

Analysis of Hybrid Fuzzy Controlled Grid Connected PV/PEMFC/Battery Distributed Generation System

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Abstract: This concept proposes a method for operating a grid connected hybrid system. This system composed of a Photovoltaic (PV) array and a Proton exchange membrane fuel cell (PEMFC) is considered. As the variations occur in temperature and irradiation during power delivery to load, Photo voltaic (PV) system becomes uncontrollable. In coordination with PEMFC, the hybrid system output power becomes controllable. Two operation modes are the unit-power control (UPC) mode and the feeder-flow control (FFC) mode, can be applied to the hybrid system. All MPPT methods follow the same goal that is maximizing the PV system output power by tracking the maximum power on every operating condition. Maximum power point tracking technique (Incremental conductance) for photovoltaic systems was introduced to maximize the produced energy. The coordination of two control modes, coordination of the PV array and the PEMFC in the hybrid system, and determination of reference parameters are presented. The proposal operating strategy systems with a flexible operation mode change always operate the PV array at maximum output power and the PEMFC in its high efficiency performance band. Also thus improving the performance of system operation, enhancing system stability, and reducing the number of operating mode changes.

Index Terms—Fuel cell, Battery, Distributed generation, Photovoltaic Cell, Fuzzy Control.

I. INTRODUCTION

The penetration level of green and renewable energy sources/distributed generation units are expected to grow in the near future as there is a probability of rundown conventional fuels for power generation. The distributed generation is classified as renewable and non-renewable. The distributed generation sources such as Fuel cells, Wind and Solar energy are increasing daily due to increase in demand for electrical power [1]. These energy sources are environmental friendly, reduces transmission and distribution losses, peak load shaving, can be used as backup sources and etc. Fuel cell is a promising device as it is efficient, modular and can be placed at any site for improving system efficiency [2] but it has slow start-up response. Solar energy is an important

renewable energy source [3] but the intermittent nature of this technology is a major issue. The availability of energy is driven by weather and cell temperature but not on the loads of the systems. This technology can be labeled as intermittent and normally PV array uses a Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) technique to continuously deliver the highest power to the load when there are variations in irradiation and temperature [4]. Because of the intermittent nature of PV array it becomes an uncontrollable source. In order to overcome the drawbacks with the slow start-up of fuel cells and intermittent nature of PV cell a fuzzy controlled grid connected hybrid photovoltaic and proton exchange membrane fuel cell distributed generation system with battery as energy storage is proposed in this paper

II. SYSTEM MODELING

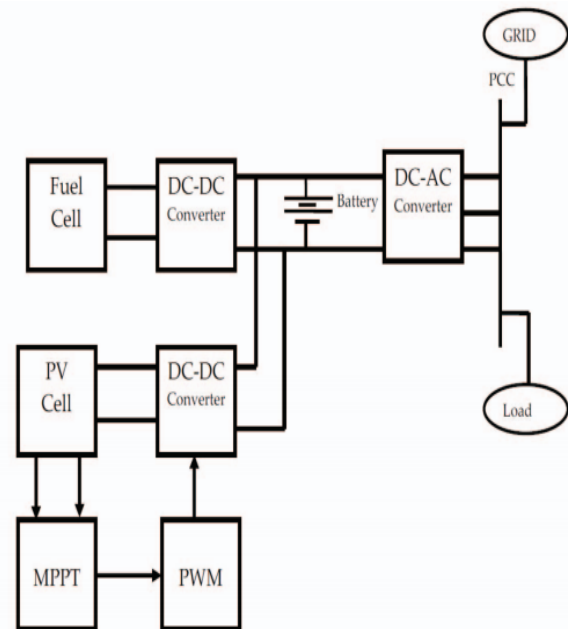


Fig-1 Block Diagram of Grid connected Hybrid system

The grid connected hybrid system consists of a PV/PEMFC/Battery hybrid source with the main grid connecting loads at the Point of Common Coupling (PCC) as shown in Figure.1. The PV/PEMFC/Battery and the dc–dc converters are connected on the common DC bus which is coupled at the dc side of a dc/ac inverter.

(i) Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cell Model

A fuel cell operates like a battery by converting the chemical energy into electrical energy, but it differs from a battery in that as long as the hydrogen and oxygen is supplied it will produce DC electricity continuously. Fuel cells play a vital role in distributed generation because of their advantages such as high efficiency, no pollutant gases and modular structure flexibility. The fuel cell voltage is described by a relationship given below [2]

$$E = E_{Nernst} - V_{act} - V_{ohm} - V_{conc} \tag{1}$$

Where E_{Nernst} is the “thermodynamic potential” of Nerst, which represents the reversible (or open-circuit) voltage of the fuel cell The performance of the fuel cell is affected by many parameters and one important parameter is reactant utilization, U_f [6] and is given by equation (2)

$$U_f = 1 - \frac{q_{H_2}^{out}}{q_{H_2}^{in}} = \frac{q_{H_2}^r}{q_{H_2}} = 2K_r I \tag{2}$$

The Nernst's equation and ohm's law determine the average voltage magnitude of the fuel cell stack and is given by equation (3)

$$V_{fc} = N_0 \left(E_0 + \frac{RT}{2F} \ln \left(\frac{P_{H_2} P_{O_2}^{0.5}}{P_{H_2O}} \right) - r I_{fc} \right) \tag{3}$$

where

N_0 is the number of fuel cells connected in series

E_0 is the reaction free energy voltage

R is the universal gas constant

T is the temperature

I_0 is the fuel cell stack current

P_{H_2} , P_{H_2O} , and P_{O_2} are the partial pressures of hydrogen, water and oxygen respectively.

q represents the molar flow

K_r is the Constant

$$P_{H_2} = -\frac{1}{t_{H_2}} \left(P_{H_2} + \frac{1}{K_{H_2}} (q_{H_2}^{in} - 2K_r I_{fc}) \right) \tag{4}$$

$$P_{H_2O} = -\frac{1}{t_{H_2O}} \left(P_{H_2O} + \frac{2}{K_{H_2O}} K_r I_{fc} \right) \tag{5}$$

$$P_{O_2} = -\frac{1}{t_{O_2}} \left(P_{O_2} + \frac{1}{K_{O_2}} (q_{O_2}^{in} - K_r I_{fc}) \right) \tag{6}$$

(ii). PV Model

The equivalent circuit shown in Fig (2) is a one diode model of a solar cell which consists of a diode and a current

source connected in parallel with a series resistance R_s . The current source produces the photocurrent I_{ph} , which is directly proportional to solar irradiance G . The two key parameters often used to characterize a PV cell are it's short circuit current and its open circuit voltage which are provided by the manufacturer's data sheet.

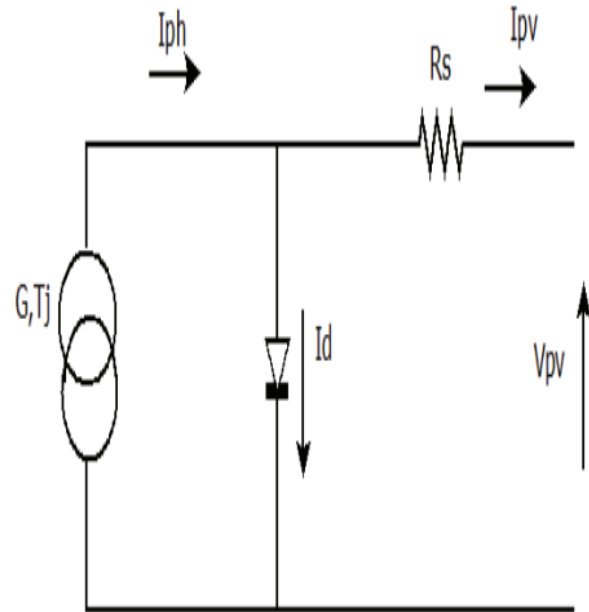


Fig.2. Equivalent solar cell model with R_s

In the literature many MPPT techniques are available such as incremental conductance (INC), constant voltage (CV), and perturbation and observation (P&O). The P&O method has been widely used because of its simple feedback structure and fewer measured parameters. The panel voltage is deliberately perturbed (increased or decreased) then the power is compared to the power obtained before to disturbance. Specifically, if the power panel is increased due to the disturbance, the following disturbance will be made in the same direction and if the power decreases, the new perturbation is made in the opposite direction. But the demerit with P & O is the output power is oscillating in nature. Because of this reason we use the Fuzzy MPPT technique to deliver the maximum power and to eliminate perturbations in the output power.

Fuzzy MPPT Control:

The inputs to the fuzzy MPPT control can be measured or computed from the voltage and current of solar panel. The control rules are indicated in [4] with P_{pv} and V_{pv} as inputs and V_{pvref} as the output. The membership functions of input and output Variables in which membership functions of input variables P_{pv} and V_{pv} are triangular and has seven fuzzy subsets. Seven fuzzy subsets are considered for membership functions of the output variable V_{pvref} . These input and output variables are expressed in terms of linguistic variables (such as BN (big negative), MN (Medium Negative), SN (Small Negative), Z (Zero), SP (Small Positive), MP (Medium Positive), and BP (Big Positive).

(iii). Battery Modeling

The battery is a device which stores energy in electrochemical form. Battery is used as energy storage device in wide range of applications like hybrid electric vehicles and hybrid power systems. In this paper, the battery energy storage is combined with hybrid PV/PEMFC distributed generation system. The battery model considered in this paper is shown in fig.3. The battery model used is based on voltage model proposed by Shepherd [4].

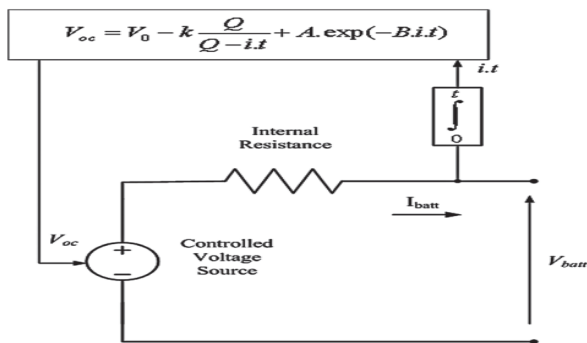


Fig 3. Battery Model

(iv). DC/DC Boost Converter Model

While connecting a fuel cell/ PV array to the grid it is necessary to boost the voltage. The boost converter shown in fig.4 is used for this purpose.

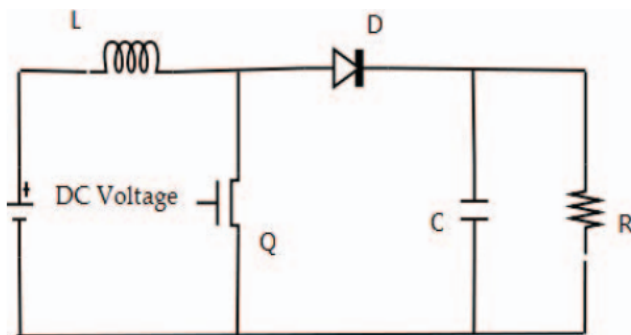


Fig. 4. DC-DC Converter Model

The boost converter shown in fig.4 consists of one switching device that enables it to turn on and off depending on the applied gate signal D. The gate signal for the GTO can be obtained by using fuzzy controller.

(v). DC/AC Inverter Model

The dynamic model of the voltage source inverter (VSI) is used. The DC/AC inverter is shown in fig.5. To eliminate the harmonics filters are used in between grid and the inverter. The dynamic model of the VSC inverter is represented in [6]

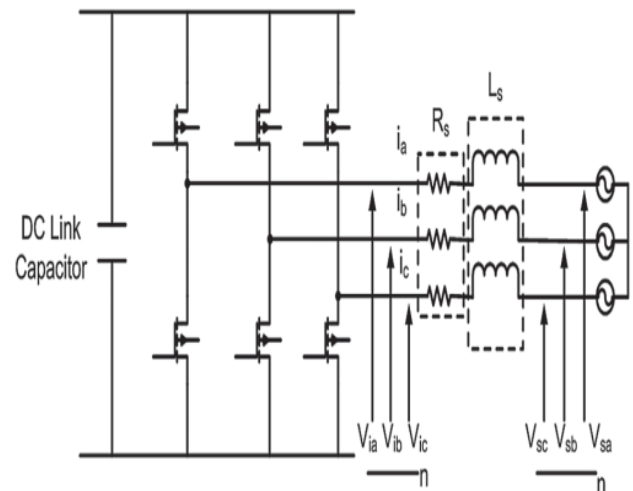


Fig.5. DC/ AC Three Phase Inverter

III. POWER CONTROL STRATEGIES OF HYBRID SYSTEM

The power balance must always be controlled from sources to AC bus and to/from storage devices satisfying active and reactive power demand by the load. The equation (12) expresses the power balance equation that should be satisfied both at the DC-link and at the Point of Common Coupling (PCC).

$$P_{dg} = P_{pv} + P_{fc} + P_{batt}$$

$$P_{load} = P_{dg} + P_{grid}$$

$$Q_{load} = Q_{dg} + Q_{grid} \tag{7}$$

In this paper, P_{load} and Q_{load} are made equal to P_{ref} and Q_{ref} so that the hybrid power system output follows the load demand under normal loading conditions and P_{grid} and Q_{grid} are zero. According to the control strategy proposed in this paper whenever the load exceeds the P_{dg} the excess load is supplied by the grid

(A) DC/DC Converter Controller using Fuzzy Logic

The unregulated dc output voltage of the fuel cell is fed to the dc/dc boost converter. The voltage is boosted

depending on the duty ratio. The duty ratio is controlled by the logic controller. The input to the fuzzy logic controller is the voltage error (reference-generated) and the change in the voltage error. The fuzzy controller then generates control signal which is fed to the PWM signal generator. The boost converter generates the output voltage [5]. The membership functions for the duty ratio control of DC/DC converter is shown in fig.6 with seven linguistic variables such as, negative big, negative medium, negative small, zero, positive small, positive medium & positive big.

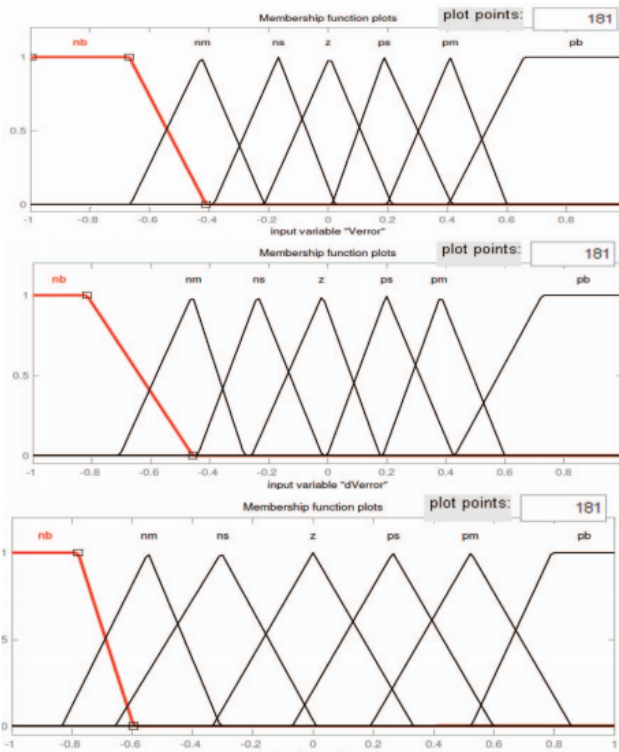


Fig.6. I/O Membership functions for DC/DC Converter

(B) DC/AC Converter Controller using Fuzzy Logic

The DC/AC converter shown in fig.5 has two controller units namely, voltage regulation control and active power control unit [6]. The inputs to the voltage regulation unit are rms voltage and its derivative and the output of the fuzzy controller is the current i_{qref} . Similarly the inputs to the active power control unit are the active power error and its derivative and the current i_{dref} is the output of the fuzzy controller. For both the active power control and voltage regulation unit seven linguistic variables such as negative big, negative medium, negative small, zero, positive small, positive medium & positive big. The I/O membership functions are shown in fig.7 & fig 8.

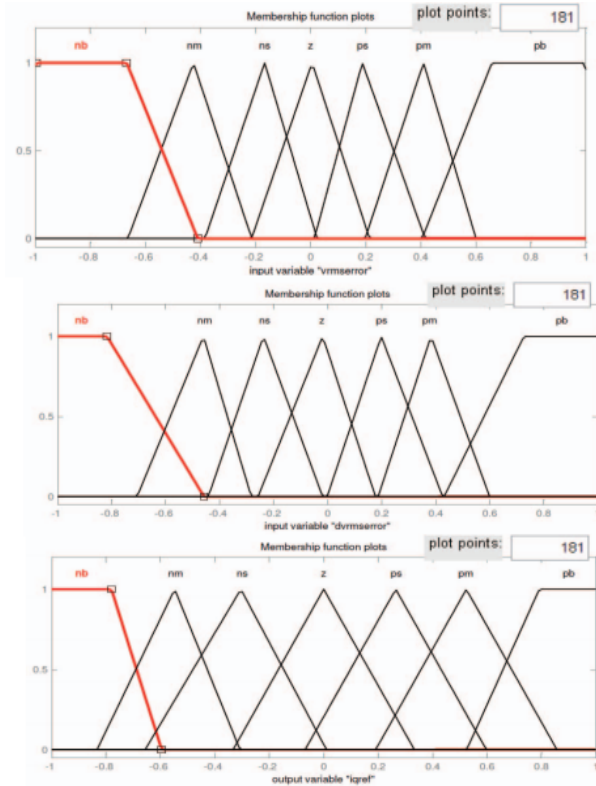


Fig.7. I/O Membership functions for voltage regulation unit

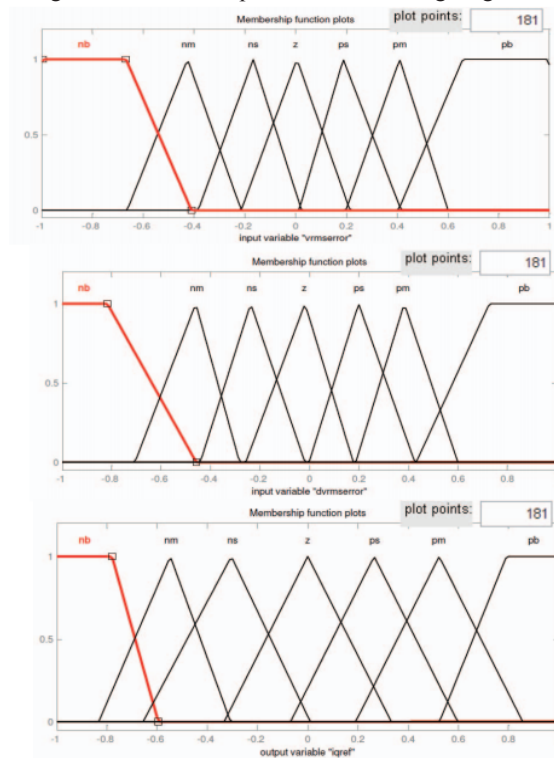


Fig.8. I/O Membership functions for voltage regulation unit

IV. HYBRID FUZZY:

This paper investigates two fuzzy logic controllers that use simplified design schemes. Fuzzy logic PD and PI controllers are effective for many control problems but lack the advantages of the fuzzy controller. Design methodologies are in their infancy and still somewhat intuitive. Fuzzy controllers use a rule base to describe relationships between the input variables. Implementation of a detailed rule base increases in complexity as the number of input variables grow and the ranges of operation for the variables become more defined. We propose a hybrid fuzzy controller which takes advantage of the properties of the fuzzy PI and PD controllers and a second method which adds the fuzzy PD control action to the integral control action.

The effectiveness of the two PID fuzzy controller implementations, PD and PI fuzzy controllers have the same design disadvantages as their classical counterparts. Therefore, in some cases a fuzzy PID controller maybe required. The fuzzy PID controller entails a large rule base which presents design and implementation problems. First, a reduced rule fuzzy PID scheme was implemented to take advantage of both PD and PI control actions. Some further research is required for the process of switching between the control actions. The second fuzzy PID control scheme used only the PD portion with an integral term added to eliminate steady-state error. Results from simulations of both control schemes demonstrate the effectiveness of the PID controllers.

V SIMULATION RESULTS

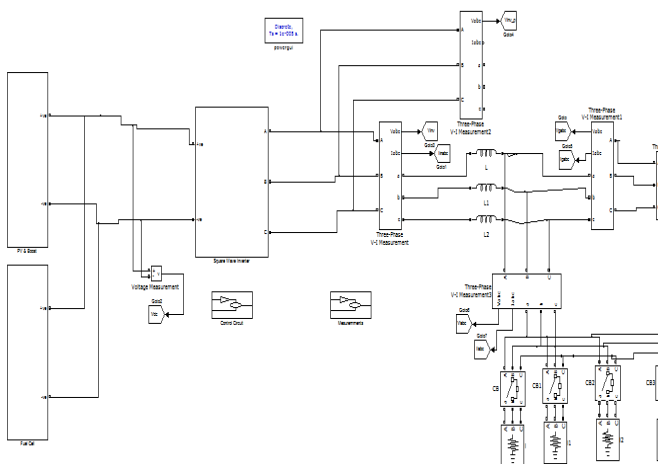


Fig 10 Matlab/simulation circuit of Grid connected Hybrid system with fuzzy

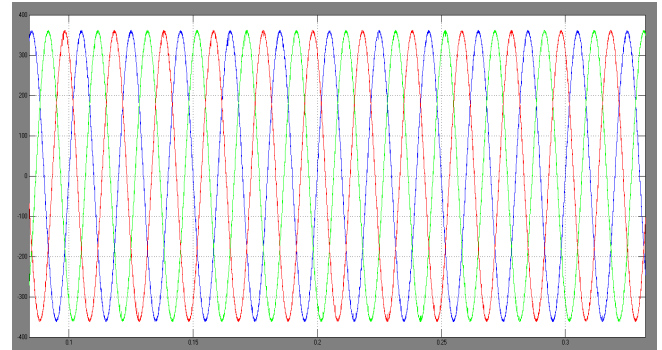


Fig 11 Simulation Results of Voltage at PCC

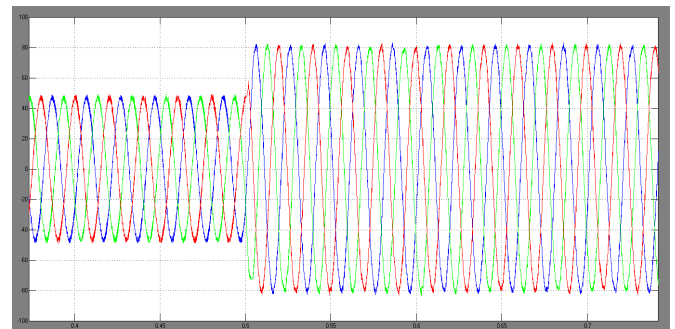


Fig 12 Simulation Results of Currents at PCC

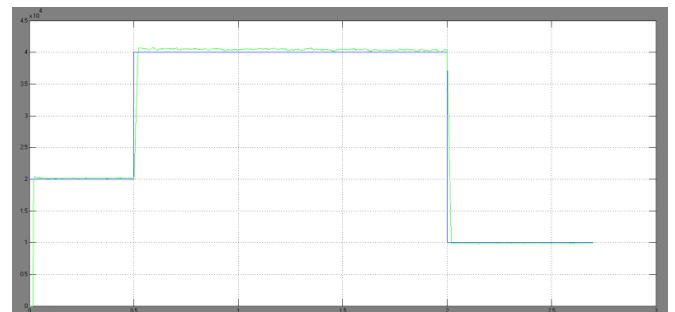


Fig 13 Simulation Results of Hybrid Active Power & Reference Active Power

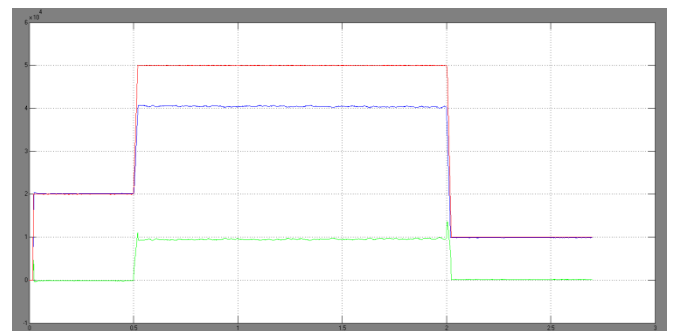


Fig 14 Simulation Results of Active, Hybrid & Grid Power

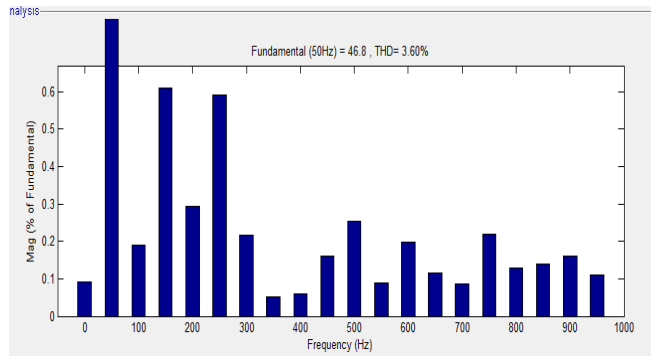


Fig 15 Simulation of harmonic analysis

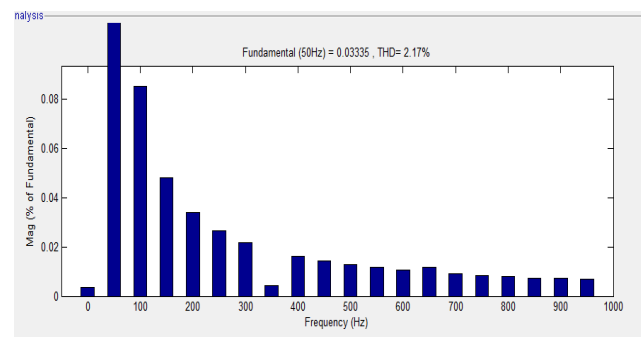


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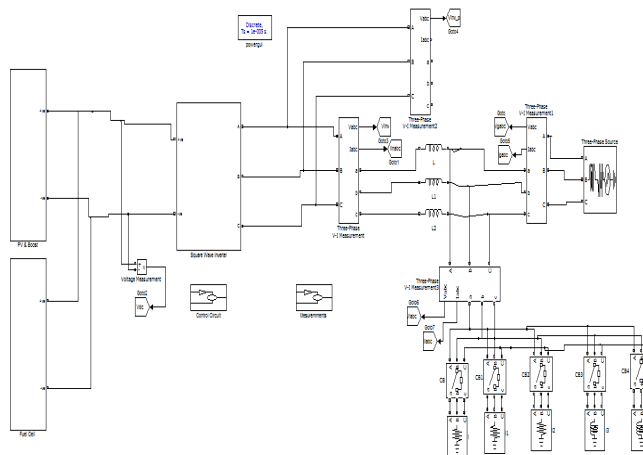


Fig 16 simulation circuit of hybrid fuzzy based grid connected system

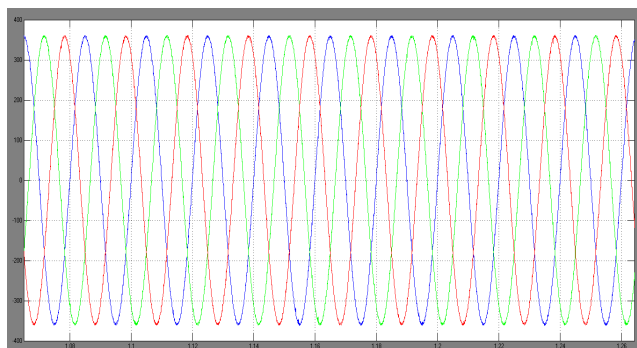


Fig 17 Simulation waveform of grid phase voltage

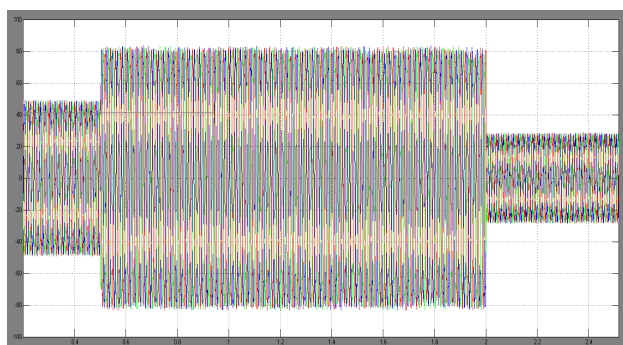


Fig 18 Simulation waveform of phase grid current

V CONCLUSION

The proposed work deals with the power control strategies of a hybrid fuzzy controller grid connected photovoltaic/ proton exchange membrane fuel cell distributed generation system with battery storage. The battery responds quickly to load transients leaving the fuel cell to respond slowly. The proposed with hybrid fuzzy and it can be controlled the current and voltage of the grid connected system. When comparing of previous using of hybrid fuzzy improves the THD value of grid current of the system can be observed using of MATLAB/SIMULINK software.

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