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Parametric Local Stability of a Multi-Converter System

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Motivation: classical operation of power system



Motivation: changes in grid operation



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Generic analysis challenges



- C1. assumptions on quasi-stationary steady state
- C2. transmission lines with non-zero transfer conductance
- C3. interaction of grid units with *line dynamics*
- C4. dq-frame in multi-machine case study
- C5. need for *fully decentralized* stability conditions

Modelling from first-order principle



Balanced, three-phase, averaged DC/AC converter in dq-frame $\int_0^{\tau} \omega^* d\tau$

$$egin{aligned} C_{dc}\dot{v}_{dc} &= -G_{dc}\,v_{dc} - rac{1}{2} extsf{diag}(m^{ op})\,i_{dq} + i_{dd}\ L\dot{i}_{dq} &= -\mathbf{Z}_R\,i_{dq} + rac{1}{2}\, extsf{diag}(m)\,v_{dc} - v_{dq}\ C\dot{v}_{dq} &= -\mathbf{Z}_V\,v_{dq} + i_{dq} - \mathbf{B}\,i_{net,dq}\ L_{net}\dot{i}_{net,dq} &= -\mathbf{Z}_{net}\,i_{net,dq} + \mathbf{B}^{ op}v_{dq} \end{aligned}$$

B: incidence matrix, $\mathbf{Z}_{R} = R \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{J} \, \omega^{*} L, \mathbf{Z}_{V} = G \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{J} \, \omega^{*} C, \mathbf{Z}_{net} = R_{net} \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{J} \, \omega^{*} L_{net}: \text{ impedance matrices, with } \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{I} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Synchronous machine matching control



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$$\begin{split} \dot{\gamma} &= \eta \left(v_{dc} - v_{dc}^* \right), \eta > 0 \,, \\ m &= \mu \begin{bmatrix} -\sin(\gamma) \\ \cos(\gamma) \end{bmatrix}, \, 1 > \mu > 0 \end{split}$$

controllable current source

$$i_{dc} = i_{dc}^* - K_p (v_{dc} - v_{dc}^*) - G_{dc} v_{dc}^*, K_p > 0$$

[Jouini et al.'16, Arghir et al.'18]

dq trafo with respect to desired frequency



Closed-loop DC/AC converter in dq-frame

$$\begin{split} \dot{\gamma} &= \eta \left(v_{dc} - v_{dc}^* \mathbf{1}_n \right) \\ C_{dc} \dot{v}_{dc} &= -\hat{K}_p \left(v_{dc} - v_{dc}^* \mathbf{1}_n \right) - \frac{1}{2} \mathsf{diag}(\mu) \mathbf{R}(\gamma)^\top i_{dq} + i_{dd}^* \\ L \dot{i}_{dq} &= -\mathbf{Z}_R \, i_{dq} + \frac{1}{2} \mathsf{diag}(\mu) \mathbf{R}(\gamma) \, v_{dc} - v_{dq} \\ C \dot{v}_{dq} &= -\mathbf{Z}_V \, v_{dq} + i_{dq} - \mathbf{B} \, i_{net,dq} \\ L_{net} \dot{i}_{net,dq} &= -\mathbf{Z}_{net} \, i_{net,dq} + \mathbf{B}^\top v_{dq} \end{split}$$

where $\hat{K}_p = K_p + G_{dc}, \ \overline{K_p > 0}$

Steady state manifold \mathcal{M} : Invariance under rotation angle θ_0

steady-state angles

$$[\gamma] = \{\gamma \in \mathbf{T}_n | \, \omega^* t + \gamma(0) + \theta_0 \, \operatorname{span}\{\mathbf{1}_n\}\}$$

steady-state *frequency* and *DC voltages*

$$[\omega] = \{\omega \in \mathbf{R}^n_{\geq 0} | \omega = \omega^*\}$$
$$[v_{dc}] = \{v_{dc} \in \mathbf{R}^n_{\geq 0} | v_{dc} = v^*_{dc}\}$$

steady-state AC quantities

$$\begin{split} &[i_{dq}] = \{i_{dq} \in \mathbf{R}^{2n} | i_{dq}^* + \operatorname{span}\{\mathcal{R}(\theta_0) i_{dq}^*\}\} \\ &[v_{dq}] = \{v_{dq} \in \mathbf{R}^{2n} | v_{dq}^* + \operatorname{span}\{\mathcal{R}(\theta_0) v_{dq}^*\}\}\} \\ &[i_{net,dq}] = \{i_{net,dq} \in \mathbf{R}^{2m} | i_{net,dq}^* + \operatorname{span}\{\mathcal{R}(\theta_0) i_{net,dq}^*\}\}\} \end{split}$$

 $\mathcal{R}(\theta_0)$: rotating matrix with angle θ_0

Linearisation around a desired steady state x^*



Linearised converter model at $x^* = [\gamma^* \ v_{dc}^* \mathbf{1}_n \ i_{dq}^* \ v_{dq}^* \ i_{net,dq}^*]^\top$

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \eta \mathbf{I} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\mathbf{A}_{21} & -C_{dc}^{-1} \hat{K}_{p} \mathbf{I} & -\mathbf{A}_{32}^{\top} & 0 & 0 \\ \mathbf{A}_{31} & \mathbf{A}_{32} & -L^{-1} \mathbf{Z}_{R} & -L^{-1} \mathbf{I} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C^{-1} \mathbf{I} & -C^{-1} \mathbf{Z}_{v} & -C^{-1} \mathbf{B} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & L_{net}^{-1} \mathbf{B}^{\top} & -L_{net}^{-1} \mathbf{Z}_{net} \end{bmatrix} x$$
$$v(x^{*}) = \operatorname{span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1}_{n} \mathbf{0} \mathbf{J} \, i_{dq}^{*} \, \mathbf{J} \, v_{dq}^{*} \, \mathbf{J} \, i_{net,dq}^{*} \end{bmatrix} \right\} \in \ker(A(x^{*})), \, v(x^{*}) = \begin{bmatrix} v_{1}(x^{*})v_{2}(x^{*}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Definition of a steady state tangent space $T_x^*\mathcal{M}$

tangent angles subspace

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Separable Lyapunov analysis for systems with symmetries

A class of *partitioned* linear systems

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} x \tag{5}$$

Three assumptions to go:

- the sub-block A₁₁ is Hurwitz
- there *exists* a vector $v = [v_1 v_2]^\top : A \cdot \text{span}\{v\} = 0$
- ... (added in a later step)

Derive *fully decentralized* conditions so that span $\{v\}$ is *asymptotically stable* \Leftrightarrow the system matrix has *all its eigenvalues* in the *left-half* plane except for *one* at *zero*

Construction of the Lyapunov function

▶ define LF as an *oblique projector* into v_⊥ in P-columns direction

$$\mathcal{V}(x) = x^{\top} \left(\mathbf{P} - \frac{\mathbf{P} v v^{\top} \mathbf{P}}{v^{\top} \mathbf{P} v} \right) x : A \cdot \operatorname{span}\{v\} = 0,$$

P is a *positive definite* matrix.



Separable Lyapunov function

• fix the *structure* of the matrix $Q(\mathbf{P})$ so that $\mathbf{P}A + A^{\top}\mathbf{P} = -Q(\mathbf{P})$

$$\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{P}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q}_1 & H(\mathbf{P})^\top \\ H(\mathbf{P}) & H(\mathbf{P})\mathbf{Q}_1^{-1}H^\top(\mathbf{P}) + \mathbf{Q}_2 \end{bmatrix}, H(\mathbf{P}) = A_{12}^\top \mathbf{P}_1 + \mathbf{P}_2 A_{21}$$

 \mathbf{Q}_1 is **positive definite**, \mathbf{Q}_2 is **positive semi-definite** with respect to v_2 choose block diagonal matrix P

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{P}_2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{P}_1 = \mathbf{P}_1^{\top}, \mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{P}_2^{\top}$$

- **P** $A + A^{\top}$ **P** $= -Q(\mathbf{P})$ Algebraic Ricatti Equation
- **Third** assumption: define $\mathbf{F} = A_{22} + A_{21} \mathbf{Q}_1^{-1} P_1 A_{12}$
 - *necessary* and *sufficient* condition: $(\mathbf{F}, A_{21}\mathbf{Q}_1^{-1/2})$ is stabilizable and
 - (\mathbf{F}, D) is detectable, where $DD^{\top} = A_{12}^{\top} P_1 \mathbf{Q}_1^{-1} P_1 A_{12} + \mathbf{Q}_2$ **F** is a *Hurwitz* matrix (stricter condition)

Main result and contextualization

If *three* assumptions are satisfied, then span $\{v\}$ is *asymptotically stable*

The matrix **F** is Hurwitz:

- ► *small-gain* theorem for A₂₂ Hurwitz
- passive system: LE, KYP Lemma



Figure: Interconnected closed-loop system

ECC Paper: application to reduced model



- application of *Tikhonov's* Theorem
- **•** *slow* subsystem: $\{\gamma, v_{dc}, i_{dq}\}$ and *fast* subsystem: $\{v_{dq}, i_{net,dq}\}$
- fast subsystem is exponentially stable relative to $\begin{bmatrix} v_{dq}^* & i_{net,dq}^* \end{bmatrix}^{\top}$
- sufficient and fully decentralized condition: reactive power support and resistive damping
- ► arXiv paper: *full-order* model analysis [Jouini et al.'19]

Application: Local stability of multi DC/AC converter

Algebraic synchronization condition at the *k*-th converter:

$$16 Q_{x,k}^* > \frac{\mu_k^2 v_{dc}^{*2}}{R}$$
 (6)

where $Q_{x,k}^* = \frac{1}{2} v_{dc}^* \mu_k J r(\gamma_k^*)^\top i_{dq}^*, \mathbf{Q}_1 = \mathbf{I}, \ \mathbf{Q}_2 = \mathbf{I} - \frac{v_2(x^*)v_2(x^*)^\top}{v_2(x^*)^\top v_2(x^*)}$

- sufficient condition (6) is fully decentralized
- if (6) is *true*, then span $\{v(x^*)\}$ is *locally* asymptotically stable
- sufficient reactive power support, resistive damping
- reinforced by virtual impedance control:

$$m' = m + 2k_m i_{dq}/v_{dc}, \ i'_{dc} = i_{dc} + k_m i_{dq}^{\top} i_{dq}/v_{dc}, \ k_m > 0$$

aligned with practitioners insights [Wang et al.'15, Barbanov et al.'16]

Simulations: Eye candy

- ► identical DC/AC converters initialized differently v_{dc,1}(0) ≠ v_{dc,2}(0)
- ► same input pair (i_{dc}^*, μ^*)
- ► stability condition satisfied for k_m > 47.84



	Converter 1	Converter 2	RL Line
i_{dc}^*	$1.9 \cdot 10^{3}$	$1.9 \cdot 10^{3}$	-
v_{dc}^*	10^{3}	10^{3}	-
C_{dc}	10^{-3}	10^{-3}	-
G_{dc}	10^{-5}	10^{-5}	-
η	10^{-4}	10^{-4}	-
R	0.1	0.1	-
L	$5 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$5 \cdot 10^{-4}$	-
C	10^{-5}	10^{-5}	-
μ^*	0.33	0.33	-
G	0.05	0.05	-
K_p	0.2	0.2	-
R_{net}	-	-	2
L_{net}	-	-	10^{-4}



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Our remedy in this work

- R1. modelling from *first-order* principles
- R2. stability analysis of *reduced-order* DC/AC converter model
- R3. extensions to *full-order* DC/AC converter model
- R4. dq-transformation with respect to steady state frequency
- R5. scalable LF: parametrised Lyapunov/Ricatti equation

Future venues

- study of conservativeness of derived stability condition
- extensive simulations of multi-converter system

Thank you for your attention