



Control of Grid Power Converters for Photovoltaic applications

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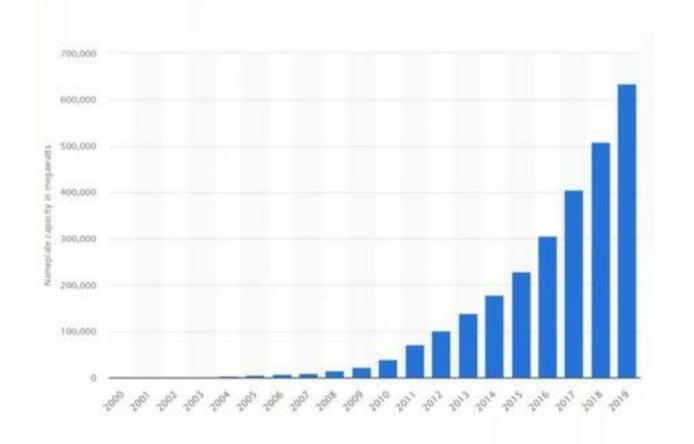


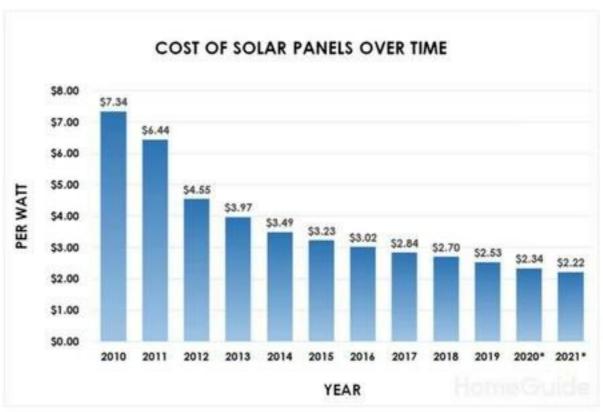
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Introduction



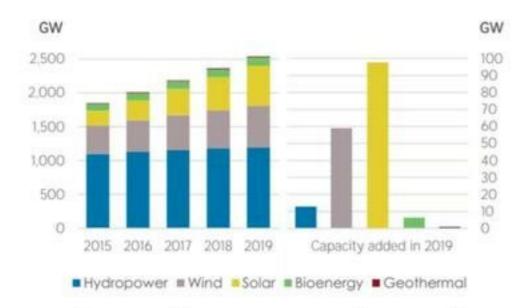


Cumulative installed solar PV capacity worldwide versus Cost of solar panels



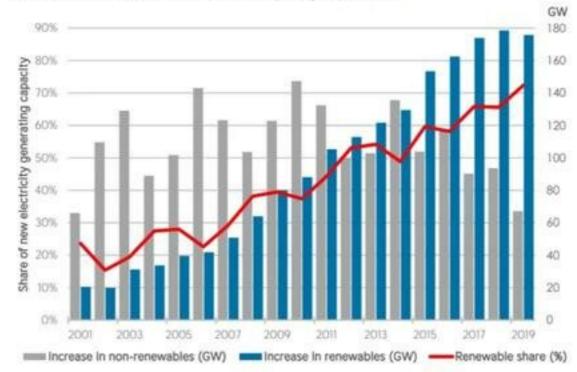
Introduction

Renewable power capacity growth



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Renewable share of annual power capacity expansion



Increase of renewables share

Decrease of rotating mass generation ⇒ Low inertia grids

Source: IRENA, Renewable Capacity Statistics 2020, https://www.irena.org/publications/2020/Mar/Renewable-Capacity-Statistics-2020



PV inverters classification

Per type

- Module integrated inverters 50 400W
- String inverters up to 15 kW residential applications
- Multi sting inverters up to 120 kW roof-tops & commercial
- Utility scale inverters up to 3 MW distributed solar installations and solar parks

Per technology

- Single phase
- Three phase

Per isolation

- Transformer less
- With LF/HF transformer isolation



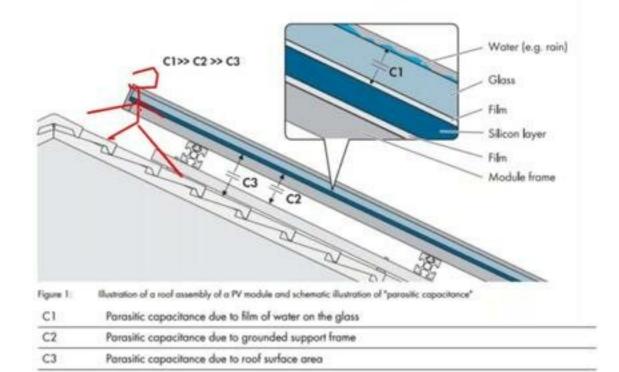
PV Capacitance to ground and leakage current

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$$C_{PE} = C_1 + C_2 + C_3$$
 and $C_1 \gg C_2 \gg C_3$

- Crystalline silicon module
 - C=12 to 17nF per m²
 - C=60 to 110nF per kW
- Thin-film module
 - C=16nF per m²
 - C=100 to 160nF per kW
- Leakage current

$$I_{lk} = C_{PE} \left(\frac{dU}{dt} \right)$$

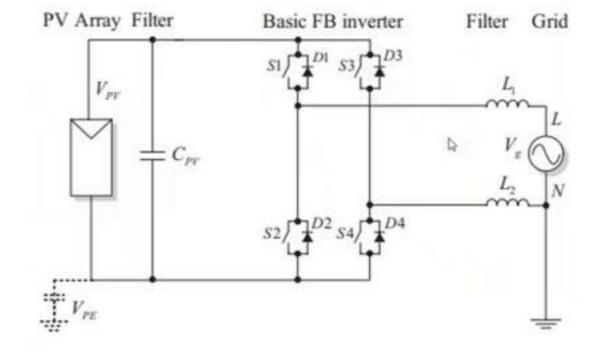
- C_{PE} fixed per installation
- dv/dt depends on the modulation scheme and topology



Source: Technical Information Leading Leakage Currents, https://files.sma.de/downloads/Ableitstrom-TI-en-26.pdf

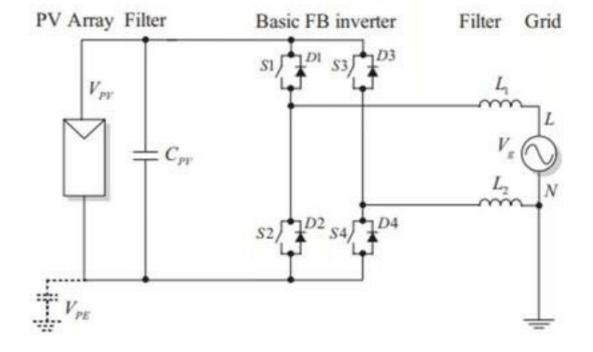


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- Bipolar modulation
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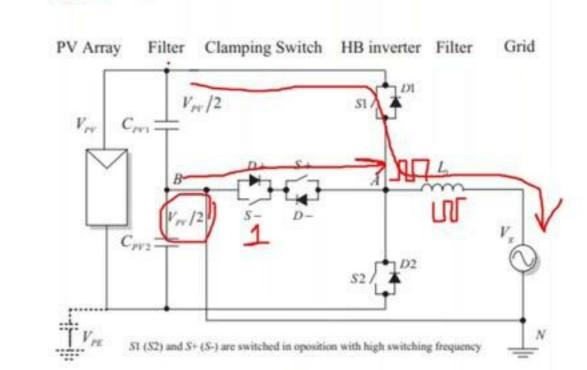
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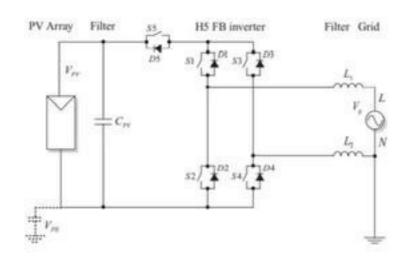


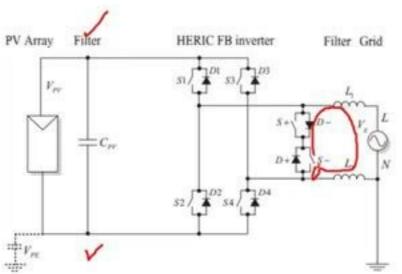
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- Modulation
 - S1/2 and S+/S- HF
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- Electrical efficiency up to 98.0%, no reactive power exchange between filter inductor and DC bus
- Reduce voltage rating of outer devices to Vpv/4
- Vpe no switching frequency components ⇒ low leakage current and EMI
- More devices vs H bridge
- Requires double voltage input
- Balanced switching losses vs 3L-NPC, however
 25.11.S1/S2 double voltage rating

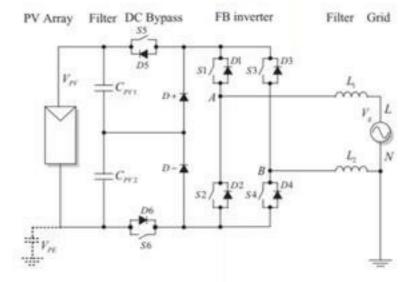


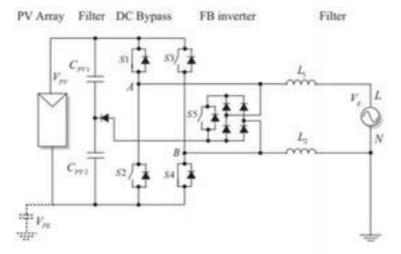


- Other popular single phase PV inverter topologies
- H5 (SMA)
- HERIC (Sunways)
- Full-Bridge inverter with DC bypass (Ingeteam)
- Full-Bridge Zero Voltage Rectifier
- Convert 2 level FB or HB into 3 level
- Half input voltage vs 3 level



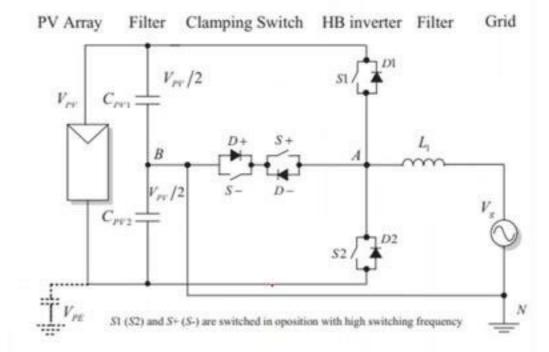






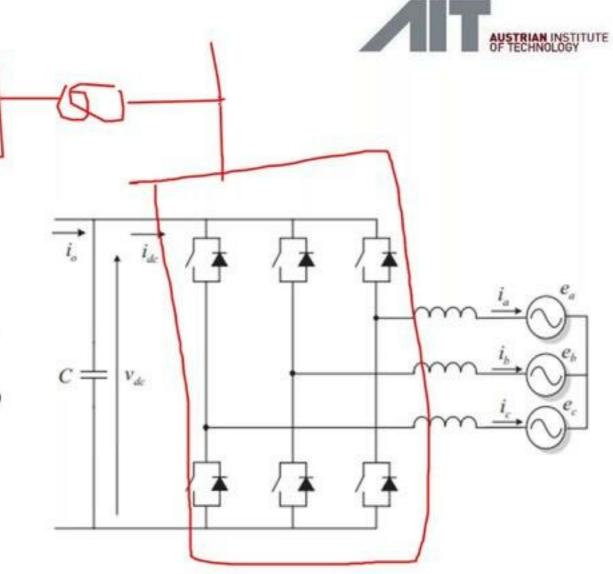


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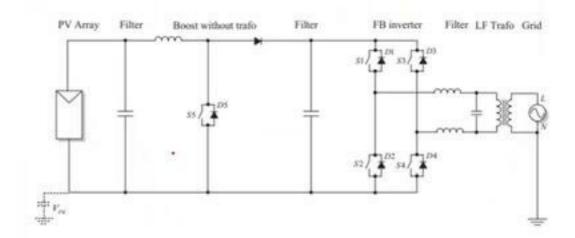
- Three phase 2L (B6) type topology
- Utility scale central PV inverters
- Three phase three wire
- Via interface transformer
- Modulation three phase (sinusoidal, 3rd or triplen harmonic injection), discontinuous
- Three phase 3L NPC, ANPC and T-type are also common





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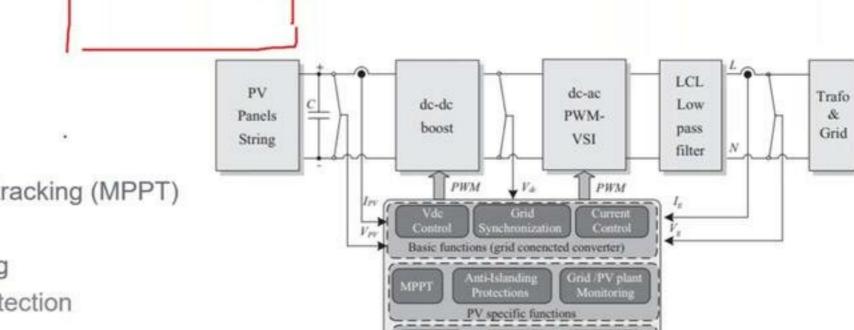
- Three phase made with single phase PV inverters
- Residential and commercial markets
- Three phase four wire
- Easer to pass German VDE-0126-1-1 standard as impedance monitoring can be replaced by line-to-line voltage monitoring





Control structures

- Basic functions
 - Grid synchronization
 - Current control
 - DC bus control
- PV specific functions
 - Maximum Power Point tracking (MPPT)
 - Anti-islanding
 - Grid/PV plant monitoring
 - Residual current detection
 - · Isolation monitoring
- Ancillary functions
 - Grid support
 - Active Filter control



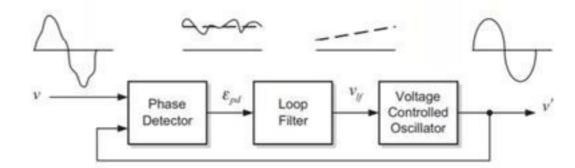
Grid support (V,f,Q)

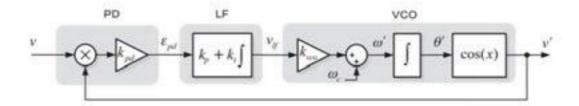
MicroGrid control



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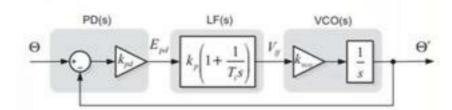
- Fourier Analysis
- Phase Phase-Locked Loop
 - PD phase detector
 - LF loop filter
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- Phase detector: $E_{pd}(s) = \frac{V}{2} (\Theta(s) \Theta'(s))$
- Loop filter: $V_{lf}(s) = k_p \left(1 + \frac{1}{T_i s}\right) \varepsilon_{pd}(s)$
- Controlled oscillator: $\Theta'(s) = \frac{1}{s} V_{lf}(s)$.

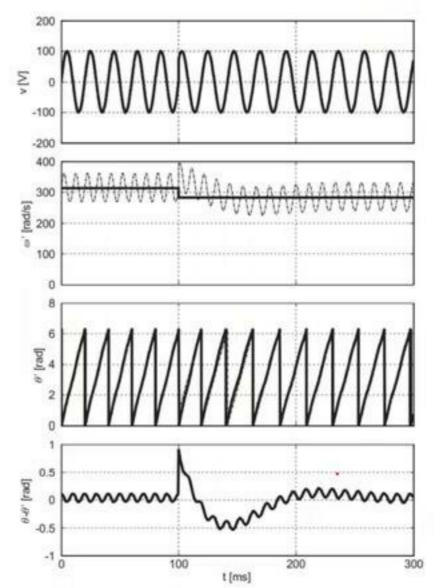
Closed-loop phase transfer function:

$$H_{\theta}(s) = \frac{\Theta'(s)}{\Theta(s)} = \frac{LF(s)}{s + LF(s)} = \frac{K_p s + \frac{K_p}{T_i}}{s^2 + K_p s + \frac{K_p}{T_i}}$$

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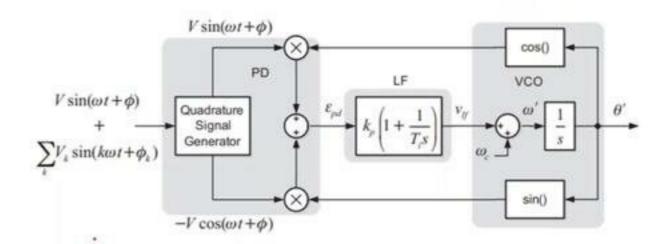


- Phase Phase-Locked Loop step response
 - Error signal steady state oscillatory term
 - Poor bandwidth





- Phase Phase-Locked Loop with ideal in-quadrature PD
 - No steady state oscillatory term
 - Increased bandwidth
 - VCO voltage-controlled oscillator

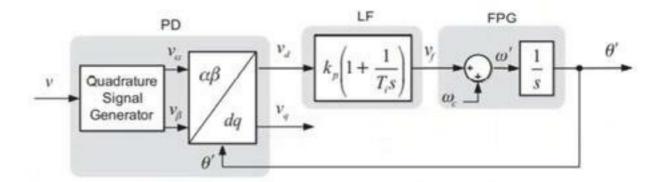


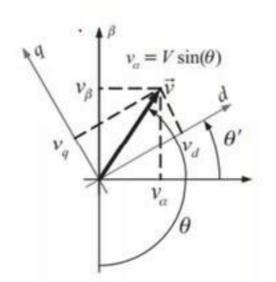
$$\varepsilon_{pd} = V \sin(\omega t + \phi) \cos(\omega' t + \phi') - V \cos(\omega t + \phi) \sin(\omega' t + \phi')$$

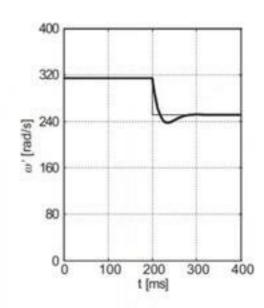
= $V \sin((\omega - \omega')t + (\phi - \phi')) = V \sin(\theta - \theta')$



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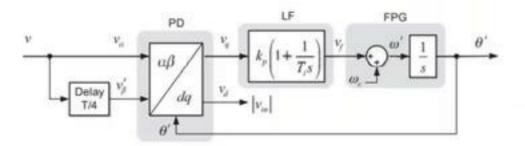


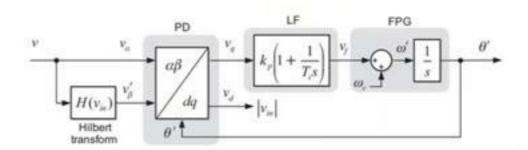


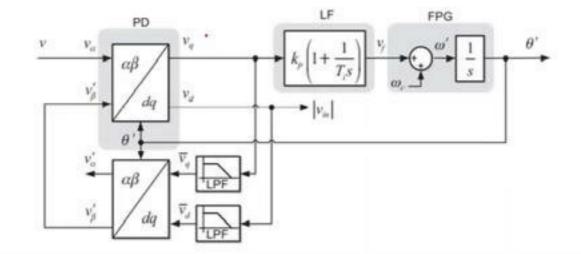




- Other Phase Phase-Locked Loop based on in-quadrature PD
 - PLL Based on a T/4 Transport Delay
 - PLL Based on the Hilbert Transform
 - PLL Based on the Inverse Park Transform



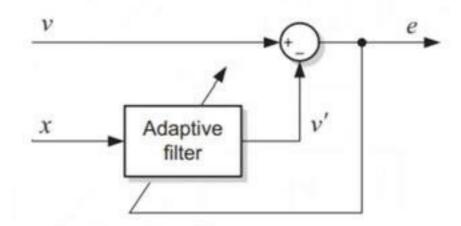


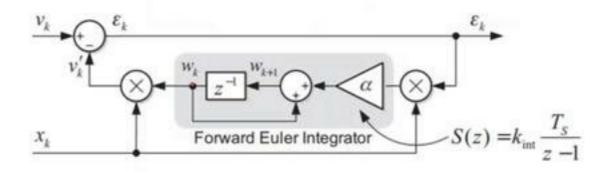




Adaptive filter

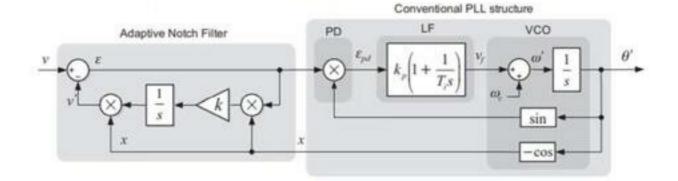
- Adaptive filter adjusts its own parameters according to optimization algorithm without prior knowledge of the signal
- v input signal
- x reference signal correlated to noise content
- e output signal without noise

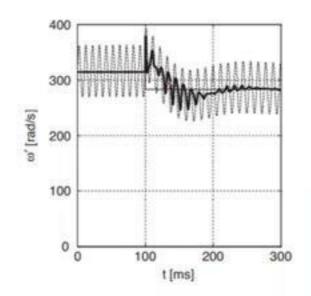


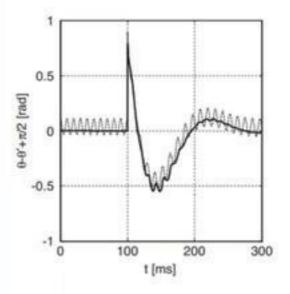




- Enhanced PLL (EPLL)
 - Enhanced performance of PD
 - Adaptive Notch Filter
 - EPLL solid and conventional PLL dashed lines



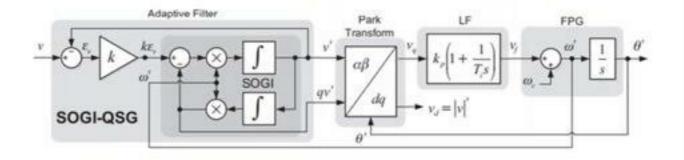


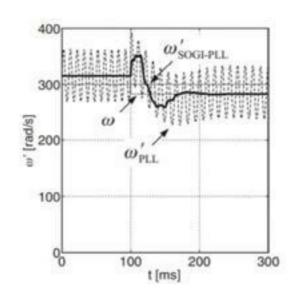


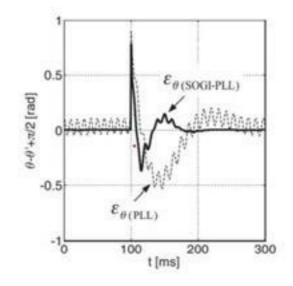


SOGI-based PLL

- SOGI functions as QSG (in-quadrature signal generator)
- SOGI is a notch filter
- PLL locks the phase angle to the input frequency
- the SOGI-PLL detects the input phase-angle faster than the conventional PLL and with no steady-state oscillations



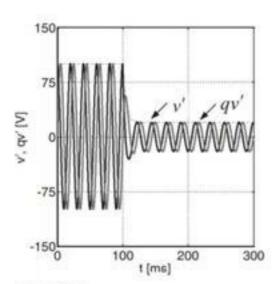


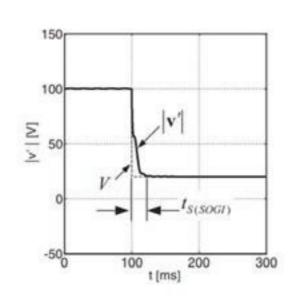


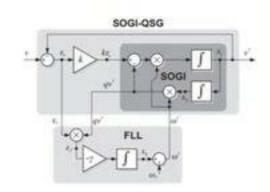


SOGI-FLL

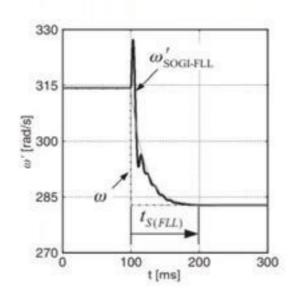
- SOGI functions as QSG (inquadrature signal generator)
- Frequency Lock Loop
- Magnitude and phase can be calculated from v and v' vectors

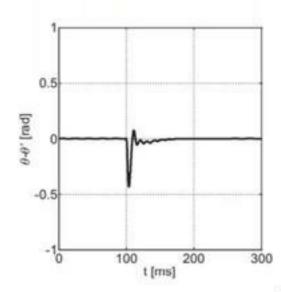






$$|\boldsymbol{v}'| = \sqrt{(v')^2 + (qv')^2}; \quad |\underline{\boldsymbol{v}'}| = \arctan \frac{qv'}{v'}$$

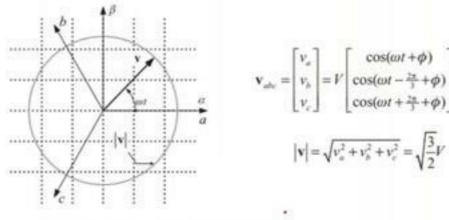




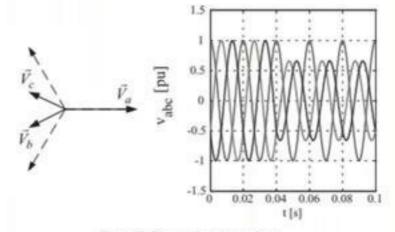


Grid Synchronization – Three-Phase Power Converters

- 3-Phase PV inverter must synchronize and remain synchronized under
 - Balanced voltage conditions
 - Unbalanced voltage conditions
 - during voltage disturbances



Balanced grid voltage

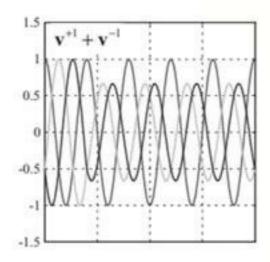


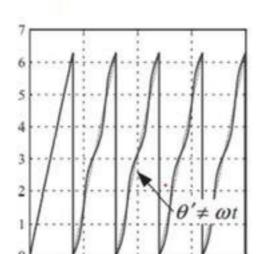
Type C Phase-to-phase fault

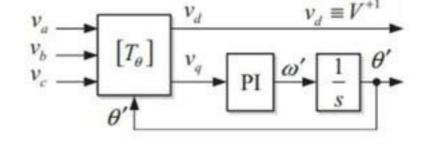


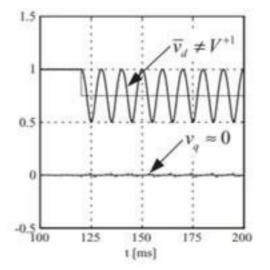
Grid Synchronization - Three-Phase Power Converters

- Synchronous Rotating Frame SRF-PLL
 - Magnitude and phase oscillations during unbalance
 - Not suitable for unbalance voltage conditions









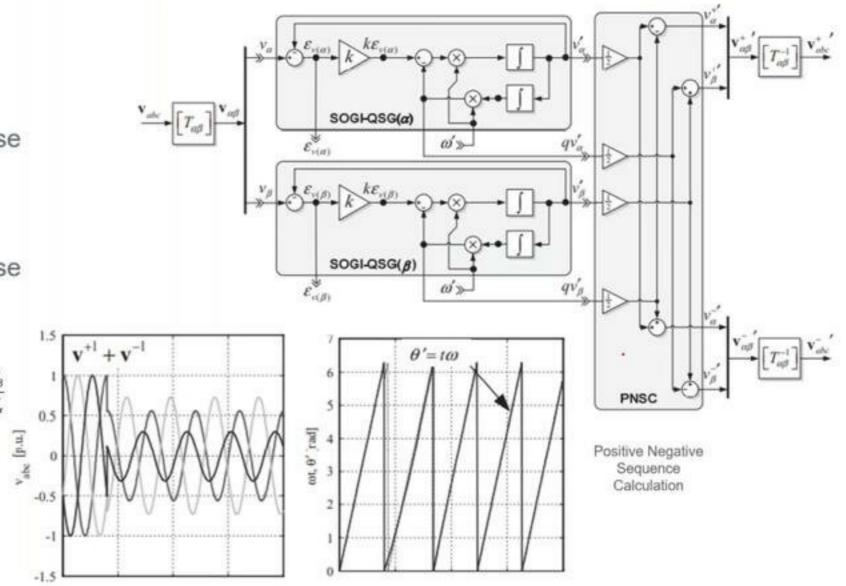


Grid Synchronization - Three-Phase Power Converters

Double SOGI -PLL

- No oscillations of magnitude and phase during unbalance
- Positive and Negative sequence magnitude and phase calculated from sequence vectors

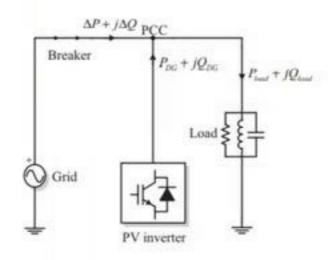
$$|v'| = \sqrt{(v'_{\alpha})^2 + (v'_{\beta})^2}; \quad \theta' = \tan^{-1} \frac{v'_{\beta}}{v'_{\alpha}}$$



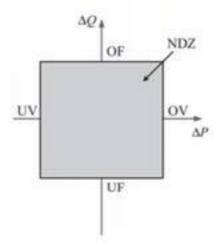


Islanding detection

- Anti-islanding protection
 - PV inverter should disconnect in case the main electric grid should cease to energize the distribution line
- NDZ non-detection zone
- PV inverter must be immune to various grid disturbances
- According to EN 50160
 - fmin=49Hz and fmax=51Hz
 - Vmin=0.9 p.u. and Vmax=1.1 p.u.



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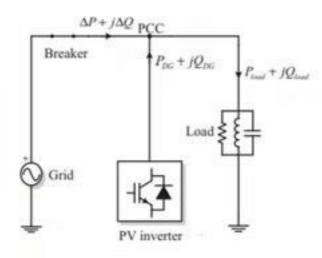
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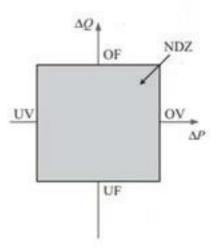


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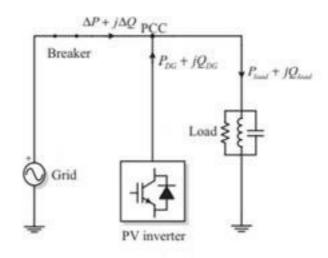
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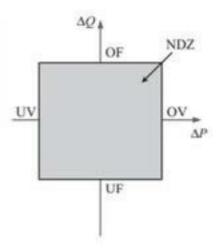


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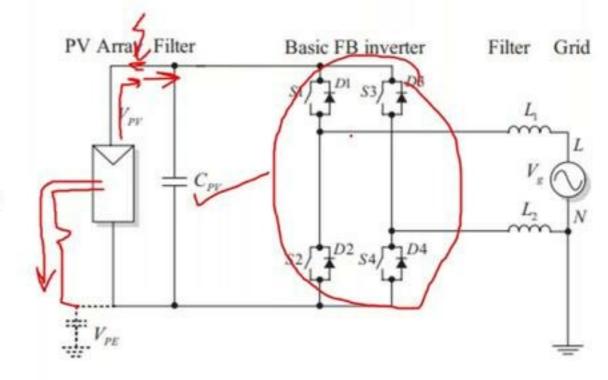
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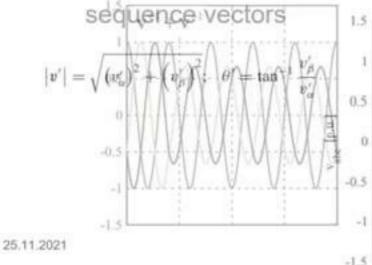
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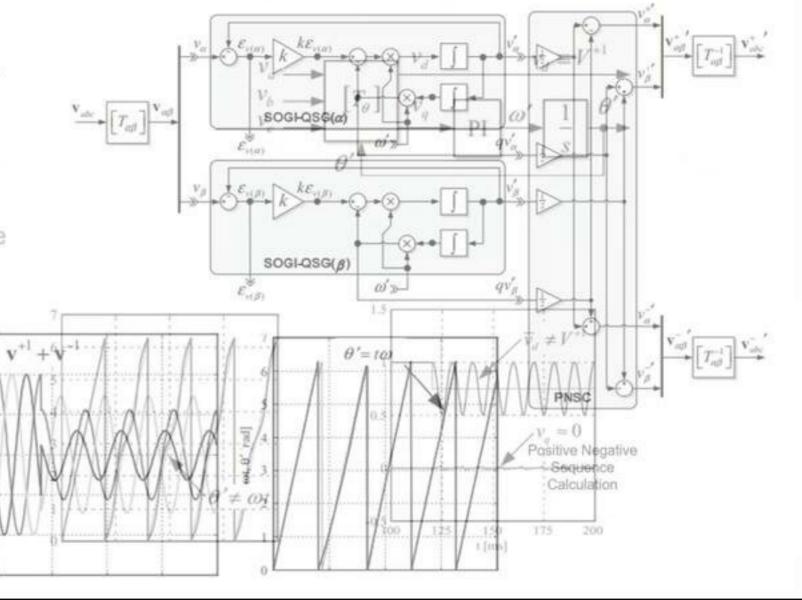


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Islanding detection methods

- Grid-resident detection
- External switched capacitor detection
- PV inverter-resident detection
 - Passive methods
 - Detection of a change of a power systems parameters (amplitude, frequency, phase, harmonics of the voltage)
 - Active methods
 - Generate a disturbance in order to force a change of power system parameters that can be detected by the passive method
 - May affect power quality and generate instability in the grid with high penetration of DERs



Islanding detection methods

Passive methods

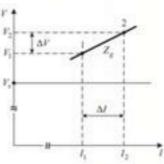
- OverUnderFreq-OverUnderVoltage (OUF-OUV) detection
- Phase Jump Detection (PJD)
 - · due to reactive power mismatch prior or after disconnection
 - · fast/slow PLL approach
- Harmonic Detection (HD)
 - THD of most important harmonics (3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th) be used as indicator
 - · shortcomings
 - Connection/disconnection of nonlinear loads
 - No-load transformers 3rd harmonic
 - DER can increase voltage distortion.

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Islanding detection methods

- Active methods
 - Frequency drifts in order to activate OUF
 - Active Frequency drifts
 - · Slip-Mode Frequency Shifts
 - · Sandia Frequency Shifts...
 - Voltage drifts in order to activate OUV
 - Grid impedance detection
 - Harmonics Injection (HI) injection of non-characteristic harmonic current and extraction of corresponding voltage harmonic
 - · Active power variation
 - PLL based methods
 - Negative sequence detection

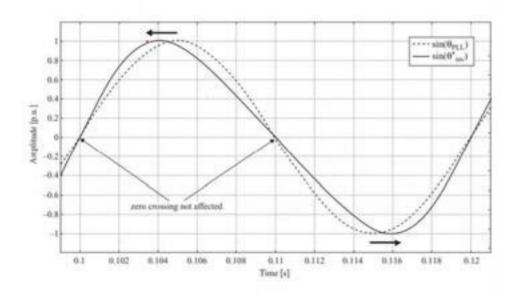


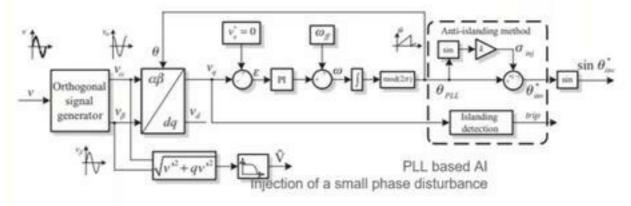


Islanding detection methods- PLLs based

PLL based Al

- Injection of a small phase disturbance
- Extraction of disturbance and trip

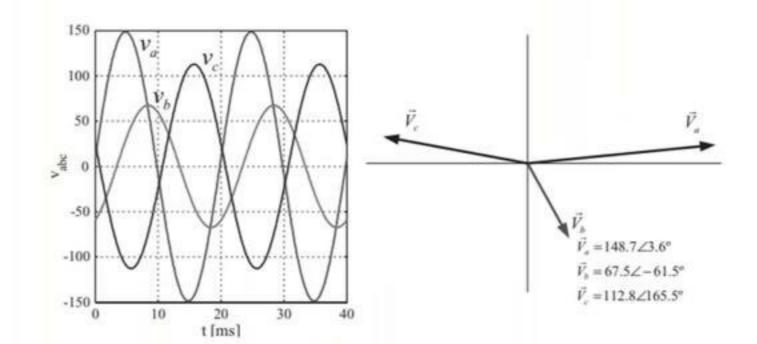


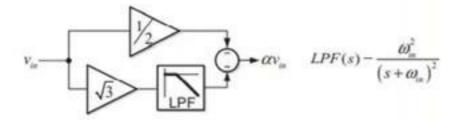


$$\sin \theta_{inv}^* = \sin(\theta_{PLL} + \sigma_{inj}) = \sin(\theta_{PLL} + k \sin \theta_{PLL})$$
$$\sin \theta_{inv}^* = \sin \theta_{PLL} + \frac{k}{2} \sin 2\theta_{PLL}$$



- Unbalanced three-phase system
 - Can be transferred into sequence phasors
 - $\alpha = e^{j(\frac{2\pi}{3})}$ Fortescue operator





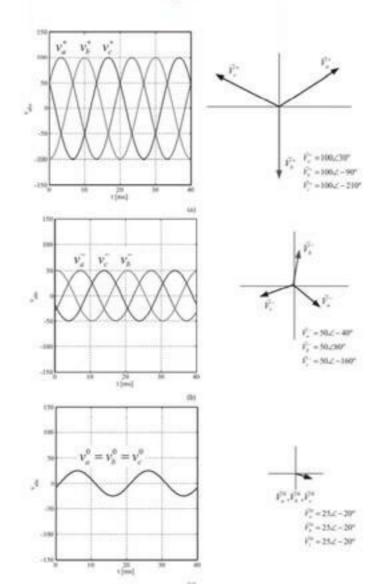


- Symmetrical components
 - Positive
 - Negative
 - Zero

$$\mathbf{V}_{+-0(a)} = [T_{+-0}] \; \mathbf{V}_{abc}$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{abc} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{V}_{a} \\ \vec{V}_{b} \\ \vec{V}_{c} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V_{a} \angle \theta_{a} \\ V_{b} \angle \theta_{b} \\ V_{c} \angle \theta_{c} \end{bmatrix} , \quad \mathbf{V}_{+-0(a)} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{V}_{a}^{+} \\ \vec{V}_{a}^{-} \\ \vec{V}_{a}^{0} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V_{a}^{+} \angle \theta_{a}^{+} \\ V_{a}^{-} \angle \theta_{a}^{-} \\ V_{a}^{0} \angle \theta_{a}^{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[T_{+-0}] = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 \\ 1 & \alpha^2 & \alpha \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$





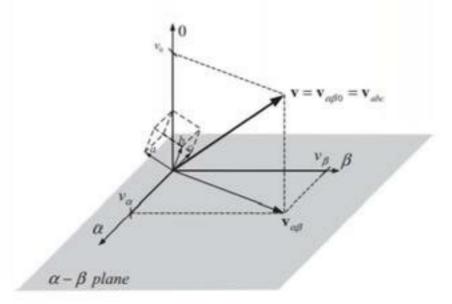
Stationary αβ frame

3-phase to 2-phase transformation

$$\mathbf{v}_{\alpha\beta0} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{\alpha\beta0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{abc}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_{\alpha} \\ v_{\beta} \\ v_{0} \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{a} \\ v_{b} \\ v_{c} \end{bmatrix}$$

Clarke Transformation: Clarke, E., Circuit Analysis of AC Power Systems, Vol. 1, New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1950.



Graphical representation of the $\alpha\beta0$ reference frame

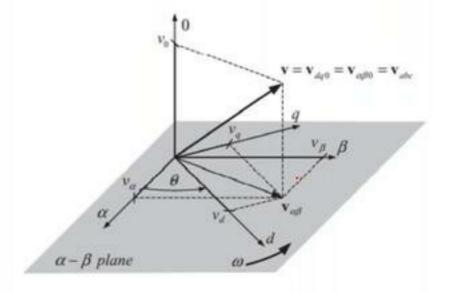


Synchronous dq0 frame

Transformation of vector rotating on the αβ plane into synchronous dq0 plane rotating at frequency ω, which is placed at the θ=ωt position on the αβ plane

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_d \\ v_q \\ v_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & \sin(\theta) & 0 \\ -\sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{\alpha} \\ v_{\beta} \\ v_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

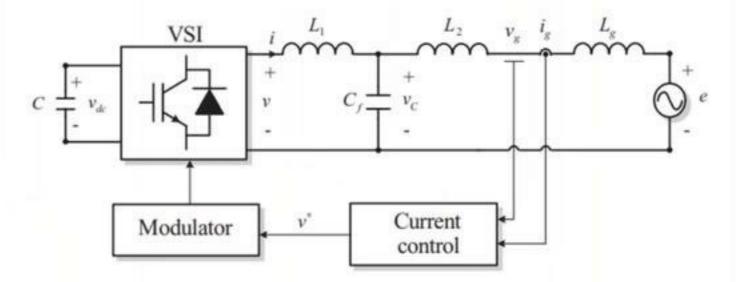
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Graphical representation of the dq0 reference frame



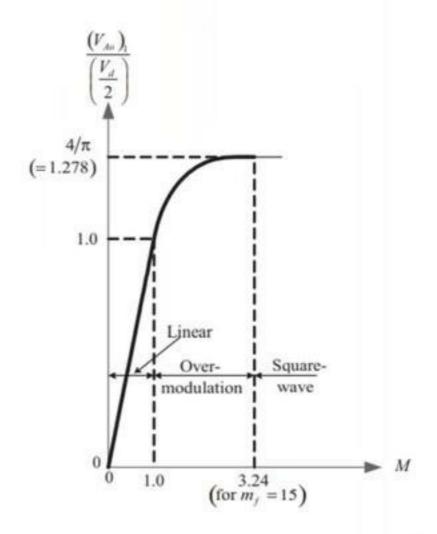
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 - Modulator
 - Current control
 - DC bus voltage control





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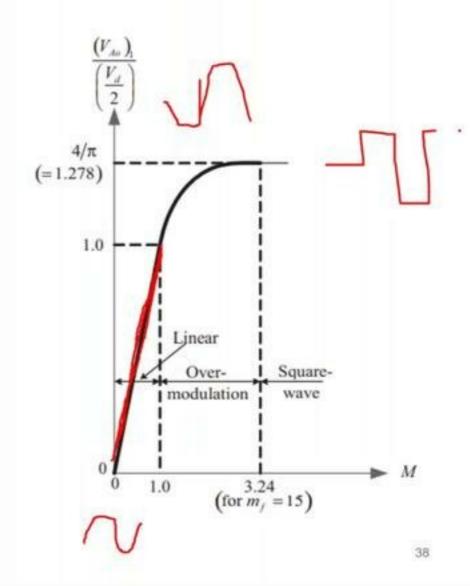
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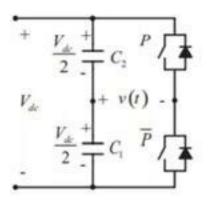
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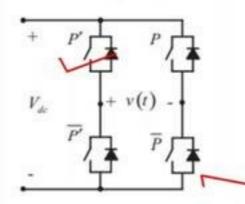




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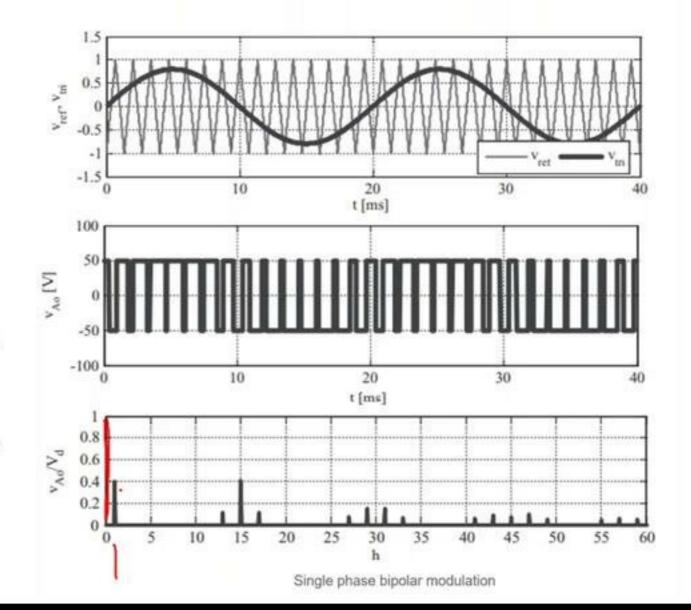
- Single Phase Carrier-based PWM modulation
 - Bipolar modulation





$$v(t) = \frac{4V_{dc}}{\pi} \sum_{m=0 \atop m>0}^{\infty} \sum_{\stackrel{+=n=1}{++n=-\infty}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{q} J_n\left(q\frac{\pi}{2}M\right) \sin\left(\left[m+n\right]\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cos\left(m\omega_c t + n\omega_0 t\right)$$

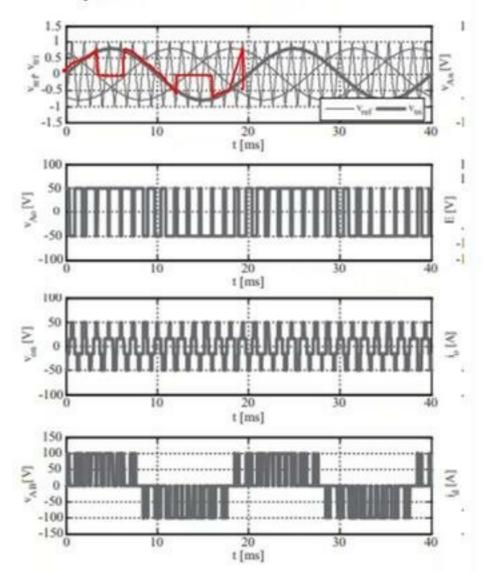
Jn - Bessel function of order n and q=m+n(60/60c)





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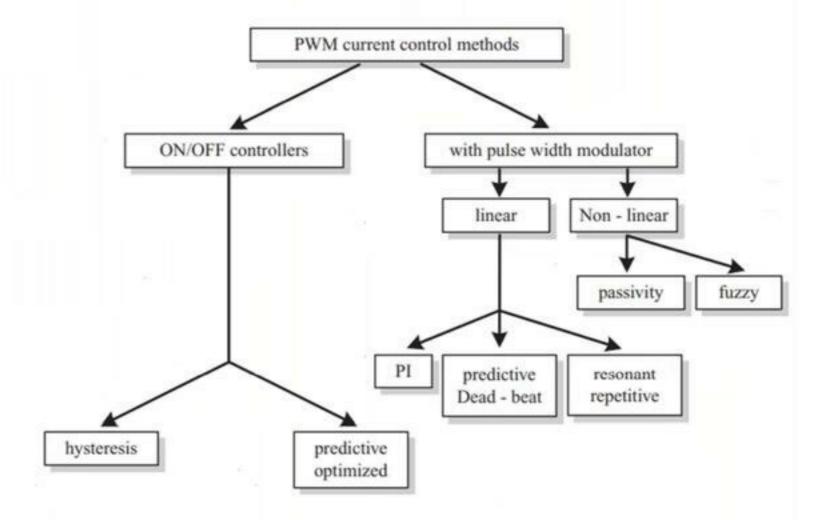
- Three Phase Carrier-based PWM modulation
 - Bipolar modulation
 - Increased linear modulation range by adding zero sequence signal into the modulating signal
 - No influence on the grid as Neutral is not connected
 - Sinusoidal with the third harmonic 17% (THIPWM)
 - Sinusoidal with triplen harmonics (subopt) equivalent to SVPWM with symmetrical placement of the zero vectors in the sampling time
 - Discontinues PWM1, DPWM2 and DPWM10



Three phase sinusoidal modulation



- Classification of current control methods
 - PMW based PI and Resonant most prevailing

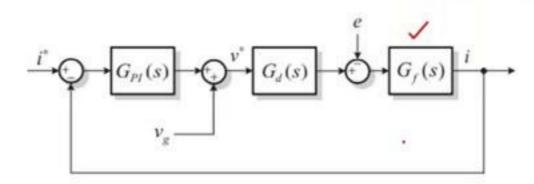


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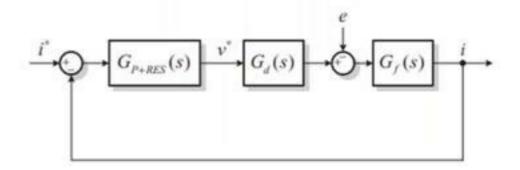


Current controller of a PI controller

 Current controller of a P+resonant (PR) controller

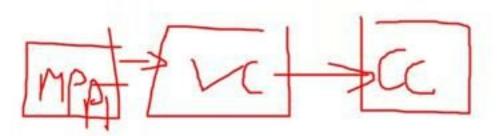


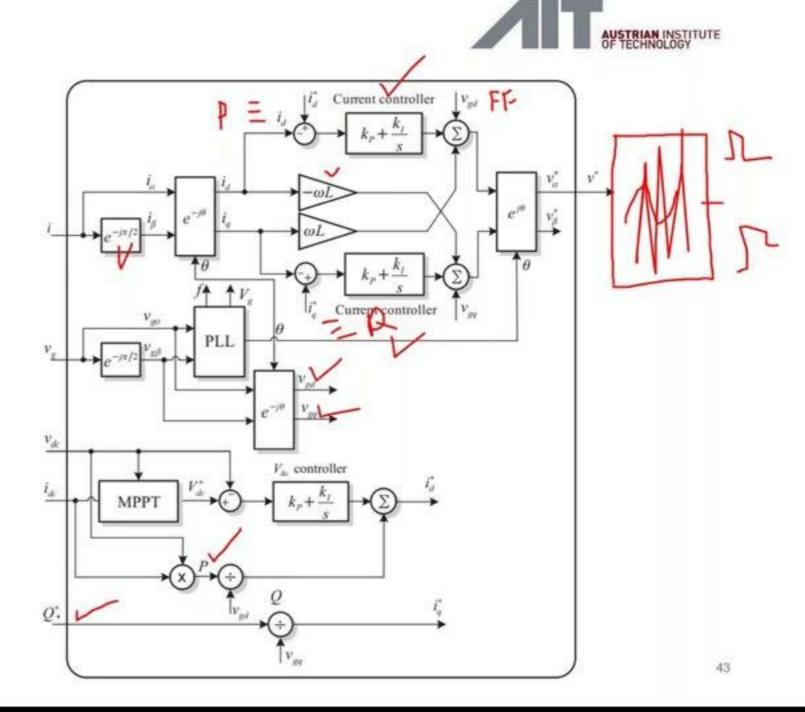
$$G_f(s) = \frac{i(s)}{v(s)} = \frac{1}{R + Ls}$$



$$G_{AC}(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{E(s)} = \frac{2k_I \left(\omega_c s + \omega_c^2\right)}{s^2 + 2\omega_c s + \left(\omega_c^2 + \omega^2\right)} \approx \frac{2k_I \omega_c s}{s^2 + 2\omega_c s + \omega^2}$$

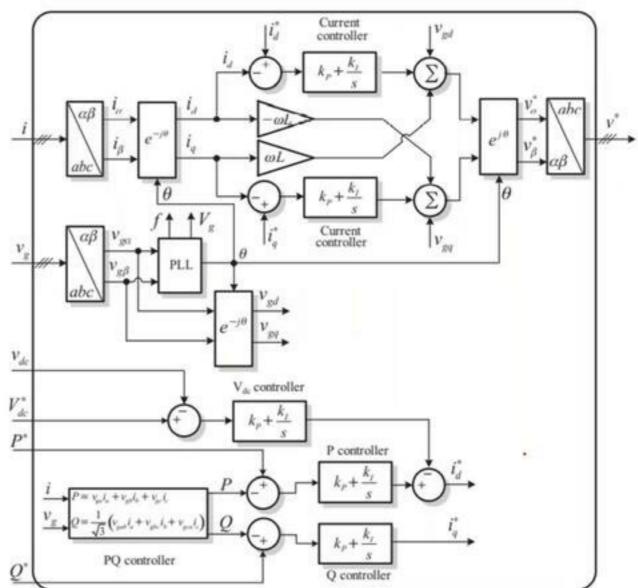
- Single-Phase
 Synchronous PI dq
 current control
 - With Vdc controller and MPPT





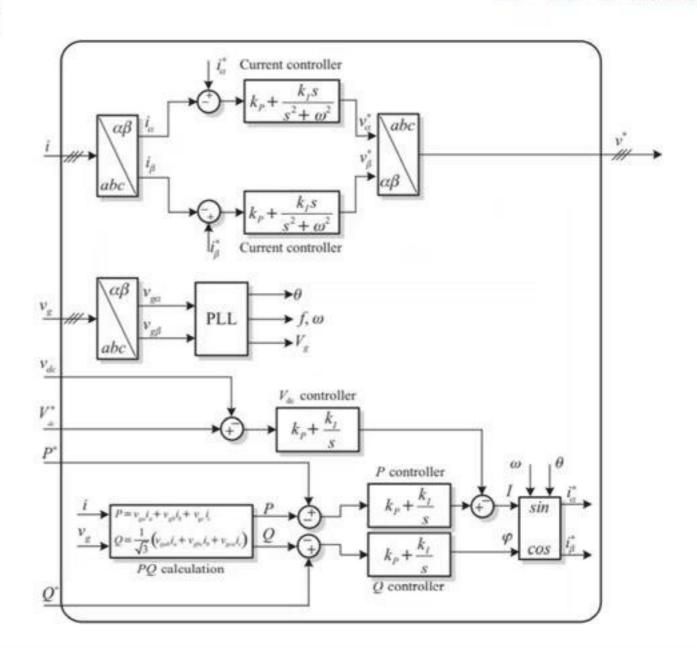


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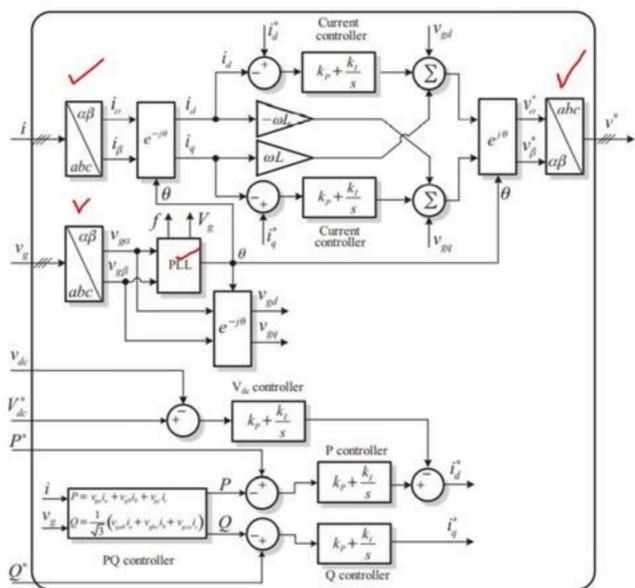


 Stationary PR αβ current control for three phase grid power converter





Three-Phase
 Synchronous PI dq
 current control





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