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# Implementation of Grid Connected Solar System Using Cascaded Eleven Level H-Bridge Multi-Level Inverter

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**Abstract:** Multi-functionality in converters are drawing attention of researchers, since it is the main link of grid tied solar system. A lot of ongoing research has been reported in literature for auxiliary services on power quality improvement through multi-functional grid-tied (MFGT) converters. These converters can perform dual work of interfacing solar system with the grid and also conditions the power at point of common coupling. The state-of-the-art of the converter is its design feature which optimally achieve the multi-functionality, hence presents a cost effective solution to power quality issues. A Grid connected solar system for radial distribution system is designed, which is capable of injecting active power into the grid with its inherent advantages to mitigate the Power Quality Issues.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

As the conventional energy sources are rapidly depleting and the demand of the electricity is increasing day by day as the world is moving towards advancement, this leads to develop alternatives for fulfilling the energy requirement. Hence the most promising solution is the use of renewable energy sources [1]. Most reliable type of the renewable energy i.e. Solar Energy is utilized for powering utility in the proposed work of this thesis. Using Solar Photovoltaic Array as the primary source, a model is developed and simulated in the MATLAB-Simulink, extracting the solar energy in the form of electrical energy. Output of the array is interfaced to the conventional dc-ac converter to get the AC voltage [2]. For feeding the single phase utilities, a two level voltage source inverter is interfaced at the output terminals of the PV array to get the pure sinusoidal output voltage, but the low Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) generated is not within the standard limits. To reduce THD filter is used with two level voltage source inverter. On the other hand multilevel is first choice because it gives low THD AC output voltage without the use of filter [3].Many efforts has done to improve the performance of the system with minimum losses, distortion and as possible as the maximum efficiency by using different topologies of multilevel inverter and with different levels. In this paper a MFGT inverter is designed the system is integrated to grid and to mitigate various power quality issues like voltage regulation, harmonic reduction, real and reactive power management etc. has been discussed [4,5].

#### **II. SOLAR ENERGY GENERATION SYSTEM**

The smallest element of solar energy generation system is Photo cell. Solar cell (Fig-1) is basically a semiconductor look like thin film or disc which is when exposed to sunlight produces voltage or current. When solar cells are laminated between a clear super-strate (glazing) and encapsulating substrate, they are termed as solar panel or module and the combinations of more than one module in series or parallel is called as solar array [6,7].

The power produced by the PV array can be given as;

$$P_{pv} = V_{pv}I_{pv} + V_{dc}I_{pv}$$

Where  $P_{pv}$  solar output power,  $V_{pv}$  Solar output voltage,  $I_{pv}$  solar output current,  $V_{dc}$  DC bus voltage. The generated power from solar cell is directly depend upon solar irradiations and hence is not constant always. When sun is visible it will produce energy and at evening time and morning g time when rays are less electricity will be reduced. In literature various MPPT techniques are available which helps is stabilizing the Dc output power of the solar system [8, 9]. Implementation of Grid Connected Solar System Using Cascaded Eleven Level H-Bridge Multi..



### III. GRID-TIED SOLAR SYSTEM

The two important issues of (Grid Tied Inverters) GTIs are efficiency and low cost are [10]. They are broadly two type of GTIs namely; single-stage (SS) and multiple-stage. Because the more stages reduce the efficiency of a GTI much more, a multiple-stage GTI mainly has two stages. In SS single converter (Fig. 2) take care of both DC/DC as well as DC/AC conversion. While two-stage GTI is comprised of a DC/DC stage and a DC/AC stage, as depicted in Fig. 3. SS and DS GTIs have their own advantages and disadvantages, so it is hard to say which is better [11, 12]. They are all implemented in different suitable occasions. Generally, small-capacity-scale grid-connected systems are more like to use DS GTIs due to their flexible feature. However, a big-capacity-scale system mainly uses SS GTIs for their high efficiency and reliability.



Figure-3 Grid tied Dual-Stage solar system

The choice of MPPT technique depends upon the application whether grid connected or stands alone system, efficiency of the technique control variables, and cost of implementation.

## **IV. PROPOSED WORK**

A PV system is designed, 50 parallel strings and 10 Series-connected modules. The rated capacity of the PV panel is 100 KW. To obtain the constant DC output from Solar system a DC-DC boost converter is designed with switching frequency 3Khz. The output voltage of the boost converter is approx. 100 V.To integrate the PV system with the grid a DC/AC inverter is simulated. The inverter is designed using 11-level Cascaded Multilevel Inverter (CHB-MLI) which is synchronized using PLL and PI controller.A MATLAB-Simulink model of the solar panel with 10KW rating has been developed whose DC output is regulated using DC-DC boost converter.To design a DC/AC converter a 5 level inverter is designed whose pulse width modulation technique is designed using level shifted carrier modulation technique.One side of the converter is connected to the synchronized AC output of the PV system and other side to the grid. The system is synchronized with the grid using PI controller and Phase Lock Loop.The parameter considered in designing the proposed system is presented in table 1 and table 2.

#### Table-1 Component and rating used in the PI controller.

Components	Ratings	
R load	124 ohms	
RL load	115 ohms and 182mH	
Switching frequency	10khz	
LC filter	1e-3 H and 1e-6 F	
Frequency=50 Hz	0.96mH	
Input voltage	450 V	
PI gains	Kp = 0.04; Ki = 500	

#### Table-2 System parameters for 10 KW solar system with converter Parameters

Values				
5kHz				
12000e-6 F				
5e-3 H				
Inverter parameter				
415 V				
50Hz				
30khz				
100e-3 H				
0.01 ohms				
1000e-6F				
0.01 ohms				
100V				

## V. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The system designed is verifiedfor two loading conditions namely unbalanced linear load and unbalanced nonlinear load. Firstly the output voltage waveform of the single phase5 level inverter is presented in Fig. 4. The output voltage and current waveform of inverter with PI control is presented in Fig. 5. Fig. 6 shows the output of Solar system with proposed topology and it can be seen from the figure that at normal operating condition the solar system designed with the proposed topology is synchronized with the grid. Fig. 7 shows the output Voltage and current waveform for linear balanced loading at Grid side. Fig. 8 presents Voltage and current waveform Grid side for linear unbalancedloading with the proposed topology. The THD analysis for all the operating conditions is presented in Table 3. FFTanalysis shows that the proposed topology havebetter results as compared to the conventional topologies.

















Figure 7 Output Current of Solar system inverter side at balanced linear load with proposed topology







Figure 9 Output current of Solar system grid side at balanced linear load with proposed topology





Figure 10 Output current of Solar system converter side at balanced non-linear load with proposed topology



Figure 11 Output current of Solar system grid side at balanced non-linear load with proposed topology

The THD analysis of the output voltage waveform is carried out for unbalanced linear loading and balanced non-linear loading whose comparative analysis is presented in Table-3. From the table it is clear that the proposed converter topology is compatible to follow grid code for grid connected operation of solar panel. It not only maintains the voltage profile but also eliminate the harmonic content in load current. Hence the topology can be applicable for bulk power integration from solar panel wth the grid to improve power quality of the system.

THD analysis of	Proposed work	Conventional topology	Proposed work	Conventional topology
	unbalanced linear loading		balanced non-linear loading	
Supply voltage	0.00	3.6	0.05	4.2
Load current	2	2.4	4.4	27.6
Inverter current	0.09	3.1	1.8	10.8

Table-3 Comparison of THD for output voltage using different PWM techniques

## **IV. CONCLUSION**

Inverters are the important link between RES and utility grid interface. There are several task that a properly stimulated inverter can perform like power quality improvement, battery back-up etc. this paper presents an overview on such functionalities of inverter and its application in modern power system. A three-

phase two stage SPV energy conversion system has been implemented in MATLAB. Static and dynamic performances of the system were evaluated under various modes of operation of grid voltage conditions. The performance of the multifunctional VSC has been demonstrated for harmonic elimination

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