
An Improved-SRF Strategy for Distribution Grid Connected SPV System for Power Quality Improvement under Non-linear Load Conditions

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Abstract

In few decades, non-conventional energy sources have been considered as the most encouraging source for off-grid power generation. It is a challenging task to generate power with renewable sources integrated with grid with improved power quality. In this paper, an improved current control strategy is proposed for photovoltaic grid connected system for improvement of power quality. Also a hybrid PLL is proposed in this paper which detects the phase angle with high accuracy. Due to the utilization of power electronic devices, harmonics are produced in system and this one is the major concern which creates the power quality issues. It is also difficult to compensate the effects imposed on system due to non-linear loads. Thus, the priority of this paper goes for the improvement of power quality by simply reducing total harmonic distortion (THD) with maintaining balance source under non-linear load condition. This paper includes some improved features of synchronous reference frame method which leads to a low THD. The proposed method is simulated in matlab environment to reveal its fruitfulness.

Keywords

Improved Synchronous Reference Frame (ISRF), Phase Lock Loop (PLL).

Introduction

Photovoltaic energy for power generation is presenting as an encouraging source ingredient. Power generation from fossil fuels imposes a hazardous effect on our environment. On the other hand, energy from other renewable sources are not that much reliable yet. So the energy from sun gives clean and sufficient energy to produce power for the fulfilment of load demand. Most of industrial and commercial areas utilize PV system on top of buildings to fulfil its power demand which helps urban areas more sustainable. [1-4]

From last few years, PV systems integrated to distribution grid is gaining more attention as it can provide clean energy with reduced cost. In such systems, power electronic converters play an important role. This type of systems need two controls for two different purposes; one is to track maximum power point under varying irradiance and temperature condition and another one for power quality enhancement. Variation in irradiance and temperature is the main problem in solar panel. It is essential to produce constant power for load and grid under such condition. Thus, different MPPT methods are proposed such as perturb and observe method, incremental conductance method, grey-wolf optimisation technique etc. [10]

In this paper, perturb and observe method is used for tracking. It generates pulses for switch placement in dc-dc converter. DC-DC converter is used to give constant dc output power. In this paper, three leg inverter is used with interfacing inductance and RC filter which is utilized to attenuate ripples.

In this paper, improved synchronous reference frame method is proposed for grid synchronization with inverter and harmonic current compensation. Synchronization is the main aspect which is to be mainly focus. Mostly PLL is used for synchronization.

It is essential to detect and track accurate phase angle which depends upon choice of PLL. There are different PLL strategies such as enhanced PLL, decoupled synchronous reference frame PLL, double decoupled synchronous reference frame PLL, [15] stationary reference frame PLL etc. [6-8] But there are some drawbacks related to this PLL. To overcome this drawback, a new PLL is proposed by combining two different PLL. In this paper, hybrid PLL is used which is a combination of stationary reference frame PLL and synchronous reference frame PLL. [14] Thus, it contains advantages of both the type of PLL and hence can track phase angle more accurately.

The main objective of this paper is:

- To make urban areas more sustainable
- To provide active and reactive power control for grid connected PV system.
- To achieve maximum power from solar energy under varying irradiance and temperature condition using perturb and observe MPPT method.
- To increase use of solar energy for power generation

Methodology

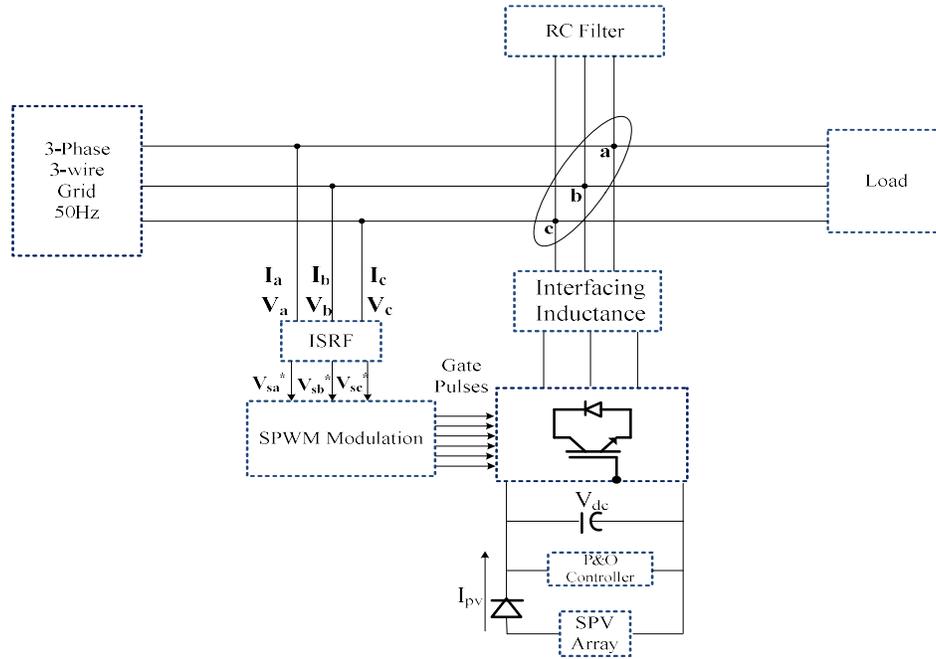


Fig. 1: Architecture Grid Interconnected PV System

The main structure of grid interconnected PV system is shown in fig.1. Here P&O MPPT method is used to track maximum power under varying irradiance and temperature. [11-12] Filters are used to attenuate ripple caused due to switching of inverter. ISRF is improved synchronous reference frame which is design to control active and reactive power and harmonic distortion under unbalance condition.[13]

Control Scheme

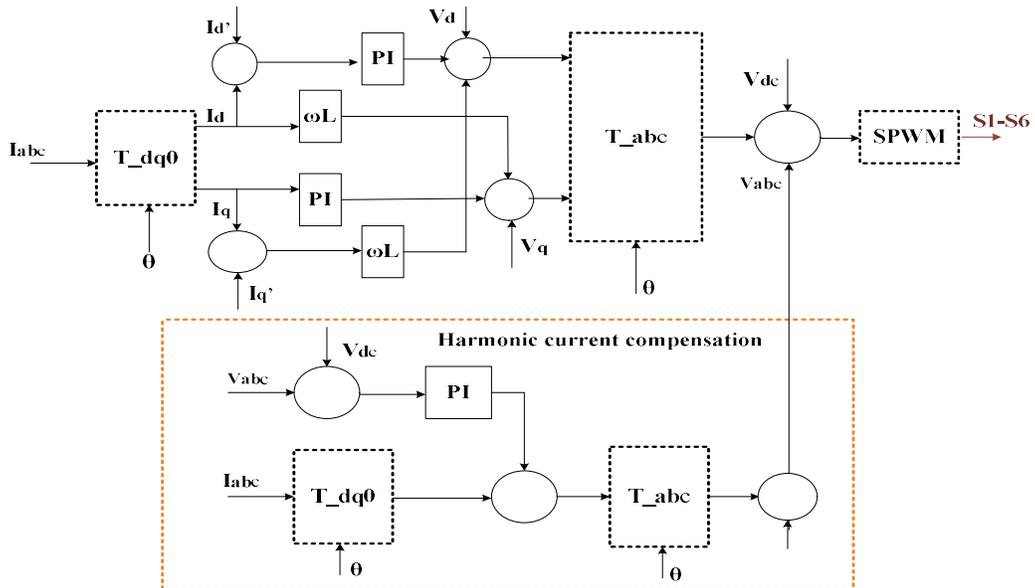


Fig. 2: Improved SRF for Grid Connected PV System

Fig.2 shows control strategy for grid connected PV system, where, PI controller is used to manage grid current in SRF form. Sinusoidal Pulse width Modulation (SPWM) is used to generate proper pulses for inverter switching. PLL is use to synchronize grid with inverter. In this paper hybrid PLL is use to track accurate phae angle. The reference current in dq form is obtain using the equation:

$$I_d^* = \frac{P^*}{V_d}$$

$$I_q^* = \frac{Q^*}{V_d}$$

The active and reactive power can be given as:

$$P = V_d I_d$$

$$Q = V_d I_q$$

To detect accurate phase angle, hybrid PLL is used. This PLL is achieved by combining two different PLL i.e. Stationary reference frame ($\alpha\beta$) PLL and decoupled double synchronous reference frame PLL. Fig.3 shows hybrid PLL structure.

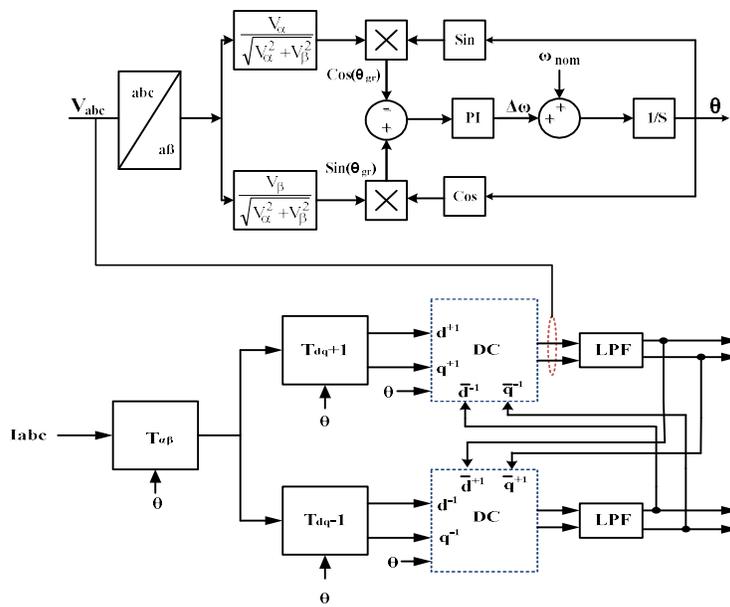


Fig. 3: Hybrid PLL

Results and Discussion

In the given system, RL type load is utilize with R=5ohm and L=100e-3. Load is made unbalance by disconnecting one of the three phase which is also responsible for harmonic distortion. The result are shown in fig. 4 (a) and (b).The unbalance is made for time period of 0.02 to 0.1 sec. Phase angle track by hybrid PLL is also shown in fig.5

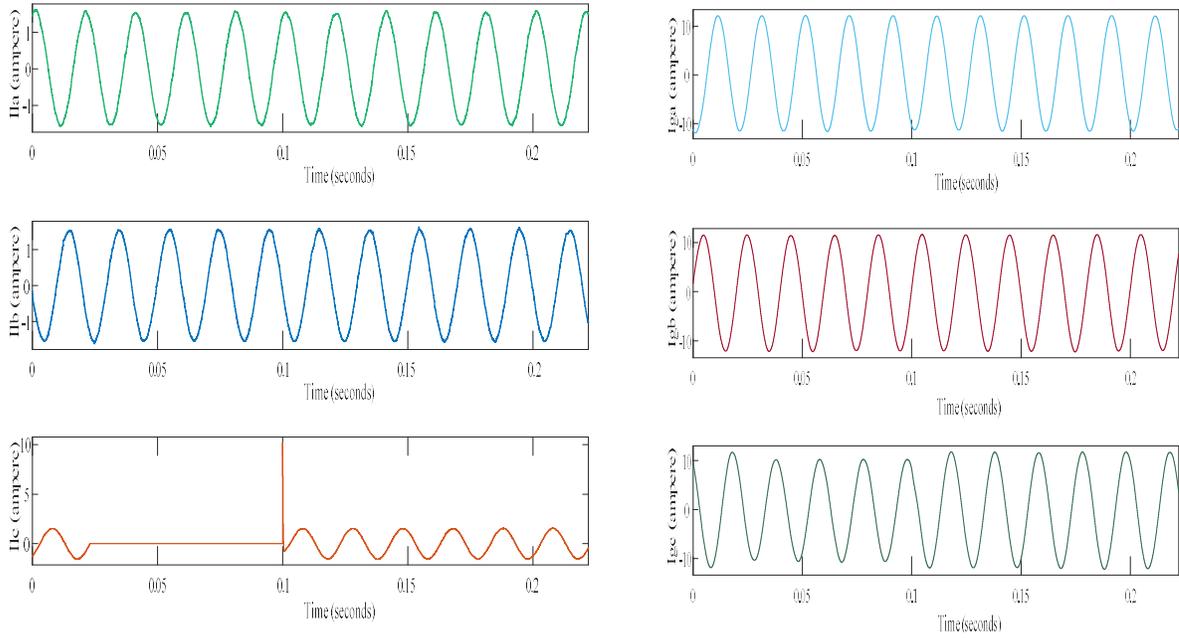


Fig.4: (a) Load Current

Fig.4: (b) Grid Current

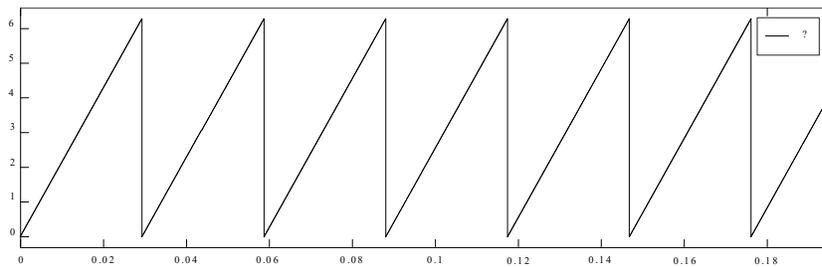


Fig. 5: Phase Angle

In order to realize PV effect, PV model is simulated in MATLAB Simulink and P-V and I-V characteristic is obtained as shown in fig.6.

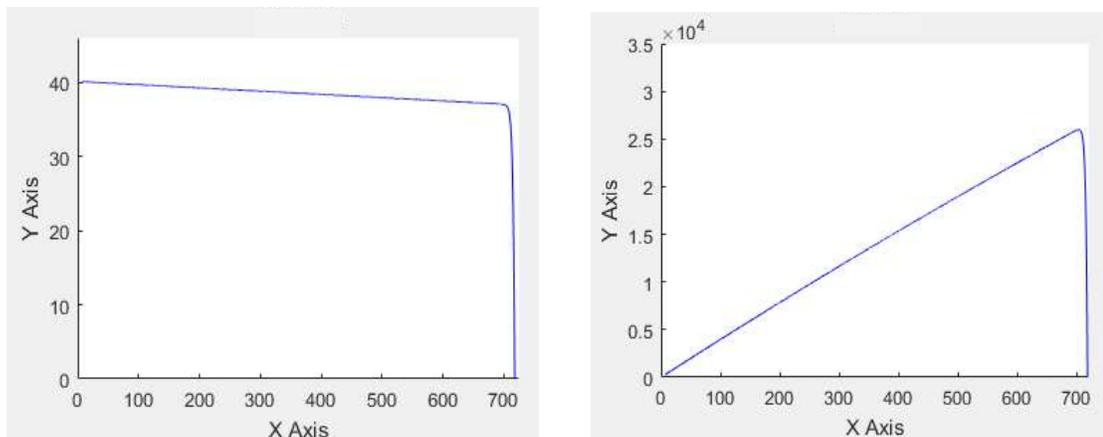


Fig. 6: IV and PV Characteristic

Phase	Load Current (THD%)	Grid Current (THD%)
Phase a	2.84	2.30
Phase b	3.02	2.55
Phase c	2.00	1.21

Table 1: THD Table

Conclusion

The distribution grid interconnected to PV system is simulated in this paper using MATLAB software. The PV system is design to provide constant active power supply to the load during day time. An improved synchronous reference frame strategy is given for the control of active and reactive power and total harmonic distortion. By using this control scheme THD reduces to below 5% and under non-linear condition on load side, the is nearly balance as shown in figure above.

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