

Implementation of Active Harmonic Filter with MATLAB/Simulink to compensate Non-Linear Loads

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Abstract—In this paper, the implementation of a shunt active power filter is given for three phase system is presented. The circuit models a standard shunt AHF with IGBT inverter and series inductor on the AC side and DC capacitor energization. The AHF uses a PLL to generate a reference sinusoidal source current which is in-phase and has the same RMS gain as the load current. The AHF aims to inject this current error at the point of common coupling in order to match the source current as closely as possible with the reference current.

Keywords— Shunt AHF, IGBT inverter, Series Inductor.

I. INTRODUCTION

After a brief analysis performed on evolution of electric power consumption during the last two decades, it can be observed a change mainly on nature of electric power consumption and profile of consumers. The main causes are represented by introduction of new equipment and facilities to increase comfort in civil construction, new appliances and equipment in order to raise efficiency and diversification of production for industrial consumers, or coexistence in the same building of both households and some industrial consumers. We must also note the impact of the new sources of energy that can easily transform the consumer into power supplier. However, all these changes have led to the emergence of undesirable phenomena in all power system, accounting for the new challenges to be addressed by engineers and scientists involved in the power system design and management. Among the measures required there must be mentioned the need to adapt the existing electrical network to the new requirements and the introduction of new advanced methods of control, management and monitoring, in order to ensure the efficiency of electricity use. Non-linear loads, especially power electronic loads, create harmonic currents and voltages in the power systems. For many years, various active harmonic power filters (AHPF) have been developed to suppress the harmonics, as well as

compensate for reactive power, so that the utility grid will supply sinusoidal voltage and current with unity power factor. Conventionally, the shunt type APF acts to eliminate the reactive power and harmonic currents produced by non-linear loads from the grid current by injecting compensating currents intended to result in sinusoidal grid current with unity power factor [1].

The aims of this paper are to present a solution to improve the operation of consumers' electrical installations, to reduce the electric power consumption and default costs allocated for the purchase of electricity and removing unwanted effects caused by the presence of harmonics. In order to achieve this, the main goal is to increase the power quality available for consumers. In the case of power consumers affected by the presence of harmonic pollution, power quality improvement can be achieved by implementing systems based on active filtering of the unwanted components. This type of automated system based on shunt active filter is presented in the following sections.

II. ACTIVE HARMONIC FILTER

Figure 1 shows basic APF block diagram including non-linear load on three-phase supply condition. In this study, three-phase controlled thyristor bridge rectifier with inductive loading are considered as a non-linear load on three-phase ac mains. This load draws non-sinusoidal currents from ac mains and can be controlled by changing its firing angle. APF overcome the drawbacks of passive filters by using the switching mode power converter to perform the harmonic current elimination. Shunt active power filters are developed to suppress the harmonic currents and compensate reactive power simultaneously. The shunt active power filters are operated as a current source parallel with the non-linear load. The power converter of active power filter is controlled to generate a compensation current, which is equal but opposite to the

harmonic and reactive currents generated from the nonlinear load. In this situation, the mains current is sinusoidal and in phase with mains voltage. A voltage-source inverter having IGBT switches and an energy storage capacitor on dc bus is implemented as a shunt APF. The main aim of the APF is to compensate harmonics, reactive power and to eliminate the unwanted effects of non-ideal ac mains supplies only unity power factor sinusoidal balanced three-phase currents.

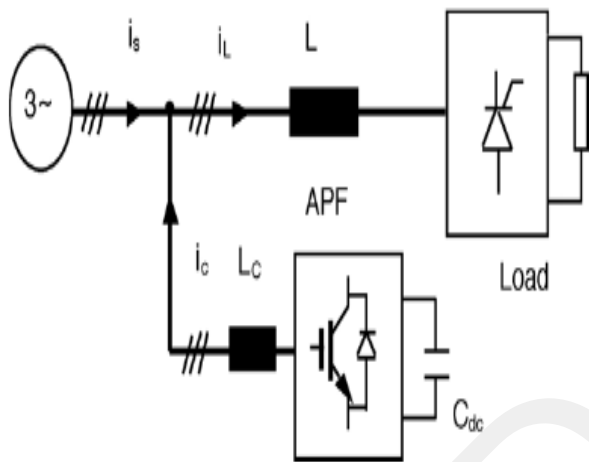


Figure-1: Active Harmonic Filter

III. MODELLING AND SIMULATION

All The circuit models a standard shunt AHF with IGBT inverter and series inductor on the AC side and DC capacitor energization. The load consists of two diode rectifiers which are phase-shifted by 30 degrees. The Delta-Y connected rectifier is connected after 10 cycles to change the load from 6-pulse to 12-pulse.

The AHF uses a PLL to generate a reference sinusoidal source current which is in-phase and has the same RMS gain as the load current. The current error between the load current and the reference current is generated by the IGBT Bridge through hysteresis switching. The AHF aims to inject this current error at the point of common coupling in order to match the source current as closely as possible with the reference current.

Figure-2 showing the MATLAB implementation of discussed work.

IV. RESULTS

By directly controlling the grid current, a three phase shunt APF can be provided for all nonlinear loads at the PCC instead of compensating each load individually. The system is simpler and more efficient because only one current sensor for each phase is located in the grid side. The presented simulation results were obtained by using Matlab-Simulink Power System Toolbox software, for a three-phase power system with a shunt APF. The proposed algorithm dynamic performances under such

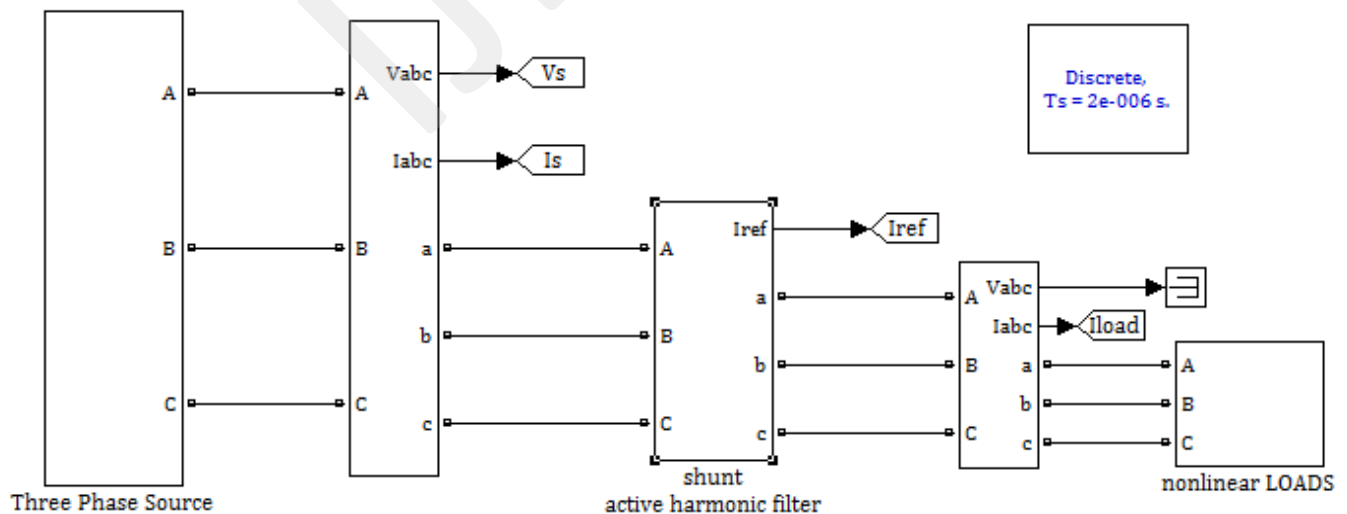


Figure-2: Proposed Simulink model

dynamic conditions are investigated by detailed simulation study. The simulation results are discussed below.

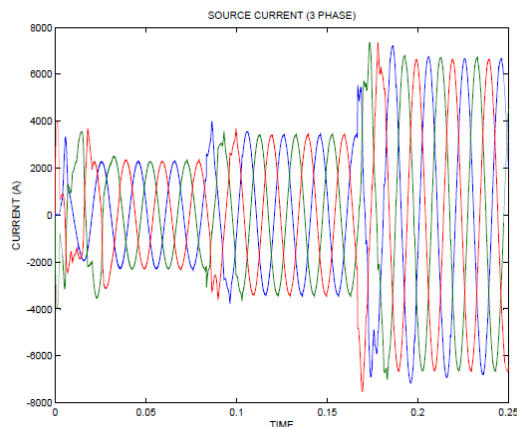


Figure-3: Source Current due to nonlinear loads

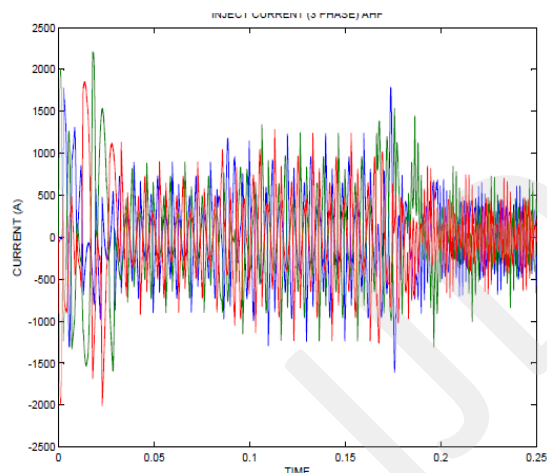


Figure-4: inject current by AHF for Compensation

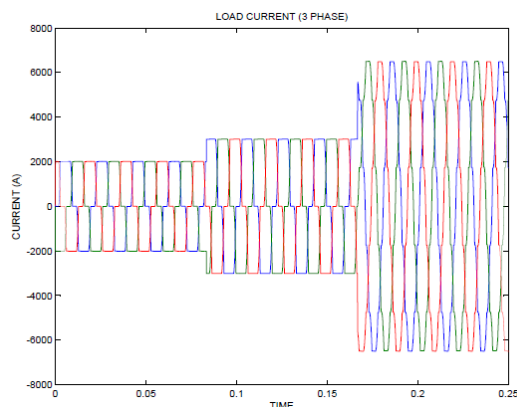


Figure-5: Load Currents

IV. CONCLUSIONS

This paper proposes the implementation of a three-phase active power filter together with the load operated to directly control the ac grid current to be sinusoidal and in phase with the grid voltage. From the simulation results, this system provides unity power factor operation of nonlinear loads with harmonic current sources, harmonic voltage sources, reactive, and unbalanced components.

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