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OPTIMIZING ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS WITH ANFIS-CONTROLLED VIENNA RECTIFIER

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ABSTRACT

This project introduces a Vienna rectifier for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, employing an Adaptive Neuro-Fuzzy Inference System (ANFIS) controller. The voltage-oriented control strategy, featuring an inherent current control loop, guarantees excellent steady-state performance and rapid transient response. The Voltage-Oriented Control of the Vienna rectifier with an ANFIS controller (VOC-VR) is simulated using MATLAB/Simulink software, demonstrating its efficacy in enhancing the performance of the charging system. The proposed approach showcases the capability to achieve optimal and responsive control, ensuring efficient charging operations for electric vehicles.

Key Words: Front-end converters, high power applications, power factor, total harmonic distortion, Vienna rectifier, voltage oriented controller.

I INTRODUCTION

AC to DC converters with regulated DC output voltage are essential front-end components in various applications, including electric vehicle (EV) chargers, telecommunication systems, welding power sources, data centers, and motor drives. The demand for power in EV charging stations and welding power sources is notably high, necessitating converters with higher voltage and current ratings compared to applications like motor traction. The unidirectional boost rectifier, known as the Vienna rectifier, is favored for its topological advantages, such as high efficiency, high power-to-weight ratio, low total harmonic distortion in line current, unity power factor at the grid, and compact filter size. In recent years, the controller unit has become the focal point of power electronics systems, undergoing intensive research. While proportional-integral (PI) controllers are commonly used in power

converters, achieving an accurate linear mathematical model for the system required by the PI controller can be challenging. Moreover, PI controllers often face difficulties in handling parameter variations, nonlinearity, and load disturbances. Various control methods are employed in AC to DC converters for high-power applications like welding power sources and EV charging stations. Popular power controllers for EV charging stations include power factor correction controllers (PFC), direct power controllers (DPC), voltage-oriented controllers (VOC), voltage-oriented controller-based Vienna rectifier (VOC-VR) with Adaptive Neuro-Fuzzy Inference System (ANFIS) controller, and their combination DPC-SVM. Voltage-oriented controllers are commonly used for power factor correction in active front-end converters. This article proposes a novel

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design for an EV charging system, incorporating a voltage-oriented controller with a Vienna rectifier and ANFIS controller (VOC-VR). The hybrid control structure integrates a voltage-oriented controller with an ANFIS controller specifically tailored for the Vienna rectifier, addressing the requirements of high-power applications. Previous designs of AC/DC converters for high-power applications often utilized hybrid controllers with conventional three-phase controlled rectifiers.

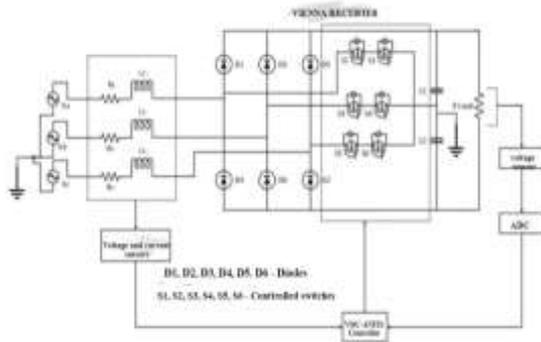


FIGURE 1. The proposed electric vehicle charger is based on Vienna rectifier with a VOC controller (VOC-VR) system.

which requires input and output filters with high rating to mitigate the input current THD [13], [14]. This led to reduced efficiency and power density of the system. To address this issue, a novel design of integrating Vienna rectifier with a VOC and ANFIS controller for high power applications is proposed. THD is reduced to less than 5%, which satisfies the IEEE-519 standard. The proposed novel design outperforms existing AC/DC power converters for high power applications by significantly reducing the input current THD and increasing the power density. Using Vienna rectifier, transient stability is improved, and for an output voltage of 650 V/ 90 A, the THD is reduced to less than 5%, which satisfies the IEEE-519 standard.

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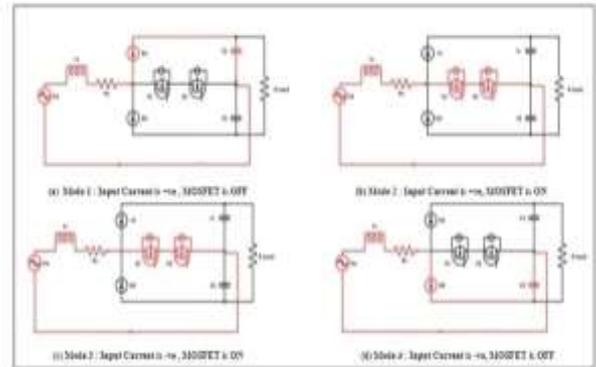


FIGURE 2. Four modes of operation of Vienna rectifier topology

II VIENNA RECTIFIER

The Vienna rectifier topology includes six active semiconductor switches, either MOSFET or IGBT, and six diodes. The three-phase three-level Vienna rectifier topology is shown in Fig. 1. The voltage stress on each diode and semiconductor switches is $V_{dc}/2$. Three inductors on the input AC side and two capacitors are parallelly connected on the DC side. The neutral point of the grid is associated with the neutral point of the DC link. Fig. 2 shows the operation of the three-level Vienna rectifier for the current path of one leg at each mode. The remaining two legs perform the same operation with a 120° phase difference.

In mode 1, when a reference voltage is a positive half cycle and controlled switches (IGBTs/MOSFETs) are OFF, the diode D1 conducts. During this time, the current flows through V_a - L_s - R_s - $D1$ - $C1$ as shown in Fig. 2(a). In mode 2 operation, when a reference voltage is positive half cycle with a 120° phase difference. In mode 1, when a reference voltage is a positive half cycle and controlled switches (IGBTs/MOSFETs) are OFF, the diode D1 conducts. During this time, the current flows through V_a - L_s - R_s - $D1$ - $C1$ as shown in Fig. 2(a). In mode 2 operation,

when a reference voltage is positive half cycle with controlled switches are ON, switches S1S2 conducts and current flows through V_a - L_s - R_s -S1-S2 as shown in Fig. 2(b). In mode 3 operations, when a reference voltage is negative half cycle with controlled switches are ON, switches S1S2 conducts and the current flows through S1-S2- R_s - L_s - V_a as shown in Fig. 2(c). In mode 4 operation, when a reference voltage is negative half cycle with controlled switches are OFF, the current flows through C2-D2- R_s - L_s - V_a as shown in Fig. 2(d).

Vienna Rectifier is applicable for high power applications such as welding power sources, wind energy conversion systems, electric vehicle charging stations, and telecommunication power sources. Different power controllers have been used in Vienna Rectifier for high power applications, such as vector controller, SVPWM controller, predictive controller, and dead-beat controller. The different types of intelligent controllers have been combined with conventional controllers to improve the stability of the system, which increases the complexity of the system. The proposed system consists of Voltage Oriented Controller for Vienna Rectifier with ANFIS controller (VOC-VR). The proposed system reduces the harmonics in the input source current, improves the power factor at the grid side, and improves the stability of the system.

III VOLTAGE-ORIENTED CONTROLLER

The operation of AC to DC power converters strongly depends on the implemented control structure. The operation of a voltage-oriented controller is based on dual vector current controllers (DVCC). Voltage-oriented control is used to mitigate the following problem: Output DC voltage

ripples, Total harmonics distortion in the input current, input power factor at the grid side.

The voltage-oriented controller consists of a voltage controller and a current controller. The current control algorithm has two independent current controllers, which will work in the positive and negative synchronous reference frames (SRF). The positive SRF is used to control the positive current component, which rotates in a clockwise direction, whereas the negative SRF is used to control the negative current component, which rotates in the opposite direction. Since the currents occur as DC values in their frame in SRF, a tracking controller does not need to be built. Due to this advantage, the ANFIS controller is adequate to solve the problems above. The root of VOC approach is the field-oriented controller (FOC) for induction motors, which offers fast and dynamic responses using current controller loops. The VOC technique used for power electronic converters has been widely known in its theoretical aspects. The pulse width modulation approach is added to the control system to improve the features of the VOC system. The minimization of interference (disturbance) can be done by using the VOC technique. By applying hysteresis Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) technique, the system performance has improved. The variable switching frequency of the power converters raises the stress in power switching, resulting in large input and output filters.

domain transformation process is summarized in Fig. 4.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \\ \cos \theta & \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Vd,ref \\ Vq,ref \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Va,ref \\ V\beta,ref \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

The transformation consists of Park's transformations and Clarke's transformation. Clarke's transformation is used to convert the three-phase quantities (phases A, B, C) into the two-phase stationary quantities (α and β). The Park's transformation converts stationary two-phase (α and β) into the rotating reference frame (d and q). Similarly, using the inverse park's transformation technique, the rotating reference frame (d and q) has been converted into a stationary reference frame (α and β). Furthermore, the Stationary Reference frame is converted into a three-phase AC system using inverse Clarke's transformation technique.

IV Adaptive Neural based Fuzzy Inference System

Adaptive Neural Fuzzy Inference System (ANFIS) is Fuzzy Sugeno model put in the framework to facilitate learning and adaption procedure. Basic architecture of ANFIS that has two inputs x and y and one output f. This model can be selected based on the fuzzy rules framed by either using the subtractive clustering technique or the grid partitioning technique with each input having three membership functions and Similarly, the 25 rules which are obtained from the clustering or grid partition based method are updated by neural network which uses back propagation learning method with gradient descent algorithm.



FIGURE 5. Output Variable

Table.1: variable selection process for a four input initial model

Error/change in error	N B	N	Z	P	P B
NB	P B	P B	P	Z	Z
N	P	P	Z	Z	Z
Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z
P	Z	Z	Z	N	N
PB	N	N	N	N B	N B

Where N = Negative
 P = Positive
 Z = Zero
 PB = Positive Big
 NB = Negative Big

V METHODOLOGY:

The proposed Vienna rectifier with VOC controller (VOC-VR) is a three-phase three-level rectifier, which is controlled by the voltage-oriented controller algorithm. The proposed system includes a three-phase AC system, a Vienna rectifier controlled by a VOC algorithm, and a DC link capacitor. Feedback voltage from the EV's load-side battery is generated using current and voltage controllers for the closed-loop operations. The VOC controller performs two main functions: (1) DC output voltage regulation to a predetermined value, and (2) the regulation of the total input harmonic distortion and maintaining in phase

with the voltage to provide unity power factor. The proposed VOC-VR system is shown in Fig. 5.

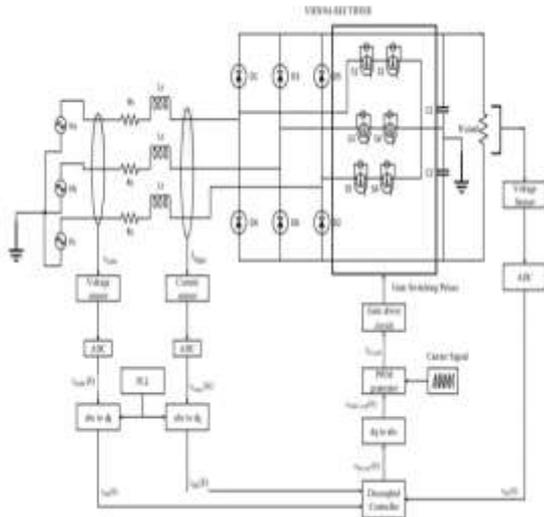


FIGURE 6. Overall Circuit Configuration of the proposed VOC-VR system

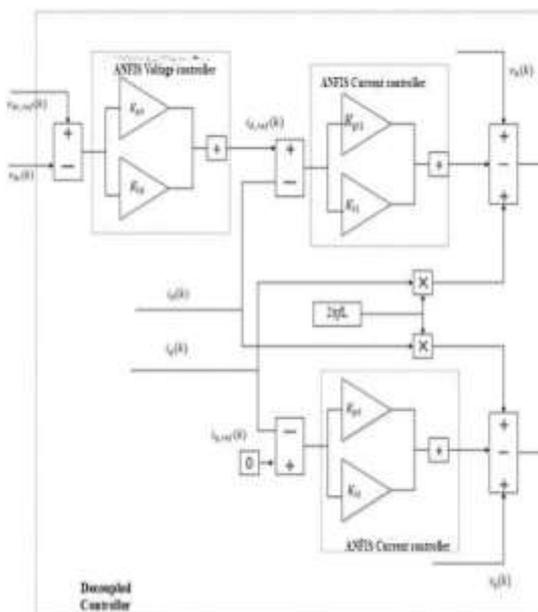


FIGURE 7. The control circuit of the decoupled controller for the voltage-oriented controller technique.

The de-coupler controller is the key feature of the proposed VOC control

algorithm, as shown in Fig. 6. Three ANFIS controllers were used in the proposed control circuit. The first ANFIS controller is a current controller that controls the internal loop of i_d current component. This controller is used to estimate the reference voltage signal v_d_{ref} by minimizing the error between i_d with i_{d_ref} . Second ANFIS controller is also called a P1 current controller, which reduces i_q current component to 0 by managing the inner loop of i_q a current component which is used to estimate the voltage reference signal v_q_{ref} . Third ANFIS controller is a voltage controller, which is used to manage the output loop of DC-link voltage V_{dc} . This controller is used to estimate reference current signal i_{d_ref} by comparing measured V_{dc} with its pre-determined reference voltage v_{d_ref} . The voltage-oriented controller must transform input from three-phase current and decouple into active i_d and reactive i_q components, respectively. Regulating the decoupled active and the reactive components minimizes errors between required reference and calculated values of the active and reactive components. The DC link voltage control method controls the active current component i_d which aims to achieve an active power flow balance in the systems while the reactive current component i_q is controlled to 0 to provide a unity power factor at the input side. The characteristics of two ANFIS current controllers and ANFIS voltage controllers are given in equation (6)-equation (8) [13].

$$V_{d_{ref}} = V_d + 2\pi f L_s i_q - (Kp1(i_{d_{ref}} - i_d) + Ki1 \int (i_{d_{ref}} - i_d) dt) \quad (6)$$

$$V_{q_{ref}} = V_q - 2\pi f L_s i_d - (Kp2(0 - i_q) + Ki2 \int (0 - i_q) dt) \quad (7)$$

$$i_{d_{ref}} = Kp3(V_{dc_{ref}} - V_{dc}) + Ki3 \int (V_{dc_{ref}} -$$

$$V_{dc})dt) \quad (8)$$

Kp1, Ki1Kp2, Ki2Kp3, Ki3 = gain values ANFIS current controller Ls = source inductance.

The switching frequency for the current control loop will be larger than the bandwidth α_i ,

$$\alpha_i < 2\pi \frac{f_s}{10} \quad (9)$$

$$K_{p1} = K_{p2} = \alpha_i L_s \quad (10)$$

$$K_{i1} = K_{i2} = \alpha_i R_s \quad (11)$$

where, α_i (rad/s) = current controller bandwidth. For the voltage control loop, the ANFIS controller is tuned by using a DC link capacitor as the following:

$$K_{p3} \geq C_{dc1} \xi \omega \text{ and } K_{i3} \geq C_{dc1} \xi \omega / 2 \quad (11)$$

where damping factor ξ is equal to 0.707 and ω is angular frequency. Using initial values, tuning and modifications are made, which strengthens the proposed charging technique.

VI SIMULATION RESULTS

This section presents the simulation results of a VOC-based Vienna rectifier circuit. The performance of the proposed controller for high-power applications that require 600V/100A DC output is evaluated. Vienna rectifier with VOC controller has been simulated in MATLAB Simulink, and results are shown in Fig. 7 and Fig. 8. The input-current waveforms are shown in Fig. 7. The input-current harmonics for Vienna rectifier without a VOC controller and with a VOC controller are shown in Fig. 8 (a) and (b), respectively. From Fig. 7 and Fig. 8, it can be seen that the proposed control technique ensures THD of the input current is less than 2.10%, and the system maintains the unity power factor at the source side. Therefore, the proposed VOC-VR system has been proven to be applicable for high

power applications with reduced total harmonic distortion to the connected grid.

However, the output voltage of the PFC controller with the Vienna rectifier was around 200V, which cannot be used for high power applications such as DC fast chargers for electric vehicles and welding power sources. Hence, voltage-oriented controller with the PWM method for Vienna rectifier gives better performance than the previous work.

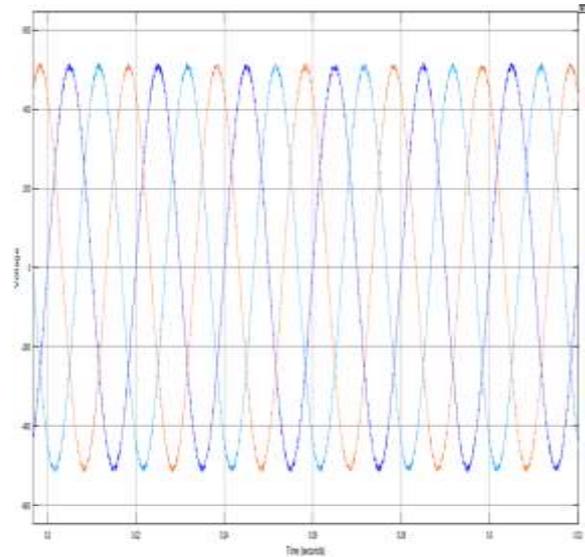


Figure 8: Input current waveform of the proposed VOC-VR system with 440 V RMS

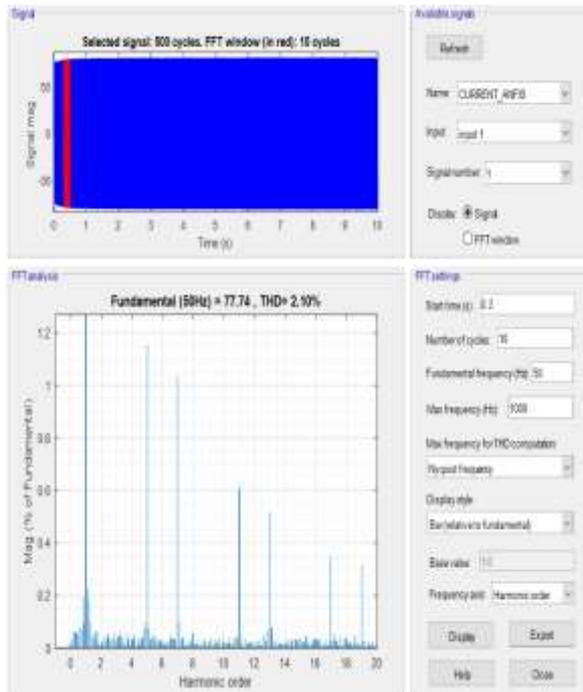


Figure 9: Total harmonic distortion of the proposed VOC-VR system with 440 V RMS

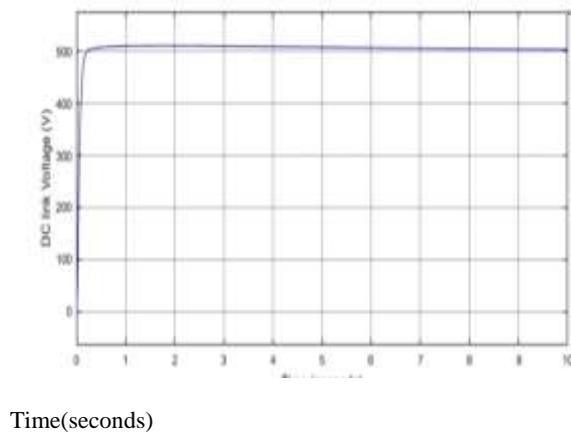


Figure 10: DC output voltage of the Vienna rectifier with VOC controller with 350 V AC RMS input



Figure 11: DC output current of the

Vienna rectifier with VOC controller with 350 V AC RMS input

Fig 9. Shows that the proposed system can maintain the DC output voltage at an optimal level of 650V. The results from this system also show that DC current has been maintained approximately at 90A, which can be used for EV fast charging and welding applications [13]. By scaling down the proposed system and optimizing ANFIS parameters in the VOC controller, the rectifier can be used for slow charging scenarios (250 V/40 A output) as shown in Fig. 9 whereas, the Vienna rectifier with PFC controller can maintain the DC voltage up to 200 V with 16.5 A. As a consequence, the Vienna rectifier with a PFC controller can only be used for slow charging applications (Level 1 charging). The transient analysis has been performed by studying the system performance in the case of an instantaneous increase in the load by a factor of 2. The DC output voltage during the transient condition is shown in Fig. 10.

VII CONCLUSION

A Three-level Vienna rectifier based on a ANFIS controller has been designed and simulated. Using MATLAB Simulink software targeting high power applications such as DC-fast chargers for electric vehicles. This focuses on combining voltage-oriented controllers with the PWM method. The reactive and unstable active currents are counteracted by the input and output filters and ANFIS with Vienna rectifier. The proposed design also guarantees a sinusoidal current at the input side with minimum ripples and distortions. The systems power factor is maintained at unity, and total harmonic distortion of the input current is kept less than 5 %, which meets the IEEE-519 standard. The benefit of the proposed controller over conventional PFC controller has been demonstrated by simulations and

experimental results. low THD, good power factor, and smaller filtering requirements make the voltage-oriented controller-based Vienna rectifier an ideal candidate in electric vehicle charging stations.

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