

# Hybrid AC/DC Micro grid Control Using Decentralized control for Power Management

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## Abstract

*This paper proposes a hybrid ac/dc micro grid to reduce the processes of multiple dc-ac-dc or ac-dc-ac conversions in an individual ac or dc grid. The hybrid grid consists of both ac and dc networks connected together by multi-bidirectional converters. The proposed model is in such a way that the reliability of power can be maintained during the whole day. This is obtained by connecting a PEM Fuel cell stack in parallel with the PV system. The proposed hybrid grid can operate in grid-tied or autonomous mode. The coordination control algorithms are proposed for smooth power transfer between ac and dc links and for stable system operation under various generation and load conditions. Uncertainty in characteristics of wind speed, solar irradiation level, ambient temperature, and load are also considered in system control and operation. A small hybrid grid has been modeled and simulated using the Simulink in the MATLAB. The simulation results show that the system can maintain stable operation under the proposed coordination control schemes when the grid is switched from one operating condition to another.*

## I. INTRODUCTION

Even though three phase ac power systems have existed for over 100 years due to their efficient transformation of ac power at different voltage levels, keeping in mind the environmental issues such as global warming, pollution, depletion of fossil fuels time had come to concentrate on renewable to concentrate on renewable sources of energy. More and more dc loads such as light-

emitting diode (LED) lights and electric vehicles (EVs) can be connected to ac power systems to save energy and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emission. When power can be fully supplied by local renewable power sources, long distance high voltage transmission is no longer necessary. A hybrid AC/DC micro grid [1] have been proposed to facilitate the connection of renewable power sources to conventional ac systems. However, dc power from the renewable photovoltaic (PV) panels or fuel cells has to be converted into ac using dc/dc boost converter and dc/ac inverters in order to connect to an ac grid. In an ac grid, embedded ac/dc and dc/dc converters are required for various home and office facilities supply different dc voltages. AC/DC/AC converters are commonly used as drives in order to control the speed of ac motors in industrial plants.

## II. System Configuration and Modeling

### A. Grid Configuration

Fig.1 shows a conceptual hybrid system where various ac and dc sources and loads are connected to the corresponding dc and ac networks. The ac and dc links are connected together through two transformers and two four quadrant operating three phase converters. The ac bus of the hybrid grid is tied to the utility grid. A compact hybrid grid as shown in Fig. 2 is modeled using the Simulink in the MATLAB to simulate system operations and controls. Forty kW PV arrays are connected to dc bus through ac/dc boost converter to simulate dc sources. A capacitor C<sub>pv</sub> is used to suppress high frequency ripples of the PV output voltage. A

50kW Wind Turbine Generator (WTG) with Doubly Fed Induction Generator (DFIG) is connected to an ac bus to simulate ac sources. A 65 Ah battery as energy storage is connected to dc bus through a bidirectional dc/dc converter. Variable dc load (20 kW–40 kW) and ac load (20 kW–40 kW) are connected to dc and ac buses respectively. The rated voltages for dc and ac buses are 400V and 400V rms respectively. A three phase bidirectional dc/ac main converter with R-L-C filter connects the dc bus to the ac bus through an isolation transformer. DUE TO increasing deployment of DGs in power systems, managing the power of different DGs and the grid has raised a major concern [1]–[3]. In this field, microgrids have become a widely accepted concept for the superior connection of DGs in power networks. Corresponding to the conventional power systems, ac microgrids have been established for most and a variety of surveys have been reported particularly on the subject of power sharing of parallel-connected sources [4]–[6]. Since the majority of renewable energy sources, generate dc power or need a dc link for grid connection and as a result of increasing modern dc loads, dc microgrids have recently emerged for their benefits in terms of efficiency, cost and system that can eliminate the dc-ac or ac-dc power conversion stages and their accompanied energy losses [7]–[10]. However, since the majority of the power grids are presently ac type, ac microgrid share still dominant and purely dc microgrids are not expected to emerge exclusively in power grids. Therefore, dc microgrids are prone to be developed in ac types even though in subordinate. Consequently, linking ac microgrids with dc micro-grids and employing the profits of the both microgrids, has become interesting in recent studies [11]–[14]. The idea is to merge the ac and dc microgrids through a bidirectional ac/dc converter and establishing a hybrid ac/dc microgrid in which ac or dc type energy sources and loads can flexibly integrate into the microgrids and power can smoothly flow between the two microgrids. Reference [11] proposes a hybrid ac/dc microgrid in which the renewable energy sources and storages are

connected in a dc grid and supplying power to the main ac grid and local ac loads. A hybrid dc/ac microgrid configuration is proposed in [12], in which a dc power line along with an energy conversion station are added to the conventional three-phase power distribution system for the integration of distributed domestic renewable sources. The main idea is to use the locally generated energy and reducing the power draw from the grid. Reference [13] proposes to combine a smart dc grid with the ac grid in order to suppress the dc bus voltage fluctuation using controllable loads and achieving the stabilization control of the ac grid using the grid-side converter interlinking the dc and ac microgrids. A hybrid microgrid composed of various kinds of renewable energy sources is considered in [14]. A coordinate control scheme is developed in order to manage the whole system in different operating conditions.

Like other microgrids, the hybrid ac/dc microgrid can operate either in grid-connected or in islanding modes and the control system should be able to support the two operating modes as well as transition between these modes. Therefore, a suitable control strategy to coordinate the operation of dc sources, ac sources and the IC is indispensable. This matter is more challenging the islanding operation of the hybrid microgrid where there is no dominant source in the grid and the load demand should be shared among the existing sources. In such operating condition the IC is intended to manage the ac and dc power, thus the control algorithm is supposed to be able to decide whether to inject power to the dc or to the ac microgrid. In [15], a centralized control strategy is exploited for managing the power in a hybrid ac/dc microgrid. However, the need for fast communication link along with the reliability concerns of this communications system have propelled the microgrid management into the decentralized controllers among which droop control

Methods have gained more attention in order to avoid control inter connections. Many droop

methods have been proposed for ac and dc microgrids [1], [5], [6], [16]. Despite standalone ac or dc microgrids, sharing the power between ac and dc microgrid cannot be achieved by the conventional droop methods. During the islanding operation, the IC at the same time takes the role of supplier to one microgrid and acts as a load to the other microgrid and shares the power demand between the existing sources. Another challenge is that since the generated power in each microgrid is limited, the power management system should share the power demand between the existing ac and dc sources. Therefore, a specified droop method is needed to coordinate power flows and to cover acceptable power sharing. In [16] hierarchical control method that is applied in ac power systems for power dispatching is modified for controlling ac and dc microgrids. The major focus in this study is to implement the hierarchical control scheme for each microgrid individually. However, the operation of the interfacing converters between ac and dc buses is not included. Autonomous operation of such hybrid microgrid is followed in and extended in [19] by integrating an energy storage system to the dc microgrid. A droop control scheme is developed for controlling the interlinking converters using a normalized bidirectional droop. A common per-unit range is defined and the droop characteristics of ac and dc microgrids are mapped to common axes for bidirectional power sharing. The strategy is to maintain the per-unit values of the voltage at dc side and the frequency at ac side the same. By this control strategy the demanded load either in ac or dc microgrids can be shared among the whole microgrid sources. However, it causes almost continuous operation of the interlinking converter for any load variations that will result in more power loss in the converter. In order to reduce this operating losses, [20] proposes to progressively tune the energy flow between the ac and dc parts using energy storage. This paper proposes a two-stage modified droop method for the bidirectional power control of the IC during different operation modes of the hybrid ac/dc microgrid. By measuring the ac microgrid frequency and the dc microgrid voltage and

using proposed droop characteristic, the power management strategy provides the power reference for the IC. Through this control strategy, the two microgrids can be treated as a unified microgrid in which the demanded load power can be shared between the existing energy sources in this hybrid microgrid. Therefore, the installed power reserve can support the two microgrids commonly and it allows reduced amount of reserve power for each microgrid. This paper is organized as follows. In Section II, the hybrid ac/dc microgrid structure and operation modes are described. Droop control strategy for individual ac microgrids and dc microgrids is explained in Section III. Operating states of the hybrid microgrid and the proposed IC control during islanding are discussed in Section IV. Section V covers the modeling and small signal stability of the hybrid microgrid. In Section VI, the performance of the proposed control strategy is demonstrated through time-domain simulations; and finally the conclusion is given in Section VII.

## II. SYSTEM STRUCTURE AND OPERATION MODES

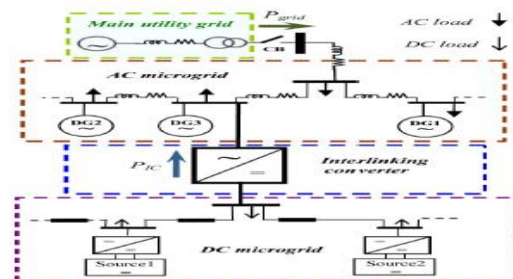


Fig.1. A typical hybrid ac/dc microgrid.

A simple hybrid ac/dc microgrid is shown in Fig. 1. It has an ac microgrid with conventional DG sources, a dc microgrid with two dc type sources and an IC links the two microgrid together. Ac microgrid has its loads and dc microgrid also has its loads. The loads have been shown with arrows Marks. In grid connected mode Microgrid is connected to the main utility grid through the ac microgrid. we can operate grids either in Islanding mode or grid connected mode. In the grid-connected operation mode of the hybrid microgrid, the ac microgrid dynamics are governed

directly by the main utility grid and the IC primarily regulates the dc microgrid voltage and controls the power balance. In this operating condition the dc sources can be made to generate a constant power or can operate in maximum power point from the renewable energy sources. In the islanding mode, and during light loading of the dc grid, the demanded power is shared among the dc sources using the  $P$ - $V_{dc}$  droop characteristics. When over-loading happens in the dc part, the interlinking converter will also participate to share the load using the proposed ac-dc droop control. The performance of the hybrid ac/dc microgrid is described in both of these modes.

## A. Grid-Connected Mode

When the hybrid ac/dc microgrid is connected to the main utility grid, DG sources in the ac microgrid are made to provide a either specified real/reactive power, or act as terminal voltage regulator with a specified amount of active power and variable reactive power. Similarly, in dc microgrid, DG sources would be controlled to provide a specified active power. However, the utility grid is still responsible for voltage support and power balance through the IC. According to Fig. 1 and neglecting the power losses, this mode can be described,

$$\text{dc microgrid : } P_{IC}^* = \sum_i P_{dc,i}^{load} + P_{dc}^{loss} - \sum_i P_{dc,i} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{ac microgrid : } P_{grid}^* = \sum_i P_{ac,i}^{load} + P_{ac}^{loss} + P_{IC}^* - \sum_i P_{ac,i} \quad (2)$$

In this case the renewable energy sources in the microgrid can be operated in maximum power point, energy storages can be charged and non-renewable sources can be managed. For Example for peak shaving purposes, loss reduction or economical goals [4]. These power management

studies have been studied in dc microgrids [7], [8] and it is not intended to be followed in this paper.

## B. Islanding Mode

The challenging situation among two is the islanding operation ac/dc microgrid. In this mode, the total load

demand should be shared and managed autonomously by the existing DGs in the two microgrids, which involves rapid and flexible active/reactive power control strategies to minimize the microgrid dynamics. A proper load shedding strategy is also needed in case of short in locally generated power in order to maintain the stability of the system [7]. This paper adopts decentralized control strategies based on droop control to manage the power sharing among ac sources as well as dc sources, and between the ac and dc microgrid. For judging the performance of ac/dc microgrid among different operating conditions, four are considered in the islanding mode, as follows: Islanding state I: This operation state corresponds to the islanding operation of hybrid ac/dc microgrid during light load condition in both grids. The DGs in each micro-grid will maintain its power to meet the load requirement. In this state, the IC halts transferring power either from one microgrid to other microgrid. This state is expressed by,

$$P_{IC}^* = P_{grid}^* = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{dc microgrid : } \sum_i P_{dc,i}^{load} \leq \sum_i P_{dc,i} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{ac microgrid : } \sum_i P_{ac,i}^{load} \leq \sum_i P_{ac,i} \quad (5)$$

Islanding state II: This state represents the case where the power in ac microgrid is deficient for its load demand but there is surplus power in the dc microgrid. Therefore, the deficit power for ac microgrid should be supplied by dc sources through the IC from. In this state we have,

$$\text{dc microgrid : } \sum_i P_{dc,i}^{load} < \sum_i P_{dc,i} \quad (6)$$

$$\text{ac microgrid : } \sum_i P_{ac,i}^{load} > \sum_i P_{ac,i} \quad (7)$$

$$P_{grid}^* = 0, P_{IC}^* = \sum_i P_{ac,i} - \sum_i P_{ac,i}^{load} - P_{ac}^{loss} \quad (8)$$

Islanding state III: This state is as same as state II, but the power deficit occurs in the dc microgrid and the ac microgrid in light load condition. Therefore, the ac sources supply the needed power for dc microgrid. In this case,

$$\text{dc microgrid : } \sum_i P_{dc,i}^{load} > \sum_i P_{dc,i} \quad (9)$$

$$\text{ac microgrid : } \sum_i P_{ac,i}^{load} < \sum_i P_{ac,i} \quad (10)$$

$$P_{grid}^* = 0, P_{IC}^* = \sum_i P_{dc,i} - \sum_i P_{dc,i}^{load} - P_{dc}^{loss} \quad (11)$$

Islanding state IV: This state corresponds to load demand in both microgrid are greater than the maximum available sources capacity. In this state, the IC stops transferring power and a proper load shedding strategy must be run to stabilize the grids. This state is described by,

$$P_{IC}^* = P_{grid}^* = 0 \quad (12)$$

$$\text{dc microgrid : } \sum_i P_{dc,i}^{load} \geq \sum_i P_{dc,i} \quad (13)$$

$$\text{ac microgrid : } \sum_i P_{ac,i}^{load} \geq \sum_i P_{ac,i} \quad (14)$$

### III. DROOP CONTROL STRATEGY FOR AC AND DC MICROGRIDS

#### A. Controlling DGS in the AC Microgrid

Power management using droop control is presently well recognized in ac microgrids. Real power generation of a DG is specified based on

frequency-droop ( $\omega$ -P) characteristic [4]. The idea behind this control is to improve the active power generation of DGs when frequency of system decreases. As same as this, for reactive power management voltage-droop (V-P) characteristics have been exploited.  $\omega$ -P and V-P characteristics could be described mathematically by

$$P^{ref} = -\frac{1}{k_{ac}}(\omega^0 - \omega) + P^0 \quad (15)$$

$$Q^{ref} = -\frac{1}{k_q}(V^0 - V) + Q^0 \quad (16)$$

$$k_{p,ac} = -\frac{\omega^{max} - \omega^{min}}{P^{max}} \quad (17)$$

$$k_{q,ac} = -\frac{V^{max} - V^{min}}{Q^{max}} \quad (18)$$

As the reactive power is determined based on deviations in the bus voltage. Therefore, the DG source acts in response to the measured local voltage deviations caused by either the system or the local load.

By this power control method, during the grid-connected mode where the frequency of the system is fixed, real power generation of the DG is controlled by  $P^0$ .

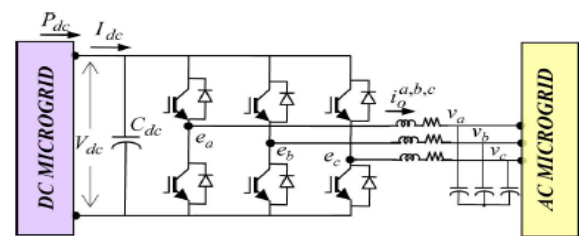


Fig.2. Configuration of the IC interfacing ac and dc microgrids.

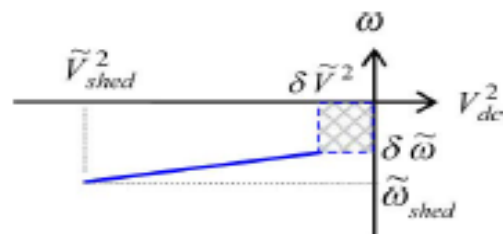


Fig.3. Proposed ac-dc droop characteristic.

**B. Controlling DGs in DC Microgrid**

Alternatively, to share the power among dg sources, voltage-droop ( $V_{dc} - P$ ) control method is used. In general  $V_{dc} - P$  droop characteristics can be expressed by

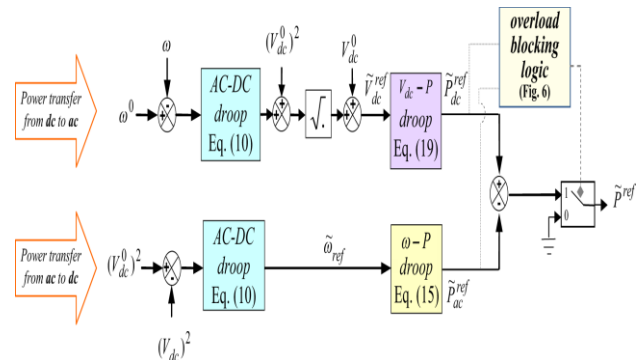
$$P_{dc}^{ref} = -\frac{1}{k_{dc}}(V_{dc}^0 - V_{dc}) + P_{dc}^0 \quad (19)$$

$$k_{p,dc} = -\frac{V_{dc}^{max} - V_{dc}^{min}}{P_{dc}^{max}} \quad (20)$$

**IV. PROPOSED IC CONTROL FOR ISLANDING OPERATION**

In addition to adopting the power sharing strategies for the standalone dc or ac microgrids, it is required to develop a proper control strategy for the IC to share the demanded power between these two microgrids. However, the power management for the IC control is different from standalone ac or dc microgrids control strategies. Moreover the IC is expected to manage a bi-directional flow of power between the ac and dc microgrids. In addition the IC should cooperate in power sharing between the energy sources in both microgrids which are having dissimilar droop characteristics. These challenging can be handled by exploiting a proper control strategy for the IC to transfer the required power between the microgrids. The following decentralized control strategy is adopted for this purpose.

The power management should be able to determine the amount of active power that the IC must transfer between the microgrid. In order to provide the power reference command, the dc bus voltage of the IC and the frequency of the ac microgrid are utilized as input to the power management system. By using these two the power that has to be transferred between microgrid will be determined. and negative sign is used to represent the power transfer from dc to ac. Considering Fig. 2, the electrical energy stored in the dc capacitor is,



$$W_{dc} = \frac{1}{2} C_{dc} V_{dc}^2 \quad (21)$$

When switching losses in the converter are assumed to be neglected  $P_{dc} = P_{ac}$ , the dynamics in the dc capacitor energy is the difference of power transfer between ac and dc microgrids. Therefore,

$$\frac{d}{dt} W_{dc} = \frac{1}{2} C_{dc} \frac{d}{dt} (V_{dc}^2) = P_{dc} - P_{ac} = \Delta P \quad (22)$$

On the other side, considering the  $\omega - P$  characteristic in the ac microgrid,

$$\Delta \omega = \omega^0 - \omega = k_{\omega} \Delta P \quad (23)$$

According to (22) and (23), using the forward Euler approximation with sampling period ( $T_c$ ) [22] and assuming that the microgrid frequency is constant in this interval, a new droop characteristic for the IC called “ac-dc droop” is defined as,

$$(\omega_0 - \omega) = \tilde{k}_{\omega} \left( (V_{dc}^0)^2 - (V_{dc})^2 \right), \tilde{k}_{\omega} = k_{\omega} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} \frac{C_{dc}}{T_s} \right) \quad (24)$$

The “ac-dc droop” characteristics are shown in Fig. 3.  $\delta\omega$  and  $\delta V_{dc}$  are the dead zone bands for the allowable variation of angular frequency and dc voltage, respectively. This zone is utilized in the proposed “ac-dc droop” in order to prevent any power transfer in light load operation of individual micro grids. During such operation condition the generating units in each microgrid will regulate the generated power to supply the corresponding micro grid load using the relevant  $V_{dc} - P$  or  $\omega - P$  droop characteristics.  $V_{dc}^{shed}$  and  $\omega^{shed}$  are respectively the minimum dc voltage and ac microgrid frequency

drop in dc and ac micro grids that the system is supposed to undergo load shedding.

Furthermore, since the IC is not the mere frequency or dc voltage controller in the hybrid ac/dc microgrid, it is necessary to participate in power sharing between ac and dc sources. To implement this scheme, the output of the ac-dc droop is fed to the  $V_{dc}$ -P and  $\omega$ -P droops of the IC. It is necessary to mention that since positive sign for power transfer in the IC is considered to be from dc to ac, the power for  $V_{dc}$ -P droop should be regarded with negative sign. Finally, according to  $\bar{V}_{dc}^{ref}$  and  $\bar{\omega}^{ref}$  the amount of power to be transferred via the IC is determined by the two reference power calculated through these two loops. A schematic block diagram of the proposed power management strategy for the IC is depicted in Fig. 4. The impact of the proposed droop control for the IC on the power sharing of sources in each microgrid is illustrated within two load increase scenarios in each microgrid,

1) In the first scenario it is assumed that the dc microgrid is near overloading and there is excess power in the ac microgrid. Upon increasing the load in the dc microgrid, the dc voltage will accordingly decrease. If the voltage drop is beyond  $\delta V$ , referring to the proposed ac-dc droop (Fig. 3) this voltage deviation produces a new reference angular frequency  $\bar{\omega}^{ref}$ . This  $\bar{\omega}^{ref}$  will then determine the reference power for the IC power controller using the conventional  $\omega$ -P droop. This is the amount of power to be transferred from ac to dc microgrid. Therefore, the IC treats as a source for the dc microgrid and partly restores the voltage of the dc microgrid. On the other hand, the IC takes the roll of a load for the ac microgrid and increases the power generation of the ac sources.

2) The other scenario happens when the ac microgrid is near overloading. When the ac load increases again, causes the frequency to decrease below  $\delta\omega$ . Referring to the proposed ac-dc droop a new reference voltage  $v_{dc}$  reference is

presented. This  $v_{dc}$  ref is actual dc bus voltage of the dc microgrid. Finally, by using the droop the required power to be transferred to the  $V_{dc}$ -P dc microgrid is determined. Therefore, according to these two scenarios whenever the load increases in one of the microgrids, the “ac-dc droop” characteristic relates the ac and dc microgrids using the dc link performance and the equivalent frequency droop characteristic of the ac micro-grid. Will be determined by using the below mentioned equation.

$$\Delta P = k_{\omega} \Delta\omega, k_{\omega} = \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{R_n} \right) + D \quad (25)$$

By this power management strategy the response of IC in different islanding states is as follows:

Islanding state I: Throughout this state,  $\Delta\omega < \delta\omega$  and  $\Delta V_{dc}^2 < \delta V^2$  therefore the output of “ac-dc droop” is

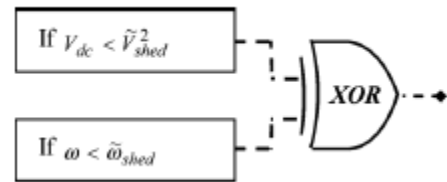


Fig.5. Overload blocking logic for real power controller of the IC.

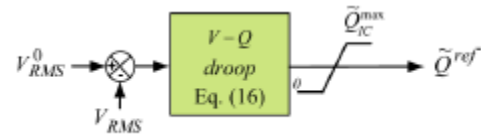


Fig.6. Reactive power controller for the IC.

$\bar{V}_{dc}^{ref} = V_{dc}^0$  For dc micro grid and  $\bar{\omega}^{ref} = \omega_0$  for ac microgrid. Consequently,  $\bar{P}^{ref} = 0$  and IC transfers no power.

Islanding state II: In this state  $\Delta V_{dc}^2 < \delta V^2$  but  $\Delta\omega < \delta\omega$ . Therefore,  $\bar{P}^{ref} = -\bar{P}_{dc}^{ref}$  and IC supplies power to the ac microgrid.

Islanding state III: In this state  $\Delta\omega < \delta\omega$  but  $\Delta V_{dc}^2 < \delta V^2$  therefore, and IC supplies power to the dc microgrid.

Islanding state IV: During this state,  $\omega < \bar{\omega}_{shed}$  and  $\Delta V_{dc}^2 < \delta V^2_{shed}$ . In order to block the IC for any power transfer, an overload blocking logic shown in Fig. 5, is added at the output the proposed droop control in which by using an “EXCLUSIVE OR(XOR)” logic, whenever both microgrids enter overloading the IC is blocked and no power will transfer.

The reactive power control of the IC is more straightforward since there is no reactive power in dc microgrid and the IC is designated to play as a voltage support in droop-control mode to share the reactive power with other DGs in ac microgrid. The reactive power sharing is based on the conventional droop shown in Fig. 6, the local RMS voltage is measured and using the droop, the  $V-Q$  reactive power reference is determined. Since the active power transfer is the prime task of the IC, a dynamic reactive power limit is added to the control block to consider the capacity limit of the IC. The reactive limit is defined as,

$$\bar{Q}_{IC}^{\max} = \sqrt{(S_{IC}^{\max})^2 - P_{IC}^2} \quad (26)$$

Finally, a current control scheme [23] is utilized in IC control for tracking the reference active/reactive power calculated by the power management system.

## V. MODELING AND SMALL SIGNAL STABILITY ANALYSIS

Section IV describes the proposed droop method for the IC in the hybrid AC/DC microgrid. This section investigates a small signal analysis for the hybrid microgrid to analyze the stability of the system. In order to reduce system equations and for the better analysis of the proposed droop controller, the dc sources and their individual droops are aggregated to form one combined dc

source. This is also done for ac sources, dc and ac loads as well. Therefore the hybrid microgrid shown in Fig. 1 is simplified from the perspective of IC, as shown in Fig. 7. Furthermore, as discussed in Section II, different scenarios can be considered for the operation of the hybrid microgrid, but for the stability analysis only the worst case condition is considered which is the islanding states II and III defined in Section II.

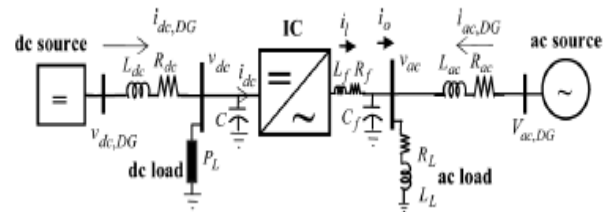


Fig.7. Simplified equivalent model of the hybrid microgrid.

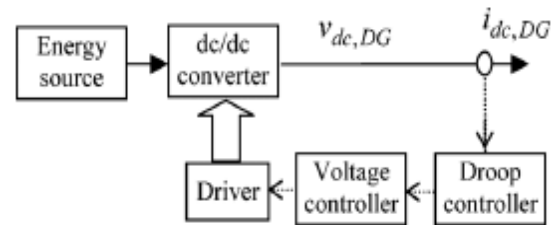


Fig.8. Block diagram of the dc source.

### A. DC Micro grid Modeling

The dc microgrid comprised of sources, loads and the dc network. Components modeling are discussed in the following subsections.

#### 1) DC Source Modeling:

The block diagram of a dc source is shown in Fig. 8. By measuring the output current of the dc source and using the droop controller, the reference voltage value for the voltage controller of the dc/dc converter is determined. Since the voltage controller are much faster than the droop controller [25] and in order to reduce the system equations, the fast dynamics are neglected and the dc/dc converter is assumed to be a controllable voltage source. This means that the voltage



controller can exactly follow the reference voltage and consequently the output voltage is equal to its reference value. The droop equation for the dc source is,

$$v_{dc,DG} = \frac{1}{R_{dc}} i_{dc,DG} + v_{dc,DG}^0 \quad (27)$$

Linearizing (26) by using small-signal approximation leads to, The represents the small-signal perturbation of the corresponding parameter.

### 2) DC Load Model:

The majority of loads in the dc microgrid utilize power electronic converters for grid connection since these converters are generally tightly regulated; these loads behave as a constant power load (CPL) [26]. Therefore, the CPL load model is considered for stability analysis. As shown in [26], the small signal model of CPL can be expressed by a negative resistance, as given by

$$\hat{i}_{L,dc} = g_L \cdot \hat{v}_{L,dc}$$

$$g_L = -\frac{P_L}{V_{L,dc}^2} \quad (29)$$

### 3) DC Network Model:

The dc network is equivalently modeled as a series combination of resistance and reactance as shown in Fig. 7 The network equation can be represented as follows,

$$\hat{v}_{dc} = L_{dc} \frac{d\hat{i}_{dc,DG}}{dt} + R_{dc} \hat{i}_{dc,DG} \quad (30)$$

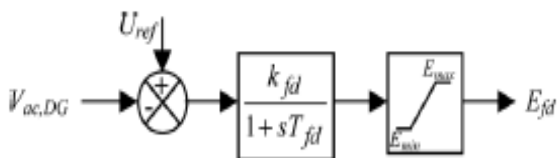


Fig.9. Excitation system model of synchronous generator.

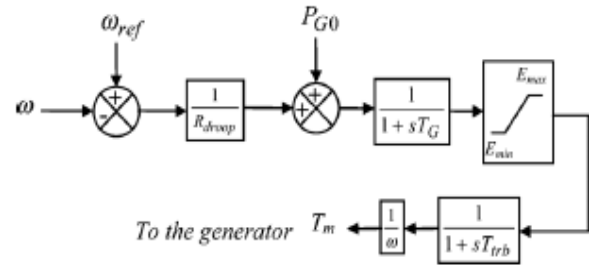


Fig.10. Governor and turbine model of synchronous generator.

## B. Ac Micro grid Modeling

Similar to dc micro grid, the ac micro grid is also consists of ac sources, ac loads and the ac network, as shown in Fig. 7. The aggregated ac source is a two-pole, three-phase synchronous machine, equipped with excitation and governor systems. Detailed small signal modeling of the synchronous machine is fully considered in [27] and for the sake of brevity this is not presented here. A first-order excitation system is used for terminal voltage control, as shown in Fig. 9. The equation of this system is,

$$\dot{E}_{fd} = \frac{k_{fd}}{T_{fd}} (U_{ref} - E_t) - E_{fd} \quad (31)$$

Two first-order governor and turbine are adapted to control the frequency, as shown in Fig. 10.

The small signal state space model of the load and the ac network are,

$$\frac{d\hat{i}_{L,ac}^d}{dt} = -\frac{R_L}{L_L}\hat{i}_{L,ac}^d + \omega\hat{i}_{L,ac}^q + \frac{1}{L_L}\hat{v}_{ac}^d \quad (32)$$

$$\frac{d\hat{i}_{L,ac}^q}{dt} = -\frac{R_L}{L_L}\hat{i}_{L,ac}^q - \omega\hat{i}_{L,ac}^d + \frac{1}{L_L}\hat{v}_{ac}^q \quad (33)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\hat{i}_{ac,DG}^d}{dt} &= -\frac{R_{ac}}{L_{ac}}\hat{i}_{ac,DG}^d + \omega\hat{i}_{ac,DG}^q \\ &+ \frac{1}{L_{ac}}(\hat{v}_{ac}^d - \hat{v}_{ac,DG}^d) \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\hat{i}_{ac,DG}^q}{dt} &= -\frac{R_{ac}}{L_{ac}}\hat{i}_{ac,DG}^q - \omega\hat{i}_{ac,DG}^d \\ &+ \frac{1}{L_{ac}}(\hat{v}_{ac}^q - \hat{v}_{ac,DG}^q). \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

### C. IC Modeling

Fig. 11 shows the control block diagram of the IC in  $d$ - $q$ reference frame. The real power reference is determined according to the proposed droop shown in Fig. 4. The active power control loop generates the reference current  $i^d$  using PI controller. The current control loop measures the output currents and controls the converter to follow the reference value using PI controller.

The droop characteristics for active power shown in Fig. 4 can be expressed by,

$$(\omega_0 - \omega) = \bar{k}_\omega \left( (V_{dc,DG}^0)^2 - (v_{dc,DG})^2 \right) \quad (36)$$

This equation is being used to determine the reference frequency for generating required active power output for ac microgrid and voltage for generating required dc microgrid using droop characteristic constant. Their the difference between reference speed and actual speed is used in determining the required voltage and reference voltage and actual voltage are used in determining the required frequency. The control block diagram is shown in Fig. 11.

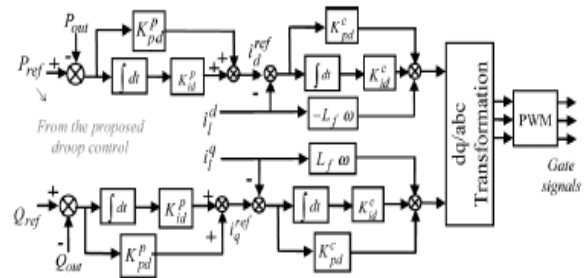


Fig.11. Control block diagram of the IC.

$$P_{ac}^{ref} = k_{ac}(\omega_{ref} - \omega) \quad (37)$$

$$P_{dc}^{ref} = k_{dc}(V_{dc,DG}^{ref} - v_{dc,DG}). \quad (38)$$

Combining (35) and (36), the reference power for the ac microgrid is,

$$P_{ac}^{ref} = k_{ac} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{k_\omega} (v_{dc,DG}^2 - V_{dc,DG}^0{}^2) + \omega_0 \right) - \omega \right]. \quad (39)$$

The linearized model of the proposed droop for the ac microgrid can be obtained as,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{P}_{ac}^{ref} &= \alpha_{ac} \hat{v}_{dc,DG} - k_{ac} \hat{\omega} \\ \alpha_{ac} &= 2 \frac{k_{ac}}{k_\omega} V_{dc,DG} \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

Where  $V_{dc}$  is the dc-bus voltage at the operating point. Similarly, the linearized reference power for the dc microgrid can be expressed by,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{P}_{dc}^{ref} &= \alpha_{dc} \hat{v}_{dc,DG} - k_{dc} \hat{\omega} \\ \alpha_{dc} &= -\frac{k_{dc} \bar{k}_\omega}{2\sqrt{\omega_0}} V_{dc,DG}. \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

A conventional PLL [28] is used for estimating the system angular frequency,  $\omega$ . The linearized model of the PLL is represented by,

$$\dot{\hat{\omega}} = -K_{pll} K_{p\omega} \hat{\omega} - K_{pll} K_{i\omega} m_q \hat{v}_{ac}^q - K_{pll} K_{i\omega} m_d \hat{v}_{ac}^d. \quad (42)$$

The parameters are defined in [28].

The linearized model of real power controller derived from Fig. 11 is [4]

$$\dot{\hat{\phi}}_{id} = \hat{P}_{ref} - \hat{P}_{out} \quad (43)$$

$$\hat{i}_d^{ref} = K_{id}^p \hat{\phi}_{id} + K_{pd}^p (\hat{P}_{ref} - \hat{P}_{out}). \quad (44)$$

$\hat{P}_{out}$  Is represented by the linearized equation of the instantaneous real power in the  $d$ - $q$  frame as,

Finally, the reference voltage for the PWM switching is followed by the current controller according to the reference current. The corresponding small-signal state space equation of the current controller is,

$$\dot{\hat{\phi}}_{vd} = \hat{i}_d^{ref} - \hat{i}_l^d \quad (46)$$

$$\hat{v}_d^{ref} = K_{pd}^c (\hat{i}_d^{ref} - \hat{i}_l^d) + K_{id}^c \hat{\phi} - \hat{\omega} L_f \hat{i}_l^d. \quad (47)$$

Since the dc bus voltage in the IC is not fixed, the switching process should also be considered for stability analysis.

TABLE I  
POWER FLOW IN EACH OPERATING CASE

	Case I	Case II
Ac source generation (kW)	645	624
Dc source generation (kW)	440	461
IC power transfer (kW)	-55 (ac to dc)	-33 (ac to dc)
Dc load (kW)	490	490
Ac load (kW)	580	580
$k_\omega$ ((rad/s)/kW)	12	20

TABLE II  
TWO DOMINATING OPERATING MODES

	Case I	Case II
Mode 1	-0.074 ± j8.75	-0.054 ± j8.68
Mode 2	-1.36 ± j 3.2	-1.43 ± j 3.1

Therefore, the converter and its output filter small signal model can be represented by [29],

$$\frac{d\hat{i}_o^d}{dt} = -\frac{R_f}{L_f} \hat{i}_o^d + \omega \hat{i}_o^q + \frac{1}{L_f} \hat{v}_{ac}^d - V_{dc} \hat{d}_d - \hat{v}_{dc} D_d \quad (48)$$

$$\frac{d\hat{i}_o^q}{dt} = -\frac{R_f}{L_f} \hat{i}_o^q - \omega \hat{i}_o^d + \frac{1}{L_f} \hat{v}_{ac}^q - V_{dc} \hat{d}_q - \hat{v}_{dc} D_q \quad (49)$$

$$C \frac{d\hat{v}_{dc}}{dt} = \frac{3}{2} (\hat{d}_d I_l^d + \hat{d}_q I_l^q + D_d \hat{i}_l^d + D_q \hat{i}_l^q) - \hat{i}_{dc} \quad (50)$$

$$\frac{d\hat{v}_{ac}^d}{dt} = \omega \hat{v}_{ac}^q + \frac{1}{C_f} \hat{i}_l^d - \frac{1}{C_f} \hat{i}_o^d \quad (51)$$

$$\frac{d\hat{v}_{ac}^q}{dt} = -\omega \hat{v}_{ac}^d + \frac{1}{C_f} \hat{i}_l^q - \frac{1}{C_f} \hat{i}_o^q. \quad (52)$$

The small signal model of the hybrid ac/dc microgrid is developed by combining the state-space representation of each subsystem transferred to a global reference frame and the state-space model of the dc microgrid.

## D. Small Signal Analysis

The linearized model of the hybrid microgrid is used to study the small signal dynamics of the microgrid during autonomous mode of operation. Based on the system model and corresponding parameters, the two dominating modes are:

Mode 1: Electromechanical mode of ac source which is selected as a gas-fired turbine-generator

Mode 2: Related to the droop gain of the IC which is the function of  $k_{dc}$ ,  $k_{ac}$ ,  $k_\omega$ .

The dominant modes are identified for two operating cases shown in Table I. The first case corresponds to the power transfer from the ac to dc microgrid with  $k_\omega = 12$  (this corresponds to the value for the proportional power sharing between the sources [4]) and the second relates to the power transfer with  $k_\omega = 20$ .

The corresponding modes are shown in Table II. It is found that by increasing the ac-dc droop gain, the

amount of power participation for the ac source decreases which increases the ac source damping (dominating mode). The same result can be deduced for the power transfer from dc microgrid to ac microgrid as well, in which increasing the ac-dc droop gain results in the greater participation of dc sources in the power sharing and increases the dominating mode damping.

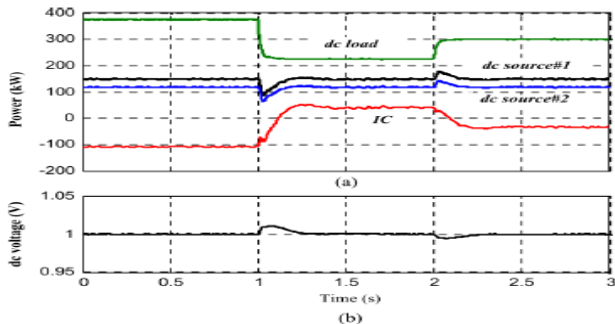


Fig.12. Simulation results for Case 1.

## VI. CASE STUDIES AND SIMULATION RESULTS

In order to validate the proposed power management control, a hybrid ac/dc microgrid is simulated in matlab/simulink using detailed switching model for the converters. Considering the schematic diagram of Fig. 1, the ac microgrid includes two gas-fired DG units with synchronous generators, excitation and governor control systems. Furthermore, the dc microgrid contains two dispatchable dc sources. System parameters are presented in Appendix. Different operating scenarios, configuration of loads and generation are considered in the simulations in order to validate the performance of the proposed power management method in controlling the IC in the hybrid ac/dc microgrid and sharing the power between the ac and dc microgrids.

### A. Case 1

In this case, the hybrid ac/dc microgrid is supposed to be connected to the main utility grid. At first, dc sources generate a fixed power, a portion of the

demand load is supplied by the local sources in dc microgrid and the insufficient power is provided through the IC. At  $t=1$ s, a large portion of the dc load switches off and the dc power generation is more than the load demand. The IC moves to the inverting mode and feeds the surplus power to the ac grid. Similarly, at  $t=2$ s dc load increases and approximately matches the generated dc power. The IC power, dc load and the generated power of the dc sources along with dc-bus voltage are shown in Fig. 12.

### B. Case 2

This case simulates the hybrid ac/dc microgrid operation in transition from grid-connected mode to islanding mode. Before islanding occurs, the dc microgrid is in light load condition and feeds the surplus power to the ac grid. At  $t=1$ s the microgrid is disconnected from the main grid, and the islanding event is detected by the IC at  $t=1.06$ s. A 60 ms delay is assumed for typical islanding detection methods [31]. The IC control strategy is changed from the grid-connected to the proposed control strategy for islanding control of the hybrid ac/dc microgrid. The demanded ac load is greater than the generated power in the ac microgrid and causes the frequency drop. In order to balance the power, the IC controller shares the surplus power in the dc microgrid with the ac sources in the ac microgrid. During the islanding operation at  $t=2$ s the ac load is increased further and this causes the IC to transfer more power from the dc to ac microgrid. Simulation results are shown in Fig. 13.

### C. Case 3

Similar to case 2, this case also deals with the situation of transition from the grid-connected into the islanding mode but, despite case 2 in this case the ac microgrid is operated in light load condition and the dc microgrid is overloaded. At  $t=1$ s the microgrid is disconnected from the main grid, and since the dc load power is greater than the rated power of the dc sources, causes dc voltage-drop. In

order to balance the power, the ICcontroller shares the surplus power in the ac microgrid with thedc sources in the dc microgrid. During the islanding operationat $t=2$ s the dc load is increased further and this causes the ICto transfer more power from the ac to the dc microgrid. Simulationresults are shown in Fig. 14.

### D. Case 4

In order to evaluate the performance of the proposed controlstrategy in different load profiles during the islanding operation,the islanded hybrid ac/dc microgrid is simulated in case 4. Thetwo microgrids are initially operating in light load condition the IC transfers no power.

At $t=1$  s aload increase happens in the ac microgrid in which the power demandis greater than available ac generation, the IC detects the frequency drop and calculates the required power to be transferredfrom dc to ac microgrid ( $P_{dc}^{req}$ ) and shares this power demandbetween sources. Then at $t=2$  s again the load decreases and the ac microgrid enters the light load condition. After thatat $t=3$  s dc load is increased and the IC detects the voltage drop and calculates the required power to be fed to dc microgrid ( $P_{dc}^{req}$ ) and shares this power demanded between sources. Simulationresults are shown in Fig. 15.

TABLE III  
STEADY-STATE OPERATING CONDITIONS OF SOURCES IN CASE 2

	$t=1-3$ sec	$t=3-5$ sec
<b>Total load (kW)</b>	1000	1150
<b>ac source #1 (kW)</b>	390	450
<b>ac source #2 (kW)</b>	250	280
<b>dc source #1 (kW)</b>	210	255
<b>dc source #2 (kW)</b>	170	185

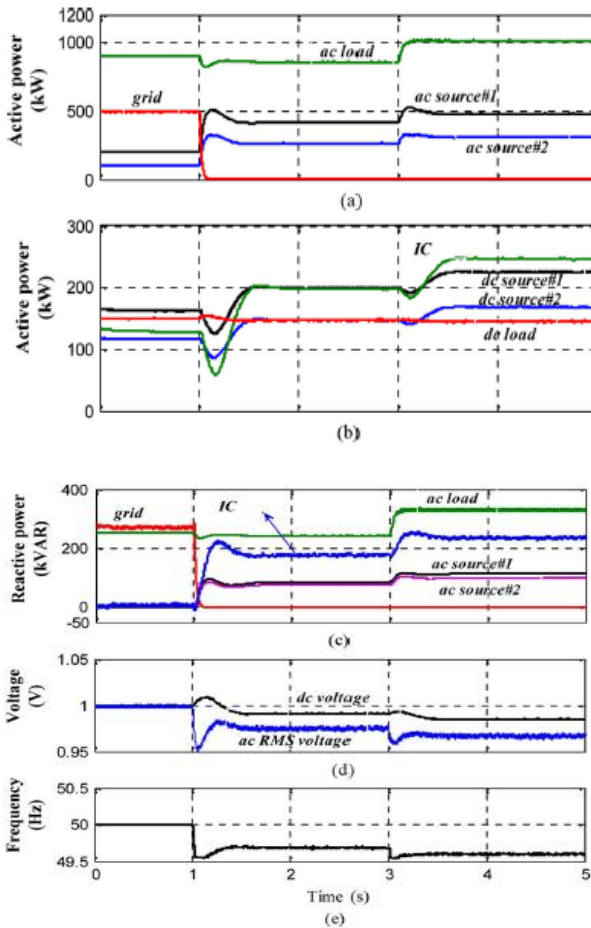


Fig.13. Simulation results for Case 2.

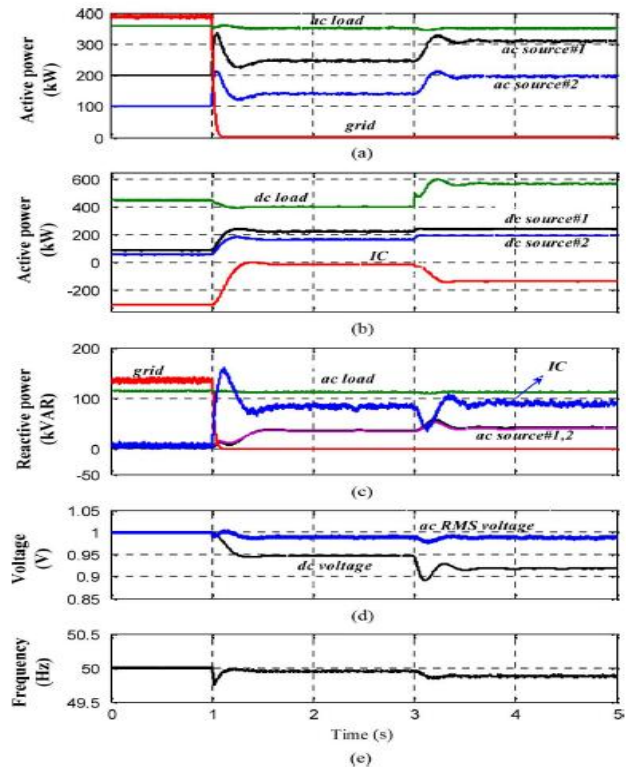


Fig.14. Simulation results for Case 3.

**TABLE IV**  
STEADY-STATE OPERATING CONDITIONS  
OF SOURCES IN CASE 3

	t= 1-3 sec	t= 3-5 sec
Total load (kW)	750	920
ac source #1 (kW)	230	320
ac source #2 (kW)	140	200
dc source #1 (kW)	215	220
dc source #2 (kW)	170	200

Summarized in Table V. It can be realized that the IC can reasonably manage the power sharing and avoids any instability during the autonomous operation of the hybrid microgrid.

### E. Case 5

It simulates the performance of the IC facing over load condition on both ac and dc microgrids. Both microgrids both ac microgrid and dc micro grid are primarily operating in light load condition. At  $t=1$  s the load power is increased from actual in the dc microgrid and causes overloading of the dc microgrid. In this condition the IC feeds the required power which is excess in ac microgrid. At  $t=2$  s the ac load is also increased and makes the ac microgrid overloaded. While both microgrids are over loaded, the IC transfers no power and each microgrid is responsible for the power management. Here both the grids are in overloaded condition. Due to power deficiency in both micro-

**TABLE V**  
STEADY-STATE OPERATING CONDITIONS  
OF SOURCES IN CASE 4

	t=0-1 sec	t= 1-2 sec	t= 2-3 sec	t= 3-4 sec
Total load (kW)	865	1060	865	1070
ac source #1 (kW)	330	390	340	400
ac source #2 (kW)	215	265	215	280
dc source #1 (kW)	190	245	185	230
dc source #2 (kW)	150	190	145	175

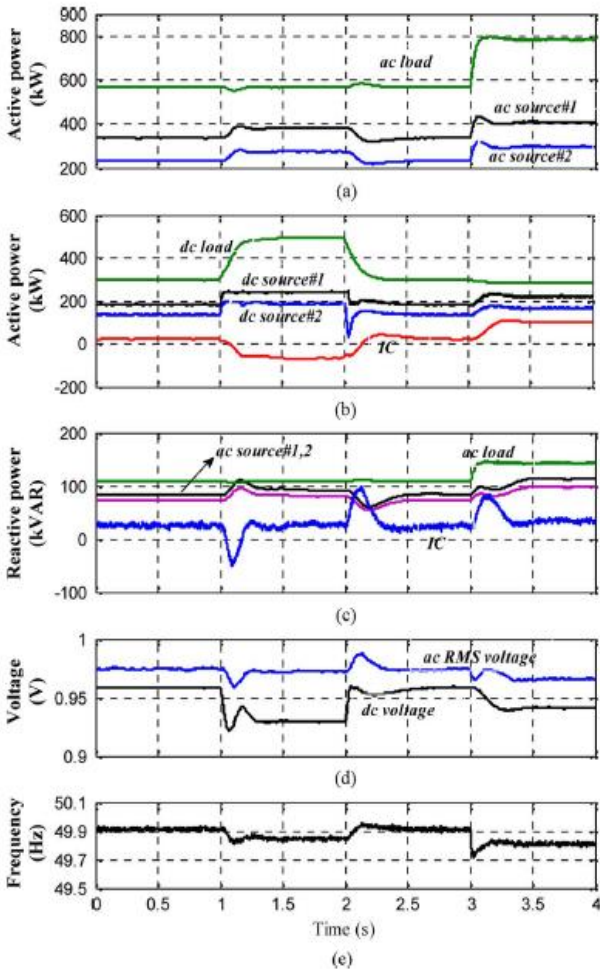


Fig.15. Simulation results for Case 4.

### F. Case 6

In this case the participation of the DC micro grid on the system frequency is studied by varying droop gain of the IC

## VII. CONCLUSION

A hybrid ac/dc microgrid is proposed and comprehensively studied in this paper. The models and coordination control schemes are proposed for all the converters to maintain stable system operation under various load and resource conditions. The coordinated control strategies are verified by Matlab/Simulink. In the proposed method since the PV system and the fuel cell stacks are cascaded, reliability in dc supply can be maintained during the nights also. Various control methods have been incorporated to harness the maximum power from dc and ac sources and to coordinate the power exchange between dc and ac grid. Different resource conditions and load capacities are tested to validate the control methods. The simulation results show that the hybrid grid can operate stably in the grid-tied or isolated mode. Stable ac and dc bus voltage can be guaranteed when the operating conditions or load capacities change in the two modes. The power is smoothly transferred when load condition changes. It is also difficult for companies to redesign their home and office products without the embedded ac/dc rectifiers although it is theoretically possible. Therefore, the hybrid grids may be implemented when some small customers want to install their own PV systems on the roofs and are willing to use LED lighting systems and EV charging systems.

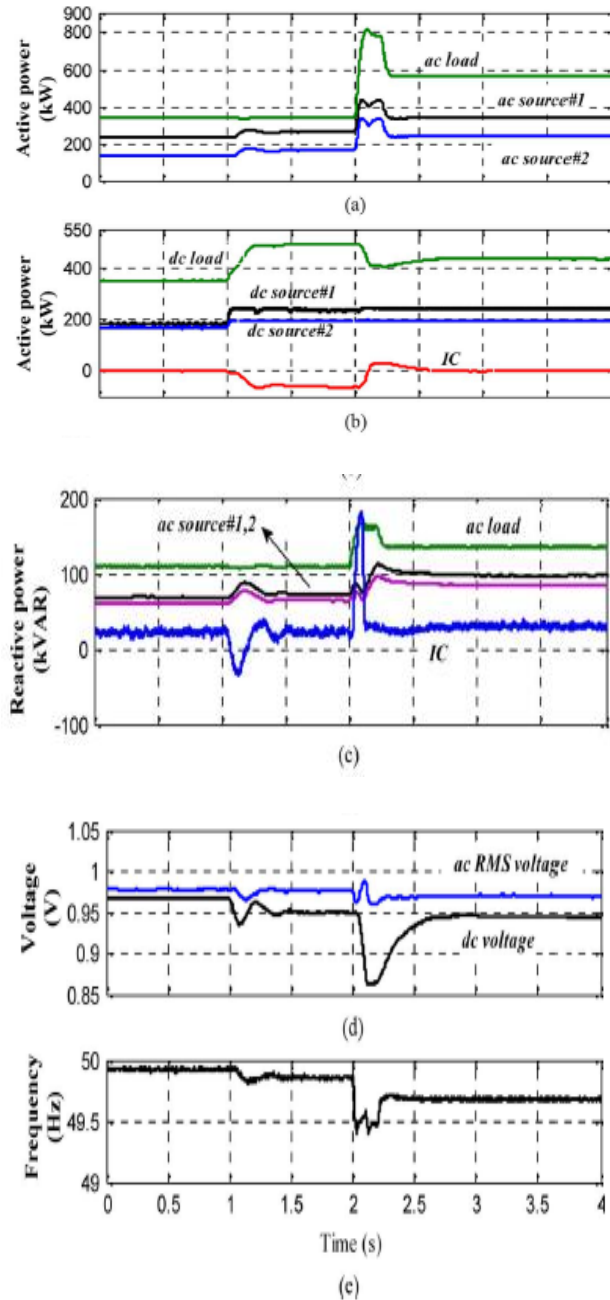


Fig.16. Simulation results for Case 5.

$(k_{\omega})$  For a similar load change in the ac microgrid. Simulation results are shown in Table VI. When  $k_{\omega}$  increases the participation of dc microgrid on the ac microgrid increases which results in smaller steady-state frequency deviation.

TABLE VI  
DC SOURCES PARAMETERS

	dc source 1	dc source 2
Rating (nominal)	300 (kW)	250 (kW)
$R_{dc}$	0.0013 (A/V)	0.0011 (A/V)

TABLE VII  
IC PARAMETERS.

	dc source 1
Rating (nominal)	300 (kVA)
DC voltage	1500 (V)
DC capacitance	5000 ( $\mu$ F)
Filter capacitance	2500 ( $\mu$ F)
Filter inductance	100 ( $\mu$ H)
$K_{dc}$	2 (kW/V)
$K_{ac}$	11.9 (kW/(rad/s))
$K_{\omega}$	11.45 (kW/(rad/s))

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