Seamless transfer with interactive compensation algorithm for three-phase grid-connected inverter

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ABSTRACT

This paper proposes an interactive control algorithm for seamless transfer of three-phase grid-connected converter between grid-tie mode and stand-alone mode. In order to archive a smooth transfer between two modes, the voltage controller and current controller are designed to generate the output voltage reference of PWM with no interrupted transition during islanding operation and grid connected operation. Additionally, a suitable phase-locked loop (PLL) algorithm is posed to obtain the phase angle of grid voltage continuously during operation time even if the utility outages. With the proposed algorithm, the control algorithm guarantees a smooth profile voltage across the local load when the grid is being disconnected or reconnected. In this paper, the simulation and experiment results verify the proposed method.

Keywords: distributed power generation, inverters, phase locked loops, grid-connected converter, power supply quality, voltage control, current control.

1. INTRODUCTION

Islanding operation occurs when DG system is disconnected from the main remainder of power system. Because of maintenance or normal faults, islanding operation can be interrupted intentionally by the customer. Therefore, during the transition of system, the grid-connected inverter should be controlled properly to keep supplying power into distribution networks. This islanding operation is called intentional islanding. However, islanding operation occurs in a power system due to lightning, animal contact, tree contact, vehicle strikes, and other causes are inadvertent. The protective devices such as overcurrent devices, circuit breakers, reclosers, and fuses are used to isolate the faulted section of feeder from the normal source of energization, the substation. Ideally, the fault should be detected quickly by the DG protection system and the DG needs to be tripped as soon as possible [22]. This islanding operation is considered as an unintentional islanding [13]-[16]. These islands extremely cause a hazard risk to safety and
equipment, especially in unintentional islanding operation.

Basically, when an islanding operation occurs, the DG system lead to change its controller from current-controlled mode to voltage-controlled mode. In the grid-tied mode, the grid-connected inverter should operate in current-controlled mode to inject power into the grid. On the other hand, the grid-connected inverter operates in voltage-controlled mode to regulate the local load during interruption of utility power. The transfer between two operation modes usually causes the current and voltage of local load spike during the switching process because the difference of two output controllers. The utility-interactive inverters for distributed energy systems presented in the literature [1]-[5] have the capability to operate in grid-tied and off-grid modes but they did not propose any procedure for transition between two modes. A proposed smooth sequence for transition between grid-tied and off-grid is addressed and implemented in [6]-[7]. In order to reduce the turn-off time for static switches (SCR), [8] presented a control technique by controlling the voltage of grid-side inductor through the output voltage of inverter to reduce quickly the grid current, which results in quick disconnection. The limitation of inrush currents has been proposed to ride through a grid fault conditions in [9]. However, the control methods for transition between two modes proposed in [6]-[9] have a difference between the output of voltage controller and the output of current controller when transition occurs, which cause the spikes when transfer from one mode to another mode. A control method has been proposed in [10] to reduce the affection of two controllers by using both current controller and voltage controller in both grid-tied mode and off-grid mode. The transition of two modes is controlled at zero-crossing of the grid voltage and at zero-crossing of the grid current, so it only uses well in single-phase grid-interactive inverters. An Indirect current control algorithm for seamless transfer of three-phase utility-interactive voltage source inverters is proposed in [11]-[12] by controlling the capacitor voltage can guarantee no transition between two modes but the indirect control system need to be adjusted the parameters of the controller when the working condition is changed by time, temperature...

![Figure 1. Configuration of three-phase grid-interactive VSI.](image)

This paper proposes a control algorithm for seamless transfer of three-phase grid-interactive inverter between current-controlled and voltage controlled modes in unintentional islanding. The algorithm control guarantees a smooth profile voltage across the local load when the grid is being disconnected or reconnected. The simulation and experiment results have been presented to verify the proposed method.

2. TOPOLOGY OF PROPOSED THREE-PHASE GRID-INTERACTIVE INVERTER

Figure 1 shows the configuration of three-phase grid-interactive VSI with a DC source that is considered as a micro source, a three-phase LCL filter and three-phase local load. The

![Figure 1. Configuration of three-phase grid-interactive VSI.](image)
distributed system is connected to the power system through the switches. The switch CB is used for separating the DG from power system when a fault is detected. The protective device ACSW presents the utility outages when any fault occurs inadvertently at any point of power system before the main bus.

3. CONTROL STRATEGY

3.1 Phase-Locked Loop Algorithm

The PLL algorithm is designed to obtain the phase angle of grid voltage \( \theta \) continuously during operation time even if the grid voltage is not available. The proposed PLL algorithm using the alpha-beta components in stationary reference frame of three phase input voltage is shown in Figure 3.

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
V_{ga} \\
V_{gb}
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
\frac{2}{3} & 1 & \frac{1}{3} \\
0 & 1 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}
\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
V_{gab} \\
V_{gbe}
\end{bmatrix}
\tag{1}
\]

In the stand-alone mode, the line voltage \( V_{gab} \) and \( V_{gbe} \) are sampled and transformed into \( V_{ga} \) and \( V_{gb} \) using Clarke’s transformation (1). In the grid-tied mode, the alpha-beta voltage \( V_{ga} \) and \( V_{gb} \) are generated the desired voltage using Park’s transformation (2).

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
V_{ga} \\
V_{gb}
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
\cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\
\sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta)
\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
220 / \sqrt{6} \\
0
\end{bmatrix}
\tag{2}
\]

In grid-tied mode, \( V_{ga} \) and \( V_{gb} \) can be described as (3) and (4), respectively. Phase detector \( \Delta \omega \) in this mode is archived by the difference between \( V_{ga} \) multiply by \( \sin(\theta) \) and \( V_{gb} \) multiply by \( \cos(\theta) \) as shown in (5).

\[
V_{ga} = \frac{2}{3} V_{gab} + \frac{1}{3} V_{gbe} = V_m \cos(\theta_g)
\tag{3}
\]

\[
V_{gb} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} V_{gbc} = V_m \sin(\theta_g)
\tag{4}
\]

\[
\Delta \omega = V_{gb} \cos(\theta) - V_{ga} \sin(\theta) = \frac{220}{\sqrt{6}} \sin(\theta_g - \theta)
\tag{5}
\]

In off-grid mode, the utility voltage is not available, so the switch signal will be changed. In this case, \( V_{ga} \) and \( V_{gb} \) can be replaced by desired value and shown as (6) and (7), respectively. Phase detector \( \Delta \omega \) in this mode is also archived by the difference between \( V_{ga} \) multiply by \( \sin(\theta) \) and \( V_{gb} \) multiply by \( \cos(\theta) \) as shown in (8).

\[
V_{ga} = \frac{220}{\sqrt{6}} \cos(\theta_g)
\tag{6}
\]

\[
V_{ga} = \frac{220}{\sqrt{6}} \sin(\theta_g)
\tag{7}
\]

\[
\Delta \omega = V_{gb} \cos(\theta) - V_{ga} \sin(\theta) = \frac{220}{\sqrt{6}} \sin(\theta_g - \theta)
\tag{8}
\]

A P controller is used to regulate \( \Delta \omega \) to zeros and then the output of this P controller is added to the fundamental angular frequency of the utility voltage. It is then integrated to phase angle \( \theta \).

3.2 Voltage controller

The voltage controller is used in stand-alone mode to regulate the output voltage of local load when grid is not available. The block diagram of the voltage controller is shown in Figure 4.

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
V_{oa} \\
V_{ob}
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
\frac{2}{3} & 1 & \frac{1}{3} \\
0 & 1 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}
\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
V_{oab} \\
V_{obc}
\end{bmatrix}
\tag{9}
\]

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
V_{oa} \\
V_{ob}
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
\cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\
\sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta)
\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
V_{oa} \\
V_{ob}
\end{bmatrix}
\tag{10}
\]

The output voltage \( V_o \) from the PCC, which has been transformed into a stationary frame by
transformation (9), (10), is fed back and compared with the reference voltage \( V_g \) from PLL controller. The comparisons generate the voltage errors that are transformed into a synchronous frame by the Park's transformation (10) and then are passed to the voltage regulator using PI controller. The dc quantities, which are \( V_{dmc} \) and \( V_{qmc} \), are added by the other dc quantities, which are \( V_{dm} \) and \( V_{qm} \), to generate the voltage references in dc quantities and then are transformed into a stationary by the inverse of Park's transformation. The final dc-quantities are utilized as command voltages for generating PWM voltages. In this stand-alone mode, \( V_{dmc} \) and \( V_{qmc} \) will be not changed because the current regulator is not operating; therefore the output voltage at PCC are regulated by only \( V_{dmc} \) and \( V_{qmc} \).

Figure 5 shows the block diagram of the current controller. In the grid-tied mode, the current controller is used to control the injected current to the grid side.

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
I_{d} \\
I_{q}
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 \\
1 & \sqrt{3}
\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
I_{vd} \\
I_{vq}
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(13)

The grid current \( I_g \), which has been transformed into a synchronous frame by transformation (13), (14) and became dc quantities, is fed back and compared with the reference currents. The difference between \( I_g \) and \( I_g^* \) generates a current error and then is passed to a current regulator using PI controller. The output of PI controller performs a regulating voltage and it is added to grid voltage \( V_g \), which has been transformed into a synchronous frame by transformation (1), (15) and became dc quantities, and also is added to another dc quantities from voltage controller, which are \( V_{dmc} \) and \( V_{qmc} \), to generate the voltage references in dc quantities and then are transformed into a stationary by the inverse of Park's transformation. The final dc-quantities are utilized as command voltages for generating PWM voltages. In this grid-tied mode, \( V_{dmc} \) and \( V_{qmc} \) will be not changed because the voltage regulator is not operating; therefore the

Figure 4. Block diagram for stand-alone mode

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
V_{d} \\
V_{q}
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
\cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\
\sin \theta & \cos \theta
\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
V_{dmc} \\
V_{qmc}
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(11)

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
V_{vd} \\
V_{vm} \\
V_{qmv}
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
1 \\
1/2 \sqrt{3} \\
1/2 \sqrt{3}
\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
V_{d} \\
V_{q}
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(12)

3.3 Current controller
output voltage at PCC are regulated by only $V_{dm}$ and $V_{qm}$.

### 3.3 Current controller

Figure 6 shows the Phasor diagram of command voltage $V_m$ for generating PWM voltage. The command voltage is obtained by two voltage components $V_{mv}$ and $V_{mc}$, where $V_{mc}$ is generated by current controller and $V_{mv}$ is generated by voltage controller.

![Phasor diagram of command voltage](image)

**Figure 6.** Phasor diagram of command voltage.

In the stand-alone mode, the current controller is not working so $V_{mc}$ does not change while $V_{mv}$ changes to regulate the output voltage of inverter through the command voltage $V_m$.

In the grid-tied mode, the voltage controller is not working so $V_{mv}$ does not change while $V_{mc}$ changes to regulate the injected current of inverter through the command voltage $V_m$.

#### 3.3.1 Off-grid mode to grid-tied mode

When the power system is detected under normal operating condition, CB is close, the DG is controlled to operate in grid-tide mode. The below procedure is proposed to obtain the seamless transfer:

- Firstly, the PLL is switched from off-grid status ($S1 = 0$) to grid-tied status ($S1 = 1$) as shown in Figure 7. During this time, the voltage controller is still using the desired value as a voltage reference for regulating output voltage of inverter. End of this period, the phase of voltage at PCC will match about two grid voltage cycles.

- Secondly, when the phase of grid voltage and inverter voltage matches together, the reference voltage of voltage controller is switched from desired value ($S2 = 0$) to grid value ($S2 = 1$). The magnitude of inverter voltage and grid voltage will match about a grid voltage cycle.

- Finally, turn CB1 on and then increase gradually the reference of d-component current $I_d^*$ and the reference of q-component current $I_q^*$ to the desired values. The active power $P^*$ and reactive power $Q^*$ are obtained by following equations,

\[
P^* = v_{gd} i_{od}^* + v_{gq} i_{oq}^*
\]

\[
Q^* = v_{gq} i_{od}^* - v_{gd} i_{oq}^*
\]

With this procedure, the transfer from off-grid mode to grid-tied mode will not cause any voltage or current spike on local load. So the seamless transfer was archived between off-grid mode and grid-tied mode.

#### 3.3.2 Grid-tied mode to off-grid mode:

In grid-tied mode, the current controller is used to control the active power and reactive power into the grid. When a fault occurs on the grid side the protective device will be open, the current controller need to be disabled as soon as
possible [14]. In this moment, the smooth transition can be obtained by this procedure:

- Firstly, the reference of active power and reactive power slowly reduce to zeros.

- Secondly, when active power and reactive power become zeros the AC switch is turned off. On the other hand, because the grid voltage is now not available so the PLL controller is switched to voltage mode.

With this proposed control method, the current controller transfer smoothly to voltage controller; therefore, the transfer from grid-tied mode to off-grid mode will not cause any voltage or current spike on local load during islanding operation. That is to say, the seamless transfer was archived between grid-tied mode and stand-alone mode.

4. SIMULATION RESULTS

The performance of the seamless transfer was carried out by computer simulation using PSIM and Visual C++. Figure 7 shows the seamless transfer system for three-phase grid-interactive VSI with the parameters are given by the Table 1 below.

Table 1. Parameters for Simulation System

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>The VSI rated power</td>
<td>5 KW</td>
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<tr>
<td>The nominal voltage (line-line RMS)</td>
<td>110 V</td>
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<tr>
<td>The nominal frequency</td>
<td>60 Hz</td>
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<tr>
<td>The switching frequency</td>
<td>8 KHz</td>
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<tr>
<td>The sampling time</td>
<td>1 us</td>
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<tr>
<td>The DC link voltage of inverter</td>
<td>250V</td>
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<td>The filter inductor Li</td>
<td>1.3 mH</td>
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<td>0.24 mH</td>
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<tr>
<td>The filter capacitor Cf</td>
<td>10 uF</td>
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<tr>
<td>The resonant resister Rd</td>
<td>1.5 Ohm</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Figure 8 shows the simulation results of the transition from stand-alone mode to grid-tied mode with seamless algorithm.

Figure 8a shows the output voltage of inverter $V_{oab}$ at local load and the grid voltage $V_{gab}$ of grid system. Figure 8b shows the output current $I_{oa}$ of inverter and the grid current $I_{ga}$. The error of phase controller $\Delta \omega$ is shown in Figure 8c and the difference between grid voltage and output voltage of inverter is shown in Figure 8d. With proposed transition procedure, the simulation results presented the seamless transfer from stand-alone mode to grid-tied mode.

Figure 8. Transition from stand-alone mode to grid-tied mode with seamless algorithm.

Figure 9 shows the simulation results of the transition from stand-alone mode to grid-tied mode without seamless algorithm.

Figure 9. Transition from stand-alone mode to grid-tied mode without seamless algorithm.

Figure 9 shows the simulation results of the transition from stand-alone mode to grid-tied mode without seamless algorithm. The magnitude and phase of the output voltage of inverter can be
matched in this situation but it causes a distortion in the output voltage of inverter. The distortion of voltage depends on the phase difference between output voltage of inverter and voltage of grid system.

Figure 10 shows the simulation results of the transition from grid-tied mode to stand-alone mode. Figure 10a shows the output voltage of inverter $V_{oab}$ at local load and the grid voltage $V_{gab}$ of grid system. Figure 10b shows the output current $I_{oa}$ of inverter and the grid current $I_{ga}$. Figure 10c shows the grid voltage with RMS value.

5. EXPERIMENT RESULTS

The performance of the seamless transfer has been built to carry out the theoretical algorithm. With this system, a DSP TMS320F28335 has been employed to control the inverter, display the signals for checking through DAC converter and interface with computer for remote control. The interface program used Visual C++ software and the DSP program was coded by Code Composer Studio software. The experimental system was built as shown in Figure 7 with the parameters are given by the Table I above.

Figure 11 shows the experiment results of synchronization operation from stand-alone mode to grid-tied mode. The output voltage of inverter $V_{oab}$ and the grid voltage $V_{gab}$ are shown in this figure. The error of phase controller $\Delta \omega$ and the phase of system are displayed by using DAC converter.

Figure 12 shows the experiment results of the output voltage of inverter $V_{oab}$, the inverter current $I_{oa}$ and the grid current $I_{ga}$ in the operation from stand-alone mode to grid-tied mode.

Figure 13 shows the experiment results of the islanding operation from grid-tied mode to stand-alone mode. The output voltage of inverter $V_{oab}$ and the grid voltage $V_{gab}$ are presented in this figure. The RMS value of grid voltage is displayed by using DAC converter.
Figure 14 shows the experiment results of the islanding operation from grid-tied mode to stand-alone mode. The grid current Iga and the output current of inverter Ioa are presented in this figure. The RMS value of grid voltage is displayed by using DAC converter.

6. CONCLUSION

A seamless transfer for three-phase grid-connected inverter was suggested. The algorithm control guarantees a smooth profile voltage across the local load when the grid is being disconnected or reconnected. The simulation and experiment results have been presented to verify the proposed method.
Chuyển mạch mèm với giải thuật bú tương tác cho nghịch lưu ba pha nói lời

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Tóm tắt

Bài báo này đề xuất một giải thuật điều khiển tương tác cho chuyển mạch mèm của bộ nghịch lưu ba giửa hai chế độ nói lời và độc lập. Để đạt được sự chuyển đổi mèm giửa hai chế độ, bộ điều khiển áp và dòng được thiết kế để tạo ra xung PWM không có sự gián đoạn trong quá trình chuyển đổi giửa chế độ độc lập và chế độ nói lời. Hơn nữa, một giải thuật PLL phù hợp được đề xuất để lấy giá trị góc pha điện áp cười liên tục mức cho nói lời bị ngắt. Với giải thuật đề xuất, bộ điều khiển vận động bao chất lượng điện áp khi bộ nghịch lưu cung cấp cho tải cực số trong trường hợp lưu điện bị ngắt ra. Kết quả mô phỏng và thực nghiệm được trình bày trong bài báo để minh chứng tính đúng đắn của phương pháp đề xuất.

Từ khóa: bộ nghịch lưu, PLL, bộ nghịch lưu nói lời, chất lượng điện năng, điều khiển dòng, điều khiển áp.

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