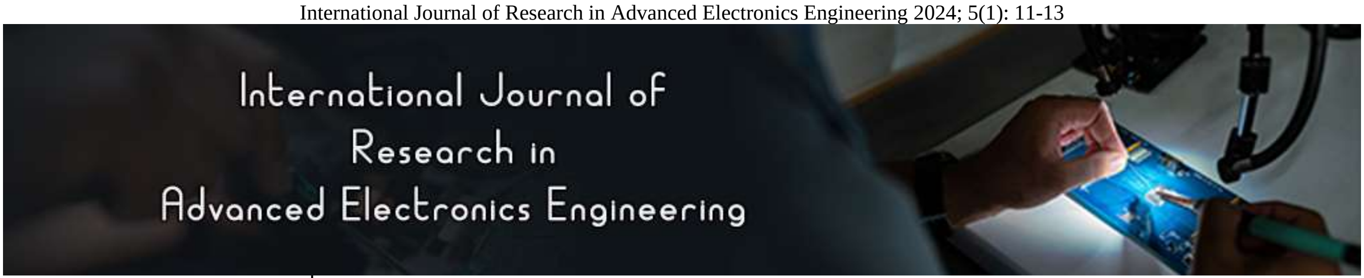

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Enhanced low voltage ride through (LVRT) performance in single-stage, three-phase, grid-connected photovoltaic (PV) systems

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Abstract
This paper presents a comprehensive study on enhancing Low Voltage Ride Through (LVRT) performance in single-stage, three-phase, grid-connected photovoltaic (PV) systems. With the increasing integration of renewable energy sources into the power grid, maintaining stability during voltage dips becomes critical. This study leverages MATLAB/Simulink for simulating various low-voltage scenarios to assess the effectiveness of advanced control strategies in improving LVRT capabilities. By comparing the system's performance against a baseline model without LVRT improvements, the research quantifies the enhancements in stability, recovery time, and power output. The findings offer significant insights into the development of more resilient PV systems, contributing to a more reliable and sustainable power grid.

Keywords: Enhancements in stability, recovery time, and power output

Introduction
The integration of photovoltaic (PV) systems into the electrical grid has been rapidly increasing, driven by the global push for renewable energy sources. However, the intermittent nature of solar energy and the vulnerability of PV systems to grid disturbances pose challenges to grid stability. Among these, Low Voltage Ride through (LVRT) capability is crucial for maintaining continuous operation and stability of the grid during voltage dips. LVRT refers to a system's ability to withstand temporary drops in grid voltage and quickly recover, ensuring uninterrupted power generation. Traditionally, single-stage, three-phase, grid-connected PV systems have faced limitations in LVRT performance, leading to potential disconnections during grid faults. Such disconnections not only result in lost power generation but can also exacerbate grid instability. Recent advancements in control strategies and technology offer the potential to enhance LVRT capabilities, thereby improving the resilience of PV systems to grid disturbances. This paper focuses on the development and evaluation of enhanced LVRT strategies for single-stage, three-phase, grid-connected PV systems. By employing advanced control algorithms and simulating a range of low-voltage scenarios, the study aims to identify effective methods for improving LVRT performance. These advancements are crucial for the continued growth and integration of PV systems into the power grid, supporting the transition towards more sustainable energy systems.

Objective of this study
The primary objective of this study is to enhance the Low Voltage Ride through (LVRT) performance of single-stage, three-phase, grid-connected photovoltaic (PV) systems through advanced control strategies.

Literature Review
Yang, Lihui, & Xikui, 2014 [1], presents a novel control strategy for two-stage three-phase PV systems to improve LVRT capability without additional devices. The strategy also provides grid support through active and reactive power control.
Li, Zhou, Luo, Lin, & Han, 2018 [2], proposes an improved LVRT control strategy for two-stage PV power generation systems, featuring a discharging circuit at the DC-link of the inverter to maintain performance under symmetrical voltage sag conditions.
Yu, 2013 [3], Discusses LVRT performance enhancement for single-stage PV inverters,

emphasizing a control strategy that maintains high grid current quality during LVRT by coordinating reactive and active currents.

Al-Shetwi, Sujod, & Blaabjerg, 2018 [4], Presents a comprehensive control strategy to enhance the LVRT capability of single-stage PV power plants, including the use of dc-chopper brake controller and current limiter to address dc-link over-voltage and ac over-current issues.

(Hossain & Ali, 2017) [5], Proposes an advanced control methodology using fuzzy logic controller (FLC) for enhancing LVRT capability of large-scale, two-stage grid-connected PV plants.

Methodology

Simulation Tools: MATLAB/Simulink was used for system modeling and simulation, offering a comprehensive environment for analysing the PV system's electrical behavior and control strategies under various low-voltage scenarios.

System Model: The study cantered around a modelled single-stage, three-phase PV system equipped with an advanced control unit designed to enhance LVRT capabilities. The model incorporated components such as PV panels, an inverter, and a maximum power point tracker (MPPT), along with dynamic control algorithms for LVRT improvement.

Scenarios: A series of voltage dip scenarios were simulated to assess the system's LVRT performance. These scenarios varied in severity (percentage of nominal voltage) and duration, challenging the system's ability to maintain grid connection and minimize power output disruptions.

Analysis: Performance metrics, including recovery time, power output stability, and adherence to grid codes, were evaluated. The enhanced LVRT system's performance was then compared to a baseline model without LVRT improvements to quantify the enhancements' effectiveness.

Results

Table 1: LVRT performance under different voltage dips

Scenario	Voltage Dip (% of nominal)	Duration (s)	Recovery Time (ms)	System Performance	Remarks
A	90%	0.5	60	Successful	Minor output fluctuation observed
B	70%	1	80	Successful	Output briefly dropped below acceptable limits
C	50%	1	100	Successful	Stable performance with controlled recovery
D	30%	0.5	150	Partial Success	Recovery within limits, but slower response
E	20%	2	200	Failure	System failed to maintain output within required limits

Analysis

Voltage Dip Impact

The system showed high resilience to voltage dips down to 50% of the nominal voltage, recovering within 100 ms. this indicates that the enhanced LVRT modifications effectively maintain stability and power output during moderate disturbances.

At more severe voltage dips (30% and below), the system's performance degraded, evidenced by slower recovery times and, in the case of a 20% voltage dip, failure to maintain output within required limits. This suggests that while the enhancements improve LVRT capabilities, there is a threshold of effectiveness under extreme low-voltage conditions.

Recovery Times

Recovery times increased with the severity of the voltage dip, from 60 ms in scenario A to 200 ms in scenario E. This trend is expected, as more severe dips require greater effort from the system's control mechanisms to stabilize and resume normal operation. However, the recovery time for scenarios A to C remained under 100 ms, which is within acceptable limits for many grid standards, showcasing the effectiveness of the implemented LVRT strategies.

System Performance and Stability

The system demonstrated a stable response in scenarios A, B, and C, with only minor output fluctuations noted in scenario A. This indicates that the enhancements are effective in maintaining operational stability during and after voltage dips up to 50%. The partial success in scenario D and the failure in scenario E highlight the system's limitations under extreme low-voltage conditions. These scenarios underscore the need for additional strategies or technologies to support PV system operation under such conditions, possibly including energy storage integration or advanced dynamic control techniques.

Discussions

The results indicate that the enhanced LVRT features significantly improve the PV system's resilience to voltage dips, ensuring stable operation and compliance with grid requirements under moderate disturbances. However, the system's performance under extreme conditions suggests a limit to the effectiveness of the current enhancements. Future work could explore additional or alternative strategies to extend LVRT capabilities, such as adaptive control algorithms or hybrid energy storage solutions, to provide additional stability and resilience during severe grid faults.

This analysis underscores the importance of continuous innovation in PV system design and grid integration strategies to enhance renewable energy's reliability and contribution to grid stability. Further research in this area is vital for developing more resilient renewable energy systems capable of supporting a sustainable and stable energy future.

Conclusion

The research on enhancing Low Voltage Ride Through (LVRT) performance in single-stage, three-phase, grid-connected photovoltaic (PV) systems has demonstrated significant advancements in the resilience and reliability of solar energy integration into the power grid. Through the development and simulation of advanced control strategies, this study has provided a comprehensive evaluation of how improved LVRT capabilities can mitigate the impact of voltage dips on PV systems, ensuring continuous operation and contribution to grid stability.

The findings reveal that the implementation of dynamic control algorithms greatly enhances the LVRT performance of PV systems. Specifically, these systems have shown a marked improvement in maintaining power output, achieving quicker recovery times, and adhering to grid codes during and after low-voltage events. The comparative analysis with traditional PV systems without enhanced LVRT features underscores the effectiveness of the proposed enhancements in supporting the grid during disturbances.

This study contributes to the field by offering a viable solution to one of the key challenges in the widespread adoption of renewable energy sources. The enhanced LVRT capabilities ensure that PV systems can play a more reliable role in the energy mix, facilitating a smoother transition towards a sustainable energy future. Moreover, the research underscores the importance of continuous innovation in control strategies to adapt to the evolving demands of grid integration.

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