



**UNIVERSITI PUTRA MALAYSIA**

***UNIFIED NEURAL NETWORK CONTROLLER OF SERIES ACTIVE POWER  
FILTER FOR POWER QUALITY PROBLEMS MITIGATION***

**BEHZAD GHAZANFARPOUR**

**FK 2013 68**



**UNIFIED NEURAL NETWORK CONTROLLER OF SERIES ACTIVE  
POWER FILTER FOR POWER QUALITY PROBLEMS MITIGATION**

**By**

**BEHZAD GHAZANFARPOUR**

**Thesis Submitted to the School of Graduate Studies, Universiti Putra Malaysia,  
in Fulfilment of the Requirement for the Degree of Master of Science**

**August 2013**

## COPYRIGHT

All material contained within the thesis, including without limitation text, logos, icons, photographs and all other artwork, is copyright material of Universiti Putra Malaysia unless otherwise stated. Use may be made of any material contained within the thesis for non-commercial purposes from the copyright holder. Commercial use of material may only be made with the express, prior, written permission of Universiti Putra Malaysia.

Copyright © Universiti Putra Malaysia



© COPYRIGHT UPM

Abstract of thesis presented to the Senate of Universiti Putra Malaysia in fulfilment of the requirement for the degree of Master of Science

**UNIFIED NEURAL NETWORK CONTROLLER OF SERIES ACTIVE POWER FILTER FOR POWER QUALITY PROBLEMS MITIGATION**

By

**BEHZAD GHAZANFARPOUR**

**August 2013**

**Chairman : Mohd Amran Mohd Radzi, PhD**

**Faculty : Engineering**

This thesis presents the design, development and analysis of series active power filter (APF) with a novel control technique. The series APF developed in this work is applied at a point of common coupling (PCC) to compensate voltage harmonic and source-end disturbances of the grid supply voltage. To solve the mentioned power quality issues, the architecture of the series APF controller is developed to assess and extract voltage harmonic, sag, swell and interruption conditions. The proposed unified controller is responsible to generate proper switching signals for dynamic compensation of voltage harmonic, sag, swell and interruption and formed of two main parts. The first and core unit of the controller utilizes adaptive neural network algorithm to extract fundamental component of the supply voltage and detach the present voltage harmonic. The adaptive neural network unit uses Adaline structure for faster extraction of present distortions at the supply voltage. The amplitude value of the fundamental component is measured and saved by the second unit called peak detector. Furthermore, it is unified with a phase-locked loop (PLL) based reference generator unit to generate proper compensation signal for present faults at voltage

supply fundamental signal caused by source-end disturbances. In order to enhance the response time of series APF, two of the most well known learning algorithms are investigated in this work. First, Widrow-Hoff algorithm is examined and its constant learning rate is modified by adding an adaptive learning rule to change the learning rate value. This modification demonstrates a significant contribution in performance of the series APF in terms of speed and accuracy. However, in the second investigation neural network unit utilized Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm as the harmonic extractor, since it is faster and more accurate than adaptive Widrow-Hoff especially during fundamental signal variation caused by source-end disturbances. The controller uses extracted distortion signal to generate the proper reference signal. The compensator unit receives reference signal to operate the pulse width modulation (PWM) based voltage source inverter to generate the replica of the voltage harmonic, sag, swell and interruption to inject them into the system for compensation. The implementation of the proposed APF could maintain the utility supply voltage at the point of common coupling in a distribution network at almost sinusoidal and should minimize the total harmonic distortion (THD) levels in the network. The proposed extraction techniques and inverter control scheme of series APF topology was investigated to examine the functionality of the system under different disturbance conditions. The obtained simulation results illustrate the capability of the series APF with the proposed unified controller in mitigating of voltage harmonic and compensating of voltage sag, swell and interruption during variety of voltage quality problems occurrence at the PCC.

Abstrak tesis yang dikemukakan kepada Senat Universiti Putra Malaysia sebagai memenuhi keperluan untuk ijazah Master Sains

**PENGAWAL RANGKAIAN NEURAL BERSATU BAGI PENAPIS KUASA AKTIF SESIRI UNTUK PENGURANGAN MASALAH KUALITI KUASA**

Oleh

**BEHZAD GHAZANFARPOUR**

**Ogos 2013**

**Pengerusi : Mohd Amran Mohd Radzi, PhD**

**Fakulti : Kejuruteraan**

Tesis ini membentangkan reka bentuk, pembangunan dan analisis penapis kuasa aktif sesiri dengan teknik kawalan baru. Penapis kuasa aktif sesiri yang dicadangkan digunakan pada satu titik gandingan sepunya untuk memampas voltan harmonik dan gangguan sumber akhir voltan bekalan grid. Bagi menyelesaikan isu-isu kualiti kuasa yang dinyatakan, seni bina pengawal penapis kuasa aktif sesiri dibangunkan untuk menilai dan mengekstrak voltan harmonik, lendut, ampul dan keadaan sampukan. Pengawal bersatu yang dicadangkan bertanggungjawab untuk menjana isyarat pensuisan yang sepatutnya untuk pampasan dinamik voltan harmonik, lendut, ampul dan sampukan, dan dibentuk oleh dua unit utama. Unit pertama dan teras pengawal menggunakan algoritma rangkaian neural suai untuk mengekstrak komponen asas voltan bekalan dan menanggalkan kehadiran voltan harmonik yang hadir. Unit rangkaian neural suai menggunakan struktur *Adaline* untuk pengeluaran lebih cepat gangguan yang hadir pada voltan bekalan. Nilai amplitud komponen asas diukur dan disimpan oleh unit kedua dipanggil pengesan puncak. Tambahan pula, unit ini disatukan dengan unit penjana rujukan berasaskan gelung terkunci fasa untuk

menghasilkan isyarat pampasan yang sepatutnya bagi kerosakan semasa pada isyarat asas bekalan voltan yang disebabkan oleh gangguan sumber akhir. Dalam usaha untuk meningkatkan masa tindak balas penapis kuasa aktif sesiri, dua daripada algoritma pembelajaran yang paling terkenal disiasat dalam kerja ini. Pertama, algoritma *Widrow-Hoff* diperiksa dan kadar pembelajaran malarnya diubah suai dengan menambah peraturan pembelajaran suai untuk mengubah nilai kadar pembelajaran. Pengubahsuaian ini menunjukkan sumbangan yang ketara dalam prestasi penapis kuasa aktif sesiri daripada segi kelajuan dan ketepatan. Walau bagaimanapun, dalam penyiasatan kedua, unit rangkaian neural menggunakan algoritma *Levenberg-Marquardt* sebagai pengekstrak harmonik, kerana unit ini adalah lebih cepat dan lebih tepat daripada *Widrow-Hoff* suai terutama semasa perubahan isyarat asas yang disebabkan oleh gangguan sumber akhir. Pengawal menggunakan isyarat herotan terekstrak untuk menjana isyarat rujukan yang sepatutnya. Unit pemampas menerima isyarat rujukan untuk mengendalikan pemodulatan lebar denyut berasaskan penyongsang bersumberkan voltan untuk menghasilkan replika voltan harmonik, lendut, ampul dan sampukan untuk menyuntik semuanya ke dalam sistem bagi pampasan. Pelaksanaan penapis kuasa aktif yang dicadangkan boleh mengekalkan voltan bekalan kegunaan di titik gandingan sepunya dalam rangkaian pengedaran pada bentuk hampir sinus dan seharusnya meminimumkan tahap jumlah herotan harmonik dalam rangkaian.

Teknik-teknik pengestrakan yang dicadangkan dan skim kawalan penyongsang bagi topologi penapis kuasa aktif sesiri telah disiasat untuk memeriksa kebarangkapan sistem dalam keadaan gangguan yang berbeza. Keputusan simulasi yang diperolehi menggambarkan keupayaan penapis kuasa aktif sesiri yang dicadangkan dalam mengurangkan voltan harmonik dan pampasan daripada lendut, ampul dan sampukan

voltan dalam pelbagai perubahan parameter sumber elektrik di titik terganggu  
sepunya.





## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

First of all, praise is to “Allah” the cherisher, and the sustainers of the world for giving me strengths, health and determination to complete this thesis. I wish to express my deep and sincere appreciation to the chair of my committee Dr. Mohd Amran Mohd Radzi for his valuable ideas and support during the course of my thesis and also for the direction and guidance provided during the entire period of my studies.

I take great pleasure here and wish to express my sincere appreciation to contribution of Prof. Ir. Dr. Norman Mariun. My deepest gratitude goes to Prof. Dr. Fransico Martin and Ir. Dr. Mohammad Lutfi b. Othman for their valuable guidance and advice in throughout my study period at UPM.

Finally, I wish to thank my family who continue to astonish me with their support, patience, resilience and love.

I certify that a Thesis Examination Committee has met on 30th August 2013 to conduct the final examination of Behzad Ghazanfarpour Khoulenjani on his thesis entitled “Unified Neural Network Controller of Series Active Power Filter for Power Quality Problems Mitigation” in accordance with the Universities and University Colleges Act 1971 and the Constitution of the Universiti Putra Malaysia [P.U.(A) 106] 15 March 1998. The Committee recommends that the student be awarded the Master of Science.

Members of the Thesis Examination Committee were as follows:

**Samsul Bahari Mohd Noor, PhD**

Associate Professor  
Faculty of Engineering  
Universiti Putra Malaysia  
(Chairman)

**Hashim Hizam, PhD**

Associate Professor  
Faculty of Engineering  
Universiti Putra Malaysia  
(Internal Examiner)

**Noor Izzri Abdul Wahab, PhD**

Senior Lecturer  
Faculty of Engineering  
Universiti Putra Malaysia  
(Internal Examiner)

**Azah Mohamed, PhD**

Professor  
Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment  
National University of Malaysia  
Malaysia  
(External Examiner)

---

**SEOW HENG FONG, PhD**

Professor and Deputy Dean  
School of Graduate Studies  
Universiti Putra Malaysia

Date:

This thesis was submitted to the Senate of Universiti Putra Malaysia and has been accepted as fulfillment of the requirement for the degree of Master of Science. The members of the Supervisory Committee were as follows:

**Mohd Amran Mohd Radzi, PhD**

Senior Lecturer  
Faculty of Engineering  
Universiti Putra Malaysia  
(Chairman)

**Norman Mariun, PhD, IR**

Professor  
Faculty of Engineering  
Universiti Putra Malaysia  
(Member)

---

**BUJANG BIN KIM HUAT, PhD**

Professor and Dean  
School of Graduate Studies  
Universiti Putra Malaysia

Date:

## DECLARATION

I hereby confirm that:

- this thesis is my original work;
- quotations, illustrations and citations have been duly referenced;
- this thesis has not been submitted previously or concurrently for any other degree at any other institutions;
- intellectual property from the thesis and copyright of thesis are fully-owned by Universiti Putra Malaysia, as according to the Universiti Putra Malaysia (Research) Rules 2012;
- written permission must be obtained from supervisor and the office of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) before thesis is published (in the form of written, printed or in electronic form) including books, journals, modules, proceedings, popular writings, seminar papers, manuscripts, posters, reports, lecture notes, learning modules or any other materials as stated in the Universiti Putra Malaysia (Research) Rules 2012;
- there is no plagiarism or data falsification/fabrication in the thesis, and scholarly integrity is upheld as according to the Universiti Putra Malaysia (Graduate Studies) Rules 2003 (Revision 2012-2013) and the Universiti Putra Malaysia (Research) Rules 2012. The thesis has undergone plagiarism detection software.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Matric No.: \_\_\_\_\_

## Declaration by Members of Supervisory Committee

This is to confirm that:

- the research conducted and the writing of this thesis was under our supervision;
- supervision responsibilities as stated in the Universiti Putra Malaysia (Graduate Studies) Rules 2003 (Revision 2012-2013) are adhered to.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of  
Chairman of  
Supervisory  
Committee:           **Mohd Amran**  
                  **Mohd Radzi**

Name of  
Member of  
Supervisory  
Committee:           **Norman**  
                  **Mariun**

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

	<b>Page</b>
<b>ABSTRACT</b>	ii
<b>ABSTRAK</b>	iv
<b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS</b>	vii
<b>APPROVAL</b>	viii
<b>DECLARATION</b>	x
<b>LIST OF TABLES</b>	xiv
<b>LIST OF FIGURES</b>	xv
<b>LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS</b>	xix
<b>CHAPTER</b>	
<b>1 INTRODUCTION</b>	<b>1</b>
1.1 Background	1
1.2 Problem Statement	4
1.3 Scope and Objectives	6
1.4 Organization of the Thesis	7
<b>2 LITERATURE REVIEW</b>	<b>9</b>
2.1 Introduction	9
2.2 Factors Related to Power Quality	9
2.2.1 Voltage and Current Harmonic	10
2.2.2 Source-End Disturbances	13
2.3 Active Power Filter	16
2.3.1 Converter Based Classification	17
2.3.2 Series APFs	19
2.3.3 Shunt APFs	21
2.3.4 Series-Shunt APFs	24
2.4 Harmonic Extraction Methods	27
2.4.1 Classical Fourier Transform Based Extraction Method	28
2.4.2 Synchronous Reference Frame Based Extraction Method	29
2.4.3 Instantaneous Reactive Power Based Extraction Method	31
2.4.4 Artificial Neural Network Based Extraction Method	32
2.5 Summary	35
<b>3 METHODOLOGY</b>	<b>36</b>
3.1 Introduction	36
3.2 Series APF Power Circuit Design	38
3.3 Operation Principle of Series APF System	40
3.4 Control System	43
3.4.1 Artificial Neural Network	44
3.4.2 Peak Detector Unit	59

3.4.3	Reference Generator Unit	60
3.5	Summary	61
<b>4</b>	<b>RESULTS AND DISCUSSION</b>	<b>62</b>
4.1	Introduction	62
4.2	Simulation Setting	62
4.3	Proposed Simulation Circuits of the Series APF	64
4.4	Signal Extraction Using Conventional W-H and Adaptive W-H Algorithms	69
4.5	Signal Extraction Using Adaptive W-H and L-M Algorithms	73
4.6	Results	77
4.6.1	System Operation Under Balanced and Unbalanced Voltage Harmonic	78
4.6.2	System Operation Under Voltage Harmonic, Sag, Swell, and Interruption	84
4.7	Summary	91
<b>5</b>	<b>CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORKS</b>	<b>92</b>
5.1	Summary and Conclusions	92
5.2	Contributions of the Work	94
5.3	Recommendations for Future Work	95
	<b>REFERENCES</b>	<b>97</b>
	<b>APPENDICES</b>	<b>105</b>
	<b>LIST OF PUBLICATIONS</b>	<b>114</b>