

## Efficient Utilization of Different Solar PV Module Technologies for Maximum Power Extraction

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**Abstract**—The huge demand of Energy is continuously increasing globally this enhances the utilization of available system resources efficiently. The Solar Energy is playing a very vital role in fulfilling the need, the set target of 500 GW by 2030 proves this demand to be fulfilled by the Solar resources. The heart of the Solar PV system is PV module and the inverter. The integration of the system as per the requirement is the most imperative part which directly influences the power generation of the PV solar plants. One of the most critical factors effecting the Solar PV system efficiency is Temperature of solar panels. The variance in output efficiency of technologies using the same wattages is caused by temperature change. For this variance in efficiency among the different numbers of available technologies with respect to ambient temp and module temperature for a specific instant is considered to perform this study. The SEC later known as the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE), in Gurgaon, is where entire study is performed out on a test bed of nominal operating cell temperature (NOCT). The output via data logger from the NOCT test bed is opted for choosing the best technologies in the various regions of hot and cold climates when considering the impact of temperature into account. One of the required test of IEC no 61215 is NOCT. The required output is filtered and procedure is implemented to produce the result which is presented in appropriate graph form and is expressed in circumstances of efficiency with regard to temperature. The presented study compares two modules of the same wattages and different technologies monocrystalline (M-SI) and multicrystalline (mc-Si) that we use here to perform the test. This analysis concludes with ultimate finding indicates that monocrystalline is more efficient than multicrystalline at a particular ambient temperature of the test site. As a result, monocrystalline technology is more productive than multicrystalline. As a result, we can speculate that multicrystalline technologies tend to be better suited for high-altitude places like the Himalayas, the Andes, etc., while monocrystalline technologies are more suitable for particular locations of Delhi-NCR. The entire study gives us the mainly helpful information for a PV plant's megawatt systems, in accordance with the technologies mentioned for a particular region to deliver the highest yield to the utilities.

**Keywords**—NOCT, PV cell Temperature, High altitudes, Low altitudes, Solar Plant Efficiency, Multi and Mono Crystalline Module

### I. INTRODUCTION

India will need a reliable source of energy that is more than twice as much as what it already uses to meet its fast-growing economy's energy demands. Utilizing energy from various renewable technologies Solar PV plants is one of the best solutions to fulfil the growing demand. The primary energy consumption of India today comes from renewable sources to the tune of about 38%. A nation's economic prosperity depends greatly on its energy division. The energy division in India is varied, utilizing both conventional sources of energy like coal, oil, natural gas, and hydropower as well as unconventional ones like solar, wind, and biowaste. Over the past few years, there has been a noticeable increase in the demand for electricity, and future growth is also anticipated. The state and central government keeps expanding capacity nationwide in an effort to provide electrical energy to each resident of the nation. The India consumes 162 kW hours of power per person, placing it third place around the world behind China and the UAE in terms of core energy utilization [1]. A requirement for a nation's economic development is the provision of increasing energy [2] too. The Nation energy Plan [NEP] of the MoP has created a 10-year comprehensive action plan with the intent of delivering energy throughout the nation [3]. It has also created a second plan to get more confident that power is prearranged to each citizen economically and affordably. Moreover one third of the world greenhouse gas emissions are caused by the three fuels that are used to produce electricity: coal, oil, and natural gas hence by providing cleaner and more dependable electricity, it is essential to raising people's standards of

living [4]. The Indian government has recently placed more emphasis on monitoring the environment and set ambitious renewable energy goals for the coming ten years. The government of India announced a short-term goal of 175 GW of clean energy capacity by 2022, with 100 GW sourced from solar, 60 GW through wind, 10 GW through biowaste, and 5 GW through hydropower [5]. The nation has a term goal of 450 GW from renewable energy sources by 2030 [6]. A mix of push regulations, pull mechanisms and targeted initiatives should be used to push the expansion of clean and green renewable energy technology. Technology advancements sensible governing guidelines, tax breaks, and initiatives to boost productivity through Research and Development [7] a few of the good options for clean energy and environmental conservation that will promise that renewable clean energy resource bases are utilized in a timely and profitable manner. The demand of positions for technicians, contractors, and skilled laborers are consequently considered, the article describes the scientific and economical efforts [8] policy and governing framework, as well as teaching and informative delivering programs [9, 10] that the government has put in place to promote the growth and development of renewable clean energy bases. The outcome for the increase and expansion of the solar sector raised the demand for the solar PV projects. The five main factor of solar PV module are solar distribution, insulation, PV module efficiency with the intensity, ambient annual temperature, and distribution of solar spectrum are used to determine the general applicability of PV modules for a certain site. Standard Test Conditions (STC), which are artificially created in laboratories and which do not correspond to measurements of the outdoor performance of the modules. For the years 2009 and 2010, data from completed 24,000 Solar PV setup installed at different places in Central of Europe were collected. In order to deliver adequate high-quality data was routinely tested and then it was modified at STC to compare empirical findings on the performance of Solar PV elements at indoors. Data on the temperature and plant configuration was utilised to carry out this alterations i.e. Efficiency of the inverter [11] Temperature and efficiency are key factors in this transition. This method is achieved to the actual ground working temperature PV module kinds under the real-world circumstances. The outdoor effect turn to proper study attest bed of NOCT. The cooling of PV module leads to raise in voltage and power output, this fact also points the influence of temperature. An effective cool down technique, however, is advantageous if the extra expenses remain less than the accumulated profit [12]. This is why a passive cooling measure established on phase change of materials underwent an economic analysis of energy. At the same irradiance, data of two solar module that were each outfitted with a temperature-delicate materials were measured. A related study examines how the spot energy market changes depending on the time at the day, with more PV power being delivered in the forenoon because of the cooling impact [13]. The Hawaii Natural Energy Institute (HNEI) points out that this is particularly interesting for electrical networks because PV plants already have a significant volume of uncooled air in them. The University at Hawaii has begun a PV test project that offers excellent quality of data to quantify module and array performance under varied geographical environmental situations. In this case, local impact of temperature is taken into account. When designing PV power plants, the estimated energy yield is calculated using the component performance. It's very much significant to calculate yield as accurately as possible. PV module efficiency much often stated at the STC. However, these circumstances only meets in test or research laboratory [12]. At a specific site in Tripura, India, throughout the years of 2012–2013, Researchers have examined the effects of wind speed and temperature on the efficiency of monocrystalline silicon solar PV modules. The study work been performed out due monitoring the difference in the module efficiency with wind speed and temperature. According to statistical analysis, the correlating number between ambient-temperature and wind speed is of 96% for the former and 68% for the latter. [14]. The temperature will effect the flow of power through an electric circuit's by altering the speed at which the electron travels [15]. The findings indicate that there a significant positive but linear correlation between modules efficiency and ambient-temperature and comparatively weak positive but linear correlation between modules productivity and wind speed. Hence this study investigates the relationship between ambient-temperature and solar PV module productivity [14]. Investigations have shown that temperature causes a drop in performance ratio too with latitude. The cold temperatures at high-altitude locations, such as Antarctica, Andes, and the southern Himalayan region, have much higher performance ratios. PV crystalline modules those are very less sensitive to temperature should be used in areas with high temperatures, while PV modules more sensitive to temperature will perform better in areas with low temperatures. The geographic distribution of PV solar power potential is examined, taking into perspective how the performance of PV systems is impacted by ambient-temperature [16]. The above discussion states that the process of photovoltaic conversion is significantly influenced by ambient temperature. As a result, a PV module's power output is linearly related to operating temperature and cell temperature ( $T_c$ ). To assess the entire losses caused by temperature impacts, PV crystalline solar system designers must evaluate the temperature at which the whole system would be operating in the field. In order to fulfill this purpose the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)

Standards for the qualification testing of modules that fact out at NOCT should be preferred as a suitable parameter. Since the NOCT examinations are referred to as quasi-fixed conditions, it is always necessary to provide an accurate and thorough explanation of the data because it can be challenging to interpret some clause standards precisely [17].

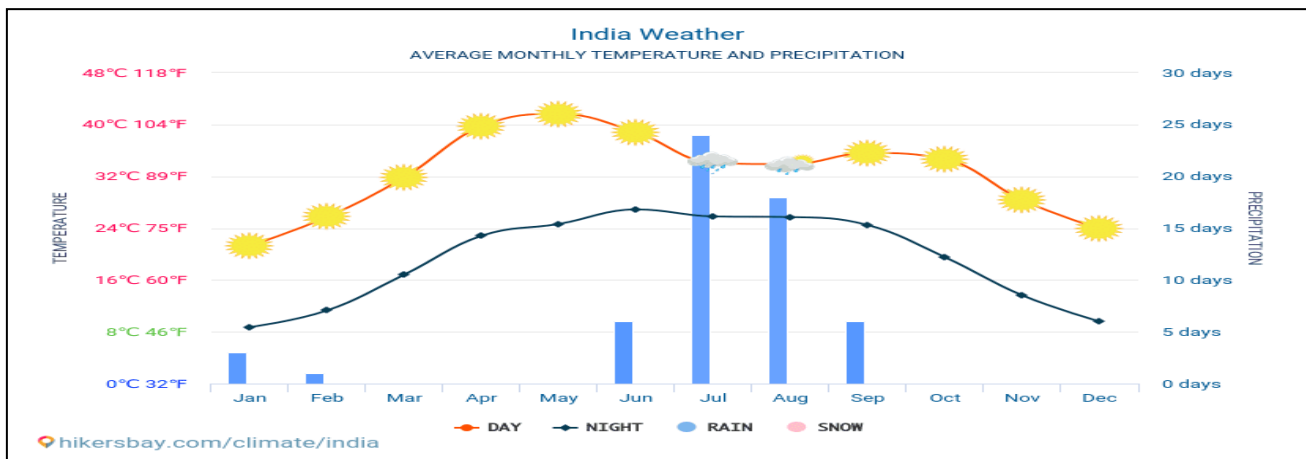


Fig.1. The above figure represents the average periodically temperature and weather of India over the years 2015-2022, Source-hikersbay.com/climate/india

The graph clearly shows the average temperature for the month of April, May and June is more than 40°C for the period of more than 25 days. This temperature really effects the generation of the PV plant throughout the India. Standard measurements at NOCT typically impose strong limitations on PV module mounting arrangements and measuring environments at universities like the ESTER laboratory at the University of the Rome Tor Vergata in place of NOST as the Nominal Operating Specific Temperature. At the upper end of the standard deviation of the temperature distribution, i.e., around 15°C, methodologies utilized in applications for engineering, such as nominal operating cell temperature and nominal module operating temperature, lose their accuracy [18]. So this effect of temperature study over PV solar modules of different technologies under real time will provide the effect on efficiency on different technologies for different region.

II. MATERIAL DETAILS

A. Test site city average Temperature

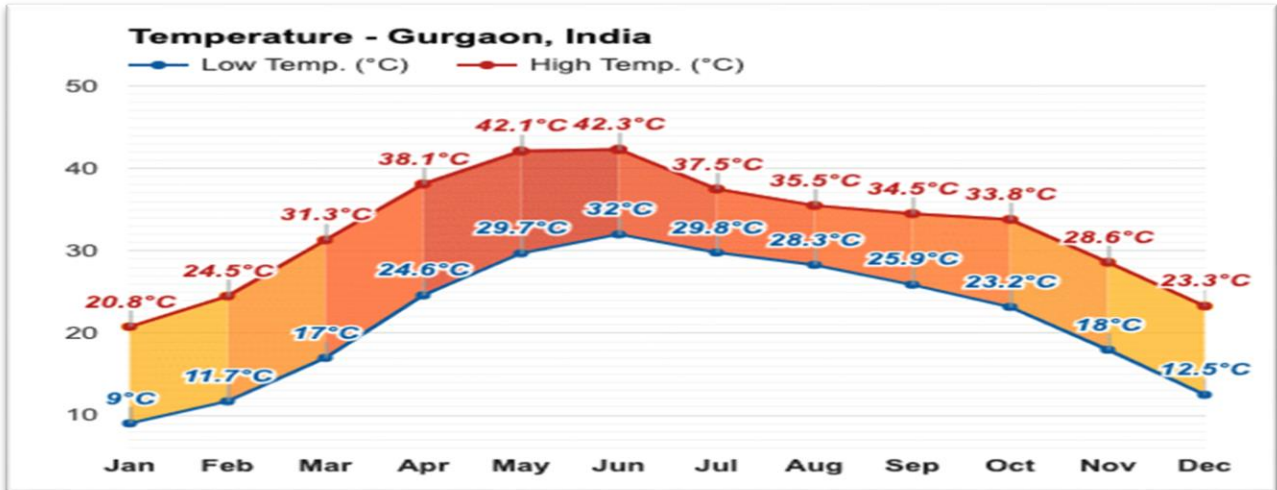


Fig.2. Average monthly Temperature of Gurgaon, source-weatheratlas.

The above graph clearly shows June (42.3°C) is the warmest month (with its highest average peak temperature). The month of January has the lowest average high temperature of (20.8°C).

B. Specification of Modules

The internal testing is performed at indoor PV Test lab Facility (PVTF) and the outdoor testing was performed at NOCT test-bed setup at now NISE earlier SEC, Gurgaon. With this approach, we study the consequence of temperature on two PV solar modules of another technology and approximate wattage specification is listed under Table-I. The specification mentioned beneath is mentioned at the back of panel via manufacturer the same we have considered during STC. However, the temperature data of indoor and outdoor placements is only assessed during the research because the impact of temperature is the sole focus of this investigation. Where in Figure No.1 clearly shows the average monthly temperature of India, annually. The peak reaches more than 40°C for three to four months.

TABLE I. PV MODULE SPECIFICATION FOR BOTH TECHNOLOGIES

Technology	Multi Crystalline-Si	Mono Crystalline-Si
Make	HBLPOWER SYSTEM LTD	R.E.I.L. Solar
Product Sr. No.	2011-75185	200952888
P <sub>max</sub>	75W	76W
V <sub>oc</sub>	21.0V	20.33V
I <sub>sc</sub>	5.01A	1.01A

C. Collected data implementation method

The selected module is tested under the STC conditions. The performed test under STC conditions produce the output result to be referred in Table No.-II. These results are considered for effect of temperature study on both types of technology PV module. Further, both modules are removed out to outdoor at NOCT bed. In Fig. 3 clearly shows the placement of both modules at NOCT standard test bed setup for logging of the data to study the impact of the outside temperature on different semiconductor modules with identical wattages. The info logged for the difference of one minute of immediate value for wind speed with direction, horizontal and tilted Pyranometer, ambient and module temperature. The accumulated data is now pass through a filter to limit the possibilities of the errors.

TABLE II. INDOOR TEST RESULTS AFTERSTC

Technology	Multicrystalline-Si	Monocrystalline-Si
$I_{sc}/I_{mp}$	4.70/4.40 A	5.07/4.17 A
Efficiency of Cell	15.3 %	14.4 %
$V_{oc}/V_{mp}$	21.77/17.42 Volt	22.24/18.34 V
$P_{max}$ at STC	76.6 Watt	76.5 Watt
F.F.	0.749 FF	0.678
STC Test Result	Pass	Pass
Efficiency of Module	14.3 %	14.7 %



Fig.3. Placement of both Technology models at *NOCT Test Bed Setup*

#### D. *NOCT Test bed placement and Procedure*

NOCT test bedsetup is placed as standard per IEC17025. The open rack to be mounted to assistance the test modules and the pyranometer inthe requiredway as typicallypointed in Figures3 and 4.

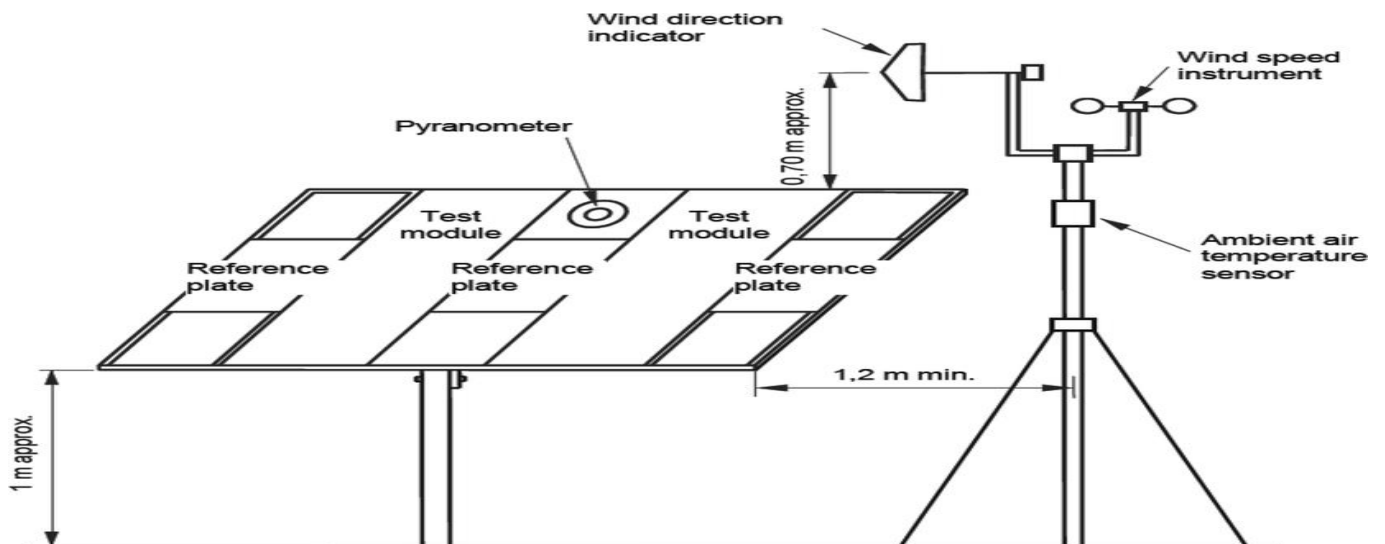


Fig.4 *NOCT bed plan diagram, Source [19].*

The test rack is inclined at  $45^\circ \pm 5^\circ$  off horizontally along with the front of the rack pointed to equator. The mounting of the pyranometer is the flat placed module and inside 0.3m from the experiment array [19]. Instruments used to record the wind speed down to 0.25m s<sup>-1</sup> along with the wind direction, installed approximately 0.7 m overhead of the module and 1.2 m to the east or west. Near the wind sensors, the outside temperature sensor should have enough ventilation and be put in the shaded enclosure with a time constant which is equal to or below that of the module. Two solar cells one positioned at the center of each test modules and the other joined to the back with thermally sensitive adhesive or solder are used to detect the outside temperature of the cells and another at the corner are replaced. The NOCT is characterised as the optimum mean of the photovoltaic cell junction temperatures within an open rack-mounted module in the following standard reference environment (SRE), i.e. Wind speed: 1 m/s, no electrical load (open circuit), tilt angle of  $45^\circ$  from the horizontal. Irradiance total: 800 W/m<sup>2</sup>, temperature of outside: 20 °C. The collected data is filtered and processed as per methodology to conclude the findings.

### III. METHODOLOGY

The captured data by the data recorder at the NOCT test bed are used for the consideration of difference in temperature. The approach is followed and the data is screened as mentioned beneath. The data logged for the difference of one minute of immediate value for wind speed with direction, horizontal and tilted Pyranometer, ambient and module temperature. The description of data recorder and collection equipment are listed in detail under Table III and Fig. 5 NOCT setup with data logging unit at outdoor test bed is shown.

TABLE III. NOCT SETUP SPECIFICATION

Components	Total Number	Category	Description
Anemo-meter	1	Young015103V	Speed of the wind-0 to 100m/s, Direction-360 <sup>a</sup> , 355 <sup>b</sup> .
Data recorder	1	NI CRio	
Pyrano-meter	2	8101 DAN	Range of spectral 0.3 to 33μm <sup>72</sup> element thermopile.
Thermocouples	4	K-Type	

*a-360° Mechanical and b-355° Electrical.*

The collected data from pyranometer horizontal which delivers the global horizontal irradiance GHI, the tilted pyranometer delivers the irradiance data of tilted angle  $45^\circ$  module is mounted as shown in the Fig.4 according to IEC-61215, ambient-temperature is the outdoor environmental temperature, module 1 and module 2 named records the joint temperature of the solar test PV module 1 of multicrystalline (mc-Si) technology, module 2 monocrystalline technology of the joints and wind speed mention the velocity of the wind. The entire accumulated data is applied as per the procedure followed below.

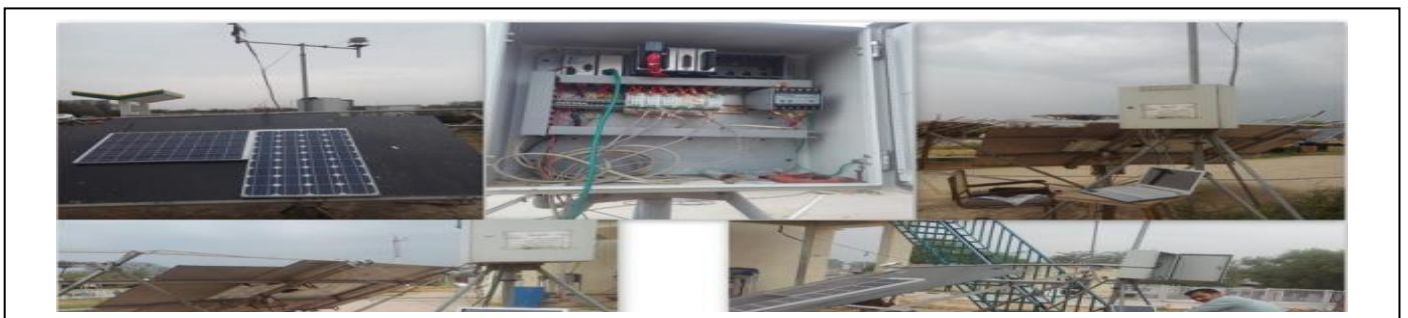


Fig.5. NOCT setup with data logging and test specified module placed

#### A. Procedure followed

The some of the past researches produce out certain equations over the effect of temperature and the use of elementary equations may result in PV module efficiency.

$$P_m = I_m V_m = (FF) I_{sc} V_{oc} \quad (1)$$

Equation (1) representation as

- i) FF is fill factor,
- ii)  $I_{sc}$  it is short circuit current,
- iii)  $V_{oc}$  is the open circuit voltage, and
- iv)  $P_m = V_m I_m$  refer the maximum power point in the PV-module I-V curve.

Once the FF and voltage at open circuit which decrease substantially with the temperature. (As the thermally stimulated electrons establish to dominate the semiconductor's electrical properties), while  $I_{sc}$  increases, but very slightly [20].

Thus, the overall result yields a linear relationship of the form of below equation

$$\eta_c = \eta_{T_{ref}} [1 - \beta_{ref} (T_c - T_{ref}) + \gamma \log_{10} I(t)] \quad (2)$$

Where in "equation(2),"  $\eta_{T_{ref}}$  is electrical efficiency of the PV module with the reference temperature- $T_{ref}$  of 25°C and solar radiation of 1000 W/m<sup>2</sup> of STC. The temperature coefficient ( $\beta_{ref}$ ) and radiation coefficient of the solar ( $\gamma$ ) is principally material property that having values of around 0.12 and 0.004 K<sup>-1</sup>, the same for crystalline silicon PV modules [21]. However, at the later stage it is usually taken to zero [22], and equation "(2)," which generally represent after it reduces to "(3)." .

$$\eta_c = \eta_{T_{ref}} [1 - \beta_{ref} (T_c - T_{ref})] \quad (3)$$

The equation "(3)," denotes the established linear representation for solar PV electrical efficiency [23]. The quantities module efficiency  $\eta_{T_{ref}}$  can be taken from STC data as mentioned above. The actual temperature coefficient depends not only on PV material, but also on  $T_{ref}$ , as well. The same can be given by the ratio.

$$\beta_{ref} = \frac{1}{T_o - T_{ref}} \quad (4)$$

In "(4)," which  $T_o$  is the (peak) temperature at which the efficiency of PV solar module drops to 0 [24]. For the crystalline solar PV cells this temperature reaches to 270°C [25].

#### B. Procedure Implementation on filtered Data

The filtered and transformed data is implemented to procedure, as firstly for equation "(4),"  $\beta_{ref}$  is to be calculated,  $T_o$  is mentioned and  $T_{ref}$  is to be taken from STC hence it is 25°C. Then after collected data is applied to equation "(3)," as in  $T_c$  is temperature of cell at junction of different technologies and  $\eta_{T_{ref}}$  is the efficiency of modules at STC where it can be taken from Table II, then  $\eta_c$  is replaced by efficiency of module ( $\eta_m$ ). Mentioned procedure is applied to trace out the effect of both temperature difference effects on different technologies in respect to efficiency and ambient temperature. Equation "(3)," gives the relation in between efficiency of cell or module with respect to temperature effect. Hence this procedure comes to a certain conclusion as later shown in the form of plots for four days.

#### IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The applied methodology and procedure on the filtered data, turns out the results in the form of the graphs with relation to effect of temperature on efficiency of the both multi and mono-technology type module for the particular location of Gurgaon. The random data of Four days from the month of May is considered.

The graphical representation results for day 1<sup>st</sup> are as shown in Fig.6. represents the 75 Watt (W) module efficiency of output in relationship to the temperature across various technologies. The representation of the graphs shows timing schedule of data 09:36 AM to 01:12 PM is plotted, as it was a rainy day so the data of afternoon was filtered out, the graphical representation shows efficiency of the Mono is more in comparison to the multi hence in contrast to multicrystalline technologies, monocrystalline is more effective.

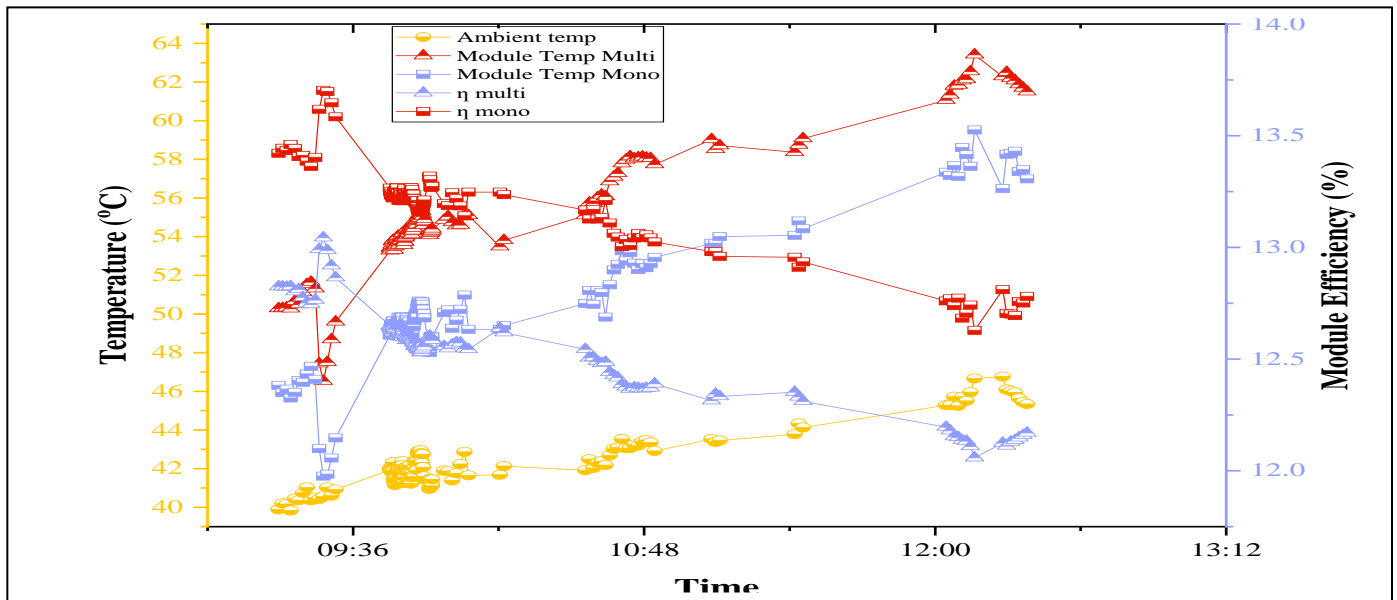


Fig.6 Image of graph for day one performance 9<sup>th</sup> May

The abrupt decline in efficiency caused by a rise in temperature can be seen very easily at time of 12:16:43 the peak ambient temperature reached of 46.76°C with an efficiency of 12.12 % for multi and 12.81% for mono.

The graphical representation results for day 2<sup>nd</sup> are as shown in Fig.7. The output effectiveness of modules at 75 Watts (W) is shown in the graph, The representation of the graphs shows timing schedule of data 09:34 AM to 11:12 AM is plotted the data captured is for very less period to time due to bad weather, hence we have not considered the same graph for detailed analysis, However the changes in efficiency of both modules can be observed on the graph plot very easily.



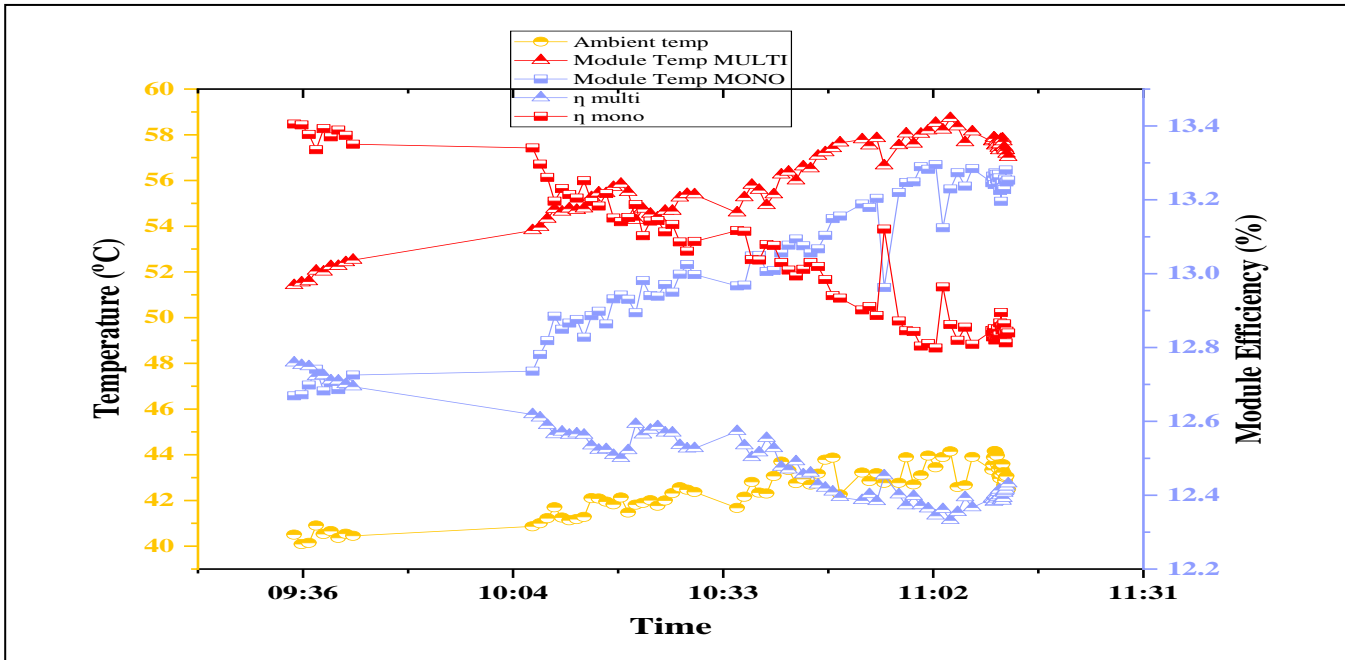


Fig.7 Image of graph for day two performance 10<sup>th</sup> May

The experimental setup was again performed after six days interval, where in the graphical representation results for day 3<sup>rd</sup> are as shown in Fig.7. The representation of the graph plot shows for the 09:06 AM to 16:32 PM timing schedule data plotted, the graph very clearly shows the efficiency of mono crystalline module is much better in comparison to multi crystalline. Consequently, at an identifiable ambient temperature, monocrystalline technology is superior than multicrystalline technology.

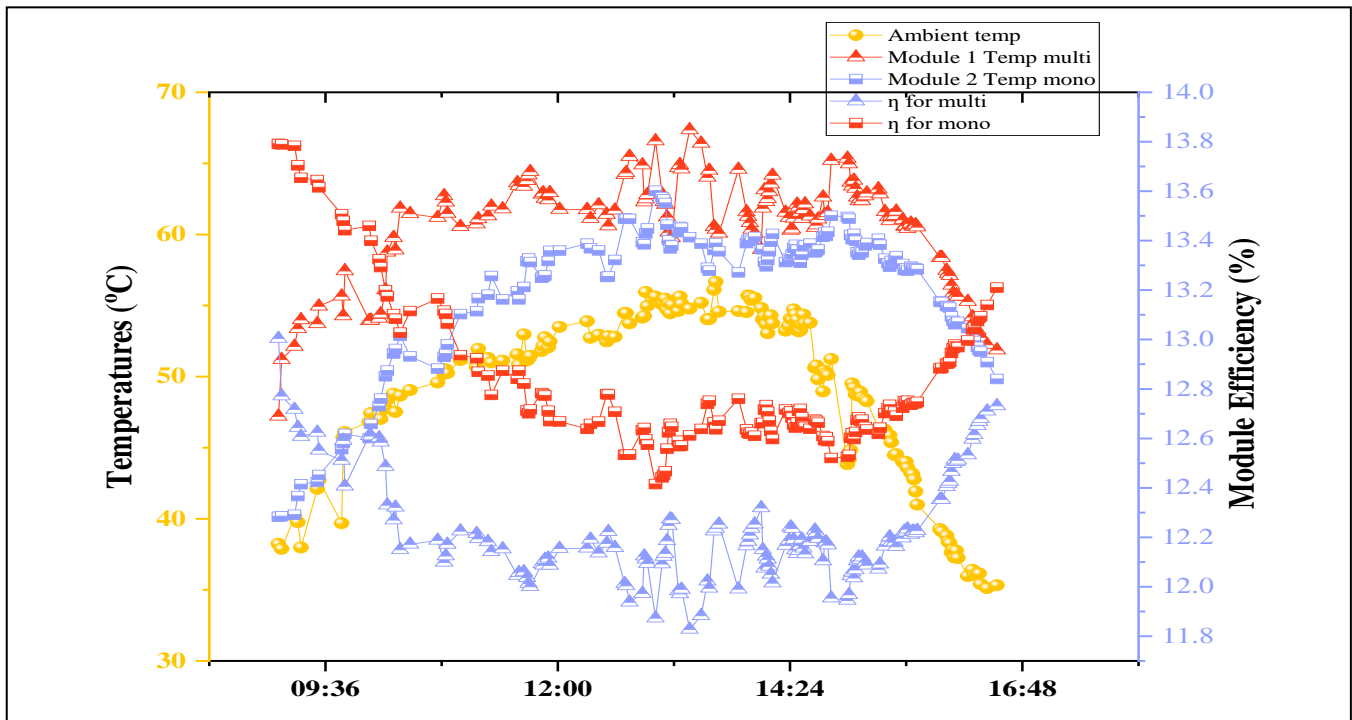


Fig.8 Image of graph for day three performance 17<sup>th</sup> May

The peak ambient temperature noticed on the same day is at 13:37:56 Hrs. of 56.67°C with an efficiency of 12.23 % for Multi and 12.63% for Mono and lowest noticed is of 35 .12°C at 16:26:15 Hrs., with the efficiency of 12.71% of Multi and 13.13% for Mono.

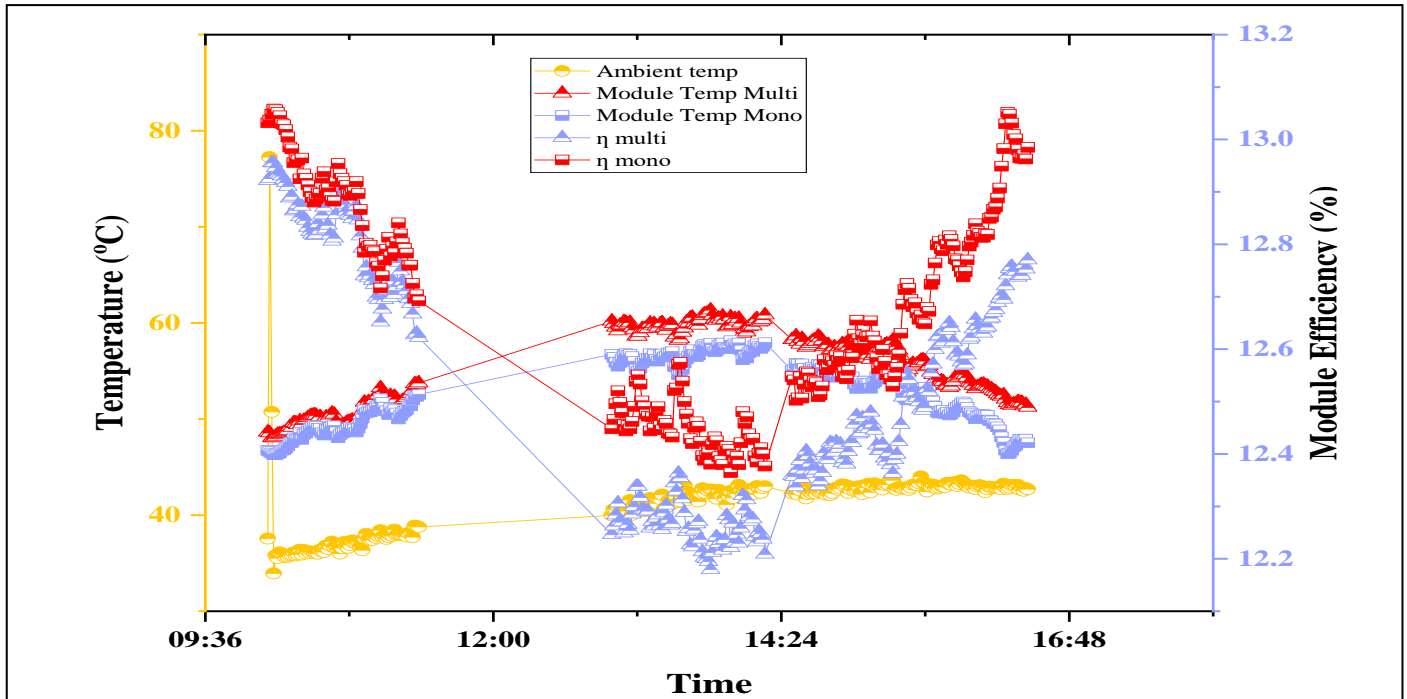


Fig.9 Image of graph for day four performance 20<sup>th</sup> May

The above graphical representation results for day 4<sup>th</sup> are as shown in Fig.9. The representation of the graph plot shows for the 10:07 AM to 16:27 PM timing schedule data plotted, the graph very clearly shows the efficiency of mono crystalline module is too much better in contrast to multi crystalline, An additional point to note is that mono is more sensitive to temperatures than multi, as demonstrated by the abrupt spike and decrease in efficiency shown in figure. The day was observed with the with the peak of ambient temperature is 44.01°C at 15:33:54 Hrs., with the module efficiency of 12.48% for Multi and 12.66 % for Mono.

The effect of water, rainy day and low irradiance as per Fig. 6. Shows the low effect on efficiency of multicrystalline PV module, Hence the multicrystalline is excellent in performing efficiently under the certain conditions too.

**V. CONCLUSION**

With this research the results can be concluded with respect to the study of the graphs the mono-crystalline is the most efficient at peak of temperature or we can say in hot regions in assessment to multi-crystalline technology as field efficiency shows in study.

At the particular region of NCR Delhi the mono-crystalline is most appropriate technology to be adopted, since, if we move forward to conclude it scientifically, the plot demonstrates that high temperatures have little impact on the output efficiency of modules. If we correlate the same result with the regions one more significant fact can be traced easily, The region of high altitude and region of low altitude can be compared when incorporating into consideration the impacts of higher temperature and lower temperature on multiple technology, and it is possible to determine that mono-crystalline technology is extra efficient than multicrystalline the region some place the test setup arrangement exists. Furthermore considering the different regions of the nation the high altitude regions like Himalayan, Ande and etc. the suggested most appropriate technology is the multicrystalline because of the technology more sensitivity to the temperature hence at the cold regions multi will perform good and for a test bed place at NCR- Delhi the mono-crystalline is most effective.

The whole results and conclusions offer the aforementioned relevant information for the megawatt plant installation, during the selection of technology for a given region to provide the utmost efficient output power.

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