

## Comparison of MPPT strategies for solar modules

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**Abstract.** The paper studies the behavior of three different Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) strategies applied to solar modules: three-point perturb and observe, fixed-step incremental conductance, and variable-step incremental conductance.

It starts with a brief description of each method and then it compares them considering three criteria: simplicity of implementation, capability to follow irradiance variations and sensitivity to noise in the required measurements. Diverse simulations have been performed and the main results are presented.