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Abstract

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In the wake of the global energy crisis, the integration of renewable energy resources, energy storage devices, and electric vehicles into the electric grid has been of great interest towards replacing conventional, fossil-fuel-dependent energy resources. This thesis presents the circuit topology and a control strategy for a 250-W single-phase grid-connected dc-ac converter for photovoltaic (PV) solar applications. The converter is based on the dual active bridge (DAB) kernel employing a series-resonant link and a high-frequency isolation stage. For interfacing the 60-Hz ac grid with the 78-kHz resonant circuit, the converter utilizes a four-quadrant switch array that functions as an ac-ac stage. Therefore, a bipolar low-frequency voltage source, that is the grid voltage, is used to synthesize a symmetrical high-frequency voltage pulse-train for the resonant circuit. Thus, soft switching and the use of a compact ferrite-core transformer have been possible. Then, a fast current-control loop ensures that the converter injects a sinusoidal current in phase with the grid voltage, while a relatively slower feedback loop regulates the converter dc-side voltage, that is, the PV array voltage, at a desired value. To simulate the converter and to design the controllers, the thesis also presents nonlinear large-signal and linearized small-signal state-space averaged models. The performance of the converter is assessed through simulation studies conducted using the aforementioned averaged models, a detailed topological model in the PLECS software environment, and a prototype.

Keywords: Photovoltaic, PV, Microinverter, Dual Active Bridge, Phase-shift Modulation, High Frequency Transformer.

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Convention for Notations

For clarity and consistency, the following is used in this thesis.

- Circuit parameters are denoted by upper-case letters, for example, C , L_r .
- Instantaneous voltages and currents, and variables and signals are denoted by lower-case letters, for example, i , v_{pv} , v_r , etc.
- Real and Reactive powers are denoted by upper-case letters, for example, P_{pv} , P_{in} , Q_{in} , P_g , Q_g , etc.
- Converter gating pulses are denoted by the upper-case letter G , for example, G_1 , G_{2H} , G_{2L} , etc.
- Subscript *in* denotes a converter input terminal variable.
- Subscript *out* denotes a converter output terminal variable.
- Subscript *r* denotes a converter resonant variable.
- Subscript *g* denotes a grid-side variable.

Nomenclature

v_{pv}	PV <i>generator</i> terminal voltage
v_r	Resonant capacitor voltage
v_{out}	Output voltage of the converter
v_g	ac-grid voltage
i_{pv}	PV <i>generator</i> output current
i_r	Resonant inductor current
i_{in}	Converter input current
i_{out}	Converter output current
i_g	ac-grid current
P_{pv}	PV <i>generator</i> active power
P_{in}	Converter input active power
P_{out}	Converter output active power
P_g	active power delivered to the ac-grid
R	Equivalent series resistance
L_{out}	Output filter inductance
C_{out}	Output filter capacitance
C_{pv}	PV <i>generator</i> terminal (input) capacitor
ϕ	Phase-shift angle between input and output bridge
$K_i(s)$	Transfer function of the current compensator
$K_v(s)$	Transfer function of the voltage compensator
$G_{\phi i_g}(s)$	Converter phase-shift to grid current transfer function
$G_{\phi v_{pv}}(s)$	Converter phase-shift to PV <i>generator</i> voltage transfer function
$G_{v_{pv} i_g}(s)$	Converter PV <i>generator</i> voltage to grid current transfer function
$R_{DS(on)}$	MOSFET Drain-Source on Resistance

List of Abbreviations

ANSI	American National Standards Institute
APAC	Asia-Pacific
CG	Centralized Generation
DAB	Dual Active Bridge
DG	Distributed Generation
DPS	Dual Phase-Shift
EPIA	European Photovoltaic Industry Association
FPGA	Field-Programmable Gate Array
HF	High Frequency
IC	Incremental Conductance
IEA	International Energy Agency
IEEE	Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers
LV	Low Voltage
MEA	Middle East and Africa
MOSFET	Metal Oxide Field Effect Transistor
MPP	Maximum Power Point
MPPT	Maximum Power Point Tracking
MV	Medium Voltage
P&O	Perturb and Observe
PFC	Power Factor Correction
PI	Proportional-Integral
PLECS	Piecewise Linear Electrical Circuit Simulation
PLL	Phase-locked Loop
PV	Photovoltaic
PVPS	Photovoltaic Power Systems Programme
PWM	Pulse-Width Modulation
RoW	Rest of World
SPS	Single Phase-Shift
ZCS	Zero Current Switching
ZVS	Zero Voltage Switching

Chapter 1

Introduction

In the wake of a global energy crisis, the integration of renewable energy resources, energy storage devices and electric vehicles into the electric grid, has been of great interest to replace conventional, fuel-dependent resources. Thus, the demand, generation and integration of distributed PV systems has increased in many countries around the world [1–3]. Due to the dc nature of this technology, much research has been conducted in the field of power electronics and dc-ac converters to overcome the associated technical issues and perform such integration with minimum power losses [14]. This chapter presents an overview of the development of PV solar systems around the world and different PV integration methods.

1.1 Background and Motivation

1.1.1 Development of PV Solar Systems

According to the Photovoltaic Power Systems Programme (PVPS) of the International Energy Agency (IEA) and the SolarPower Europe's Global Market Outlook for Solar Power 2017 annual reports, over 76 *GW* of additional grid-connected PV solar capacity have been installed worldwide in 2016 [1, 2]. This figure represents an increase of about 50% compared to the 51 *GW* installed in 2015 and a 90% increased to the 40 *GW* installed in 2014. Figure 1.1 and Figure 1.2 show the global annual and total solar PV installed capacity respectively.

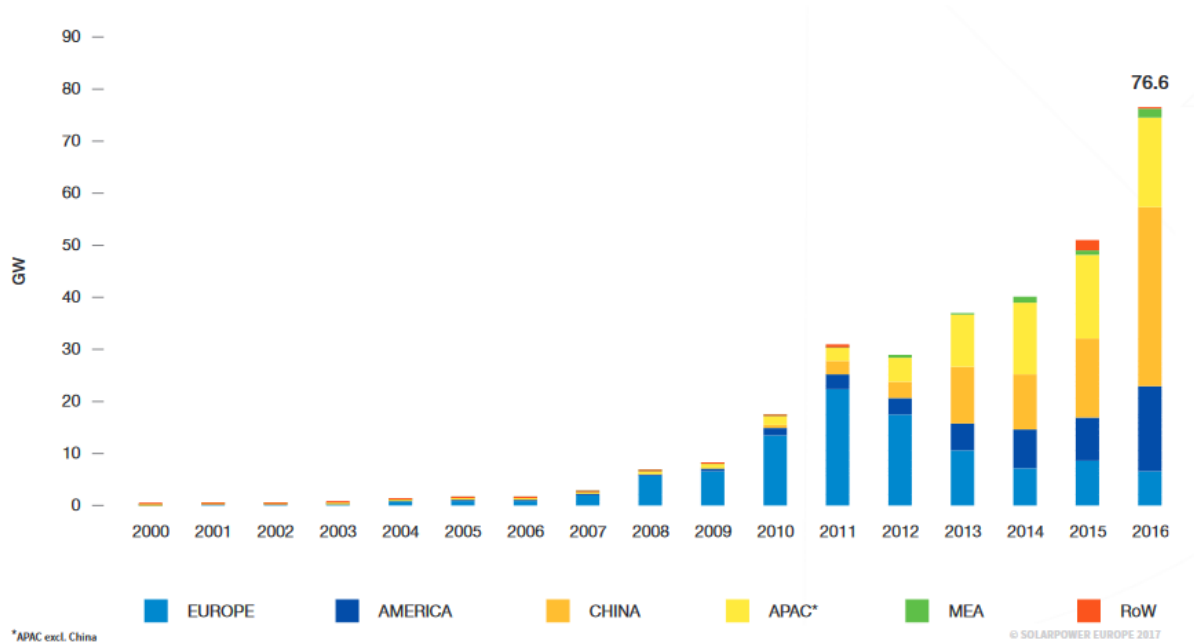


Figure 1.1: Evolution of global annual solar PV installed capacity [1].

While conservative predictions indicate that the world PV capacity will double in the next several years for a total of 623 *GW* other, more favourable forecasts predict that the world PV capacity will triple reaching 935 *GW* in 2021 [2]. Figure 1.3 shows an annual prediction for the cumulative grid-connected PV solar system's installed capacity until 2021.

Grid-connected PV solar systems can be group into two categories: Distributed Generation (DG) and Centralized Generation (CG). PV Distributed Generation systems are often small generation units located near the load such as residential, commercial or in-

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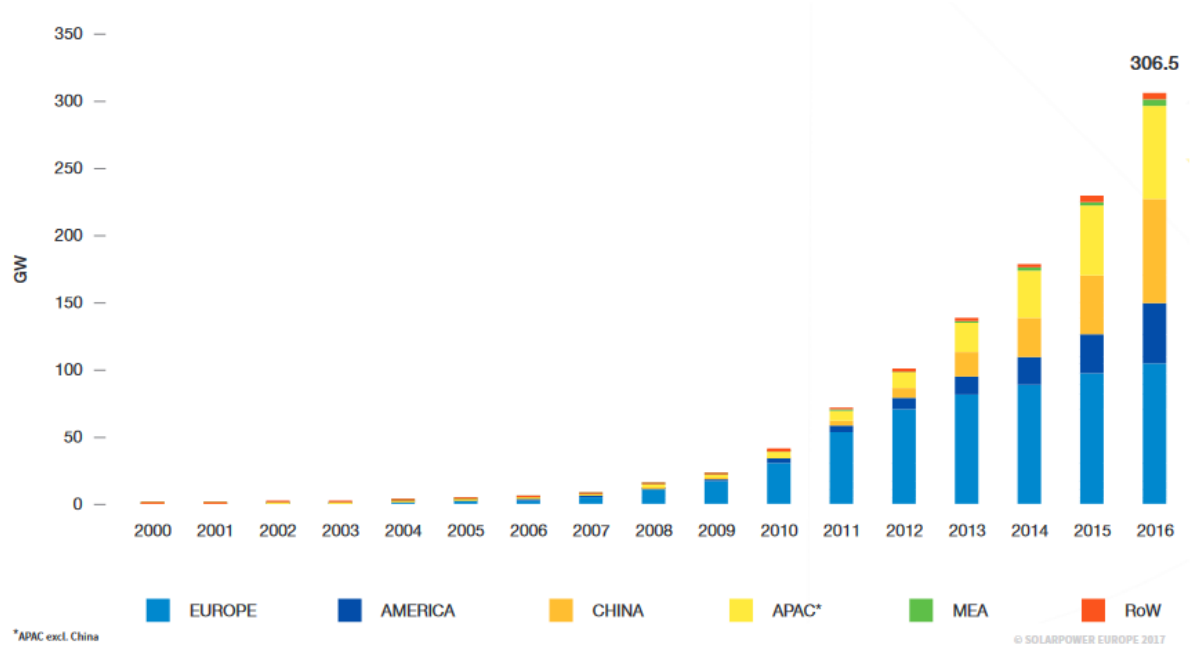


Figure 1.2: Evolution of global total solar PV installed capacity [1].

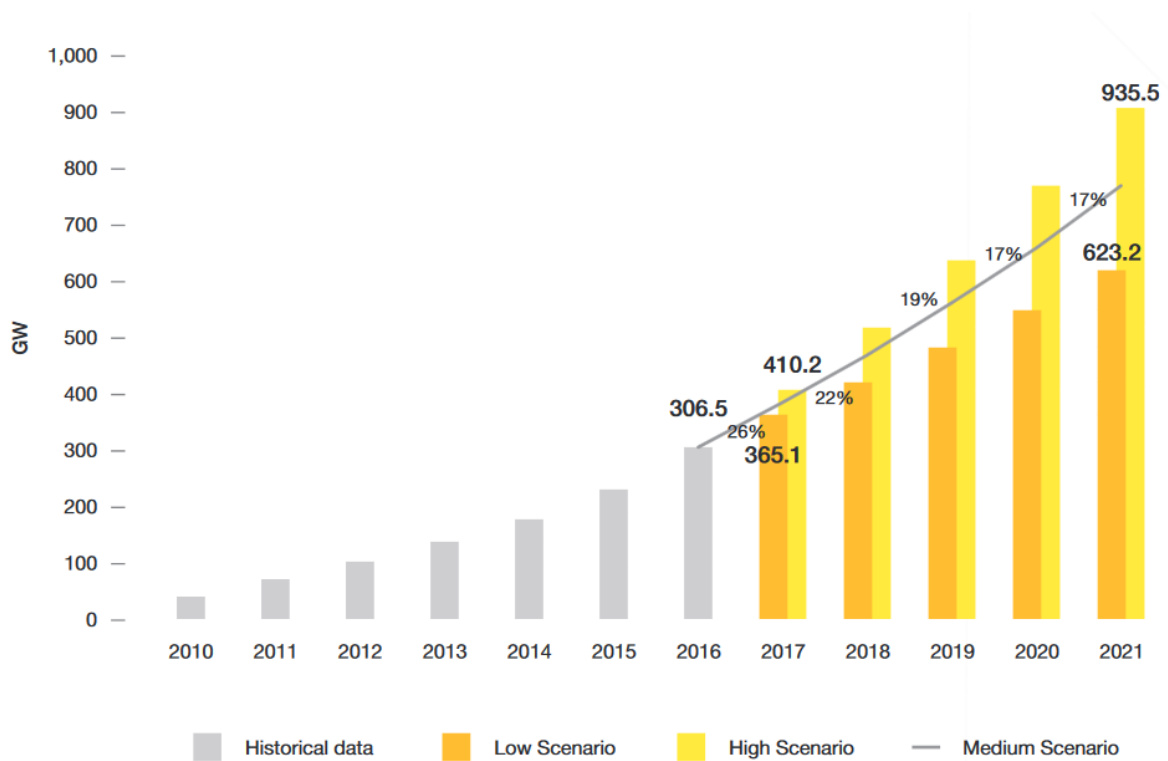


Figure 1.3: Global PV power cumulative capacity scenarios until 2020 [2].

dustrial rooftops. The advantages of these types of generation units, is a reduced capital investment. Furthermore, the power losses related to transmission are reduced due to the proximity between the generation and load units. The main disadvantage of this type of generation is that bidirectional power flow can occur at the bus-feeder level due to the intermittent nature of PV sources, making DG units more difficult to control.

PV Centralized Generation or utility-scale systems are large generation units that are frequently located far away from the loads in places where sun irradiation is maximized. These types of generation units require large capital investments compared to DG, and may require the construction of new transmission lines to deliver the power from the station to the loads. Therefore, transmission losses are increased when compared to DG units. The main advantage of CG units is that the power flow is unidirectional and the power control can be achieved with relative ease. Nonetheless, both types of PV generation strategies are being installed. Figure 1.4 show possible growth scenarios for global solar PV rooftop and utility scale units until 2021.

In Canada, over 2600 MW of PV generation have been installed up until 2016 [3]. Since the launch of the Feed-in-Tarif (FIT) and microFIR program in Ontario in 2009, rooftop photovoltaic (PV) solar energy has become an important and growing market [15]. Figure 1.5 shows the cumulative total and distributed PV Capacity in Canada.

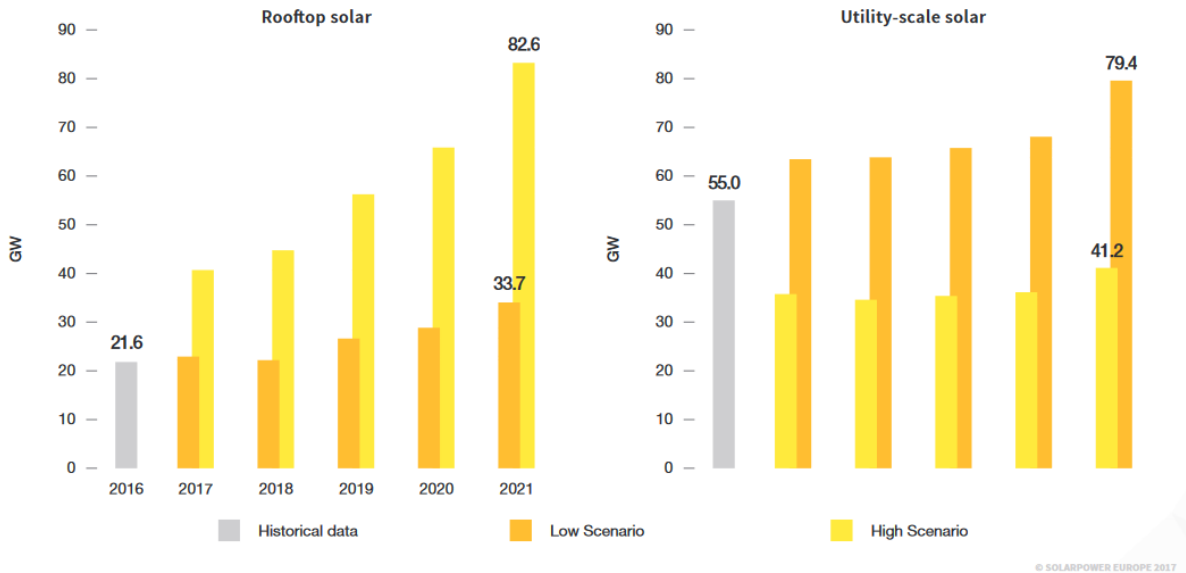


Figure 1.4: Scenarios for global solar PV rooftop and utility-scale segment development [1].

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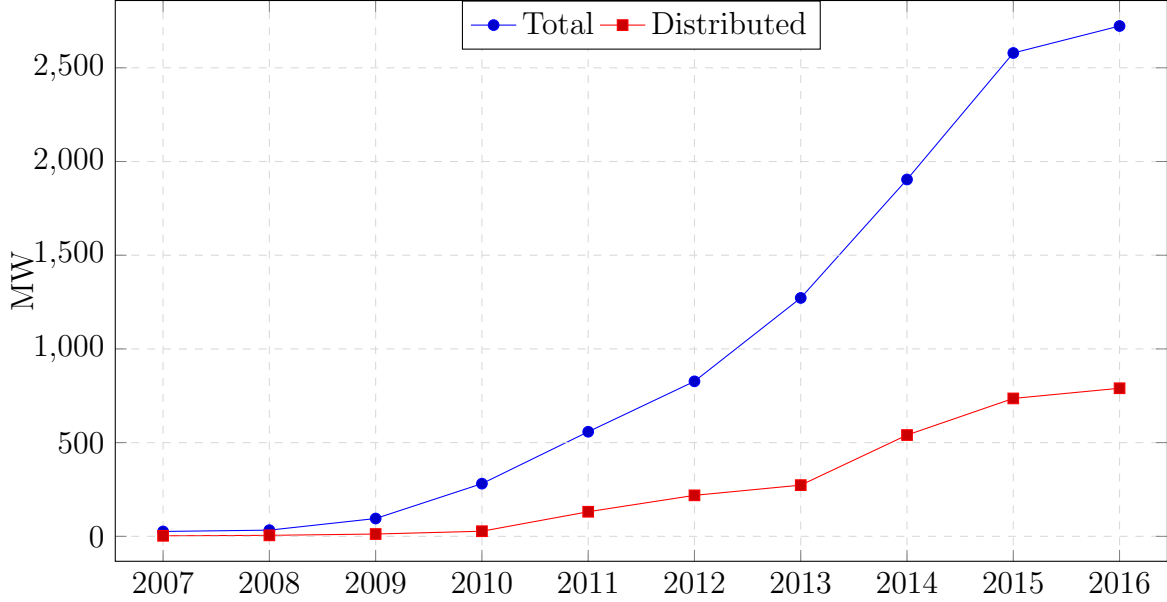


Figure 1.5: Cumulative installed PV capacity in Canada [3].

1.2 PV Integration Methods

PV generation systems are commonly integrated to the medium-voltage (MV) and low-voltage (LV) distribution lines via power electronic converters. While utility-scale PV systems are generally connected to MV lines via a central inverter or multiple string inverters, lower power rooftop systems are connected to the LV or MV depending on the specific application.

For rooftop industrial and commercial systems, string inverters are frequently employed to interface the PV generation at the MV distribution level. In rooftop residential applications, micro-inverters or string inverters are used to interconnect the PV generation at the LV distribution level. In the following sections, the principal characteristics of central inverters, string inverters and micro-inverters will be described.

1.2.1 Central Inverters

In some PV systems where large voltage and power levels are required, individual PV panels can be connected in series to form a string. To further increase power and reach utility-scale levels, multiple PV strings are connected together to form PV arrays. To integrate such PV arrays into the grid, high-power central inverters can be used. Since central inverters can perform Maximum Point Power Tracking (MPPT) at only one connection point, the use of central inverters is recommended when temperature, solar irradiation, and orientation are consistent across the whole array. Figure 1.6 shows the integration of a large PV system using a central inverter.

Comparatively with other type of inverters, central inverters are usually the most economical option in terms of price per output watt, but they require higher installation cost and have a larger footprint. Furthermore, this type of solution is not recommended for systems with different PV cell angles and, or orientations.

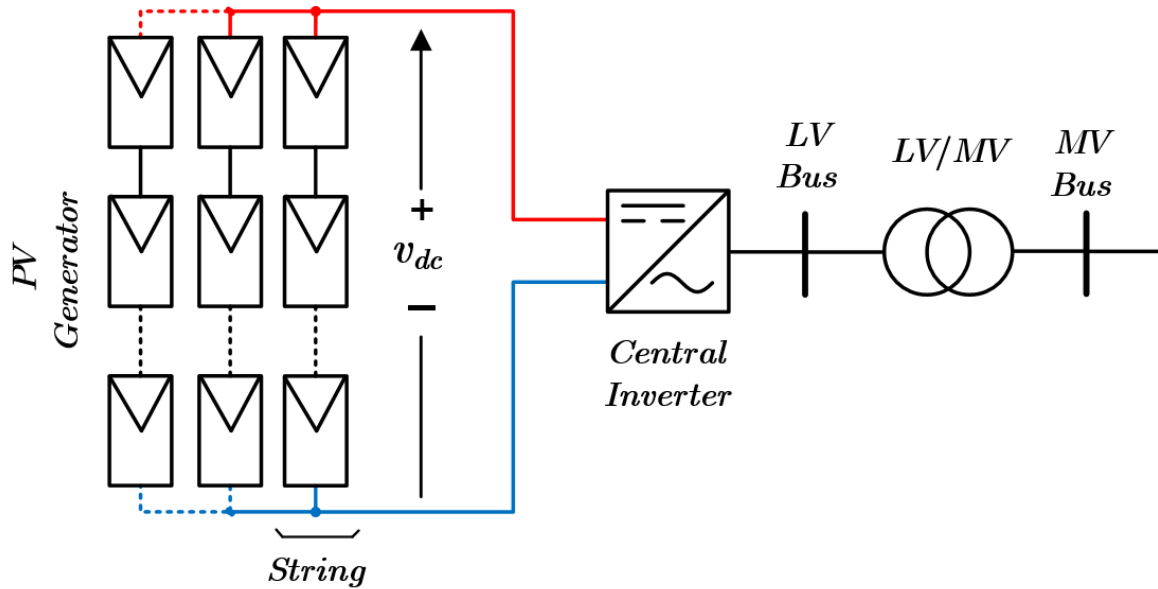


Figure 1.6: Typical centralized PV generator integration using a central inverter.

1.2.2 String Inverters

For utility-scale projects multiple string inverters can be used to replace a central inverter and offer a modular solution. This approach can provide a better performance when the PV string's arrangement have different inclination angles, orientation and, or when partial shading effects occur. This is due to string inverter's capabilities to operate at MPPT condition for each individual string, rather than operating at the global MPPT of the PV array. Moreover, in case of inverter failure, only a smaller portion of the power generation is compromised, and since no fans are required to cool the inverter, maintenance costs are reduced compared to central inverters. On the contrary, an increased number of inverter connections are necessary. Figure 1.7 shows a typical integration of a utility-scale PV system using string inverters.

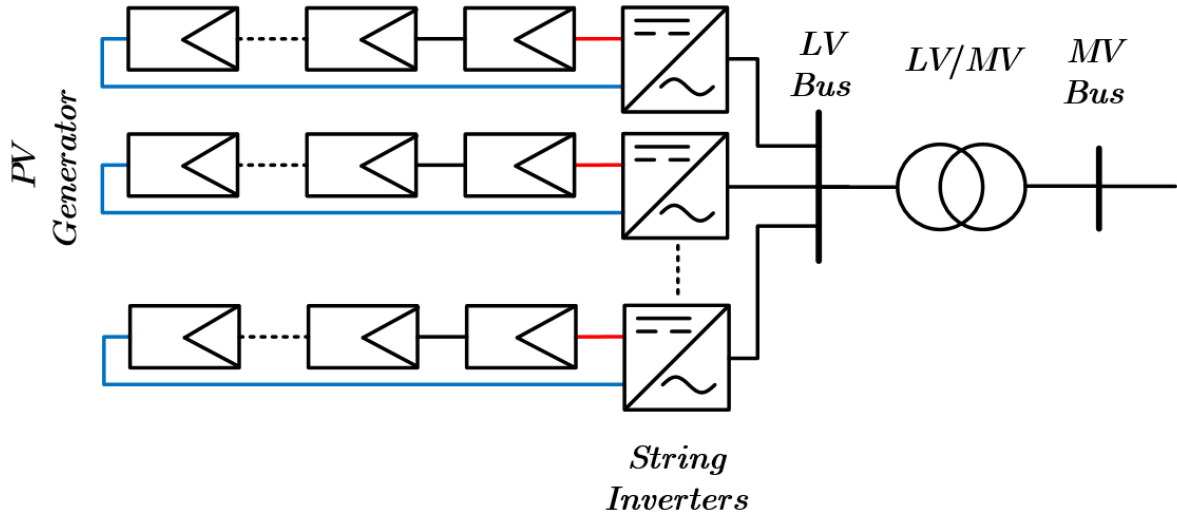


Figure 1.7: Typical centralized PV generator integration using string inverter.

In addition, string inverters are commonly found in smaller PV systems such as rooftop applications, where one or few inverters are required. This configuration provides a centralized approach for such integration, where all the PV panels are grouped into one or few strings. This solution provides the most economical option in terms of price per output watt, but string inverters for rooftop applications are particularly prone to partial shading effects of nearby trees and buildings. To avoid such reduction of output power, additional dc-dc converters, also called "dc optimizers", are installed underneath each PV panel to achieve MPPT operation. This in turn increases the overall cost of the system. Another aspect of the string inverter approach is that if there is an inverter failure the whole system fails. Figure 1.8 shows a typical integration of a rooftop PV

system using a string inverter and multiple dc optimizers.

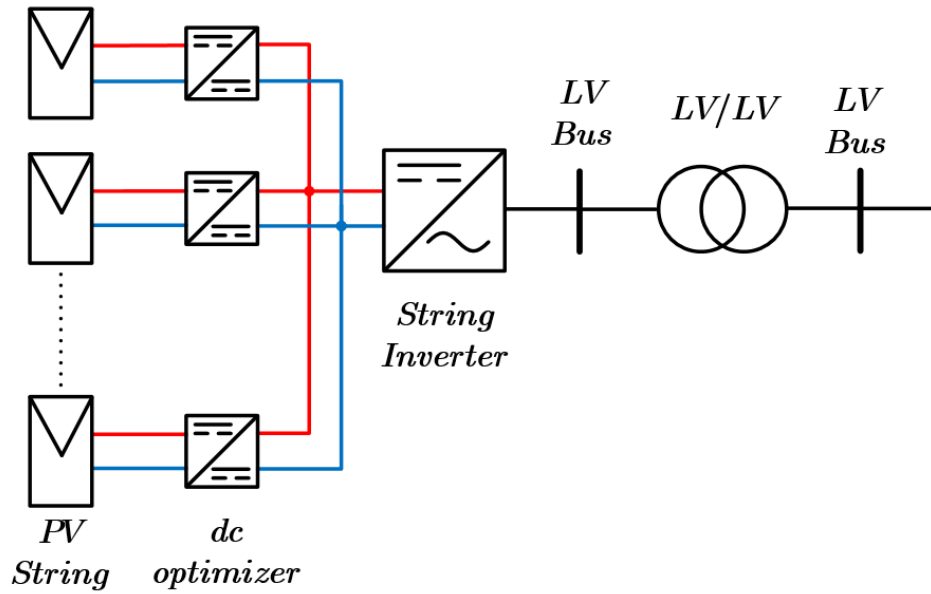


Figure 1.8: Typical rooftop PV generator integration using a string inverter and dc optimizers.

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1.2.3 Micro-Inverters

Micro-inverters are popular in rooftops' PV systems where the PV panels are located facing different directions, or where there is a high chance of partial shading such as densely urban residential or commercial applications. Micro-inverters are installed underneath each PV panel, where both dc-ac conversion and MPPT operation is achieved at each panel. This solution is the most expensive in terms of price per output watt, but it maximizes the overall output power of the system. In addition, the micro-inverter approach provides the most modular and reliable solution, where in case of failure, only the affected module shuts down, without compromising the energy production of nearby PV panels.

Depending on the application, or as mandated by local grid codes, rooftop PV systems may be required to be interfaced via an isolation transformer. Therefore, to promote its adoption and reduce installation costs, many micro-inverters offer built-in galvanic isolation [16, 17]. In recent years, there have been many technological improvements in the area of low-power dc-ac converters, offering higher efficiencies and reduced power losses [4–10, 14, 18–20, 20–30].

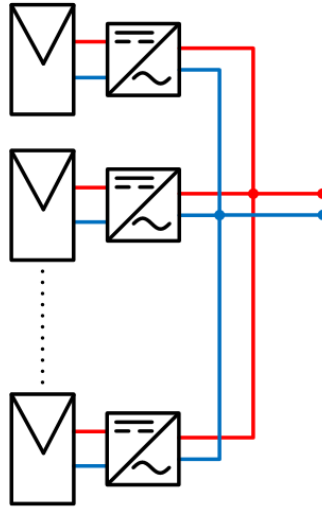


Figure 1.9: Typical rooftop PV generator integration using micro-inverter.

1.3 Micro-Inverters State of the Art

Photovoltaic interconnection requirements have traditionally been addressed by two-stage converter topologies [14, 18–20]. However, single-stage converter topologies are preferred as they typically offer higher efficiencies than their multi-stage counterparts due to reduced component count.

A number of single-stage converters using high frequency (HF) links, have been proposed in the literature for low-power (50–400 W) PV applications [6–10, 20–22, 24–30]. Figure 1.10 and 1.11 show the block diagrams of typical multi-stage and single-stage dc-ac conversion units using high frequency links.

A considerable fraction of such single-stage converters is based on the dual active bridge (DAB) dc-dc converter topology [31]. The isolated DAB converter is a topology where two active bridges are connected via a HF link. This converter offers soft switching operation, albeit not over its entire output power range [11]. To extend the power range over which soft switching exists and to grant dc-ac conversion functionality to the DAB converter topology, different methods have been proposed in the literature [4–10, 23–29]. Figure 1.12 shows the circuit diagram of the series resonant dc-dc isolated DAB converter.

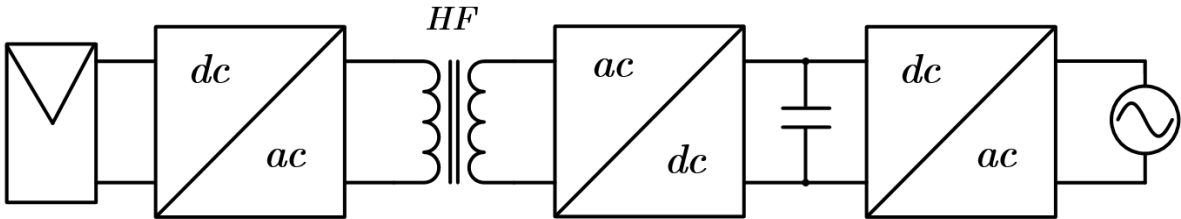


Figure 1.10: Typical multi-stage dc-ac conversion using a high frequency link.

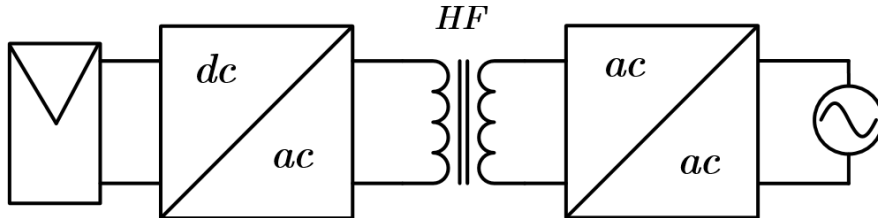


Figure 1.11: Typical single-stage dc-ac conversion using a high frequency link.

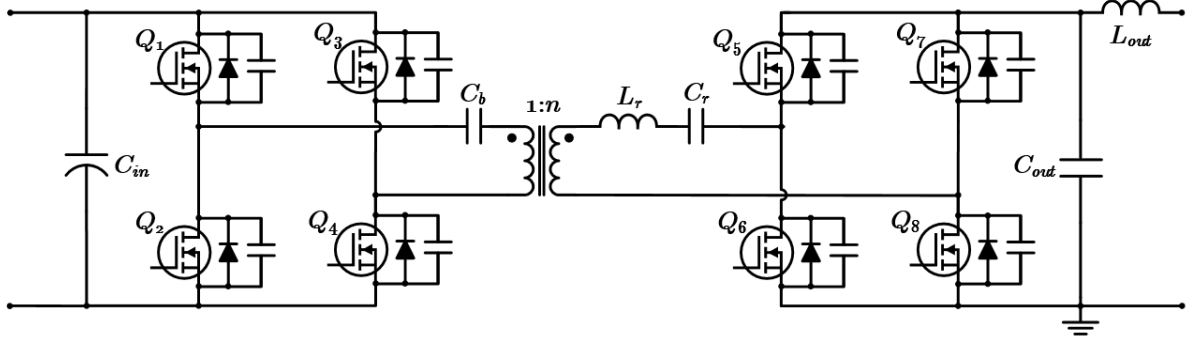


Figure 1.12: Circuit diagram of the dc-dc isolated and series resonant DAB converter.

1.3.1 Four-quadrant Switch Full-bridge Converter

The DAB based dc-ac converter topology presented in [4], [5] and [23], utilizes a four-quadrant full-bridge converter at the output side providing integration to the host ac-grid. The four-quadrant switch realization is achieved by connecting two back-to-back semiconductor switches. While in [4] a Space Vector Modulation is proposed and an state-space mathematical model, soft-switched ZVS/ZCS commutations are obtained only at some operating conditions.

To further increase efficiency by achieving soft-switching conditions over a larger operating range, a new modulation is proposed in [23]. The phase-shift modulation proposed in this paper employs a Dual Phase-Shift (DPS). The first control phase-shift, δ , is between the switching legs of the input bridge to produce a three-levelled squared waveform. This control angle follows the amplitude variations of the grid voltage to increase the soft-switching range of the converter. The second phase-shift, ϕ , is relative to the input and output bridges and used to control the power transfer. Furthermore, simple large- and small-signal mathematical models are derived along with a digital control scheme. Finally, a 200 W prototype was built to verify the proposed modulation and digital control. The efficiency achieved during the soft-switching region was $\approx 85\%$.

In [6] the DPS modulation was used, and a resonant tank connected in series between the active bridges was discussed to increase the power transfer capabilities of the converter by decreasing the overall reactance of the circuit. While a steady-state model is derived, it does not include the effects of the δ phase-shift on the power transfer controlled by the ϕ phase shift. In addition, no large- or small-signal models are developed, therefore no control strategy is presented. Moreover, while only open-loop simulation results are shown, no closed-loop simulation or experimental verification were conducted.

Figure 1.13 shows the circuit diagram for the four-quadrant converter topology presented

in [6] with the addition of an output filter composed by C_{out} and L_{out}

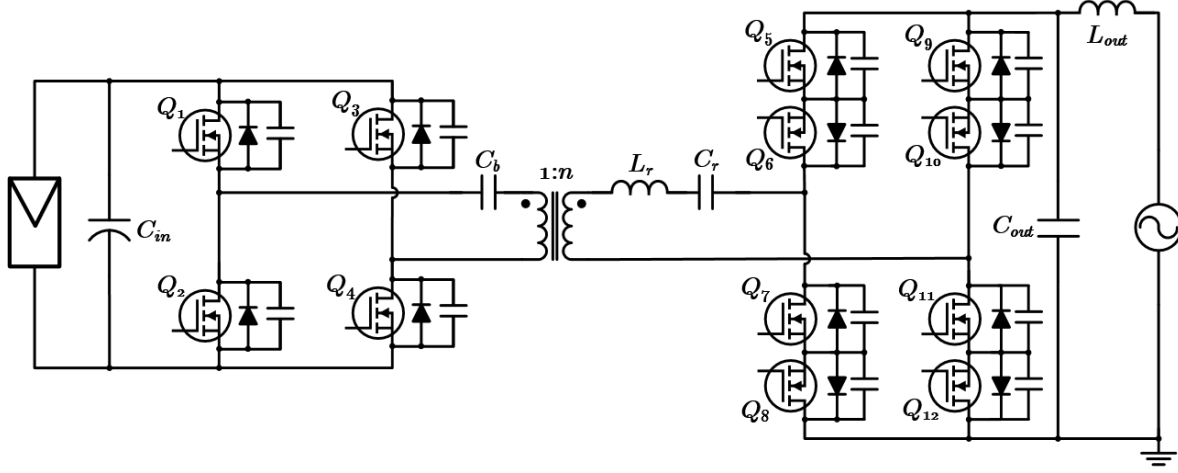


Figure 1.13: DAB based dc-ac converter topology using four-quadrant switches presented in [4], [5] and [6].

1.3.2 Half-wave Cycloconverter

The DAB based dc-ac converter topology presented in [27], discusses the substitution of the output bridge by a half-wave cycloconverter that integrates the converter with the ac-grid. This paper proposed a Single Phase-Shift (SPS) modulation between the input and output bridges with one control angle ϕ that regulates the power transfer. Furthermore, a instantaneous power control is proposed, but no in-depth mathematical model is derived. While the discussed modulation and control are verified through simulations and a 210 W prototype, the soft-switching range is narrower than in the modulation proposed in [23]. The half-wave cycloconverter discussed in [27] was proposed earlier in [7, 24–26]. In [7, 24–26], the modulation used to operate the converter is the same DPS modulation as proposed in [23], mentioned in Section 1.3.1 and further described in Section 1.5.3. Such modulation has the benefit of an increased soft-switching operating region in comparison to the SPS modulation used in [27]. Similarly to [6], a series connected resonant tank is added to further increase the overall converter efficiency. While steady-state power flow analysis is presented in this paper, no large- or small-signal models are developed. The proposed converter control strategy requires both a phase-locked loop (PLL) and a look-up table, which results in a difficult implementation. In this paper, the proposed control scheme is validated through simulations and experimental results using a 100 W prototype. Figure 1.14 shows the circuit diagram for the half-wave cycloconverter

topology presented in [7, 24–26].

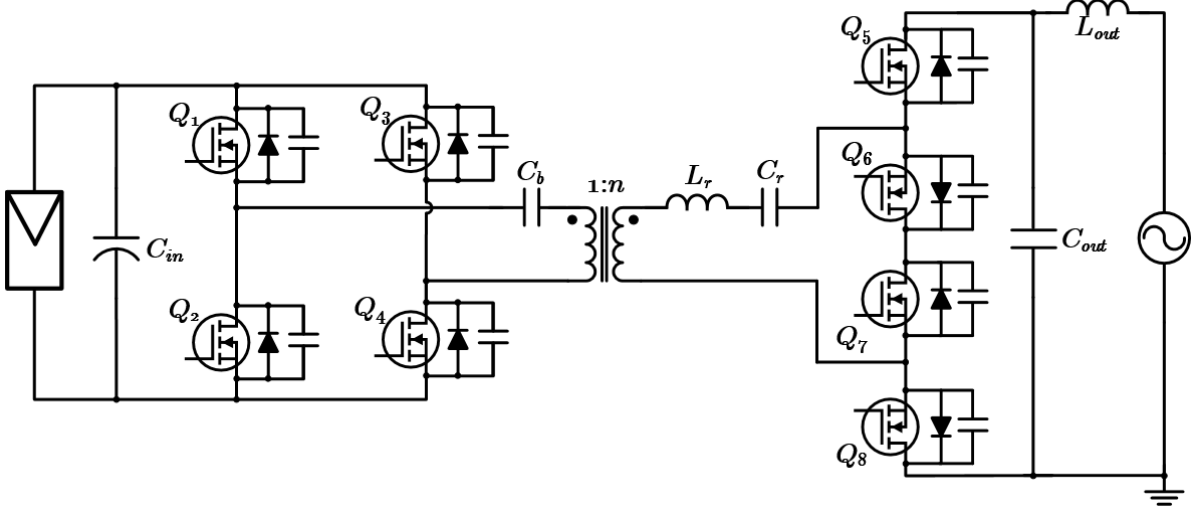


Figure 1.14: DAB based dc-ac converter topology using a half-wave cycloconverter presented in [7]

1.3.3 High Efficiency Half-wave Cycloconverter

The DAB based dc-ac PV converter topology proposed in [8,10] employs a novel half-wave cycloconverter to integrate the converter with the ac-grid. While the equivalent conduction resistance of the proposed cycloconverter is $1.5R_{DS(on)}$, the converter topologies are described in Sections 1.3.1 and 1.3.2 are $4R_{DS(on)}$ and $2R_{DS(on)}$ respectively. Therefore, this novel cycloconverter topology is capable of achieving higher efficiency levels. This paper employs a DPS modulation where two phase-shifts are used to operate the converters under a wide soft-switching range. The first control phase-shift, δ , is between the switching legs of the input bridge to produce a three-levelled squared waveform following the amplitude variations of the grid voltage and increases the soft-switching range. The second phase-shift, ϕ , is relative to the input and output bridges and used to control the power transfer. As opposed to the modulation schemes analyzed so far, the switching frequency is not fixed. Therefore, it can also be varied to change the impedance of the resonant tank and control the power transfer. Even though a mathematical model has been derived, the proposed control strategy to minimized power losses is computationally intensive and requires an FPGA. Furthermore, while open-loop dc-dc experimental results were conducted, no dc-ac or closed-loop experimental verification was performed. In [28], the work presented in [8–10] is further developed. In this paper, a series-connected energy buffer using a smaller capacitor is proposed to replace large electrolytic input

capacitors. Similar to [8–10], a mathematical model has been derived, but the proposed control methodology to minimized power losses is computationally intensive.

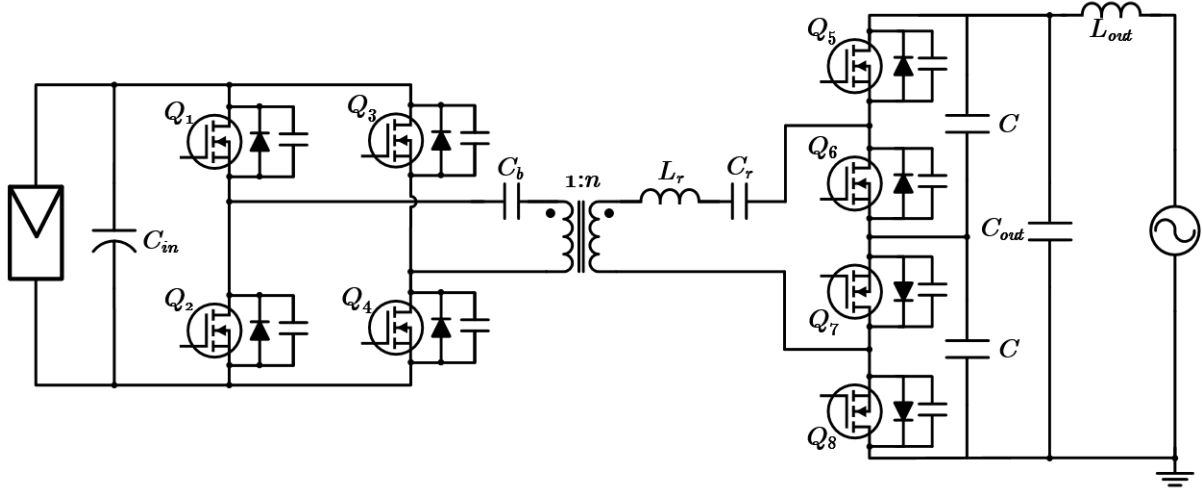


Figure 1.15: DAB based dc-ac converter using the high efficiency half-wave cycloconverter presented in [8–10].

1.4 Thesis Objectives and Scope

As it can be observed from the literature review conducted in Section 1.3, most of the DAB based dc-ac converters employ similar phase-shift modulations techniques to control power transfer. While some authors utilize a single phase-shift (SPS) modulation with a unique variable to control the power transfer, others implement a dual phase-shift (DPS) modulation with two variables to control power transfer and widen the soft-switching operating region of the converter.

Due to the challenge of developing mathematical models for resonant converter topologies, many of the models derived in the literature only consider the steady-state conditions of the system thus, neglecting the dynamics. While many of these models are largely incomplete, other authors opt to approach this challenge with a different perspective. Such new approaches to simplify the analytical models, have lead to the execution of computational demanding algorithms when controlling the converter and cannot be implemented using traditional control strategies.

This thesis is focused on the development of detailed analytical models to unify the mathematical analysis of series-resonant DAB based converters, using either SPS, or DPS modulation techniques. For such task, non-linear and linear state-space scalable models will be developed based on the four-quadrant switch full-bridge dc-ac DAB based converter described in Section 1.3.1. Moreover, this thesis attempts to develop a design procedure of such converters for PV applications and a control scheme strategy that can be implemented with ease using traditional control strategies. The specific objectives of this thesis are described below:

- To derive accurate steady-state, large- and small-signals state-space models considering the $R_{DS(on)}$ of the switches.
- To develop a methodology for the converter design and dimensioning of the components.
- To developed an effective control strategy that can be implemented using traditional analogue and digital control approaches.
- To validate the accuracy and effectiveness of the mathematical and the proposed control strategy using simulation models and experimental results.

1.5 Literature Review Pertinent to Thesis Objective

1.5.1 Dual Active Bridge Converter

The DAB converter is an isolated switching converter that can perform bidirectional power transfer between two voltage sources. It is constituted by two active full-bridge converters linked by a high frequency transformer. The power flow between the sources can be controlled by adjusting the phase-shift relative to the gating pulses of the left and right bridges. This converter topology has been first proposed in [31] and further analyzed in [11]. Figure 1.16 shows the circuit diagram of the dc-dc DAB converter.

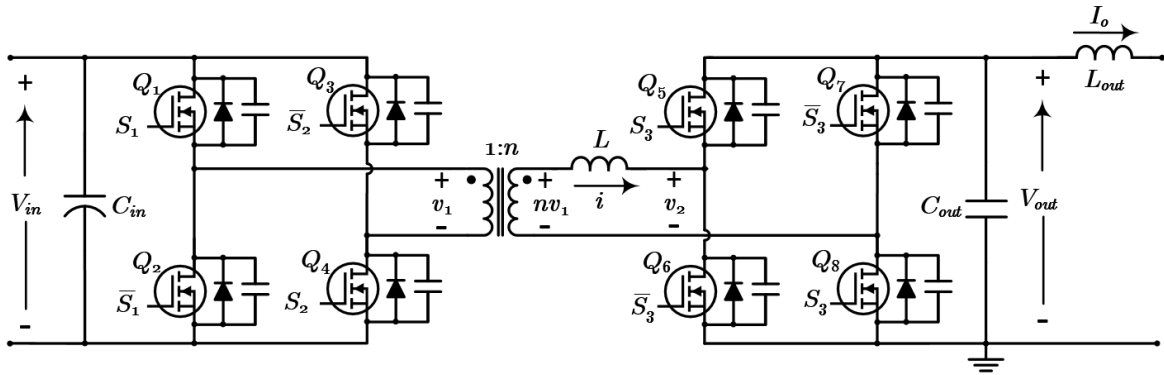


Figure 1.16: dc-dc DAB converter topology.

The principle of operation of the DAB is based on the commutation of the switches Q_1 - Q_8 . The semiconductor switches Q_1 - Q_4 are modulated to produce a high-frequency square or quasi-square waveform at the terminal v_1 from the input voltage available with amplitude V_{in} . Similarly, the switches Q_5 - Q_8 are modulated to produce a high-frequency square waveform at the terminal v_2 . For power transfer analysis, the DAB converter can be simplified with the equivalent circuit diagram shown in Figure 1.17. Equation 1.1 shows the expression of the active power transfer of the DAB converter as a function of the voltage levels, the phase-shift between the bridges and the series inductor.

$$P = \frac{|nv_{1(1)}||v_{2(1)}|\sin(\phi)}{X_L} \quad (1.1)$$

where,

$$X_L = 2\pi fL \quad (1.2)$$

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f is the frequency of the square waveforms, ϕ is the angle difference between the voltages nv_1 and v_2 and $nv_{1(1)}$ and $v_{2(1)}$ are the fundamental harmonic component of the voltages nv_1 and v_2 respectively.

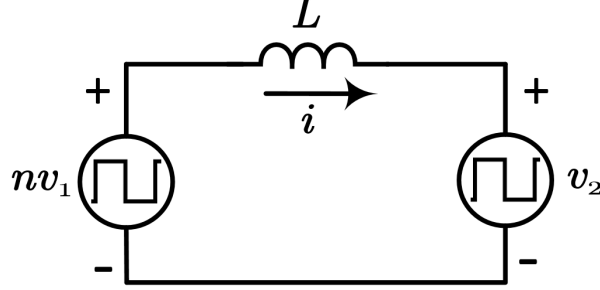


Figure 1.17: DAB converter simplified circuit.

Depending on the relative phase-shift between the gating signals S_1 , S_2 and S_3 , the DAB converter can be operated with two distinct modulation strategies. In the first modulation strategy, SPS, one phase-shift is required. In this mode of operation, the gating signals S_1 and S_2 are in-phase, and the gating signal S_3 is phase-shifted relative to S_1 with an angle ϕ . An in-depth description and analysis of the SPS modulation is conducted in Section 1.5.2.

For the second modulation strategy, DPS, two distinct phase-shifts are required. In this alternative mode of operation, the gating signals S_1 and S_2 are phase-shifted relative to each other with an angle δ . The second phase-shift is relative to the gating signals S_1 and S_3 creating an angle ϕ . An in-depth description and analysis of the DPS modulation is conducted in Section 1.5.3.

1.5.2 Single Phase-Shift Modulation

In the SPS modulation, the gating signals S_1 and S_2 are in-phase and the gating signal S_3 is phase-shifted relative to S_1 with an angle ϕ . Therefore, the resultant voltages nv_1 and v_2 are square waveforms. Figure 1.18 shows the graph of the gating signals S_1 to S_3 and the phase-shift angle ϕ . The main advantage of the SPS modulation is its simplicity and its ease of implementation, because the averaged active power can be directly regulated by the phase-shift angle ϕ .

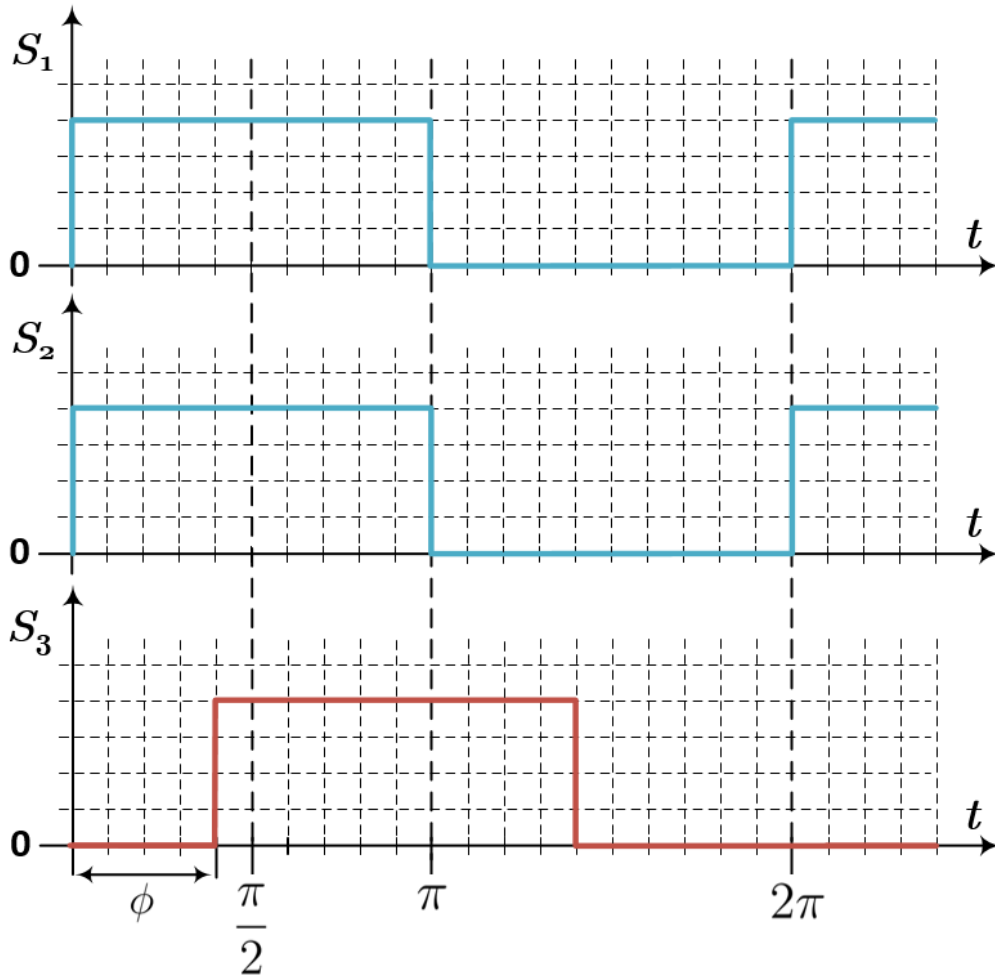


Figure 1.18: Gating pulse sequence for SPS modulation.

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Considering that the power transfer occurs mainly at the fundamental frequency level, the effect of all other harmonics can be neglected. Therefore, the coefficient of the fundamental frequency can be obtained by performing a Fourier series expansion.

For power transfer analysis, the expression for the average active power provided in Equation 1.1 can be re-written as shown in Equation 1.3.

$$P = \frac{\langle v_1 \rangle_1 \langle v_2 \rangle_1 \sin(\phi)}{X_L} \quad (1.3)$$

As indicated earlier, the SPS modulation is very popular due to its simplicity. Nonetheless, this modulation strategy exhibits inner circulating current flowing through the transformer when the voltages nv_1 and v_2 have different magnitudes producing, in turn, reactive power [32, 33]. Another undesired consequence of the SPS modulation, is that the circulating current can lead to high conduction losses, reducing the overall efficiency of the converter [31].

As expressed in Section 1.3, the DAB converter can operate at soft-switching conditions. In [11], an in-depth study of the DAB converter is presented where the boundaries and soft-switching operating conditions are summarized in Figure 1.25. The bold curves enclose the region of operation of the DAB converter under soft-switching conditions. As stated in [11], such nomogram is very useful in asserting, rather quickly, if an operating point is within the soft-switching region or not.

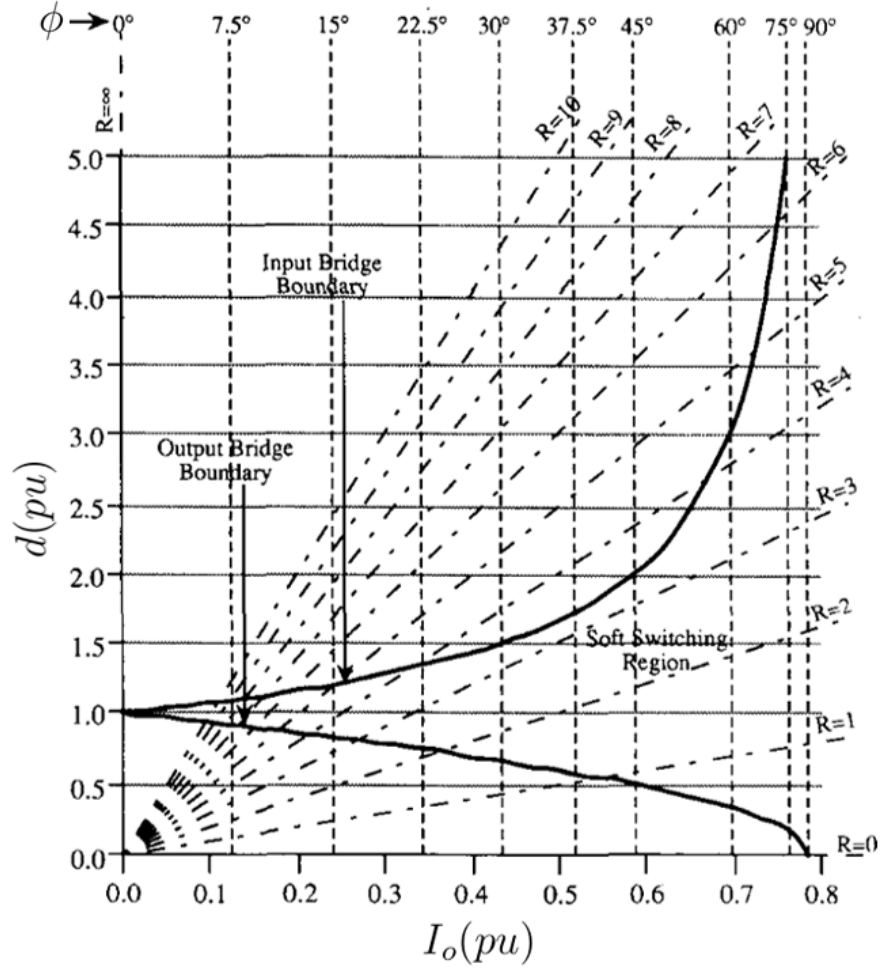


Figure 1.19: Nomogram of output voltage versus output current using SPS [11].

where,

$$d(pu) = \frac{V_{out}}{nV_{in}} \quad (1.4)$$

$$I_o(pu) = \frac{nI_o}{V_{in}X_L} \quad (1.5)$$

$$R = \frac{d(pu)}{I_o(pu)} \quad (1.6)$$

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For ZVS soft-switching operation in both bridges, the inductor current zero crossing, ϕ_i , must occur within the time interval where the voltages nv_1 and v_2 have opposite polarities [12, 34–37]. Therefore, $0 < |\phi_i| < |\phi|$. Figure 1.26 and 1.27 show two scenarios where soft-switching conditions are achieved.

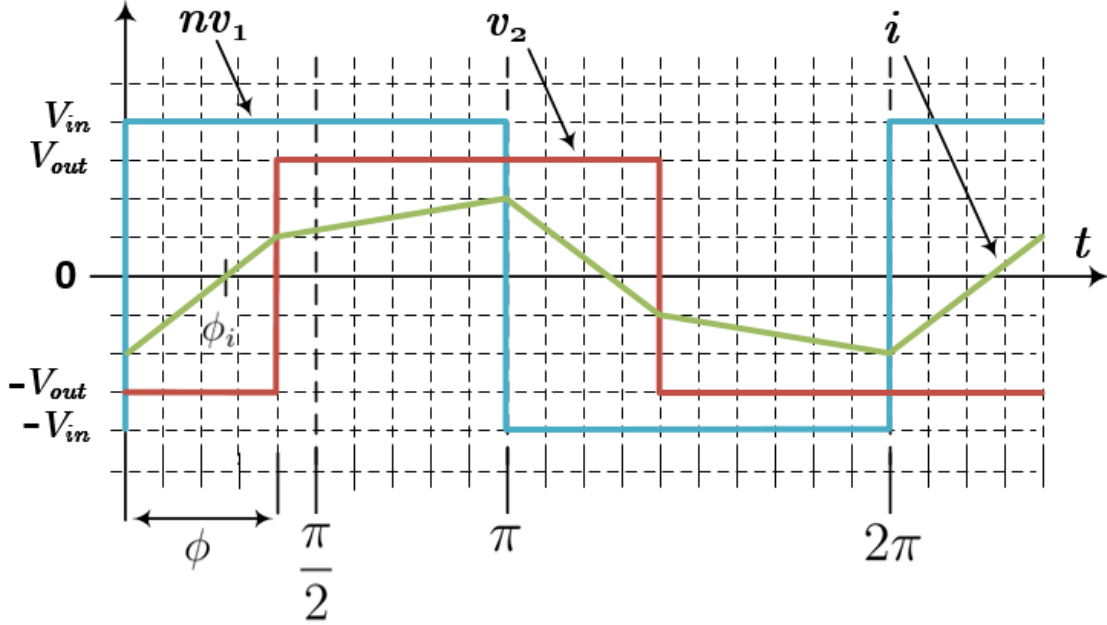
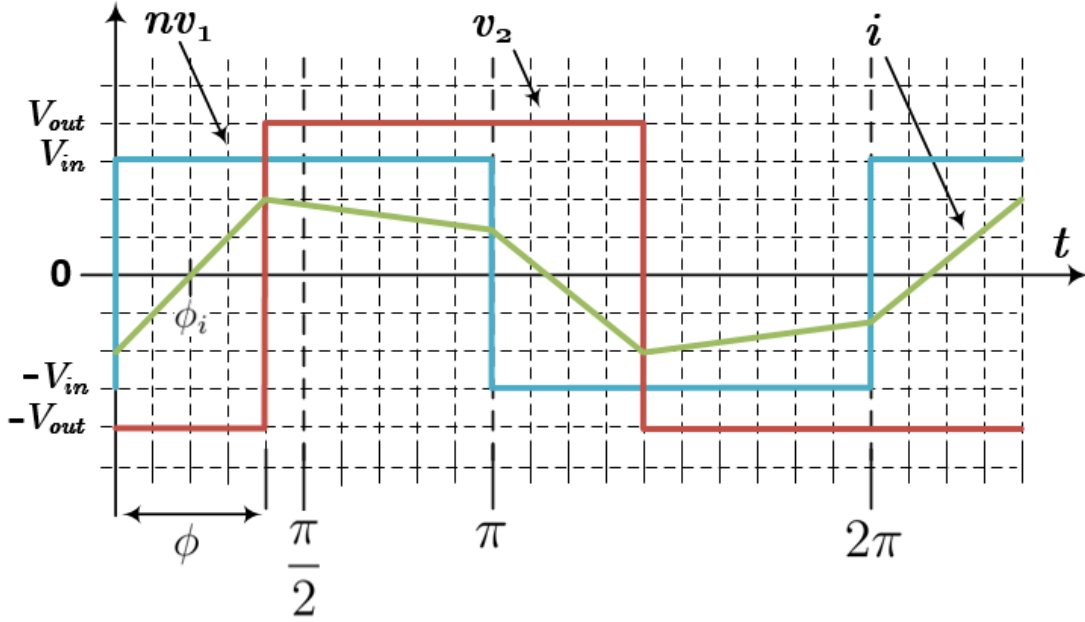
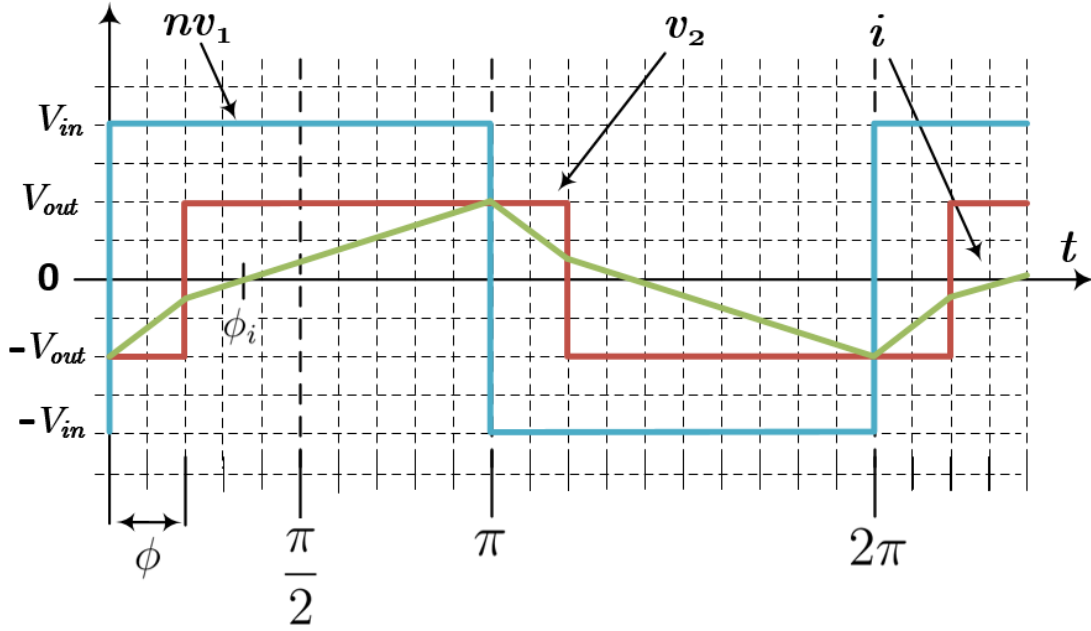


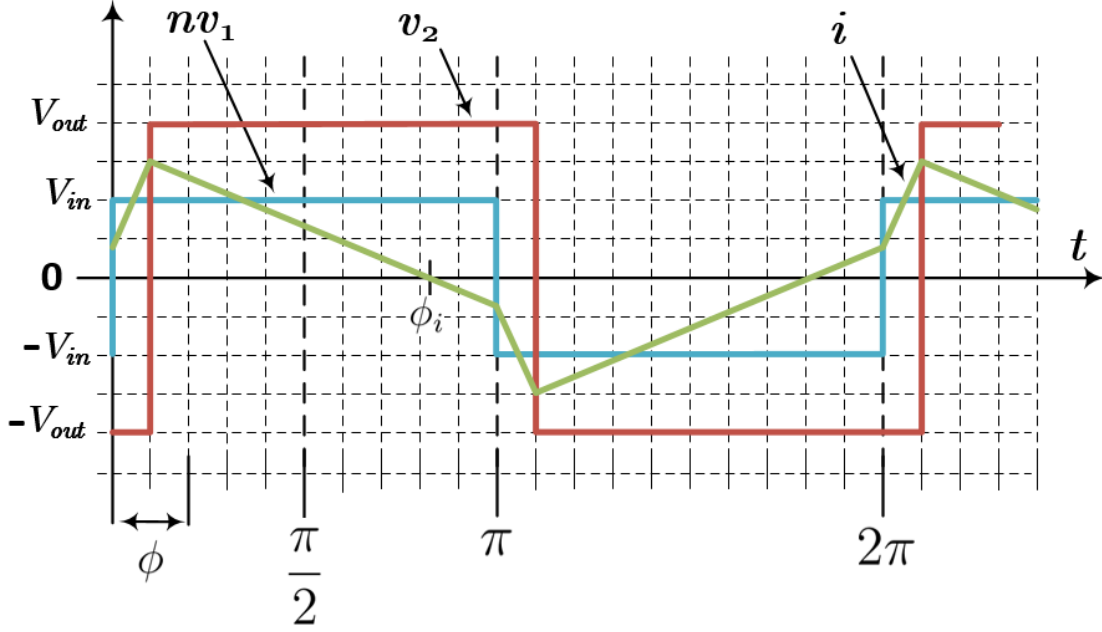
Figure 1.20: SPS modulation at ZVS soft-switching operation where $nv_1 > v_2$.

However, the converter may also lose such condition when the voltage conversion ratio, d , deviates from unity [12, 34], as shown in Figure 1.19. Therefore, the operation of DAB based dc-ac converter under constant soft-switching conditions can be difficult in practical applications such as PV interconnection, where the voltage of the PV panel changes with the sun irradiance and ambient temperature. Moreover, the magnitude of the host ac-grid voltage is also time-varying, increasing even further the difficulty of soft-switching operation. As consequence, the DAB based converters operating under SPS modulation suffer from lower energy conversion efficiencies due to its high conduction losses and hard switching operation [35]. Figure 1.22 and 1.23 show two scenarios where the converter operates under undesirable hard-switching conditions.


 Figure 1.21: SPS modulation at ZVS soft-switching operation where $nv_1 < v_2$.

 Figure 1.22: SPS modulation at hard-switching operation where $nv_1 > v_2$.

1.5.3 Dual Phase-Shift Modulation

To extend the range of operation under soft-switching conditions several modulation methods based on a dual phase-shift (DPS) have been proposed in the literature [11, 12,


 Figure 1.23: SPS modulation at hard-switching operation where $nv_1 < v_2$.

23,32–34]. In the DPS modulation, the gating signals S_1 and S_2 are phase-shifted with an angle δ producing a three-level square waveform at the terminals of the transformer, nv_1 . Moreover, the gating signal S_3 is phase-shifted relative to S_1 with an angle of ϕ producing a square waveform at the bridge terminal v_2 . Figure 1.24 shows the graph of the gating signals S_1 to S_3 and the phase-shift angles δ and ϕ .

Similar to the power transfer analysis of Section 1.5.2 only the fundamental frequencies of v_1 and v_2 are considered. Under the DPS modulation, the coefficient of the fundamental frequency of the three-level square waveform can be obtained by performing the Fourier series expansion as shown in Appendix A.

Therefore, for power transfer analysis, the expression for the average active power provided in Equation 1.1 can be re-written as shown in Equation 1.7.

$$P = \frac{n \langle v_1 \rangle_1 \langle v_2 \rangle_1 \sin(\phi) \cos(\delta)}{X_L} \quad (1.7)$$

The addition of a third level in the voltage v_1 , can be used to extend the soft-switching operating region. By analyzing Equation ??, the voltage conversion ratio, d can be regulated closer to unity by controlling the phase-shift, δ .

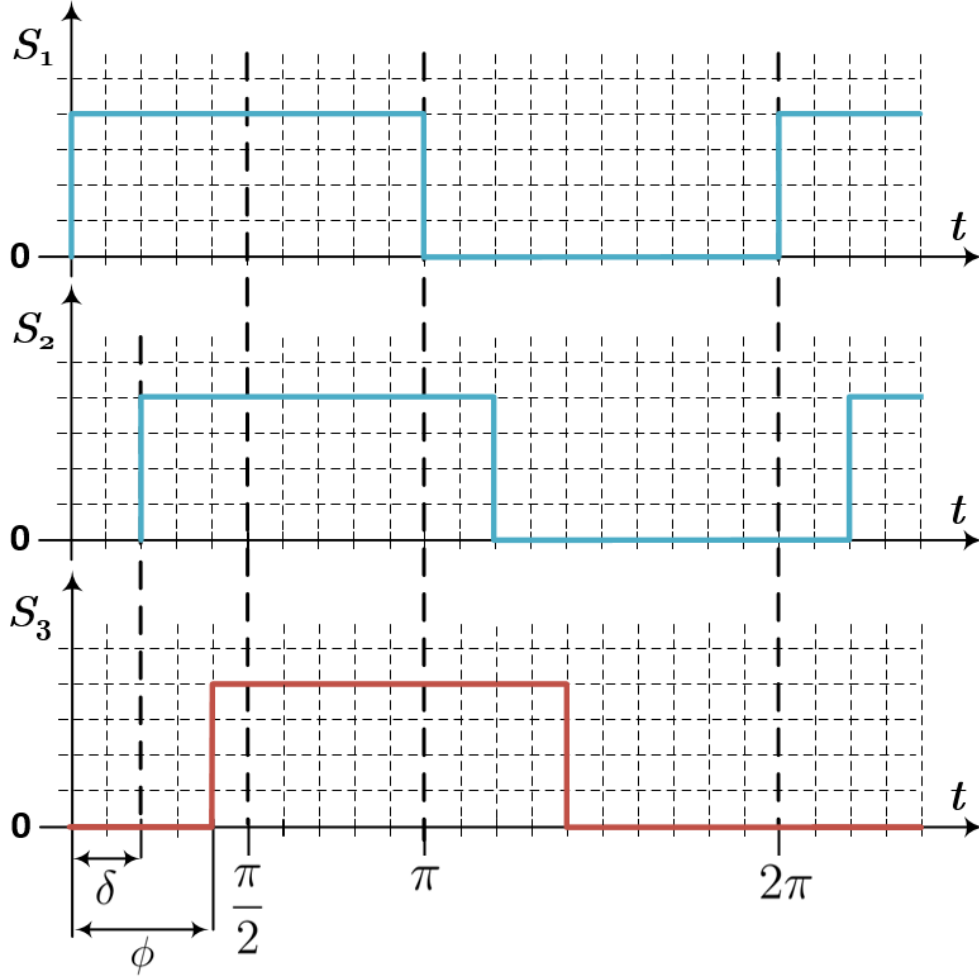


Figure 1.24: Gating pulse sequence for DPS modulation.

$$d = \frac{V_{out}}{nV_{in}} = \frac{\frac{4}{\pi}v_2}{\frac{4}{\pi}nv_1 \cos(\delta)} \quad (1.8)$$

Since,

$$d \approx 1$$

then,

$$\frac{4}{\pi}v_2 \approx \frac{4}{\pi}nv_1 \cos(\delta)$$

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Solving for δ ,

$$\delta \approx \arccos\left(\frac{v_2}{nv_1}\right), 0 \leq |\delta| \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (1.9)$$

Moreover, with the value of δ obtained from Equation 1.9, the inductor current zero crossing, ϕ_i , can be controlled such that $0 < |\phi_i| < |\phi|$. Figure 1.26 and 1.27 show two scenarios where soft-switching conditions are achieved under DPS modulation.

In [12], an in-depth study of the DAB converter under DPS modulation is presented. The operating boundaries for soft-switching commutation conditions are summarized in Figure 1.25. Section A of the nomogram shows the soft-switching operation under SPS modulation, and Section B shows the extended soft-switching region operating under DPS modulation. Operation in the remaining sections exhibit hard-switching commutation.

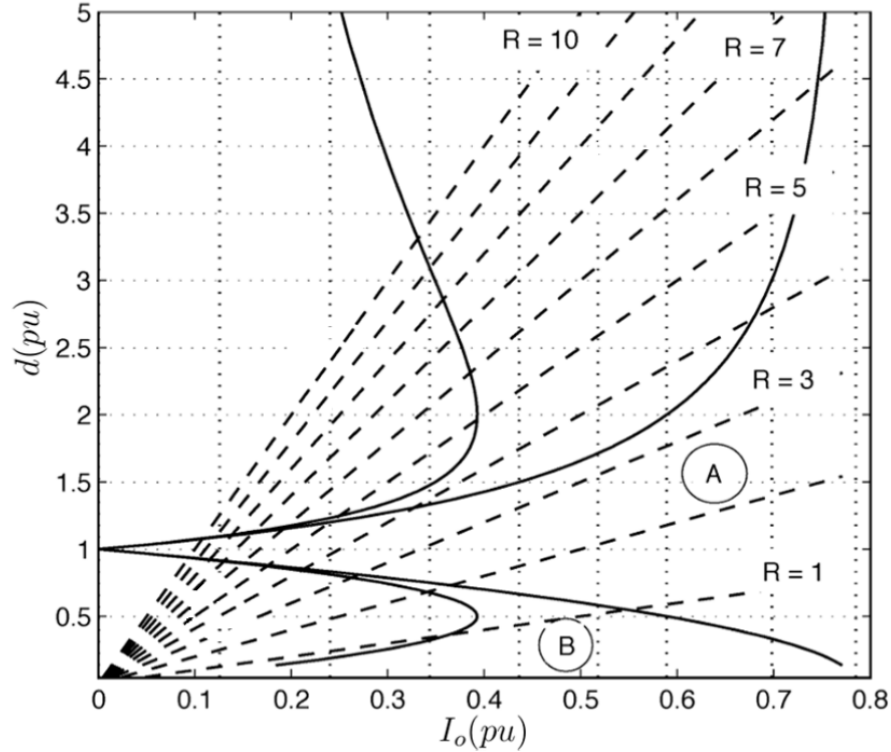
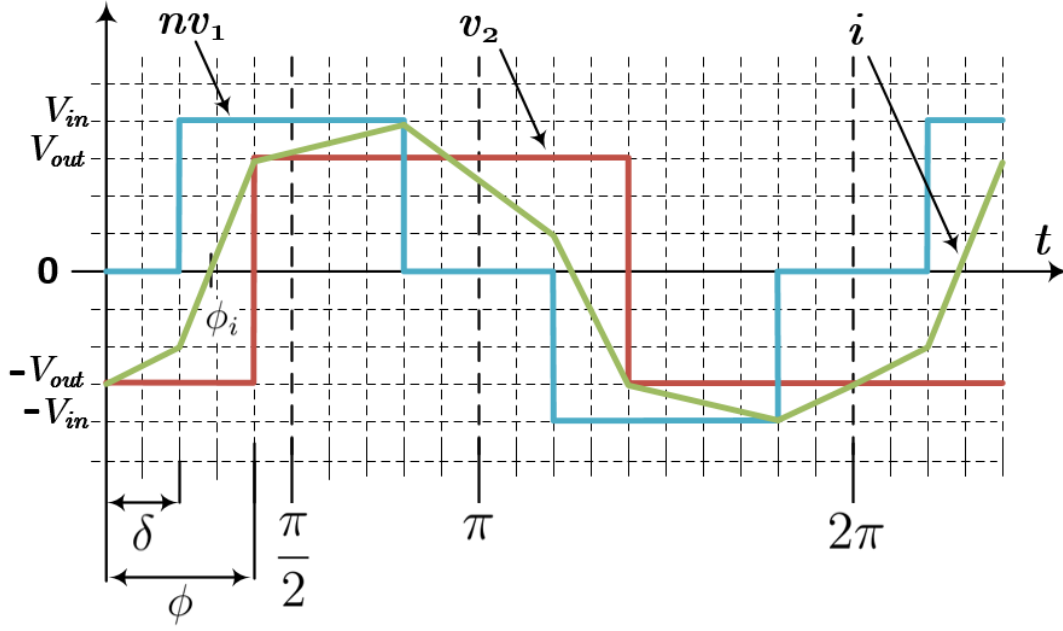
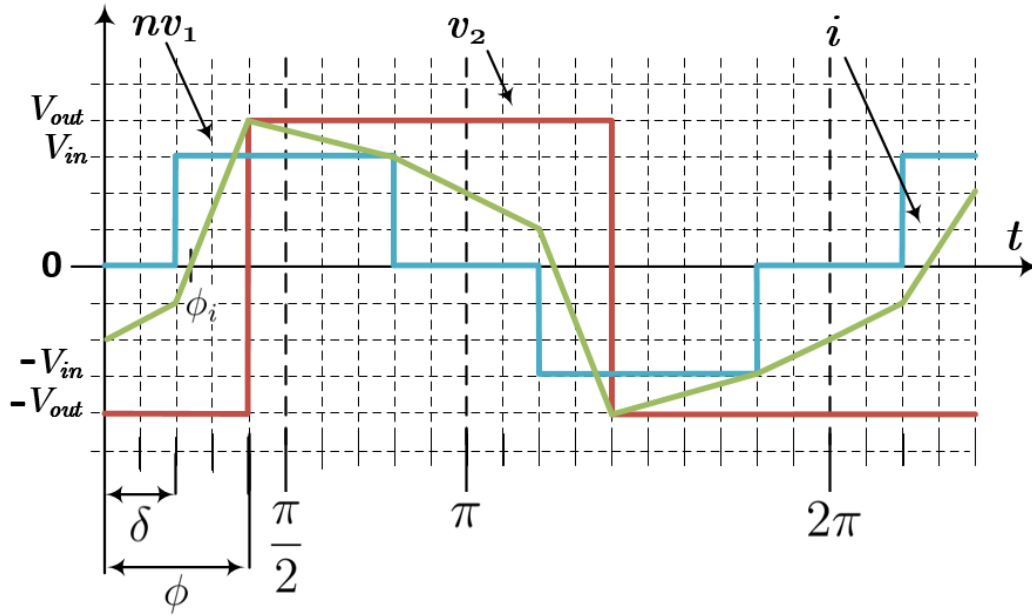


Figure 1.25: Nomogram of output voltage versus output current usign DPS modulation [12]. Section A shows the soft-switching operation under SPS modulation. Section B shows the extended soft-switching region operating under DPS modulation. Operation in the remaining sections exhibit hard-switching commutation.


 Figure 1.26: DPS modulation at ZVS soft-switching operation where $nv_1 > v_2$.

 Figure 1.27: DPS modulation at ZVS soft-switching operation where $nv_1 < v_2$.

1.6 Thesis Outline

The remainder of this thesis is organized as follows:

- Chapter 2 presents the large-signal, steady-state and small-signal state-space models of the series-resonant DAB based dc-ac converters under the SPS modulation. The magnitude of the resonant voltage, resonant current, input voltage and output current are calculated using the mathematical model. This analytical model, is, in the opinion of the author, a way to unify the analysis of the DAB based converters via a traditional approach rather than evaluating the power losses or the instantaneous power delivery using phasorial analysis. An extended mathematical model for the DPS modulation is presented in Appendix B. Furthermore, chapter 2 presents a design methodology and component sizing strategy.
- Chapter 3 proposes an effective control strategy and derives the input to output transfer functions of the converter. In addition, this chapter presents candidate compensators to control both output current and input voltage quantities to control power transfer and to implement effective MPPT algorithms.
- Chapter 4 presents the simulated and experimental results to validate the proposed mathematical model and control strategy.
- The conclusion and future work is presented in Chapter 5.

Chapter 2

Mathematical Model

The development of an appropriate mathematical model is central to the process of control design. Different models may be required for different stages of the control design. However, even for a specific stage of the design procedure several different models can be used, each with their own intrinsic model characteristics. Therefore, several trade-offs are involved in selecting from among different models. For instance, the steady-state model presented in [6] functions well in simulating the open-loop behaviour of the DAB based converter, but does not provide a good basis for determining a closed-loop controller. The model presented in [7] is based on power flow analysis, and similar to the previous case, it does not provide a dynamic modelling of the power circuit. The lack of dynamic modelling often leads to the implementation of unpractical and difficult close-loop control strategies with limited operating range. For instance, in [7, 24–26] a single-phase Phase-locked Loop (PLL) and a look-up table are used to operate the converter only at predefined conditions.

On the other hand, complex models for power circuits may predict open-loop behaviour more accurately, but may be analytically more complex and less useful in generating simple candidate control designs [38]. For example, in [8, 10, 28, 30] the proposed model is based on power flow analysis and the adopted control strategy requires the implementation of computational demanding algorithms to calculate the phase-shifts and time delays between the bridges. Regardless of the modelling choice, an over-simplified model may miss crucial aspects of system behaviour and therefore lead to unsatisfactory controllers [38]. Therefore, for the effective and systematic modelling of power circuits, several methods have been proposed in the literature based on switched, averaging, and state space models [39–46].

State-space models provide a general and powerful foundation for dynamic modelling compared to other modelling approaches such as switched and averaging models. In fact, state-space models include both switched and average models as special cases, but go considerably further. This modelling technique provides good performance when analyzing, simulating, and controlling both steady-state behaviour and perturbations away from it. State-Space modelling focuses on the variables that are central to describing the dynamic evolution of a system. Such variables are called state variables, whose values and interrelationship defines the state of the system.

State variables summarize those aspects of the past that are important for the future. Such aspects are associated with the memory mechanism or the energy storage mechanisms of the system. For electrical circuits, the natural state variables are the currents of flux linkages in inductors and the voltages or charges on capacitors [38]. In addition to the state variables, other variables i.e, the inputs and outputs, are of interest when describing a dynamic system.

The inputs to the system are the external signals that sets the electrical circuit in action. Such inputs are the waveforms of voltage and current sources that drive the power circuit and the gating signals that modulate the controlled switches. Some other inputs may be control variables that can be commanded to operate the circuit in a desired manner, whereas other inputs may be disturbances that cannot be directly or indirectly controlled. These governing laws are embodied in the state-space model [38].

The outputs of the system are either measured quantities of those whose values are of interest, even if not measured. The instantaneous values of the desired outputs can be modeled as a function of the system state and the inputs at that instant. In the context of electrical circuits, typical outputs may be the voltages and/or currents associated with selected elements [38].

2.1 Large-Signal Model of Converter

The derivation of the state-space model of the DAB based converter shown in Figure 2.1 consists of three parts. The first step consists of the development of a large-signal model to understand and predict the dynamic operation of the converter at any conditions. The second and third steps consists of developing a steady-state model, a small signal model to understand the behaviour of the converter when small perturbations drive the converter away from a quiescent operating point. The steady-state and small signal models are key for the development of the control design.

As mentioned in the previous section, the state variables of a state-space model are the quantities that store energy in the system. In electrical circuits, the natural state variables are the currents in the inductors and the voltages across the capacitors. Therefore, the following quantities are of special interest: v_{pv} , i_r , v_r , v_{out} and i_g .

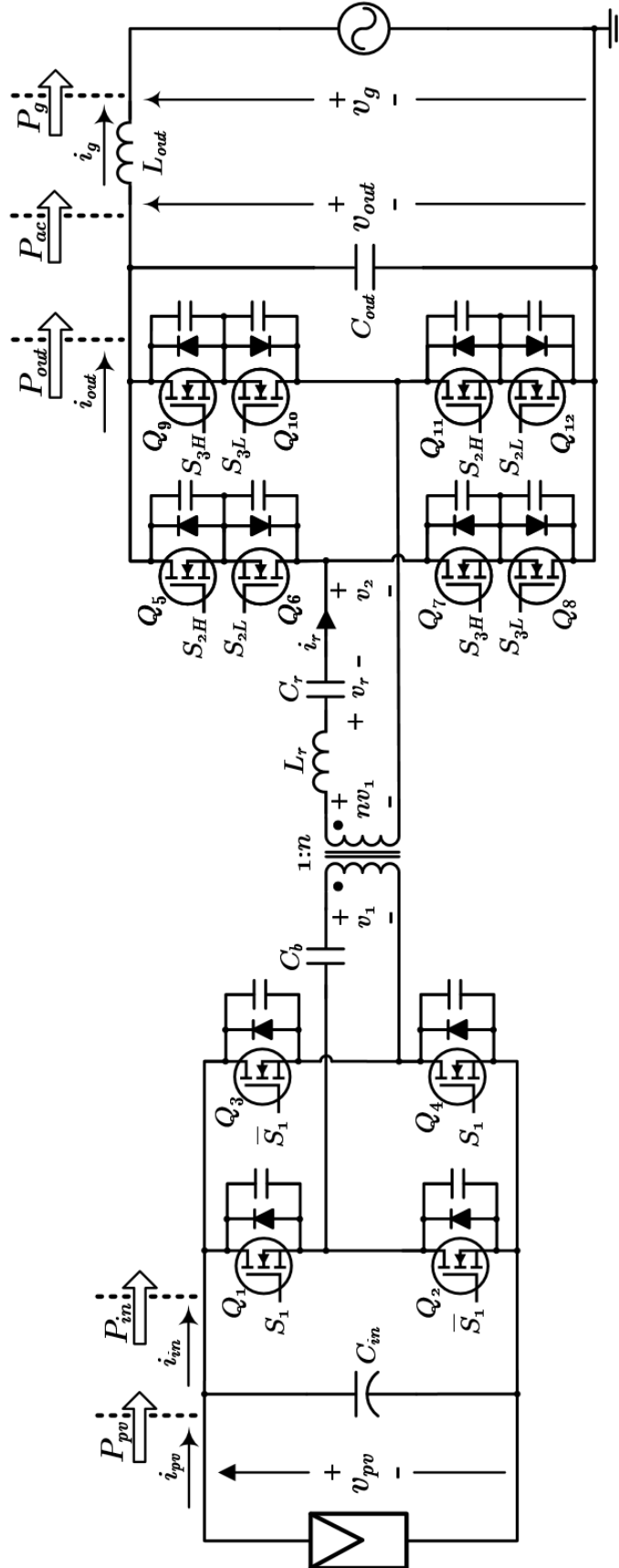


Figure 2.1: dc-ac DAB based converter topology.

2.1.1 Analysis of Resonant Tank

To reduce the analysis complexity of the converter's resonant tank under the SPS modulation, the voltages v_1 and v_2 can be replaced by square wave sources. Consequently, the converter diagram shown in Figure 2.1 can be replaced by the simplified equivalent circuit shown in Figure 2.2.

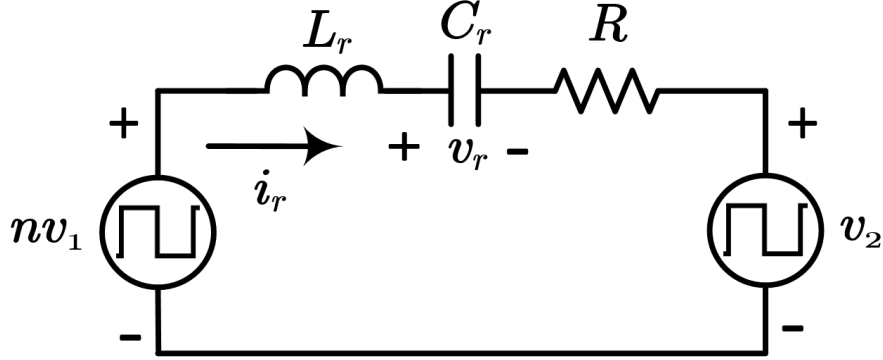


Figure 2.2: Simplified equivalent circuit of the dc-ac DAB converter under SPS modulation.

The current and voltage of the resonant inductor are related as

$$C_r \frac{dv_r}{dt} = i_r \quad (2.1)$$

In addition, it is possible to apply KVL around the mesh to obtain

$$L_r \frac{di_r}{dt} = nv_1 - v_2 - v_r - Ri_r \quad (2.2)$$

Since power transfer is made possible mostly by fundamental harmonic components, the voltages v_1 and v_2 can be approximated by their first harmonic components as

$$v_1 \approx \langle v_1 \rangle_1 = \frac{4}{\pi} v_{pv} \cos(\omega t + \phi) \quad (2.3)$$

$$v_2 \approx \langle v_2 \rangle_1 = \frac{4}{\pi} |v_{out}| \cos(\omega t) \quad (2.4)$$

Let voltage v_r and current i_r be expressed as linear combination of orthogonal sinusoidal components with time-varying coefficients as discussed in [47], as shown in Equations (2.5) and (2.6).

$$v_r = \alpha_v(t) \cos(\omega t) + \beta_v(t) \sin(\omega t) \quad (2.5)$$

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$$i_r = \alpha_i(t) \cos(\omega t) + \beta_i(t) \sin(\omega t) \quad (2.6)$$

Then, using trigonometric relations, one finds

$$\hat{v}_r = \sqrt{\alpha_v^2 + \beta_v^2} \quad (2.7a)$$

$$\phi_v = \arctan\left(\frac{\beta_v}{\alpha_v}\right) \quad (2.7b)$$

$$\hat{i}_r = \sqrt{\alpha_i^2 + \beta_i^2} \quad (2.8a)$$

$$\phi_i = \arctan\left(\frac{\beta_i}{\alpha_i}\right) \quad (2.8b)$$

where $\hat{\cdot}$ denotes the peak value of the corresponding variables.

Substitution of (2.5) and (2.6) into (2.1), yields (2.9).

$$C_r \frac{d}{dt} [\alpha_v \cos(\omega t) + \beta_v \sin(\omega t)] = \alpha_i \cos(\omega t) + \beta_i \sin(\omega t) \quad (2.9)$$

Expanding (2.9) and equating the corresponding orthogonal terms of the two sides of the expanded equation, one finds

$$\frac{d\alpha_v}{dt} = \frac{\alpha_i}{C_r} - \beta_v \omega \quad (2.10)$$

$$\frac{d\beta_v}{dt} = \frac{\beta_i}{C_r} + \alpha_v \omega \quad (2.11)$$

Substitution of (2.3) through (2.6) into (2.2) gives

$$\begin{aligned} L_r \frac{d}{dt} [\alpha_i \cos(\omega t) + \beta_i \sin(\omega t)] &= \frac{4n}{\pi} v_{pv} \cos(\omega t + \phi) - \frac{4}{\pi} |v_{out}| \cos(\omega t) \\ &\quad - \alpha_v \cos(\omega t) - \beta_v \sin(\omega t) - \alpha_i R \cos(\omega t) - \beta_i R \sin(\omega t). \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

which, through a process similar to the one used for deriving Equations (2.10) and (2.11), yields

$$\frac{d\alpha_i}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_r} \left[\frac{4}{\pi} \left(n v_{pv} \cos(\phi) - |v_{out}| \right) - \alpha_v - \alpha_i R \right] - \beta_i \omega \quad (2.13)$$

$$\frac{d\beta_i}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_r} \left[-\frac{4n}{\pi} v_{pv} \sin(\phi) - \beta_v - \beta_i R \right] + \alpha_i \omega \quad (2.14)$$

Equations (2.10), (2.11), (2.13) and (2.14) represent the expressions for the state variables of the resonant quantities. In the next two subsections, the dynamic equations for v_{pv} and i_g are derived.

2.1.2 Analysis of Converter Input Power Balance

The analysis of the input bridge is of great importance to understand and control the converter such that the maximum power is transferred from the PV into the grid using MPPT algorithms. Figure 2.3 shows the equivalent circuit for power flow analysis at both input and output terminals.

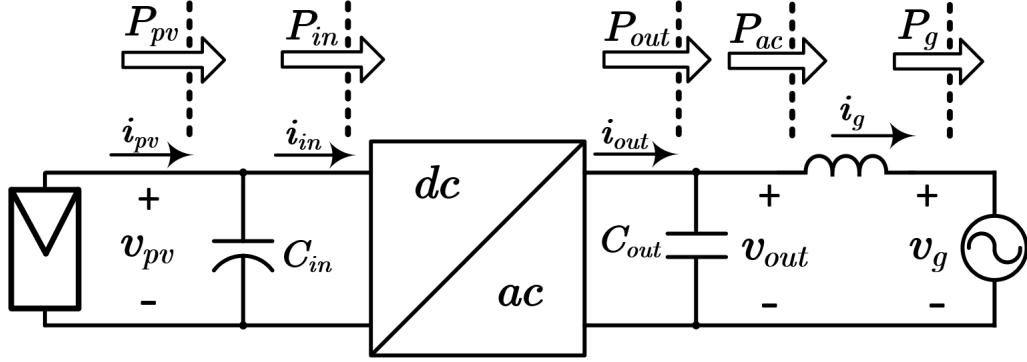


Figure 2.3: Circuit diagram for power flow analysis.

The power balance principle applied at the input bridge requires that

$$\overline{v_{pv} i_{in}} = \overline{n v_1 i_r} \quad (2.15)$$

where the averages are taken over one switching cycle. Therefore, assuming that v_{pv} is constant over one switching cycle, one can rewrite Equation (2.15) as

$$v_{pv} \overline{i_{in}} = \overline{n v_1 i_r} \quad (2.16)$$

Substituting for v_1 and i_r from 2.3 and 2.6 one can find

$$v_{pv} \overline{i_{in}} = \frac{4n}{\pi} v_{pv} \cos(\omega t + \phi) \left(\alpha_i \cos(\omega t) + \beta_i \sin(\omega t) \right) \quad (2.17)$$

which can be simplified as

$$v_{pv} \overline{i_{in}} = \frac{4n}{\pi} v_{pv} \left(\frac{1}{2} \alpha_i \cos(\phi) - \frac{1}{2} \beta_i \sin(\phi) \right) \quad (2.18)$$

$$\overline{i_{in}} = \frac{2n}{\pi} \left(\alpha_i \cos(\phi) - \beta_i \sin(\phi) \right) \quad (2.19)$$

Then, one can write

$$C_{in} \frac{dv_{pv}}{dt} = i_{pv} - \overline{i_{in}} \quad (2.20)$$

which substituting (2.19), can be rewritten as

$$\frac{dv_{pv}}{dt} = \frac{1}{C_{in}} \left[i_{pv} - \frac{2n}{\pi} \left(\alpha_i \cos(\phi) - \beta_i \sin(\phi) \right) \right] \quad (2.21)$$

2.1.3 Analysis of Converter Output Power Balance

A similar power flow analysis can be performed at the output of the converter. The output filter composed by C_{out} and L_{out} has the objective to filter out the high frequency harmonics due to the switching, therefore it does not affect the dominant dynamics of the converter and can be neglected. Power flow analysis at the converter output should be performed to describe the relationship between the output current and the resonant current. The circuit diagram for power flow analysis of Figure 2.3 can be replaced, if ignoring the output filter, by the simplified circuit diagram shown in Figure 2.4.

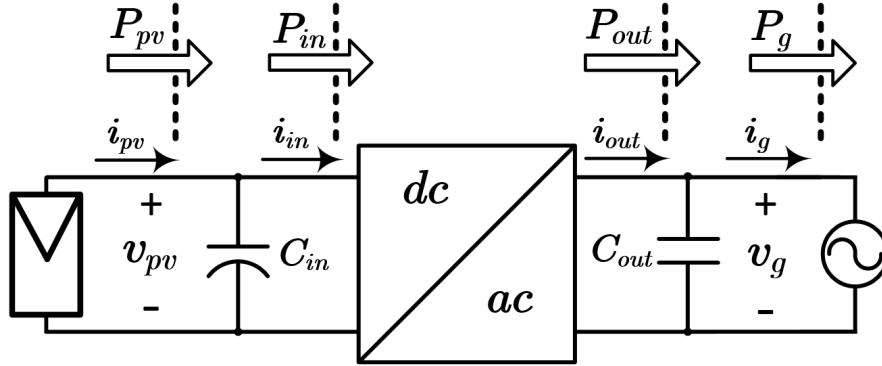


Figure 2.4: Simplified circuit for power flow analysis.

$$\overline{v_{out} i_{out}} = \overline{v_2 i_r} \quad (2.22)$$

Assuming that v_{out} is constant over one switching cycle, one can rewrite (2.22) as

$$\overline{v_{out} i_{out}} = \frac{4}{\pi} |v_{out}| \cos(\omega t) \overline{\left(\alpha_i \cos(\omega t) + \beta_i \sin(\omega t) \right)} \quad (2.23)$$

$$\overline{i_{out}} = \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{|v_{out}|}{v_{out}} \cos(\omega t) \overline{\left(\alpha_i \cos(\omega t) + \beta_i \sin(\omega t) \right)} \quad (2.24)$$

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$$\overline{i_{out}} = \frac{2}{\pi} \alpha_i \frac{|v_{out}|}{v_{out}} \quad (2.25)$$

$$\overline{i_{out}} = \frac{2}{\pi} \alpha_i \text{sgn}(v_{out}) \quad (2.26)$$

If the effect of the output filter is ignored,

$$v_{out}v = v_g \quad (2.27)$$

and

$$\overline{i_{out}} = i_g \quad (2.28)$$

Otherwise,

$$C_{out} \frac{dv_{out}}{dt} = \overline{i_{out}} - i_g \quad (2.29)$$

$$L_{out} \frac{di_g}{dt} = v_{out} - v_g \quad (2.30)$$

$$\frac{dv_{out}}{dt} = \frac{1}{C_{out}} \left(\frac{2}{\pi} \alpha_i - i_g \right) \quad (2.31)$$

$$\frac{di_g}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_{out}} (v_{out} - v_g) \quad (2.32)$$

Therefore, if the output filter is ignored the state vector can be written as,

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_v \\ \beta_v \\ \alpha_i \\ \beta_i \\ v_{pv} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.33)$$

Otherwise, if the effect of the output filter is considered,

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_v \\ \beta_v \\ \alpha_i \\ \beta_i \\ v_{pv} \\ v_{out} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.34)$$

In the subsequent sections of this thesis the effect of the output filter will be ignored.

2.2 Steady-State and Small-Signal Models

For the purpose of control design, the large-signal model developed in Section ?? should be linearized about an operating point of the converter. The static characteristics of power electronic circuits often depend non-linearly on the control variables, and their dynamic characteristics are even more likely to do so. With linear or nonlinear feedback control, the closed-loop system is typically also nonlinear. Assessing stability and designing controllers with nonlinear models are usually difficult. The most common, systematic and generally successful approach to these tasks is linearization. In other words, the nonlinear model is replaced by linear models that approximately describe small deviations or perturbations from nominal operation point, or quiescent point of a system. Linear models are far easier to analyze than nonlinear ones. Linearized models, also called small-signal, are crucial to evaluating the stability of a nominal operating condition [38]. To that end, let each variable be decomposed into a nominal component (steady-state component) and a small perturbation from the nominal value (small-signal component). Then,

$$x(t) = X + \tilde{x}(t) \quad (2.35)$$

where uppercase letter X denotes the steady-state component of $x(t)$, while $\tilde{x}(t)$ denotes a small-signal component.

To determine the state-space components, the derivatives in the state-space equations (2.10),(2.11),(2.13),(2.14), (2.21) and (2.31) are set to zero, to yield

$$\frac{A_i}{C_r} - B_v \Omega = 0 \quad (2.36)$$

$$\frac{B_i}{C_r} + A_v \Omega = 0 \quad (2.37)$$

$$\frac{1}{L_r} \left[\frac{4}{\pi} (nV_{pv} \cos(\Phi) - V_{out}) - A_v - A_i R \right] - B_i \Omega = 0 \quad (2.38)$$

$$\frac{1}{L_r} \left[-\frac{4}{\pi} nV_{pv} \sin(\Phi) - B_v - B_i R \right] + A_i \Omega = 0 \quad (2.39)$$

$$I_{pv} - \frac{2n}{\pi} [A_i \cos(\Phi) - B_i \sin(\Phi)] = 0 \quad (2.40)$$

$$I_g - \frac{2}{\pi} A_i = 0 \quad (2.41)$$

where each variable is replaced with its steady-state component.

Due to the symmetrical operation of the converter when $v_{out} > 0$ and $v_{out} < 0$, the rest of the mathematical derivation assumes that the polarity of v_{out} is positive.

The small-signal model of the converter is then given by

$$\frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{A}\tilde{x} + \mathbf{B}\tilde{u} \quad (2.42a)$$

$$\tilde{y} = \mathbf{C}\tilde{x} \quad (2.42b)$$

where \mathbf{A} is the state matrix, \mathbf{B} is the input matrix, and \mathbf{C} is the output matrix; variable \tilde{y} is the output of interest.

In this particular system there are three inputs: ϕ , v_g and i_pv , and two outputs: i_g and v_{pv} . Therefore, the state-space model of the converter can be expressed as:

$$\frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{A}\tilde{x} + \mathbf{B}_\phi\tilde{\phi} + \mathbf{B}_{v_g}\tilde{v}_g + \mathbf{B}_{i_{pv}}\tilde{i}_{pv} \quad (2.43a)$$

$$\tilde{i}_g = \mathbf{C}_{i_g}\tilde{x} \quad (2.43b)$$

$$\tilde{v}_{pv} = \mathbf{C}_{v_{pv}}\tilde{x} \quad (2.43c)$$

where,

$$\tilde{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\alpha}_v \\ \tilde{\beta}_v \\ \tilde{\alpha}_i \\ \tilde{\beta}_i \\ \tilde{v}_{pv} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.44)$$

and,

$$\frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\alpha}_v \\ \tilde{\beta}_v \\ \tilde{\alpha}_i \\ \tilde{\beta}_i \\ \tilde{v}_{pv} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.45)$$

The state matrix \mathbf{A} can be calculated by taking the partial differentiation of each state equation with respect to each state variable. Alternatively, the state matrix can be thought as the Jacobian matrix in power systems.

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$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} & a_{15} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} & a_{25} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} & a_{35} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} & a_{45} \\ a_{51} & a_{52} & a_{53} & a_{54} & a_{55} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial \alpha_v} & \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial \beta_v} & \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial \alpha_i} & \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial \beta_i} & \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial v_{pv}} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial \alpha_v} & \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial \beta_v} & \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial \alpha_i} & \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial \beta_i} & \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial v_{pv}} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial \alpha_v} & \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial \beta_v} & \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial \alpha_i} & \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial \beta_i} & \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial v_{pv}} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial \alpha_v} & \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial \beta_v} & \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial \alpha_i} & \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial \beta_i} & \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial v_{pv}} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial \alpha_v} & \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial \beta_v} & \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial \alpha_i} & \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial \beta_i} & \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial v_{pv}} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.46)$$

The input matrices \mathbf{B}_ϕ , \mathbf{B}_{v_g} and $\mathbf{B}_{i_{pv}}$ are formulated as the partial differentiation of each state equation with respect to the inputs v_g , i_{pv} and control variable ϕ .

$$\mathbf{B}_\phi = \begin{bmatrix} b_{\phi 1} \\ b_{\phi 2} \\ b_{\phi 3} \\ b_{\phi 4} \\ b_{\phi 5} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial \phi} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial \phi} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial \phi} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial \phi} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial \phi} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.47)$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{v_g} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{v_g 1} \\ b_{v_g 2} \\ b_{v_g 3} \\ b_{v_g 4} \\ b_{v_g 5} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial v_g} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial v_g} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial v_g} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial v_g} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial v_g} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.48)$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{i_{pv}} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{i_{pv}1} \\ b_{i_{pv}2} \\ b_{i_{pv}3} \\ b_{i_{pv}4} \\ b_{i_{pv}5} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial i_{pv}} \\ \frac{\partial \beta_v}{\partial i_{pv}} \\ \frac{\partial i_{pv}}{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i} \\ \frac{\partial i_{pv}}{\partial \beta_i} \\ \frac{\partial i_{pv}}{\partial v_{pv}} \\ \frac{\partial i_{pv}}{\partial i_{pv}} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.49)$$

The mathematical derivation for the entries of the state matrix \mathbf{A} , the input matrices \mathbf{B}_ϕ , \mathbf{B}_{v_g} and $\mathbf{B}_{i_{pv}}$ have been included in Appendix B.

For the two outputs of interest, v_{pv} and i_g , the output matrices $\mathbf{C}_{V_{pv}}$ and \mathbf{C}_{I_g} are given by

$$\mathbf{C}_{V_{pv}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.50)$$

$$\mathbf{C}_{I_g} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{\pi} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.51)$$

The outputs of the system can be calculated as the addition of the steady-state magnitude and the small-signal perturbation.

$$i_g = I_g + \tilde{i}_g \quad (2.52)$$

$$v_{pv} = V_{pv} + \tilde{v}_{pv} \quad (2.53)$$

2.3 Summary

This chapter presented an averaged large-signal state-space model for the DAB-based resonant converter under SPS modulation. Moreover, to facilitate the task of control design, the large-signal model was linearized about a steady-state operating point. The developed models will be used in the next chapter for designing the current- and dc-link voltage controllers. The methodology presented in this chapter can also be applied when the converter is operated under DSP modulation. Such mathematical model extension has been presented in Appendix C. Furthermore, Appendix D presents an extension of the mathematical model when the DAB-based converter under SPS modulation is used as a rectifier.

Chapter 3

Control Scheme and Compensator Design

In the previous chapter a set of mathematical models composed of a non-linear large-signal model, a steady-state model and a linear small-signal model, were presented. In this chapter the control strategy and compensators design are presented for the DAB based converter shown in Figure 2.1.

Figure 3.1 illustrates the high level control strategy for the converter of Figure 2.1. As the figure shows, there are two feedback loops: a control loop for the task of regulating i_g and another one to control v_{pv} . The inner control loop is a fast loop with a small time constant, that has the objective of controlling power flow transfer between the converter and the ac-host grid. To regulate the power flow transfer, the output grid current i_g is kept in phase with the grid voltage v_g using a similar philosophy as presented in [48] such that power is transferred to the grid at unity power factor. The amount of active power transferred can be controlled by adjusting the amplitude of i_g . The slower outer loop controls the voltage across the input capacitor v_{pv} , such that MPPT algorithms can be implemented to maximize the power transfer between the PV and grid.

The subsequent sections present the control design method for the dc-link voltage control and the current control strategy. Furthermore, the derivation of the converter transfer function needed to design the current controller, the closed-loop stability requirements for the system and the compensator design methodology to meet such specifications are also presented in this chapter.

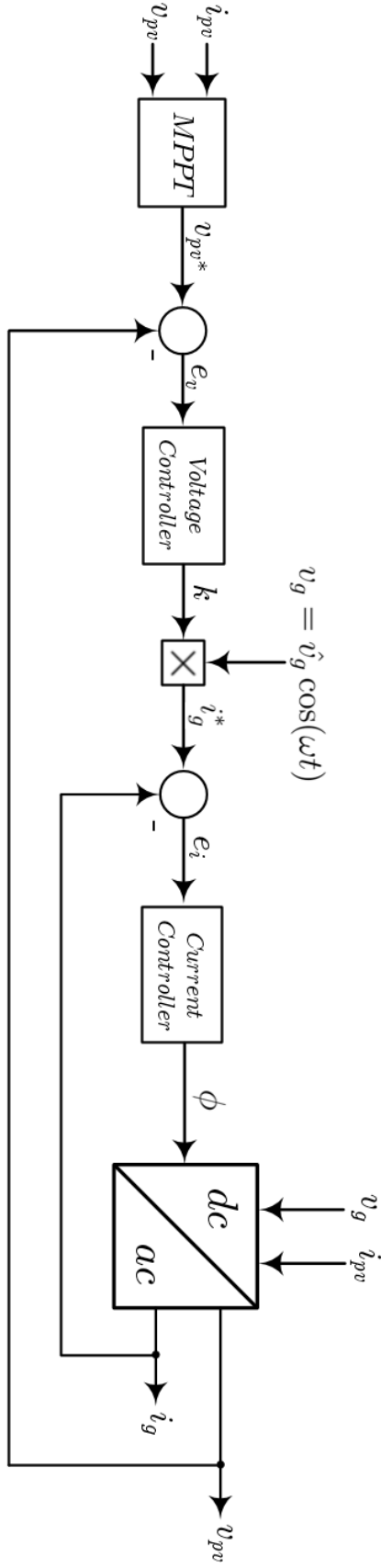


Figure 3.1: Proposed converter control strategy concept.

3.1 dc-link Voltage Control Design

This section presents the approximate method for dc-voltage control design based on the energy conservation principle.

Applying the energy conservation principle and ignoring converter power losses:

$$p_{pv} - \overline{p_g} = \frac{1}{2} C_{in} \frac{dv_{pv}^2}{dt} \quad (3.1)$$

where,

$$v_g = \hat{v}_g \cos(\omega t) \quad (3.2)$$

and assuming a fast current control,

$$i_g = i_g^* \quad (3.3)$$

let k be the voltage compensator output and

$$i_g^* = k v_g \quad (3.4)$$

to ensure unity power factor. Therefore,

$$i_g^* = k \hat{v}_g \cos(\omega t) \quad (3.5)$$

and

$$\overline{p_g} = \frac{1}{2} k \hat{v}_g^2 \quad (3.6)$$

Substituting for $\overline{p_g}$ in (3.1),

$$p_{pv} - \frac{1}{2} k \hat{v}_g^2 = C_{in} v_{pv} \frac{dv_{pv}}{dt} \quad (3.7)$$

Therefore, the dc-link voltage control can be shown in the control block diagram shown in Figure 3.2.

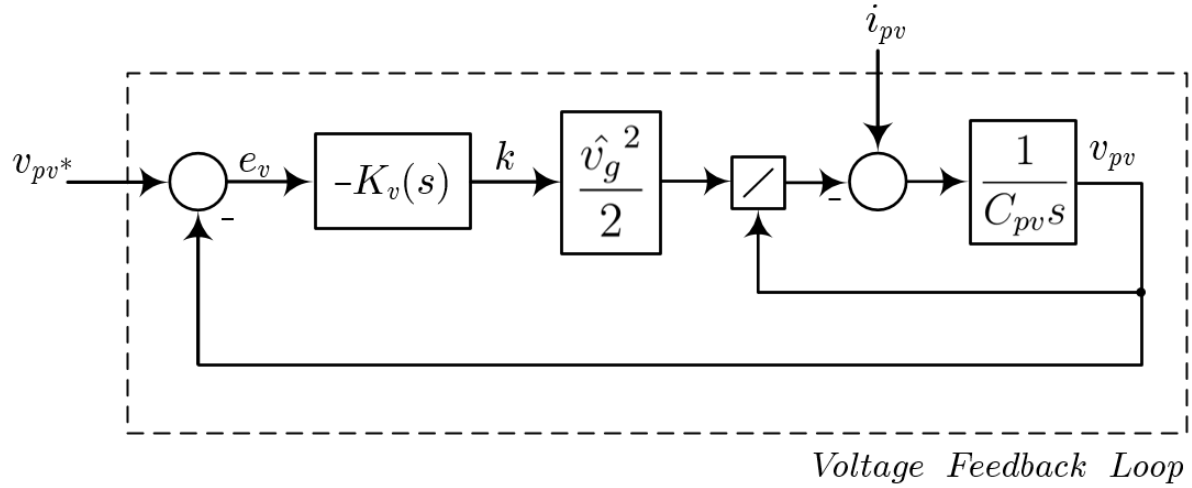


Figure 3.2: dc-link voltage control design.

where the voltage compensator $K_v(s)$ can be designed using classical methods.

Figure 3.3 shows the detailed proposed converter control strategy where both dc-link voltage and output current control loops are included. To implement such control strategy it is required to derive the phase shift angle-to-output current transfer function characteristics of the system. In the next subsections a general method to derive transfer functions given the small-signal model is studied. Such method is applied to derive the phase shift angle-to-output current transfer function given the inputs of the converter. Finally, a proposed current compensator is designed and verified using classical frequency response methods.

3.1. DC-LINK VOLTAGE CONTROL DESIGN

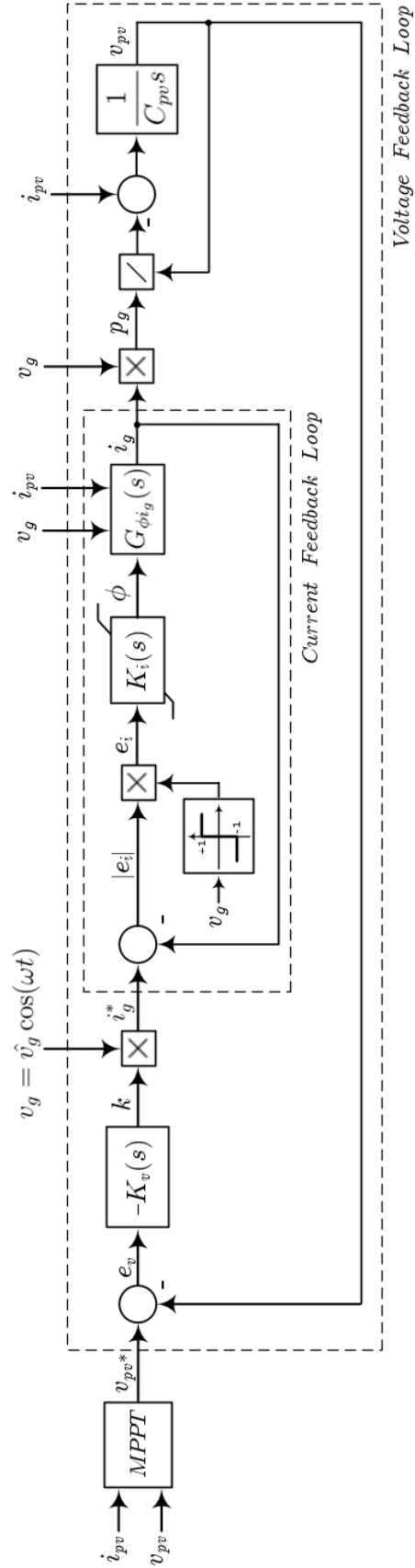


Figure 3.3: Detailed proposed converter control strategy.

3.2 Transfer Function Development

The expression of the transfer function of a single-input, single-output system can be obtained from the state-space equations derived in Chapter 2 [49].

$$G(s) = \mathbf{C} (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{D} \quad (3.8)$$

where, \mathbf{A} is the state matrix, \mathbf{B} the input matrix, \mathbf{C} the output matrix, \mathbf{D} the direct transmission matrix, obtained in the linearized state-space model and \mathbf{I} is the identity matrix with dimensions matching the dimensions of the state matrix.

For the development of an effective compensator that regulates the converter at any operating condition, a near worst-case circuit analysis can be performed. The transfer function characteristics of the converter can be derived when the converter operates at its more exigent conditions, where the grid voltage v_g is at its peak, and the sun irradiance is high. The PV panel chosen to obtain the input parameters is the CS6P-265 from CanadianSolar [13]. Table 3.1 shows the electrical characteristics of the CanadianSolar CS6P-265 PV panel.

Table 3.1: Electrical Characteristics for CanadianSolar CS6P-265 PV Panel [13]

	PV Electrical Parameters	
	1000W/m ²	800W/m ²
Irradiance	1000W/m ²	800W/m ²
Nominal Max Power	265W	192W
Opt. Operating Voltage	30.6V	27.9V
Opt. Operating Current	8.66A	6.88A
Open Circuit Voltage	37.7V	34.7V
Short Circuit Current	9.23A	7.48A

3.2. TRANSFER FUNCTION DEVELOPMENT

The control-to-output current transfer function $G_{\phi_{ig}}(s)$, can be calculated using a numerical computing environment such as MATLAB. The MATLAB script used to solve the steady-state parameters, the small-signal model and control transfer function, can be found in Appendix C.

In the following section, the transfer function have been calculated using the parameters shown in Table 3.2.

Table 3.2: Simulation converter parameters

Converter Parameters		
Name	Symbol	Value
Transformer Turns Ratio	n	7
Resonant Inductor	L_r	$380\mu H$
Resonant Capacitor	C_r	$15nH$
Resonant Frequency	f_r	$66.66kHz$
Switching Frequency	f_s	$78kHz$
Input Capacitance	C_{pv}	$27mF$
Output Inductor	L_{out}	$183\mu H$
Output Capacitor	C_{out}	$560nF$
Resistance	R	0.567Ω
PV Current	i_{pv}	$5A$
PV Voltage	v_{pv}	$20.1V$
Grid Current	i_g	$1.25A$
Grid Voltage	v_g	$80V$
Phase-Shift	ϕ	33°

3.3 Control to Output Current Transfer Function

The control to output current transfer function is calculated using Equation (3.8) and a numerical computing environment.

$$G_{\phi i_g}(s) = -1.6341 \times 10^5 \frac{(s - 1.493 \times 10^5)(s + 9.045)(s^2 - 6.042 \times 10^5 s + 3.254 \times 10^{11})}{(s + 0.2679)(s^2 + 1208s + 5.077 \times 10^9)(s^2 + 1208s + 8.262 \times 10^{11})} \quad (3.9)$$

From the control angle to output current transfer function, the bode plot can be obtained to observe the frequency response.

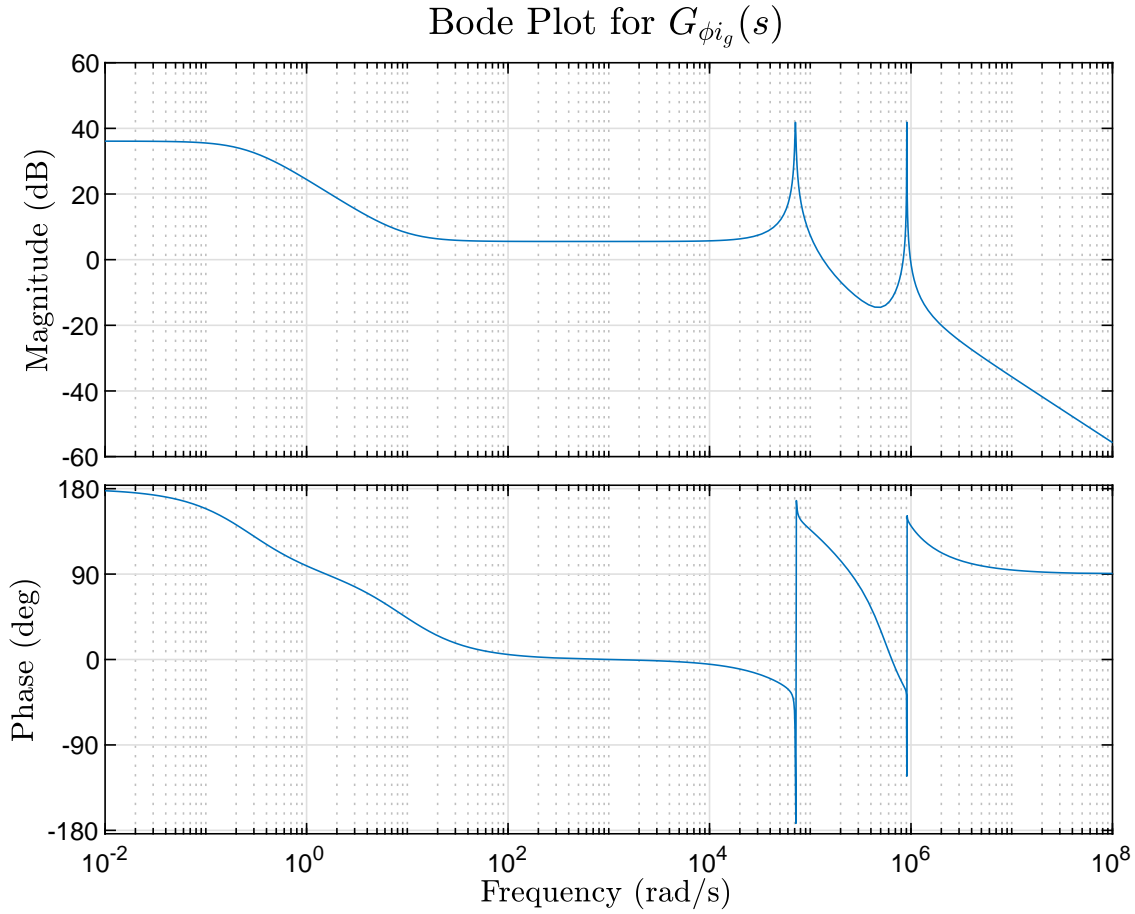


Figure 3.4: Bode plot for $G_{\phi i_g}(s)$.

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Expanding into the region $10^4 \leq \omega \leq 10^7 \text{ rad/s}$,

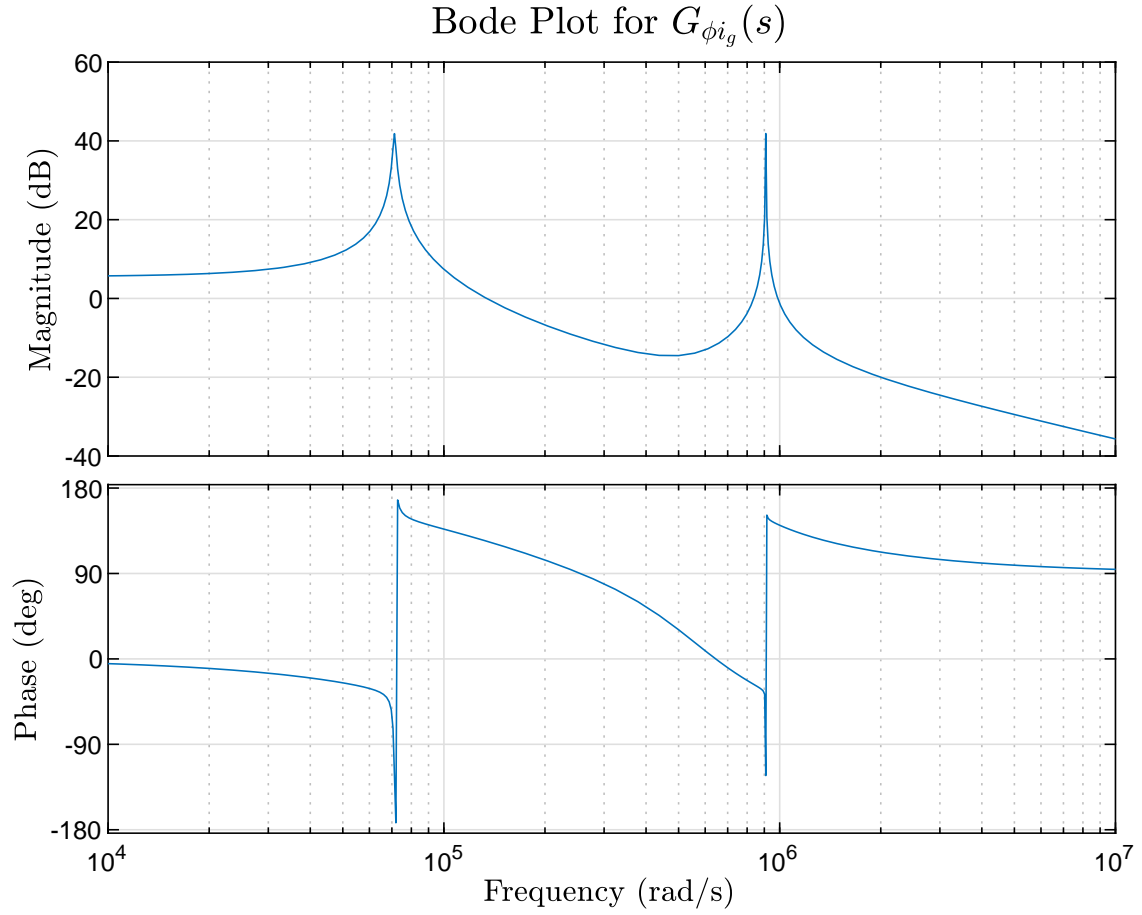


Figure 3.5: Bode plot for $G_{\phi_{i_g}}(s)$.

As it can be observed from the transfer function and the frequency response, the system presents non-minimum phase zeros. Such zeros will impose heavy constraints on the closed-loop bandwidth of the system, increasing the difficulty of the compensator design.

3.4 Current Compensator Design

In this section the requirements and design procedure of the current compensator are outlined. For this process, the control strategy shown in Figure 3.3 can be replaced by the simplified control block diagram shown in Figure 3.6.

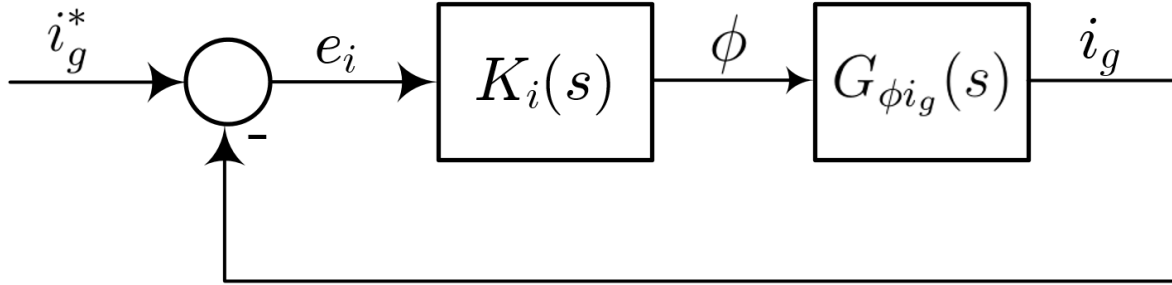


Figure 3.6: Current control feedback loop block diagram.

As a general rule, the compensation network must exhibit certain characteristics to meet both static and dynamic performance requirements, while maintaining system stability. Such characteristics are: a fast loop response, achieved by a high bandwidth (high cross zero frequency); good noise immunity, achieved with a low gain at high frequencies and good phase margin in order to have a good stability with minimum overshoot.

For this system, the current compensator $K_{i_g}(s)$ is required to track a sinusoidal reference input with a frequency of $60Hz$. Therefore, the compensator must provide a close-loop bandwidth of about 4000 rad/s (i.e., about 10 times the grid frequency) such that the reference appears a constant value during the delay of one loop cycle. In order to track the reference with zero steady-state error, the compensator must also include at least one integrator term. To provide good stability margins, the phase margin must be greater than 30° and the gain margin must be greater than $6dB$.

In the following subsections, the transfer function characteristics of the candidate current compensator is presented. Furthermore, the effect of the current compensator on the open- and closed-loop characteristics of the system are analyzed.

3.4. CURRENT COMPENSATOR DESIGN

3.4.1 Transfer Function

In the previous section the general stability requirements have been outlined. In this section, the design procedure and performance of the candidate current compensator is presented.

The candidate current compensator is composed by an integrator term to satisfy the zero-steady state error requirement, and a lag compensator to improve the phase margin of the closed-loop system. Therefore, to meet the stability requirements described in the previous section, the current compensator transfer function has the form of:

$$K_{i_g}(s) = 6500 \frac{(600 \times 10^{-9}s + 1)}{s(68 \times 10^{-6}s + 1)} \quad (3.10)$$

3.4.2 Frequency Response

From the current compensator transfer function, the bode plot can be obtained to observe the frequency response.

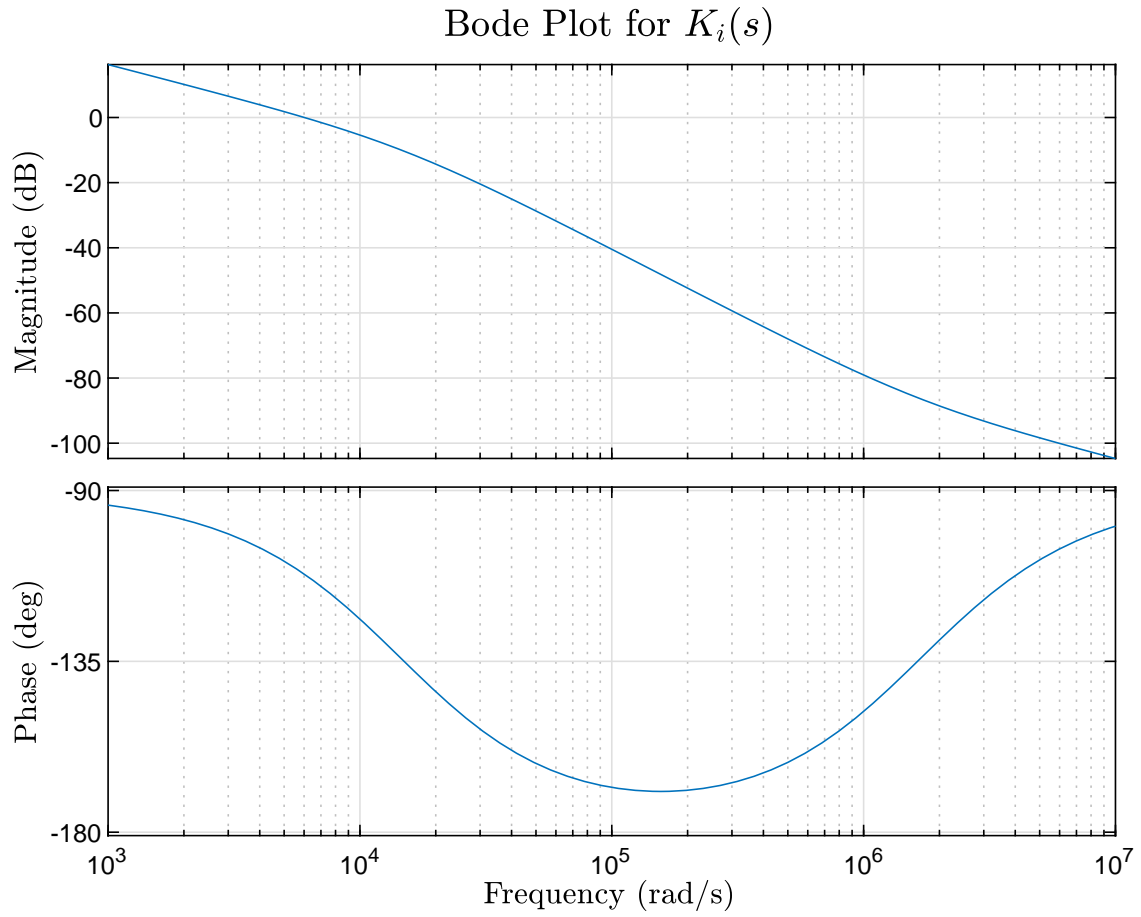


Figure 3.7: Bode plot for $K_i(s)$.

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3.4.3 Open- and Closed-Loop Analysis

The open-loop transfer function can be obtained as shown in Equation (3.11).

$$L_i(s) = G_{\phi_{ig}}(s) \times K_{ig}(s) \quad (3.11)$$

From the open-loop transfer function derived in the previous section, the bode plot can be obtained to observe the frequency response.

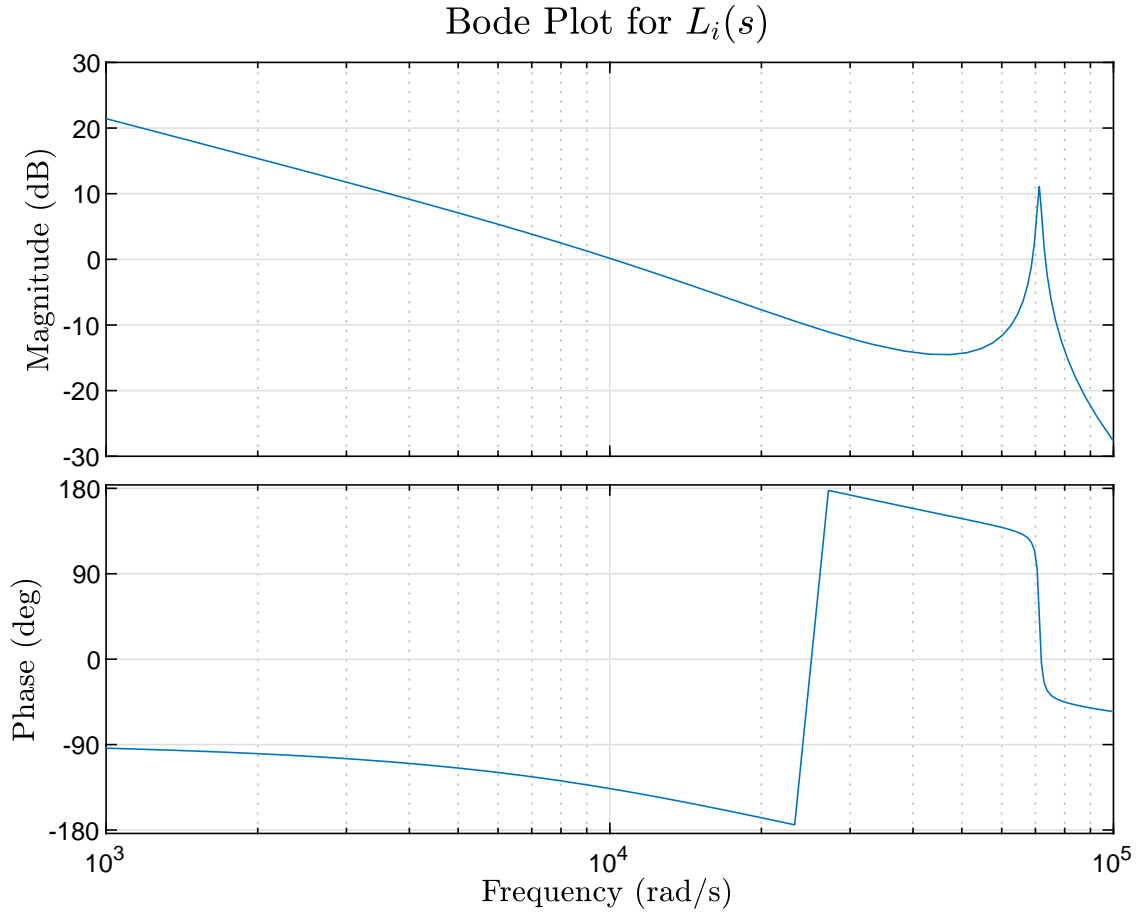


Figure 3.8: Frequency response for $L_i(s)$.

The closed-loop frequency response of the grid current feedback control loop, can be calculated as

$$T_i(s) = \frac{L_i(s)}{1 + L_i(s)} \quad (3.12)$$

From the closed-loop transfer function studied in the previous section, the bode plot and nyquist diagram can be obtained to observe the frequency response, closed-loop bandwidth, gain-margin and phase-margin of the system.

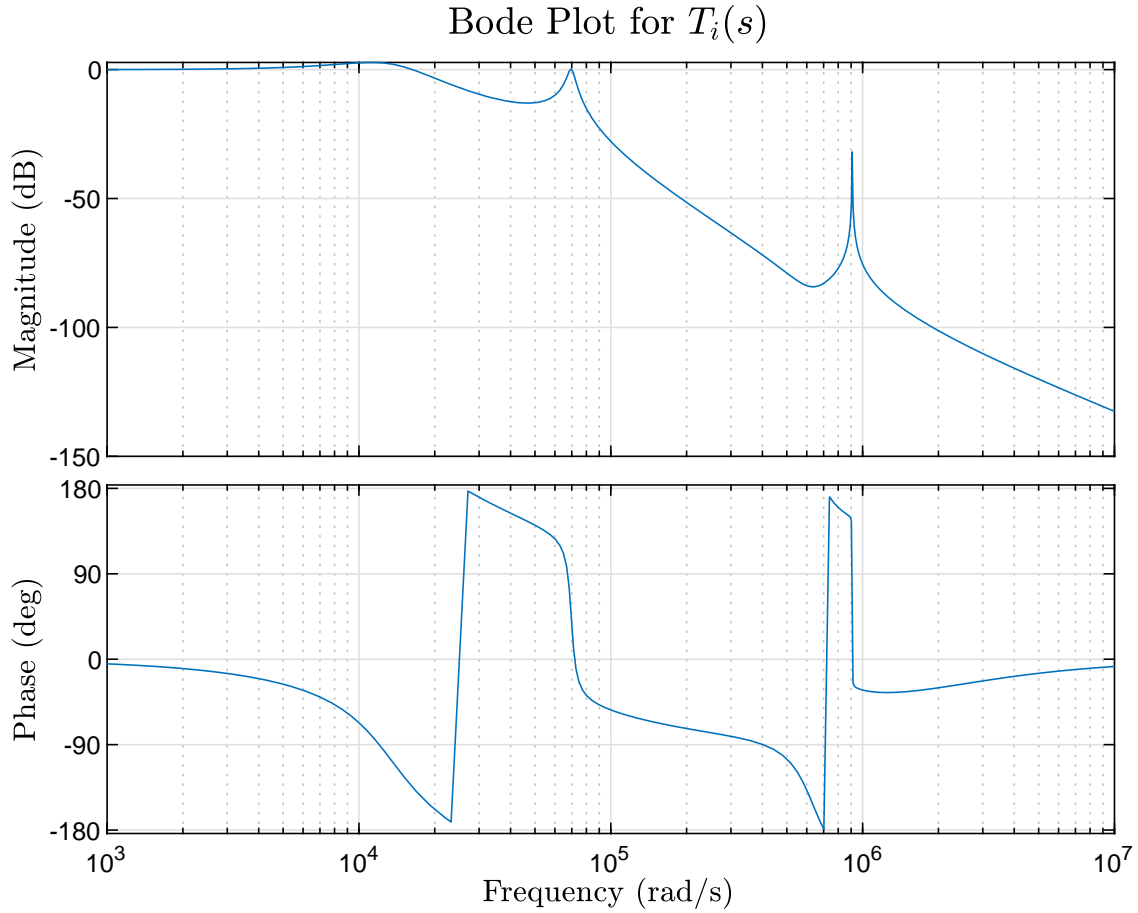


Figure 3.9: Frequency response for $T_i(s)$.

3.4. CURRENT COMPENSATOR DESIGN

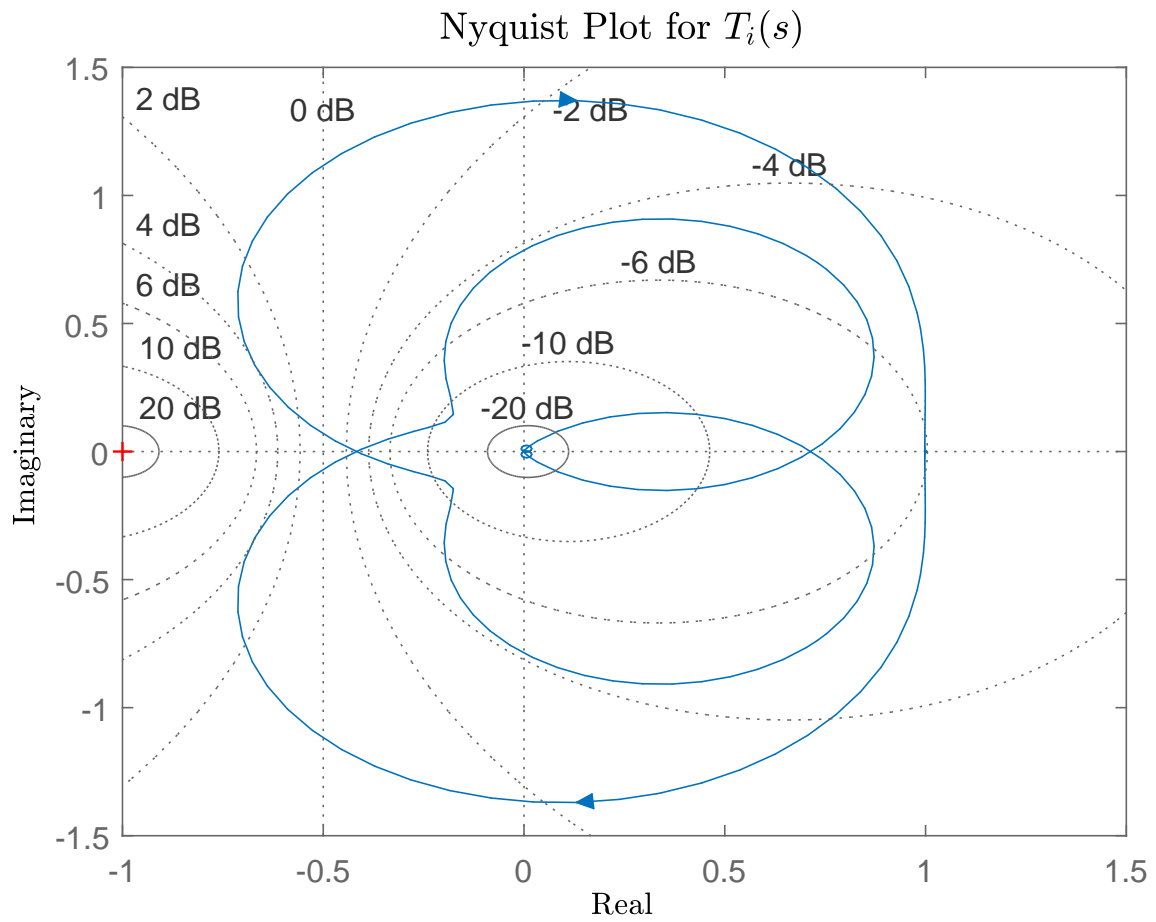


Figure 3.10: Nyquist diagram for $T_i(s)$.

Bandwidth, Gain Margin and Phase Margin

From the closed-loop transfer function and the nyquist diagram, it is possible to obtain the stability margins of the system. The closed-loop bandwidth of the system $\omega_c = 26000$ rad/s or $f_c = 163.36$ KHz, therefore it can successfully track a 60 Hz sinusoidal waveform. The gain margin is $7.58dB$, and the phase margin is 45.3° .

Step Response

The step response gives information in time-domain about the dynamic behaviour of the system. The step response of the current control loop is shown in Figure 3.11.

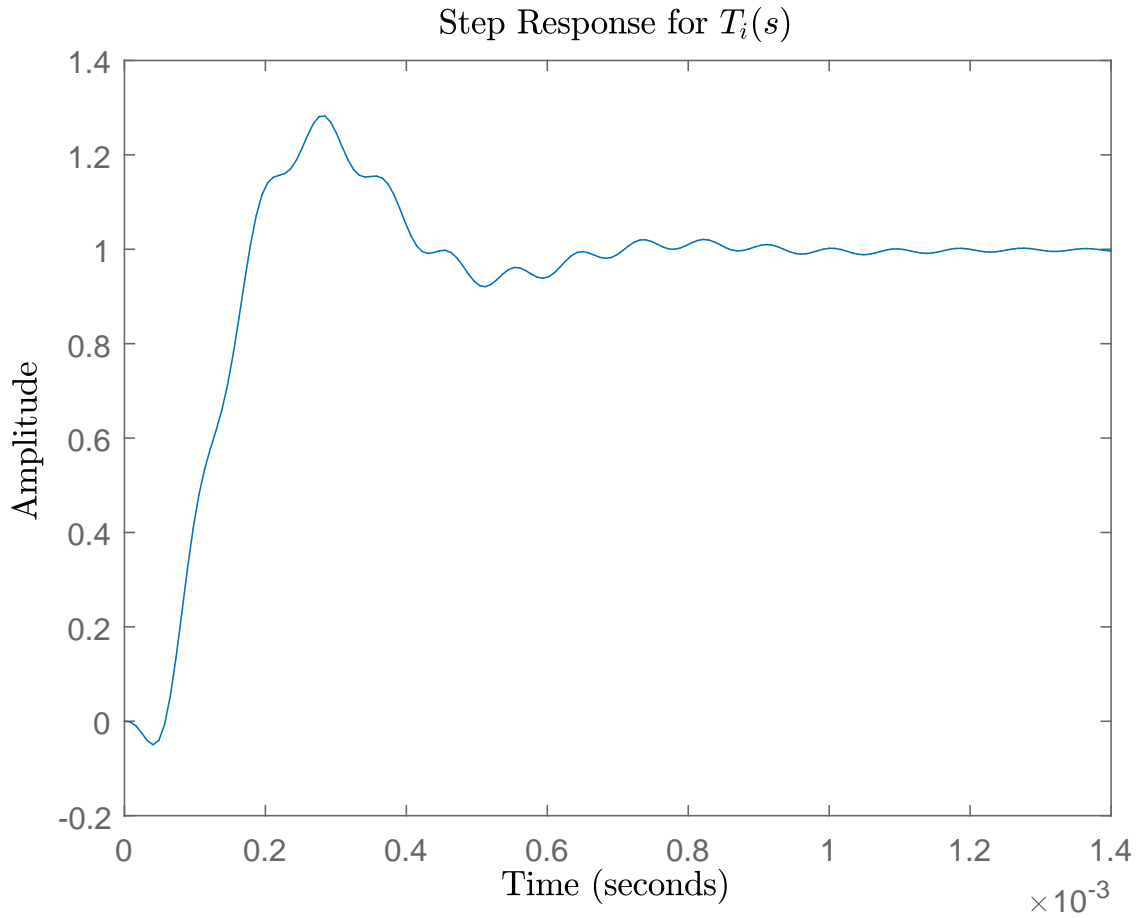


Figure 3.11: Step for $T_i(s)$.

The rise time is defined as the time the response takes to rise from 10 to 90% of the steady-state value. For this feedback loop the rise time is $366ns$. The overshoot of the step response is 28%. The settling time is $98ns$.

3.5 Summary

In this chapter the control strategy of the converter was presented. Additionally, the converter transfer functions were derived, and a design methodology for the current regulator was studied. In the next chapter, the proposed mathematical model, control strategy and candidate compensator designs are validated throughout software simulations using the PLECS [50] environment and experimental verification.

Chapter 4

Converter Model and Control Strategy Verification

In the following chapter, the validation of the mathematical model presented in Chapter 2 via simulation and experimental verification is presented. Furthermore, the validation of the proposed control strategy and compensator designs is also addressed in this chapter. For such task a switched model has been implemented in PLECS simulation environment and a converter prototype has been built.

4.1 Mathematical Model Verification

The verification of the mathematical model has been subdivided into the validation of the three models derived in Chapter 2: steady-state model, small-signal model and large-signal model.

4.1.1 Steady-State Model Verification

The first step of the model validation process is the verification of the steady-state model. For such task the converter circuit shown in Figure 4.1 has been simulated in PLECS software environment and the outputs compared with the results provided by the MATLAB script developed in Chapter 2. The switching PLECS model and the mathematical equations of converter are calculated with the parameters shown in Table 4.1.

Table 4.1: Steady-state Model Verification Test Parameters

Steady-state Model Verification Converter Parameters		
Name	Symbol	Value
Switching Frequency	f_s	$78kHz$
PV Current	i_{pv}	$5A$
Grid Voltage	v_g	$80V$
Phase-Shift	ϕ	33°

Figure 4.10 shown the values of v_{pv} , i_g , v_r and i_r obtained as the result of the steady-state model and the switched model simulation.

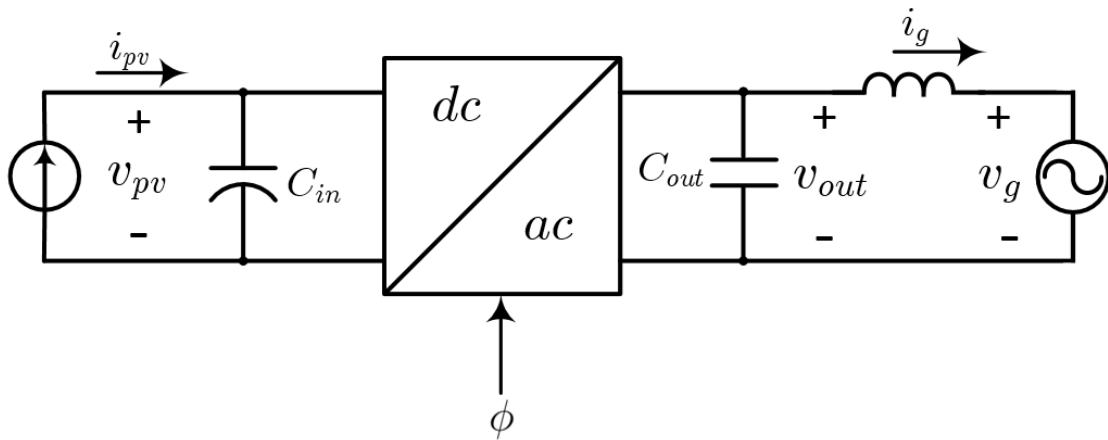


Figure 4.1: Converter with dc side fed by a current source.

Comparing the steady-state conditions of the PLECS switched model with steady-state

equations, one can conclude that the steady-state model derived in Chapter 2 has been validated.

4.1. MATHEMATICAL MODEL VERIFICATION

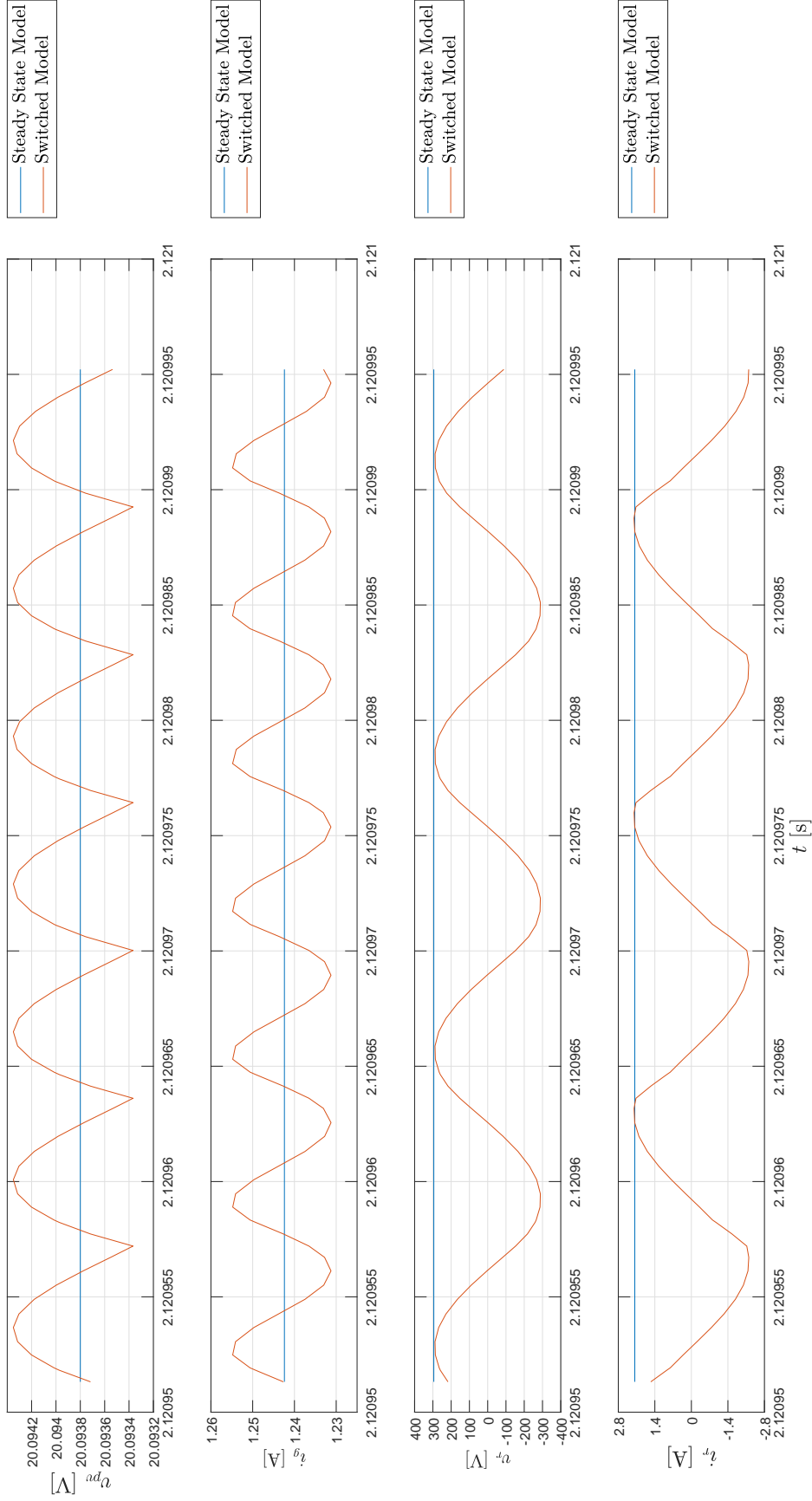


Figure 4.2: Steady-state model verification. Waveforms for v_{pv} , i_g , v_r and r_r .

4.1.2 Small-Signal and Large-Signal Model Verification

The next step of the model validation process is the verification of the linear small-signal and nonlinear large-signal models. For such task two test scenarios have been studied.

Case 1: dc Side Fed by a Current Source

The first test consists on the perturbation of the phase-shift angle for the converter shown in Figure 4.1. This test emulates the most general operating conditions of the converter when used in solar PV applications. The phase-shift step change is applied to each of the different converter models while they operate at a steady-state condition. The initial operating conditions and the step change are shown in Table 4.3. Figure 4.3 provides a visual description of the proposed small-signal verification test procedure.

Table 4.2: Case 1 test parameters

Small-signal and large-signal model case 1 verification parameters		
Name	Symbol	Value
Switching Frequency	f_s	$78kHz$
PV Current	i_{pv}	$5A$
Grid Voltage	v_g	$80V$
Phase-Shift	ϕ	33°
Phase-Shift Step Change	$\Delta\phi$	10%

The phase-shift angle ϕ undergoes the step change of 10% at $t = 25s$. Figure 4.4 and 4.5 shows the response of the switched PLECS, large-signal and small-signal models.

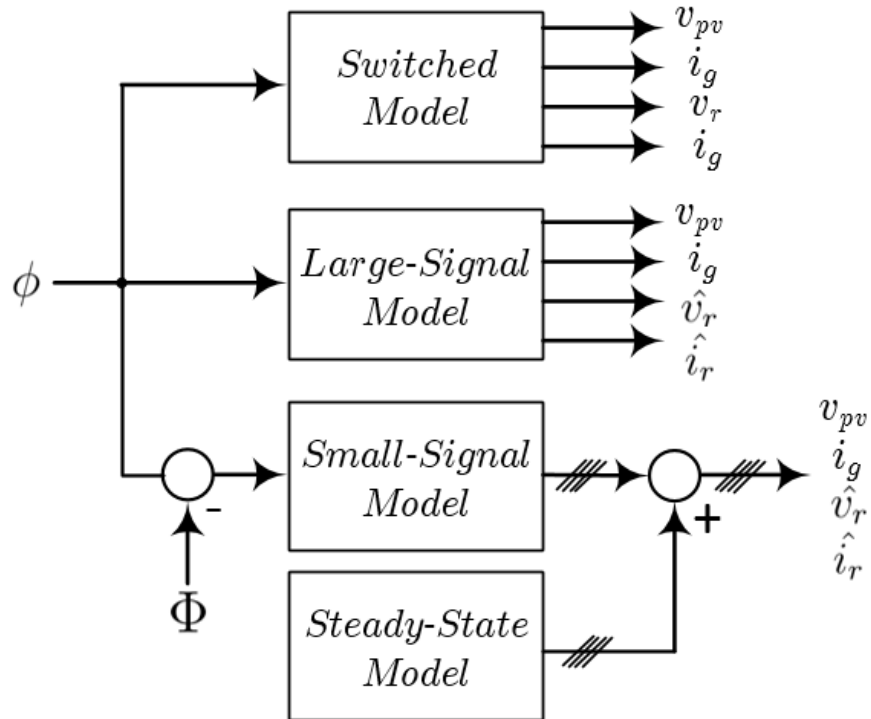


Figure 4.3: Small-signal and large-signal model case 1 verification method.

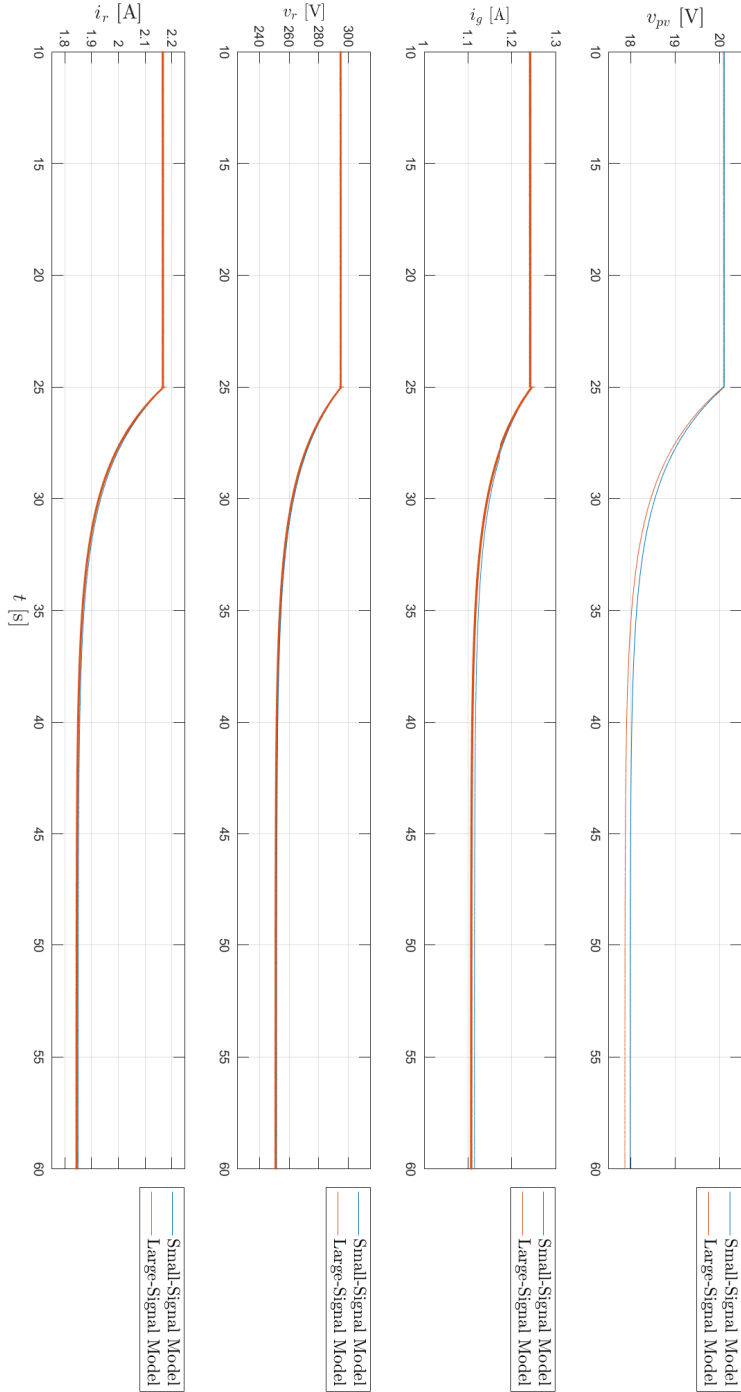


Figure 4.4: Case 1 Small- and large- signal model verification. Waveforms of v_{pv} , i_g , v_r and i_r for a phase-shift step change of 10%.

4.1. MATHEMATICAL MODEL VERIFICATION

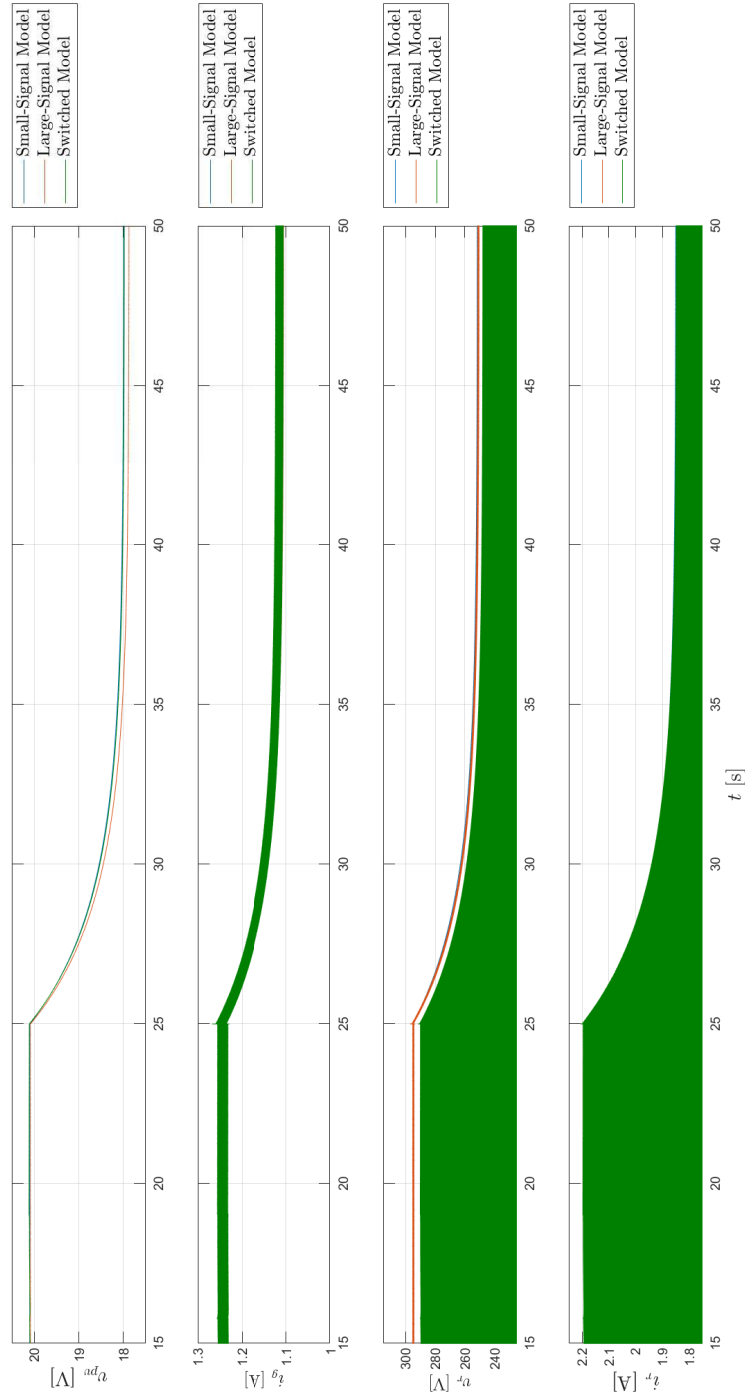


Figure 4.5: Case 1 PLECS switched, small- and large- signal model verification. Waveforms of v_{pv} , i_g , v_r and i_r for a phase-shift step change of 10%.

Comparing the dynamics of the system and settling conditions after the step change of the PLECS switched, large- and small-signal models, one can conclude that the large- and small-signal models derived in Chapter 2 have been validated.

Case 2: dc Side Loaded by a Resistor

The second and final step of the model validation process is the verification of the linear small-signal and the nonlinear large-signal model when the converter operates as a rectifier with a resistive load. Once again, a step phase-shift disturbance is applied to the converter shown in Figure 4.6. Figure 4.7 provides a visual description of the proposed verification test procedure.

Table 4.3: Case 2 test parameters

Small-signal and large-signal model case 2 verification parameters		
Name	Symbol	Value
Switching Frequency	f_s	$78kHz$
Load	R	3.36Ω
Grid Voltage	v_g	$80V$
Phase-Shift Step Change	$\Delta\phi$	5%

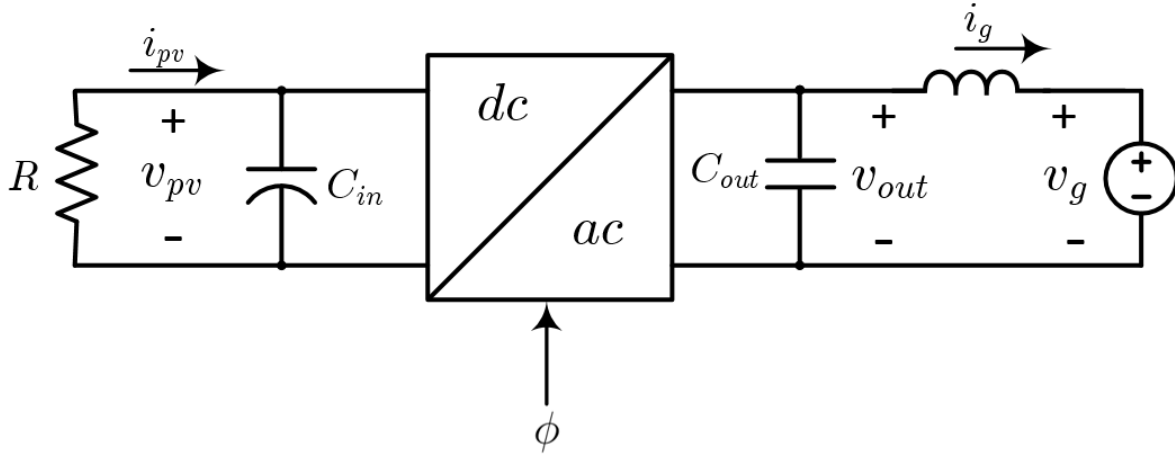


Figure 4.6: Large-Signal Model Verification Open Loop Test.

A 250-W prototype of the converter was built to enhance the verification process and obtain experimental results. Table 4.4 outlines the converter parameters and some important components. Figure 4.8 and Figure 4.9 shows the photographs of the designed converter.

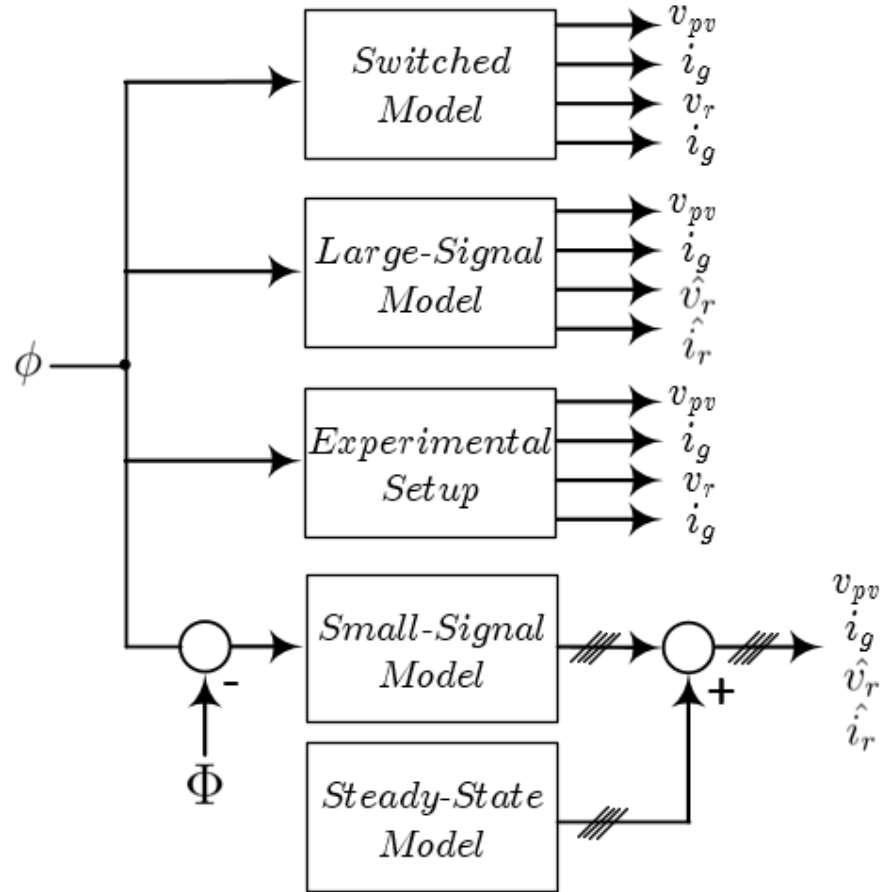


Figure 4.7: Large-Signal Model Experimental Verification Method.

Table 4.4: Experimental Converter Parameters

Converter Parameters			
Name	Symbol	Value	Comments
Transformer	n	7	N97 PM 50/39 Ungapped Primary: 1 Turn 0.4mm Copper Foil Secondary: 7 Turns, Litz Wire $5 \times 20/38$ Leakage Inductance: $20\mu H$
Resonant Inductor	L_r	$360\mu H$	N47 PM 50/39 Gapped 45 Turns, Litz Wire $5 \times 20/38$
Resonant Capacitor	C_r	$15nH$	Poly Film
Resonant Frequency	f_r	$66.66kHz$	
Switching Frequency	f_s	$78kHz$	
Input Capacitance	C_{pv}	$27mF \pm 20\%$	35V Electrolytic
Output Inductor	L_{out}	$183\mu H$	N47 RM14 1mm Gap 15 Turns, Litz Wire $5 \times 20/38$
Output Capacitor	C_{out}	$560nF$	Poly Film
Low Side MOSFETs	-	-	Texas Instruments CSD18502KCS 40V - 100A
High Side MOSFETs	-	-	Infineon IPP600N25N3GXKSA1 250V - 25A

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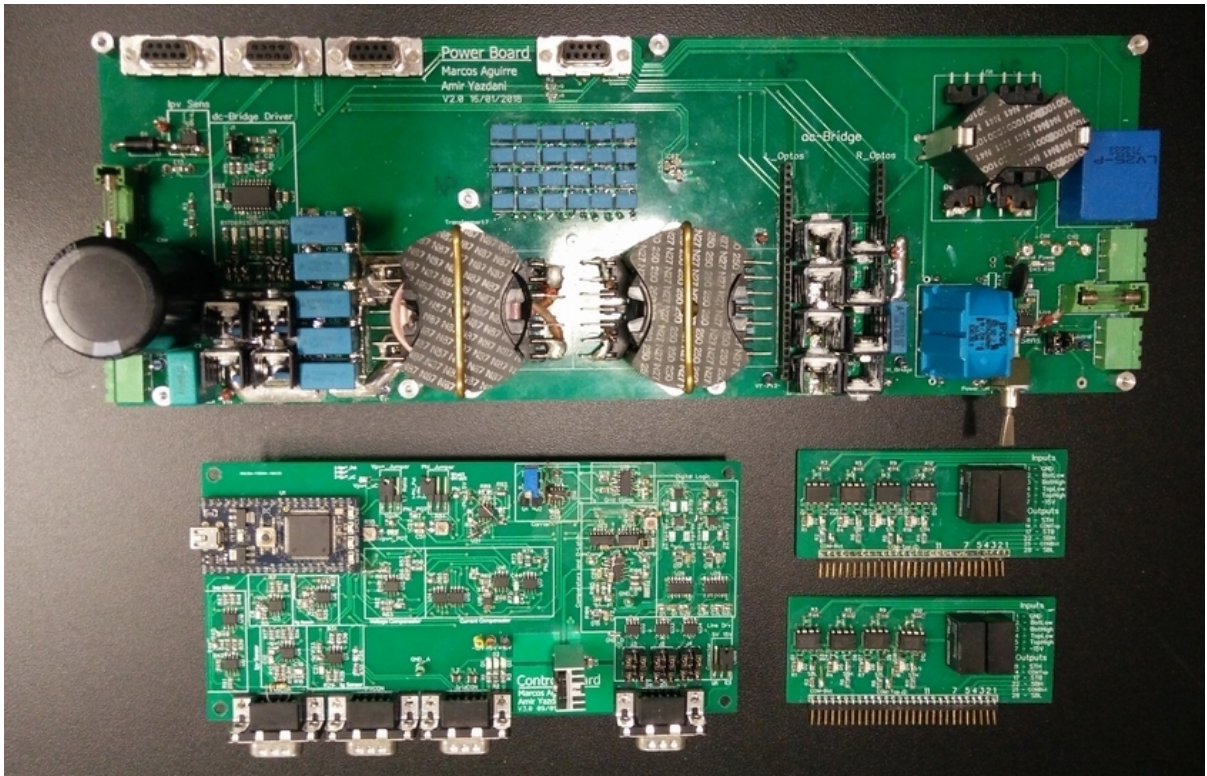


Figure 4.8: Converter Prototype Disassembled.

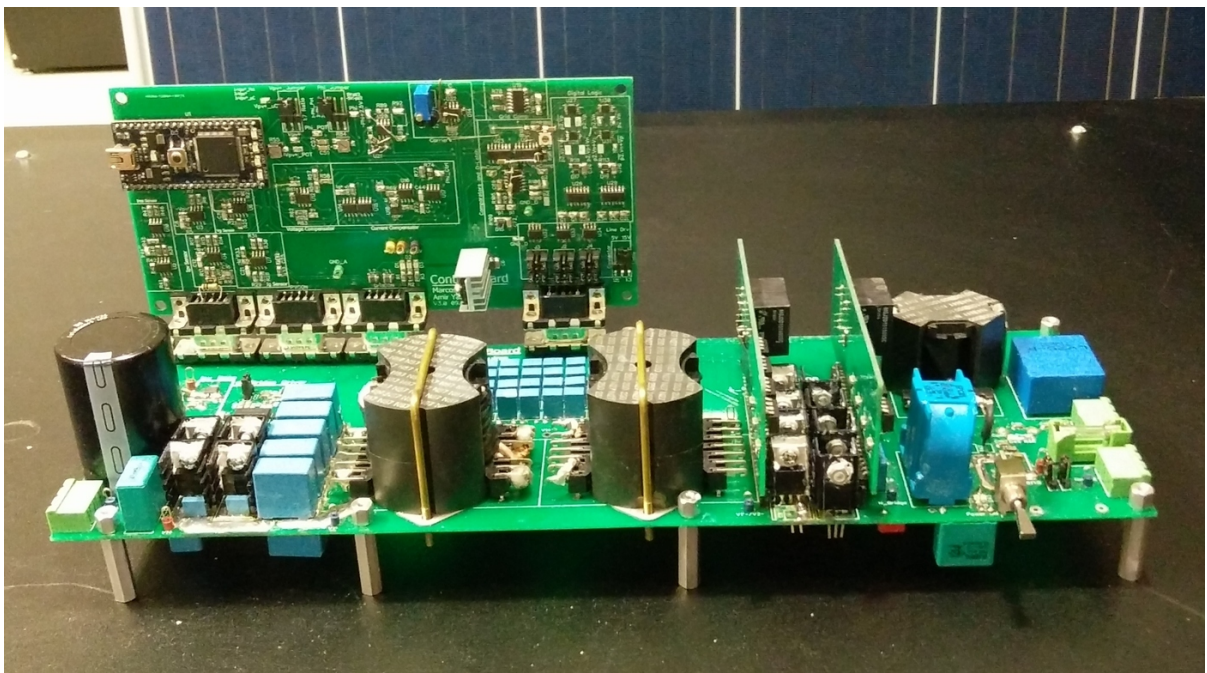


Figure 4.9: Converter Prototype Assembled.

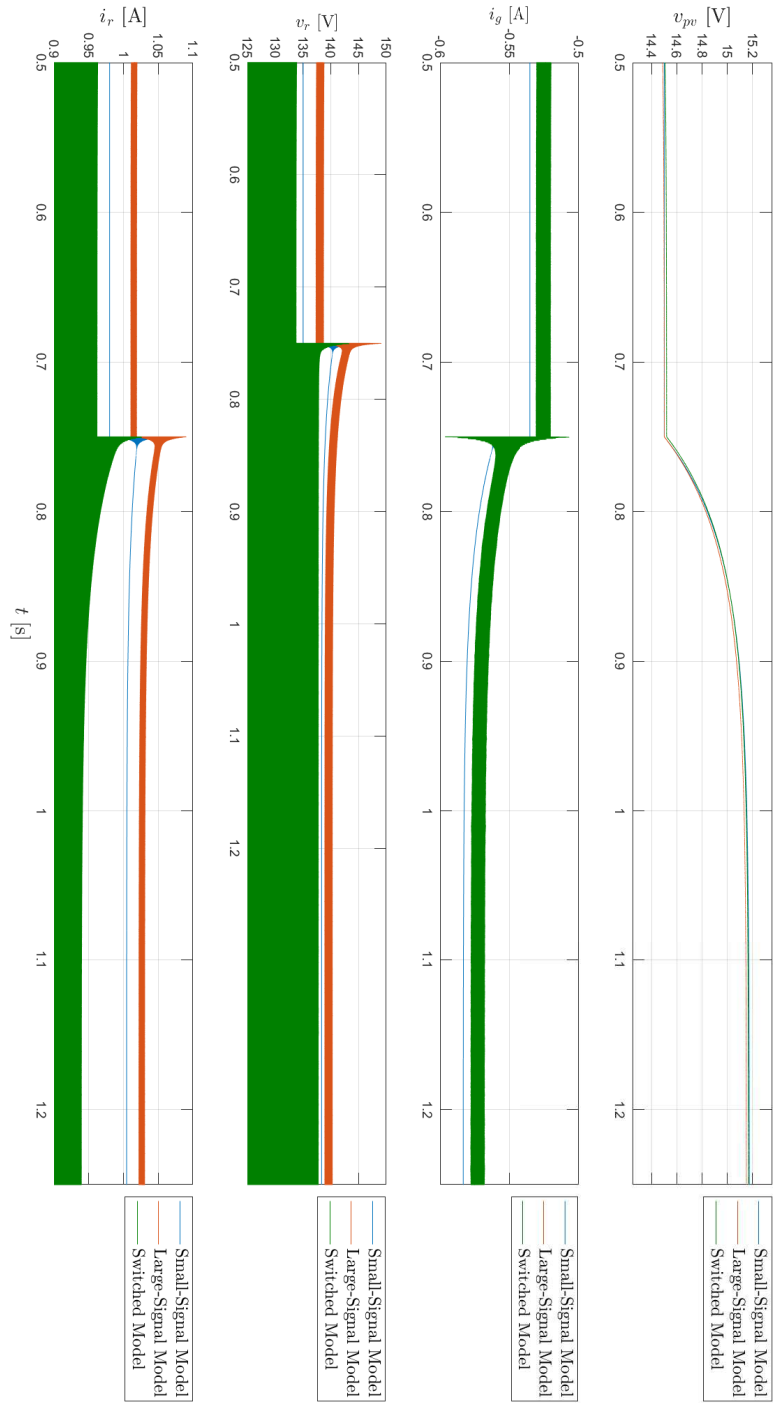


Figure 4.10: Case 2 Small- and large- signal model verification. Waveforms of v_{pv} , i_g , v_r and i_r for a phase-shift step change of 5%.

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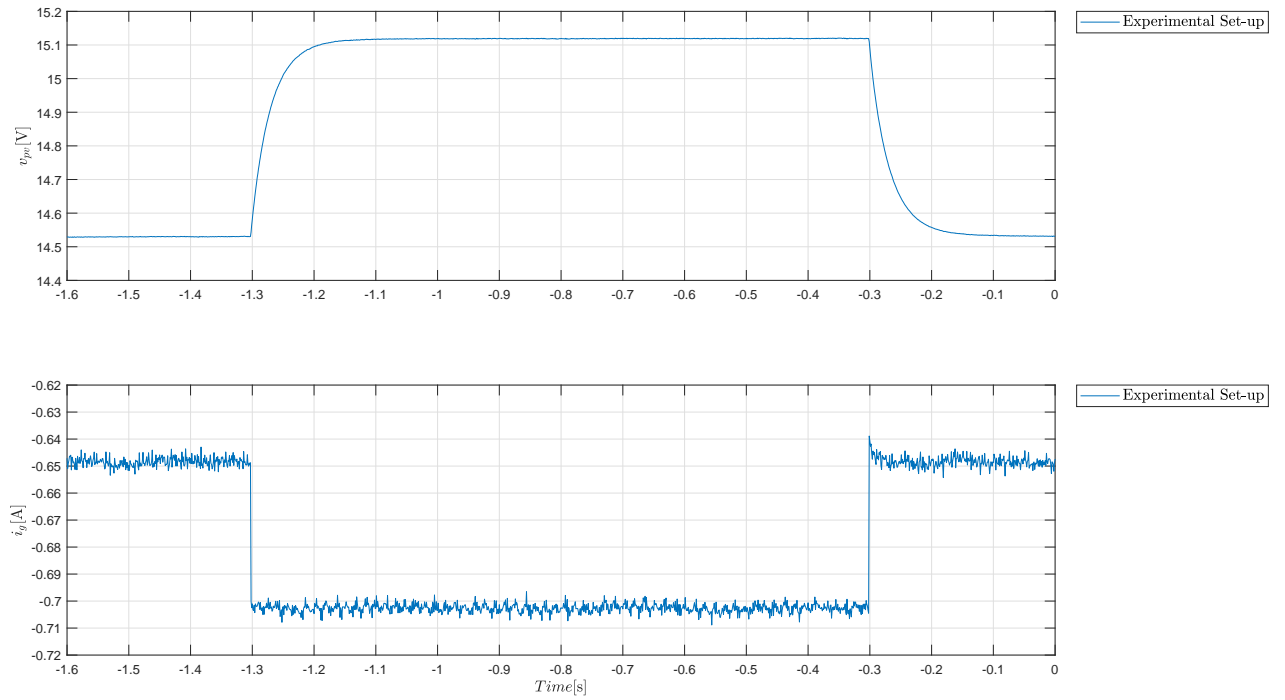


Figure 4.11: Oscilloscope capture of v_{pv} and i_g for a phase-shift step change of 5%.

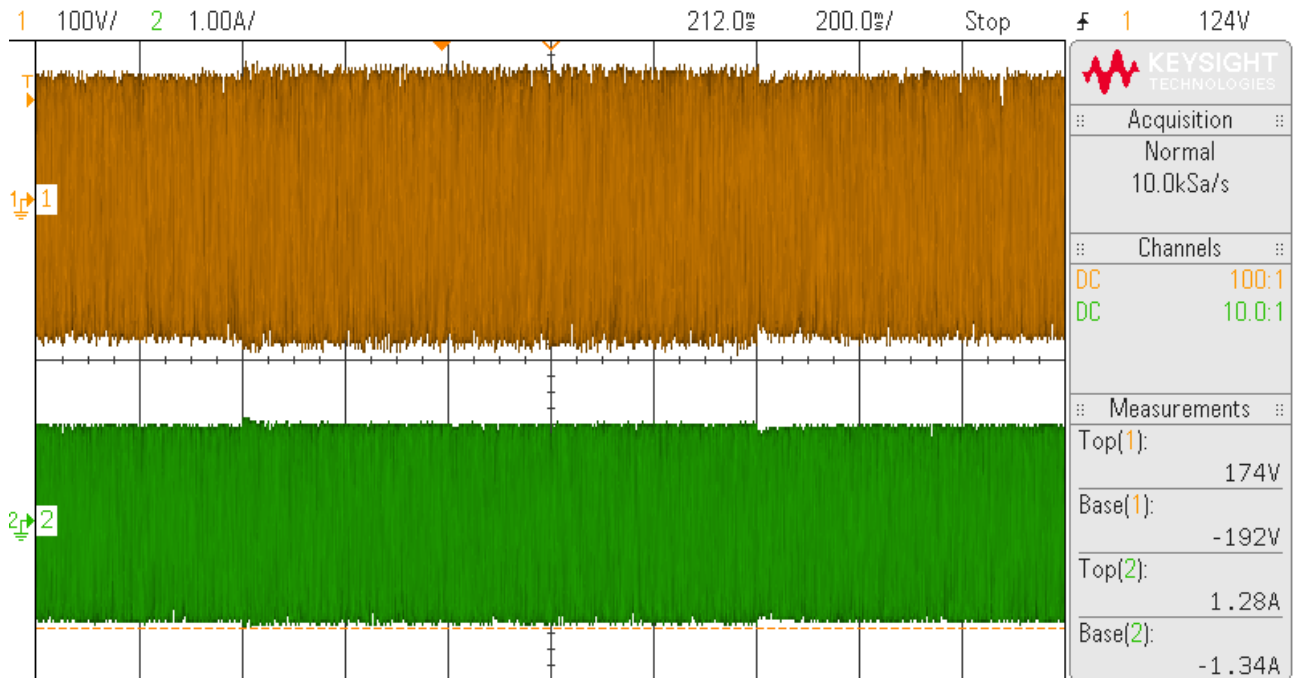


Figure 4.12: Oscilloscope capture of v_r and i_r for a phase-shift step change of 5%.

Figure 4.10 shows the output of the small-, large-signal and PLECS models when a large step in the control angle is introduced. Figure 4.11 and 4.12 shows the output of the converter prototype under the same step conditions. Comparing the PLECS model and the experimental results with the results obtained with large-signal model, it can be observed that the magnitude of v_{pv} for the experimental and mathematical models are equivalent. It can also be observe that the magnitude of i_g is about 11.5% larger in the experimental setup, such additional power is dissipated in the form of heat. Nonetheless, it can be concluded that the derived large- and small-signal models provide an accurate mean to characterize the DAB-based resonant converter.

Comparing the dynamics of the system and settling conditions after the step change of the PLECS switched, large- and small-signal models, one can conclude that small-signal model extension for the converter operating as a rectifier derived in Appendix D has been validated.

4.2 Control Strategy Verification

Having verified the validity of the mathematical model derived in Chapter 2, it it required to validate the effectiveness of the proposed control strategy studied in Chapter 3. For such purpose the converter is operated at the conditions shown in Table 4.5 and the voltage and current control loops are introduced as shown in Figure 4.13.

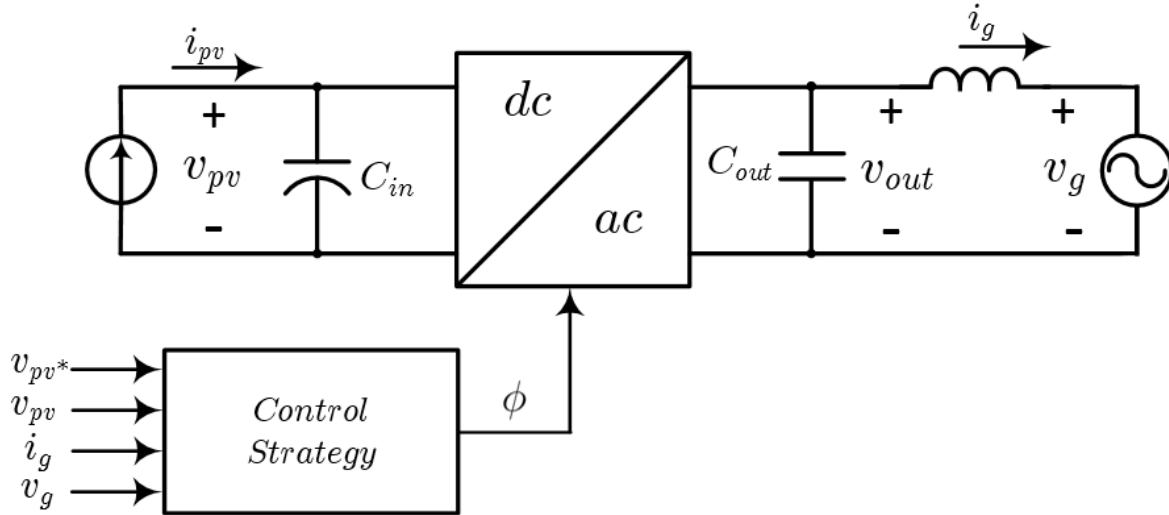


Figure 4.13: Closed loop test.

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Table 4.5: Control strategy test parameters

Steady-state Model Verification Converter Parameters		
Name	Symbol	Value
Switching Frequency	f_s	$78kHz$
PV Current	i_{pv}	$5A_{dc}$
Grid Voltage	v_g	$120Vac$

For this test, the candidate voltage controller proposed in Section 3 has the form of a PI compensator. The proportional gain K_p and the integral gain K_i of such compensator can be tuned to obtain the following transfer function:

$$K_v(s) = \frac{0.2s + 2.75}{s} \quad (4.1)$$

At $t = 0$ the system is initialized and the reference voltage is set to $v_{pv}^* = 20V$, once the system has reached its settling point, the reference voltage undergoes a step change to $v_{pv}^* = 30V$ at $t = 0.75s$ assuming that the sun irradiation has increased. At $t = 1.5$ is assumed that the sun irradiance decays so that the reference voltage given by the MPPT algorithm is $v_{pv}^* = 25V$. Figure 4.14 shows the response of the PLECS simulation model and large-signal model to such changes. As it can be observed from both figures, the steady-state, settling times and dynamics for v_{pv} of both models present similar responses validating the proposed voltage control strategy. Figure 4.15 shows the responses of both models when $t \approx 0.5s$. As it can be observed the grid current i_g is able to track the 60Hz reference with a small phase delay validating the grid current controller and current control strategy. Furthermore, the waveform for $v_p v$ shown oscillations with twice the line frequency.

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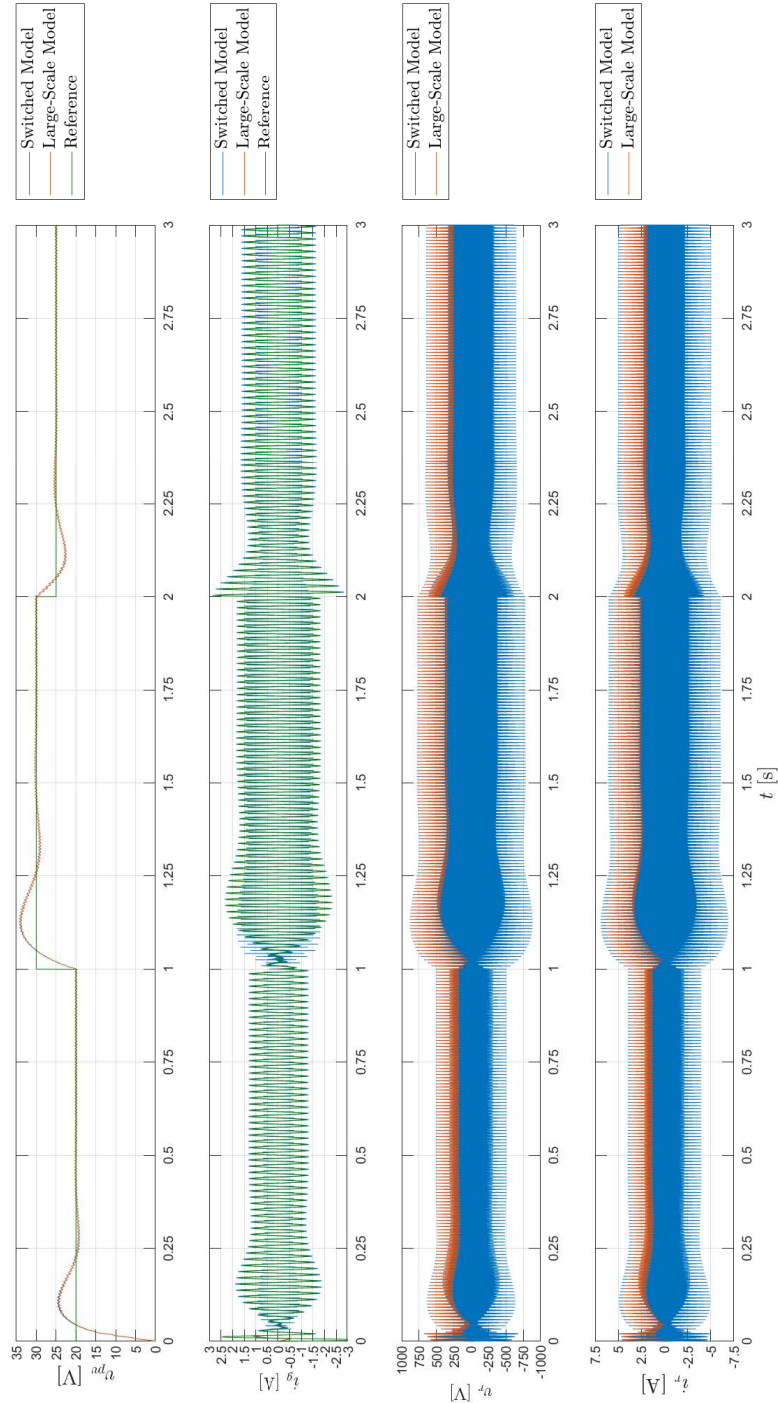


Figure 4.14: Control strategy verification. Closed-loop waveforms for v_{pv} , i_g , v_r and r_r .

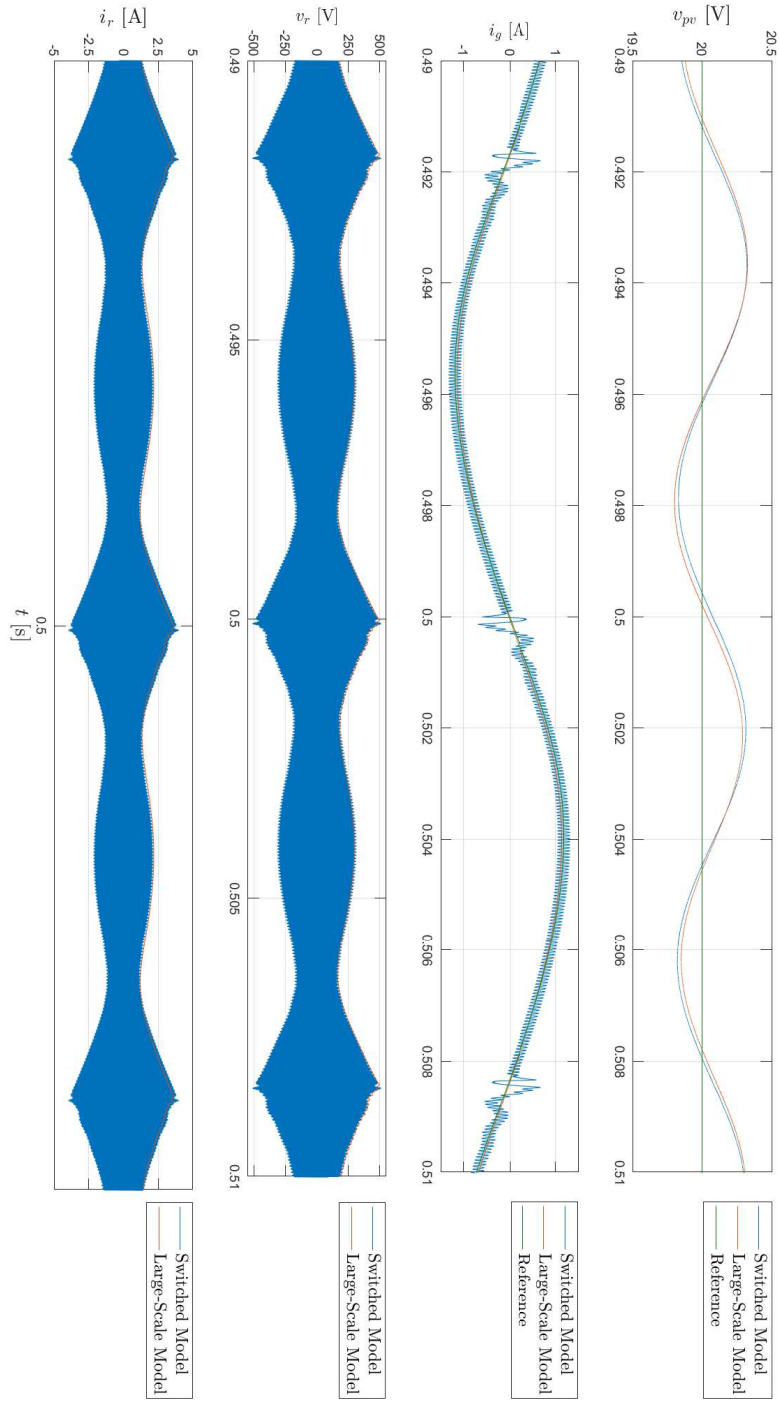


Figure 4.15: Control strategy verification. Closed-loop waveforms for v_{pv} , i_g , v_r and i_r zoomed at $t = 0.5s$.

4.3 Converter Characterization

To quantize and characterize the performance of the converter, a two voltage sources were connected at each of the converter ports as shown in Figure 4.16.

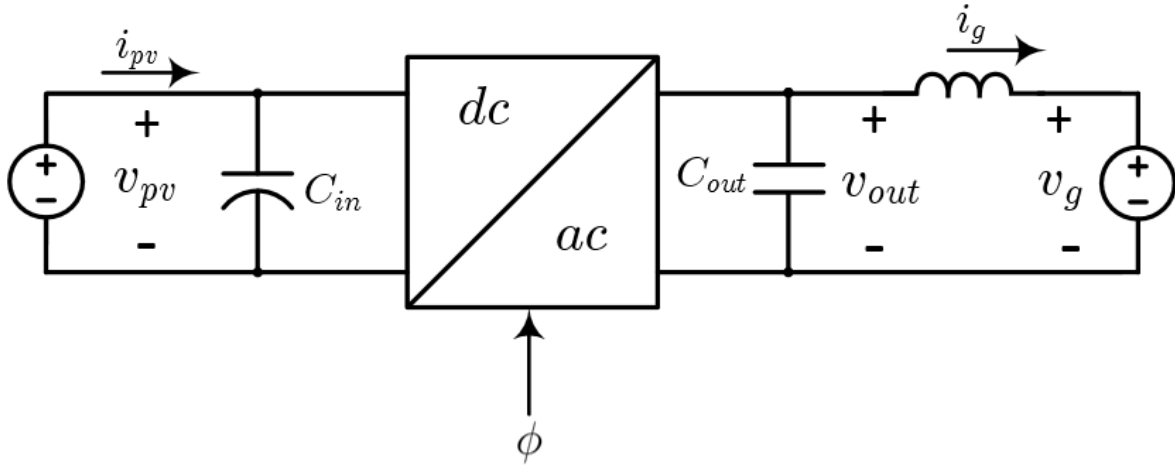


Figure 4.16: Open loop converter characterization.

The voltage of both sources and the phase-shift angle was varied to drive the converter at different operating conditions. The input and output voltages and currents were measured and recorded using a power analyzer. Figure 4.17 shows a sample power analyzer screenshot. Figures 4.18, 4.19 and 4.20 show the efficiency and output power delivered at different phase-shift angles as a function of v_{pv} .

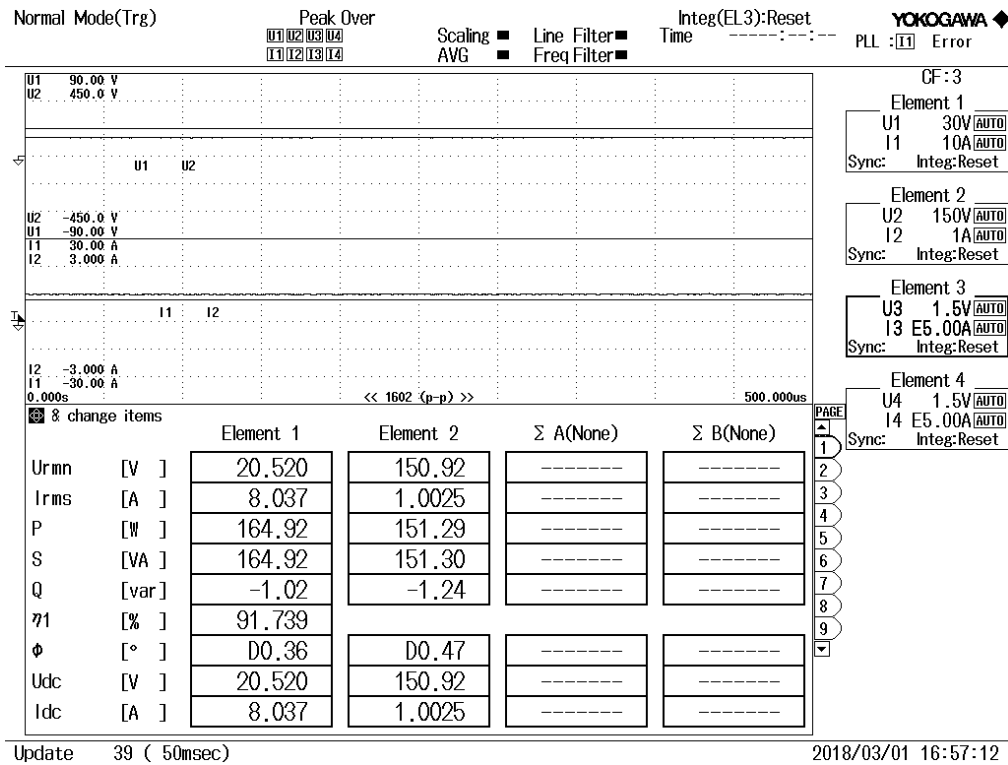


Figure 4.17: Power analyzer screenshot for converter characterization at $v_{pv} = 20.5V$ and $v_g = 150V$.

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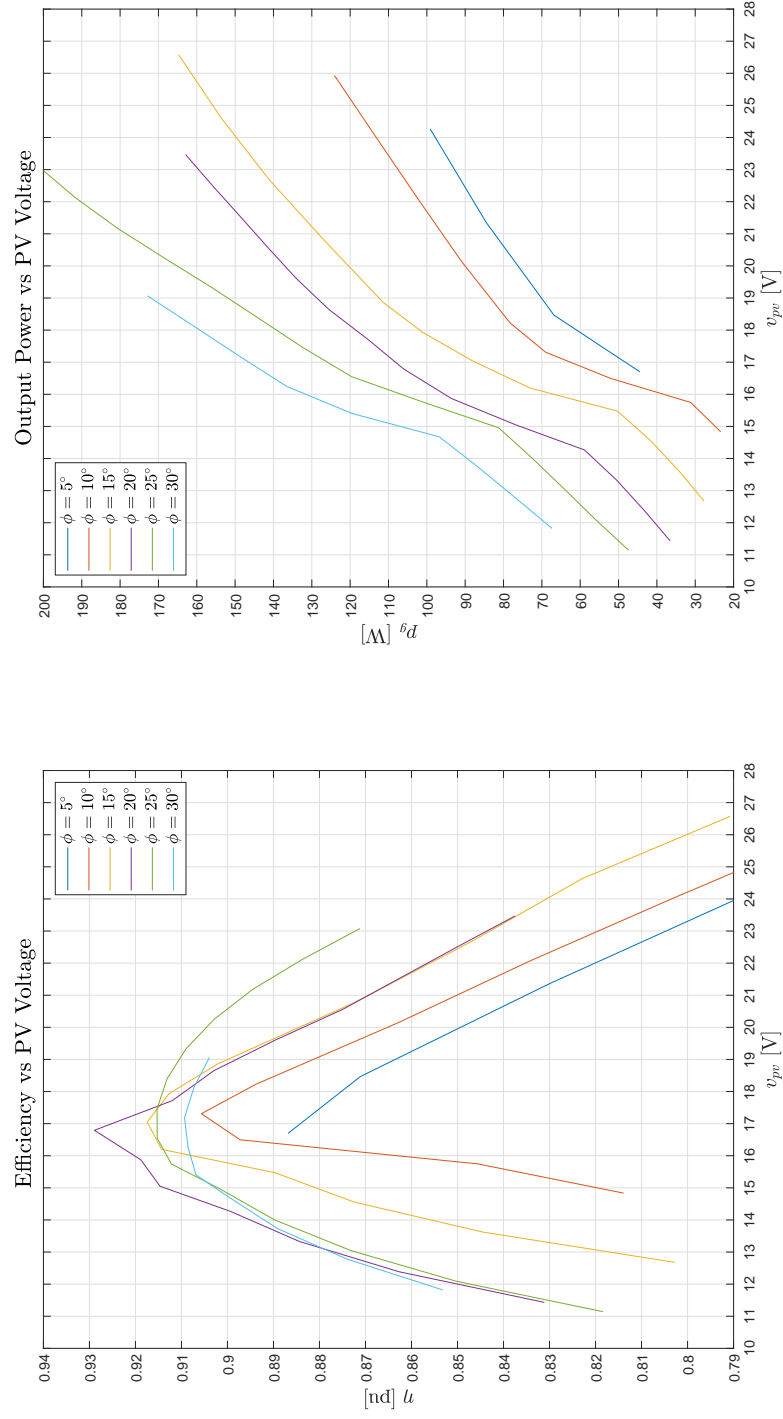


Figure 4.18: Efficiency and output power versus PV voltage when $v_g = 120V$.

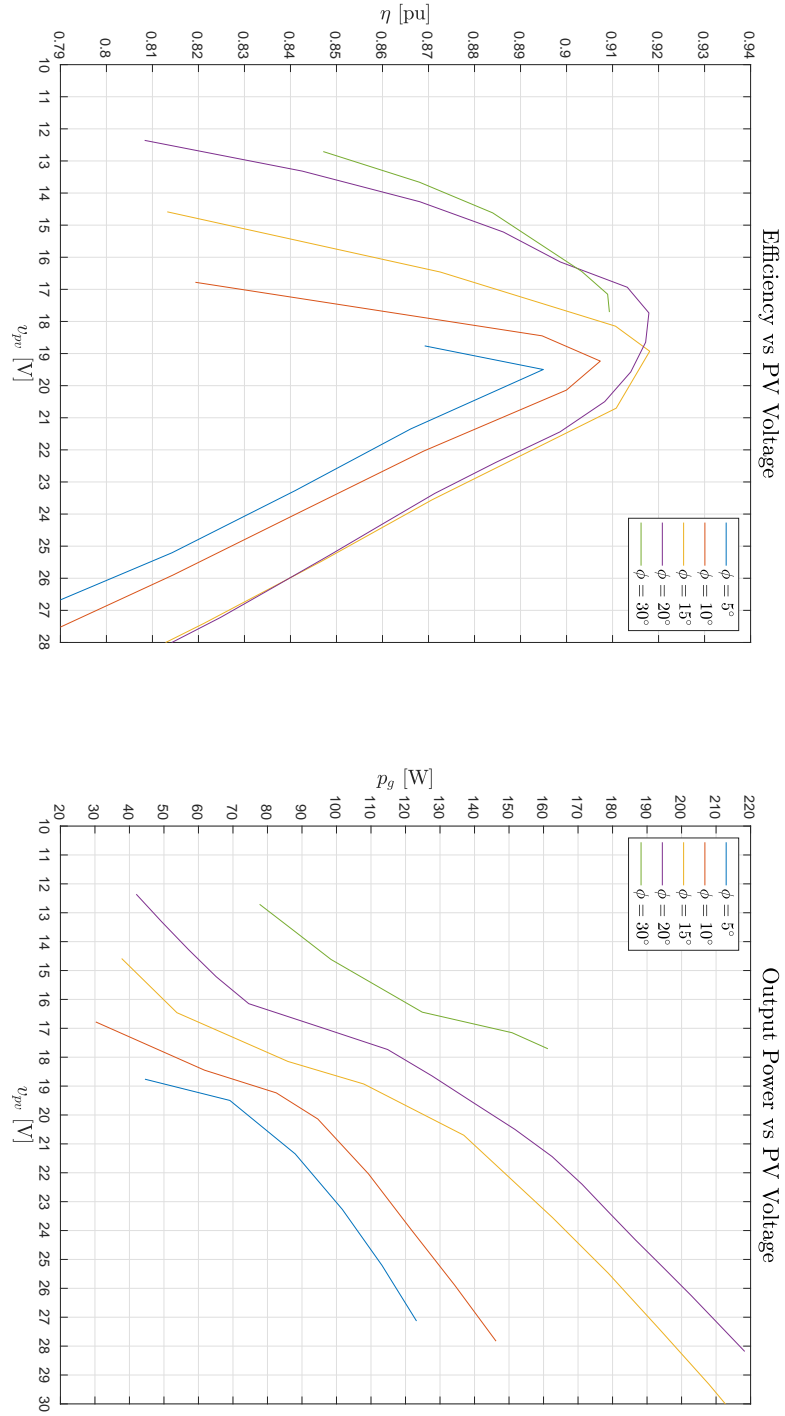


Figure 4.19: Efficiency and output power versus PV voltage when $v_g = 135\text{V}$.

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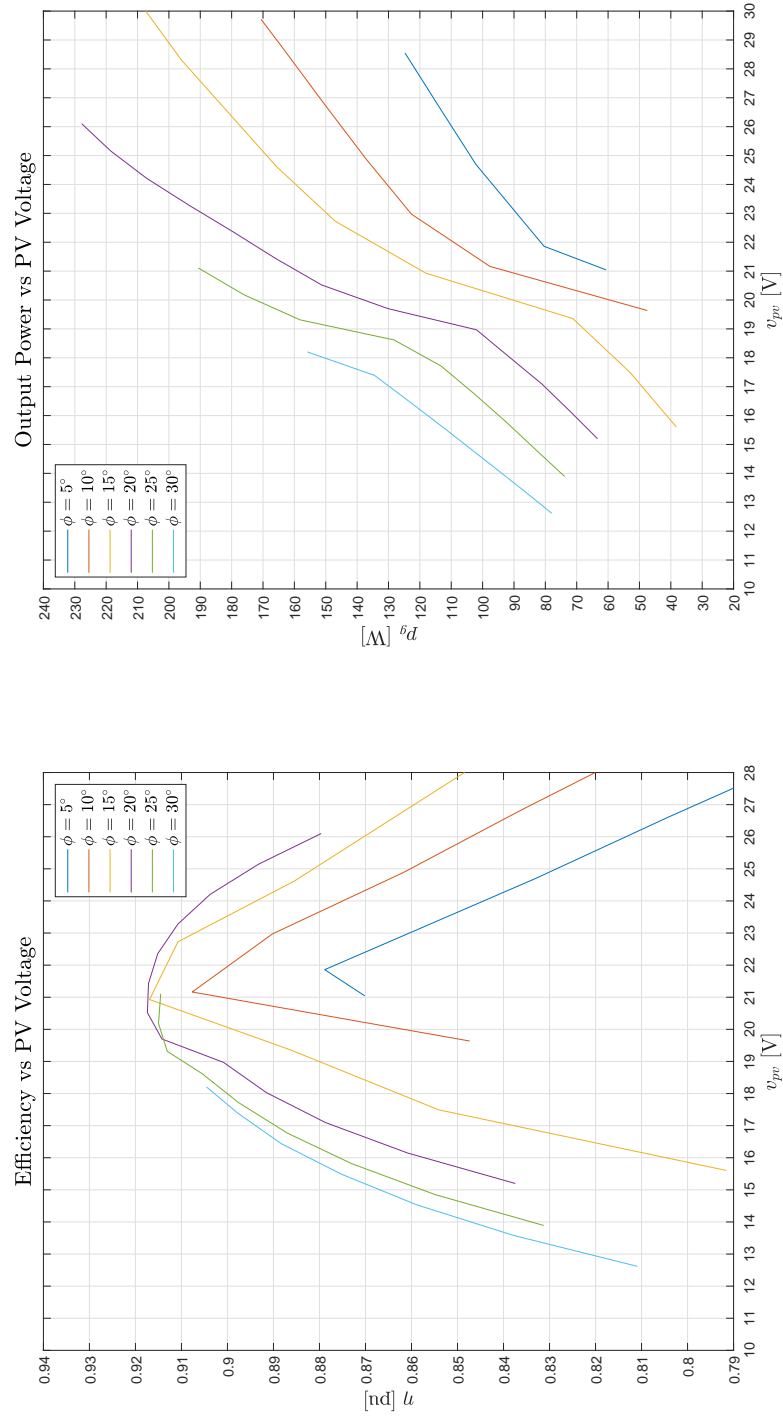


Figure 4.20: Efficiency and output power versus PV voltage when $v_g = 150V$.

4.4 Summary

This chapter presented the validation of the mathematical steady-state, small- and large-signal models derived in Chapter 2. For such validation a switched model was developed using PLECS simulation environment and a converter prototype. This chapter also presented the validation the control strategy and current compensator design proposed in Chapter 3. Furthermore, a performance characterization was conducted by testing and documenting the conditions of the converter at various voltage levels and phase-shifts.

Chapter 5

Conclusions and Future Work

5.1 Conclusions

The overall aim of this thesis was to study and characterize a converter circuit topology for a 250-W single-phase grid-connected dc-ac converter for photovoltaic (PV) solar applications. The converter is based on the dual active bridge (DAB) kernel employing a series-resonant link and a high-frequency isolation stage. For interfacing with the host ac grid with the high frequency resonant circuit, the converter employs an ac-ac conversion stage utilizing a four-quadrant switch array. In Chapter 2, this thesis also presented a state-space averaged large-signal model of the converter. From the nonlinear model a steady-state and a linear small-signal models have been derived for the task of control design.

In Chapter 3 a control strategy was proposed. The control strategy included a fast current-control loop to ensure ensure that the converter injects a sinusoidal current in phase with the grid voltage and a relatively slower feedback loop to regulate the converter dc-side voltage, that is, the PV array voltage, at the desired value. The proposed control strategy can integrate and be integrated with MPPT algorithms. Finally, in Chapter 4, the performance of the converter was assessed through simulation studies conducted using the aforementioned averaged models, a detailed topological model in the PLECS software environment, and a prototype.

The general conclusions drawn from the studies reported in this thesis are:

- To simplify the issues related to modelling resonant converters, this thesis developed an in-depth large-signal state-space model for PV converters based on the resonant dual active bridge converter topology using either SPS or DPS modulations.
- This thesis developed a linear small-signal model around an operating point to aid

in the process of control design.

- Finally, a control strategy with voltage and current feedback loops was studied. The current control regulates the power injected into the host ac-grid, while the voltage control loop regulates the voltage across the PV module and makes possible the implementation of MPPT algorithms.

5.2 Future Work

The following list enumerates potential research topics for a future work:

- The derivation of an extended mathematical model for a multi-port dual active bridge based converter, for example the addition of battery storage port.
- The implementation of a digital control strategy.
- The addition of a very fast control loop to regulate the resonant current zero-crossing angle and extend the soft-switching range.

Appendix A

Fundamental Frequency Fourier Coefficient of a Three-level Square Waveform

Given the periodic three-level square function $f(\omega t)$,

$$f(\omega t) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 \leq \omega t \leq \delta \\ 1 & \delta < \omega t < \pi - \delta \\ 0 & \pi - \delta \leq \omega t \leq \pi + \delta \\ -1 & \pi + \delta < \omega t < 2\pi - \delta \\ 0 & 2\pi - \delta \leq \omega t \leq 2\pi \end{cases} \quad (\text{A.1})$$

Where,

$$f(\omega t) = a_0 + a_1 \sin(\omega t) + a_2 \sin(2\omega t) + a_3 \sin(3\omega t) \sin(\omega t) + \dots \quad (\text{A.2})$$

Multiplying both sides by $\sin(\omega t)$ and integrating over one period,

$$\int_0^{2\pi} f(\omega t) \sin(\omega t) d\omega t = \int_0^{2\pi} (a_0 \sin(\omega t) + a_1 \sin^2(\omega t) + a_2 \sin(2\omega t) \sin(\omega t) + \dots) d\omega t \quad (\text{A.3})$$

$$\int_{\delta}^{\pi-\delta} f(\omega t) \sin(\omega t) d\omega t = a_1 \int_0^{\pi} \sin^2(\omega t) d\omega t \quad (\text{A.4})$$

$$-\cos(\pi - \delta) + \cos(\delta) = a_1 \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (\text{A.5})$$

$$2 \cos(\delta) = a_1 \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (\text{A.6})$$

Therefore, the coefficient of the first harmonic component is given by:

$$a_1 = \frac{4}{\pi} \cos(\delta) \quad (\text{A.7})$$

Appendix B

Elements of State-Space Matrices

Given the non-linear state-space equations, with inputs ϕ , v_g and i_{pv} and outputs i_g and v_{pv}

$$\frac{d\alpha_v}{dt} = \frac{\alpha_i}{C_r} - \beta_v\omega \quad (\text{B.1})$$

$$\frac{d\beta_v}{dt} = \frac{\beta_i}{C_r} + \alpha_v\omega \quad (\text{B.2})$$

$$\frac{d\alpha_i}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_r} \left[\frac{4}{\pi} \left(n v_{pv} \cos(\phi) - v_{out} \right) - \alpha_v - \alpha_i R \right] - \beta_i\omega \quad (\text{B.3})$$

$$\frac{d\beta_i}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_r} \left[-\frac{4n}{\pi} v_{pv} \sin(\phi) - \beta_v - \beta_i R \right] + \alpha_i\omega \quad (\text{B.4})$$

$$\frac{dv_{pv}}{dt} = \frac{1}{C_{in}} \left[i_{pv} - \frac{2n}{\pi} \left(\alpha_i \cos(\phi) - \beta_i \sin(\phi) \right) \right] \quad (\text{B.5})$$

$$\frac{dv_{out}}{dt} = \frac{1}{C_{out}} \left(\frac{2}{\pi} \alpha_i - i_g \right) \quad (\text{B.6})$$

The elements of the \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} matrices can be expressed as:

$$a_{11} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial \alpha_v} = 0 \quad (\text{B.7})$$

$$a_{12} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial \beta_v} = -\Omega \quad (\text{B.8})$$

$$a_{13} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial \alpha_i} = \frac{1}{C_r} \quad (\text{B.9})$$

$$a_{14} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial \beta_i} = 0 \quad (\text{B.10})$$

$$a_{15} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial v_{pv}} = 0 \quad (\text{B.11})$$

$$a_{21} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial \alpha_v} = \Omega \quad (\text{B.12})$$

$$a_{22} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial \beta_v} = 0 \quad (\text{B.13})$$

$$a_{23} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial \alpha_i} = 0 \quad (\text{B.14})$$

$$a_{24} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial \beta_i} = \frac{1}{C_r} \quad (\text{B.15})$$

$$a_{25} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial v_{pv}} = 0 \quad (\text{B.16})$$

$$a_{31} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial \alpha_v} = -\frac{1}{L_r} \quad (\text{B.17})$$

$$a_{32} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial \beta_v} = 0 \quad (\text{B.18})$$

$$a_{33} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial \alpha_i} = -\frac{R}{L_r} \quad (\text{B.19})$$

$$a_{34} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial \beta_i} = -\Omega \quad (\text{B.20})$$

$$a_{35} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial v_{pv}} = \frac{4n}{\pi L_r} \cos(\Phi) \quad (\text{B.21})$$

$$a_{41} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial \alpha_v} = 0 \quad (\text{B.22})$$

$$a_{42} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial \beta_v} = -\frac{1}{L_r} \quad (\text{B.23})$$

$$a_{43} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial \alpha_i} = \Omega \quad (\text{B.24})$$

$$a_{44} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial \beta_i} = -\frac{R}{L_r} \quad (\text{B.25})$$

$$a_{45} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial v_{pv}} = -\frac{4n}{\pi L_r} \sin(\Phi) \quad (\text{B.26})$$

$$a_{51} = \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial \alpha_v} = 0 \quad (\text{B.27})$$

$$a_{52} = \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial \beta_v} = 0 \quad (\text{B.28})$$

$$a_{53} = \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial \alpha_i} = -\frac{2n}{\pi L_r} \cos(\Phi) \quad (\text{B.29})$$

$$a_{54} = \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial \beta_i} = \frac{2n}{\pi L_r} \sin(\Phi) \quad (\text{B.30})$$

$$a_{55} = \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial v_{pv}} = 0 \quad (\text{B.31})$$

$$b_{\phi 1} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial \phi} = 0 \quad (\text{B.32})$$

$$b_{\phi 2} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial \phi} = 0 \quad (\text{B.33})$$

$$b_{\phi 3} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial \phi} = -\frac{4n}{\pi L_r} V_{pv} \sin(\Phi) \quad (\text{B.34})$$

$$b_{\phi 4} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial \phi} = -\frac{4n}{\pi L_r} V_{pv} \cos(\Phi) \quad (\text{B.35})$$

$$b_{\phi 5} = \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial \phi} = \frac{2n}{\pi C_{in}} (A_i \sin(\Phi) + B_i \cos(\Phi)) \quad (\text{B.36})$$

$$b_{v_g 1} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial v_g} = 0 \quad (\text{B.37})$$

$$b_{v_g 2} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial v_g} = 0 \quad (\text{B.38})$$

$$b_{v_g 3} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial v_g} = -\frac{4}{\pi L_r} \quad (\text{B.39})$$

$$b_{v_g 4} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial v_g} = 0 \quad (\text{B.40})$$

$$b_{v_g 5} = \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial v_g} = 0 \quad (\text{B.41})$$

$$b_{i_{pv} 1} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial i_{pv}} = 0 \quad (\text{B.42})$$

$$b_{i_{pv} 2} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial i_{pv}} = 0 \quad (\text{B.43})$$

$$b_{i_{pv} 3} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial i_{pv}} = 0 \quad (\text{B.44})$$

$$b_{i_{pv} 4} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial i_{pv}} = 0 \quad (\text{B.45})$$

$$b_{i_{pv} 5} = \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial i_{pv}} = -\frac{1}{C_{in}} \quad (\text{B.46})$$

Appendix C

Mathematical Model Extension for DPS Modulation

The dual active bridge (DAB) converter can be operated using the dual phase-shift (DPS) modulation strategy. In the DPS modulation, the inner legs of the input full-bridge is phase-shifted with an angle δ producing a three-level square waveform at the terminals of the transformer. Furthermore, the input and output bridges are phase-shifted with an angle of ϕ to control power flow.

As analyzed in A, the fundamental frequency fourier coefficient of a three-level square waveform can be expressed as shown in Equation A.7. Therefore, an expression for the the first harmonic component of voltage v_1 can be derived.

$$v_1 \approx \frac{4}{\pi} v_{pv} \cos(\omega t + \phi) \cos(\delta) \quad (\text{C.1})$$

Such expression yields for a new state-space large-scale model,

$$\frac{d\alpha_v}{dt} = \frac{\alpha_i}{C_r} - \beta_v \omega \quad (\text{C.2})$$

$$\frac{d\beta_v}{dt} = \frac{\beta_i}{C_r} + \alpha_v \omega \quad (\text{C.3})$$

$$\frac{d\alpha_i}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_r} \left[\frac{4n}{\pi} \left(v_{pv} \cos(\phi) \cos(\delta) - v_{out} \right) - \alpha_v - \alpha_i R \right] - \beta_i \omega \quad (\text{C.4})$$

$$\frac{d\beta_i}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_r} \left[-\frac{4n}{\pi} v_{pv} \sin(\phi) \sin(\delta) - \beta_v - \beta_i R \right] + \alpha_i \omega \quad (\text{C.5})$$

$$\frac{dv_{pv}}{dt} = \frac{1}{C_{in}} \left[i_{pv} - \frac{2n}{\pi} \cos(\delta) \left(\alpha_i \cos(\phi) - \beta_i \sin(\phi) \right) \right] \quad (\text{C.6})$$

The steady-state model for the DAB converter under DSP modulation is shown in Equations (C.7)-(C.12).

$$0 = \frac{A_i}{C_r} - B_v \Omega \quad (\text{C.7})$$

$$0 = \frac{B_i}{C_r} + A_v \Omega \quad (\text{C.8})$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{L_r} \left[\frac{4}{\pi} (nV_{pv} \cos(\Phi) \cos(\Delta) - V_{out}) - A_v - A_i R \right] - B_i \Omega \quad (\text{C.9})$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{L_r} \left[-\frac{4}{\pi} nV_{pv} \sin(\Phi) \sin(\Delta) - B_v - B_i R \right] + A_i \Omega \quad (\text{C.10})$$

$$0 = I_{pv} - \frac{2n}{\pi} \cos(\Delta) [A_i \cos(\Phi) - B_i \sin(\Phi)] \quad (\text{C.11})$$

$$0 = I_g - \frac{2}{\pi} A_i \quad (\text{C.12})$$

Given the control angles ϕ and δ , the inputs v_g and i_{pv} and outputs i_g and v_{pv} , the small-signal state-space equations of the system can be derived.

$$\frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{A}\tilde{x} + \mathbf{B}_\phi \tilde{\phi} + \mathbf{B}_{v_g} \tilde{v}_g + \mathbf{B}_{i_{pv}} \tilde{i}_{pv} + \mathbf{B}_\delta \tilde{\delta} \quad (\text{C.13a})$$

$$\tilde{i}_g = \mathbf{C}_{i_g} \tilde{x} \quad (\text{C.13b})$$

$$\tilde{v}_{pv} = \mathbf{C}_{v_{pv}} \tilde{x} \quad (\text{C.13c})$$

The elements of the \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} , \mathbf{C} and \mathbf{D} matrices can be expressed as:

$$a_{11} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial \alpha_v} = 0 \quad (\text{C.14})$$

$$a_{12} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial \beta_v} = -\Omega \quad (\text{C.15})$$

$$a_{13} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial \alpha_i} = \frac{1}{C_r} \quad (\text{C.16})$$

$$a_{14} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial \beta_i} = 0 \quad (\text{C.17})$$

$$a_{15} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial v_{pv}} = 0 \quad (\text{C.18})$$

$$a_{21} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial \alpha_v} = \Omega \quad (\text{C.19})$$

$$a_{22} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial \beta_v} = 0 \quad (\text{C.20})$$

$$a_{23} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial \alpha_i} = 0 \quad (\text{C.21})$$

$$a_{24} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial \beta_i} = \frac{1}{C_r} \quad (\text{C.22})$$

$$a_{25} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial v_{pv}} = 0 \quad (\text{C.23})$$

$$a_{31} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial \alpha_v} = -\frac{1}{L_r} \quad (\text{C.24})$$

$$a_{32} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial \beta_v} = 0 \quad (\text{C.25})$$

$$a_{33} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial \alpha_i} = -\frac{R}{L_r} \quad (\text{C.26})$$

$$a_{34} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial \beta_i} = -\Omega \quad (\text{C.27})$$

$$a_{35} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial v_{pv}} = \frac{4n}{\pi L_r} \cos(\Phi) \cos(\Delta) \quad (\text{C.28})$$

$$a_{41} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial \alpha_v} = 0 \quad (\text{C.29})$$

$$a_{42} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial \beta_v} = -\frac{1}{L_r} \quad (\text{C.30})$$

$$a_{43} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial \alpha_i} = \Omega \quad (\text{C.31})$$

$$a_{44} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial \beta_i} = -\frac{R}{L_r} \quad (\text{C.32})$$

$$a_{45} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial v_{pv}} = -\frac{4n}{\pi L_r} \sin(\Phi) \sin(\Delta) \quad (\text{C.33})$$

$$a_{51} = \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial \alpha_v} = 0 \quad (\text{C.34})$$

$$a_{52} = \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial \beta_v} = 0 \quad (\text{C.35})$$

$$a_{53} = \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial \alpha_i} = -\frac{2n}{\pi L_r} \cos(\Phi) \cos(\Delta) \quad (\text{C.36})$$

$$a_{54} = \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial \beta_i} = \frac{2n}{\pi L_r} \sin(\Phi) \cos(\Delta) \quad (\text{C.37})$$

$$a_{55} = \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial v_{pv}} = 0 \quad (\text{C.38})$$

$$b_{\phi 1} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial \phi} = 0 \quad (\text{C.39})$$

$$b_{\phi 2} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial \phi} = 0 \quad (\text{C.40})$$

$$b_{\phi 3} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial \phi} = -\frac{4n}{\pi L_r} V_{pv} \sin(\Phi) \quad (\text{C.41})$$

$$b_{\phi 4} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial \phi} = -\frac{4n}{\pi L_r} V_{pv} \cos(\Phi) \quad (\text{C.42})$$

$$b_{\phi 5} = \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial \phi} = \frac{2n}{\pi C_{in}} (A_i \sin(\Phi) + B_i \cos(\Phi)) \quad (\text{C.43})$$

$$b_{v_g 1} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial v_g} = 0 \quad (\text{C.44})$$

$$b_{v_g 2} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial v_g} = 0 \quad (\text{C.45})$$

$$b_{v_g 3} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial v_g} = -\frac{4}{\pi L_r} \quad (\text{C.46})$$

$$b_{v_g 4} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial v_g} = 0 \quad (\text{C.47})$$

$$b_{v_g 5} = \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial v_g} = 0 \quad (\text{C.48})$$

$$b_{i_{pv}1} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial i_{pv}} = 0 \quad (\text{C.49})$$

$$b_{i_{pv}2} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial i_{pv}} = 0 \quad (\text{C.50})$$

$$b_{i_{pv}3} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial i_{pv}} = 0 \quad (\text{C.51})$$

$$b_{i_{pv}4} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial i_{pv}} = 0 \quad (\text{C.52})$$

$$b_{i_{pv}5} = \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial i_{pv}} = -\frac{1}{C_{in}} \quad (\text{C.53})$$

$$b_{\delta 1} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_v}{\partial \delta} = 0 \quad (\text{C.54})$$

$$b_{\delta 2} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_v}{\partial \delta} = 0 \quad (\text{C.55})$$

$$b_{\delta 3} = \frac{\partial \dot{\alpha}_i}{\partial \delta} = -\frac{4n}{\pi L_r} V_{pv} \cos(\Phi) \sin(\Delta) \quad (\text{C.56})$$

$$b_{\delta 4} = \frac{\partial \dot{\beta}_i}{\partial \delta} = -\frac{4n}{\pi L_r} V_{pv} \sin(\Phi) \cos(\Delta) \quad (\text{C.57})$$

$$b_{\delta 5} = \frac{\partial \dot{v}_{pv}}{\partial \delta} = \frac{2n}{\pi C_{in}} \sin(\Delta) (A_i \cos(\Phi) - B_i \sin(\Phi)) \quad (\text{C.58})$$

$$\mathbf{C}_{V_{pv}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{C.59})$$

$$\mathbf{C}_{I_g} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{\pi} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{C.60})$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{C.61})$$

To simplify the power flow control of the converter under DSP modulation using the ϕ control variable, the voltage conversion ratio, d can be regulated closer to unity by controlling the phase-shift, δ to provide soft-switching operation.

$$d = \frac{V_{out}}{nV_{in}} \quad (\text{C.62})$$

Since,

$$d \approx 1$$

then,

$$\frac{4}{\pi}v_2 \approx \frac{4}{\pi}nv_1 \cos(\delta)$$

Solving for δ ,

$$\delta \approx \arccos\left(\frac{v_2}{nv_1}\right), 0 \leq |\delta| \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (\text{C.63})$$

Appendix D

Mathematical Model Extension for Converter Rectifier Operation with Resistive Load under SPS Modulation

Given that

$$\frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{A}\tilde{x} + \mathbf{B}_\phi\tilde{\phi} + \mathbf{B}_{v_g}\tilde{v}_g + \mathbf{B}_{i_{pv}}\tilde{i}_{pv} \quad (\text{D.1a})$$

$$\tilde{v}_{pv} = \mathbf{C}_{v_{pv}}\tilde{x} \quad (\text{D.1b})$$

where,

$$\tilde{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\alpha}_v \\ \tilde{\beta}_v \\ \tilde{\alpha}_i \\ \tilde{\beta}_i \\ \tilde{v}_{pv} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{D.2})$$

and

$$\mathbf{C}_{v_{pv}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{D.3})$$

Therefore,

$$v_{pv}^{\tilde{}} = \mathbf{C}_{v_{pv}} \tilde{x} \quad (\text{D.4})$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \tilde{x} \quad (\text{D.5})$$

If the converter is loaded with a resistor R_l in its dc port,

$$i_{pv}^{\tilde{}} = -\frac{v_{pv}^{\tilde{}}}{R_l} \quad (\text{D.6})$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{R_l} \end{bmatrix} \tilde{x} \quad (\text{D.7})$$

Then,

$$\frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{A}\tilde{x} + \mathbf{B}_\phi \tilde{\phi} + \mathbf{B}_{v_g} \tilde{v}_g + \mathbf{B}_{i_{pv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{R_l} \end{bmatrix} \tilde{x} \quad (\text{D.8})$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} = \underbrace{\left(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}_{i_{pv}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{R_l} \end{bmatrix} \right)}_{\mathbf{A}_{new}} \tilde{x} + \mathbf{B}_\phi \tilde{\phi} + \mathbf{B}_{v_g} \tilde{v}_g + \mathbf{B}_{i_{pv}} \quad (\text{D.9})$$

Therefore, the small-signal model for the system with a resistive load in the dc port is

$$\frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{A}_{new} \tilde{x} + \mathbf{B}_\phi \tilde{\phi} + \mathbf{B}_{v_g} \tilde{v}_g \quad (\text{D.10})$$

where,

$$\mathbf{A}_{new} = \mathbf{A} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{R_l C_{pv}} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{D.11})$$

Appendix E

MATLAB Scripts for Mathematical Model

CHAPTER E. MATLAB SCRIPTS FOR MATHEMATICAL MODEL

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%% Select Phase-Shift

%PHI = 0.7854           % 45 Deg
% PHI = 0.610865;      % 35 Deg
PHI = 0.5759586;       % 33 Deg
% PHI = 0.5585053;     % 32 Deg
%PHI = 0.54105;        % 31 Deg
%PHI = 0.5236          % 30 Deg
%PHI = 0.43633;        % 25 Deg
%PHI = 0.358098;       % 20.5175 Deg
%PHI = 0.355253;       % 20.3545 Deg
%PHI = 0.349;          % 20 Deg
%PHI = 0.2618;         % 15 Deg

%% Converter Specifications
n = 7;                  % Turns ratio
F_S = 78000;            % Switching Frequency
OMEGA_S = 2*pi*F_S;
R = 2.4e-3*(n^2)*2+4*56e-3; % Equivalent Resistance
Cpv = 27e-3;            % Power Decoupling Capacitor

Lr = 380e-6;            % Resonant Inductor
Cr = 15e-9;             % Resonant Capacitor

%% Converter Inputs
I_PV = 5;               % PV Current
V_G = 80;               % Grid Voltage
v_g = sqrt(2)* 120;     % Grid Peak Voltage

%% Solve State Variables at Steady-State Condition

% Call fsolve funtion to solve for Av, Bv, Ai, Bi, Vpv and Ig for the converter
% inputs

fun = @AltSteadyState;
x0 = [350,100,0.2,-2.6,20,1];
options = optimoptions('fsolve','MaxFunEvals', 100000000, 'MaxIter', 100000000);
x = fsolve(fun,x0,options);

A_V = x(1);
B_V = x(2);
A_I = x(3);
B_I = x(4);
V_PV = x(5)
I_G = x(6)

% Calculate the magnitude and phase of the resonant quantities Vr and Ir
I_R = sqrt(A_I^2+B_I^2)
PHI_I = atan2d(-B_I,A_I);
V_R = sqrt(A_V^2+B_V^2)
PHI_V = atan2d(-B_V,A_V);

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%% Compute Small-Signal Model
% A and B matrices entries
a11 = 0;
a12 = -OMEGA_S;
a13 = 1/Cr;
a14 = 0;
a15 = 0;

a21 = OMEGA_S;
a22 = 0;
a23 = 0;
a24 = 1/Cr;
a25 = 0;

a31 = -1/Lr;
a32 = 0;
a33 = -R/Lr;
a34 = -OMEGA_S;
a35 = 4*n/(pi*Lr) * cos(PHI);

a41 = 0;
a42 = -1/Lr;
a43 = OMEGA_S;
a44 = -R/Lr;
a45 = -4*n/(pi*Lr) * sin(PHI);

a51 = 0;
a52 = 0;
a53 = -2*n/(pi*Cpv) * cos(PHI);
a54 = 2*n/(pi*Cpv) * sin(PHI);
a55 = 0;

A = [a11 a12 a13 a14 a15;
      a21 a22 a23 a24 a25;
      a31 a32 a33 a34 a35;
      a41 a42 a43 a44 a45;
      a51 a52 a53 a54 a55];

lambda = eig(A);

b1 = 0;
b2 = 0;
b3 = -4*n/(pi*Lr) * V_PV * sin(PHI);
b4 = -4*n/(pi*Lr) * V_PV * cos(PHI);
b5 = -2*n/(pi*Cpv) * (-A_I*sin(PHI) - B_I*cos(PHI));

B = [b1; b2; b3; b4; b5];

D = 0;

Pin = V_PV*I_PV
Pout = I_G*V_G

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%% Phi to Vpv Transfer Function
C_Vpv = [0 0 0 0 1];

g_vp = ss(A,B,C_Vpv,D);
[g_vpnum,g_vpden] = ss2tf(A,B,C_Vpv,D);

G_VP = tf(g_vpnum,g_vpden);
G_VP = zpk(G_VP)

%% Generate Graphs

% Graph Options
opts = bodeoptions;
opts.PhaseWrapping = 'on';
opts.PhaseMatching = 'off';
opts.Title.Interpreter = 'latex';
opts.XLabel.Interpreter = 'latex';
opts.YLabel.Interpreter = 'latex';
opts.Title.FontSize = 12;
opts.XLabel.FontSize = 10;
opts.YLabel.FontSize = 10;
opts.XLabel.String = 'Frequency';
opts.Grid = 'on';

opt = nyquistoptions('cstprefs');
opt.Title.Interpreter = 'latex';
opt.XLabel.Interpreter = 'latex';
opt.YLabel.Interpreter = 'latex';
opt.Title.FontSize = 12;
opt.XLabel.FontSize = 10;
opt.YLabel.FontSize = 10;
opt.Grid = 'on';
opt.XLabel.String = 'Real';
opt.YLabel.String = 'Imaginary';
opt.FreqUnits = 'rad/s';

op = timeoptions('cstprefs');
op.Title.Interpreter = 'latex';
op.XLabel.Interpreter = 'latex';
op.YLabel.Interpreter = 'latex';

% figure(1)
% opt.Title.String = 'Zero-Pole Map for $G_{\phi v_{pv}}$';
% pzplot(G_VP,opt)
% sgrid

figure(2)
opts.Title.String = 'Bode Plot for $G_{\phi v_{pv}}(s)$';
bodeplot(G_VP,opts);
saveas(gcf,'BodeG_VP1','eps');

% figure(3)
% opts.Title.String = 'Bode Plot for $G_{\phi v_{pv}}(s)$';
% bodeplot(G_VP,opts);
% xlim([1e4 10e6]);
% saveas(gcf,'BodeG_VP2','eps');
    
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%% Phi to Ig Transfer Function
C_Ig = [0 0 2/pi 0 0];

g_ig = ss(A,B,C_Ig,D);
[g_ignum,g_igden] = ss2tf(A,B,C_Ig,D);

G_IG = tf(g_ignum,g_igden);
G_IG = zpk(G_IG)

figure(4)
opt.Title.String = 'Zero-Pole Map for $G_{\phi i_g}$';
pzplot(G_IG,opt)
sgrid

figure(5)
opts.Title.String = 'Bode Plot for $G_{\phi i_g}(s)$';
bode(G_IG,opts)
saveas(gcf,'BodeG_IG1','epsc')

figure(6)
opts.Title.String = 'Bode Plot for $G_{\phi i_g}(s)$';
bode(G_IG,opts);
xlim([1e4 10e6]);
saveas(gcf,'BodeG_IG2','epsc')

%% Vr magnitude to Phi Transfer Function
C_av = [1 0 0 0 0];
C_bv = [0 1 0 0 0];
C_vr = C_av * A_V/sqrt(A_V^2+B_V^2) + C_bv * B_V/sqrt(A_V^2+B_V^2);

g_vr = ss(A,B,C_vr,D);
[g_vrnum,g_vrden] = ss2tf(A,B,C_vr,D);

G_VR = tf(g_vrnum,g_vrden);
%% Ir magnitude to Phi Transfer Function

C_ai = [0 0 1 0 0];
C_bi = [0 0 0 1 0];

C_ir = C_ai * A_I/sqrt(A_I^2+B_I^2) + C_bi * B_I/sqrt(A_I^2+B_I^2);

g_ir = ss(A,B,C_ai,D);
[g_irnum,g_irden] = ss2tf(A,B,C_ir,D);

G_IR = tf(g_irnum,g_irden);

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%% Vpv to Ig Transfer Function

G_VI = G_IG/G_VP

figure(7);
opts.Title.String = 'Bode Plot for $G_{v_{pv}} i_{g}(s)$';
bode(G_VI,opts);
saveas(gcf,'BodeG_VI1','epsc');

figure(8);
opts.Title.String = 'Bode Plot for $G_{v_{pv}} i_{g}(s)$';
bode(G_VI,opts);
xlim([1e4 10e6]);
saveas(gcf,'BodeG_VI2','epsc');

%% Current Compensator
C_Inum_new = [600e-9 1];
C_Iden_new = [68e-6 1 0];
C_I = tf(6500*C_Inum_new, C_Iden_new)

figure(9);
opts.Title.String = 'Bode Plot for $K_i(s)$';
bode(C_I,opts);
xlim([1e3 10e6]);
saveas(gcf,'BodeKi','epsc');

%% Open- and Closed-Loop Graphas for Current Loop
L_i = C_I * G_IR;
figure(10);
opts.Title.String = 'Bode Plot for $L_i(s)$';
bode(L_i,opts);
xlim([1e3 10e4]);
saveas(gcf,'BodeLi','epsc');

T_i = feedback(G_IR*C_I,1)
figure(11);
opts.Title.String = 'Bode Plot for $T_i(s)$';
bode(T_i,opts);
xlim([1e3 10e6]);
saveas(gcf,'BodeTi','epsc');

figure(12);
op.Title.String = 'Step Response for $T_i(s)$';
stepplot(T_i,op);
% xlim([0 2.5e-3]);
saveas(gcf,'StepTi','epsc');

figure(13);
opt.Title.String = 'Nyquist Plot for $T_i(s)$';
nyquistplot(T_i,opt);
saveas(gcf,'NyquistTi','epsc');

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function F = AltSteadyState(x)
n = 7;
F_S = 78000;
OMEGA_S = 2*pi*F_S;

%PHI = 0.7854           % 45 Deg
% PHI = 0.610865;       % 35 Deg
PHI = 0.5759586;        % 33 Deg
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%PHI = 0.355253;        % 20.3545 Deg
%PHI = 0.2618;          % 15 Deg

I_PV = 5;
V_G = 80;
Cpv = 27e-3;

R = 2.4e-3*(n^2)*2+4*56e-3;

Lr = 380e-6;
Cr = 15e-9;
%% FOR Lr
F(1) = x(3)/Cr - x(2)*OMEGA_S;
F(2) = x(4)/Cr + x(1)*OMEGA_S;
F(3) = 1/Lr * (4/pi * (x(5)*n*cos(PHI) - V_G) - x(1) - x(3)*R) - x(4)*OMEGA_S;
F(4) = 1/Lr * (-4/pi * x(5)*n*sin(PHI) - x(2) - x(4)*R) + x(3)*OMEGA_S;
F(5) = I_PV - (2*n)/pi * (x(3)*cos(PHI) - x(4)*sin(PHI));
F(6) = x(6) - 2/pi * x(3);
end

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