

# Rooftop Grid-connected automated teller machine PV solar power system analysis

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**Abstract—** In this paper, rooftop grid-connected automated teller machine (ATM) PV solar power system analysis is presented. The analytical expressions for computing the energy produced from the rooftop area are presented along with some expressions that are used to account for losses in the system. The case study ATM consumes about 92.64 kWh of energy per day. The optimal tilt angle for the PV array is 9° and the PV array is fixed at that angle all through the year. The PV module selected for the power system is the 13V 50 Wp Siemens Solar PV module with model number M50. The PV power system consists of 3 kWac inverter with 56 PV modules which occupies a total area of 22.5 m<sup>2</sup>. The results show that the PV power system has a performance ratio of 78.58% and solar fraction is 11.27%. That means only 11.27 % of the total energy demand of the ATM machine is supplied from the PV solar power. Hence, he remaining 88.73 % of the ATM energy demand comes from the grid power supply.

**Keywords—** Rooftop Solar power, Grid-connected solar power, Automated Teller Machine (ATM) , Photovoltaic (PV) solar power system, PVSyst

## 1. Introduction

Solar power system has dominated the green alternative power sources in Nigeria [1,2,34,5,6, 7,8,9, 10,11, 12,13, 14, 15, 16]. It has witnessed widespread adoption across Nigeria due to the availability of solar radiation and the steady drop in the relative cost of the solar power system when compared to the cost of diesel and other fossil fuel generating sets [17,18,19,20,21,22,3,24,25]. In any case, the rising installation base is also due to increasing demand for energy without corresponding improvement in the energy generation and supply from the national grid [26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38]. Rather,

the cost of energy from the national grid is increasing without meaningful improvement in the quality and quantity of power supply from the grid [39,40]. As such, the situation is driving more consumers to look for other alternative energy supply systems to address the perennial and ever increasing energy shortage across Nigeria [41,42,43].

Accordingly, in this paper, sizing and analysis of rooftop grid-connected automated teller machine (ATM) PV solar power system is presented [44,45,46]. The focus on ATM is timely as the cashless policy of the Federal government has prompted many people to patronize banks and their ATM which is for self-service banking outlet. Importantly, ATM is expected to render all-day round service to the bank customers [47,48,49,50,51,52]. As such, steady and reliable power supply is required for effective service delivery to the bank customers. Such reliable power supply system can easily be achieved with a solar PV power system with properly sized solar panels and storage battery bank. This paper presents the approach to properly size a rooftop solar power system for an ATM machine. The popular PVSyst solar power simulation software is used for the sizing and analysis of the grid connected rooftop solar power system.

## 2. Methodology

### 2.1 The basic equations for rooftop solar PV power system analysis

The study is mainly to analyse the rooftop grid-connected PV solar power for an automated teller machine (ATM) that serves as a self-service banking outlet for clients of financial institutions. The energy produced from a given rooftop area ( $A_{TRF}$ ) depends on ( $A_{PVT}$ ) the actual area used on the roof for PV array installation and some roof factors denoted as  $f_o$  for roof inclination and  $f_s$  for unused roof area, where;

$$f_o = (f_{flat})(r_{flat}) + (f_{peak})(r_{peak}) \quad (1)$$

$r_{flat} = 1$  for flat roof and  $r_{peak} = 0.5$  for peaked roof. Also,  $0.3 \leq f_s \leq 0.9$ , then;

$$A_{PVT} = (f_o)(f_s)(A_{TRF}) \quad (2)$$

The optimal angle,  $\beta_{opt}$  for tilting the solar panel is given as

$$\beta_{opt} = 3.7 + 0.69|\varphi| \quad (3)$$

Where  $\varphi$  represents the latitude of the PV installation site.

The daily energy consumption of the load which can be supplied by PV array with area of  $A_{pvt}$ , mean daily global solar irradiation on the PV module plane (denoted as  $G_d$ ), operating efficiency of the PV module (denoted as  $\eta_{pv}$ ), overall DC to AC de-rating factor denoted as  $f_{dc/ac}$  (typical value is 0.85) and temperature de-rating factor denoted as  $f_{temp}$  is given as;

$$E_L = A_{pv} (G_d * \eta_{pv} * f_{dc/ac} * f_{temp}) \quad (4)$$

Where

$$f_{temp} = 1 - (\gamma_{pv} * (T_a - T_{STC})) \quad (9)$$

$$T_{cell} = T_a + \left( \frac{\alpha(G_d)(1-\eta_{pvSTC})}{U_0 + U_1(V_{wind})} \right) \quad (6)$$

Based on ( $E_L$ ) the daily energy consumption of the load and ( $A_{pvt}$ ) the actual area used on the roof for PV array installation the PVSyst is used to select PV modules and

**Table 1 The energy consumption data for the Automated Teller Machine (ATM)**

S/N	Equipment Description	QTY	Power Rating (kW)	Duration (h)	Electrical Load (kW)	Energy Demand Per Day (kWh)
1	ATM	2	0.7	24	1.4	33.6
2	AIR Conditioner	1	1.6	24	1.6	38.4
3	Lightings	6	0.09	24	0.54	12.96
4	Hub	1	0.32	24	0.32	7.68
	Total Energy Consumed				3.86	92.64

determine the number of the modules that make up the PV array for the PV solar power system. Further analysis of the solar power system with the PVSyst will yield other essential energy generation and consumption related performance parameters.

## 2.2 The case study dataset for the daily load and daily solar irradiation

The energy consumption data for the Automated Teller Machine (ATM) is shown in Table 1 and the monthly mean solar irradiation and ambient temperature data for the ATM machine is shown in Table 2. Based on the data in Table 1, the ATM consumes about 92.64 kWh of energy per day. The screenshot from PVSyst showing the hourly distribution of the ATM load is shown in Figure 1 while the screenshot of the PVSyst visual display of the hourly distribution of the daily energy demand is shown in Figure 2. Also, the monthly mean solar irradiation and ambient temperature data for the ATM machine installation site is shown in Table 1.

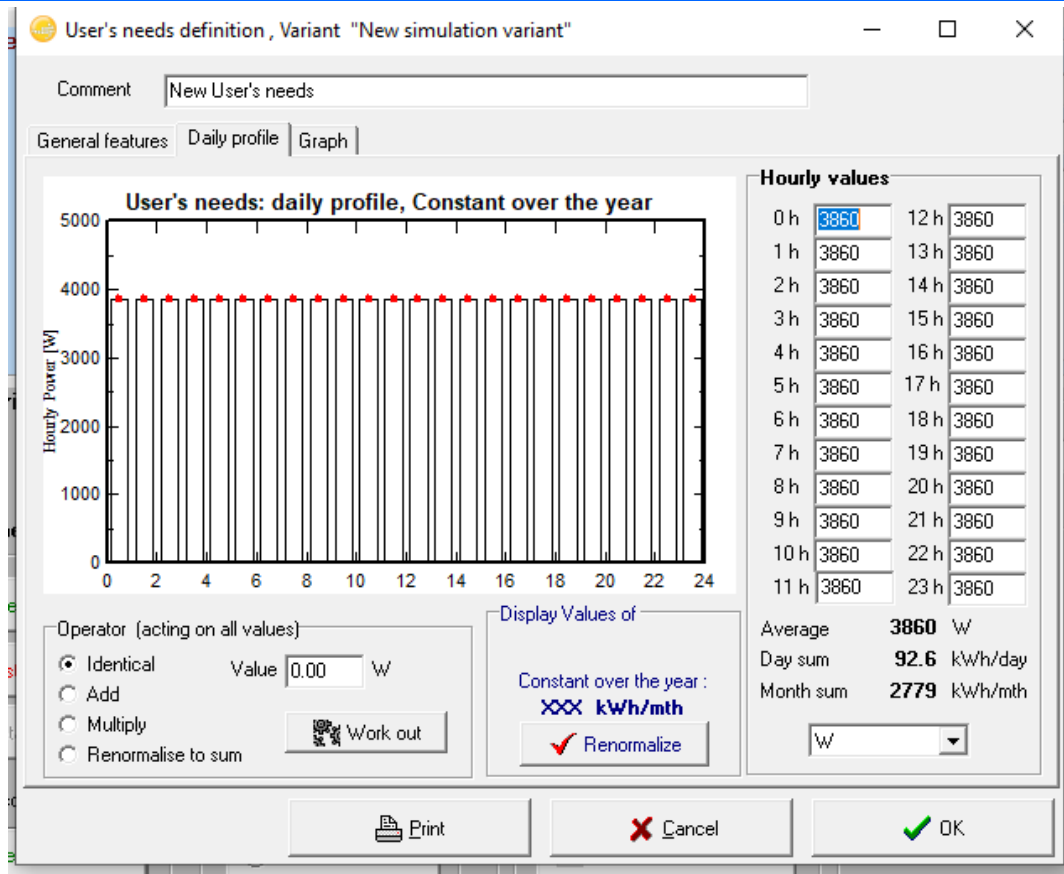


Figure 2 The screenshot from PVSyst showing the hourly distribution of the ATM load

Table 2 The monthly mean solar irradiation and ambient temperature data for the ATM machine

**Meteo for AKWA IBOM STATE - Synthetically Generated Data**

Plane: tilt 9°, azimuth 0°, Albedo 0.20

Interval beginning	GlobHor kWh/m <sup>2</sup> .mth	DiffHor kWh/m <sup>2</sup> .mth	GlobInc (Hay model) kWh/m <sup>2</sup> .mth	T Amb °C
January	171.4	53.63	183.1	25.3
February	156.5	55.16	162.6	25.8
March	164.9	68.82	165.9	25.7
April	152.7	68.10	149.1	25.8
May	146.3	67.58	139.5	25.7
June	129.3	63.30	122.2	24.8
July	119.3	66.03	114.1	24.1
August	116.9	68.20	113.7	23.9
September	118.2	68.10	117.7	24.2
October	132.4	67.27	134.7	24.5
November	145.2	58.50	153.1	24.7
December	164.0	53.01	176.6	24.7
Year	1717.2	757.70	1732.2	24.9

### 3. Results and discussion

The screenshot of the PVSyst dialogue box for the PV panel optimal orientation is shown in Figure 3 while the schematic diagram of the grid-connected solar power system is shown in Figure 4. As shown in Figure 3, the optimal tilt angle for the PV array is 9° and the PV array is fixed at that angle all through the year. The screenshot of

the PVSyst dialogue box for sizing of the PV array and inverter is shown in Figure 5. According to Figure 5, the PV module selected is the 13V 50 Wp Siemens Solar PV module with model number M50. The details of the PV module is further shown in Figure 6.

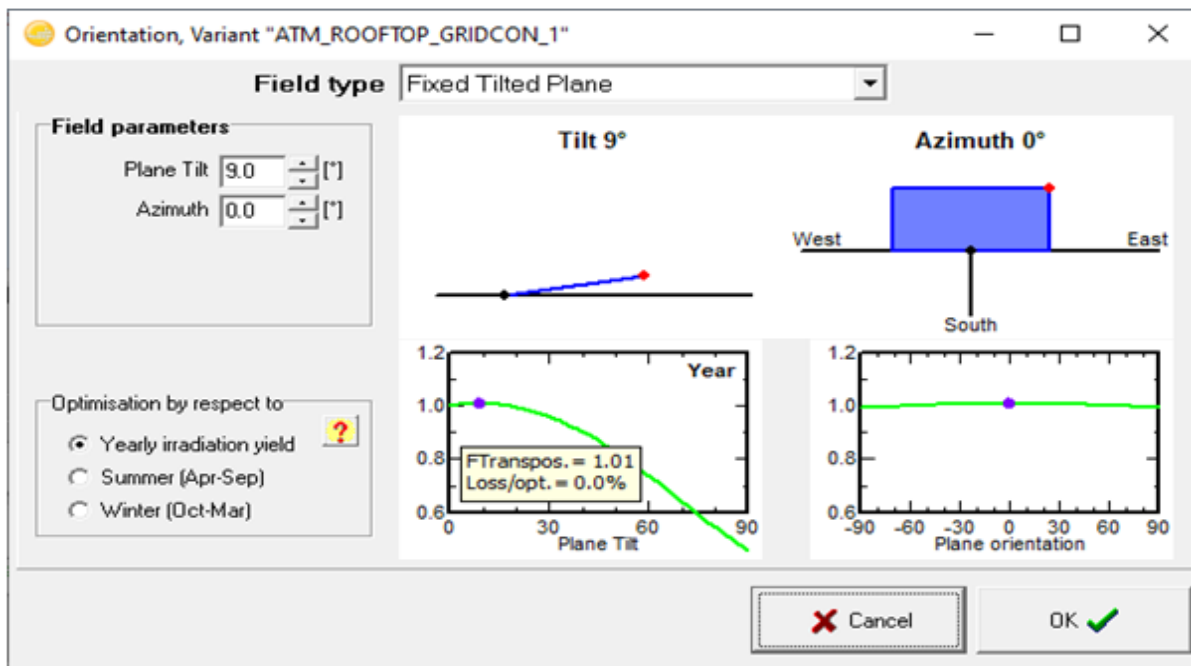


Figure 3 The screenshot of the PVSyst dialogue box for the PV panel optimal orientation

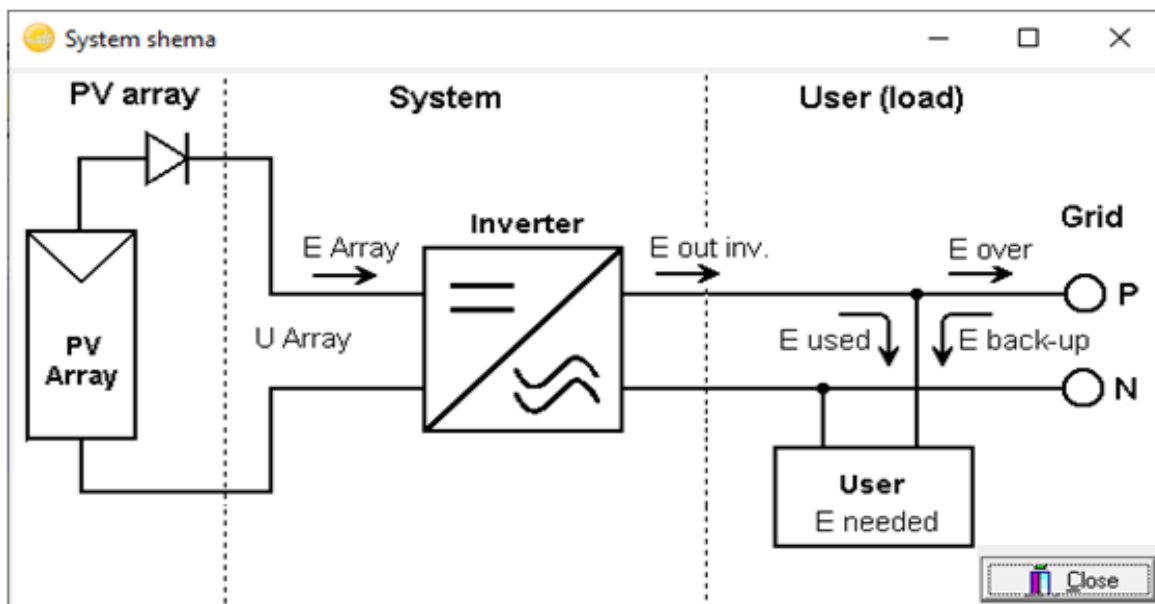


Figure 4 The screenshot of the PVSyst schematic diagram of the grid-connected solar power system is shown in.

Grid system definition, Variant "ATM\_ROOFTOP\_GRIDCON\_1"

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**Global System configuration**  
 1 Number of kinds of sub-arrays  
 ? Simplified Schema

**Global system summary**  

Nb. of modules	56	Nominal PV Power	2.8 kWp
Module area	22 m <sup>2</sup>	Maximum PV Power	2.7 kWdc
Nb. of inverters	2	Nominal AC Power	3.0 kWac

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PV Array

**Sub-array name and Orientation**  
 Name PV Array  
 Orient. Fixed Tilted Plane  
 Tilt 9°  
 Azimuth 0°

**Presizing Help**  
☐ No sizing Enter planned power 3.0 kWp  
☒ or available area(modules) 24 m<sup>2</sup>  
 ? Resize

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**Select the PV module**  
 All modules Maximum nb. of modules 59  
 All Manufacturers 50 Wp 13V Si-mono M50 Siemens Solar Manufacturer + Sar Open  
 Sizing voltages : Vmpp (60°C) 13.4 V  
 Voc (-10°C) 22.1 V  
☐ Use Optimizer  
 Model used  
☒ PVsyst model  
☐ Sandia model

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**Select the inverter**  
 Available Now  
 All Manufacturers 1.5 kW 75 - 350 V TL 50/60 Hz StecaGrid 1500 Steca Open  
 Nb. of inverters 2 ☒ Operating Voltage: 75-350 V Global Inverter's power 3.0 kWac  
 Input maximum voltage: 420 V  
☒ 50 Hz  
☒ 60 Hz

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**Design the array**  
**Number of modules and strings**  
 Mod. in series 14 ☒ between 6 and 19  
 Nbre strings 4 ☒ only possibility 4  
 Overload loss 0.0 %  
 Pnom ratio 0.93 Show sizing ?  
 Nb. modules 56 Area 22 m<sup>2</sup>

**Operating conditions**  
 Vmpp (60°C) 187 V  
 Vmpp (20°C) 224 V  
 Voc (-10°C) 309 V  
 Plane irradiance 1000 W/m<sup>2</sup>  
 Imp (STC) 12.7 A  
 Isc (STC) 13.8 A  
 Isc (at STC) 13.8 A

The inverter power is slightly oversized.  
☐ Max. in data  
☒ STC  
 Max. operating power 2.5 kW  
 at 1000 W/m<sup>2</sup> and 50°C  
 Array nom. Power (STC) 2.8 kWp

Figure 5 The screenshot of the PVSyst dialogue box for sizing of the PV array and inverter

**Definition of a PV module**

Basic data | Sizes and Technology | Model parameters | Additional Data | Commercial | Graphs

Model: M50 Manufacturer: Siemens Solar  
 File name: Siemens\_M50.PAN Data source: Manufacturer + Sandia DB  
☐ Original PVsyst database ☐ Available until 2000

Nom. Power: 50.0 Wp Tol. +/- N/A N/A % Technology: Si-mono

**Model Used**  
☐ Standard PVsyst  
☒ Sandia model

**Manufacturer specifications or other Measurements**

Reference conditions: GRef 1000 W/m<sup>2</sup> TRef 25 °C  
 Short-circuit current Isc 3.450 A Open circuit Voc 19.80 V  
 Max Power Point: Imp 3.150 A Vmpp 15.90 V  
 Temperature coefficient mulsc 0.4 mA/°C Nb cells 33 in series  
 or mulsc 0.012 %/°C

**Model summary**

**Main parameters**  
 R shunt 250 ohm  
 Rsh(G=0) 1000 ohm  
 R serie model 0.52 ohm  
 R serie max. 0.63 ohm  
 R serie apparent 0.69 ohm

**Model parameters**  
 Gamma 1.005  
 IoRef 0.27 nA  
 muVoc -65 mV/°C

**Internal model result tool**

Operating conditions GOper 1000 W/m<sup>2</sup> TOper 25 °C  
 Max Power Point: Pmpp 50.1 W  
 Current Imp 3.15 A  
 Short-circuit current Isc 3.40 A  
 Efficiency / Cells area 14.30 %  
 Temper. coeff. -0.45 %/°C  
 Voltage Vmpp 15.9 V  
 Open circuit Voc 19.8 V  
 / Module area 12.49 %

Figure 6 The details of the 13V 50 Wp Siemens Solar PV module with model number M50.

Figure 7 The details of the ATM machine energy demand as it was used in the PVsyst simulation .

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<b>Grid-Connected System: Simulation parameters</b>			
<b>Project : ATM_ROOFTOP_GRIDCONN</b>			
<b>Geographical Site</b>	<b>AKWA IBOM STATE</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Nigeria</b>
<b>Situation</b>	Latitude 5.05° N	Longitude	7.90° E
Time defined as	Legal Time Time zone UT	Altitude	56 m
	Albedo 0.20		
<b>Meteo data:</b>	<b>AKWA IBOM STATE</b>	NASA-SSE satellite data, 1983-2005 - Synthetic	
<b>Simulation variant : ATM_ROOFTOP_GRIDCON_1</b>			
	Simulation date 30/12/22 02h27		
<b>Simulation parameters</b>	System type	<b>No 3D scene defined</b>	
<b>Collector Plane Orientation</b>	Tilt 9°	Azimuth	0°
<b>Models used</b>	Transposition Hay	Diffuse	Perez, Meteonorm
<b>Horizon</b>	Free Horizon		
<b>Near Shadings</b>	No Shadings		
<b>PV Array Characteristics</b>			
<b>PV module</b>	Si-mono	Model	<b>M50</b>
Original PVsyst database	Manufacturer	Siemens Solar	
Number of PV modules	In series	14 modules	
Total number of PV modules	Nb. modules	56	In parallel 4 strings
Array global power	Nominal (STC)	<b>2800 Wp</b>	Unit Nom. Power 50 Wp
Array operating characteristics (50°C)	U mpp	196 V	At operating cond. 2490 Wp (50°C)
Total area	Module area	<b>22.5 m²</b>	I mpp 13 A
			Cell area 19.6 m²
<b>Inverter</b>			
Original PVsyst database	Model	<b>StecaGrid 1500</b>	
Characteristics	Manufacturer	Steca	
	Operating Voltage	75-350 V	Unit Nom. Power 1.50 kWac
Inverter pack	Nb. of inverters	2 units	Total Power 3.0 kWac
			Pnom ratio 0.93
<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.	257 mOhm	Loss Fraction 1.5 % at STC
Module Quality Loss			Loss Fraction 3.0 %
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

**Figure 8 The screenshot of the PVSyst simulation parameters for the ATM machine**

The details of the ATM machine energy demand as it was used in the PVSyst simulation is shown in Figure 7 while the screenshot of the PVSyst simulation parameters for the ATM machine. According to Figure 8, the inverter consists of two units of 1.5 kWac inverters which amounts to 3 kWac inverter. Also, according to the parameters in Figure 8, the PV array consists of 56 PV modules which occupies a total area of 22.5 m<sup>2</sup>. The main results of the PVSyst simulation for the ATM machine solar power system are shown in Figure 9. According to the results in Figure 9, the

ATM PV power system has a performance ratio of 78.58%. This means that about 21.42 % (that is, 100 -78.58 %) are lost due to several factors, as shown in the loss diagram of Figure 10. Hence, only the 78.58 % of the energy produced by the PV array that is delivered to the ATM machine. Also, the results in Figure 9 and Table 2 show that the solar fraction is 11.27%. That means only 11.27 % of the total energy demand of the ATM machine is supplied from the PV solar power. Hence, the remaining 88.73 % of the ATM energy demand comes from the grid power supply.



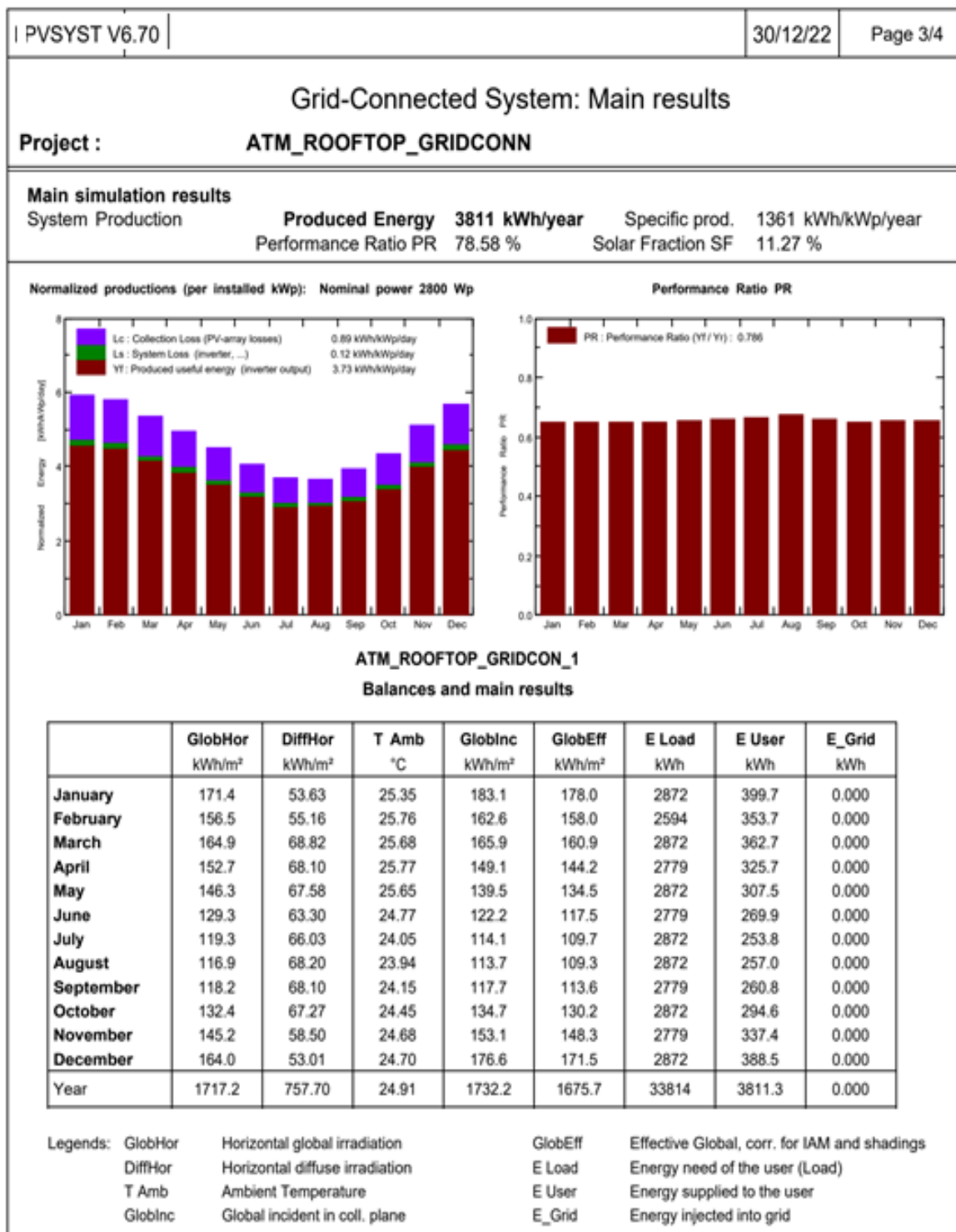


Figure 9 The main results of the PVSyst simulation for the ATM machine solar power system



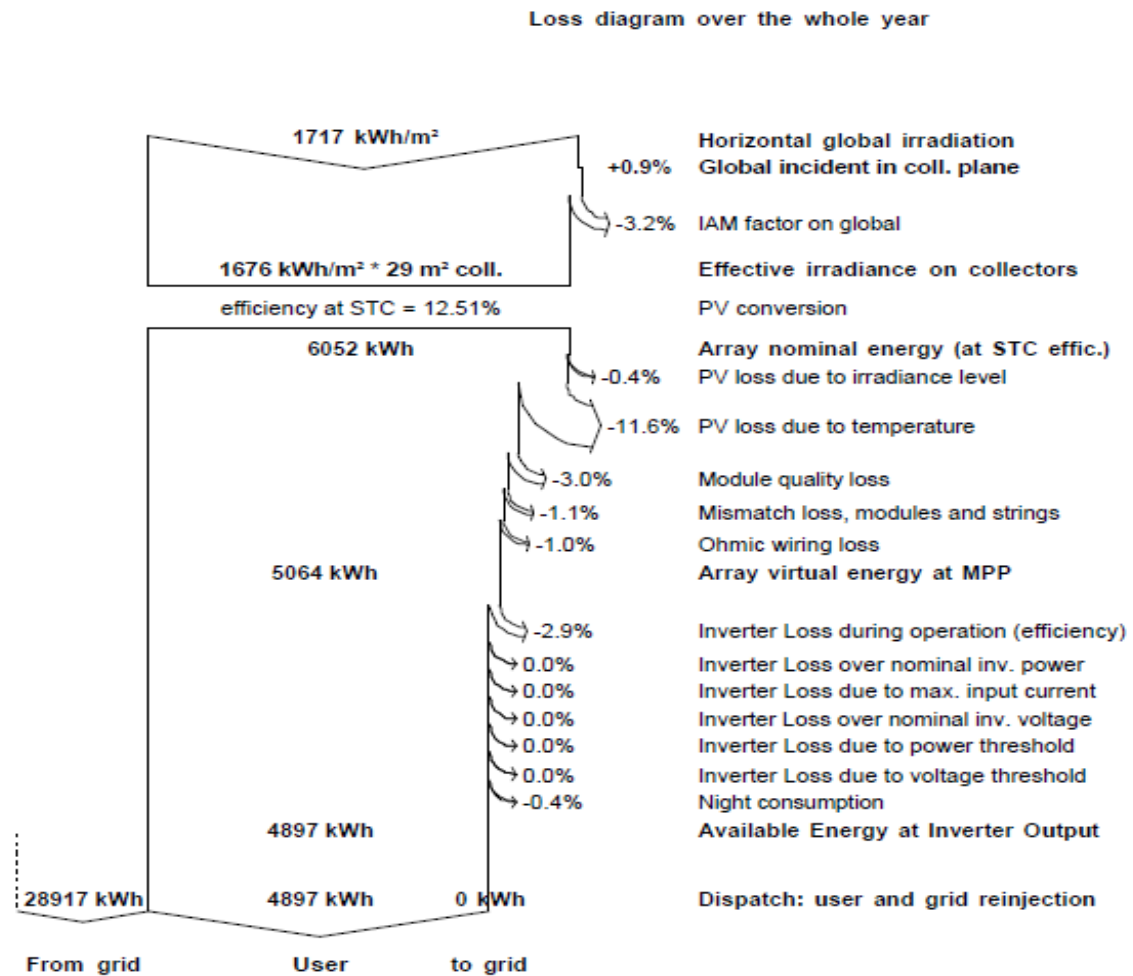


Figure 10 The loss diagram showing the various losses in the ATM PV power system

Table 2 The PVSyst results on the energy use in the system

**ATM\_ROOFTOP\_GRIDCON\_1****Energy use and User's needs**

	<b>E Avail</b>	<b>E Load</b>	<b>E User</b>	<b>E_Grid</b>	<b>SolFrac</b>
	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	
<b>January</b>	399.7	2872	399.7	0.000	0.139
<b>February</b>	353.7	2594	353.7	0.000	0.136
<b>March</b>	362.7	2872	362.7	0.000	0.126
<b>April</b>	325.7	2779	325.7	0.000	0.117
<b>May</b>	307.5	2872	307.5	0.000	0.107
<b>June</b>	269.9	2779	269.9	0.000	0.097
<b>July</b>	253.8	2872	253.8	0.000	0.088
<b>August</b>	257.0	2872	257.0	0.000	0.089
<b>September</b>	260.8	2779	260.8	0.000	0.094
<b>October</b>	294.6	2872	294.6	0.000	0.103
<b>November</b>	337.4	2779	337.4	0.000	0.121
<b>December</b>	388.5	2872	388.5	0.000	0.135
<b>Year</b>	3811.3	33814	3811.3	0.000	0.113

#### 4 Conclusion

The rooftop PV power system for an automated teller machine is studied. The daily energy demand of the ATM was determined and the solar radiation data of the location was acquired. The PVsyst software was used to size the PV power system and also to analyze its performance in terms of performance ratio, solar fraction, and system loss contents. The results showed that less than 12 % of the total energy demand is derived from the solar power system. Also, over 21 % of the energy produced from the solar power system are lost due to various factors.

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