

A SINGLE-PHASE HIGH-POWER FUEL CELL CONVERTER WITH DIRECT DOUBLE-FREQUENCY RIPPLE CURRENT CONTROL WITH FLC STRATEGY

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ABSTRACT: *This paper proposes an immediate double-frequency ripple current command in a single phase high power fuel cell converter which can easily accomplish low frequency ripple free input current without using big electrolytic capacitors. In this proposed technique the content of ripples in present is actually reduced with no necessity of additional switching devices. A fuel cell power system which has a dc inverter tends to bring an ac ripple up at two times the output frequency. Such a ripple present could reduce feedback fuel cell lifespan an innovative power control strategy is actually suggested to add a present control loop in the dc dc converter for ripple reduction. get rid of the double frequency ripple present disturbance lead by the single phase inverter load an In order to an In order to fuzzy controller and proportional-resonant controller is actually put together to complete an additional superior control gain at designed resonant frequency. This can reduce both size and price of the system. The system is created and simulated using MATLAB/ Simulink Software.*

KEYWORDS: *Current-fed three-phase dc-dc converter, direct double-frequency ripple current control, electrolytic capacitor free, fuel cell, zero voltage switching (ZVS).*

I. INTRODUCTION

Recently, software of the fuel cell engineering was accelerated in manufacturing, transportation, and residential sectors obligations to strong governmental assistance in several advanced nations, like Japan [1]. Rated strength of a fuel cell power product could be in the range from a number of 100 watts to 100 kilowatts or perhaps even greater, based on application. Hence, low cost converters designed for high energy programs are actually of an excellent interest in this particular area [2]. Fuel cells typically feature comparatively low voltage and high present at the output terminals and hence need isolated power electronic screen. Current-fed (CF) converters are actually used more frequently compared to their voltage fed (VF) counterparts, since low today's ripple operation has a favorable effect over gas cell lifetime as well as effort yield. Hence, this particular paper focuses on CF interface converters for high power systems and medium. In some instances, a single phase converter implementation is not feasible due to limits of current thermal management and power semiconductors. There are many conventional choices to conquer the limitations. First, several converters with independent transformers may be attached in parallel at the input as well as output sides [3] [9]. Output side of the paralleled converters can be additionally attached in series to be able to attain increased DC voltage gain [ten], [eleven]. design that is Such enables higher energy operation, modularity, interleaved

functioning with lesser present and voltage ripples, (N+1) redundancy, etc.

In certain significant and moderate power programs, when single phase converter implementation is actually complicated, three-phase DC-DC converter can easily be viewed as a suitable fix. A three-phase isolated DC DC converters were initially suggested to overcome limits of a single phase counterparts in [12]. This strategy doesn't supply as a lot of benefits as multiphase parallel converters, while it will take just a single isolation transformer and hence can offer lower cost as well as higher energy density .

Among the crucial problems in fuel cell system would be that the entire mobile current low frequency ripple exhibits a hysteresis conduct and results a winter issue among stacks [19]. A straightforward option would be applying the bulky electrolytic capacitor as the big energy buffer to decrease the ripple current. Nevertheless, the electrolytic capacitor reduces the system lifetime and raises the system volume and price [20]. Thus, to control the low-frequency ripple without needing electrolytic capacitors is actually essential to fuel cell methods. Lately, some literature have explored on the ways to mitigate fuel cell low frequency ripple current without needing electrolytic capacitors [14] [18]. Nevertheless, those solutions can't be exclusively used for the high power fuel cells, which typically call for the multiphase dc dc converter as the front end. In fuel cell high power systems, research has been focused on the three phase dc-dc-converter-based power conditioning process since it provides much better functionality over its single phase version in terminology of higher energy density, lower switching unit existing anxiety, reduced size of passive elements, etc [21] [25]. The kind of three phase dc-dc converter might be possibly current fed or maybe voltage fed. Based on the analysis done in [23] [25], current fed topology is better suited to low voltage high current energy cell program where higher voltage step up ratio is actually required. Furthermore, the current fed topology gains from the precise and direct input current management.

Previous research on three phase dc dc converters for fuel cells mostly centered on the high effectiveness and high energy density. The strategy to decrease the fuel cell low frequency ripple present has been rarely discussed. Reference [26] presents the voltage-fed high power fuel cell converter, that consists of a V6 converter [22] along with a full bridge inverter. It proposes the ripple current mitigation strategy by making use of a current loop command within the current voltage loop to mitigate the fuel cell low frequency ripple. Nevertheless, the big electrolytic capacitor is still needed as an energy buffer. Up to date, there have been no published literature that study the techniques to decrease the low frequency ripple up in the current fed three phase dc-dc converter-based fuel cell system. This paper proposes a three phase current fed interleaved structure based HFL fuel cell process.

When compared with other three-phase dc-dc-converter-based fuel cell methods, the special benefits of our proposal fall into the following 3 elements. For starters, a strong double frequency ripple current control based on the current fed three phase HFL converter is suggested to get the low frequency ripple free input current. Next, the suggested strategy is applying a control oriented ripple mitigation program without adding any additional circuit components. The tiny movie capacitor could be followed to replace the bulky electrolytic capacitor. Third, the management system can realize the whole utilization of capacitive ripple sources of energy in the recommended fuel cell process, which benefits an additional decrease in dc bus capacitance. Additionally, with all of the contributions mentioned above, the zero-voltage-switching (ZVS) functioning of all switching products in the dc dc stage could really be maintained without adding some additional circuits.

II. PROPOSED CONTROL STRATEGY

This paper presents the proposed direct double-frequency ripple current control system shows in the Fig 1 diagram. The proposed control system contains duty cycle control and phase shift control. The duty cycle $D = D_0 + D_r$, as illustrated. First, the dc component of D , D_0 is set to be 0.5. This is because the three-phase HFL converter has the optimized operation efficiency at 50% duty cycle. Second, the ripple component of D , D_r is generated by synchronizing the LVS dc-bus voltage V_d with the primary-referred HVS dc-bus voltage V_{dc} . The purpose is to real time balance the transformer primary- and secondary-side voltages in order to make sure the ZVS operation of all switching devices in the dc-dc converter. The proportional-resonant (PR) controller is adopted for $G_{Dr}(s)$ to regulate the swing of V_d .

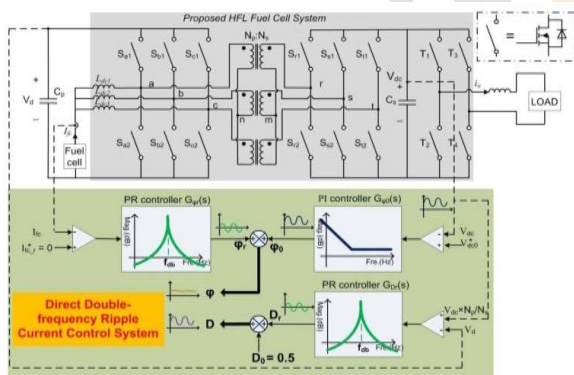


Fig. 1 Proposed direct double-frequency ripple current control system diagram

The design guideline of controller $G_{Dr}(s)$. The real-time primary-referred V_{dc} is employed as the voltage reference. The LVS dc-bus voltage V_d is equal to V_{fc}/D due to the LVS half-bridge boost function. V_{fc} is a constant value if I_{fc} has no low-frequency ripple current. Therefore, D will contain a double-frequency ripple in order to keep V_d synchronized with primary-referred V_{dc} , which has the double-frequency variation.

Fuzzy Logic Controller (FLC) is a fuzzy logic based control system, it is a non-mathematical decision algorithm that is based on an operator's experience. This controller analyses analog input value in terms of logical variables that can take on continuous values between 0 and 1. The first inputs of the Fuzzy Logic Controller is error and second input is change in error. Fig.2 shows the Fuzzy logic controller.

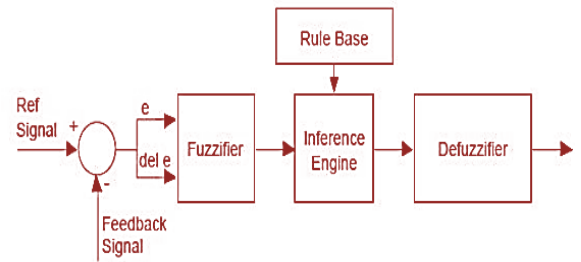


Fig.2 Show the Structure of Fuzzy Logic Controller.

Fig 2 shows the structure of fuzzy logic controller there are four basic elements in the fuzzy controller system structure there are fuzzifier, rule base, inference engine and defuzzifier. Input output control passes through a preprocessor while output passes through a post-processor.

1. Fuzzifier: Linguistic variables used by Fuzzy Logic instead of numerical variables. The process of changing a numerical value into a linguistic label is called "Fuzzification". For closed loop control system, the error (e) between the reference voltage and the output voltage, and the rate of change of error (Δe) can be named as zero (ZE), positive small (PS), negative small (NS), etc.

2. Inference: In conventional PI controllers having control laws, whereas the Fuzzy Controller contains rules. Rules are linguistic innature and they permit the operator to develop a control design in a more familiar human environment. A typical rule can be written as below: The membership functions are used to Fuzzy inputs shows in Fig 3. The membership value can take from 0 to 1 for every Linguistic label. For each of the input and output variables, the following seven Linguistic labels are given to the membership functions:

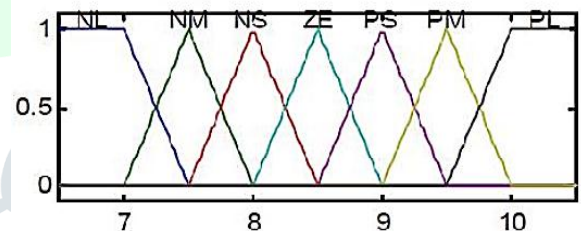


Fig.3 Show the Fuzzy Logic Rule table.

- NL= Negative Large PS=Positive Small
- NM =Negative Medium PM=Positive Medium
- NS=Negative Small PL=Positive Large
- ZE=Zero

After the member ship functions are found for each linguistic label, an intelligent decision procedure can be made to sense what output should be, is called inference. If the "error" is negative Large (NL), and the "rate of change of error" is negative Large (NL), then the output is positive large (PL). It is suitable when dealing with large number of inputs, to put rules. The Fig 3 shows the rules done for large number of input combinations. After the rules are evaluated, from each of the output membership function having a membership arrange for a numerical value called "DeFuzzification".

3. Defuzzification:

DeFuzzification plays a vital role in Fuzzy logic based control system. It is the last process of Fuzzy control system in which the Fuzzy inputs, to put rules. The Fig 3 shows the rules done for large number of input combinations. After the rules are assessed, from

each of the output quantities defined for the output membership functions are mapped into a crisp.

III. SIMULATION AND RESULTS

Using MATLAB/Simulink software, simulation was performed. MATLAB is a high performance language for technical computing and it integrates programming in an easy environment. Fig.4 represents Simulink model of proposed high boost ratio transformer dc-dc converter. In this input voltage=51v given to this converter. The voltage is stepped up using a three phase transformer and the final DC voltage is obtained at the output side of the circuit.

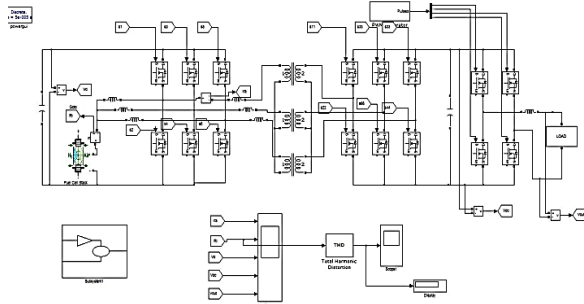


Fig. 4 Proposed direct double-frequency ripple current control system diagram

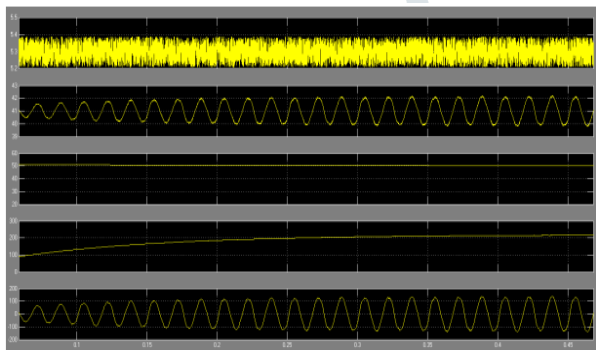


Fig.5 Simulation of results without the proposed control method, (A) $C_p = 220 \mu F, C_s = 3.18 mF$

Above figure shows simulation results without the proposed method. In order to suppress the fuel cell current double-frequency ripple, the large electrolytic capacitors are connected to the HVS dc bus. The adopted capacitors for this case are the following: $C_p = 220 \mu F$ and $C_s = 3.18 mF$. As shown, $V_d = 51 V$, and $V_{dc} = 200 V$, and they both have relatively very small ripple due to the relatively large capacitor. $i_{ra_{rms}} = 5.3 A$ and $i_{ra_{peak}} = 11.4 A$. $v_o = 120 V (RMS)$. Its average value is around 41 A.

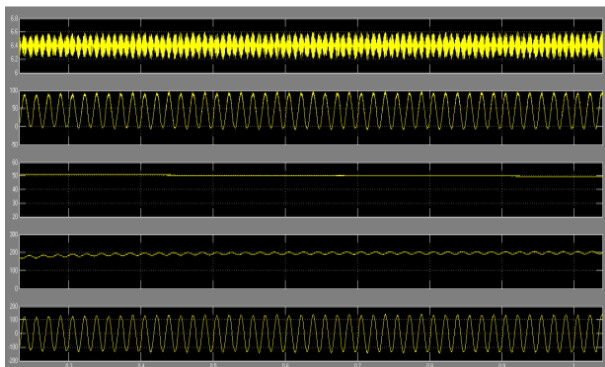


Fig. 6 Simulation of results without the proposed control method $C_p = 220 \mu F, C_s = 180 \mu F$.

Fig. 6 shows simulation results without the proposed method. $C_p = 220 \mu F$ and $C_s = 180 \mu F$. The transformer current has much larger RMS and peak values compared with Fig. 5 since the double-frequency ripple current is propagated into the fuel cell stack through the transformer.

IV. CONCLUSION

Three-phase HFL-based fuel cell power conditioning system that can achieve low-frequency ripple-free input current by making use of direct double-frequency ripple current control. The proposed method can make full utilization of capacitive ripple energy sources. To directly eliminate the fuel cell current double-frequency ripple, PR and Fuzzy controllers are developed to achieve an extra high control gain at 120-Hz resonant frequency.

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