

Mathematical Model and Dual-DSP Control of Tri-Level PWM Reversible Rectifier

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I. INTRODUCTION

Compared with conventional two-level PWM reversible rectifier, the tri-level converter is able to reduce harmonic currents without requiring the power devices such as GTO or IGBT to be operated at a high switching frequency, and is very suitable for high voltage systems because of its Neutral-Point-Clamped (NPC) main circuit structure. Thus, it plays a greater role in high power and high voltage applications where the switching frequency is limited around or below several hundreds hertz [1]-[4].

Although lots of correlative publications have been presented, the study on tri-level converter just comes up to the surface. The common PWM control strategies include harmonic elimination [4], optimal [3], space vector PWM [2] and hysteresis current control [1]. Harmonic elimination method is very simple but its dynamic response is too slow. Optimal PWM method is suitable for high index modulation but it is not fit for middle modulation because of many jumps and large low frequency harmonics. Hysteresis current control based on voltage space vector has features such as fast response and easy implementation. However, it still remains the main drawbacks of hysteresis control.

II. MATHEMATICAL MODEL OF TRI-LEVEL CONVERTER

A. Model in the abc Frame

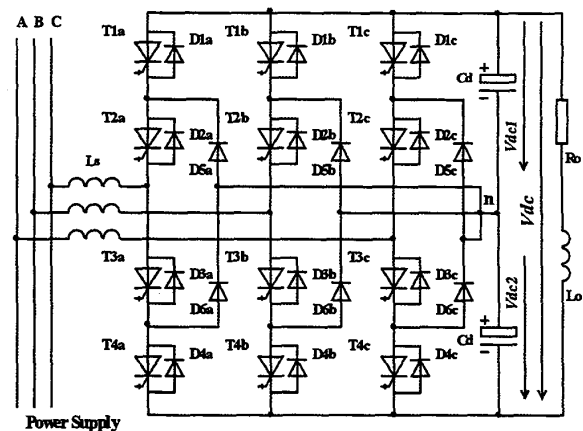


Fig. 1 A Tri-level PWM Reversible Rectifier

Fig. 1 shows a Tri-level reversible rectifier which consists of RL DC load. The three phase utility voltage is assumed to be balanced and symmetrical. Then $V_{SA} = V_{Sm} \cos(\omega t)$, ω is

the source positive sequence fundamental voltage angular frequency. The first A phase switching function S_a of power devices $T_{1a} \sim T_{4a}$ is defined as [5]:

$$S_a = \begin{cases} 1, & T_{1a}, T_{2a} \text{ ON and } T_{3a}, T_{4a} \text{ OFF;} \\ 0, & T_{2a}, T_{3a} \text{ ON and } T_{1a}, T_{4a} \text{ OFF;} \\ -1, & T_{3a}, T_{4a} \text{ ON and } T_{1a}, T_{2a} \text{ OFF;} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

In order to obtain the mathematical model of system, S_a may be written as:

- (1). if $S_a = 1$, then $S_{1a} = 1, S_{2a} = 0, S_{3a} = 0$;
- (2). if $S_a = 0$, then $S_{1a} = 0, S_{2a} = 0, S_{3a} = 1$;
- (3). if $S_a = -1$, then $S_{1a} = 0, S_{2a} = 1, S_{3a} = 0$;

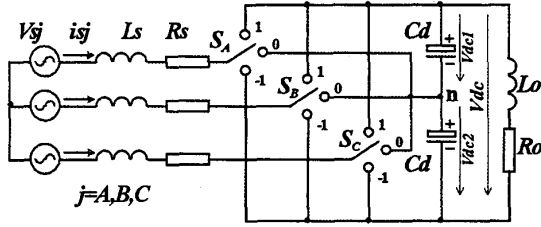


Fig. 2 The Equivalent Circuit of Tri-level Rectifier

In the Fig.2, the boundary condition of S_{1a}, S_{2a} and S_{3a} is defined as:

$$\begin{cases} S_{1a} + S_{2a} + S_{3a} = 1 \\ S_{1a} = 1 \text{ or } 0, S_{2a} = 1 \text{ or } 0, S_{3a} = 1 \text{ or } 0 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

The balanced three phase system has no neutral connection, then it will be

$$\begin{cases} V_{sA} + V_{sB} + V_{sC} = 0 \\ i_{sA} + i_{sB} + i_{sC} = 0 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{and } V_{N0} = -(V_{RN} + V_{SN} + V_{TN})/3 \quad (4)$$

So a general mathematical model of the tri-level PWM reversible rectifier is established as follows:

$$Z\dot{X} = A \cdot X + B \cdot e \quad (5)$$

where

$$B = \text{diag} [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0] \\ e = [V_{SA} \ V_{SB} \ V_{SC}]^T$$

$$Z = \text{diag} [L_s \ L_s \ L_s \ C_d \ C_d \ L_o]$$

$$X = [i_{sA} \ i_{sB} \ i_{sC} \ V_{dc1} \ V_{dc2} \ I_o]^T$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -R_s & 0 & 0 & -d_{11} & d_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & -R_s & 0 & -d_{21} & d_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -R_s & -d_{31} & d_{32} & 0 \\ S_{1a} & S_{1b} & S_{1c} & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -S_{2a} & -S_{2b} & -S_{2c} & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -R_o \end{bmatrix}$$

$$d_{11} = (S_{1a} - f_1), \quad d_{21} = (S_{1b} - f_1), \quad d_{31} = (S_{1c} - f_1)$$

$$d_{12} = (S_{2a} - f_2), \quad d_{21} = (S_{2b} - f_2), \quad d_{32} = (S_{2c} - f_2)$$

$$f_1 = \frac{S_{1a} + S_{1b} + S_{1c}}{3}; \quad f_2 = \frac{S_{2a} + S_{2b} + S_{2c}}{3}$$

B. Model in the Stationary $\alpha\beta$ Frame

In studying AC machine, certain quantities are found to have variables which are sinusoidal in the time and are often distributed in space. For three phase reversible rectifier, all variables are defined in the time but not in space. However, it is still beneficial to quote the concept of space vector for studying rectifiers or converters. Cited the coordinate transformation matrix on space reference frame in the unified theory of an AC motor, the "space" can be mathematically regarded as a complex plane rather than a "physical space".

Define Park space vector as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \vec{V}_S = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} (V_{sA} + \alpha \cdot V_{sB} + \alpha^2 \cdot V_{sC}) \\ \vec{i}_S = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} (i_{sA} + \alpha \cdot i_{sB} + \alpha^2 \cdot i_{sC}) \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

$$\text{where } \alpha = e^{j\frac{2\pi}{3}}, \quad \alpha^2 = e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{3}}$$

$$\text{Then, } \begin{cases} \vec{V}_S = L_s \frac{d\vec{i}_S}{dt} + R_s \vec{i}_S + \vec{V}_R \\ \vec{V}_R = \vec{V}_{R1} - \vec{V}_{R2} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

$$\text{and } \begin{cases} \vec{V}_{R1} = V_{dc1} \cdot (S_{1\alpha} + jS_{1\beta}) \\ \vec{V}_{R2} = V_{dc2} \cdot (S_{2\alpha} + jS_{2\beta}) \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

With

$$\begin{cases} S_{1\alpha} + jS_{1\beta} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left[\left(S_{1a} - \frac{1}{2}S_{1b} - \frac{1}{2}S_{1c} \right) + j \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}S_{1b} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}S_{1c} \right) \right] \\ S_{2\alpha} + jS_{2\beta} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left[\left(S_{2a} - \frac{1}{2}S_{2b} - \frac{1}{2}S_{2c} \right) + j \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}S_{2b} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}S_{2c} \right) \right] \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } \begin{cases} C_d \frac{dV_{dc1}}{dt} = S_{1\alpha} \cdot i_{s\alpha} + S_{1\beta} \cdot i_{s\beta} - I_0 \\ C_d \frac{dV_{dc2}}{dt} = -(S_{2\alpha} \cdot i_{s\alpha} + S_{2\beta} \cdot i_{s\beta}) - I_0 \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

So a mathematical model of the tri-level system in the stationary $\alpha\beta$ frame is established as follows:

$$Z\dot{X} = AX + Be \quad (10)$$

where

$$Z = \text{diag} [L_s \quad L_s \quad C_d \quad C_d \quad L_0]$$

$$X = [i_{s\alpha} \quad i_{s\beta} \quad V_{dc1} \quad V_{dc2} \quad I_0]^T$$

$$B = \text{diag} [1 \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0]$$

$$e = [V_{s\alpha} \quad V_{s\beta}]^T$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -R_s & 0 & -S_{1\alpha} & S_{2\alpha} & 0 \\ 0 & -R_s & -S_{1\beta} & S_{2\beta} & 0 \\ S_{1\alpha} & S_{1\beta} & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -S_{2\alpha} & -S_{2\beta} & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -R_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

C. Model in the Rotating dq Frame

The transformation relation can be given as followings:

$$T_{dq/\alpha\beta} = T_{\alpha\beta/dq}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{cases} L_s p i_{sd} = -R_s i_{sd} + \omega L_s i_{sq} - V_{Rd} + V_{sd} \\ L_s p i_{sq} = -R_s i_{sq} - \omega L_s i_{sd} - V_{Rq} + V_{sq} \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

where $p = d/dt$,

$$\begin{cases} V_{Rd} = V_{Rd1} - V_{Rd2} \\ V_{Rq} = V_{Rq1} - V_{Rq2} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } \begin{cases} [S_{d1} \quad S_{q1}]^T = T_{dq/\alpha\beta} \cdot [S_{\alpha1} \quad S_{\beta1}]^T \\ [S_{d2} \quad S_{q2}]^T = T_{dq/\alpha\beta} \cdot [S_{\alpha2} \quad S_{\beta2}]^T \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

Then it will be

$$\begin{cases} L_s \frac{di_{sd}}{dt} = -R_s i_{sd} + \omega L_s i_{sq} - V_{dc1} \cdot S_{d1} + V_{dc2} \cdot S_{d2} + V_{sd} \\ L_s \frac{di_{sq}}{dt} = -R_s i_{sq} - \omega L_s i_{sd} - V_{dc1} \cdot S_{q1} + V_{dc2} \cdot S_{q2} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{with } \begin{cases} C_d \frac{dV_{dc1}}{dt} = S_{d1} \cdot i_{sd} + S_{q1} \cdot i_{sq} - I_0 \\ C_d \frac{dV_{dc2}}{dt} = -(S_{d2} \cdot i_{sd} + S_{q2} \cdot i_{sq}) - I_0 \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

So a mathematical model of the tri-level system in the rotating dq frame is established as follows:

$$Z\dot{X} = AX + Be \quad (16)$$

where

$$Z = \text{diag} [L_s \quad L_s \quad C_d \quad C_d \quad L_0]$$

$$X = [i_{sd} \quad i_{sq} \quad V_{dc1} \quad V_{dc2} \quad I_0]^T$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -R_s & \omega L_s & -S_{d1} & S_{d2} & 0 \\ -\omega L_s & -R_s & -S_{q1} & S_{q2} & 0 \\ S_{d1} & S_{q1} & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -S_{d2} & -S_{q2} & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -R_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \text{diag} [1 \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0]$$

$$e = \left[\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} V_{sm} \quad 0 \right]^T$$

$$\begin{cases} V_{sd} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \cdot V_{Sm} \\ V_{sq} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{with the steady state equations: } \begin{cases} V_{Rd} = V_{sd} - R_s \cdot i_{sd} \\ V_{Rq} = -\omega L_s i_{sd} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } i_{sq} = 0 \quad (17)$$

(13) It should be pointed out that the power supply here is ideal.

III. SYNCHRONOUS dq DECOUPLING CONTROL

By contrast to other current controller, the rotating frame controller eliminates the steady-state error since it operates on dc quantities. Furthermore, the main idea of the dq decoupling control is: the cross coupling between the d and q axes due to inductance L_s was compensated by using feed-forward signals, then the control of d and q axes current depended on its own controller such as PI controller. The decoupling model of the tri-level PWM reversible rectifier is defined as follows:

$$\begin{cases} u_1 = V_{sd} - V_{Rd} + \omega L_s i_{sq} \\ u_2 = V_{sq} - V_{Rq} - \omega L_s i_{sd} \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

$$\begin{cases} L_s p i_{sd} = -R_s * i_{sd} + u_1 \\ L_s p i_{sq} = -R_s * i_{sq} + u_2 \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

A functional control diagram of the tri-level reversible rectifier is presented in Fig. 3. With the instantaneous reactive theory proposed by H. Akagi, the instantaneous reactive and active power pq control can be realized by the control of i_{sd} and i_{sq} . By means of the decoupling control of i_{sd} and i_{sq} , the tri-level reversible rectifier can achieve active and reactive or imaginary power control independently. Using conventional PI parameters, two decoupled current loop controller can be easily developed. The outer DC voltage close loop control maintains the DC bus voltage with compensating the circuit power loss such as switching loss of power devices. The switching vector selection and relative switch time calculation are realized by means of PWM voltage space vector algorithm. Another important thing is the neutral point control (NPC). The detailed contents of voltage space vector PWM algorithm with NPC could be seen in [1]-[2].

Complete dq decoupling control is implemented in a dual-DSPs board. In Fig. 4, 2nd DSP can be used to fulfil the real-time algorithm of voltage space vector PWM. 1st DSP can be used to finish the decoupling control and DC voltage loop control as well as A/D synchronous sampling. Made use of dual-port RAM IDT7024, both digital signal processor TMS320c31 can operate parallel processing at 40MHz clock. The dual-DSPs board could also be used to finish other complicated control algorithms, such as AC motor control

and active power filter, unbalanced control, voltage dynamic restore and other compensation functions using three-phase tri-level PWM converter.

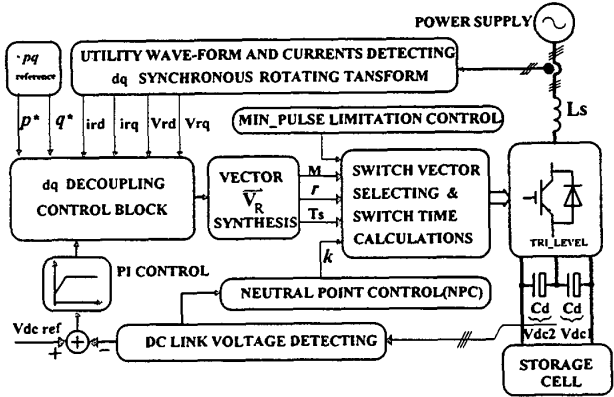


Fig. 3 The Control Block Diagram of the Unified DSP Control System

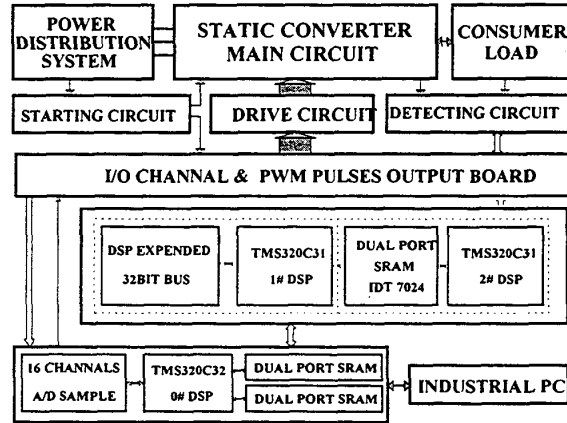


Fig. 4 The Control System of the Tri-level PWM Converter

IV. SIMULATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

The computer dynamic simulation of the tri-level converter system was based on PSCAD[®] environment. The simulation was carried out under the following conditions: the three-phase AC power source voltage: $V_{m}=311V$, $\omega=314.16$, $f=50Hz$; the AC reactor: $L_s=6mH$, its equivalent $R_s=0.5\Omega$; and DC load: $C_d=4700\mu F$, $L_0=3mH$.

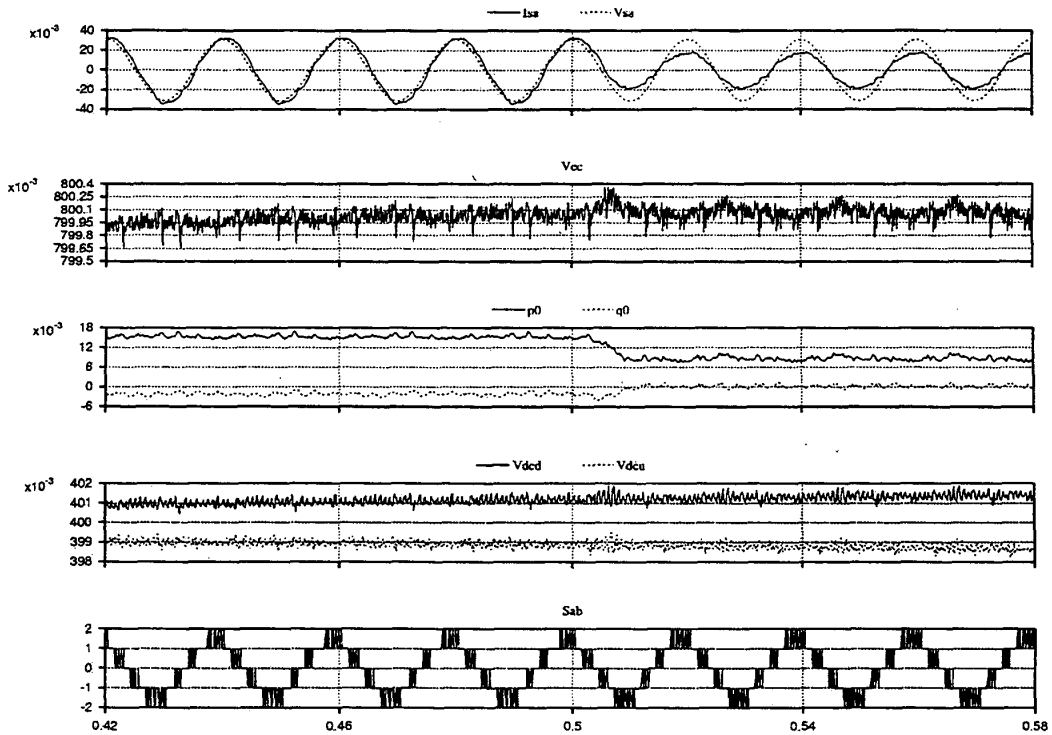


Fig. 5 The System Simulation of Three-phase Tri-level Converter

The minimum limitation of the ON pulse and OFF pulse width is $T_{pulse-lim.it} = 50\mu s$. The result of DC voltage close-loop control with $P_{out}=15kW$ and $V_{dcg}=800V$ and sampling frequency $f_s=1200Hz$ is shown in Fig.5. The dynamic system response of active and reactive component step started at $t=0.5025S$. As shown in Fig. 5, the proposed system has attractive features such as controllable power factor, near sinusoidal current waveform, bi-directional power flow and dc bus voltage control. Moreover, the neutral point potential control makes up the balance of voltage between upper leg capacitor and lower leg capacitor.

A 10KW IGBT prototype of the tri-level reversible rectifier has been developed. The actual parameters of prototype are the same as those of computer simulation. In Fig. 6(a), the power factor has been controlled easily and here p.f. is equal to 1. In Fig. 6(b), the input currents i_{sA} and i_{sB} are nearly sinusoidal. As shown in Fig.6, the experimental results will verify the correctness of the proposed mathematical model of tri-level reversible rectifier system.

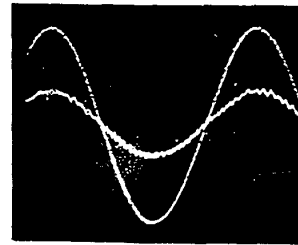


Fig.6 (a) Power Factor p.f. = 1 (the upper is V_{sA} , the lower is current i_{sA})

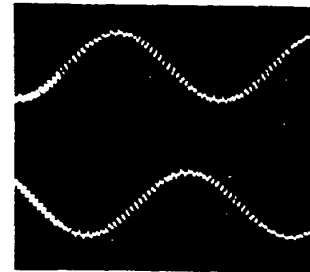


Fig.6(b) Waveform of Input Currents i_{sA} (upper) and i_{sB} (lower) (20A/div)

V. CONCLUSION

In this paper, a new mathematical model of tri_level PWM reversible rectifier was presented. The synchronous reference frame model was used to achieve the dq decoupling control of the converter. All control algorithms were implemented in dual digital-signal processors. The validity of the system model was verified by the results of computer-aided simulation and experiment.

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