

# Model Predictive Control of Power Electronics Converter

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#### **Abstract**

Voltage-source PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) rectifier can provide constant DC bus voltage and suppress harmonic distortion of grid-side currents. It also has power feedback capability and has a broad prospect in the field of DC power supply [1], reactive power compensation, active filtering and motor control system.

This dissertation studies the theory and implementation of PWM rectifier and completes the following tasks:

- 1. Analyze three-phase voltage-source PWM rectifier (VSR), including its topology, mathematical model and principle. Derive Clarke transformation and Park transformation and analyze the mathematical model in the two-phase  $\alpha\beta$  stationary coordinate and dq rotating coordinate.
- 2. Make a detailed analysis on the principle and characteristics of Direct Power Control (DPC) strategy and Model Predictive Control (MPC) strategy and study the instantaneous active power and reactive power flow in the rectifier.
- 3. Based on the principle of traditional switching table of DPC, an improved table is proposed. Then this project presents a further improved switching table to achieve better control performance and the simulation model in Matlab/Simulink environment is established to verify the algorithm of voltage-oriented direct power control strategy.
- 4. Based on different strategy studies and the simulation results from DPC system, propose our model predictive control (MPC) algorithm.
- 5. Analyze the modulation principle of the space vector pulse width modulation (SVPWM).
- 6. Build the MPC-SVPWM model in Matlab/Simulink to verify our MPC algorithm.
- 7. The simulation result shows that MPC-SVPWM performs better in harmonic suppression, unity power factor, DC output voltage ripple coefficient and dynamic response than DPC.

Key words: PWM rectifier, unity power factor, direct power control, model predictive control, harmonic suppression, SVPWM

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# **Chapter 1 Introduction**

## 1.1 Background and significance of the study

In modern industry, power conversion is needed in many occasions, converting AC power into DC power and vice versa. The rectifier converts the AC into DC and the inverter converts DC into AC. Since many electrical appliances and converters in the daily life require DC power supply, the rectifier is indispensable. The traditional rectifiers are using the power diode or thyristor to convert AC into DC, which are called uncontrolled rectifier or phase-controlled rectifier. The diode rectifier draws distorted currents from the grid, resulting in harmonic pollution, and the DC side energy can not be fed back to the grid. AC-side power factor is low for phase-controlled rectifier, and DC output voltage has severe shorks. Structures of these traditional rectifiers are shown as follows:

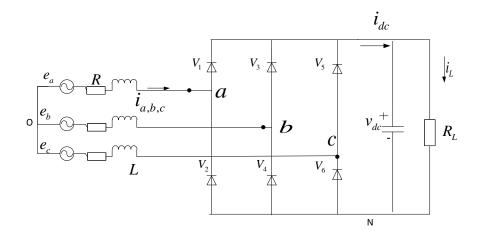


Figure 1-1 Diode voltage source rectifier

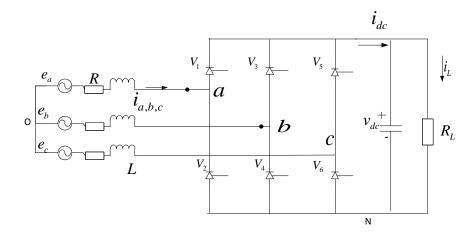


Figure 1-2 Thyristor voltage source rectifier

The traditional rectifiers cause serious distortion of currents in the grid and harmonic pollution. Harmonic current generates heat loss in overhead lines and cables in power system;

harmonic currents flowing in the overhead line will cause serious electromagnetic interference to adjacent communication equipment and interfere with the protection devices and cause malfunction; harmonic currents cause dielectric loss in power capacitors and speed up aging; much reactive power exchanges with the grid, producing large amount of additional energy losses. These factors restrict its application in industry.

The most fundamental way to solve this harmonic pollution is to make the converter produce no harmonics and realize the sinusoidal current in the grid side and unity power factor. With the development of power electronics, the advanced full-controlled power semiconductor devices and microprocessor technology and control theories promote the development of the converter. A variety of converters emerge based on pulse width modulation control. Voltage-source PWM rectifier (VSR) has the following advantages: low harmonics of the currents in the grid side, unity power factor, constant DC voltage and bi-directional energy flow.

With certain topology of main circuit, to achieve the above advantages of VSR, various control strategies have been proposed. Turn off and on the fully-controlled power devices in accordance with a certain control strategy, we can control the magnitude and phase angle of AC currents, supplying appropriate power to the load and AC currents close to sinusoidal waveform, in phase with supply voltages. Then the power factor will be close to unity, achieving the purpose to improve power factor and to suppress harmonics. The significance of improvement of power factor on the actual production is enormous. For example, in a 10,000 ton-class chemical plant, DC current is needed to electrolyze the saline solution to produce the most basic raw materials for the chemical industry: chlorine gas and sodium hydroxide. In this energy-intensive industry, if the power factor can be increased by a few percentage points, a very considerable part of electric energy can be saved. PWM converter can work in four quadrants due to its fully-controlled switching devices (referring to chapter 2.2), so that energy can be fed back into the supply grid when the motor works in regenerate mode.

#### 1.2 Current state of PWM converter research

PWM rectifier research began in the 1980s, when the self-turn-off devices became mature, promoting the application of the PWM technique. In 1982 Busse Alfred and Holtz Joachim proposed the three-phase full-bridge PWM rectifier topology based on self-turn-off devices and the grid-side current amplitude and phase control strategy <sup>[2]</sup>, and implemented unity power factor and sinusoidal current control of the current-source PWM rectifier. In 1984, Akagi Hirofumi with others proposed reactive power compensation control strategy based on the PWM rectifier topology <sup>[3]</sup>, which was actually the early idea of voltage-source PWM rectifier. At the end of the 1980s, Green A.W proposed continuous and discrete dynamic mathematical models and control strategy of PWM rectifier based on coordinate transformation, raising PWM rectifier research and development to a new level <sup>[4]</sup>.

PWM rectifier according to the output can be divided into the voltage-source and current-source rectifier. For a long time, the voltage-source PWM rectifier (VSR) for its low losses, simple structure and control strategy has become the focus of the study of PWM rectifier, while the current-source PWM rectifier (CSR) is relatively complex due to the presence of DC energy-storage inductor and AC LC filter inductor. Voltage-source inverter has a similar topology with VSR but operating in opposite direction. The main power converter that is

investigated in this work is VSR.

There are several control strategies: current control (including indirect current control and direct current control) and nonlinear control strategy (including instantaneous power control, feedback linearization control, Lyapunov control and so on). Indirect current control strategy controls grid currents indirectly by controlling the amplitude and phase angle of the fundamental component of input voltage of rectifier. However, this strategy has some disadvantages: bad stability, slow dynamic response and current overshoot in dynamic process, restricting its application <sup>[5]</sup>. Direct current control strategy controls AC current directly by following the given reference current. The typical example is the dual-loop PI control. This strategy with fast dynamic response uses space vector modulation, increases the utilization of DC voltage and has been applied in practical projects. PWM converter has the following characteristics: nonlinear, multivariable and strong coupling. Its traditional control algorithms adopt linearization based on small signal disturbance on steady operating point, which may not maintain the stability of large range disturbances. So some proposed control strategy based on Lyapunov stability theory. This novel control scheme builds the Lyapunov function based on the quantitative relationship of inductor and capacitor energy storage. The Lyapunov function combines the PWM mathematical model in dq rotating frame and corresponding SVPWM constraints to deduce the control algorithm. This control strategy solves the stability issue of large range disturbances [6]. To increase the performance of PWM VSR, research on nonlinear control method and new control algorithm is a new challenge for the researchers now.

## 1.3 The application fields of PWM converters

The AC side of PWM rectifier has a characteristic of controlled current source, which makes the development of the control strategies and topologies of PWM rectifier. Power converter are used in many fields, such as static var generator (SVG), active power filter (APF), unified power flow controller (UPFC), superconducting magnetic energy storage (SMES), high voltage direct current transmission (HVDC), electrical drive and grid-connected renewable energy [7].

#### 1.3.1 Active power filter and static var generator

The following diagram shows the topology of APF.

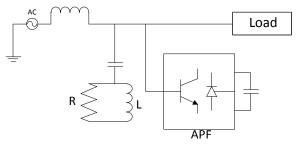


Figure 1-3 Shunt active power filter topology

In this circuit, the LC filter and APF operate for grid harmonic suppression and reactive power compensation together. The APF is regarded as a controlled current source and it injects or draws current in such a way that the sum of harmonic part of load current and current drawn by APF becomes zero. As a result the grid side current will be purely sinusoidal and in phase with grid side voltage. The elimination of load harmonics will result into the

improvement of reactive power control as well [8].

## 1.3.2 Unified power flow controller

The UPFC is the most promising power compensation device in flexible alternating current transmission system. UPFC is used in the transmission grid, controlling active power flow and absorbing or supplying reactive power. UPFC consists of combination of series active power filter and shunt active power filter. The series APF is equivalent to a controlled voltage source, compensating high frequency components of grid voltage, zero sequence component and negative sequence component of fundamental component of grid voltage; while shunt APF is equivalent to an APF, a controlled current source, absorbing or supplying reactive power. Its topology is shown as follows:

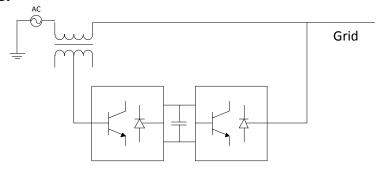


Figure 1-4 UPFC topology

## 1.3.3 Superconducting magnetic energy storage

SMES is mainly used for peak load regulation control, and other occasions where short-time compensation of electrical energy is needed. When current consumption of electricity is normal, the electricity in the grid is converted into energy in superconducting coils through converter to store enough energy. During large power consumption, the energy in the superconducting coil is fed to the grid through the converter, in order to achieve the purpose of peak load regulation. Its topology is shown as follows:

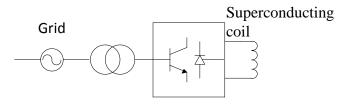


Figure 1-5 SMES topology

The main circuit of SMES is usually composed by current-source PWM rectifier. The lossless superconducting coil is connected in series with the DC side of PWM rectifier. The coil itself is both a DC buffer inductor and load of the DC side. This design simplifies the structure of main circuit of current-source rectifier, and overcomes the shortcoming—the large loss of conventional current-source rectifier.

#### 1.3.4 Four-quadrant electrical drive

PWM rectifier replaces the diode rectifier, eliminates the energy dissipation device at the DC side of inverter, achieves steady DC voltage at the DC side of rectifier and enhances the actuating performance of motor. On the other hand, appropriate control strategy can reduce

the capacitance of the DC side capacitor. The four-quadrant electrical drive topology is shown as follows:

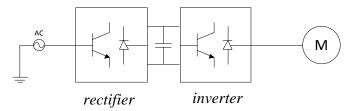


Figure 1-6 Four-quadrant electrical drive topology

## 1.3.5 Grid-connected renewable energy

Grid-connected photovoltaic power system is composed of solar arrays and PWM converters. While the PWM converter is used to boost the PV array voltage and ensure the maximum power point tracking (MPPT), and inverts dc power into high quality ac power to the grid <sup>[9]</sup>. The topology is shown in figure 1-7.

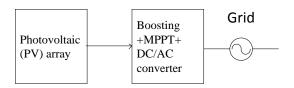


Figure 1-7 Grid connected PV system topology

Nowadays the wind turbine generator systems mainly include three kinds of generator: squirrel cage induction generator (SCIG), doubly-fed induction generator (DFIG) and permanent magnet synchronous generator (PMSG) [10]. For different generators, there are different grid-connected methods. The direct-drive PMSG topology is shown as follows:

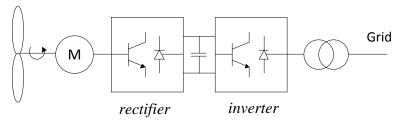


Figure 1-8 Grid-connected PMSG topology

The blade is connected to the PMSG directly, and the system converts the wind energy into time-variant frequency and amplitude AC, which can be converted into DC by rectifier, and then the inverter converts the DC into three-phase AC with constant frequency. The active and reactive power can be controlled by the appropriate strategy to the PWM converters.

#### 1.4 The main work of this thesis

In recent years, novel control methods emerge one after another, such as fuzzy control, artificial neural element control and predictive control. This dissertation, in point of interest, chooses direct power control (DPC) and model predictive control (MPC), two algorithms to control rectifier. A theoretical analysis is made on the DPC and MPC of PWM rectifier system, their working principles and control methods are discussed. The theoretical analysis is

checked through simulation and at the end some conclusions are drawn. The main content is as follows:

- 1. The first chapter describes that developing PWM rectifier becomes an important way to solve the harmonic pollution and analyzes the status of PWM rectifier technology, introduces some new PWM rectifier control strategies, and finally introduces the applications of PWM rectifier in different fields.
- 2. In the first half of second chapter, the derivation of coordinate transformation is done and in the second of the working principle of the PWM rectifier and its mathematical model in different coordinate systems are discussed.
- 3. The third chapter analyzes the power control theory, the principle of direct power control strategy and fundamentals of the traditional switching table and the components of direct power control system, and improves the traditional switching table.
- 4. The fourth chapter focuses on the principle of model predictive control, and gives the mathematical prediction model of VSR.
- 5. The fifth chapter simulates the direct power control and model predictive control strategy in the Matlab/Simulink environment, respectively, and simulation results are compared and analyzed in detail. It draws the conclusion that model predictive control of PWM rectifier performs better and MPC of VSR has the following advantages: unity power factor, small AC current harmonics, and small DC voltage ripple coefficient.
- 6. The content of the research is summarized and forecasted in the last chapter, mainly summarizing the fulfillment of this project, conclusion and next-stage working plan.

# Chapter 2 Three phase VSR mathematical model

This chapter mainly analyzes mathematical model of voltage-source rectifier, and then describes its operating principle in favor of establishing simulation model in Simulink. In the beginning of this chapter, the coordinate transformations namely Clarke transformation and Park transformation which are used in building the mathematical model are formulated briefly [11].

#### 2.1 Derivation of coordinate transformation

Derivation of the coordinate theory includes: abc stationary coordinate to  $\alpha\beta$  stationary coordinate system, abc stationary coordinate system to dq rotating coordinate system. There are two standards for transformation: power invariance and amplitude invariance. In this paper, power invariance is used in the modeling of direct power control. The following figure shows the relationship of different coordinate systems.

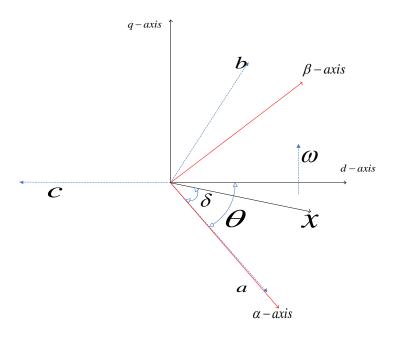


Figure 2-1 Relationship of coordinates

In the beginning the amplitude invariant transformation is introduced. The amplitude invariant coordinate transformation is that one common vector of one coordinate system is equal to another common vector of other coordinate system. Power invariant transformation refers to coordinate transformation before and after, the power does not change. The general vector  $\boldsymbol{x}$  will be taken for example to discuss two standards of coordinate transformation.

#### 1 abc-αβ transformation

We use a set of orthogonal  $\alpha\beta$  axes affixed where  $\alpha$ -axis is aligned with the  $\alpha$ -axis. The angle between x and  $\alpha$  is  $\delta$ . The projection of vector x along the abc-axis is obtained:

$$\begin{cases} x_a = x_m \cdot \cos \delta \\ x_b = x_m \cdot \cos(\delta - 2\pi/3) \\ x_c = x_m \cdot \cos(\delta + 2\pi/3) \end{cases}$$
 (2.1)

Where  $x_m$  is the magnitude of vector x.

The projection of vector x along the  $\alpha\beta$ -axis is as follows:

$$\begin{cases} x_{\alpha} = x_{m} \cdot \cos \delta \\ x_{\beta} = x_{m} \cdot \sin \delta \\ x_{m} = \sqrt{x_{\alpha}^{2} + x_{\beta}^{2}} \end{cases}$$
 (2.2)

We know the following trigonometric relations:

$$\begin{cases} \cos \delta = \frac{2}{3} \left[ \cos \delta - \frac{1}{2} \cos(\delta - 2\pi/3) - \frac{1}{2} \cos(\delta + 2\pi/3) \right] \\ \sin \delta = \frac{2}{3} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos(\delta - 2\pi/3) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos(\delta + 2\pi/3) \right] \end{cases}$$
(2.3)

Combining the equations (2.1) (2.2) (2.3), we got

$$\begin{cases} x_{\alpha} = \frac{2}{3} (x_{a} - \frac{1}{2} x_{b} - \frac{1}{2} x_{c}) \\ x_{\beta} = \frac{2}{3} (\sqrt{3} x_{b} - \sqrt{3} x_{c}) \end{cases}$$
 (2.4)

Set zero-axis component  $x_o = \frac{1}{3}(x_a + x_b + x_c)$  we got,

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{\alpha} \\ x_{\beta} \\ x_{o} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{a} \\ x_{b} \\ x_{c} \end{bmatrix}$$
 (2.5)

## 2 abc-dq transformation

The outstanding advantage of dq transformation is that the fundamental sinusoidal variables are transformed into DC variables. In three-phase stationary abc coordinate system, e and i represent grid emf vector and current vector respectively, and rotate with speed of  $\omega$  (fundamental angular frequency) in anticlockwise direction. When describing the three-phase electrical parameters, to simplify the analysis, the d-axis of the two-phase rotating reference frame aligns with the grid emf vector e.

As shown in figure 2-1, the angle between vector x and  $\alpha$ -axis is  $\delta$  and the angle between daxis and  $\alpha$ -axis is  $\theta$ , the projection of vector x along the dq-axis will be:

$$\begin{cases} x_d = x_m \cdot \cos(\theta - \delta) \\ x_q = x_m \cdot \sin(\delta - \theta) \\ x_m = \sqrt{x_d^2 + x_q^2} \end{cases}$$
 (2.6)

We know the following trigonometric relations:

$$\begin{cases} \cos(\theta - \delta) = \frac{2}{3} \left[ \cos \delta \cos \theta + \cos(\theta - 2\pi/3) \cos(\delta - 2\pi/3) + \cos(\theta + 2\pi/3) \cos(\delta + 2\pi/3) \right] \\ \sin(\theta - \delta) = \frac{2}{3} \left[ \sin \theta \cos \delta + \sin(\theta - 2\pi/3) \cos(\delta - 2\pi/3) + \sin(\theta + 2\pi/3) \cos(\delta + 2\pi/3) \right] \end{cases}$$
(2.7)

Also set zero-axis component  $x_o = \frac{1}{3}(x_a + x_b + x_c)$  we got,

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_d \\ x_q \\ x_o \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \cos(\theta - 2\pi/3) & \cos(\theta + 2\pi/3) \\ -\sin \theta & -\sin(\theta - 2\pi/3) & -\sin(\theta + 2\pi/3) \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_a \\ x_b \\ x_c \end{bmatrix}$$
 (2.8)

Transformation matrix in the equations (2.5) and (2.8) is not orthogonal matrix, which makes matrix operations difficult. So power invariant transformation is raised as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{\alpha} \\ x_{\beta} \\ x_{o} \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{a} \\ x_{b} \\ x_{c} \end{bmatrix}$$
(2.9)

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_d \\ x_q \\ x_o \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \cos(\theta - 2\pi/3) & \cos(\theta + 2\pi/3) \\ -\sin \theta & -\sin(\theta - 2\pi/3) & -\sin(\theta + 2\pi/3) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_a \\ x_b \\ x_c \end{bmatrix}$$
(2.10)

## 2.2 Principle of PWM VSR

The main circuit topology of three-phase voltage-source PWM rectifier is shown in figure 2-2 [12], which is the most common topology. The project studies various control strategies based on this three-phase half-bridge topology.

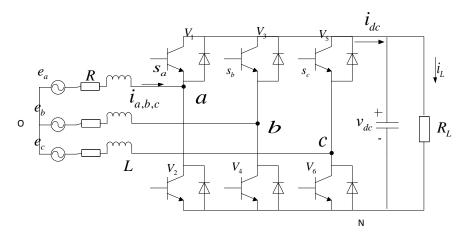


Figure 2-2 Topology of three-phase PWM rectifier

 $e = e_a, e_b, e_c$  are the three-phase power supply phase voltages,  $i = i_a, i_b, i_c$  are the three-phase currents.  $V_I$ - $V_6$  are the power electronic devices, for example, IGBT and diode. L is inductance of the filter and R is the sum of resistance of filter and equivalent resistance of the switch power losses.  $R_L$  is the load resistance. The inductor of the filter suppresses harmonics in AC currents and boosts the output voltage of VSR.  $v_r = v_{ao}, v_{bo}, v_{co}$  are the input voltages of VSR. Current i is controlled by the difference of power supply e and input voltage  $v_r$  if we neglect the influence of voltage across R. Since e is given, i is determined by  $v_r$ . If the amplitude and phase of  $v_r$  can be controlled, then the amplitude and phase of i can be controlled accordingly. It can operate in four quadrants, and its vector diagram is shown as follows:

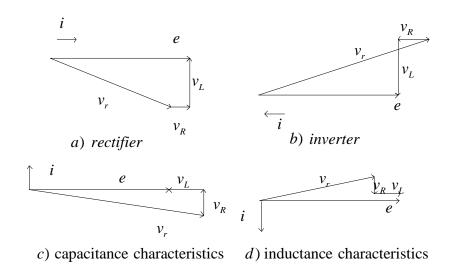


Figure 2-3 Four-quadrant vector diagram

In figure 2-3 a), i is in phase with e, and it's in unity power factor rectifier mode. In b), the circuit operates as an inverter, achieving the feedback of energy. In c), the converter does not absorb active power from the grid, and only absorbs the capacitive reactive power from the grid. In d), the converter does not absorb active power from the grid, and only absorbs inductive reactive power from the grid. By controlling the vector  $v_r$ , the PWM VSR can operate in any position of the four quadrants.

 $s_a, s_b, s_c$  are switching function of the power converter. Unipolar binary logic switch function is defined as follows:

$$s_k = \begin{cases} 1 \\ 0 \end{cases} (k = a, b, c)$$
 (2.11)

 $s_k = 1$  means that upper switch is on and  $s_k = 0$  means lower switch is on.

Our mathematical model is derived based on this switching function, and since it does not neglect the role of high-frequency component, this model reflects the operation mechanism. It can be used to get the high-accuracy dynamic simulation. It is also helpful for the implementation of the physical hardware circuit.

In the equivalent mathematical model, conduction voltage drop and switching losses of the switching devices are excluded, and AC side inductor saturation is excluded as well. Three-phase balanced power supply voltages are given:

$$\begin{cases} e_a = \sqrt{2}U_m \cos \omega t \\ e_b = \sqrt{2}U_m \cos(\omega t - 2\pi/3) \\ e_c = \sqrt{2}U_m \cos(\omega t + 2\pi/3) \end{cases}$$
(2.12)

Where  $U_m$  is the Root-Mean-Square value of grid phase to phase voltage.

Apply Kirchhoff's voltage law on the AC side of rectifier, and we got the circuit equation of phase A,

$$L\frac{di_a}{dt} + Ri_a = e_a - (v_{aN} + v_{N0})$$
 (2.13)

When  $V_I$  is on and  $V_2$  is off,  $S_a = 1$ ,  $V_{aN} = V_{dc}$ ; when  $V_I$  is off and  $V_2$  is on,  $S_a = 0$ ,  $V_{aN} = 0$ . It means  $V_{aN} = V_{dc} S_a$ .

We can also get equations of phase B and C in the same way,

$$\begin{cases}
L \frac{di_b}{dt} + Ri_b = e_b - (v_{dc}s_b + v_{N0}) \\
L \frac{di_c}{dt} + Ri_c = e_c - (v_{dc}s_c + v_{N0})
\end{cases}$$
(2.14)

In three-phase neutral system, the sum of three-phase currents is zero.

$$i_a + i_b + i_c = 0 (2.15)$$

For three-phase balanced grid voltage, we got

$$e_a + e_b + e_c = 0 (2.16)$$

Adding the left side and right side of equations (2.13) (2.14) respectively, we got

$$v_{N0} = -\frac{v_{dc}}{3}(s_a + s_b + s_c) \tag{2.17}$$

In addition, apply Kirchhoff's current law at DC capacitor positive node, we got

$$C\frac{dv_{dc}}{dt} = i_{dc} - i_L \tag{2.18}$$

Where  $i_{dc} = i_a s_a + i_b s_b + i_c s_c$  and for resistive load,  $i_L = v_{dc}/R_L$ .

By solving equations (2.13), (2.14) and (2.18), we got the general mathematical model of three-phase VSR under the three-phase stationary abc coordinate system:

$$\begin{cases}
L\frac{di_{a}}{dt} = e_{a} - Ri_{a} - (s_{a} - \frac{s_{a} + s_{b} + s_{c}}{3})v_{dc} \\
L\frac{di_{b}}{dt} = e_{b} - Ri_{b} - (s_{b} - \frac{s_{a} + s_{b} + s_{c}}{3})v_{dc} \\
L\frac{di_{c}}{dt} = e_{c} - Ri_{c} - (s_{c} - \frac{s_{a} + s_{b} + s_{c}}{3})v_{dc} \\
C\frac{dv_{dc}}{dt} = i_{a}s_{a} + i_{b}s_{b} + i_{c}s_{c} - \frac{v_{dc}}{R_{L}}
\end{cases}$$
(2.19)

The physical meaning of this mathematical model is clear, yet the variables in AC side are time-varying quantities, which is inconvenient to design the control system. Therefore, coordinate transformation is used.

### 2.2.1 Mathematical model in $\alpha\beta$ stationary coordinate system

Since we have two standards of coordinate transformation, we will list both. Amplitude invariant transformation:

$$\begin{cases}
L\frac{di_{\alpha}}{dt} = e_{\alpha} - Ri_{\alpha} - v_{dc}s_{\alpha} \\
L\frac{di_{\beta}}{dt} = e_{\beta} - Ri_{\beta} - v_{dc}s_{\beta} \\
C\frac{dv_{dc}}{dt} = \frac{3}{2}\left(i_{\alpha}s_{\alpha} + i_{\beta}s_{\beta}\right) - i_{L}
\end{cases} (2.20)$$

Power invariant transformation:

$$\begin{cases}
L\frac{di_{\alpha}}{dt} = e_{\alpha} - Ri_{\alpha} - v_{dc}s_{\alpha} \\
L\frac{di_{\beta}}{dt} = e_{\beta} - Ri_{\beta} - v_{dc}s_{\beta} \\
C\frac{dv_{dc}}{dt} = (i_{\alpha}s_{\alpha} + i_{\beta}s_{\beta}) - i_{L}
\end{cases}$$
(2.21)

The mathematical model structure of VSR under  $\alpha\beta$  stationary coordinate is shown as follows:

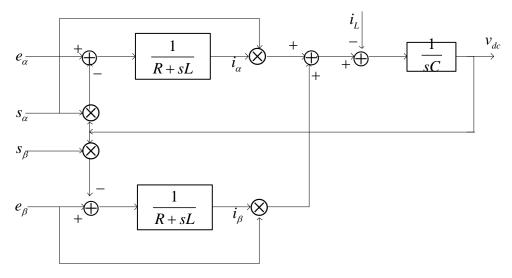


Figure 2-4 Structure of VSR in stationary frame

It can be seen from above figure that if  $v_{dc}$  is constant, there is no coupling between  $i_{\alpha}$  and  $i_{\beta}$  in  $\alpha\beta$  stationary frame. However, the voltages  $e_{\alpha}$ ,  $e_{\beta}$  and the currents  $i_{\alpha}$ ,  $i_{\beta}$  are still sinusoidal variations, which are complex to control. To solve this problem, the model in dq rotating coordinate frame is built.

## 2.2.2 Mathematical model in dq rotating coordinate system

Amplitude invariant transformation:

$$\begin{cases} L\frac{di_d}{dt} = e_d + \omega Li_q - Ri_d - v_{dc}s_d \\ L\frac{di_q}{dt} = e_q - \omega Li_d - Ri_q - v_{dc}s_q \\ C\frac{dv_{dc}}{dt} = \frac{3}{2}(i_ds_d + i_qs_q) - i_L \end{cases}$$

$$(2.22)$$

Power invariant transformation:

$$\begin{cases}
L\frac{di_d}{dt} = e_d + \omega L i_q - R i_d - v_{dc} s_d \\
L\frac{di_q}{dt} = e_q - \omega L i_d - R i_q - v_{dc} s_q \\
C\frac{dv_{dc}}{dt} = (i_d s_d + i_q s_q) - i_L
\end{cases}$$
(2.23)

The mathematical model structure of VSR under dq rotating coordinate is shown as follows:

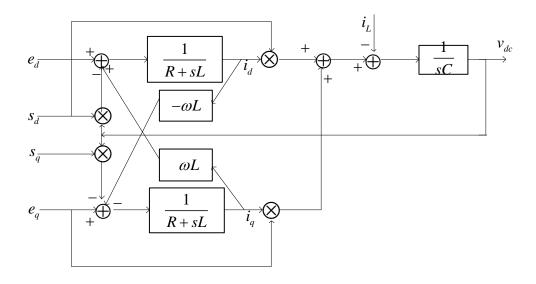


Figure 2-5 Structure of VSR in rotating frame

There is coupling between  $i_d$  and  $i_q$  in dq rotating frame. Coupling terms make complexity in the design of control system, so the decoupling control is needed.

# **Chapter 3 Principle of Direct power control**

From the energy point of view, when AC voltage is given, if the instantaneous power of PWM rectifier can be controlled within the allowable range, the instantaneous current within the allowable range can be controlled indirectly, and such control strategy is the direct power control (DPC).

In the early 1990s, Tokuo Ohnishi proposed a new control strategy using instantaneous active and reactive power in a closed loop control system of PWM converter, and then Toshihiko Noguchi and other scholars studied and made progress.

Structure of DPC rectifier system contains the DC voltage outer loop and power control inner loop, and it selects switches in the switching table according to the AC-side instantaneous power, to achieve low total harmonic distortion (THD), high power factor, simple algorithm and fast dynamic response.

## 3.1 Power theory and calculation of instantaneous power

To study the direct power control strategy of VSR, instantaneous power theory is used to calculate the instantaneous values of active and reactive power. Instantaneous values of three-phase voltages and three-phase currents are  $u_a u_b u_c$  and  $i_a i_b i_c$  respectively. After Clarke transformation, we can get voltages  $u_\alpha u_\beta$  and currents  $i_\alpha i_\beta$  under two-phase  $\alpha\beta$  coordinate system.

#### (1) Three-phase abc stationary coordinate

In the three-phase circuit, instantaneous phase to phase voltages and the instantaneous phase currents can compose the instantaneous voltage vector u and current vector i in the Cartesian coordinate abc system.

$$u = \left[u_a \ u_b \ u_c\right]^T \tag{3.1}$$

$$i = [i_a \ i_b \ i_c]^T \tag{3.2}$$

Instantaneous active power is the scalar product while instantaneous reactive power is the vector product. So we got,

$$p = u \cdot i = u_a i_a + u_b i_b + u_c i_c \tag{3.3}$$

$$q = u \times i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} [(u_b - u_c)i_a + (u_c - u_a)i_b + (u_a - u_b)i_c]$$
(3.4)

## (2) Two-phase stationary $\alpha\beta$ coordinate

For power invariant transformation, we got

$$i_{\alpha} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}i_{a}, i_{\beta} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(i_{b} - i_{c}), u_{\alpha} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}u_{a}, u_{\beta} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(u_{b} - u_{c})$$
(3.5)

From equations (3.3) (3.4) and (3.5), the formula of power can be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{cases} p = u \cdot i = u_{\alpha} i_{\alpha} + u_{\beta} i_{\beta} \\ q = u \times i = u_{\beta} i_{\alpha} - u_{\alpha} i_{\beta} \end{cases}$$
(3.6)

So similarly, we could find formula of power in dq coordinate system.

(3) Two-phase dq rotating coordinate

$$\begin{cases}
p = u_d i_d + u_q i_q \\
q = u_q i_d - u_d i_q
\end{cases}$$
(3.7)

For a three-phase balanced power system, we have

$$u_{d} = \sqrt{3}U_{m}, u_{q} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} p = u_{d}i_{d} \\ q = -u_{d}i_{q} \end{cases}$$
(3.8)

Where  $U_m$  is the Root-Mean-Square value of grid phase to phase voltage.

Power factor is  $\lambda = \cos \varphi$ , and  $\varphi$  is the phase difference between the voltage and current when the voltage and current are sinusoidal quantities. However, the phase difference between the instantaneous voltage vector and instantaneous current vector is not constant in the process of instantaneous power adjustment. We can use instantaneous power method to calculate the power factor  $\lambda$ ,

$$\lambda = \frac{p}{\sqrt{p^2 + q^2}} \tag{3.9}$$

## 3.2 Voltage-oriented direct power control of PWM VSR

Take the angle of the rotating vector of the grid voltage as the reference angle of the controller and then determine all the vectors' position in the reference coordinate system, eventually control the phase angle of the AC current. It is called voltage orientation control and this control scheme needs to obtain the accurate phase angle of the grid voltage, usually obtained by the direct detection of the grid voltage. Voltage-Oriented direct power control strategy uses two options: with AC voltage sensors and without AC voltage sensors [13], calculates the instantaneous active and reactive power of the rectifier in real-time, compares them with a given active and reactive power, and finally gives commands to keep the instantaneous power as well as the instantaneous current in allowed limits. This report only covers AC voltage sensor strategy.

#### 3.2.1 System composition of VSR

Voltage-source PWM rectifier DPC system is mainly composed by the main circuit and the control circuit. The main circuit is composed by the AC power supply, filter reactors, rectifiers, capacitor and the load, as shown in figure 3-1. The control circuit is composed by the AC voltage and current detection circuit, the DC voltage detection circuit (Hall sensor), Power Calculator, sector division, power hysteresis comparator, switching table and the PI regulator. Its diagram is shown as follows:

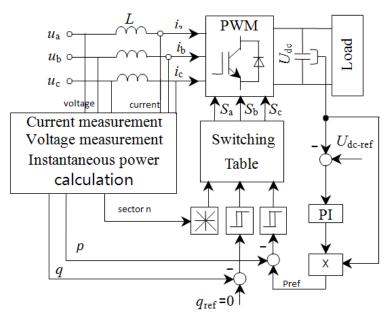


Figure 3-1 DPC block diagram

## 3.2.2 Principle of DPC

#### 1. Calculation of power

We can use mathematical model in  $\alpha\beta$  stationary coordinate system and equation (3.6) to calculate instantaneous active power and reactive power.

## 2. Sector division

In order to find the position of grid voltage space vector  $u,\ u_{\alpha}\ u_{\beta}$  is used,

$$\delta = \arctan \frac{u_{\beta}}{u_{\alpha}} \tag{3.10}$$

Where  $\delta$  is the angle between vector u and  $\alpha$ -axis. The voltage space is divided into 12 sectors to optimize the performance of rectifier as shown in figure 3-2.

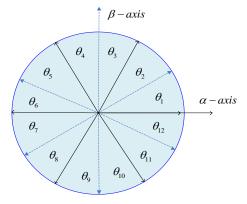


Figure 3-2 DPC sector division

 $\theta_n$  is determined by the following equation.

$$(n-1)\cdot\frac{\pi}{6} \le \theta_n \le n\cdot\frac{\pi}{6}, n=1,2,\dots,12$$
(3.11)

#### 3. Power hysteresis comparator

The input of two hysteresis comparators are the difference  $\Delta p = p_{ref} - p$  of given value of active power and actual value of active power and the difference  $\Delta q = q_{ref} - q$  of given value of reactive power and actual value of reactive power.  $p_{ref}$  is set by the product of the PI regulator output and DC output voltage;  $q_{ref}$  is set to be zero to achieve unity power factor. The output of hysteresis comparators reflects the deviation of actual power from given power. The power hysteresis comparator can be implemented by Schmitt circuit or software.

We define the following state values which reflect the deviation of actual power from given power.

$$\begin{split} S_{p} &= \begin{cases} 1, p < p_{ref} - H_{p} \\ 0, p > p_{ref} + H_{p} \end{cases} \\ S_{q} &= \begin{cases} 1, q < q_{ref} - H_{q} \\ 0, q > q_{ref} + H_{q} \end{cases} \end{split} \tag{3.12}$$

When the input of hysteresis comparator exceeds positive hysteresis band width  $H_p$  or  $H_q$ , the output is 1, which means that the driving signals of PWM through modulation should increase the power of rectifier. When the input is lower than negative hysteresis band width  $-H_p$  or  $-H_q$ , the output is zero and the driving signals of PWM which will decrease the power of rectifier should be chosen. When the input of comparator is between -H and +H, the output will be the output of previous cycle.

The values of  $H_p$  and  $H_q$  have an important impact on the harmonic current and switching frequency and power tracking capability. Based on equation (3.12), if the active power or reactive power amplitude is not in their desired range, the selection of switches is made. The logic of selection is mentioned in chapter 3 table 3-1 and the comparator model is drawn as follows:

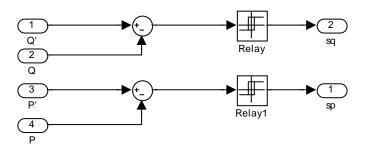


Figure 3-3 Power hysteresis comparators

Power hysteresis band affects the control precision of instantaneous power, DC voltage and AC currents. From equation (3.6), there is cross coupling between the control of active and reactive power. When the control system operates at border region of two sectors, wrong switches can be chosen easily and with big hysteresis band, duration time of wrong switches is long. It reveals that with a larger band, the power can vary over a larger range yet increasing the instantaneous power ripple, DC voltage ripple and AC current distortion, which is bad for converter and load. Some negative impact on performance of DPC is inevitable with big  $H_p$ ,  $H_q$ . With small hysteresis band, the switch frequency increases and losses of switches increase as well.

Another important issue in DPC is the PI controller. The proportional gain and integral gain also have significant impact on the performance of DPC. Usually these gains are obtained by trial and error.

#### 4. Switching table

Rewrite the first two equations in (2.21), and we got

$$\begin{cases}
L\frac{di_{\alpha}}{dt} = e_{\alpha} - Ri_{\alpha} - v_{dc}s_{\alpha} \\
\pm L\frac{di_{\beta}}{dt} = e_{\beta} - Ri_{\beta} - v_{dc}s_{\beta}
\end{cases} \Rightarrow L\frac{di}{dt} = e - Ri - v_{r} \tag{3.13}$$

Where  $e = e_a + je_\beta$ ,  $i = i_\alpha + ji_\beta$ ,  $v_r = v_{dc}s_\alpha + jv_{dc}s_\beta$ .

If the impact of R is neglected, we got

$$L\frac{di}{dt} = e - v_r \Rightarrow i = i(0) + \frac{1}{L} \int_0^T (e - v_r) dt$$
 (3.14)

The switching table determines the values of  $S_a$ ,  $S_b$ ,  $S_c$  based on equation (3.13) and the output of comparators.  $V_r$  is discrete values  $v_0, v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7$  which are determined by  $S_a, S_b, S_c$  and  $V_{dc}$ . They are shown in figure 3-4.

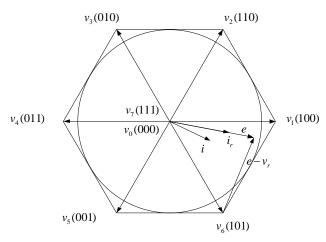


Figure 3-4 Grid voltage space vectors and Vr

We assume that e is in sector  $\theta_{12}$ ,  $i_r$  corresponds to  $p_{ref}$ , when i lags behind and less than  $i_r$ , it means that  $p < p_{ref}$ ,  $q > q_{ref}$  namely  $S_p = 1$ ,  $S_q = 0$ . So appropriate  $V_r$  is selected to make i close to  $i_r$ , p close to  $p_{ref}$  and q close to  $q_{ref}$  based on equation (3.14). So in the above example,  $v_6(101)$  is selected and  $S_a = 1$ ,  $S_b = 0$ ,  $S_c = 1$ . When e is in other sectors, the same analysis can be made, and then we got the switching table shown in table 3-1.

Table 3-1 DPC improved switching table

$S_p$	$S_q$		$S_a, S_b, S_c$										
		$\theta_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}$	$\theta_{\scriptscriptstyle 2}$	$\theta_{\scriptscriptstyle 3}$	$ heta_{\!\scriptscriptstyle 4}$	$\theta_{\scriptscriptstyle 5}$	$ heta_{\scriptscriptstyle 6}$	$\theta_7$	$\theta_{8}$	$\theta_9$	$ heta_{\!\scriptscriptstyle 10}$	$\theta_{11}$	$\theta_{\!\scriptscriptstyle 12}$
1	0	101	100	100	110	110	010	010	011	011	001	001	101
1	1	110	010	010	011	011	001	001	101	101	100	100	110
0	0	100	100	110	110	010	010	011	011	001	001	101	101
0	1	110	110	010	010	011	011	001	001	101	101	100	100

The classical switching table is presented in the following:

Table 3-2 DPC classical switching table

$S_p$	$S_q$		$S_a, S_b, S_c$										
		$\theta_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}$	$ heta_{\scriptscriptstyle 2}$	$\theta_{\scriptscriptstyle 3}$	$ heta_{\!\scriptscriptstyle 4}$	$\theta_{\scriptscriptstyle 5}$	$ heta_{\scriptscriptstyle 6}$	$\theta_7$	$\theta_{8}$	$\theta_9$	$\theta_{\!\scriptscriptstyle 10}$	$\theta_{\!\scriptscriptstyle 11}$	$\theta_{\!\scriptscriptstyle 12}$
1	0	111	100	000	110	111	010	000	011	111	001	000	101
1	1	111	000	000	111	111	000	000	111	111	000	000	111
0	0	100	100	110	110	010	010	011	011	001	001	101	101
0	1	110	110	010	010	011	011	001	001	101	101	100	100

In the classical switching table, extensive use of vectors  $V_0$  and  $V_7$  weakens the control of reactive power. Zero vectors can increase active power but the capability is weak. Its main purpose is to reduce the switching frequency. The average switching frequency of classical switching table is low, which is an advantage. Compared with classical table, this improved switching table improves its ability to regulate the reactive power; however the area exists where active power is out of control. See the figure below for specific analysis.

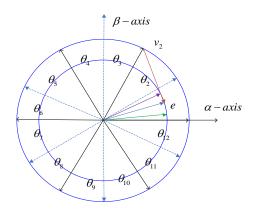


Figure 3-5 Analysis of uncontrollable area

When e is in sector  $\theta_1$  and  $S_p = 1$ ,  $S_q = 1$ . According to the switching table,  $V_2$  is selected. When e is the green line,  $V_2$  is correct. The vector angle between vector e and vector  $(e - v_r)$  is acute angle, which increases i and decreases the angle between  $i_r$  and i. However, when e is the purple line, the vector angle between vector e and vector  $(e - v_r)$  is obtuse angle, which decreases i and decreases the angle between  $i_r$  and i.  $V_2$  makes the active power even less. The size of the uncontrollable area is determined by the ratio of radius of two circles:

$$\frac{|e|}{|v_r|} = \frac{|\sqrt{3}U_m|}{|\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}v_{dc}|} = \frac{3U_m}{\sqrt{2}v_{dc}}$$
(3.15)

In the following, we will derive a new switching table, where the best basic voltage vector  $V_r$  in each sector is selected. This table is synthesized by analyzing the change in the active and reactive power [14].

Adopt the discrete first order approximation on equation (3.13) and neglect the impact of R, and we got the change of current vectors,

$$\begin{cases} \Delta i_{\alpha} = i_{\alpha}(k+1) - i_{\alpha}(k) = \frac{T}{L}(e_{\alpha}(k) - v_{dc}s_{\alpha}(k)) \\ \Delta i_{\beta} = i_{\beta}(k+1) - i_{\beta}(k) = \frac{T}{L}(e_{\beta}(k) - v_{dc}s_{\beta}(k)) \end{cases}$$
(3.16)

Where 1/T is the sampling frequency.

Rewrite the equation (3.6), and the instantaneous power can be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{cases}
p = u \cdot i = e_{\alpha} i_{\alpha} + e_{\beta} i_{\beta} \\
q = u \times i = e_{\beta} i_{\alpha} - e_{\alpha} i_{\beta}
\end{cases}$$
(3.17)

We assume that  $e_{\alpha}$ ,  $e_{\beta}$  are constant in one sampling period due to the high switching frequency. So the changes of power in next period can be estimated by:

$$\begin{cases}
\Delta p = e_{\alpha} \left[ i_{\alpha}(k+1) - i_{\alpha}(k) \right] + e_{\beta} \left[ i_{\beta}(k+1) - i_{\beta}(k) \right] \\
\Delta q = e_{\beta} \left[ i_{\alpha}(k+1) - i_{\alpha}(k) \right] - e_{\alpha} \left[ i_{\beta}(k+1) - i_{\beta}(k) \right]
\end{cases}$$
(3.18)

Substituting  $\Delta i_{\alpha}$ ,  $\Delta i_{\beta}$  in equation (3.16) for equation (3.18), we got changes of active power and reactive power in the next period  $\Delta p = p(k+1) - p(k)$ ,  $\Delta q = q(k+1) - q(k)$ ,

$$\begin{cases}
\Delta p = \frac{T}{L} (e_{\alpha}^2 + e_{\beta}^2) - \frac{T}{L} \left[ e_{\alpha}(k) v_{dc} s_{\alpha}(k) - e_{\beta}(k) v_{dc} s_{\beta}(k) \right] \\
\Delta q = \frac{T}{L} \left[ e_{\alpha}(k) v_{dc} s_{\beta}(k) - e_{\beta}(k) v_{dc} s_{\alpha}(k) \right]
\end{cases}$$
(3.19)

For power invariant transformation, we got

$$\begin{cases} e_{\alpha} = \sqrt{3}U_{m}\cos\theta \\ e_{\beta} = \sqrt{3}U_{m}\sin\theta \end{cases}$$
 (3.20)

For the basic vectors  $v_{0,1,2,\dots,6,7} = \sqrt{(v_{dc}s_{\alpha})^2 + (v_{dc}s_{\beta})^2}$ , the  $\alpha\beta$  components are shown in the following table:

Table 3-3 Basic space vectors in αβ frame

$v_r(s_a s_b s_c)$	$v_{dc}s_{\alpha}$	$v_{dc}s_{\beta}$
$v_0(000)$	0	0
$v_1(100)$	$\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}v_{dc}$	0
<i>v</i> <sub>2</sub> (110)	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{6}}v_{dc}$	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}v_{dc}$
$v_3(010)$	$-\sqrt{\frac{1}{6}}v_{dc}$	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}v_{dc}$
<i>v</i> <sub>4</sub> (011)	$-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}v_{dc}$	0
$v_5(001)$	$-\sqrt{\frac{1}{6}}v_{dc}$	$-\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}v_{dc}$
$v_6(101)$	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{6}}v_{dc}$	$-\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}v_{dc}$
<i>v</i> <sub>7</sub> (111)	0	0

Combining equation (3.19) (3.20) and table 3-3, we can find the best basic vector among the eight possible vectors for 12 sectors. For example,  $v_r = v_1 \Rightarrow v_{dc} s_{\alpha} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} v_{dc}, v_{dc} s_{\beta} = 0$  the changes of power can be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{cases}
\Delta p = \frac{3TU_m^2}{L} - \frac{T}{L} (\sqrt{3}U_m \cos \theta \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} v_{dc} - 0) \\
\Delta q = \frac{T}{L} (0 - \sqrt{3}U_m \sin \theta \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} v_{dc})
\end{cases}$$
(3.21)

For given values of  $U_m$ ,  $V_{dc}$  and sector  $\theta$ , the sign of  $\Delta p$ ,  $\Delta q$  can be decided. Similarly, we can get waveforms of changes in active and reactive power under other basic voltage vectors:

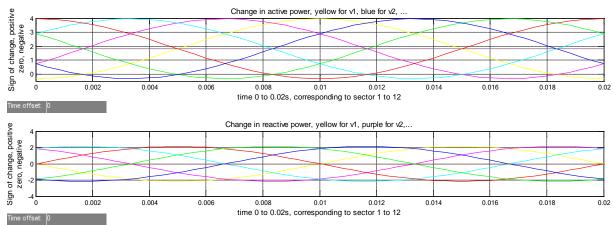


Figure 3-6 Changes of power under different voltage vectors

We assume that e is in sector  $\theta_{12}$ , the sign of changes in active power and reactive power is shown in the following table:

Table 3-4 Sign of changes in power

$\Delta p$		$\Delta q$					
$\Delta p > 0$	$\Delta p < 0$	$\Delta q > 0$	$\Delta q = 0$	$\Delta q < 0$			
v <sub>0,3,4,5,7</sub>	$v_1$	$v_{1,2,3}$	$v_{0,7}$	v <sub>4,5,6</sub>			

When  $S_p=1$ ,  $S_q=0$ , it means  $p < p_{ref}$ ,  $q > q_{ref}$ , the voltage vector which can increase active power and decrease reactive power at the same time ( $\Delta p > 0$   $\Delta q < 0$ ) will be selected, and that is  $v_4$  and  $v_5$ . When e is in other sectors, and for other combinations of  $S_p$ ,  $S_q$ , the same analysis can be made:

Table 3-5 Sign of changes in power in other sectors

	$\theta_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}$	$\theta_{\scriptscriptstyle 2}$	$\theta_{\scriptscriptstyle 3}$	$\theta_{\scriptscriptstyle 4}$	$\theta_{\scriptscriptstyle 5}$	$\theta_{\scriptscriptstyle 6}$	$\theta_7$	$\theta_{\!\scriptscriptstyle 8}$	$\theta_9$	$\theta_{10}$	$\theta_{11}$	$\theta_{12}$
$\Delta p$	0,7,3	0,7,4	0,7,4	0,7,1	0,7,1	0,7,1	0,7,1	0,7,1	0,7,1	0,7,2	0,7,2	0,7,3
>0	,4,5	,5,6	,5,6	,5,6	,5,6	,2,6	,2,6	,2,3	,2,3	,3,4	,3,4	,4,5
$\Delta p$	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	1
< 0	1	_	_	3	3	•	'		3	O	O	1
$\Delta q$	2,3,4	2,3,4	3,4,5	3,4,5	4,5,6	4.5.6	1.5.6	1,5,6	1.2.6	1,2,6	1,2,3	1,2,3
>0	2,5,	2,5,	2,1,5	3,1,5	1,0,0	1,0,0	1,0,0	1,0,0	1,2,0	1,2,0	1,2,5	1,2,5
$\Delta q$	1,5,6	156	1,2,6	1,2,6	1,2,3	1,2,3	2,3,4	2,3,4	345	3,4,5	4,5,6	4,5,6
< 0	1,5,0	1,5,0	1,2,0	1,2,0	1,2,3	1,2,3	2,5,4	2,3,4	3, 1,3	3, 1,3	1,5,0	1,5,0

Then we got the proposed switching table shown in table 3-6.

Table 3-6 Further improved switching table

$S_p$	$S_q$		$S_a, S_b, S_c$										
		$\theta_{\scriptscriptstyle \! 1}$	$\theta_{\scriptscriptstyle 2}$	$\theta_{\scriptscriptstyle 3}$	$ heta_{\!\scriptscriptstyle 4}$	$\theta_{\scriptscriptstyle 5}$	$ heta_{\scriptscriptstyle 6}$	$\theta_7$	$\theta_{8}$	$\theta_{\scriptscriptstyle 9}$	$ heta_{\!\scriptscriptstyle 10}$	$\theta_{11}$	$ heta_{\!\scriptscriptstyle 12}$
1	0	001	001	101	101	100	100	110	110	010	010	011	011
1	1	011	011	001	001	101	101	100	100	110	110	010	010
0	0	100	100	110	110	010	010	011	011	001	001	101	101
0	1	110	110	010	010	011	011	001	001	101	101	100	100

Comparing the above two tables, we can also find the flaw of this table that the active power is not regulated timely when  $S_p = 0$ . In each sector, there is only one voltage vector which can be chosen to decrease the active power. This flaw exists in the three switching tables: classical table, improved table and further improved table. It is important to calculate the quotient  $\sqrt{3}U_m/\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}v_{dc}$  to determine the change in active power  $\Delta p$ , as we can see form equation (3.21), there is a shift in the sinusoidal waveform of  $\Delta p$ .

#### 5. PI regulator.

When losses of R and switches are neglected, the system operates in steady state with unity power factor, we got

$$p = cv_{dc} \frac{dv_{dc}}{dt} + \frac{v_{dc}^2}{R_I}$$
 (3.22)

Set  $v_{dc} = v_{dc0} + \Delta v_{dc}$ , the above equation can be written as

$$p \approx c v_{dc0} \left( \frac{dv_{dc}}{dt} + \frac{v_{dc}}{R_L c} \right) \tag{3.23}$$

With Laplace transforms, we got

$$\frac{v_{dc}(s)}{p(s)} = \frac{R_L}{v_{dc0}}$$

$$R_L cs + 1$$
(3.24)

Due to high switching frequency of power inner loop, the power inner loop can be regarded as a small inertia link,

$$G_p(s) = \frac{1}{T_p s + 1} \tag{3.25}$$

Where  $T_p$  is the equivalent time constant of power inner loop.

To eliminate the ripple in the difference of dc voltage, a low-pass filter with cut-off frequency  $1/T_c$  can be added to the control system.

From the above, we got control system structure as followed, and  $G_{PI}(s)$  in figure 3-7 is the transfer function of voltage PI regulator.

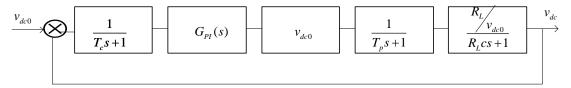


Figure 3-7 DPC control system structure

 $G_{PI}(s) = K_p + \frac{K_i}{s}$  so open-loop transfer function of the control system is,

$$G_{op}(s) = \frac{1}{T_c s + 1} (K_p + \frac{K_i}{s}) \frac{1}{T_p s + 1} \frac{R_L}{R_L c s + 1}$$
(3.26)

If  $T_p \ll T_c$ ,  $T_p \ll R_L c$ , equivalent small inertia link of power inner loop can be neglected. If the parameters satisfy  $T_c \ll \omega_c$  cut-off angular frequency, equation (3.26) can be simplified to the standard transfer function of classic II system <sup>[15]</sup>,

$$G_{op}(s) = \frac{(K_p s + K_i)R_L}{T_c s^2 (R_L c s + 1)}$$
(3.27)

From the above equation, the control system is three-order system and three-order optimum tuning can be used to determine  $K_p$  and  $K_i$ ,

$$\begin{cases} K_{p} = \frac{0.6T_{c}}{R_{L}^{2}c} \\ K_{i} = \frac{0.12T_{c}}{R_{L}^{3}c^{2}} \end{cases}$$
 (3.28)

#### 3.3 Power flow in the converter

Started with mathematical model of PWM rectifier in the two-phase stationary coordinate frame, the power flow in the converter is studied.

$$\begin{cases}
L\frac{di_{\alpha}}{dt} = e_{\alpha} - Ri_{\alpha} - v_{dc}s_{\alpha} \\
L\frac{di_{\beta}}{dt} = e_{\beta} - Ri_{\beta} - v_{dc}s_{\beta}
\end{cases}$$
(3.29)

Both ends of the equations are multiplied by  $i_{\beta}$  and  $i_{\alpha}$  respectively, and we got,

$$\begin{cases}
L\frac{di_{\alpha}}{dt}i_{\beta} = e_{\alpha}i_{\beta} - Ri_{\alpha}i_{\beta} - v_{dc}s_{\alpha}i_{\beta} \\
L\frac{di_{\beta}}{dt}i_{\alpha} = e_{\beta}i_{\alpha} - Ri_{\beta}i_{\alpha} - v_{dc}s_{\beta}i_{\alpha}
\end{cases}$$
(3.30)

Subtracting the two equations gives

$$L(\frac{di_{\alpha}}{dt}i_{\beta} - \frac{di_{\beta}}{dt}i_{\alpha}) = (v_{dc}s_{\beta}i_{\alpha} - v_{dc}s_{\alpha}i_{\beta}) - (e_{\beta}i_{\alpha} - e_{\alpha}i_{\beta})$$
(3.31)

According to the definition of instantaneous power, introduce the concept of instantaneous active and reactive power of AC side of the rectifier.

$$\begin{cases} p_r = v_{dc} s_{\alpha} i_{\alpha} + v_{dc} s_{\beta} i_{\beta} \\ q_r = v_{dc} s_{\beta} i_{\alpha} - v_{dc} s_{\alpha} i_{\beta} \end{cases}$$
(3.32)

Disregarding the filter resistance, the energy in the AC-side inductor flows in a form of reactive power. Define the active and reactive power of AC-side inductor:

$$\begin{cases} p_{i} = L \frac{di_{\alpha}}{dt} i_{\alpha} + L \frac{di_{\beta}}{dt} i_{\beta} = 0 \\ q_{i} = L \frac{di_{\beta}}{dt} i_{\alpha} - L \frac{di_{\alpha}}{dt} i_{\beta} \end{cases}$$
(3.33)

 $L\frac{di_{\alpha}}{dt}$ ,  $L\frac{di_{\beta}}{dt}$  are projection values of the resultant vector of three-phase voltages across the AC-side inductors along the  $\alpha\beta$  axes respectively. The equation (3.31) can be expressed as follows:

$$q_i = q - q_r \tag{3.34}$$

The above equation shows that the AC-side reactive power of the PWM rectifier is determined by the instantaneous power of inductor and the reactive power that the grid supplies. The instantaneous reactive power of AC inductor is not only in connection with the

reactive current, but also active current, which reflects the coupling between the active power and reactive power, and this coupled relationship exists in the form of the inductor power. In particular, when the PWM rectifier operates at unity power factor, sum of AC-side reactive power of rectifier and the reactive power of inductor is zero. Then where does the AC-side reactive power of rectifier go?

Both ends of the equation (3.29) are multiplied by  $i_{\alpha}$  and  $i_{\beta}$  respectively, and we got,

$$\begin{cases}
L\frac{di_{\alpha}}{dt}i_{\alpha} = e_{\alpha}i_{\alpha} - Ri_{\alpha}i_{\alpha} - v_{dc}s_{\alpha}i_{\alpha} \\
L\frac{di_{\beta}}{dt}i_{\beta} = e_{\beta}i_{\beta} - Ri_{\beta}i_{\beta} - v_{dc}s_{\beta}i_{\beta}
\end{cases}$$
(3.35)

Adding the two equations gives

$$L\frac{di_{\alpha}}{dt}i_{\alpha} + L\frac{di_{\beta}}{dt}i_{\beta} = (e_{\alpha}i_{\alpha} + e_{\beta}i_{\beta}) - R(i_{\alpha}^{2} + i_{\beta}^{2}) - (v_{dc}s_{\alpha}i_{\alpha} + v_{dc}s_{\beta}i_{\beta})$$
(3.36)

The above equation can be written in the form of the instantaneous power:

$$0 = p_i = p - p_R - p_r \tag{3.37}$$

Where  $p_R$  means active power consumed by the resistor R.

The equation (3.37) clearly shows that the AC-side active power flows from the grid to the AC-side of rectifier.

Now analyze the DC-side power flow.

Both ends of the equation  $C \frac{dv_{dc}}{dt} = (i_{\alpha}s_{\alpha} + i_{\beta}s_{\beta}) - i_{L}$  are multiplied by  $v_{dc}$ , and we got,  $C \frac{dv_{dc}}{dt} v_{dc} = (i_{\alpha}s_{\alpha} + i_{\beta}s_{\beta}) v_{dc} - i_{L}v_{dc}$ (3.38)

The left side of the equation is the instantaneous energy of the capacitor C, and the right part can be written as follows:

$$v_{dc}s_{\alpha}i_{\alpha} + v_{dc}s_{\beta}i_{\beta} - i_{L}v_{dc} = p_{r} - p_{L}$$
(3.39)

The equation (3.38) can be written in the form of the instantaneous power:

$$p_C = p_r - p_L \tag{3.40}$$

Where  $p_L$  and  $p_C$  are instantaneous load energy and DC capacitor energy respectively.

The equation (3.40) shows that the AC-side active power of the rectifier is equal to the load energy plus the capacitor energy and active power goes to the DC side from the AC side of the rectifier. Then we can answer the last question. The AC-side reactive power of rectifier charges the DC-side capacitor to boost the DC voltage.

Now we can get the power flow diagram from equations (3.34), (3.37) and (3.40).

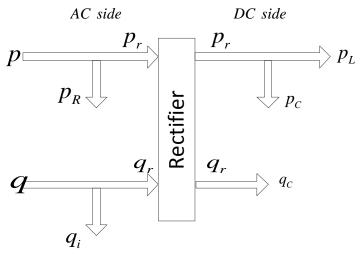


Figure 3-8 Power flow in rectifier

# **Chapter 4 Principle of Model predictive control**

Model predictive control strategy has become an advanced process control technology in chemical process industry, and its usage is spreading to other application areas.

Model predictive control uses the model to compute a trajectory of a future manipulated variable u to optimize the future behavior of the plant output x (controlled variable). MPC uses the model and the current measurements of the process to calculate the future actions of manipulated variables and ensures the controlled variables and manipulated variables to satisfy the constraints, and then MPC controller puts the first element of the calculated manipulated variable sequences to the process plant.

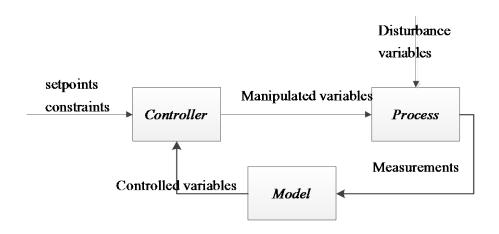


Figure 4-1 MPC scheme

The detailed control strategy is shown in figure 4-2.

x is the controlled variable and u is manipulated variable. At the time instant k, with initial state  $x_k$ , the manipulated variables, at the next n sampling instants, u(k), u(k+1), ..., u(k+n-1) are computed. n means prediction horizon. These manipulated variables are calculated to minimize a cost function J, for example, the predicted deviations from the reference trajectory over the next n sampling instants. The first element u(k) will be applied to the system for interval from k to k+1. At the next sampling instant, k+1, the above steps are repeated. Typically, quadratic programming is used to calculate the manipulated variables at each sampling instant.

$$\min \ J = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left[ x_r(k+1) - x(k+1) \right]^T Q \left[ x_r(k+1) - x(k+1) \right] + \left[ u_r(k) - u(k) \right]^T R \left[ u_r(k) - u(k) \right] (4.1)$$

Where Q and R are weighting matrices used to weight prediction error and control actions. If Q and R are positive definite, the quadratic problem would be convex.

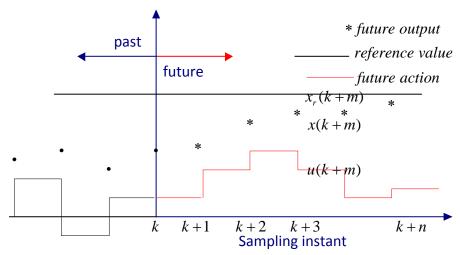


Figure 4-2 Control strategy of MPC

One advantage of the model predictive control is to prevent violations of input and output constraints, for example, limitation on rate of change in input, product quality and quantity. Usually, the cost function J is subject to the following inequality constraints:

$$\begin{cases} u \le u_k \le \overline{u}, 0 \le k \le n - 1 \\ x \le x_k \le \overline{x}, 1 \le k \le n \end{cases}$$

$$(4.2)$$

Where u and x are the lower bound on u and x; u and x are the upper bound on u and x. It is important to justify the need for nonlinear MPC before it is applied, because nonlinear optimization is more time-consuming than linear MPC [16]. In our project, linear MPC will be the focus. The implementation of MPC for power converters may be difficult due to the high amount of computations to solve optimization problem. With the development of high-speed, high-precision microprocessor, now we have high speed DSP and FPGA, and that problem

#### 4.1 Review of MPC in power converters

can be solved.

There are four kinds of model used in MPC, and they are Impulse response models, Step response models, Transfer function models and State-space models. There are two main methods using MPC to control the power converters, and one of them is predictive direct power control [17] and the other is finite control set MPC [18]. The model predictive control takes advantage of discrete time model of power converter.

This finite control set (FCS) means finite number of switching states in power converter. There are eight switching states in three-phase half-bridge rectifier, and the switching state which minimizes the cost function is selected. In reference [19], two-level voltage-source inverter is tested to compare the performances of classical linear controller and FCS-MPC. This method does not need modulation stage and the controller exports the states of switches. Predictive direct power control computes the best voltage vectors and their durations of action to minimize power errors in a prediction time interval based on the model of power prediction. P-DPC procedure is implemented by space vector pulse width modulation.

Several model predictive algorithms have been applied in inverter<sup>[19],[20]</sup>; but the application is

limited to the control of three-phase rectifier. In this project, our main goal is to investigate the MPC of rectifier using discrete-time state-space model for prediction.

#### 4.2 Process, model and controller of VSR

The discrete-time state-space model is used to predict the future behaviors. The required manipulated variables (input voltage of PWM rectifier) are calculated to minimize the cost function and then the desired voltage is generated by the converter via space vector pulse width modulation, which will solve the drawback of finite control set MPC, variable switching frequency. There is no PI controller, so this project saves the controller tuning procedures. However, there are a number of design parameters in MPC, such as prediction horizon n, weighting matrices Q, R and sampling period.

The main circuit topology of three-phase voltage-source PWM rectifier is shown in figure 4-3.

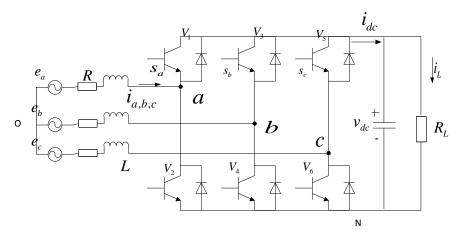


Figure 4-3 Topology of three-phase PWM rectifier

 $e = e_a, e_b, e_c$  are the three-phase power supply phase voltages,  $i = i_a, i_b, i_c$  are the three-phase currents.  $v_r = v_{ao}, v_{bo}, v_{co}$  are the input voltages of VSR.

According to the above figure, the dynamic model for three-phase rectifier is given by:

$$\begin{cases}
L \frac{di_{a}}{dt} = e_{a} - Ri_{a} - (s_{a} - \frac{s_{a} + s_{b} + s_{c}}{3})v_{dc} \\
L \frac{di_{b}}{dt} = e_{b} - Ri_{b} - (s_{b} - \frac{s_{a} + s_{b} + s_{c}}{3})v_{dc} \\
L \frac{di_{c}}{dt} = e_{c} - Ri_{c} - (s_{c} - \frac{s_{a} + s_{b} + s_{c}}{3})v_{dc} \\
C \frac{dv_{dc}}{dt} = i_{a}s_{a} + i_{b}s_{b} + i_{c}s_{c} - \frac{v_{dc}}{R_{L}}
\end{cases}$$
(4.3)

In the above model,  $s_a$ ,  $s_b$ ,  $s_c$  are the manipulated variables and  $i_a$ ,  $i_b$ ,  $i_c$ ,  $v_{dc}$  are the controlled variables according to our control goal, which is to suppress the harmonics in AC currents and regulate the DC output voltage.

We can apply the Park transformation, and get dq coordinate model from the abc three-phase coordinate system model,

$$\begin{cases} L\frac{di_d}{dt} = e_d + \omega Li_q - Ri_d - v_{dc}s_d \\ L\frac{di_q}{dt} = e_q - \omega Li_d - Ri_q - v_{dc}s_q \\ C\frac{dv_{dc}}{dt} = (i_q s_q + i_d s_d) - i_L \end{cases}$$

$$(4.4)$$

Now  $s_d$ ,  $s_q$  are the manipulated variables and  $i_d$ ,  $i_q$ ,  $v_{dc}$  are the controlled variables. As we can see from the equation, it is a nonlinear system. We use some approximation to simplify the system to get a linear system to apply the linear model predictive control.

To achieve the rapid regulation of the DC voltage, ignore the losses on AC side resistor and switches, and we use energy conservation law: input power from the grid should be equal to the load power and capacitor charging power. Assuming that the system is in steady state, and we have  $v_{dc} = v_{dco}$ , which is the reference value of output DC voltage.

$$p = e_d i_d + e_a i_a = v_{dco} (i_a s_a + i_d s_d)$$
 (4.5)

From equation (4.4), we have  $i_q s_q + i_d s_d = C \frac{dv_{dc}}{dt} + i_L$ ,  $i_L = \frac{v_{dc}}{R_t}$ ,

Substituting for  $i_q s_q + i_d s_d$  from above equation,

$$p = e_d i_d + e_q i_q = v_{dco} \left( C \frac{dv_{dc}}{dt} + \frac{v_{dc}}{R_I} \right)$$
 (4.6)

So we have,

$$C\frac{dv_{dc}}{dt} = \frac{e_d i_d}{v_{dco}} - \frac{v_{dc}}{R_I} \tag{4.7}$$

Then the dynamic model of the power rectifier is expressed by:

$$\begin{cases} L \frac{di_d}{dt} = e_d + \omega L i_q - R i_d - v_{dc} s_d \\ L \frac{di_q}{dt} = e_q - \omega L i_d - R i_q - v_{dc} s_q \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} C \frac{dv_{dc}}{dt} = \frac{e_d i_d}{v_{dco}} - \frac{v_{dc}}{R_L} \end{cases}$$

$$(4.8)$$

Equation (4.8) can be written in a state-space form as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{i}_d \\ \dot{i}_q \\ \vdots \\ v_{dc} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{R}{L} & \omega & 0 \\ -\omega & -\frac{R}{L} & 0 \\ \frac{e_d}{Cv_{dca}} & 0 & -\frac{1}{CR_I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_d \\ i_q \\ v_{dc} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{L} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{L} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_d - v_{dc} s_d \\ e_q - v_{dc} s_q \end{bmatrix}$$
(4.9)

A discrete-time form with sampling time T can be used to predict the future value of

controlled variables. Using Euler approximation  $\frac{di}{dt} = \frac{i(k+1)-i(k)}{T}$ , we obtain a discrete-time model,

$$\begin{bmatrix} i_{d}(k+1) \\ i_{q}(k+1) \\ v_{dc}(k+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{RT}{L} & \omega T & 0 \\ -\omega T & 1 - \frac{RT}{L} & 0 \\ \frac{e_{d}T}{Cv_{dco}} & 0 & 1 - \frac{T}{CR_{L}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_{d}(k) \\ i_{q}(k) \\ v_{dc}(k) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{T}{L} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{T}{L} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_{d} - v_{dc}s_{d} \\ e_{q} - v_{dc}s_{q} \end{bmatrix}$$
(4.10)

We restate the aim of the model predictive control here, suppressing the harmonics of the input current with unity power factor operation and regulating the DC output voltage quickly, which means  $i_q = 0, v_{dc} = v_{dco}$  and  $i_d$  supplying exact required power to the load. So we want our MPC controller to track these references. Then our cost function is,

$$\min J = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left[ x_r(k+1) - x(k+1) \right]^T Q \left[ x_r(k+1) - x(k+1) \right] + \left[ u_r(k) - u(k) \right]^T R \left[ u_r(k) - u(k) \right] (4.11)$$

Where 
$$x(k) = \begin{bmatrix} i_d(k) \\ i_q(k) \\ v_{dc}(k) \end{bmatrix}$$
,  $u(k) = \begin{bmatrix} e_d - v_{dc} s_d \\ e_q - v_{dc} s_q \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $R = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

A quadratic objective function with some linear constraints can be solved by a quadratic program <sup>[21]</sup>. MPC controller can compute the control action u(k) which minimizes the cost function, and then  $v_{dc}s_d(k)$  and  $v_{dc}s_q(k)$  are derived as the desired input voltage to the PWM rectifier. We get the input voltage to the PWM rectifier in dq frame. We have to transform input voltage from dq frame to  $\alpha\beta$  frame, and then space vector pulse width modulation (SVPWM) is used to modulate this desired space vector:

$$V^* = \sqrt{(v_{dc}s_d)^2 + (v_{dc}s_q)^2} \angle (\omega t + arc \tan \frac{v_{dc}s_d}{v_{dc}s_a})$$

#### 4.3 Two-level SVPWM modulation technique

#### 4.3.1 Voltage space vector distribution of three-phase VSR

Space vector PWM (SVPWM) control strategy is a novel idea to control the converter. Space vector control strategy was introduced by the Japanese in the early 1980s for AC motor drive system. SVPWM compared to conventional Sinusoidal PWM method has the following advantages: increasing the voltage utilization rate by 15.47%, having a lower switching frequency, easier to implement for microprocessor due to simple vector mode switching.

In figure 4-3 and for abc coordinate system, we have

$$v_{ao} = (s_a - \frac{s_a + s_b + s_c}{3})v_{dc}$$

$$v_{bo} = (s_b - \frac{s_a + s_b + s_c}{3})v_{dc}$$

$$v_{co} = (s_c - \frac{s_a + s_b + s_c}{3})v_{dc}$$
(4.12)

There are six switches and the two switches on the same bridge can not close or open at the same time, so only  $2^3$ =8 switch combinations exist. The combinations are shown as follows:

Voltago voctor	switch		voltage			
Voltage vector	$S_a$	$S_b$	$\boldsymbol{s}_c$	$V_{ao}$	$v_{bo}$	$v_{co}$
$V_0$	0	0	0	0	0	0
$V_1$	1	0	0	$\frac{2}{3}v_{dc}$	$-\frac{1}{3}v_{dc}$	$-\frac{1}{3}v_{dc}$
$V_2$	1	1	0	$\frac{1}{3}v_{dc}$	$\frac{1}{3}v_{dc}$	$-\frac{2}{3}v_{dc}$
$V_3$	0	1	0	$-\frac{1}{3}v_{dc}$	$\frac{2}{3}v_{dc}$	$-\frac{1}{3}v_{dc}$
$V_4$	0	1	1	$-\frac{2}{3}v_{dc}$	$\frac{1}{3}v_{dc}$	$\frac{1}{3}v_{dc}$
$V_5$	0	0	1	$-\frac{1}{3}v_{dc}$	$-\frac{1}{3}v_{dc}$	$\frac{2}{3}v_{dc}$
$V_6$	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{3}v_{dc}$	$-\frac{2}{3}v_{dc}$	$\frac{1}{3}v_{dc}$
$V_7$	1	1	1	0	0	0

Table 4-1 Voltage values of the different switch combinations

It is not difficult to find that the AC side input voltage of different switch combinations can be expressed by a space vector with length  $\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}v_{dc}$ . Take  $V_1$  for example, using power invariant transformation from abc to  $\alpha\beta$  coordinate system, we got

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{\alpha} \\ V_{\beta} \\ V_{o} \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} v_{dc} \\ -\frac{1}{3} v_{dc} \\ -\frac{1}{3} v_{dc} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} V_{\alpha} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} v_{dc} \\ V_{\beta} = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow V_{\alpha\beta} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} v_{dc} e^{jo} \quad (4.13)$$

Number of different switch combinations is limited, so there are only eight basic space vectors  $V_0, V_1, V_2, V_3, V_4, V_5, V_6, V_7$ .

$$\begin{cases}
V_k = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} v_{dc} e^{j(k-1)\pi/3} (k=1,...,6) \\
V_{0,7} = 0
\end{cases}$$
(4.14)

#### 4.3.2 Synthesis of voltage space vector

The objective of the SVPWM control is to synthesize the desired AC side input voltage space vector. Six non-zero vectors form six sectors I II III IV V VI. For any given voltage space vector  $V^*$ , it can be synthesized by the eight basic space vectors, as shown in figure 4-4.

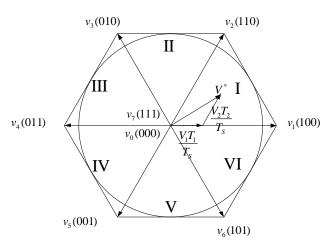


Figure 4-4 basic vectors and sectors

We will focus on the voltage space vector in sector I and later on generalize the discussion to other sectors.  $V_1, V_2$  are applied for intervals  $T_1, T_2$  respectively, and zero vectors are applied for interval  $T_{0,7}$  to synthesize  $V^*$  over a time period  $T_s$ . The voltage vector can be expressed as,

$$T_1 V_1 + T_2 V_2 = V^* T_s (4.15)$$

The angle between  $V^*$  and  $V_1$  is  $\alpha$ , according to the sinusoidal law, we got

$$\frac{\left|V^*\right|}{\sin\frac{2\pi}{3}} = \frac{\left|\frac{T_2}{T_s}V_2\right|}{\sin\alpha} = \frac{\left|\frac{T_1}{T_s}V_1\right|}{\sin(\frac{\pi}{3} - \alpha)}$$
(4.16)

And we have  $|V_1| = |V_2| = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} v_{dc}$  , the time interval can be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{cases}
T_{1} = \frac{\sqrt{2} |V^{*}|}{v_{dc}} T_{s} \sin(\frac{\pi}{3} - \alpha) \\
T_{2} = \frac{\sqrt{2} |V^{*}|}{v_{dc}} T_{s} \sin \alpha \\
T_{0,7} = T_{s} - T_{1} - T_{2}
\end{cases} \tag{4.17}$$

Constraint of linear SVPWM modulation is,

$$T_1 + T_2 \le T_s \tag{4.18}$$

Combining equation (4.17) and (4.18), we got

$$\frac{\sqrt{2}\left|V^*\right|}{v_{dc}}T_s\sin(\frac{\pi}{3}-\alpha) + \frac{\sqrt{2}\left|V^*\right|}{v_{dc}}T_s\sin\alpha \le T_s \tag{4.19}$$

The above equation should be tenable for any possible value of  $\alpha$ , then we got,

$$\left|V^*\right| \le \frac{v_{dc}}{\sqrt{2}} \tag{4.20}$$

If  $V^*$  rotates at a constant speed in the complex plane, three-phase balanced sinusoidal voltages will be modulated. In fact,  $V^*$  can only rotates at a stepper speed due to the switching frequency and limited switch combinations. However, the amplitude of the voltage space vector  $V^*$  should be limited to the circle within the hexagon in Fig.4-4 to prevent distortion in the AC side currents. It is possible for  $V^*$  bigger than  $V_{dc}$ , and this condition

is called over saturation of SVPWM. To solve this problem, let  $\left|V^*\right| = \frac{v_{dc}}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

In practice, there are several ways to synthesize the desired voltage space vector  $V^*$ . In this project, seven-segment SVPWM control strategy [22] is used, which reduces the amplitude of harmonic at the switching frequency and improves the waveform quality, however it increases the switching frequency. The seven-segment SVPWM strategy divides the interval  $T_{0,7}$  into three segments, two  $V_0s$  lie in the desired vector's start and end, and  $V_7$  lies in the middle of  $V^*$ . Two repeated non-zero basic vectors compose two triangles. The order of on and off of six switches should satisfy the following principle: only one of six switches can change the position, close or open, for change of one basic voltage vector to another vector. For example, supposing the voltage vector  $V^*$  in sector 1 as shown in figure 4-4.  $V^*$  is made up of vectors  $V_0, V_1, V_2, V_7, V_2, V_1$  and  $V_0$ . The rectifier with this strategy will switch six times in one PWM cycle. For the choice of zero vectors, making fewer changes of switches and reducing the switching losses are the main consideration.

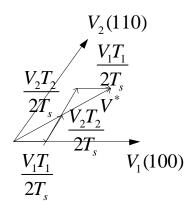


Figure 4-5 Synthesis of seven-segment SVPWM

Corresponding switch  $s_a, s_b, s_c$  values and switching function waveforms for sector I are shown as follows:

**Table 4-2 Switch state values** 

switch	$V_0$	$V_1$	$V_2$	$V_7$	$V_2$	$V_1$	$V_{0}$
Sa	0	1	1	1	1	1	0
$S_b$	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
$S_c$	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

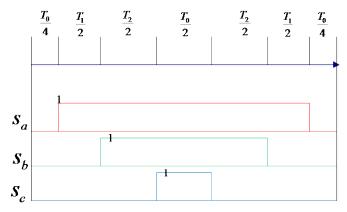


Figure 4-6 Switching function waveforms in sector 1

The flowchart of MPC-SVPWM is drawn below:

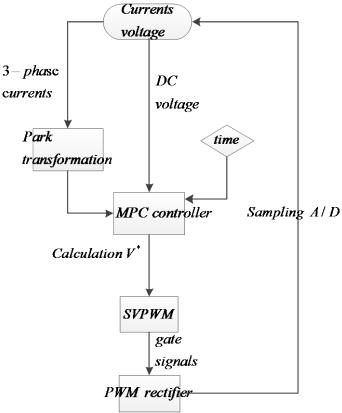


Figure 4-7 Flowchart of MPC-SVPWM

For the implementation of SVPWM and MPC controller in Matlab/Simulink, please see the appendix.

### **Chapter 5 Simulation**

This chapter builds models of DPC and MPC-SVPWM power rectifier in Matlab/simulink environment. Based on these models, their static and dynamic responses, parameter errors on performance and other factors affecting performances are studied and compared.

The inductor and capacitor are important components of the rectifier. The AC-side inductor stores energy and filters harmonic currents. It isolates grid voltages from input voltages of VSR and uses the stored energy to boost the DC output voltage. There are two principles for determining value of inductor: meeting the requirement of output power of VSR and good current tracking performance. DC-side capacitor provides a buffer for energy exchange between DC side of VSR and load, and reduces the DC voltage ripple coefficient. There are also two principles for determining value of capacitor: fast voltage tracking capability and good anti-disturbance ability. Combined with engineering practice, trial-and-error method is used to determine the value of the inductor and capacitor.

### 5.1 Simulation of direct power control system

Based on figure 3-1 control block diagram and analysis of system composition in 3.2.1 model of voltage-oriented PWM direct power control system is built in Matlab/simulink environment. Figure 5-1 shows the model, and part of the simulation parameters are as follows:

AC side Voltage source peak amplitude 110v 50Hz Frequency Inductance 0.022HResistance  $1\Omega$ 0.0022FDC side Capacitance Load resistance 50 Ω Given DC voltage 200v

20k Hz

Sampling frequency

**Table 5-1 Simulation parameters** 

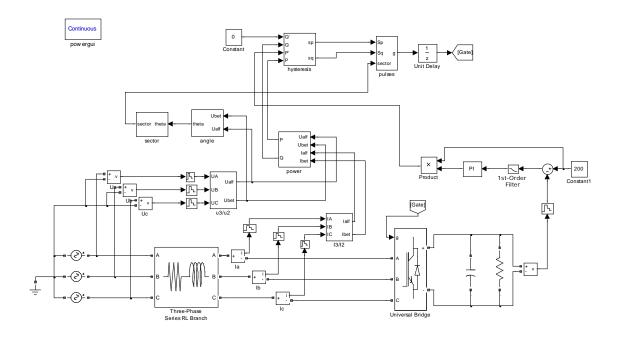


Figure 5-1 Model of voltage-oriented PWM direct power control

## **5.1.1 Comparison of different switching tables**

There are three different switching tables, and the performances of different tables are studied. Capacitor initial voltage is 190v. Simulation results are as follows:

## Classical switching table:

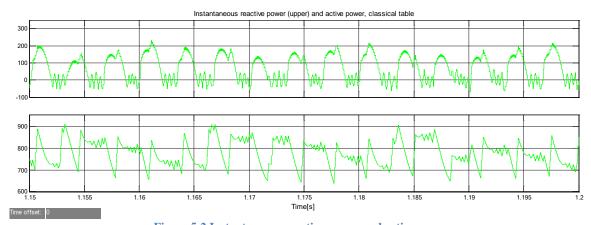


Figure 5-2 Instantaneous reactive power and active power

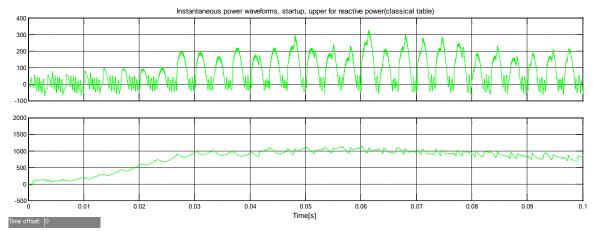


Figure 5-3 Instantaneous reactive power and active power, startup

Ability of zero vectors for adjusting reactive power is poor. Due to the coupled property between active power and reactive power, the ability for regulating active power is reduced. During system startup, reactive power has big overshoot.

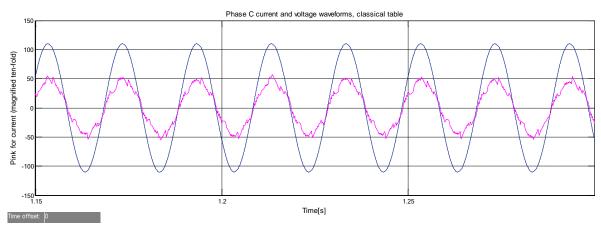


Figure 5-4 Phase C current and voltage waveform

The figure shows that the DPC with classical table can achieve unity power factor, yet with obvious harmonics. FFT tool is used to find the total harmonic distortion which is 9.27%.

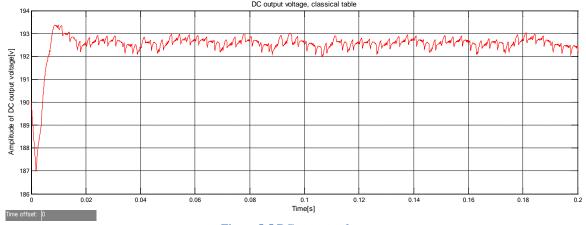


Figure 5-5 DC output voltage

There are high ripples in DC output voltage.

#### *Improve switching table*

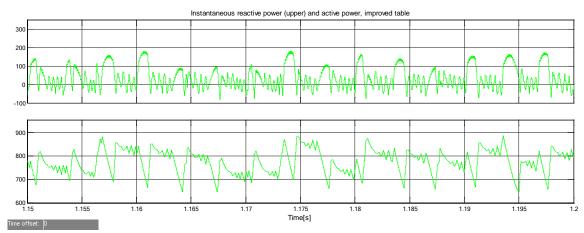


Figure 5-6 Instantaneous reactive power and active power

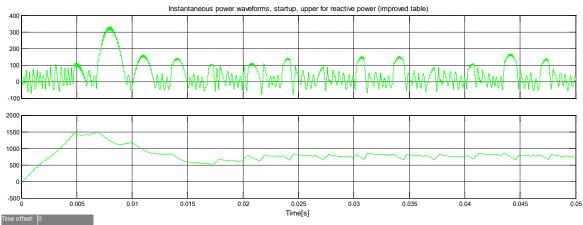


Figure 5-7 Instantaneous reactive power and active power, startup

The improved switching table decreases the reactive uncontrollable area. During system startup, active power has big overshoot.

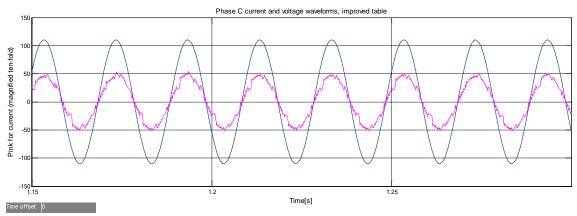


Figure 5-8 Phase C current and voltage waveform

The figure shows that the DPC with improved table can achieve unity power factor with obvious harmonics. FFT tool is used to find the total harmonic distortion which is 7.06%. Harmonics in currents are reduced and the current waveform is improved using this improved

table.

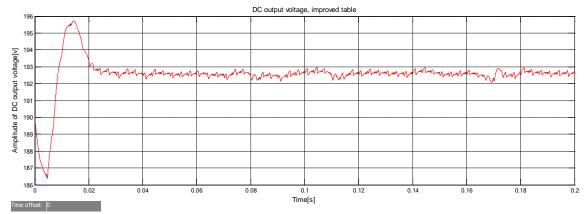


Figure 5-9 DC output voltage

The simulation results indicate that feasibility of DPC with improved table is verified.

### Further improved switching table

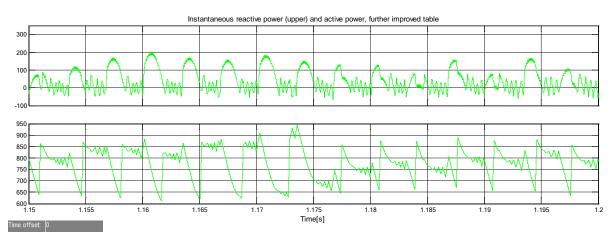


Figure 5-10 Instantaneous reactive power and active power

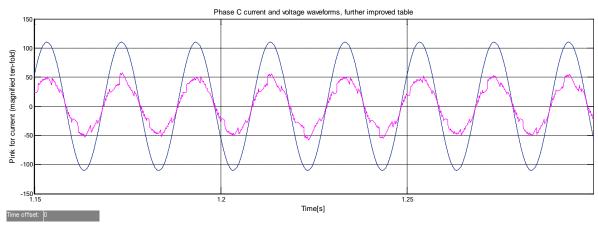


Figure 5-11 Phase C current and voltage waveform

The figure shows that the DPC with further improved table can achieve unity power factor with obvious harmonics. FFT tool is used to find the total harmonic distortion which is

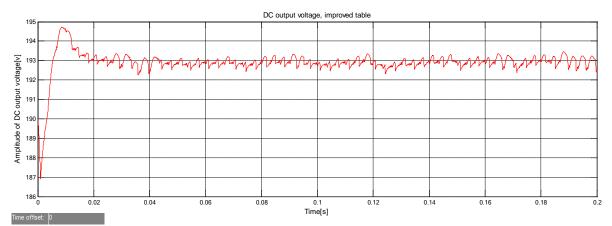


Figure 5-12 DC output voltage

The waveform of instantaneous power shows that active power control is not good enough, since the error exceeds the lower limit of the hysteresis. This is due to the vector selected by the switching table whose ability to regulate the active power is too strong. Another reason is the coupled property between active and reactive power. In addition, in the calculation of the impact of eight vectors on the instantaneous power in different sectors, some approximate treatments are made, for example, neglecting the impact of resistor.

The result of the simulation indicates that the further improved switching table is not better than this improved table.

### 5.1.2 Dynamic response of DPC

Changing load resistance from 50 ohm to 45 ohm at time instant 2.0s enables the dynamic simulation. We are using improved table and simulation results (DC output voltage and three-phase currents) are shown as follows:

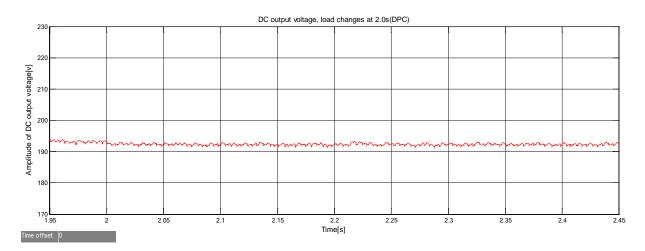


Figure 5-13 DC output voltage, load changes at 2.0s

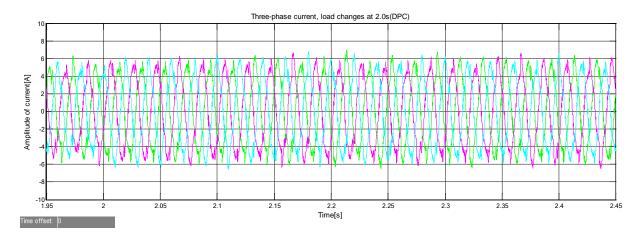


Figure 5-14 Three-phase currents, load changes at 2.0s

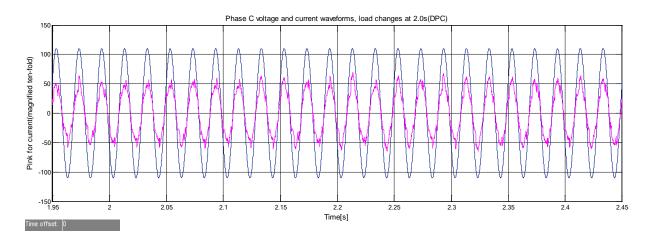


Figure 5-15 Phase C voltage and current waveforms, load changes at 2.0s

The following table summarizes the harmonics of current C of steady state before and after load changes:

Table 5-2 THD and value of current C

Ic	Peak value(A)	Rms value	THD
Before change	4.714	3.333	7.58%
After change	5.198	3.675	6.99%

Magnitude of three-phase currents increased and the DC output voltage barely changed as we decreased the load resistor. The AC-side power is equal to DC-side power. We know that the DC-side power is increased when the load resistance decreases. To increase the AC side power, the AC side currents should increase.

Above simulation results are obtained with a small load change, and test with a big change in load resistance is investigated, load resistance from 50 ohm to 25 ohm at time instant 2.0s. Simulation results are shown as follows:

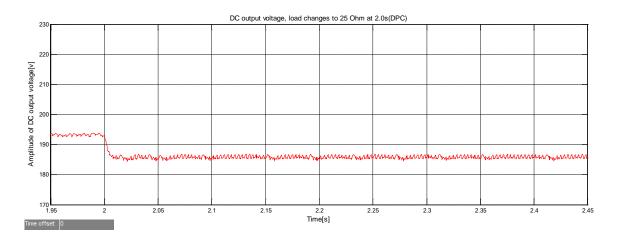


Figure 5-16 DC output voltage, load changes to 25 ohm at 2.0s

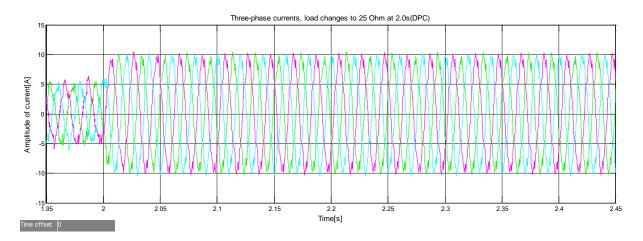


Figure 5-17 Three-phase currents, load changes to 25 ohm at 2.0s

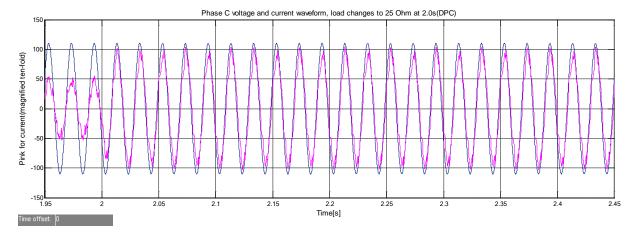


Figure 5-18 Phase C voltage and current waveforms, load changes to 25 ohm at 2.0s

The following table summarizes the harmonics of current C of steady state before and after load changes:

Table 5-3 THD and value of current C

Ic	Peak value(A)	Rms value	THD
Before change	4.672	3.303	6.54%
After change	9.132	6.457	7.54%

Table 5-2 and table 5-3 indicate that when load changes, AC-side currents react to the changes. DC output voltage goes down for both cases, but with smaller change in load side, DC output voltage changes less.

#### **5.1.3 Summary**

During system startup, active and reactive power of direct power control have big overshoot, which is bad for the converter and grid. DPC has good dynamic performance. The switching frequency of the direct power control system using hysteresis comparator is not fixed. To improve the control precision, the hysteresis band should be small, resulting in increase of switching frequency and higher switching loss. Total harmonic distortion is dissatisfactory.

There is reactive uncontrollable area in two-level comparator scheme. To improve the performance of DPC, three-level comparator can be used. The hysteresis characteristic is shown below:

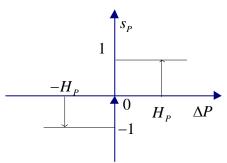


Figure 5-19 Three-level comparator Hysteresis characteristic

State values reflecting the deviation of actual power from given power is shown as follows:

$$S_{p} = \begin{cases} 1, p < p_{ref} - H_{p} \\ 0, p_{ref} - H_{p} < p < p_{ref} + H_{p} \\ -1, p > p_{ref} + H_{p} \end{cases}$$
(5.1)

When  $p_{ref} - H_p , voltage vector which basically adjusts reactive power is selected; When <math>p > p_{ref} + H_p$ , select the voltage vector which basically adjusts active power.

### 5.2 Simulation of model predictive control

Based on the flowchart of MPC-SVPWM, the model of MPC-SVPWM control system is built in Matlab/simulink environment. Figure 5-20 shows the model, and part of the simulation parameters are the same with table 5-1.

The PWM VSR is a hybrid system, which is modeled by a discrete-time model in our project. The accuracy of the discrete-time model is dependent on the sampling period T as we can see from equation (4.10). The sampled signal should be a sufficient representation of this hybrid system and at the same time, we don't want the sampling frequency to be very large. The control system includes sampling operation, calculation operation and modulation operation, and we want the control system to finish these jobs in one sampling period.

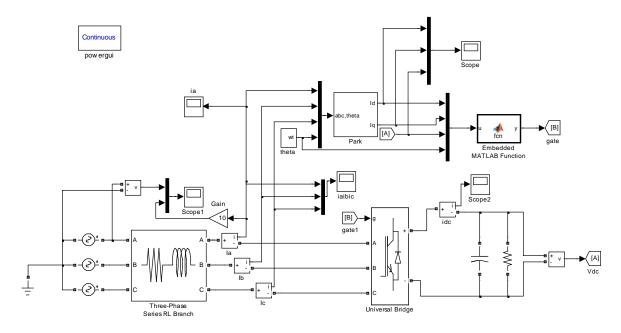


Figure 5-20 Model of MPC-SVPWM system

So first, we will find the best sampling frequency for our MPC algorithm. To get DC voltage closer to reference value, unity power factor and fewer harmonics in currents are the selection criteria for sampling frequency.

Begin with 10k Hz, the simulation results are shown as follows:

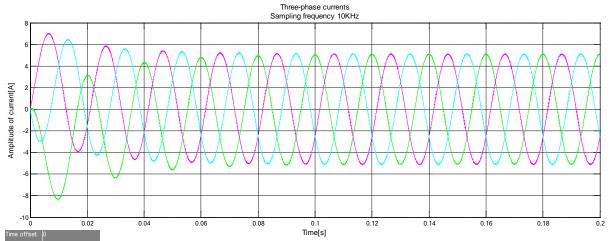


Figure 5-21 Three-phase currents

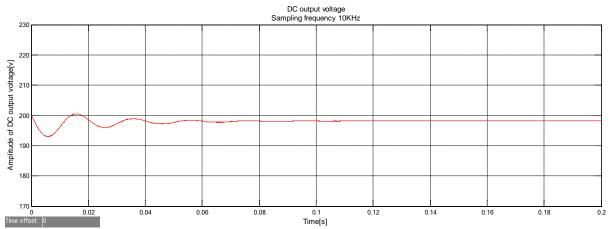


Figure 5-22 DC output voltage

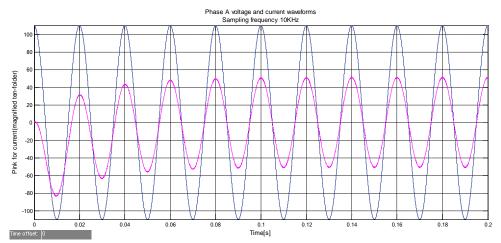


Figure 5-23 Phase A current and voltage waveforms

From above figures, we can see that MPC-SVPWM system has fewer harmonic in AC currents, smaller ripple coefficient of DC output voltage and fast start-up speed. The same simulations with different sampling frequencies are tested. FFT Spectrum Analysis is performed and a table is made to compare the performances of MPC under different sampling frequencies.

Table 5-4 DC output voltage and THD under different sampling frequencies

Frequency (Hz)	Actual DC output (v)	THD in phase current a,b		ent a,b,c
12k	197.0	0.52%	0.51%	0.51%
10k	198.3	0.62%	0.61%	0.61%
8k	199.7	0.76%	0.76%	0.76%
5k	203.3	1.16%	1.16%	1.16%

To solve the following quadratic programming problem is time-consuming.

$$\min J = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left[ x_r(k+1) - x(k+1) \right]^T Q \left[ x_r(k+1) - x(k+1) \right] + \left[ u_r(k) - u(k) \right]^T R \left[ u_r(k) - u(k) \right]$$

For carefully consideration of power factor, DC output voltage, THD in AC currents and calculation in digital control system, the sampling frequency 8 KHz is chosen for our case.

### 5.2.1 Startup and steady state

We can see from equation (4.8) that the MPC model is built based on steady state, which means the capacitor voltage is the reference value 200 v. It is needed to consider whether to pre-charge the DC capacitor in the startup process; it is related to system response speed and transient AC current overshoot problem. It can be predicted that the response speed is slow without pre-charging. In the case of the same simulation model parameters, two situations are simulated: pre-charging DC capacitor and not pre-charging, respectively, and the simulation results are as follows:

The capacitor initial voltage is zero:

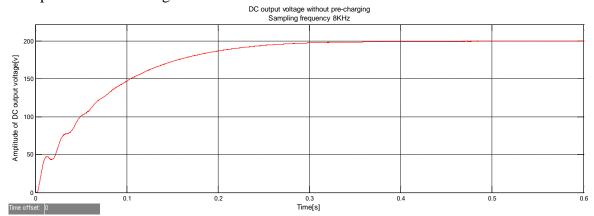


Figure 5-24 DC output voltage without pre-charging

When the initial voltage across the capacitor is zero, the DC output voltage takes approximate 0.35s to reach the reference value 200v.

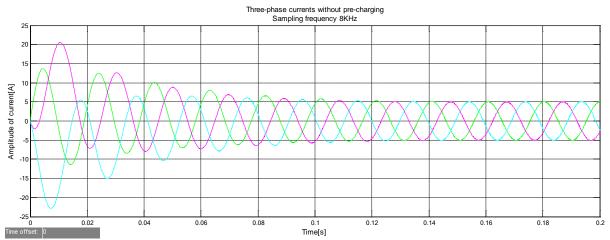


Figure 5-25 Grid-side current waveforms without pre-charging

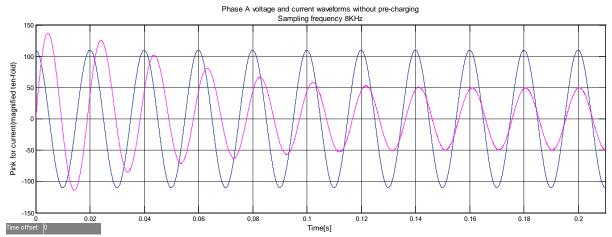


Figure 5-26 Phase A voltage and current waveforms without pre-charging

## The capacitor initial voltage is 200v:

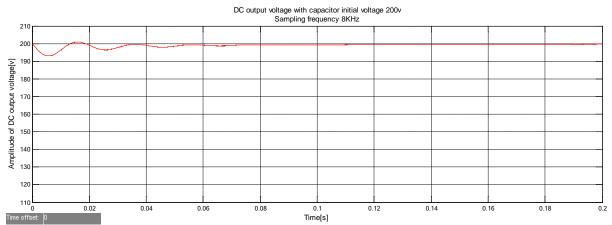


Figure 5-27 DC output voltage with pre-charging

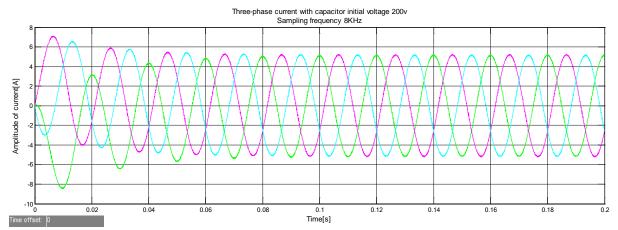


Figure 5-28 Grid-side current waveforms with pre-charging

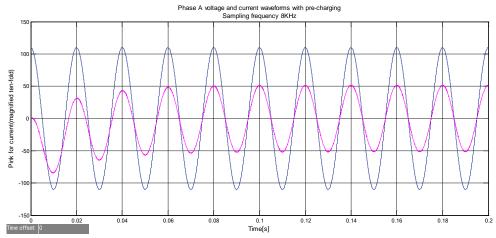


Figure 5-29 Phase A voltage and current waveforms with pre-charging

When the capacitor initial voltage is 0, the response speed of DC output voltage and AC-side currents is slow; the grid-side current overshoot is much more serious; the speed of the current tracking voltage phase is slow, taking about a few line cycles. Pre-charging is superior to non-pre-charging. In the following, all the simulations are tested with pre-charging.

#### 5.2.2 Dynamic performance of MPC-SVPWM

Performance of MPC depends on the accuracy of the open-loop prediction, which depends on the accuracy of the plant model. Prediction model can not be completely the same with actual plant. Simplification of plant model brings uncertainty. In addition, MPC controller parameters are not same with the main circuit parameters such as resistance, inductance and capacitance. Measurement noise and parameter uncertainty (or variation under operation) degrade the control system performance and even affect system stability. In order to assure the system performances, these factors must be considered in the design of MPC controller, for example, building a system parameter estimator.

Some important issues regarding these factors which affect the performance of model predictive control will be discussed in this project.

#### Load changes

This part mainly tests anti-disturbance ability of the algorithm. First, we will investigate the performances of the load changes without parameter estimator. In the prediction matrix, there is one element related to the load resistance. The performance will deteriorate due to the load changes if we do not adapt the prediction model accordingly. Changing load resistance from 50 ohm to 45 ohm at time instant 0.2s enables the dynamic simulation. Simulation result is obtained using Matlab/Simulink, and the sampling period is *Ts*=125us; weighting matrices are as follows:

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, R = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

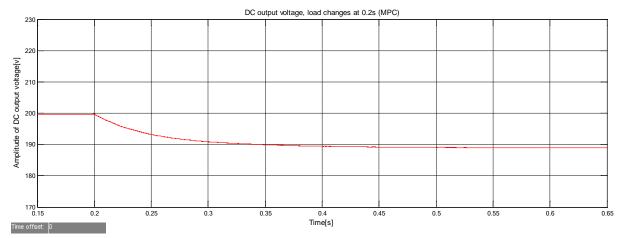


Figure 5-30 DC output voltage, load changes at 0.2s

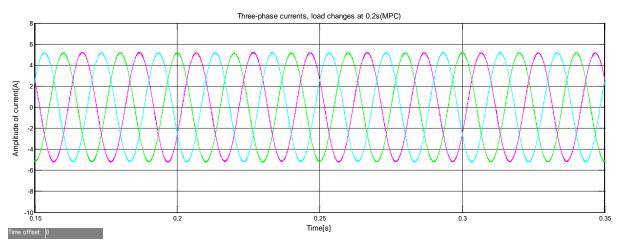


Figure 5-31Grid-side current waveforms, load changes at 0.2s

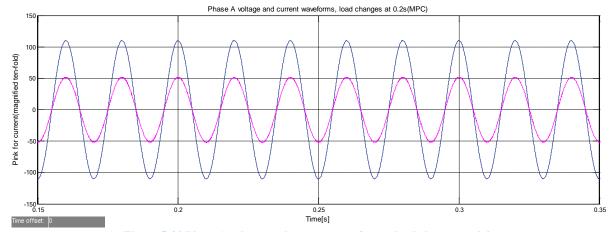


Figure 5-32 Phase A voltage and current waveforms, load changes at 0.2s

There is no overshoot in currents in the transient process of load changes. Magnitude of three-phase currents doesn't change and the DC output voltage decreases as we decrease the load resistor. This makes sense. The AC-side power is equal to DC-side power. We can see from figure that the AC-side power is constant when the load resistance decreases. To maintain the DC side power, the DC output voltage should decrease.

The MPC controller has important tuning parameters, matrices Q and R. Increasing the elements in matrix Q brings a higher penalty on plant output changes which are  $I_d$ ,  $I_q$ ,  $V_{dc}$ , meanwhile increasing the elements in matrix R brings a higher penalty on plant manipulated variables which are input voltage of rectifier in our case. Second simulation results (including startup and load changing process) are obtained under the following weighting matrices, higher penalty on  $I_q$  and  $V_{dc}$ .

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2000 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2000 \end{bmatrix}, R = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q (1,1)=0 means no penalty on  $I_d$  and higher penalty on  $I_q$  and  $V_{dc}$ . MPC-SVPWM algorithm uses law of conservation of energy, and makes  $I_d$  equal to the value which forces  $I_q$ =0,  $V_{dc}$ =200v and supply the exact power to the load side.

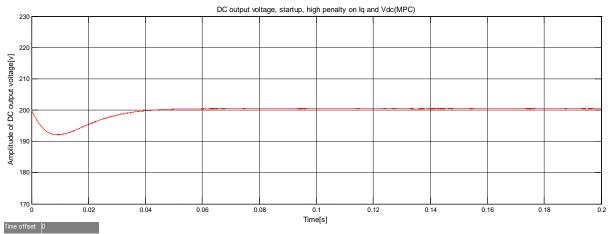


Figure 5-33 DC output voltage, startup, high penalty on Iq and Vdc

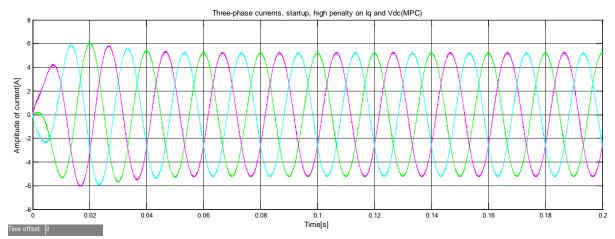


Figure 5-34 Grid-side current waveforms, startup, high penalty on Iq and Vdc

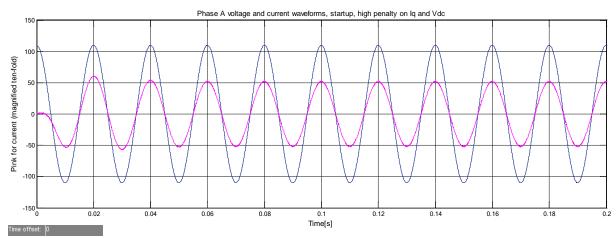


Figure 5-35 Phase A voltage and current waveforms, startup, high penalty on Iq and Vdc

The above results are about the startup process and the following figures are about load changing process.

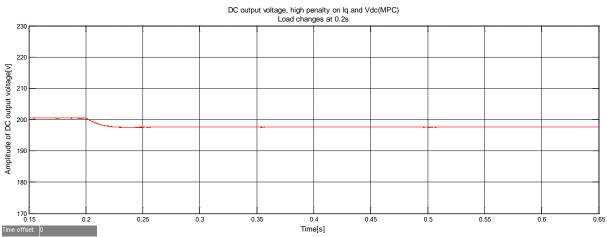


Figure 5-36 DC output voltage, high penalty on Iq and Vdc, load changes at 0.2s

When the load resistance decreases, DC output voltage goes from 200.5v to 197.6v, a drop of 1.45% for MPC-SVPWM.

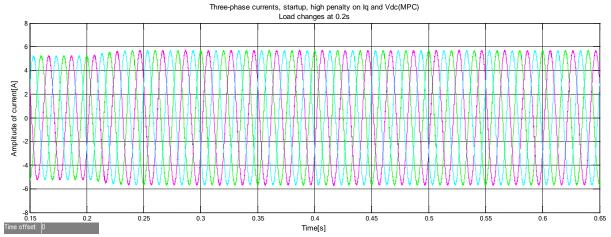


Figure 5-37 Grid-side current waveforms, high penalty on Iq and Vdc, load changes at 0.2s

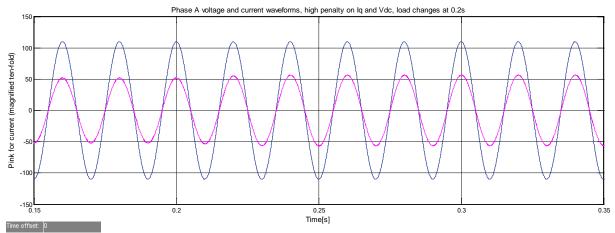


Figure 5-38 Phase A voltage and current waveforms, high penalty on Iq and Vdc, load changes at 0.2s

The following table summarizes the harmonics of current A of steady state before and after load changes:

Table 5-5 THD and value of current A

Ia	Peak value(A)	Rms value	THD
Before change	5.196	3.674	0.75%
After change	5.637	3.986	0.69%

When Q = 2\*diag([0, 1000, 1000]),  $R = [2\ 0; 0\ 2]$ , higher penalty on  $V_{dc}$  and  $I_q$  makes the control more aggressive so that the output tracks the setpoints aggressively and faster. Since a higher value of Q (a lower value of R relatively) gives a smaller punishment on the manipulated variables.

Above simulation results are obtained with a small load change, and test with a big change in load resistance is investigated under the following weighting matrices, load resistance from 50 ohm to 25 ohm at time instant 0.2s. Simulation results are shown as follows:

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2000 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2000 \end{bmatrix}, R = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

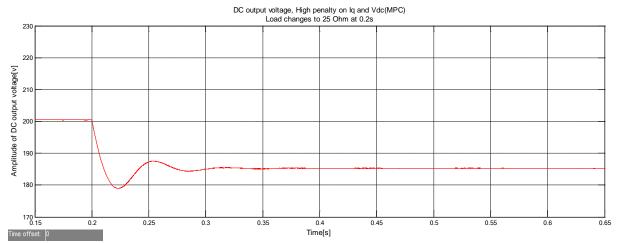


Figure 5-39 DC output voltage, load changes to 25 ohm at 0.2s, high penalty on Iq and Vdc

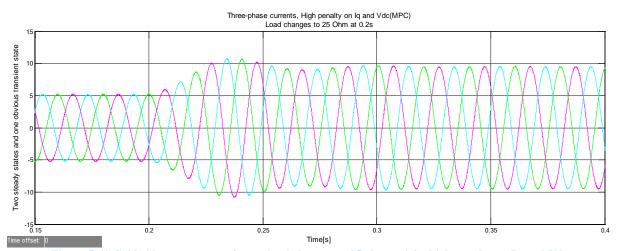


Figure 5-40 Grid-side current waveforms, load changes to 25 ohm at 0.2s, high penalty on Iq and Vdc

The following table summarizes the harmonics of current A of steady state before and after load changes:

Table 5-6 THD and value of current A

Ia	Peak value(A)	Rms value	THD
Before change	5.196	3.674	0.75%
After change	9.481	6.704	0.40%

Table 5-5 and table 5-6 indicate that when load changes, AC-side currents react to the changes. DC output voltage goes down for both cases, but with bigger change in load side, DC output voltage changes more.

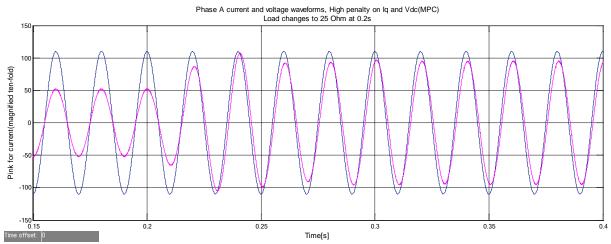


Figure 5-41 Phase A current and voltage waveforms, load changes to 25 ohm at 0.2s, high penalty on  $I_q$  and  $V_{dc}$ 

This big change in load causes non-unity power factor.

#### Parameter error

Model Predictive control is a parametric model-based approach and it is sensitive for parameter changes. We have invested the effects of load changes and now we will investigate the filter parameter errors (inductance and resistance) on performances of MPC-SVPWM. The following table summarizes the parameter errors which affects the performances of MPC-SVPWM.

 Error
 Filter inductance L
 AC-side resistance R

 0
 0.022H
 1Ω

 -50%
 0.011H
 0.5Ω

 +50%
 0.033H
 1.5Ω

**Table 5-7 Parameter errors** 

#### Simulation results are shown as follows:

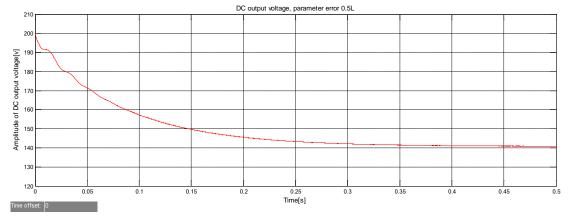


Figure 5-42 DC output voltage, startup, 0.5L

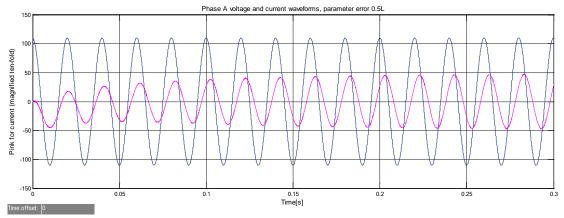


Figure 5-43 Phase A voltage and current waveforms, startup, 0.5L

There is a phase shift between voltage and current.

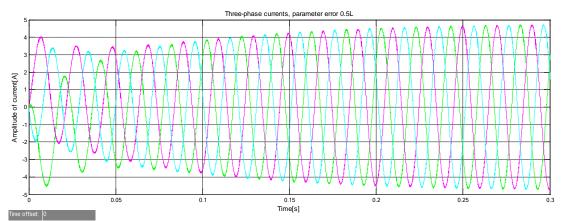


Figure 5-44 Grid-side current waveforms, startup, 0.5L

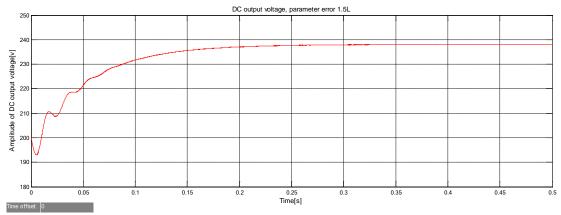


Figure 5-45 DC output voltage, startup, 1.5L

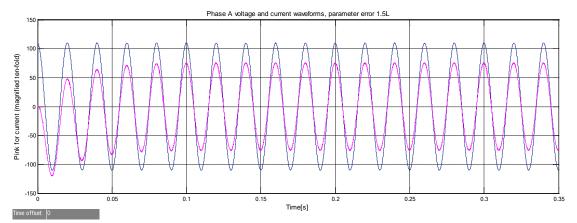


Figure 5-46 Phase A voltage and current waveforms, startup, 1.5L

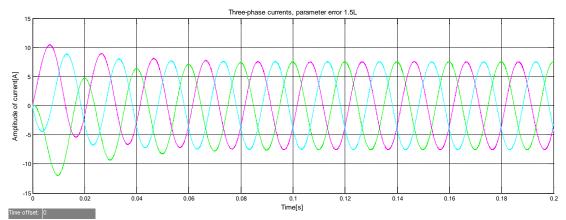


Figure 5-47 Grid-side current waveforms, startup, 1.5L

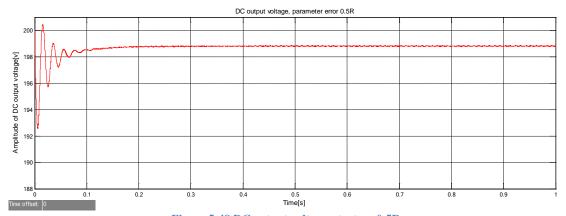


Figure 5-48 DC output voltage, startup, 0.5R

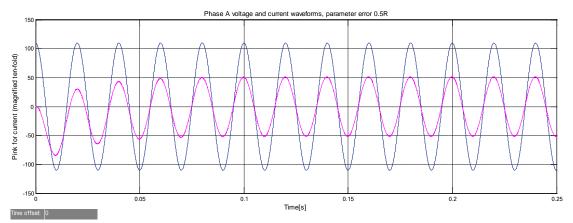


Figure 5-49 Phase A voltage and current waveforms, startup, 0.5R

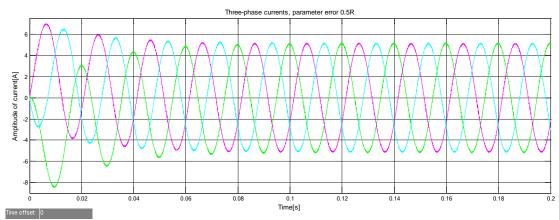


Figure 5-50 Grid-side current waveforms, startup, 0.5R

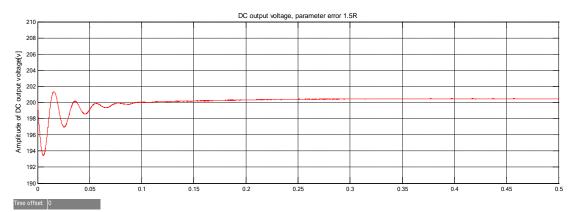


Figure 5-51 DC output voltage, startup, 1.5R

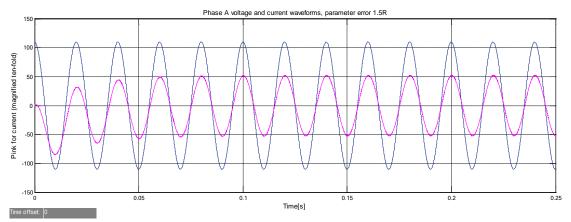


Figure 5-52 Phase A voltage and current waveforms, startup, 1.5R

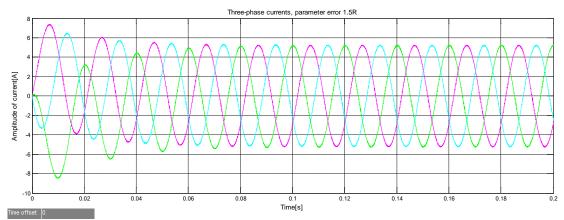


Figure 5-53 Grid-side current waveforms, startup, 1.5R

# Load changes with parameter error

Next we will investigate the dynamic performance when load changes from 50 ohm to 45 ohm at time instant 1.0s with parameter error.

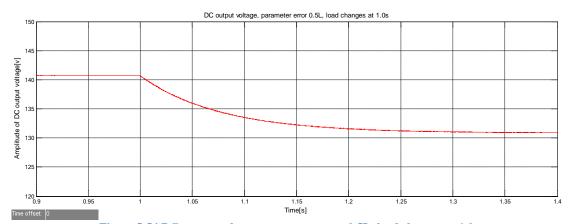


Figure 5-54 DC output voltage, parameter error 0.5L, load changes at 1.0s

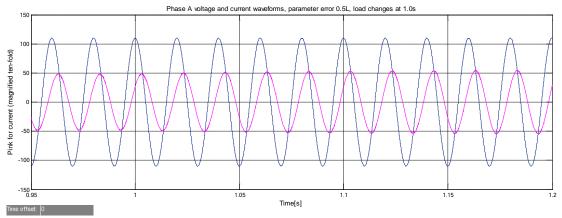


Figure 5-55 Phase A voltage and current waveforms, parameter error 0.5L, load changes at 1.0s

## There is a phase shift between voltage and current.

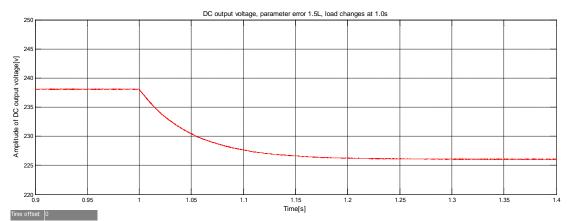


Figure 5-56 DC output voltage, parameter error 1.5L, load changes at 1.0s

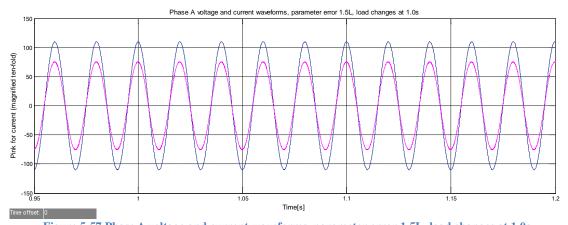


Figure 5-57 Phase A voltage and current waveforms, parameter error 1.5L, load changes at 1.0s

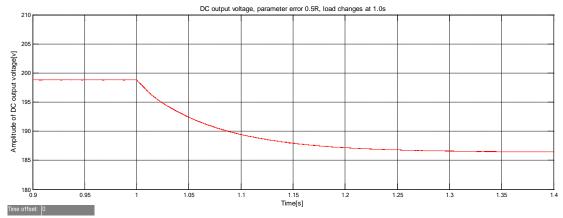


Figure 5-58 DC output voltage, parameter error 0.5R, load changes at 1.0s

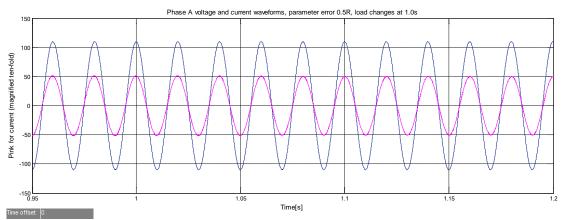


Figure 5-59 Phase A voltage and current waveforms, parameter error 0.5R, load changes at 1.0s

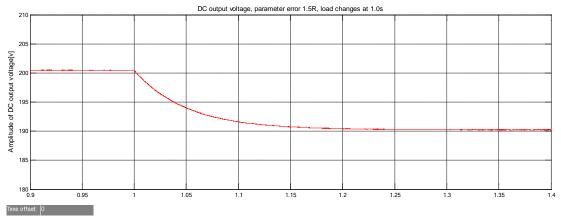


Figure 5-60 DC output voltage, parameter error 1.5R, load changes at 1.0s

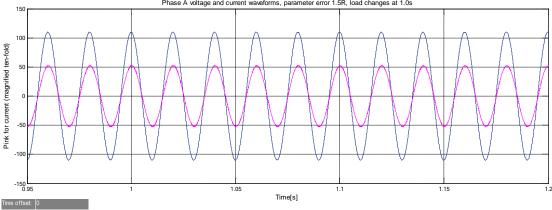


Figure 5-61 Phase A voltage and current waveforms, parameter error 1.5R, load changes at 1.0s

The following table summarizes the harmonics of current of steady state before and after load changes:

	Ia	Peak value(A)	Rms value	THD
Figure5-57	Before change	7.545	5.335	0.56%
	After change	7.534	5.327	0.55%
Figure5-59	Before change	5.138	3.633	0.78%
	After change	5.005	3.539	0.77%
Figure5-61	Before change	5.207	3.682	0.77%
	After change	5.207	3.682	0.73%

Table 5-8 THD and value of current A

As we can see from table 5-8, when the load has a small change, the AC-side currents almost don't change and even become smaller. The system does not work with parameter errors.

### **5.2.3 Summary**

The performance is sensitive for parameter changes and parameter errors, especially for the filter inductance. Additional control block with online parameters estimation should be added in order to decrease control sensitivity to parameter changes. Adaptive control can overcome the impact of changes in system parameters and adaptive control applied to the PWM converter is worth studying.

### **Chapter 6 Conclusion and future work**

This thesis carried out the theoretical study and Matlab simulation on the direct power control and model predictive control of PWM rectifier, and completed the following tasks:

- Study the principles of DPC and MPC-SVPWM
- Build DPC and MPC-SVPWM models in Matlab/Simulink environment
- Compare results from respective models

Through simulation results, conclusions are drawn:

#### 6.1 Conclusions from the Simulink results

- 1. Sampling rate of MPC-SVPWM scheme is low, reducing the switch loss and increasing its lifecycle. Voltage-orientation direct power control could not achieve the same experimental performance even if the sampling rate is higher.
- 2. Both MPC-SVPWM and DPC have good dynamic performance when load changes. Model predictive control is a parametric model-based approach and it is sensitive for parameter changes but there is no parameter error issue in direct power control.
- 3. Synchronous phase angle and frequency are needed for Park transformation in MPC-SVPWM. There is no complicated park transformation in DPC.

Voltage-source PWM rectifier with model predictive control strategy performs better in the following aspects:

- Fewer harmonics in AC currents
- Smaller DC voltage ripple coefficient
- Unity power factor
- Good static and dynamic performance
- Higher utilization of the DC bus voltage

The performance of MPC-SVPWM is sensitive for parameters. To increase the performance, the accuracy of a model should be increased, and more exact model should be built. Make less approximate treatment to get the prediction model. Parameter estimator and adaptive control applied to the PWM converter are worth studying to overcome the impact of parameter uncertainty.

Though this project achieves its expected purpose, there are a lot of work has to be done, for example, increasing system stability.

#### 6.2 Suggested future work

- 1. Solving the MPC problem takes a substantial amount of computation time. The computation time should be investigated and compared with the sampling period.
- 2. Select an appropriate digital signal processor for this demanding power electronics control application.
- 3. Establish the simulation model in DSP in the lab to verify the algorithm of model predictive control.
- 4. Energy feedback and the inverter aspects should be included in the experiment.
- 5. Test other load rather than resistive load in the experiment.

## **Appendix**

# Deviation of power supply voltages in dq frame $e_d$ and $e_q$

Three phase balanced power supply voltages are given:

$$\begin{cases} e_a = \sqrt{2}U_m \cos \omega t \\ e_b = \sqrt{2}U_m \cos(\omega t - 2\pi/3) \\ e_c = \sqrt{2}U_m \cos(\omega t + 2\pi/3) \end{cases}$$
(1.2)

Power invariant transformation,

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_d \\ x_q \\ x_o \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \begin{vmatrix} \cos \theta & \cos(\theta - 2\pi/3) & \cos(\theta + 2\pi/3) \\ -\sin \theta & -\sin(\theta - 2\pi/3) & -\sin(\theta + 2\pi/3) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{vmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_a \\ x_b \\ x_c \end{bmatrix}$$
(1.3)

Note that  $\theta = \omega t$ , therefore,

$$e_{d} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta \cdot \sqrt{2}U_{m} \cos\omega t + \cos(\theta - 2\pi/3) \cdot \sqrt{2}U_{m} \cos(\omega t - 2\pi/3) + \\ \cos(\theta + 2\pi/3) \cdot \sqrt{2}U_{m} \cos(\omega t + 2\pi/3) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{2U_{m}}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta \cdot \cos\omega t + \cos(\theta - 2\pi/3) \cdot \cos(\omega t - 2\pi/3) + \\ \cos(\theta + 2\pi/3) \cdot \cos(\omega t + 2\pi/3) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{2U_{m}}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta \cdot \cos\omega t + \left[\cos\theta\cos(2\pi/3) + \sin\theta\sin(2\pi/3)\right] \cdot \\ \left[\cos\omega t\cos(2\pi/3) + \sin\omega t\sin(2\pi/3)\right] + \\ \left[\cos\theta\cos(2\pi/3) - \sin\theta\sin(2\pi/3)\right] \cdot \\ \left[\cos\omega t\cos(2\pi/3) - \sin\omega t\sin(2\pi/3)\right] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{2U_{m}}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2}\cos\theta\cos\omega t + \frac{3}{2}\sin\theta\sin\omega t \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \sqrt{3}U_{m}\cos(\theta - \omega t)$$

$$= \sqrt{3}U_{m}\cos(\theta - \omega t)$$

$$= \sqrt{3}U_{m}$$

In the same way, we got  $e_a$ =0.

#### Switching function waveforms in six sectors

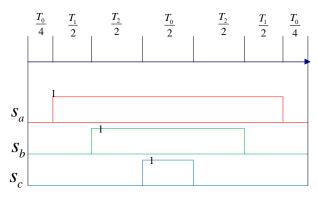


Figure 0-1 Switching function waveforms in sector 1

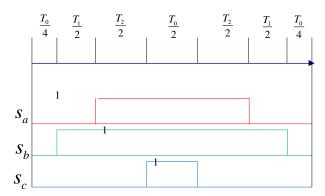


Figure 0-2 Switching function waveforms in sector 2

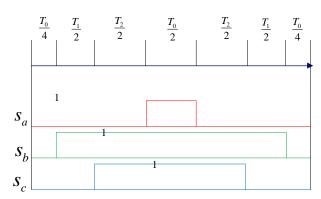


Figure 0-3 Switching function waveforms in sector 3

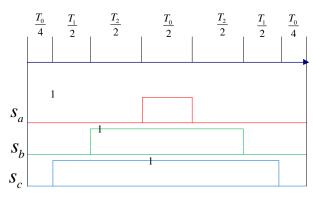


Figure 0-4 Switching function waveforms in sector 4

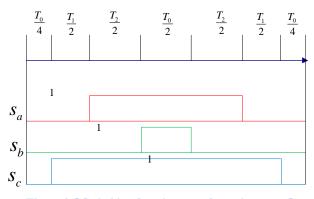


Figure 0-5 Switching function waveforms in sector 5

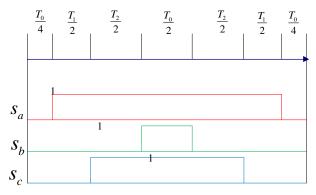


Figure 0-6 Switching function waveforms in sector 6

#### **Codes in Embedded MATLAB Function**

```
% MPC controller
function y = fcn(u)
% Declare following functions to be extrinsic
eml.extrinsic('sparse');
eml.extrinsic('blkdiag');
eml.extrinsic('optimset');
eml.extrinsic('quadprog');
persistent fcn_caltime;
if isempty(fcn_caltime)
     fcn_caltime = double(zeros(1,1));
end
% nu: number of controls
persistent nu;
if isempty(nu)
     nu = double(2);
end
% System matrices Ad and Bd
persistent Ad;
if isempty(Ad)
     Ad = double([ 0.9915]
                              0.0393
                                              0;
                              0.9915
                   -0.0393
                                              0;
                    0.0383
                                   0
                                        0.9989]);
end
persistent Bd;
if isempty(Bd)
  Bd = double([
                 0.0057
                                 0;
                             0.0057;
                 0
                  0
                           0]);
end
% n: Length of control horizon
persistent n;
if isempty(n)
     n = double(3);
end
% Weighting matrix Q and R in cost funtion
persistent I_n;
if isempty(I_n)
     I_n = zeros(3);
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I_n = (eye(3));
end
persistent Qk;
if isempty(Qk)
     Qk = double(2*diag([1, 1, 1]));
persistent Rk;
if isempty(Rk)
     Rk = double([2 0;
      0 2]);
end
% Equality constraint
persistent Aeq_c1;
if isempty(Aeq_c1)
    Aeq_c1 = zeros(9);
     Aeq_c1 = (eye(3*3));
end
persistent Aeq_c2;
if isempty(Aeq c2)
    Aeq c2 = zeros(9);
     Aeg c2 = (kron(diag(ones(2,1),-1), -Ad));
persistent Aeq_c3;
if isempty(Aeq_c3)
    Aeq_c3 = zeros(9,6);
     Aeq_c3 = kron(I_n, -Bd);
end
persistent Aeq;
if isempty(Aeq)
    Aeq = zeros(9,15);
    Aeq = [(Aeq_c1 + Aeq_c2), Aeq_c3];
end
% Inequality constraints
% Lower bound on x
persistent x_lb;
if isempty(x_lb)
     x_{b} = double(-Inf(3*3,1));
end
 % Upper bound on x
persistent x_ub;
if isempty(x_ub)
     x_ub = double(Inf(3*3,1));
end
% Lower bound on u
persistent u_lb;
if isempty(u_lb)
     u lb = double(-Inf(3*2,1));
end
% Upper bound on u
persistent u ub;
if isempty(u_ub)
     u_ub = double(Inf(3*2,1));
% Lower bound on z
persistent lb;
if isempty(lb)
     lb = double([x_lb; u_lb]);
end
% Upper bound on z
persistent ub;
if isempty(ub)
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```
ub = double([x_ub; u_ub]);
end
persistent Q_mpc;
if isempty(Q_mpc)
     Q_mpc = double(kron(I_n, Qk));
persistent R_mpc;
if isempty(R_mpc)
     R_mpc = kron(I_n, Rk);
end
persistent G_mpc;
if isempty(G_mpc)
    G_mpc = zeros(15);
     G_mpc = double(blkdiag(Q_mpc, R_mpc));
end
persistent Aeq_mpc;
if isempty(Aeq_mpc)
     Aeq_mpc = double([Aeq_c1 + Aeq_c2, Aeq_c3]);
persistent opt;
if isempty(opt)
     opt = optimset('Display','off', 'Diagnostics','off',
'LargeScale', 'on');
end
persistent beq_mpc;
if isempty(beq_mpc)
     beq_mpc = double([zeros(3,1); zeros(2*3,1)]);
end
% Sampling frequency
persistent freq_signal;
if isempty(freq_signal)
     freq_signal = double(8000);
end
persistent fcn_outstate;
if isempty(fcn_outstate)
     fcn_outstate = double([0,0,0,0]);
end
persistent fcn_wt;
if isempty(fcn_wt)
    fcn_wt = double(zeros(1));
end
persistent fcn_gate;
if isempty(fcn_gate)
    fcn_gate = double(zeros(2,6));
persistent fcn_limitT;
if isempty(fcn limitT)
    fcn limitT = double(zeros(1,6));
persistent fcn tnow;
if isempty(fcn_tnow)
    fcn_tnow = double(zeros(1));
end
if u(3) <= 0.01
    y = [0;1;0;1;0;1];
% Solve optimization problem at each sampling instant
if u(4)/(2*pi*50/freq_signal) >= fcn_caltime
    x = u(1:3)-[5.938157;0;200];
    beq_mpc(1:3) = Ad*x;
```

```
z = zeros(15,1);
    %fval = zeros(1);
    %exitflag = zeros(1);
    %output =
    %lambda =
struct('lower',zeros(15,1),'upper',zeros(15,1),'eqlin',zeros(9,1),'ineqlin'
,zeros(0,1));
    [z,fval,exitflag,output,lambda] =
quadprog(G_mpc,[],[],[],Aeq_mpc,beq_mpc,lb,ub,[],opt);
    u_mpc = double(z(10:11)); % Only first element is used
    u_mpc = [125.8147, -41.0416]' - u_mpc;
    u_mag = sqrt(u_mpc(1)^2 + u_mpc(2)^2);
    u_angle = acos(u_mpc(1)/u_mag);
    if u_mpc(2) < 0
     u_angle = -u_angle;
    end
    u_angle = u(4) + u_angle;
    if u_mag > u(3)/sqrt(2)
        u mag = u(3)/sgrt(2);
    while u angle < 0
       u angle = u angle + 2*pi;
    part_value = u_angle/(pi/3);
   part_in = fix(part_value);
   part_angle = u_angle - part_in*pi/3;
   part_in = rem(part_in,6);
   part_in = part_in + 1;
    T_temp = sqrt(2)*u_mag/u(3)*1/freq_signal;
    T1 = T_temp*sin(pi/3-part_angle);
    T2 = T_temp*sin(part_angle);
    T0 = 1/freq_signal - T1 - T2;
    fcn_outstate = [T1,T2,T0,part_in];
    switch (part_in)
        case 1
            fcn_{gate} = [1,0,0,1,0,1;
                        1,0,1,0,0,1];
        case 2
            fcn_{gate} = [1,0,1,0,0,1;
                        0,1,1,0,0,1];
        case 3
            fcn_{gate} = [0,1,1,0,0,1;
                        0,1,1,0,1,0];
        case 4
            fcn_{gate} = [0,1,1,0,1,0;
                        0,1,0,1,1,0];
        case 5
            fcn gate = [0,1,0,1,1,0;
                        1,0,0,1,1,0];
        otherwise
            fcn gate = [1,0,0,1,1,0;
                        1,0,0,1,0,1];
    end
% SVPWM modulation
    fcn limitT(1) = T0/4;
    fcn limitT(2) = fcn limitT(1) + T1/2;
    fcn limitT(3) = fcn limitT(2) + T2/2;
    fcn_limitT(4) = fcn_limitT(3) + T0/2;
    fcn_limitT(5) = fcn_limitT(4) + T2/2;
    fcn_limitT(6) = fcn_limitT(5) + T1/2;
    fcn_caltime = fcn_caltime + 1;
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fcn_tnow = u(4)/(100*pi);
end
y0 = [0,1,0,1,0,1];
t_now = 0;
t_now = u(4)/(100*pi) - fcn_tnow;
if t_now < fcn_limitT(1)</pre>
    y0 = [0,1,0,1,0,1];
else
    if t_now < fcn_limitT(2)</pre>
         y0 = fcn_gate(1,:);
    else
        if t_now < fcn_limitT(3)</pre>
            y0 = fcn_gate(2,:);
        else
             if t_now < fcn_limitT(4)</pre>
                 y0 = [1,0,1,0,1,0];
             else
                 if t_now < fcn_limitT(5)</pre>
                     y0 = fcn_gate(2,:);
                 else
                      if t_now < fcn_limitT(6)</pre>
                          y0 = fcn_gate(1,:);
                      else
                          y0 = [0,1,0,1,0,1];
                      end
                 end
             end
        end
    end
end
y = y0';
end
end
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