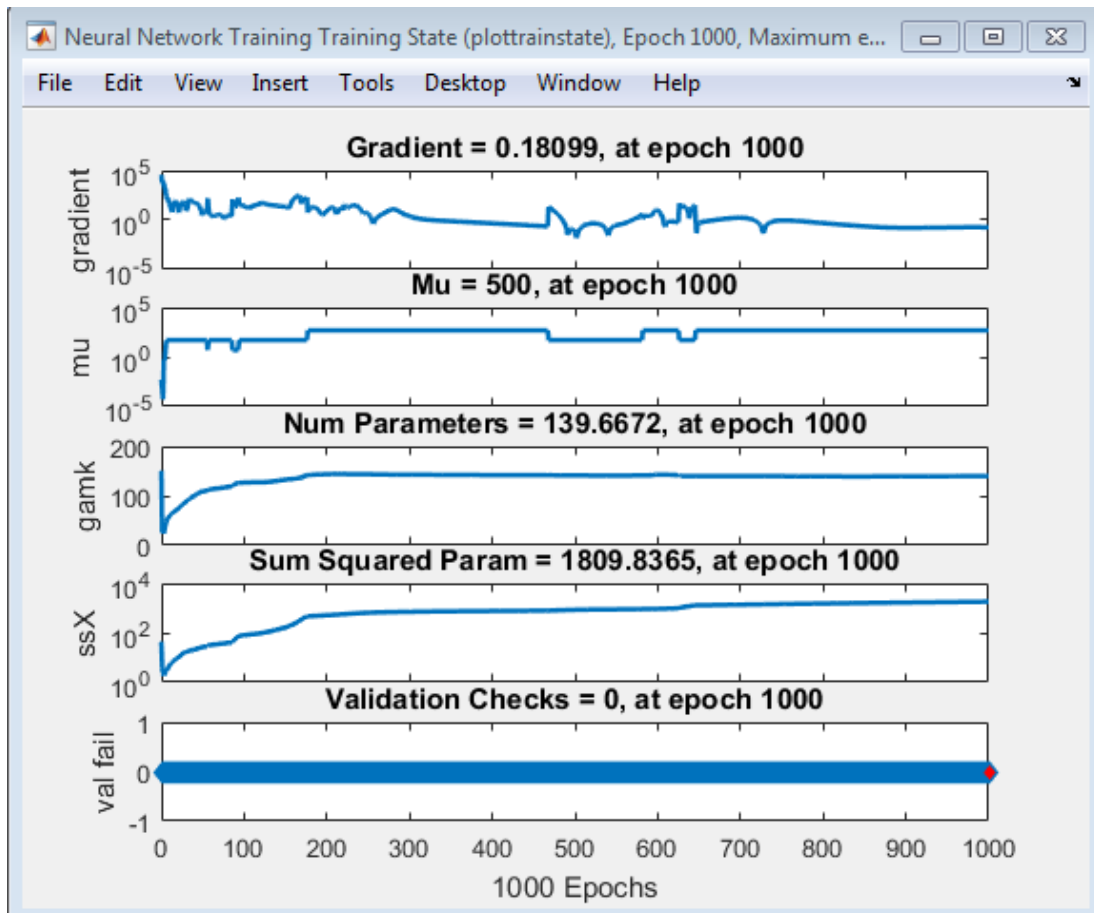


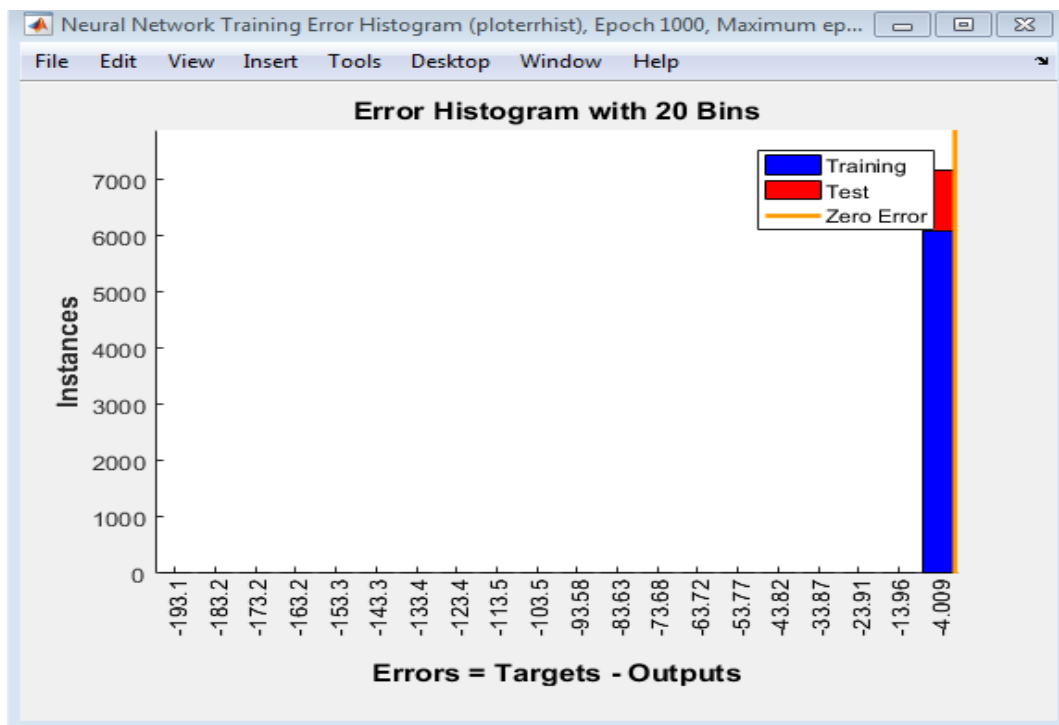
Figure B.13 : the architecture of NN in MATLAB



FigureB.14: the graph represents the errors



**Figure B.15:** the graphs represents the different results of the training parameters



**Figure B.16:** the graph represents the errors histogram

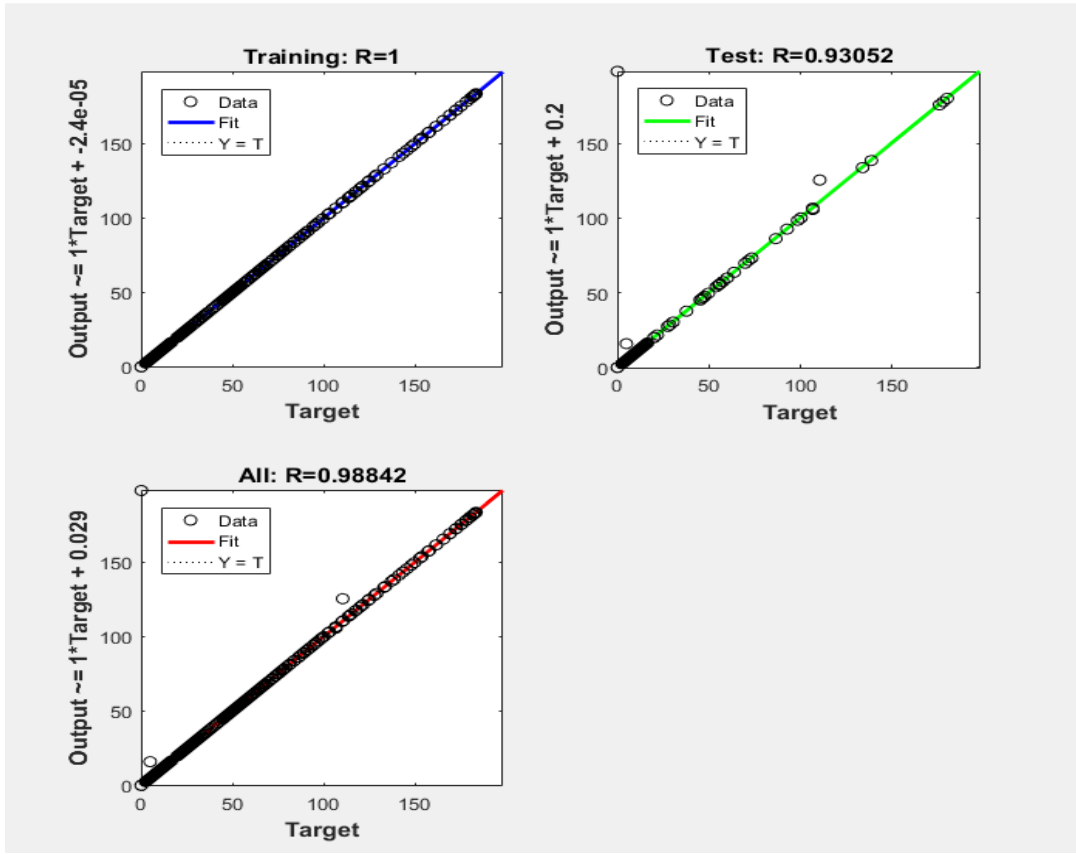


Figure B.17: the graph represents the target results vs the inputs

## **Appendix C:Data sheets of the equipments**

# IFRISOL

Du soleil à la lumière sur mesure

IF-P280-72  
IF-P300-72  
IF-P310-72  
IF-P320-72



## Module photovoltaïque ultra-performant 72 cellules / module photovoltaïque polycristallin

### Caractéristiques principales:



10  
ANS

Garantie

10 ans de garantie sur le produit



+ Wc

Tolérance de puissance de sortie  
strictement positive (0 à 5 Wc)



Performance

Excellente performance sous faibles irradiation



IP67

Excellente résistance aux conditions extérieures



5400 Pa

Résistance maximale à l'avant du module 5400 Pa



2400 Pa

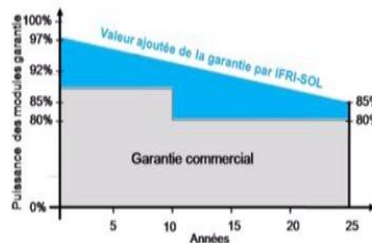
Résistance maximale à l'arrière du module 2400 Pa



### Performance linear garantie

10 ans de garantie sur la production de 92% de puissance de sortie<sup>1</sup>

25 ans de garantie sur la production de 85% de puissance de sortie<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Selon le certificat de service IFRISOL en vigueur au moment de l'achat

Système de management certifié  
selon la norme

DIN ISO 9001:2008

ID 9102077424



IF-P280-72  
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**IFRISOL**  
Du soleil à la lumière sur mesure

### Spécifications électriques

Type module	Puissance nominale P <sub>mp</sub>	Tension au point de puissance maximale U <sub>mp</sub>	Courant au point de puissance maximale I <sub>mp</sub>	Tension en circuit ouvert U <sub>oc</sub>	Courant de court circuit I <sub>sc</sub>	Rendement module
IF-P280-72	280 Wc	35.26V	7.97A	44.70V	8.49A	14.43%
IF-P300-72	300 Wc	36.41V	8.24A	45.20V	8.73A	16.46%
IF-P310-72	310 Wc	37.00V	8.38A	45.45V	8.85A	15.97%
IF-P320-72	320 Wc	37.56V	8.52A	45.82V	9.03A	16.49%

Caractéristiques électriques sous les conditions standard de test : irradiation 1000W/m<sup>2</sup>, température de cellule 25°C, masse d'air 1.5g selon EN 60904-3.

### Design

Verre	Verre trempé de 3.2mm d'épaisseur / haute transparence / faible teneur en fer
Encapsulant	E.V.A
Cellule	72 cellules polycristalline en série / 156mm*156mm
Backsheet	Film composite (blanc, noir, ...)
Frame	Profilé creux en aluminium anodisé

### Valeurs limites

Tension maximale du système	1000V CC
NOCT	47±2°C
Courant inverse maximal	12A
Température de fonctionnement	de -40°C à 85°C
Pression maximale	2400N/m <sup>2</sup>

### Spécification mécanique

Dimensions (L×L×H)	1956mm × 992mm × 40mm
Poids	23Kg

### Spécifications thermiques

CT de la tension en circuit ouvert	-0.330%/°C
CT de courant en court circuit	+0.058%/°C
CT de puissance	-0.410%/°C

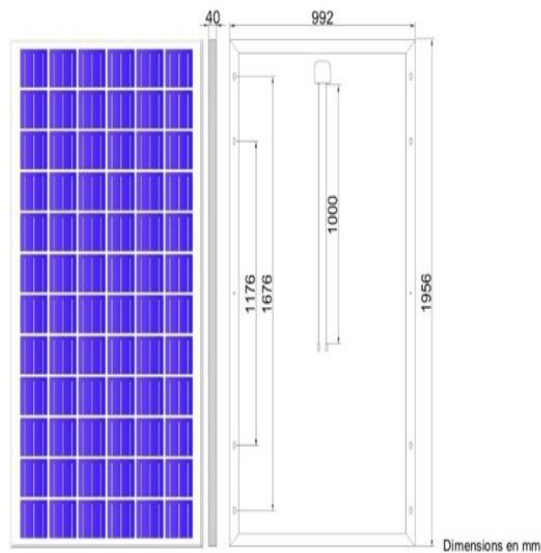
### Connecteurs

Boite de Junction	Un boîtier avec 3 diodes de dérivation (IP67)
Câble solaire	Câble solaire d'une longueur de 1000 mm, 4mm <sup>2</sup> , préfabriqué avec connecteur compatible MC4 (IP67)
Application	Classe A (Selon IEC 61730)

### Conditionnement

Dimensions (L×L×H)	1970mm × 1065mm × 1140mm
Quantité de module / 20'	260
Quantité de module / 40'	572

### Schéma



Dimensions en mm

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## -the datasheet of the inverter:

Technical data	Sunny Tripower CORE1 (US)	Sunny Tripower CORE1 (IEC)
<b>Input (DC)</b>		
Max. array power	75000 Wp STC	75000 Wp STC
DC voltage (max)	1000 V	1000 V
Rated MPP voltage range	500 V ... 800 V	500 V ... 800 V
MPPT operating voltage range	150 V ... 1000 V	150 V ... 1000 V
Min. DC voltage / start voltage	150 V / 188 V	150 V / 188 V
Number of independent MPP trackers / strings per MPP input	6 / 2	6 / 2
Max. operating input current / per MPP tracker	120 A / 20 A	120 A / 20 A
Max. short circuit current per MPPT / string input	30 A / 30 A	30 A / 30 A
<b>Output (AC)</b>		
AC nominal power	50000 W	50000 W
Max. AC apparent power	53000 VA	50000 VA
Output phases / line connections	3 / 3-(N)-PE	3 / 3-(N)-PE
Nominal AC voltage	480 V / 277 V WYE	400 V / 230 V
AC voltage range	244 V ... 305 V	202 ... 264 V
Rated AC grid frequency	60 Hz	50 Hz
AC grid frequency / range	50 Hz, 60 Hz / -6 Hz ... +5Hz	50 Hz, 60 Hz / -6 Hz ... +5Hz
Max. output current	64 A	72.5 A
Power factor at rated power / adjustable displacement	1 / 0.0 leading ... 0.0 lagging	1 / 0.0 leading ... 0.0 lagging
Harmonics THD	<3%	<3%
<b>Efficiency</b>		
Max. efficiency / CEC efficiency / European efficiency	98.3% / 98% / -	98.1% / - / 97.8%
<b>Protection devices</b>		
Load rated DC disconnect switch	●	●
Load rated AC disconnect switch	●	-
DC reverse polarity protection	●	●
Ground fault monitoring / grid monitoring	● / ●	● / ●
All-pole sensitive residual current monitoring	●	●
DC AFCI compliant to UL 1699B	●	-
DC surge arrester (Type II)	○	○
AC short circuit protection	●	●
AC surge arrester (Type II)	○	○
Protection class / overvoltage category (as per UL840)	I / IV	-
Protection class (as per IEC 60664-1) / overvoltage category (as per IEC 60664-1)	-	I / AC: III; DC: II