

Abstract

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The presence of unavoidable disturbances has long been considered a key issue concerning photovoltaic (PV) power conversion modeling. These disturbances result in system parameter variations, which may significantly alter predicted performance of the whole system. In this work, a solar energy conversion performance is studied under the influence of uncertainty. We experimentally measure its statistical properties on the operating characteristics of the PV system. The measured data are used to investigate the effects of PV system installation to location and related issues such as system loss reduction, tie-line/switch loading alleviation and reliability improvement in a power distribution model. The system constraints such as, voltage and transmission line ampacity are imposed in the study. Simulation results have shown that with proper installation location of the PV systems and the action of a tie switch, system losses and loading level of the tie switch can be reduced as well as the voltage profile.

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