

Effective Elimination of Harmonics By Means Of A Hybrid Series Active Filter (HSAF)

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Abstract

In this paper, a fully-digital-controlled hybrid series active filter (HSAF) for harmonic elimination and reactive power compensation in single phase systems is presented. The HSAF is composed of two single tuned LC filters and a small-rated active filter. Discrete Fourier transformation is used as the control method. Simulation results using MATLAB program shows the effectiveness of the control method. A hybrid series active filter is implemented verifying the accuracy of the control method.

Keywords: – Hybrid series active filter, single phase active filter, harmonic elimination, reactive power compensation, detection methods, power quality.

I. INTRODUCTION

With the developments of power electronic equipments and nonlinear loads, the power quality has been decreases in distribution system. Current harmonics can cause serious harmonic problems in distribution feeders for sensitive consumers. Some technology options have been reported in order to solve power quality issues. Initially, lossless passive filters have been used to mitigate harmonics and compensate reactive power in nonlinear loads. However, passive filters have the demerits of fixed compensation, large size and resonance with the supply system.

Active filters have been explored in shunt and series configurations to compensate different types of nonlinear loads. They have some drawbacks. As a case in point, their rating is sometimes very close to load, and thus it becomes a costly option for power quality improvement. Many researchers have classified different types of nonlinear loads and have suggested various filter options for their compensation. In response to these factors, a series of hybrid filters has been evolved and extensively used in practice as a cost-effective solution for the compensation of nonlinear loads. Many shunt active filters consisting of voltage fed pulse width modulated (PWM) inverters using IGBT or GTO thyristors are operating successfully in all over the world. These filters have provided the required

harmonic filtering, reactive power compensation, and etc [1-2].

An important technology on active filters is the detecting method of harmonics to reduce the capacity of the energy storage components. Various control strategies have been proposed in recent publications for this type of active filters [3-16]. The control strategy presented in [3] is based on the calculation of the real part of the fundamental load current while this is useful in some configurations such as hybrid series active filter, since it cannot compensate reactive power completely and needs many complicate calculations. The active power filter proposed in [4]–[5] uses a dc capacitor voltage closed-loop control; in [6] the author uses an adaptive method with Kalman filter to predict reference current; in [7] and [8] the authors use a modified phase-locked loop for extraction of the reference current. In the cited references, the computation involves various control parameters or needs complex calculations. Also, the dynamic performance of the compensator is not desire in the case of fast-changing loads.

The least compensation current control method presented in [9] is based on detection of the harmonics and reactive current of the active power filter. In [10], genetic algorithm and extended analysis optimization techniques were applied for switched capacitor active filters. A combined genetic algorithm conventional analysis control technique [11] has been considered as a recent control approach. These control strategies have a common drawback concerning the global stability of the closed-loop system. In [12], the control method is based on the calculation of average power; this needs to know some information about system and requires intense calculation. The sliding-mode control method proposed in [13] solves the stability problem; however, the calculation technique for compensation of current reference is complicated and switching frequency is variable. In [14], a digital repetitive control approach is presented to obtain high gain for the current loop; nevertheless, the control strategy in this approach is based on a linearized model of the active filter and does not lead to global stability. A

deadbeat control strategy is introduced in [15] for the current loop of single-phase active filters. Although this method has a fast current control due to the deadbeat nature, its dependency on parameters is a basic disadvantage. Furthermore, the need for prediction of the current reference requires adaptive signal processing techniques, complicating the implementation of this technique. Passivity-based controllers [16] based on phasor models of system dynamics have also been proposed in an attempt to improve the stability properties of active filters. This work uses a Discrete Fourier transform for single phase active power filters (APF) that is organized as follows: section II shows the hybrid series active filter (HSAF) configuration for

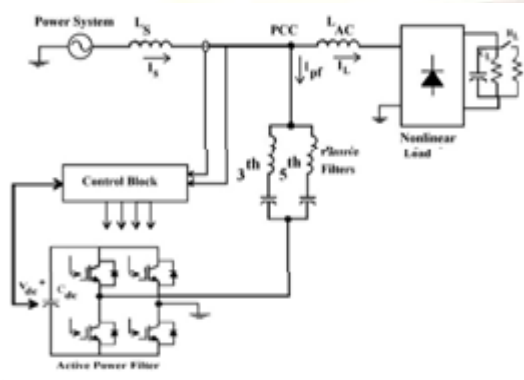


Fig. 1. System configuration.

for harmonic elimination and reactive power compensation; section III presents the control method; section IV shows stability analysis of the proposed configuration; section V shows frequency response of the proposed configuration; section VI presents the simulation results of this method for a hybrid series active filter, and section VII presents the experimental results of this method for a HSAF

TABLE I. System parameters used in simulations 1 results of this method for a HSAF.

| PARAMETER | VALUES |
|--|--------|
| Power source voltage : Vs(V) | 220 |
| System equivalent inductance: Ls(mH) | 0.48 |
| Load input inductor: LAC (mH) | 3 |
| Filter capacitor of 3r d: C3f(μ f) | 25 |
| Filter inductance of 3r d: L3f(Mh) | 45 |
| Filter capacitor of 5r d: C5f(μ f) | 25 |
| Filter inductance of 5r d: L5f(mH) | 16 |
| dc capacitor: Cdc(μ f) | 1500 |
| Load capacitor: CL(μ f) | 2100 |
| Load resistance: RL(Ω) | 40 |
| Power system fundamental frequency: (Hz) | 50 |

II. HARMONIC ELIMINATION USING A HYBRID SERIES ACTIVE FILTER (HSAF)

The active filters can be classified into pure active filters and hybrid active filters in terms of their circuit configuration. Most pure active filters as their power circuit can use either a voltage-source pulse width-modulated (PWM) converter equipped with a dc capacitor or a current-source PWM converter equipped with a dc inductor. At present, the voltage-source converter is more favorable than the current-source one in terms of cost, physical size, and efficiency. Hybrid active filters consist of single or multiple voltage-source PWM converters and passive components such as capacitors, inductors, and/or resistors. The hybrid filters are more attractive in harmonic filtering than the pure filters from both viability and economical points of view, particularly for high-power applications. However, single-phase active filters would attract much less attention than three-phase active filters because single-phase versions are limited to low-power applications except for electric traction [17].

Fig. 1 shows the configuration of the HSAF and nonlinear load proposed in this paper and, its parameters are given in Table I. The HSAF consists of a series active filter and two parallel single tuned passive filters in series with the active filter. Two passive filters are tuned in dominant harmonic frequencies of 3rd and 5th. The effectiveness of the proposed method in harmonic elimination and reactive power compensation is shown using HSAF for a nonlinear load. In the following sections, the control method, the design process and simulation results are given.

III. COMPENSATION STRATEGY

One of the key points for proper implementation of an APF is to use a reliable method for current/voltage reference generation. Currently, there is a large variety of practical implementation supported by different theories (either in time or frequency domain). The control method should extract the harmonic components with minimum phase shift and attenuate the fundamental component. In this paper discrete Fourier transformation (DFT) is used to extract the source current harmonics with assuming N samples in a cycle, as:

$$X_1 = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k e^{j\frac{2k\pi}{N}} \quad (1)$$

$$X_{k1} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k e^{j\frac{2k\pi}{N}} \quad (2)$$

where (1) is DFT and (2) is inverse DFT. After extracting the fundamental component, it is subtracted from source current to extract harmonic components as:

$$I_{SH} = I_S - i_{s1} \quad (3)$$

Fig. 2 shows the control circuit. A method was proposed by Akagi [17] to control the dc voltage capacitor. Based on this method, if active filter is

along the passive filter, an extra voltage reference should be added to q component. As seen in this figure, a component with 90 degree lead the load terminal voltage is added to reference voltage in order to control the dc link voltage capacitor.

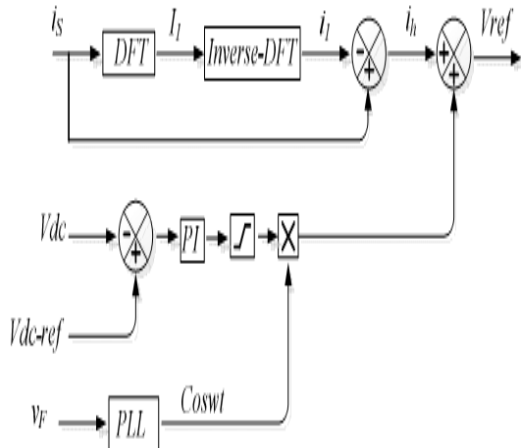


Fig. 2. Control circuit of hybrid series active filter.

IV. SYSTEM STABILITY ANALYSIS

Fig. 3 shows whole system block diagram. Active filter shows zero impedance against fundamental component of the source current while it shows high impedance against harmonics. In Fig. 3, analog to digital converters in control circuit give rise to some delays in system. Also, it takes some time to extract harmonic components by the microcontroller. Assuming all the delays in the system as τ , Fig. 4 shows the system control diagram. So, the open-loop transfer function will be as:

$$G(S) = \frac{K}{sL + Z_F} e^{-s\tau} \quad (4)$$

Eqs. (4) Represents that if τ is zero, the system will always be stable. However, the existence of noise is unavoidable.

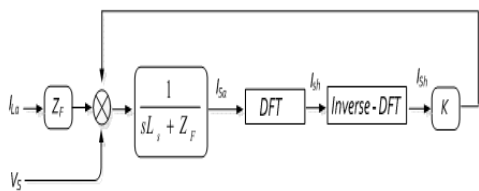


Fig. 3. Block diagram of the whole system.

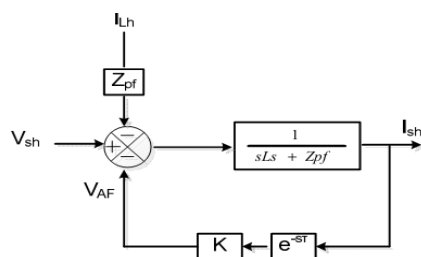


Fig. 4. Control diagram of the system with constant delay τ

From the diagram relationship between system critical time (τ) and system impedance in different values of K. As seen in this figure, as K increases, the system critical time decreases to avoid instability; however, the source current THD decreases.

V. FREQUENCY CHARACTERISTIC OF THE SYSTEM

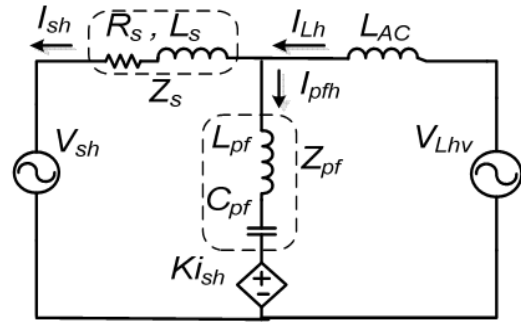


Fig. 5. Harmonic equivalent circuit of single phase System

Single phase harmonic equivalent circuit of the power system, shown in Fig. 1, is demonstrated in Fig. 5. In this figure, the voltage source harmonics are modeled by V_{sh} , is in series with the Thevenin impedance (Z_s) of the power system. Also, nonlinear load is a diode rectifier by a resistive capacitive load on its output. This load has usually a voltage source characteristic because an inductor is on rectifier input and this makes it as a current source type load characteristic. The load is modeled by harmonic voltage V_{Lhv} in series with inductor L_{AC} . The series active filter behaves as a damping resistor which can eliminate resonance between the parallel passive filter and the source impedance. It also prevents flowing of harmonic currents to the power source by presenting zero impedance at the fundamental frequency and a high resistance K at the power source or load harmonics. So, the series active filter can be modeled by a resistor, K , and its output reference voltage as:

$$V_{af} = K I_{SH} \quad (5)$$

where I_{sh} is the harmonic current flowing from the power source, produced by both the load harmonic current (I_{Lh}) and the power source harmonic voltage (V_{Sh}). Consequently, from the model shown in Fig. 5, the harmonic current of the power source is calculated as:

$$I_{SH} = \frac{z_{PF}}{Z_S + Z_{PF} + K} I_{LH} + \frac{V_{SH}}{Z_S + Z_{PF} + K} \quad (6)$$

where Z_s and Z_{pf} are power source and passive filter equivalent impedance, respectively. Based on (6), when K is large enough greater than Z_s and Z_{pf} , the power source harmonic currents will be equal to zero ($I_{Sh}=0$). In fact, in this case the source impedance (Z_s) has no impact on the parallel passive

filter characteristic, and the power source current harmonics will completely be eliminated. If the power source voltage harmonics (VSh) is not considered, the load current will be divided between the passive filter and the power source; in this case, the ratio between the power source harmonic current and the load harmonic current is:

$$\frac{I_{SH}}{I_{LH}} = \frac{Z_{PF}}{Z_S + Z_{PF} + K} \quad (7)$$

when the series active filter is used along with the passive filter, since the series active filter behaves as a damping resistor, there is no resonance in the system.

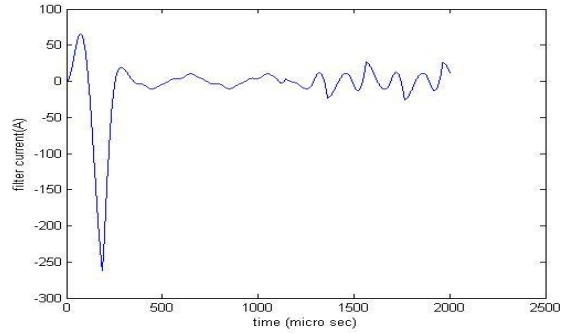
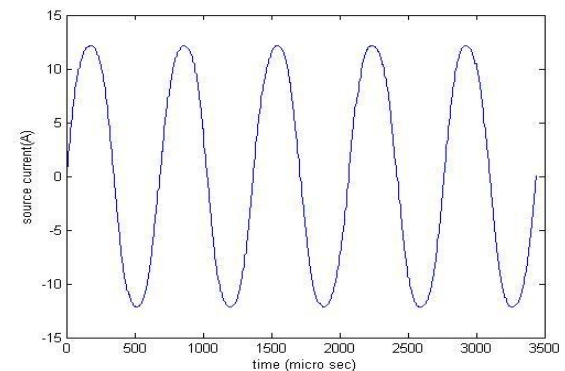
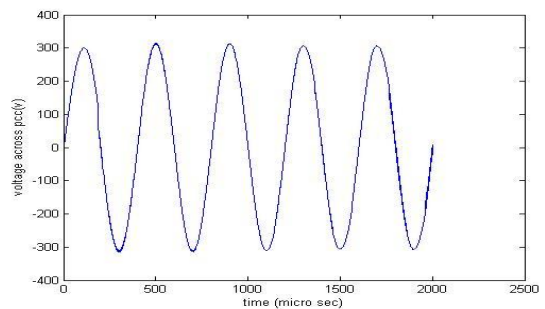
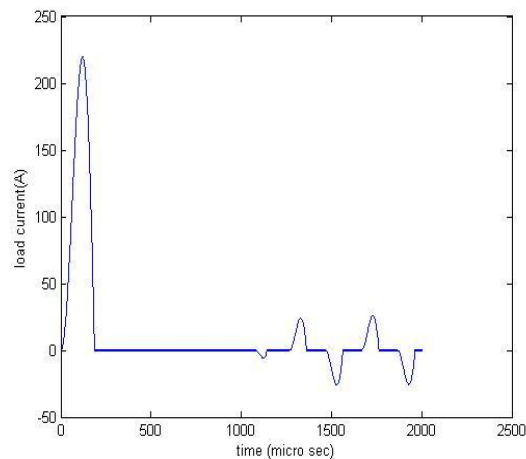
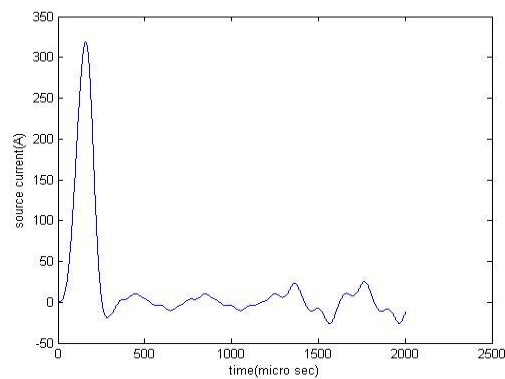
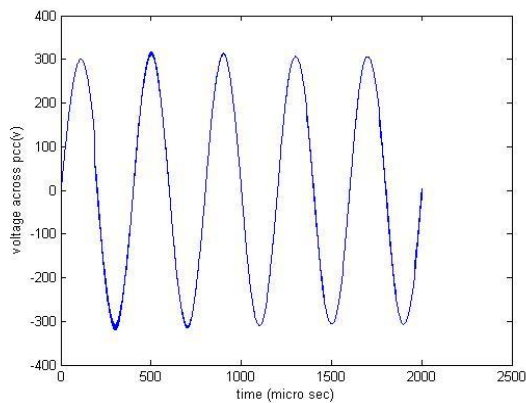


Fig. 6. Simulated waveforms of compensated system with passive filter

VI. SIMULATION RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Harmonic elimination and reactive power compensation by HSAF is shown in this section through simulation. A HSAF with the process presented above is simulated in MATLAB. In this simulation two single tuned passive filters were used with the parameters given in Table I. Fig. 6 shows the simulation results when the active filter is in off-line mode. The power source current THD (iL) without compensation is calculated about 74 %. Also, in passive filter compensation mode, the THD of the power source current (is) decreases from 74% to about 43 %. Yet, this value has not been below the recommended value in standards such as IEEE 519-1992 [21] and IEC61000 [22]. To decrease the value of the THD, the active filter is employed with the dc capacitor voltage of 84 V. Fig. 7 shows the simulation results in this case. The THD of the power source current (is) decreases from 43% in off-line active filter mode to about 4.9 % in on-line active filter mode.



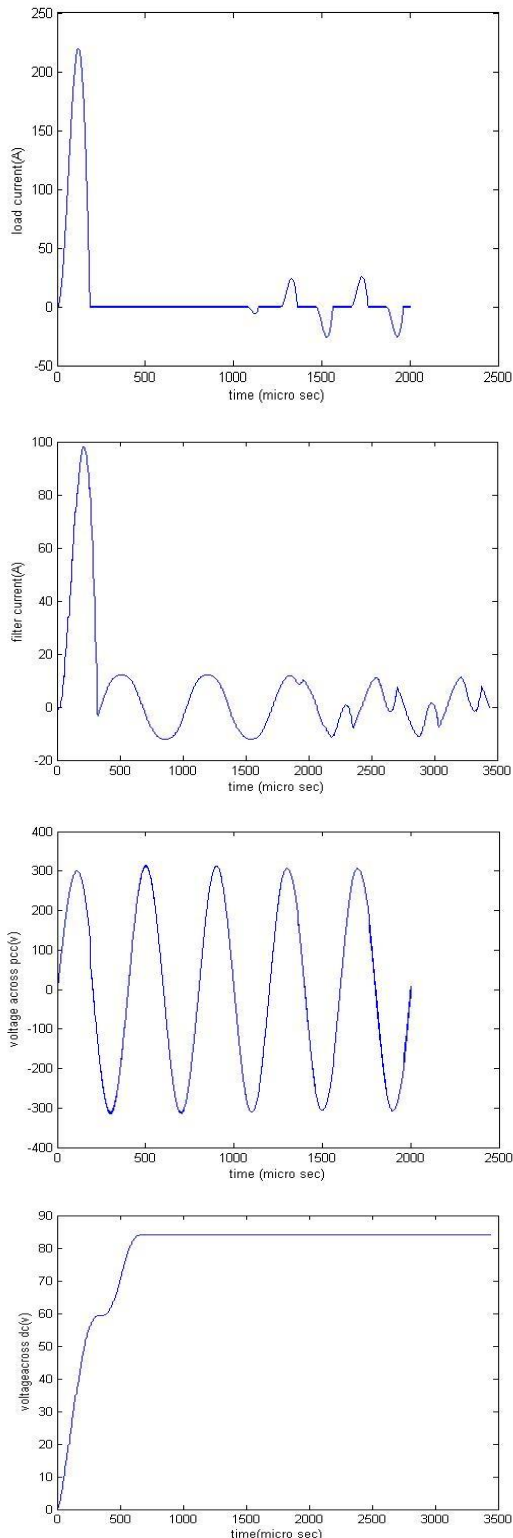


Fig. 7. Simulated waveforms of the compensated

VII. CONCLUSION

This paper presents a fully digitally controlled HSAF for harmonic elimination and reactive power compensation in a single phase system with a control method for series active filter. This method is applicable in both single and three

phase systems. The main advantage of the presented series active filter is that its filter's power rating is 10% of the load making it a cost-effective solution for high power applications. The performance of the proposed control method is simulated for a HSAF. The simulation results show the effectiveness of the presented method.

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