Power Quality Enhancement of Smart Households using a Multilevel THSeAF with a PR Controller

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Abstract — In this paper a structure Transformerless Hybrid Series Active Filter (Multilevel-THSeAF) is planned to boost the facility quality of a single-phase residential house. The planned topology reflects new trends of customers towards electronic polluting masses and integration of renewable sources that in reality might result in the scope of a reliable and property provide. This paper contributes to improvement of power quality for a contemporary single-phase system and stress integration of a compensator with energy storage capability to confirm a property provide. A proportional resonant (P+R) regulator is enforced within the controller to stop current harmonic distortions of varied non-linear masses to flow into the utility. the most vital options of the planned topology embody the nice capability to correct the facility issue yet as cleansing the grid at the same time, whereas protective customers from voltage disturbances, sags, and swells throughout a grid perturbation. It investigates aspects of harmonic compensation and assesses the influence of the controller's alternative and time delay throughout a time implementation. combos of study period and experimental results performed on a laboratory setup square measure bestowed for validation.

Index Terms –Hybrid active filters, power quality, renewableenergy sources, multilevel converters, smart grids, real-time control, resonant controller, nonlinear loads.

I. INTRODUCTION

THE trends toward a future sensible Grid implementation and also the ever increase of diverse nonlinear industrial, business and residential style of masses that area unit generating pollution that light-emitting diode to 100 percent of total current harmonic distortions into the grids have drastically created a priority on power quality metrics for future power systems [1]. the rise in physics devices as shown in Fig. 1, related to quick charging [2, 3] devices with external energy sources need early investigation on harmonic and non-active power compensation [4]. This widespread harmonic polluting device not solely cut back the system's potency, however additionally has damaging impacts on grid voltage distortion levels [5]. Likewise, distorted current wave shape creates further heating losses, and causes failure in sensitive electrical devices. many references may be found within the literature addressing such as [6, 7] or common cases prohibited power quality problems either associated with voltage distortions or current harmonics [8].

This paper addresses the new analysis challenges that face the ability physics converters to participate actively in mitigating electrical varieties of pollution and consequently enhance the grid thus on provide clean and reliable energy to the invasive energy demand [9] by extremely nonlinear and time variable masses. The economical and reasonable answer projected during this paper uses a construction configuration [10] to scale back dc aspect voltage for low level distribution system as incontestable in Fig. 2. the employment of this device can facilitate the mixing of energy storage systems and renewables for contemporary households [11, 12]. it's noteworthy to say that this projected configuration doesn't necessitate the large series transformers [13] that represent Associate in Nursing economic key toward value effective power quality improvement of future grids.

This multifunctional compensator cleans this drawn from the utility and equally to a Dynamic voltage trained worker (DVR) the purpose of common coupling (PCC) and utility sensible meters are going to be shielded from voltage distortions thus on avoid wrong computation of power and energy balance. This compensator may inject or absorb active power throughout grid voltage variations to confirm prime quality provide beside complete decoupling from contaminated masses.

The increase of charging stations [14] in a very residential neighborhood and business buildings becomes crucial to observe and evaluates their power quality characteristics [15]. additionally, pushed by social efforts, distributed generation and renewable energy sources area unit been popularized requiring additional analysis and investigation on their wide application on the ability quality of the system [16]. This work proposes Associate in Nursing economical Transformerless Hybrid Series Active Filter (THSeAF) capable of rectifying current connected problems in such micro-grid application and provides property and reliable voltage provide at the PCC wherever necessary residential customers area unit connected.



Fig. 1. Typical modern residential consumer with non-linear electronic loads and a Nissan LEAF® measured voltage and current waveforms plugged to a level-2 charging station.



Fig. 2. House equivalent circuit connection with utility meters and the Multilevel-THSeAF connected in series.

This paper is organized as follows; the system configuration will be first introduced. Then the operation principle of the proposed configuration is explained. The third section will be dedicated to the modeling and analysis of the control algorithm. The voltage and current harmonic detection method is explicitly described. To evaluate the proposed topology and control behavior, several scenarios are simulated and experimental validations will be presented and discussed.

II. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

A. System configuration

The compensator represented in Fig. two consists of a construction single-phase convertor connected serial between the utility and also the house's entrance connected terminals. The transformerless hybrid series active filter consists of a five-level office convertor [17] represented in Fig. 3, connected serial between the utility and also the entrance of the building. associate auxiliary provide is connected on the dc aspect. To filter high frequency change harmonics, a passive filter is employed at the output of the convertor. A bank of tuned passive filters ensures an occasional resistivity path for current harmonics. during this paper the studied system is enforced for a rated power of one kVA. to make sure a quick transient response with comfortable stability margins over a good vary of dynamic operations, the controller is enforced on associate Opal-RT/Wanda period of time machine. For associate correct period of time mensuration of electrical variables, the Opal-RT OP8665 probes square measure activity the mensuration task. The system parameters square measure known in Table I. A variable supply up to a hundred and twenty Vrms is connected to a one kVA non-linear load. The THSeAF is connected serial so as to inject the compensating voltage. On the DC aspect of the compensator, associate auxiliary dc-link energy storage system is put in. Similar parameters also are applied for simulations. a quick electrical vehicle charging plug level-2 is in addition connected to the load's PCC. The office convertor active compensator's structure is represented in Fig. 3.



Fig. 3. Hybrid converter topology for the proposed series compensator.

On the DC side of the compensator, auxiliary dc-link energy storage components are installed at a reduced voltage level of 100V. The objective is to propose an efficient device capable

of rectifying current related issues in smart grids which also provide sustainable and reliable voltage supply at the point of common coupling that define the entrance of residential or commercial buildings.

TABLE I

CONFIGURATION PARAMETERS

Symbol	Definition	Value
P1	Line phase-to-neutral voltage	110 Vims
1	System frequency	60 Hz
Ls	Supply equivalent inductance	150 µH ⁹
R. L.	Non-linear CSC load	25 Ω, 20mH
Lf	Switching ripple filter inductance	2.5 mH
0	Switching ripple filter capacitance	2 ptF
rc.	Switching ripple damping resistor	60 12
\overline{IN}	Opal-RT Synchronous sampling time	40 µs
Irease	PWM frequency	8 kHz
F_{I}	Fifth other shamt passive filter	56pF, 5mH
Fr.	Seventh order passive filter	14µF. 10mH
FII	Eleventh order passive filter	6µF, 10mH
FROF	High-pass filter	2µF
Kp, K.	Controller proportional and resonant gams	2.5, 10
dire .	Cutoff frequency	5 rad/s
For	de musiliary power supply voltage	110 V, 129 V*

Using the circuit of Fig. 2 showing the block diagram and model of equivalent house circuit connection with utility meters and Multilevel-THSeAF connected in series, several critical scenarios such as grid distortion, sag or swell are simulated using discrete time steps of 40μ s. The Multilevel-THSeAF connected in series injects a compensating voltage which results in a drastic improvement of source current distortions and a cleaned load voltage. While the load current contains a THD*I*_L of 12%, the source current is cleaned with a THD*V*_S of 2.1%. When the utility is highly polluted with a THD*V*_S of 25.5%, the load voltage is regulated and contains a THD of only 1.2%.

B. Operation principle

A current fed type of non-linear load could be modeled as a harmonic voltage source in series with an impedance Z_{Non} . *Linear* or by its Norton equivalent modeled with a harmonic current source in parallel to the impedance. Thévenin's model and Norton's equivalent circuit are depicted in Fig. 4. In this paper the common Norton's equivalent is chosen to follow major related papers. In this work the approach to achieve optimal behavior during the time the grid is perturbed is implemented on the controller [18]. The use of a passive filter is mandatory to compensate current issues and maintaining a constant voltage free of distortions at the load terminals. The non-linear load is modeled by a resistance representing the active power consumed and a current source generating harmonic current. Accordingly, the impedance Z_L is the equivalent of the nonlinear ($Z_{Non-linear}$) and the linear load (Z_{RL}) . The Series active filter, whose output voltage V_{comp} is considered as an ideal controlled voltage source is generating a voltage based on the detecting source current, load voltage, and also the source voltage to achieve optimal results as of (4). This established hybrid approach gives good result and is quite less sensitive to the value of the gain G to achieve low levels of current harmonics. The gain G is proportional to the current harmonics (I_{sh}) flowing to the grid. Assuming a non-ideal grid supplying feeder voltage that contains important numbers of voltage distortions (V_{Sh}) , the equivalent circuit for the fundamental and harmonics are:

$$V_{S}=V_{S1}+V_{sh-\dots-(1)}$$

$$V_{L}=V_{L1}+V_{Lh}=Z_{L}I_{Z}=Z_{L}(I_{S}-I_{h})(2)$$

$$I_{S}=I_{S1}+I_{Sh}=I_{Z}+I_{h-(3)}$$

$$V_{comp}=+GI_{sh}-V_{Lh}+V_{sh(4)}$$

Where IZ represents the load current in ZL shown in Fig. 6. Using the Kirchhoff's law the following equation is depicted for both the fundamental and harmonics.

$$V_{S}=Z_{S}I_{S} + v_{comp} + v_{L}(5)$$

 $V_{S}=Z_{L}I_{S1}, \quad V_{Lh}=z_{L}(I_{Sh}-I_{h})(6)$

By substituting the fundamental of (6) in (5), the source current at fundamental frequency is obtained.



Fig. 4.Single-phase equivalent phasor model for VSC type of loads, (a) Thévenin's model, (b) Norton equivalent.

By substituting (4) in (5) for the harmonic components, the harmonic source current is reached as follow.

$$V_{Sh} = Z_S I_{Sh} + G I_{Sh} - V_{Lh} + V_{Sh} + V_{Lh} \rightarrow I_{Sh} = 0$$
(8)

By introducing (8) into the harmonic component of the load PCC voltage (6), following equation is achieved.

$$V_{Lh} = -Z_L I_h \tag{9}$$

Consequently in this approach even in presence of source voltage distortions the source current is always clean of any harmonic component. To some extent in this approach the filter behaves as high impedance likewise an open circuit for current harmonics, while the shunt high pass filter tuned at the system frequency, could create a low-impedance path for all harmonics and open circuit for the fundamental component. This argument explains the need of a Hybrid configuration to create an alternative path for current harmonics fed from a current source type of nonlinear loads.

III. MODELING AND CONTROL OF THE SINGLE-PHASE MULTILEVEL-THSEAF

A Transformerless Hybrid series active filter configuration is considered in this paper in order to avoid current harmonic pollution along the power line caused by a single-phase diode bridge rectifier load, followed by an inductor LNL in series with a resistor RNL. The sequences of the modulation are presented in Fig. 7.

A. Modeling of Transformerless Series Active filter

According to Fig. 3, and the average equivalent circuit of an inverter developed in [19], the small-signal model of the proposed configuration can be obtained. Kirchhoff's rules for voltages and currents, as applied to this system, provide us with the differential equations.

Thereafter, d is the duty cycle of the upper switch of the converter leg in a switching period, whereas \overline{v} and \overline{i} denotes the average value in a switching period of the voltage and current of the same leg. The mean converter output voltage and current are expressed by (10) and (11) as follows.

$$\bar{v}_0 = \underbrace{(2d-1)}_m V_{DC} \tag{10}$$
$$\bar{\iota}_{DC} = m \bar{\iota}_f \tag{11}$$



Fig. 5.Compensating voltage versus the reference signal.

According to the scheme on Fig. 3, the arbitrary direction of i_f is chosen to go out from the H-bridge converter. For dynamic studies the accurate model is considered.

$$mV_{DC} = L_{f} \frac{di_{f}}{dt} + V_{comp (12)}$$
$$r_{c}C_{f} \frac{dv_{comp}}{dt} = -V_{comp} + r_{c}(i_{f} + i_{s})(13)$$

The state-space small-signal ac model could be derived by a linearized perturbation of averaged model as follow:

$$x = AX + BU$$

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Hence we obtain:

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$$\frac{d}{dt}\begin{bmatrix} \bar{l}_f \\ \bar{v}_{Comp} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{L_f} \\ \frac{1}{C_f} & -\frac{1}{r_C C_f} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \bar{l}_f \\ \bar{v}_{Comp} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{v_{DC}}{L_f} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{C_f} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} m \\ l_s \end{bmatrix} (15)$$

(10)

The output vector is then

$$Y = cx + Du$$
(16)
$$Y = [0 \ 1] \times \begin{pmatrix} i_f \\ V_{comp} \end{pmatrix} (17)$$

By means of (15) and (17), the state-space representation of the model could be obtained. The second order relation between the compensating voltage and the duty cycle could be reached as follows.

$$C_f \frac{d^2 v_{comp}}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{rc} \frac{dvcomp}{dt} + \frac{1}{L_f} v_{comp} = \frac{V_{DC}}{L_f} m + \frac{di_s}{dt} (18)$$

This model could then be used in developing the converter's controller and its stability analysis.

IV. CONTROL ALGORITHM OF THE SYSTEM

The Multilevel Transformerless Hybrid series active filter configuration considered in this work is taking advantage of

an NPC converter to reduce passive components rating while, delivering a high-quality compensating voltage. The controller strategy implemented in this paper is based on a Proportional plus resonant controller to generate IGBT's gate signals. The reference signal applied to the P+R regulator is created by two detection block taking care of the voltage and current issues respectively as presented in the following control diagram.



Fig. 6. Control system architecture scheme for P+R.

In this Rapid Control Prototyping (RCP) application, the whole controller is implemented on the Opal-RT device, where the controller is run on a fixed time step size determined in the core of the paper in Table I. The inputs of the controller described in Fig. 8, are measured using the Opal-RT probes. The output signals of the controller are the switching gate signals produced over the digital output of the real-time simulator. These signals are then passing through opt isolator board to enable semiconductor gate driver's control.

As the compensating voltage reference is an oscillating signal with several harmonic components, the P+R regulator has numerous advantages over other control approaches. To develop the controller, the average equivalent circuit of the converter is used with the small-signal model of the proposed configuration to analyze the effects of delays on the transient response of the compensator. The proposed control strategy takes advantages of both a proportional and resonant controller to generate gating signals.

The transfer function of the controller with a multi-resonant property is given by:

$$G_{P-R}(s) = K_P + \sum_{h=1,3,5,7}^{n} \dots \dots \frac{2k_{rh}w_c.s}{s^2 + 2w_cs + (h.w^2)} (19)$$

Where *h* is the harmonic order, *Kp* and *Krh* are gains, and $h\omega$ is the resonant frequency and ω *C* is the cutoff frequency. Their values are depicted in Table I. The frequency responses with a delay time are depicted in Fig. 9, where the Bode diagram shows the superiority of the PR controller over the system without regulation and with a PI regulator.

To implement the controller on the digital simulator the transfer function should be obtained by discretization via numerical integration. To obtain the discrete equivalent of a transfer function via numerical integration, one should apply appropriate numerical integration techniques depending on the sensitivity and stability requirements to the system differential equation [20].



Fig. 7.Frequency response of the system with a 40 μ s delay time; using the PI controller, P+R controller, and with a closed-loop controller. (a) Root Locus diagram. (b) Bode diagram.

The P+R controller function is then calculated, where z is the variable in the z-domain and T is the sampling time constant also known as step-time TS in Matlab environment. By performing the Z-transform, using the Tustin or bilinear approximation based on the trapezoidal rule, on (19), the discrete transfer function is achieved as follow. The frequency variable "s" is replaced by the following term.

S-
$$\frac{2.(z-1)}{T(Z+1)}$$
, $S^2 - \frac{4(Z-1)^2}{T^2(Z+1)}$ (20)

This results in the following discrete transfer function in the z-domain.

$$K_P + \sum_{h=1,3,5,7,...}^{n} \frac{G_{P+R}(z) =}{\frac{2K_{Ph'}\omega_{C'}z^2 \cdot T - K_{Ph'}\omega_{C'}T}{(1+\omega_{C}T+(h\omega T)^2)z^2 + (\frac{(h\omega T)^2}{2}-2)z+1-\omega_{C}T+\frac{(h\omega T)^2}{4}}$$
 (21)

According to the two developed discrete function, one can implement either of them for a real-time simulation or a practical experiment on a digital controller. Meanwhile, the choice of gains is tied with the stability study of the transfer function. The gains should be chosen depending on the sampling time imposed by the digital controller, and the behavior of the system itself. In a general rule; the more the sampling time T, has a smaller value, the more the chance to reach a stable system is observed.

IV.SIMULATION RESULTS

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The proposed THSeAF configuration was simulated in MATLAB/simulink using the discrete time of $T_s=10\mu$ s. The combination of a single-phase nonlinear load and linear load with a rated power of 2kVA with a 0.74 lagging 120Vrms 60Hz variable source is used. THSeAF connected in series to the system compensates the current harmonics and voltage distortions. A gain G = 8 Ω (=1.9 p.u) was used to control current harmonics. During the grid's voltage distortion, the compensator regulates the load voltage magnitude, compensates the current harmonics and corrects the PF. The load voltage VL THD is 0.44%, while the source voltage is highly distorted (THDV_s = 1.45%).



Fig.8.Simulation waveforms for voltage sag.(a).Source Voltage Vs,(b).Source current is, (c).load voltage VL, (d) load current i_{L} ,(e) Active-filter voltage Vcomp, and (f) Harmonic current of the passive filter i_{PF} .

The grid is cleaned of current harmonics with a unity power factor (UPF) operation, and the THD is reduced to less than 1% in normal operation and less than 4% during grid perturbation. While the series controlled source cleans the current of harmonic components, the source current is forced to be in phase with the source voltage. The series compensator has the ability to slide the load voltage in order for the PF to reach unity. Furthermore, the series compensator could control the power flow between two PCCs. The compensator shows high efficiency in normal operation where the total compensator losses including switching, inductor resistances, and damping resistances are equal to 44 W which is less than 2.5% of the system rated power. While cleaning the source current from harmonics and correcting the PF, the compensator regulates the load terminal voltage.



Fig.9.Simulation waveforms for voltage swell.(a).Source Voltage Vs,(b).Source current is, (c).load voltage VL, (d) load current i_{L} (e) Active-filter voltage Vcomp, and (f) Harmonic current of the passive filter i_{PF} .



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THD for current



Fig. 10. Total harmonic distortion for current.

THD for voltage



Fig.11.Total harmonic distortion for voltage.

In Fig.10 & 11 shows the total harmonic distortion levels in the current and voltage waveforms. The THD for current and voltage are 4.47% and 0.44%. The THSeAF reacts at once to this variation and does not interfere its operation functionality. To valuate the compensator during utility perturbation, the power source becomes distorted. The source current become cleaned of the majority of harmonics are in the load current and has a unity power factor. The THSeAF defends the sensitive loads and maintain a sinusoidal and regulated voltage across the PCC of loads with a 0.44% of distortion. The compensator ought to inject power to maintain the load PCC voltage regulated at the desired level. The harmonic content and THD factor of the source utility and load PCC shows improvement in THD, the load draws polluted current waveforms. Although the grid's voltage is polluted, the compensator in a hybrid approach regulates and maintains harmonic-free load voltage. The various levels of THD for proposed system and existing system are shown in Table-3.

TABLE-2

	Load	Load	Grid	Grid
	voltage	current	voltage	current
	$V_L(v)$	$I_L(A)$	V _s (v)	$I_L(A)$
Proposed	4.6%	6.9%	0.44%	4.47%
system				
Existing	6.6%	19.7%	25%	5.2%
system				

V. Conclusion

Renewable energy sources that ar proliferating terribly chopchop ar connected to the grid via resonant filters that will additionally act with the grid impedances and may cause unwanted EMI and resonance development. so the requirement of maintaining clean decoupled power is changing into a crucial issue since power quality is sometimes measured at generation, distribution and cargo levels. to boost power quality, a Multilevel-THSeAF was developed during this work supported the five-level agency configuration. The key novelty of the projected topology includes power quality improvement in an exceedingly single residential building that will result to the sweetening of the

worldwide facility. Moreover, the configuration will regulate and improve the load voltage and once connected to a renewable auxiliary DC supply, the topology is in a position to counteract actively to the facility flow within the system the same as a UPS. Having a continuing and distortion-free provide at load PCC, it had been denoted that the active compensator responds well to supply voltage variations. what is more, this compensator eliminates supply harmonic currents and improves grid power quality with no have to be compelled to use the everyday large series electrical device. it had been incontestable that this active compensator responds properly to supply voltage variations by providing a continuing and distortion-free provide at load terminals. what is more, it eliminates supply harmonic currents and improves power quality of the grid while not the same old large and dear series electrical device. The projected transformerless configuration was simulated and through an experiment valid.

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