

A Four Leg Shunt Active Power Filter Predictive Fuzzy Logic Controller for Low-Voltage Unbalanced-Load Distribution Networks

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Abstract

Recently evolved power electronics' based domestic/residential appliances have begun to behave as single phase non-linear loads. Performing as voltage/current harmonic sources, those loads when connected to a three phase distribution network contaminate the line current with harmonics in addition to creating a neutral wire current increase. In this paper, an enhanced performance three phase four leg shunt active power filter (SAPF) controller is presented as a solution for this problem. The presented control strategy incorporates a hybrid predictive fuzzy-logic based technique. The predictive part is responsible for the SAPF compensating current generation while the DC-link voltage control is performed by a fuzzy logic technique. Simulations at various loading conditions are carried out to validate the effectiveness of the proposed technique. In addition, an experimental test rig is implemented for practical validation of the of the enhanced performance of the proposed technique.

Key words: 4-leg converter, 4-wire unbalanced distribution system, Fuzzy logic controller, Predictive controller, Shunt active power filter

I. INTRODUCTION

Modern sophisticated power electronic devices have led a worldwide evolution of high performance consumer electronics and appliances such as air conditions, washing machines, personal computers, etc. These devices perform as non-linear loads injecting voltage and current harmonics especially at the low voltage distribution level, which results in overheating of distribution transformers, malfunctioning of protection devices, and cross-talk interference with nearby equipment [1].

In addition to supplying current harmonics, unbalanced loads contributes to additive neutral current generation in four wire distribution networks, which may lead to double over-sizing the neutral wire in recently installed low-voltage grids [1], [2]. Hence, the need to mitigate fourth wire neutral current is a must in modern distribution power networks

[1]-[3].

Four-wire shunt active power filters (SAPFs) can achieve several simultaneous tasks, among them neutral current mitigation, line current harmonic cancellation, and reactive power compensation.

Various SAPF topologies have been presented in the literature, where the 4-Leg, Split Capacitor and Cascaded H-Bridge are common examples [4]. Other dual function operations have been proposed for maximizing the benefits of an installed SAPF by adding extra functions such as renewable energy grid tied converter, UPS function, unified power quality control, etc. [5]-[9].

The core of SAPF operation is concerned with two main aspects: harmonic reference current generation and DC-link voltage control. For reference current generation, the classical p-q control is commonly utilized [10]-[15]. Hysteresis current control can be adopted based on either p-q theory or load current detection, yet it suffers from variable switching losses [16]-[18].

For a more precise harmonic current extraction, adaptive filters can be utilized in SAPF current extraction, but the performance is highly dependent on designer experience and

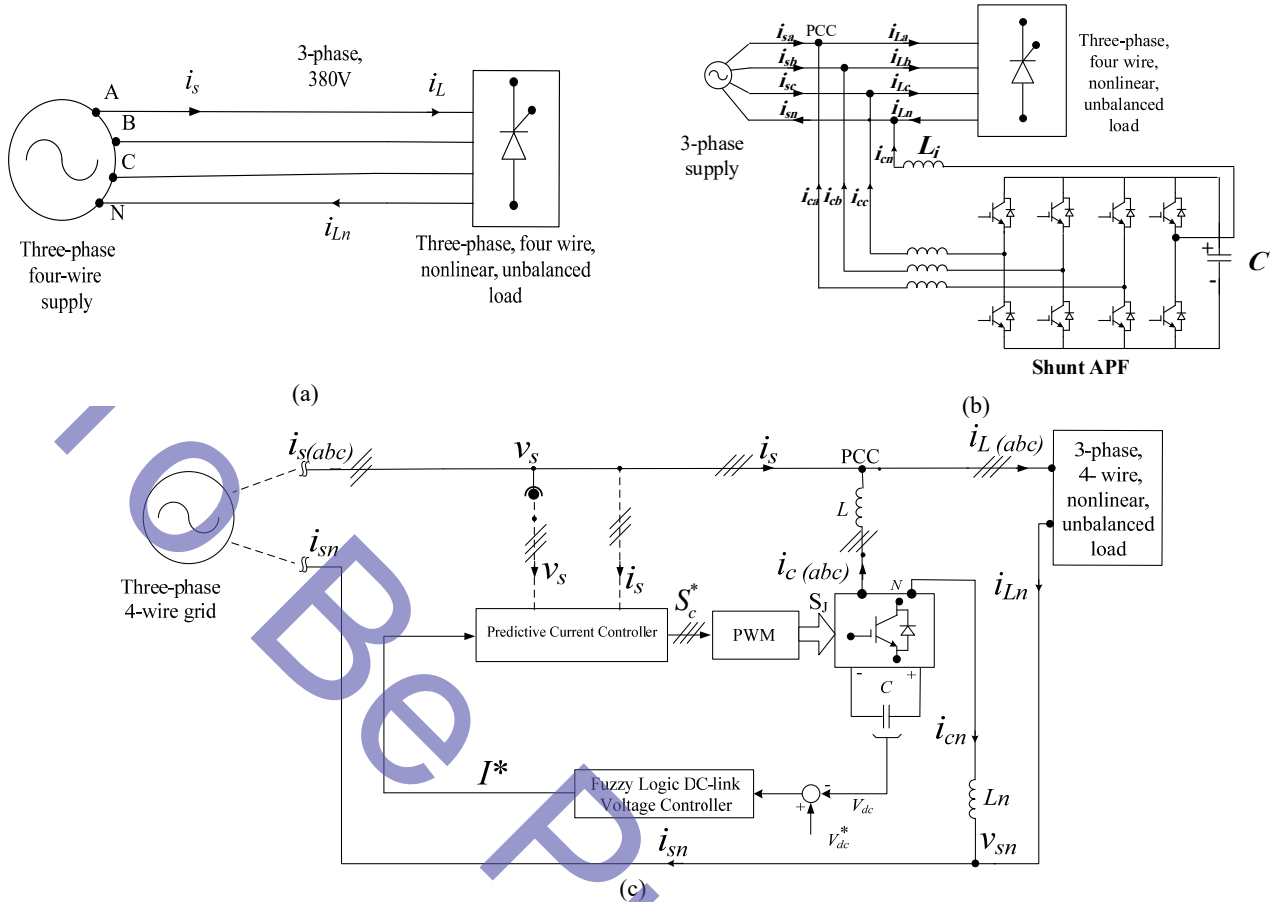


Fig. 1. Low-voltage distribution network under investigation. (a) Three-phase four-wire supply feeding a three-phase four-wire unbalanced non-linear load. (b) 4-Leg SAPF connected to the system under investigation. (c) Proposed SAPF controller block diagram.

complex algorithms for the filter design to compensate for a measured signals delay [19]-[22]. The one-cycle-control algorithm can be considered as a powerful tool for harmonic current extraction in a SAPF since it does not require a phase-locked loop or utility voltages.

The main drawback of this technique is the need of a systematic method for global dynamic analysis and a design tool specially when the input signal of the converter switch is a function of the output signal of that switch as in the case of SAPF converters [23]-[27]. Artificial neural networks (ANNs) can be utilized as harmonic current extractors for a SAPF. However, they require massive off-line training sets which is a major limitation [28]-[31]. The evolution of predictive control with its several advantages enables its utilization as a powerful tool for SAPF harmonic current extractors [32], [33]. The use of predictive controllers in a SAPF incorporates several advantages since no PLL is required, no previous training/designer based tuning is needed, and the load currents do not need to be measured [32], [34]-[36].

In terms of the DC-link voltage control, conventional Ziegler-Nichols tuned Proportional-Integral (PI) controllers suffers from a trade-off between a sluggish response and a transient over-shoot [37], [38]. The recently developed inverse control technique offers improved DC-link voltage dynamics

when actual detailed period average dynamic system modeling is developed, which suffers from the common system elements' aging effect that deteriorates system performance [39, 40]. Fuzzy logic controllers offer enhanced system performance, better dynamic and steady-state response yet still need designer experience in determining the required fuzzification rules and membership functions [41]-[44].

In this paper, a predictive-fuzzy logic hybrid SAPF controller is proposed. The presented technique does not require a PLL. In addition, only the supply current, supply voltage and DC-link voltage need to be measured. The proposed algorithm shows enhanced DC-link voltage performance at start-up, transient and steady-state conditions. The predictive current control succeeds in attaining balanced supply currents and mitigated neutral currents. In addition, it achieves a near-unity power factor with a fast dynamic response under varying loading conditions.

This paper is organized into six sections. Following the introduction, the second section illustrates the system under investigation. The proposed hybrid predictive fuzzy logic based control is explained in the third section. System performance investigations of the proposed algorithm using simulation results is discussed in the fourth section. For more clarification of the proposed algorithm effectiveness, an experimental setup

and practical results at the transient and steady-state conditions are shown in the fifth section. Finally some conclusions are given in the sixth section.

II. SYSTEM UNDER INVESTIGATION

The investigated low-voltage distribution network incorporates a three-phase four-wire supply that feeds a three-phase four-wire non-linear unbalanced load. A system block diagram is shown in Fig. 1(a). This system suffers from supply current harmonics, supply current unbalance, and an undesirable neutral wire current. To sort out these power quality issues, a four-wire SAPF is connected at the Point of Common Coupling (PCC) between the supply and the load terminals with the 4-leg topology shown in Fig. 1(b).

III. PROPOSED 4-LEG SAPF HYBRID PREDICTIVE FUZZY LOGIC CONTROLLER

A 4-leg shunt APF is connected at the PCC to a three-phase four-wire grid through interfacing inductors for load current harmonics compensation, power factor improvement and supply currents balancing. The neutral wire is tied to the fourth leg in order to effectively mitigate the neutral current.

The proposed 4-leg APF control system block diagram is shown in Fig. 1(c). The presented controller requires measurement of the supply voltage and supply current at the PCC, in addition to the DC-link voltage of the APF. Measurements of the load current and injected filter current are not required. The APF reference current is extracted using DC-link capacitor voltage control. The DC-link capacitor voltage V_{dc} is subtracted from the reference voltage, V_{dc}^* . A DC-Link voltage controller acts on the resultant error. The DC-link voltage is kept constant and the power balance between the supply, the SAPF, and the load is achieved since the capacitor instantaneously compensates the difference between the supply and the load power. Multiplication of the DC-Link voltage controller output by the PCC per unit voltage forms the supply current reference. No supply voltage harmonics are considered.

A. Proposed Predictive Current Controller

The relation between SAPF current, i_c , the inverter output voltage, v_c , and the grid voltage at the PCC, v_s , is defined in discrete form by:

$$v_c^*(k+1) = \frac{L_i}{T_s} (i_c^*(k+1) - i_c(k)) + v_s(k) \quad (1)$$

where L_i is the interfacing inductance, T_s is the sampling time, and $i_c^*(k+1)$ and $v_c^*(k+1)$ are the predicted reference current and the predicted reference output voltage of the SAPF at the sampling instant $(k+1)$, respectively.

The SAPF current i_c at the sampling instant k is:

$$i_c(k) = i_L(k) - i_s(k) \quad (2)$$

where i_L is the load current, and i_s is the grid current at the

sampling instant k . Since the sampling instant $(k+1)$ is not available, $i_c^*(k+1)$ is assumed to be equal to $i_c^*(k)$. This introduces a one sample time delay which is less significant if the sampling frequency is high [1], [2].

The SAPF reference i_c^* current can be expressed as:

$$i_c^*(k) = i_L(k) - i_s^*(k) \quad (3)$$

Hence, the predicted SAPF output voltage can be expressed in terms of the reference and actual grid currents by:

$$v_c^*(k+1) = \frac{L_i}{T_s} (i_s(k) - i_s^*(k)) + v_s(k) \quad (4)$$

In addition to compensating the supply current harmonics, the SAPF is controlled to achieve a balance of the three-phase currents. The load neutral current is given by:

$$i_{Ln}(k) = i_{La}(k) + i_{Lb}(k) + i_{Lc}(k) \quad (5)$$

Similarly, the SAPF output for the forth-leg can be represented by:

$$v_{cn}^*(k+1) = \frac{L_i}{T_s} (i_{cn}^*(k+1) - i_{cn}(k)) + v_{sn}(k) \quad (6)$$

$$i_{cn}(k+1) = i_{sn}(k+1) - i_{Ln}(k) \quad (7)$$

$$i_{cn}^*(k+1) = i_{sn}^*(k+1) - i_{Ln}(k) \quad (8)$$

where i_{sn} , i_{sn}^* , i_{cn} , i_{cn}^* , i_{Ln} and v_{sn} are the grid neutral current, reference grid neutral current, SAPF neutral current, reference SAPF neutral current, load neutral current and grid voltage at the neutral point, respectively. Hence:

$$v_{cn}^*(k+1) = \frac{L_i}{T_s} (i_{sn}^*(k+1) - i_{sn}(k)) + v_{sn}(k) \quad (9)$$

However:

$$i_{sn}^*(k+1) = 0 \quad (10)$$

$$v_{sn}(k) = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$i_{sn}(k) = i_{sa}(k) + i_{sb}(k) + i_{sc}(k) \quad (12)$$

Then:

$$v_{cn}^*(k+1) = -\frac{L_i}{T_s} i_{sn}(k) = -\frac{L_i}{T_s} (i_{sa}(k) + i_{sb}(k) + i_{sc}(k)) \quad (13)$$

The above equations are used to predict the modulating signals necessary to generate the SAPF pulse width modulation (PWM) for both the three-phase and the forth-leg. Hence, the supply current and voltage becomes in phase and the grid supplies only active power to the load. The predictive control method proposed for the 4-leg SAPF can compensate both the grid current harmonics and the unbalance. Thus, it mitigates the neutral current and improves the power factor. It offers a simple realization, a reduced number of sensors and no PLL is required.

B. Proposed DC-Link Voltage Fuzzy Logic Controller

A Mamdani's type fuzzy logic controller [43], [44] is proposed for the SAPF DC-link voltage control.

The actual DC-link voltage V_{dc} is compared to the reference value V_{dc}^* . The error (E) can be expressed as:

$$E = V_{dc}^* - V_{dc} \quad (14)$$

The error (E) and change of error (CE) signals are processed through a fuzzy controller, as shown in Fig. 2(a), which contributes to the near zero steady-state error in tracking the reference current. In addition, the controller

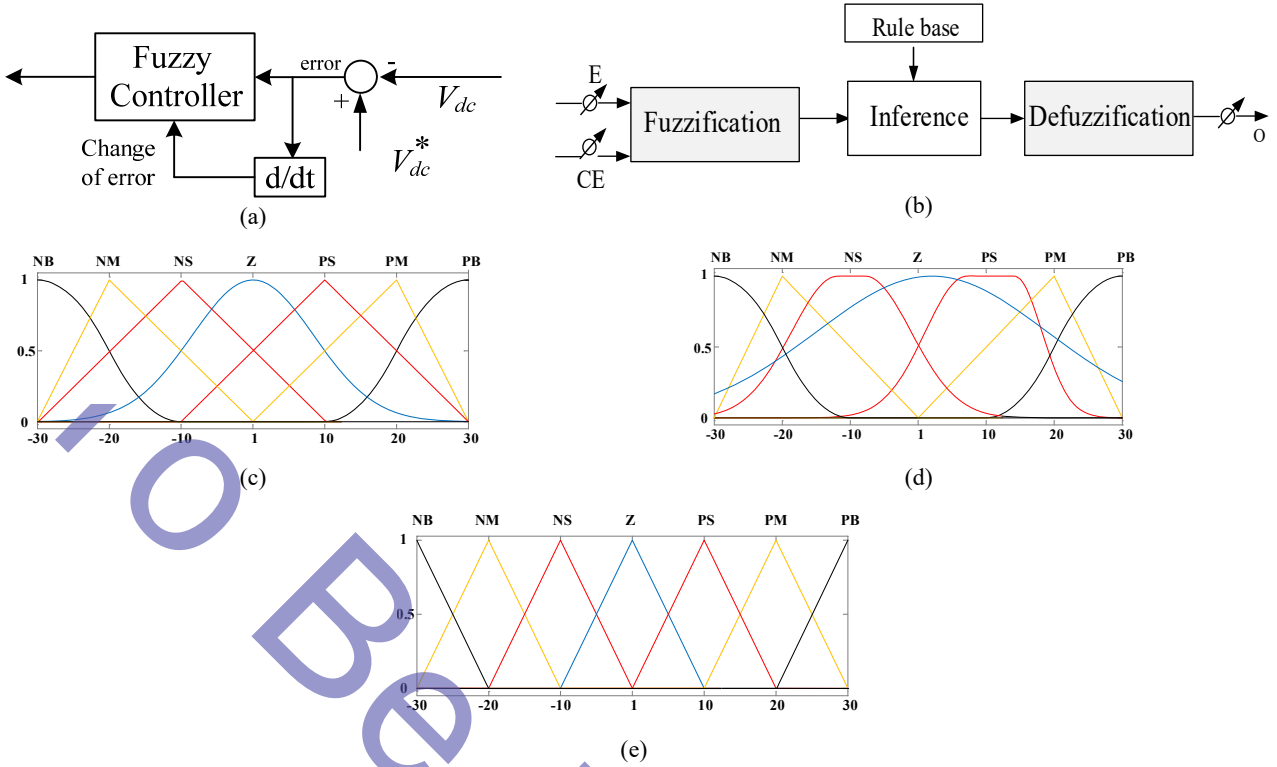


Fig. 2. Proposed DC-link voltage fuzzy logic controller. (a) Controller block diagram. (b) FLC stages. (c) Error membership function. (d) Change of error membership function. (e) Output membership function.

TABLE I
FUZZY RULES BASE

$E \backslash CE$	NB	NM	NS	Z	PS	PM	PB
NB	PB	PB	PM	PB	PS	PS	Z
NM	PB	PB	PM	PM	PS	Z	NS
NS	PM	PM	PM	PS	Z	NS	NM
Z	PM	PS	PS	Z	NS	NM	NM
PS	PS	PS	Z	NS	NS	NM	ZM
PM	PS	Z	NS	NM	NM	NM	NB
PB	Z	NS	NS	NM	NM	NB	NB

limits the overshoot and inrush current during the transient state.

The fuzzy logic controller is independent of the system model. The design is mainly based on intuitive feeling and designer experience. The rules are expressed as follows: (the error E is X ; and the change of error CE is Y) then (the control output is O).

For enhanced performance of the controller, the fuzzy petitioned subspaces negative big (NB), negative medium (NM), negative small (NS), zero (Z), positive small (PS), positive medium (PM), and positive big (PB) are used. These seven membership functions are similar for the inputs and output. The FLC rules are summarized in Table I.

The main parts of the proposed FLC including the fuzzification, rule-base, inference and defuzzification, are shown in Fig. 2(b). The membership functions (MFs) for the error, change of error and output variables are shown in Fig. 2

parts (c), (d) and (e), respectively.

The selection and tuning of the MFs is performed using the MATLAB[®] Fuzzy Logic Toolbox, see the Appendix for design steps illustration of the MFs.

IV. SIMULATION RESULTS

A 4-leg SAPF is connected at the PCC to a three-phase four-wire grid through interfacing inductances with a neutral wire tied to the fourth leg. The system under investigation, shown in Fig. 1(c), is simulated using MATLAB/Simulink[®] to investigate its performance. The PCC voltage is 380 V. The non-linear load is represented by a three-phase diode rectifier feeding an inductive load consists of a resistor $R_{L1}=30 \Omega$ and an inductor $L_{L1}=150 \text{ mH}$ acting as a harmonic current source. The current unbalance is presented by connecting an inductive load with phase A consisting only of a resistor $R_{LN}=15 \Omega$ and an inductor $L_{LN}=50 \text{ mH}$. The resistance and the inductance of the SAPF coupling inductor, are $R_i = 0.01 \Omega$ and $L_i = 4 \text{ mH}$, respectively. A DC-link capacitor of 3 mF is used.

The reference DC-link voltage is set to 650V, and the inverter switching frequency, f_s , is 5 kHz.

The SAPF is switched on at 0.04s and the load is increased at 0.2s by connecting the inductive load of the resistor $R_{L2}=50 \Omega$ and the inductor $L_{L2}=50 \text{ mH}$ in parallel to the existing three phase load. The DC-link voltage under the proposed fuzzy logic controller is shown in fig 3 (a). The SAPF starts

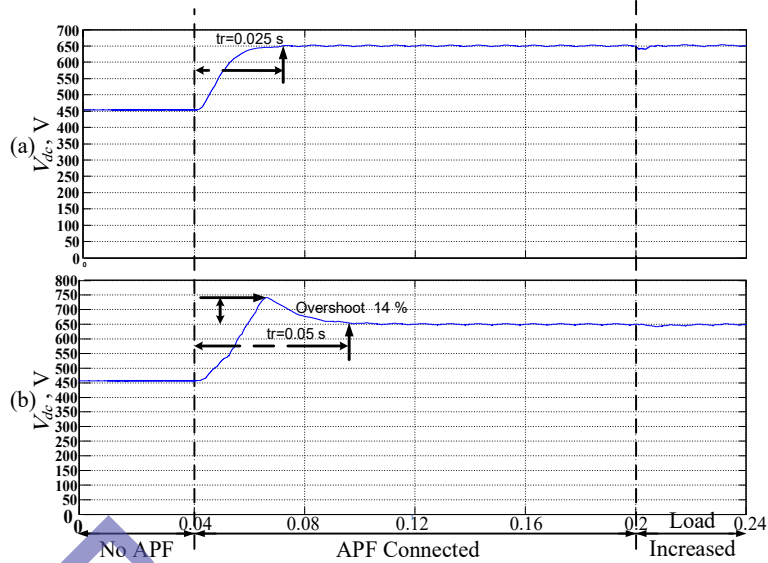


Fig. 3. DC-link capacitor voltage simulation results under: (a) proposed fuzzy logic controller; (b) conventional PI controller.

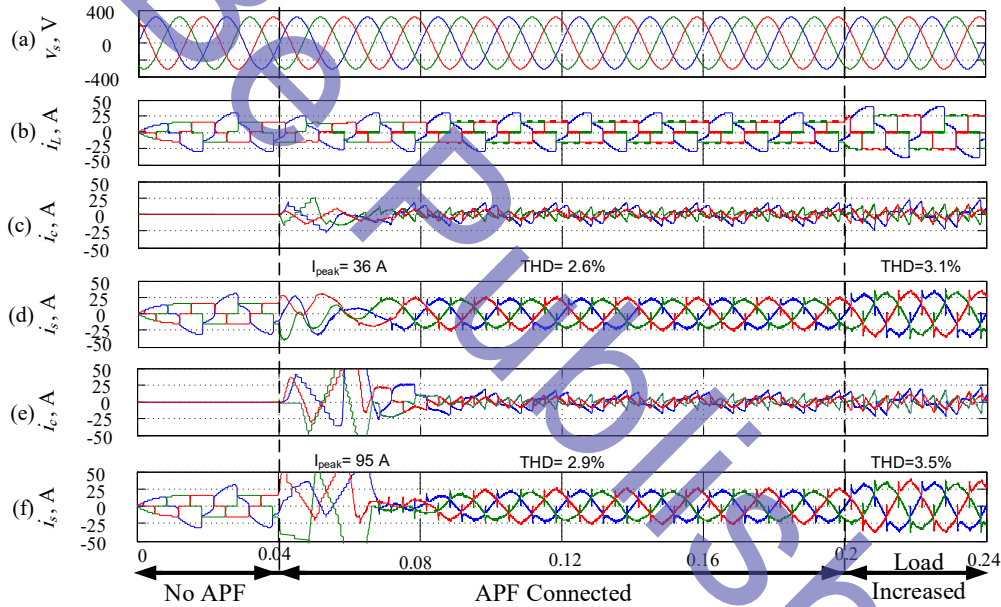


Fig. 4. System simulation results. (a) Supply voltage, v_s . (b) Load current, i_L . (c) SAPF current with a predictive fuzzy controller, i_c . (d) Supply current with a predictive fuzzy controller, i_s . (e) SAPF current with a predictive PI controller, i_c . (f) Supply current with a predictive PI controller, i_s .

at 0.04s while the DC-link voltage builds up fast to its reference of 650V at 0.065s, with no overshoot when compared with Fig. 3(b). This demonstrates the DC-link voltage performance under the conventional PI controller, where the voltage suffers an overshoot to 740V and stabilize to its reference of 650V at 0.09s. The three-phase grid voltage waveform at the PCC is shown in Fig. 4 (a).

A typical non-linear load current, i_L , is shown in Fig. 4(b). It is shown that the load current is distorted and unbalanced because of the bridge rectifier loading effect and the parallel unbalanced load. The APF current, i_c , shown in Fig. 4(c), with the proposed predictive fuzzy controller is injected at the PCC. As a result, a sinusoidal and balanced grid current, i_s , is

achieved as illustrated in Fig. 4(d). A similar simulation was carried out for the system under investigation but with the conventional PI controller for the DC-link voltage control loop instead of the proposed fuzzy logic one. Simulation results are represented in Fig. 4 parts (e)-(f) for the SAPF current i_c and the grid current i_s , respectively. It can be easily observed from Fig. 4 parts (d) and (f) that the proposed predictive fuzzy logic controller achieves a better THD and less overshoot for the grid current when compared to the conventional PI controller when utilized as the SAPF DC-link voltage controller.

Under the proposed predictive fuzzy logic control algorithm, the grid neutral current i_{sn} is mitigated, as shown in

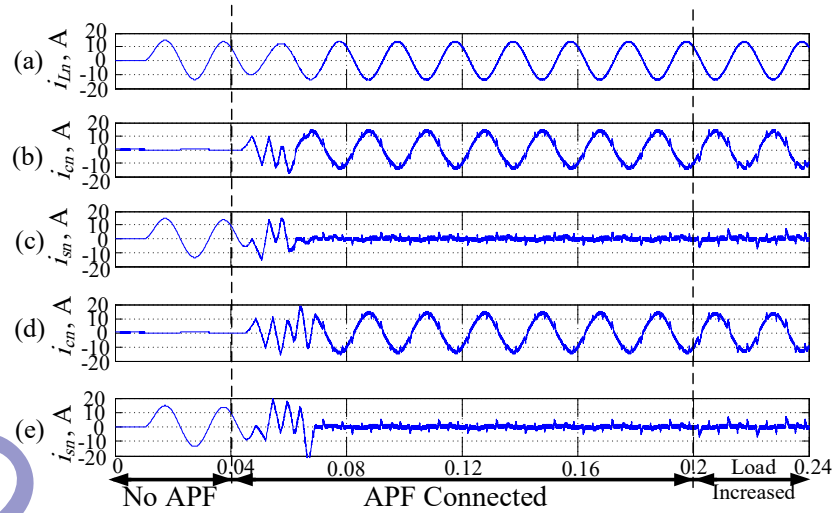
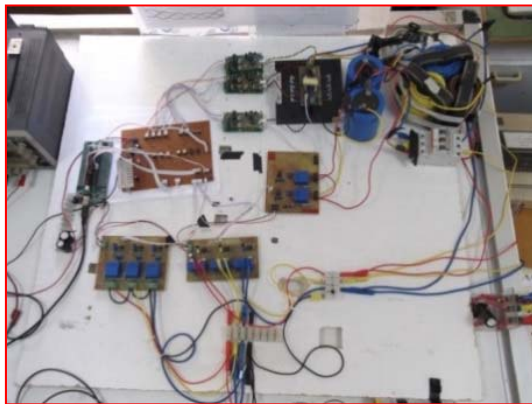
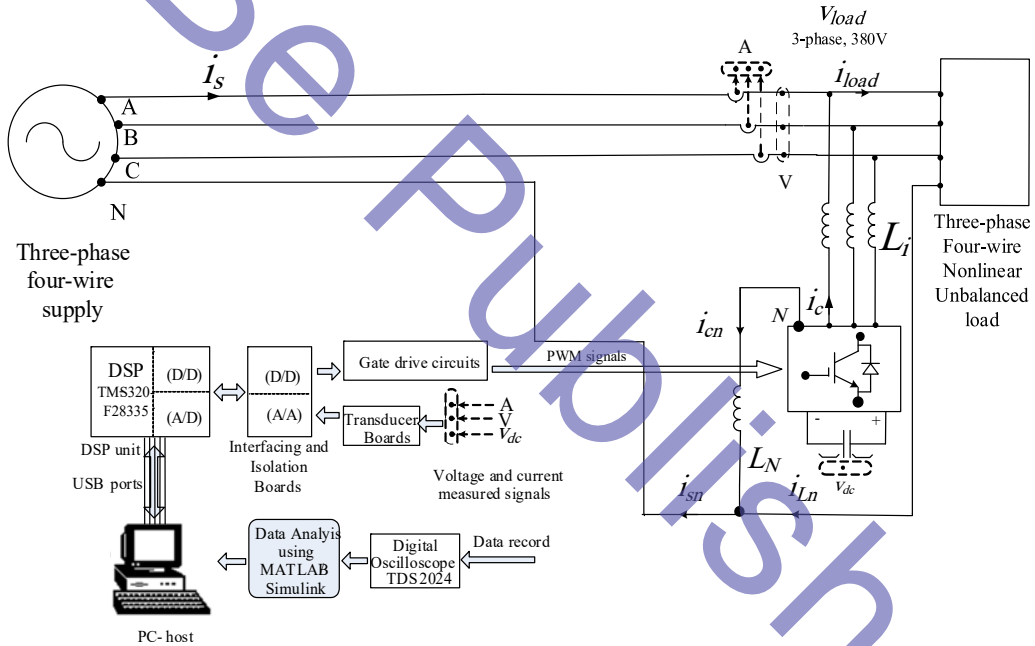


Fig. 5. System simulation results. (a) Load neutral current, i_{Ln} . (b) SAPF neutral current with a predictive fuzzy controller, i_{cn} . (c) supply neutral current with a predictive fuzzy controller, i_{sn} . (d) SAPF neutral current with a predictive PI controller, i_{cn} . (e) Supply neutral current with a predictive PI controller, i_{sn} .



(b)



(c)

Fig. 6. Experimental setup. (a) Experimental system block diagram. (b) Photograph of the test rig. (c) Three phase unbalanced load.

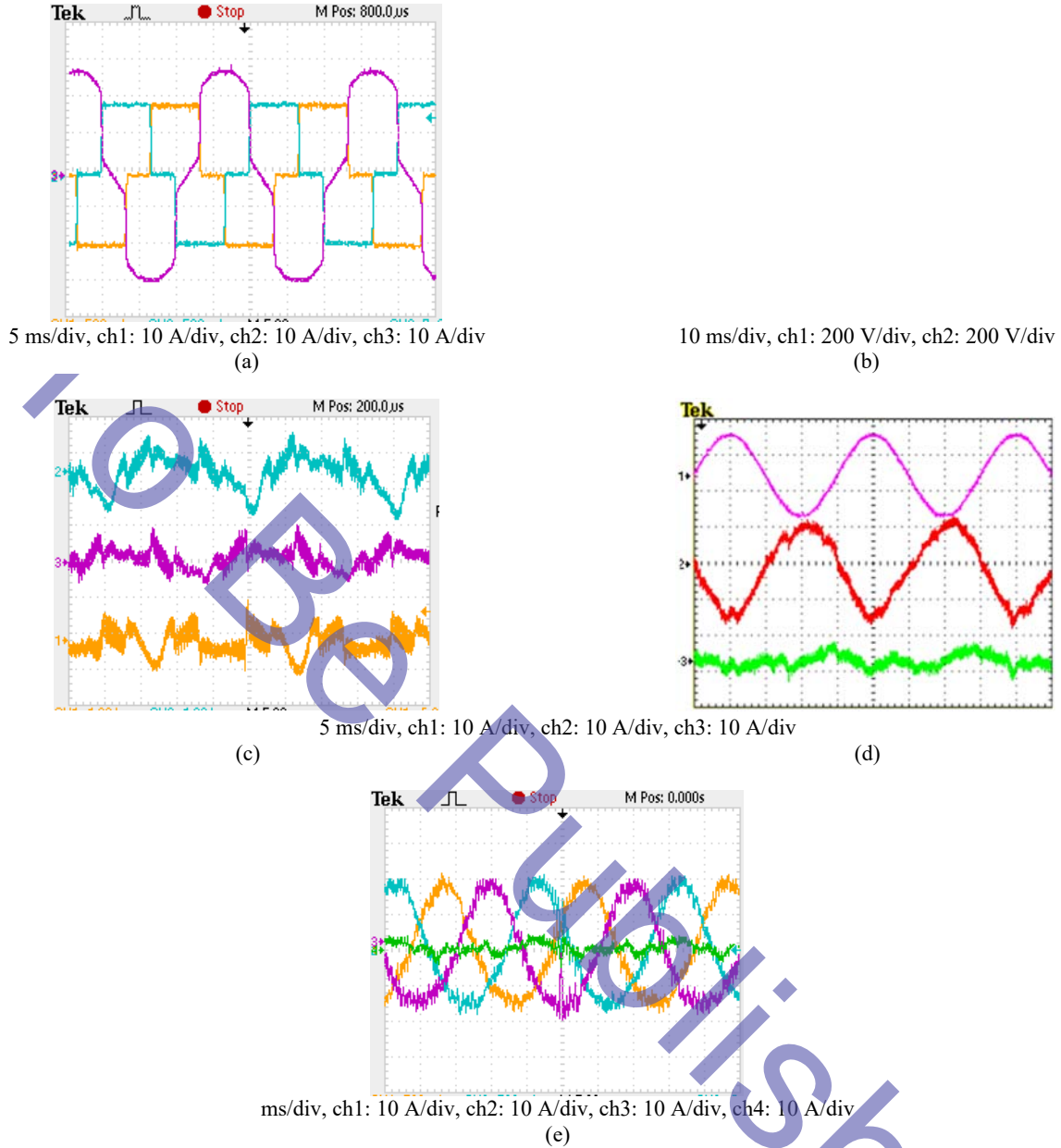


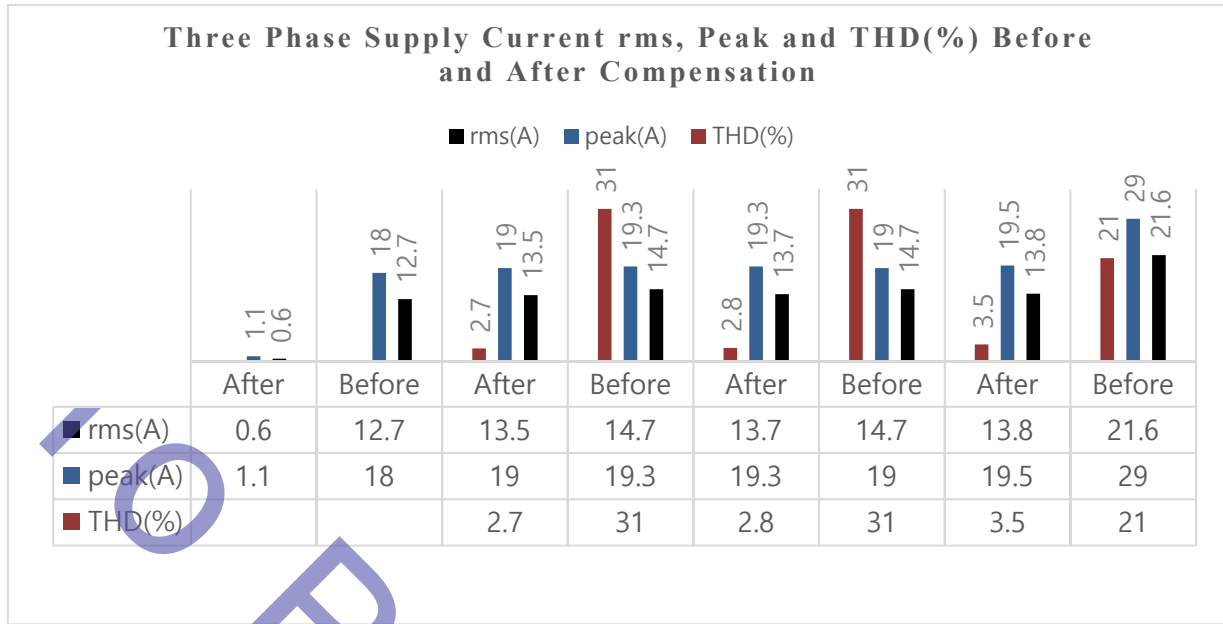
Fig. 7. System experimental results. (a) Distorted unbalanced load current, i_L . (b) DC-link voltage. (c) SAPF compensating currents, i_{cabc} . (d) Load neutral current, i_{Ln} , SAPF neutral compensating current, i_{cn} , and supply neutral current, i_{sn} . (e) Compensated supply currents i_{sabc} and neutral current i_{sn} .

Fig. 5(c), as a result of the injected SAPF neutral current i_{cn} , shown in Fig. 5(b). However, the load neutral current i_{Ln} exists as illustrated in Fig. 5(a). A similar simulation was carried out for the system under investigation but with the conventional PI controller for the DC-link voltage control loop instead of the proposed fuzzy logic controller. The simulation results are presented in Fig. 5 parts (d)-(e) for the SAPF neutral current i_{cn} and the grid current i_{sn} , respectively. Under the proposed predictive fuzzy algorithm, the grid neutral current i_{sn} does not exceed the peak value, 14A, which was attained before the SAPF started operation. On the other hand, the classical PI control algorithm was unable to limit the transient overshoot in the grid neutral current which

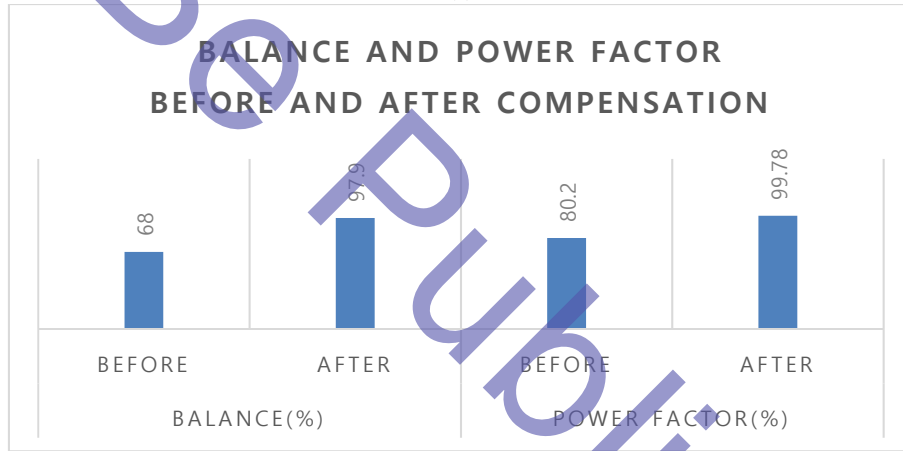
reaches 20A at the SAPF start-up. Both techniques attain similar steady-state results in terms of grid neutral current mitigation.

V. EXPERIMENTAL VERIFICATION

A laboratory prototype for the system under investigation, as shown in Fig. 6, is implemented to experimentally validate the effectiveness of the proposed compensation technique. The proposed predictive fuzzy logic algorithm is implemented on a 32-bit, floating point, Digital Signal Processor (DSP) TMS320F28335. The SAPF is coupled to the PCC via a 4 mH interfacing inductor.



(a)



(b)

Fig. 8: Proposed controller performance analysis: (a) comparison between supply line currents rms, peak value and THD (%) before and after compensation; (b) comparison between the system balance and power factor before and after compensation.

The DC-link capacitor is 3 mF, and the SAPF inverter operates at a switching frequency of 5 kHz. The employed current and voltage sensors are LA 100-P and LV 25-P, respectively.

The practical distorted unbalanced load current, i_L , is shown in Fig. 7(a). The load current THD reaches 31% with a power factor of 0.8 and a 68% unbalance between the supply three phase currents.

The DC-link voltage is stabilized at its reference of 650V under the proposed fuzzy logic control where an overshoot of nearly 37.5% exist if the conventional PI is utilized as a DC-link voltage controller, as illustrated in Fig. 7(b). It is shown that the proposed fuzzy-logic control features a better settling time and reduced over-shoot than the classical PI control. The SAPF compensating currents are shown in Fig. 7(c). The SAPF is controlled to inject unbalanced compensating currents i_{cabc} to cancel grid current harmonics,

which mitigates the supply neutral current and improves the power factor. Fig. 7(d) shows the load neutral current, i_{Ln} , the SAPF neutral compensating current, i_{cn} , and the supply neutral current, i_{sn} under the proposed predictive fuzzy-logic hybrid controller. It can be seen that the SAPF succeeded in mitigating the fourth wire supply current i_{sn} .

The compensated supply currents i_{sabc} are shown in Fig. 7(e). The THD is improved from (21%, 31% and 31%) to (3.5%, 2.8 and 2.7) for phases A, B and C, respectively, which complies with the IEEE std. 519 [6-7]. In addition, the supply power factor is improved from 0.8 to 0.997. Furthermore, the compensated supply neutral current, i_{sn} , is mitigated from (12.7A rms 18A peak) to (0.6A rms 1.1A peak). The supply rms currents i_{sabc} are reduced from (21.6A, 14.7A and 14.7A) to (13.8A, 13.7A and 13.5A) for phases A, B and C, respectively. As a result, the supply current balance is improved from 68% to 97.9%.

Moreover, the supply peak currents are reduced from (29A, 19A and 19.3A) to (19.5A, 19.3A and 19A) for phases A, B and C, respectively. The proposed predictive fuzzy hybrid control technique performance indicators are summarized in Fig. 8.

VI. CONCLUSIONS

A hybrid predictive fuzzy-logic based 4 leg SAPF control technique has been presented for low voltage distribution networks supplying unbalanced non-linear loads. The proposed technique offers enhanced performance since it succeeds in mitigating the supply current harmonics, achieves near power factor operation, offers a balanced supply current, and mitigates the neutral wire current. Several advantages are characterized for the proposed technique since a PLL is not required, and only the supply current, supply voltage and DC-link voltage need to be

measured. The presented technique effectiveness has been verified using rigorous simulations and experimental validation. In addition, the following table summarizes a comparison between the proposed technique and various recent references.

APPENDIX

A. MFs' Selection Using MATLAB® Fuzzy Logic Toolbox

A group of training data, based on system simulations under conventional controllers, was utilized to find the optimal MFs in the case under investigation. It is necessary to compare this result with the real one e.g. MAPE (Mean Average Percentage Error) to find less % err to find best MFs. This procedure is based on a constrained interpolations scheme, which was developed for fitting a membership function to a finite number of known membership values.

The fuzzy inference system implemented in this

TABLE II
ASSESSMENT COMPARISON OF THE PROPOSED TECHNIQUE WITH RECENT REFERENCES

Ref. No.	Topology	Harmonic current extraction method	Current control	DC-link voltage control	Advantages shared with the proposed technique	Disadvantages when compared to the proposed technique
45	Split-Capacitor	p-q	Sliding Mode Control (SMC)	PI Controller	• PLL less	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sensing the load and the filter currents are mandatory which increases system cost. ➤ Computational burden associated with the use of p-q method. ➤ Larger capacitor size is required. ➤ Higher DC-link voltage.
46	Split-Capacitor	Synchronous Reference Frame (SRF) and p-q	Dynamic Hysteresis Control	DC-link Voltage Regulator	• Low THD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sensing the load and the filter currents are mandatory which increases system cost. ➤ Computational burden associated with the use of SRF (Park and Park inverse) and two low pass filters (LPFs) of same order and cut-off frequency. ➤ Uses PLL is unavoidable.
47	Split-Capacitor	p-q	Digital Repetitive Control	Digital Repetitive Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLL less • Reduced number of sensors, only measurements of supply voltage and supply current are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sampling frequency in current control loop must be equal to the switching frequency. ➤ Eliminates only odd harmonics. ➤ DC-link voltage suffers from high oscillation and variation between the two capacitors when unbalance load is introduced. ➤ The supply voltage must be sinusoidal or the need for PLL arises.
48	Split-Capacitor	Synchronous Reference Frame (SRF)	Linear Hysteresis Control	Linear Control		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sensing the load and the filter currents are mandatory which increases system cost. ➤ Need of PLL. ➤ High reference DC-link voltage of 1200 V with grid supply voltage only 220 V. ➤ Use of two large capacitors of 10 mF each.
49	Split-Capacitor	Power-Balance Theory	Power-Balance Theory	Power-Balance Theory	• PLL less	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sensing the load and the filter currents are mandatory which increases system cost. ➤ Need of low-pass filter (LPF) and band-pass filter (BPF).
50	Four-Leg	Synchronous Reference Frame (SRF)	Adaptive Linear Element (Adaline)	Low Pass Filter (LPF)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ More number of sensors which increases system cost. ➤ Sensing the load and the filter currents is required. ➤ Computational burden associated with the use of SRF, Adaline, and LPF.

						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PLL is mandatory. ➤ Extremely large capacitor of 100 mF
51	Four-Leg	Non-Iterative Method	Hysteresis Control	PI Controller	• PLL less	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sensing the load and the filter currents are mandatory which increases system cost
52	Split-Capacitor	Modified d-q	Hysteresis Control	PI Controller	• PLL less	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sensing the load and the filter currents are mandatory which increases system cost ➤ Need of low-pass filter (LPF) and band-pass filter ➤ Higher DC-link voltage
53	Four-Leg	Synchronous Reference Frame (SRF)	Predictive Digital Current Control	Fuzzy Logic Controller		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sensing the load current is mandatory which increases system cost ➤ Computational burden associated with the use of SRF (Park and Park inverse) ➤ PLL is mandatory.
Ref. No.	Topology	Harmonic current extraction method	Current control	DC-link voltage control	Advantages shared with the proposed technique	Disadvantages when compared to the proposed technique
54	Four-Leg	Synchronous Reference Frame (SRF)	Modified Resonant PI Controller	PI Controller		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sensing the load and filter currents are mandatory which increases the system cost. ➤ Computational burden associated with the use of the SRF (Park and Park inverse). ➤ PLL is mandatory. ➤ Higher DC-link voltage.
55	One capacitor three-phase three-wire only	Does not need a harmonic extraction algorithm	Vector Resonant Controller	PI Controller	• Does not need a harmonics extraction algorithm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This technique does not deal with system unbalance since it is only concerned with three-phase three wire. ➤ Neutral current mitigation is not considered. ➤ More sensors are required since it senses the filter current in addition to the supply current and voltage. ➤ Only blocks selected harmonics components from the load side. ➤ Requires a PLL. ➤ Uses larger size capacitors 6.6 mF.
56	One capacitor three-phase three-wire only	LPF	Source Current Detection	PI Controller		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This technique does not deal with system unbalance since it is only concerned with three-phase three wire. ➤ Neutral current mitigation is not considered. ➤ More sensors are required since it senses the filter current in addition to the supply current and voltage. ➤ Requires a PLL.
57	One capacitor three-phase three-wire only	Stationary Reference Frame and Synchronous Reference Frame (SRF)	SVM	PI Controller		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This technique does not deal with system unbalance since it is only concerned with three-phase three wire. ➤ Neutral current mitigation is not considered. ➤ More sensors are required since it senses the filter current in addition to the supply current and voltage.
58	Two capacitors three-phase three-wire only	FFT	Predictive		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLL less • Sensing only the grid current or load current 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This technique does not deal with system unbalance since it is only concerned with three-phase three wire. ➤ Neutral current mitigation is not considered.
59	3-leg and H-bridge	Fundamental		PI Controller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLL less • Sensing only the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This technique does not deal with system unbalance since it is only concerned with three-phase three wire.

	three-phase three-wire only	Extraction			grid current or load current	➤ Neutral current mitigation is not considered.
60	One capacitor three-phase three-wire only	Stationary Reference Frame and Synchronous Reference Frame (SRF)	PI-VPI Controller	PI Controller	• Reduced number of sensors, only measurements of the supply voltage and supply current are required	➤ This technique does not deal with system unbalance since it is only concerned with three-phase three wire. ➤ Neutral current mitigation is not considered. ➤ Requires a PLL.
61	Split-Capacitor	Stationary Reference Frame		Nonstandard SM – PI	• Reduced number of sensors, only measurements of the supply voltage and supply current are required	➤ Requires a PLL.
62	Split-Capacitor	Synchronous Reference Frame (SRF)	Fuzzy-Logic Current Controller	PI Controller		➤ More sensors are required since it senses the filter current in addition to the supply current and voltage. ➤ Uses a linear fuzzy controller when dealing with non-linear conditions. ➤ Requires a PLL.
63	One capacitor three-phase three-wire only	Synchronous Reference Frame (SRF)	Hysteresis Band	PI Controller and Fuzzy-logic		➤ This technique does not deal with system unbalance since it is only concerned with three-phase three wire. ➤ Neutral current mitigation is not considered. ➤ Uses a linear fuzzy controller when dealing with non-linear conditions. ➤ Requires a PLL.

manuscript uses custom functions in the Fuzzy Logic Designer, available in the MATLAB Fuzzy Toolbox.

1. Open the Fuzzy Logic Designer. At the MATLAB® command line, type: fuzzyLogicDesigner.
2. Specify the number of inputs and outputs of the fuzzy system, as described in the Fuzzy Logic Designer.
3. Create custom membership functions, and replace the built-in membership functions with them, as described in Specifying Custom Membership Functions. The membership functions define how each point in the input space is mapped to a membership value between 0 and 1.
4. Create rules using the Rule Editor, as described in the Rule Editor. Define the logical relationship between the inputs and the outputs.
5. Create custom inference functions, and replace the built-in inference functions with them, as described in Specifying Custom Inference Functions. Inference methods include the AND, OR, implication, aggregation, and defuzzification methods. This action generates output values for the fuzzy system.
6. Select View > Surface to view the output of the fuzzy inference system in the Surface Viewer, as described in the Surface Viewer.

B. Part Numbers and References of The Experimental Test Rig Elements:

Hardware	Part number	Ref.
32-bit, floating point, Digital Signal	TMS320F28335	[64]
VSI IGBTs inverter	FGH40T120SMD	[65]
Three-phase diode bridge	SGBPC50005-SGBPC5016	[66]
Voltage transducer	LV-25P	[67]
Current transducer	LA 100P	[68]

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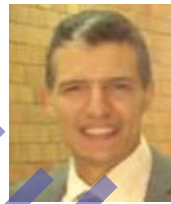


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