

## Stability Analysis of Voltage Source Inverter Used in Grid Integrated Renewable Energy Sources



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### Abstract:

This paper addresses the harmonic compensation error problem existing with parallel connected inverter in the same grid interface conditions by means of impedance-based analysis and modeling. When voltage source converters are connected to the grid, the power quality and the dynamic performance are affected by the line filter connected between the converter and the grid, and by nonlinearities caused by the switching converter. The VSC is used for reactive power compensation and active filtering, in addition to converting wind power. These additional features cause only a moderate increase in the VSC rating compared with only converting wind power. The proposed control method is based on a steady-state model of the system, which results in a low bandwidth but which is high enough to operate a wind turbine.

### Key words:

impedance modelling, VSC, wind system, current control.

### I. INTRODUCTION:

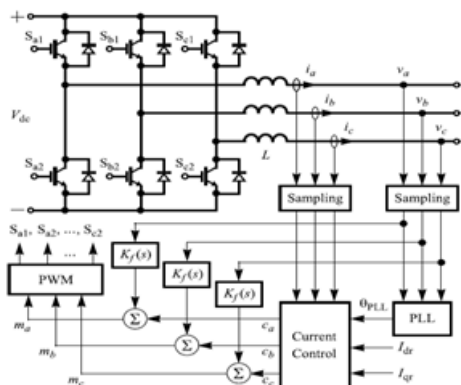
The utilization of wind energy is an area which is growing rapidly. In Europe, the installed wind power has increased by 36 % each year for 5 years, now. In northern Germany, wind turbine manufacture is the fastest growing industry. Furthermore, wind energy covers 7 % of Danish electricity consumption. Most countries in Europe have plans for increasing their share of energy produced by wind power. The increased share of wind power in the electric power system makes it necessary to have grid-friendly interfaces between the wind turbines and the grid in order to maintain power quality.

In addition, power electronics is undergoing a fast evolution, mainly due to two factors. The first factor is the development of fast semiconductor valves, which are capable of switching fast and handling high powers. The second factor is the control area, where the introduction of the computer as a real-time controller has made it possible to adapt advanced and complex control algorithms. These factors together make it possible to have cost-effective and grid-friendly converters connected to the grid. One important use of the impedance of a grid-connected VSC is in the analysis of stability and resonance between the converter and the grid, including that with the filter of the converter [1]. A grid-connected VSC used for grid integration of renewable energy can be modeled as a current source in parallel with impedance, and the inverter-grid system stability can be determined by applying the Nyquist stability criterion [2] to the ratio between the grid impedance and the VSC impedance. This paper applies the harmonic linearization technique to develop impedance models of three-phase VSCs with PLL-based grid synchronization. A key step in the development of the impedance models is the linearization of the grid synchronization scheme. Since there exists several synchronization schemes [3], the approach taken here is to consider a basic PLL, and show how it can be incorporated into the impedance models. Possible variations are reviewed to highlight their modeling approach.

### II. MODELLING WITHOUT PHASE LOCKED LOOP:

The three-phase VSC considered in this paper is depicted in Fig. 1. Phase voltages are denoted as  $v_a$ ,  $v_b$ , and  $v_c$ , while phase currents as  $i_a$ ,  $i_b$ , and  $i_c$ . Considering the large dc bus capacitors, and the lower than fundamental frequency control bandwidth of the dc bus voltage,  $V_{dc}$  is assumed constant in this study.

For the same reason, the active and reactive parts of the current references ( $I_{dr}$  and  $I_{qr}$ ) are assumed constant.  $V_1$  corresponds to the magnitude of the fundamental voltage at frequency  $f_1$ ,  $V_p$  with  $\phi_{vp}$  correspond to the magnitude and phase of the positive-sequence perturbation at frequency  $f_p$ , and  $V_n$  with  $\phi_{vn}$  correspond to the magnitude and phase of the negative-sequence perturbation at frequency  $f_n$ .



**Fig 1: Block diagram of three-phase VSC for grid-connected applications.**

The current response to the voltage perturbation can be found from the converter averaged model

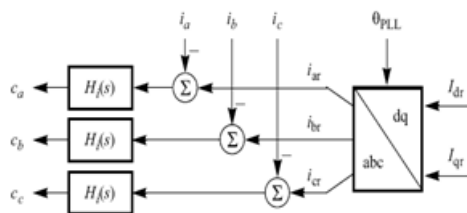
$$L \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{i}_a \\ \bar{i}_b \\ \bar{i}_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{m}_a \\ \bar{m}_b \\ \bar{m}_c \end{bmatrix} K_m V_{dc} - \begin{bmatrix} v_a \\ v_b \\ v_c \end{bmatrix}$$

Where  $m_a, m_b$ , and  $m_c$  are the modulating (reference) signals for the pulse width modulation (PWM), and  $K_m$  is the modulator gain. The relationship between duty ratios and the modulating signal is taken as follows:

$$d_{a1} = K_m m_a + 1/2 \quad (4)$$

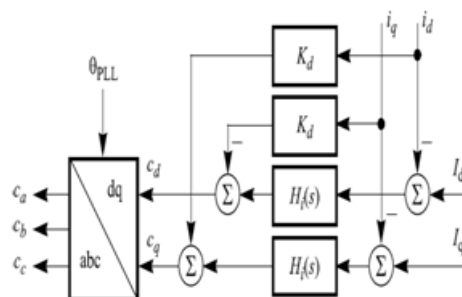
$$d_{a2} = 1 - d_{a1}$$

Fig. 2 depicts a phase-domain current controller. To find the frequency-domain response of the controller to the harmonic perturbation, first neglect the PLL dynamics, such that  $\theta_{PLL}(t) = \theta_1(t) \equiv 2\pi f_1 t$ . Hence the reference currents  $i_{ar}, i_{br}$ , and  $i_{cr}$  are not affected by the perturbation.



**Fig 2: phase-domain current controller**

Recall that currents  $i_d$  and  $i_q$  are outputs of a dq-domain transformation, which in the frequency domain involves a convolution of the frequency components in the phase currents, with the frequency components in Park's transformation. Taking  $\theta_{PLL}(t) = \theta_1(t)$ , the frequency components in Park's transformation are easy to derive, and the result of the convolution.



**Fig 3: dq-domain current controller**

### III. MODELLING WITH PHASE LOCKED LOOP:

Fig. 4 depicts a basic PLL, where  $H_{PLL}(s)$  is the loop compensator. The first step to develop a small-signal model for this PLL is to model the response of  $v_q(t)$  to the voltage perturbation. Phase-Domain Current Control and PLL: Due to the PLL, the current references contain a response to the perturbation as follows:

$$I_{ar}[f] = I_1, f = \pm f_1$$

$$I_{ar}[f] = [T_{PLL}(s \pm j2\pi f_1) / V_1] I_1 G_v(s) V_p, f = \pm f_p$$

$$I_{ar}[f] = [T_{PLL}(s \pm j2\pi f_1) / V_1] I_1 G_v(s) V_n, f = \pm f_n$$

Where  $I_1^*$  is the complex conjugate of  $I_1 = (1/2) (I_{dr} \pm j I_{qr})$ .

Note that it is assumed that the actual converter current is equal to its reference at the fundamental frequency, such that  $I_1 \equiv (I_1/2)e^{\pm j\phi_1}$ . The current regulator acts on the current reference and feedback to generate  $C_a$ . Dq-Domain Current Control and PLL: Due to the PLL, the current feedback after convolution with Park's transformation includes frequency components proportional to the voltage perturbation. Neglecting second-order terms, the convolution of phase currents with Park's transformation gives

$$I_d[\pm(f_p - f_1)] = I_1 \sin \phi_1 G_p(\pm j2\pi(f_p - f_1)) \times G_v(\pm j2\pi f_p) V_p + G_i(\pm j2\pi f_p) I_p$$

$$I_d[\pm(f_n + f_1)] = I_1 \sin \phi_1 G_n(\pm j2\pi(f_n + f_1)) \times G_v(\pm j2\pi f_n) V_n + G_i(\pm j2\pi f_n) I_n$$

$$I_q[\pm(f_p - f_l)] = -I_1 \cos \phi_1 G_p (\pm j 2\pi (f_p - f_l)) \times G_v (\pm j 2\pi f_p) V_p j G_i (\pm j 2\pi f_p) I_p$$

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The current regulator acts on the feedback currents to generate the dq-domain modulating signals. These signals are convoluted with inverse Park's transformation to generate their phase domain counterparts. Table II lists the resulting frequency terms proportional to the first order of the perturbation, where nonlinear coupling should be neglected.

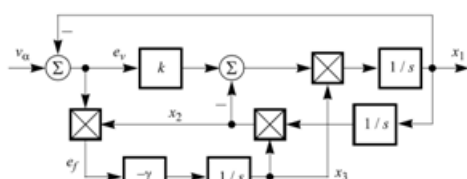


Fig 6: Block diagram of the SOGI-FLL

Other Grid Synchronization Methods: Some advanced PLL structures, such as the decoupled double synchronous PLL, use the same building block of Fig. 4 in multiple stages, such that the same modeling method is applicable to them. Other forms of grid-synchronization, such as those based on the second-order generalized integrator frequency locked loop (SOGI-FLL). Fig. 6 depicts the basic building block of the SOGI-FLL. In three-phase systems, two filters can be used in the  $\alpha\beta$ -reference frame to extract sequence components. The basic functionality of the filter is to extract a sinusoidal component in phase with  $v_\alpha$  in  $x_1$ , and a quadrature component in  $x_2$  that lags  $x_1$  by  $90^\circ$ . Applying a superimposed perturbation in  $v_\alpha$ .

## IV. SIMULATION RESULTS:

A three-phase converter has been built and tested to verify the proposed impedance models. The current controller was implemented in MATLAB, while the current references were generated from a PLL implemented in SimPower system tool box.

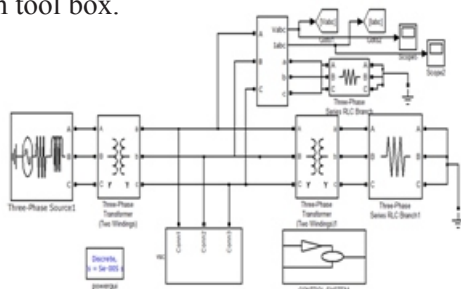


Fig 7: Simulation circuit of VSC interconnected to GRID

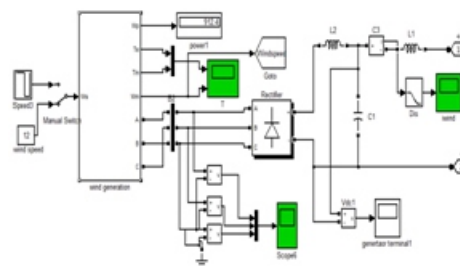


Fig 8: wind energy conversion system

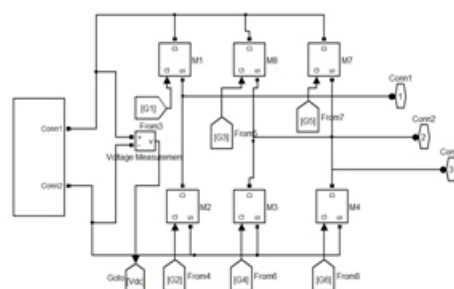


Fig 9: Voltage Source Converter

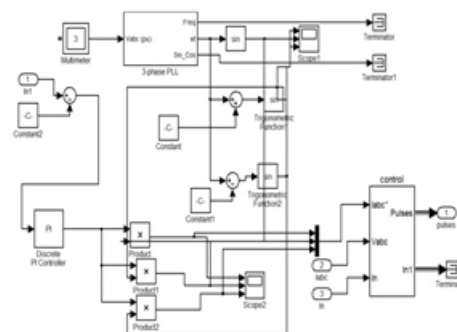


Fig 10: control system design

The grid impedance at the converter terminals is the same in the positive- and the negative-sequence domain  $Z_g(s) = [(sL_g) - 1 + \{R_d + 1/(sC_f)\} - 1]^{-1}$  Where  $L_g$  is the grid inductance and  $R_d$  with  $C_f$  constitute a damped filter. The grid parameters used in the experiments are  $L_g = 3.75$  mH,  $R_d = 1.87 \Omega$ , and  $C_f = 22 \mu F$ .

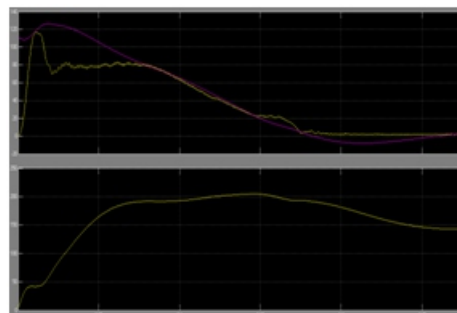


Fig 11: electrical torque, mechanical torque and machine speed.

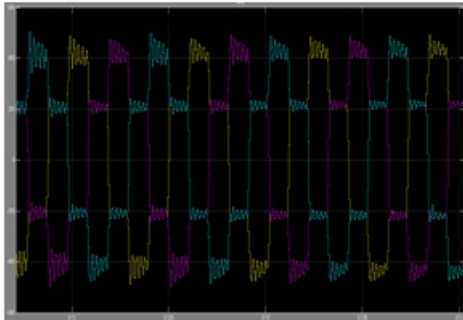


Fig 12: wind generator output voltage.

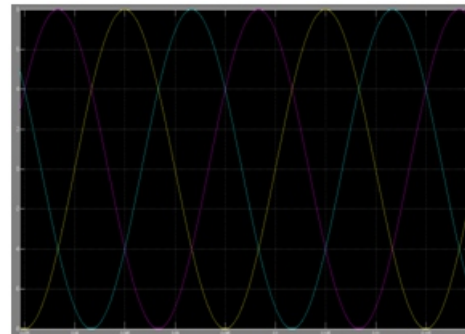


Fig 15: Phase current waveforms for the system.

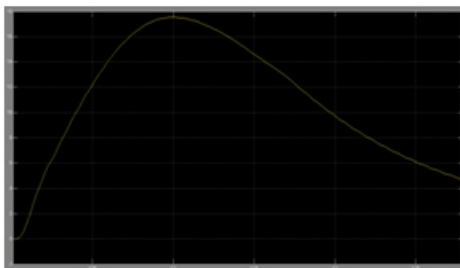


Fig 12: wind generator output rectified current.

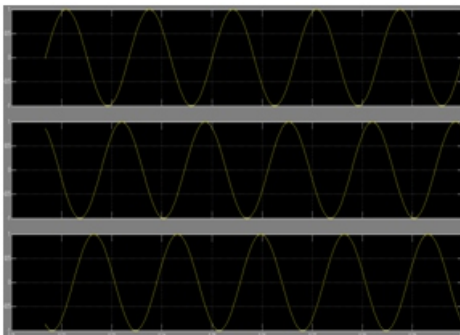


Fig 13: controller reference currents

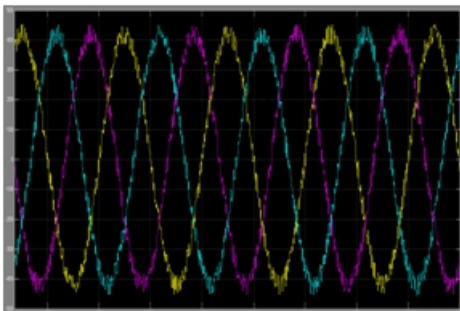


Fig 14: The converter-grid system Phase current waveforms

To illustrate the coupling in the sequence impedances during unbalance, a switching-circuit simulation model in Saber is used to sweep the inverter admittance, while a small grid voltage unbalance is imposed at 60 Hz. The converter power stage and current control use the same parameters from the experimental setup with dq-domain current control, but the feedforward and time delays are removed. The PLL bandwidth is set to 100 Hz.

One application of the proposed impedance models is in the analysis and mitigation of harmonic resonance problems. Because of the decoupling between the two sequence subsystems, the stability criterion presented for grid-connected converters can be applied to system each sequence impedance, separately to determine overall converter-grid system stability. Additionally, the analytical impedance models also provide a basis for modification of the converter control to mitigate any harmonic resonance and other instability problems.

The second harmonic component in  $\Delta\theta(t)$  can lead to coupling of sequence impedances. Consider, for example, a positive-sequence perturbation of the PLL, while a small negative-sequence voltage  $V_2$  is also impressed on the phase voltages at the fundamental frequency. The voltage  $v_q(t)$  in this case responds at two different frequencies  $\pm(fp-f1)$  and  $\pm(fp+f1)$ .

## V. CONCLUSION:

Impedance modeling in the phase domain yields decoupled positive- and negative-sequence converter impedances, when phase- or dq-domain current control systems are implemented. As a result, the contributions in this paper enable single-input single-output stability analysis of balanced three-phase converter systems.



Grid-connected VSC impedance models can be used to assess system level converter-grid compatibility and power quality. Possible variations are reviewed to highlight their modeling approach. The paper Verified of the proposed-impedance models from both impedance measurements and their application in analysis of harmonic resonance.

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