

# A Novel Interleaved Control Strategy for Three Level Switch Mode Rectifier



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**Abstract:** Multiloop Interleaved Control (MIC) is proposed, and it is combined with conventional multiloop control and the interleaved pulsewidth modulation scheme. The average behavior of the interleaved three-level switch-mode rectifier (SMR) behaves similar to the conventional boost-type SMR even though two capacitor voltages are imbalanced. It implies that conventional multiloop control can be applied to the interleaved three-level SMRs to achieve the desired power factor correction function.

**Index Terms**—Interleaved control, Lithium-Ion Battery, three-level boost switch mode rectifier (SMR).

## I. INTRODUCTION

THE QUALIFIED ac/dc conversion must meet the functions of input current shaping and output voltage regulation. The boost-type switch-mode rectifier (SMR), including a diode rectifier and a boost converter, is often used to perform the qualified ac/dc conversion [1]–[3]. In addition, the multiloop control with the inner current loop and the outer voltage loop is often used to generate a switching signal in boost-type SMR.

However, multiloop control needs to sense three signals: current signal and input and output voltage signals. Recently, to reduce the number of feedback signals, many voltage sensorless controls (VSCs) [4]–[7] and current sensorless controls (CSCs) [8]–[10] for boost-type SMR have been

proposed in the literature. The summary of feedback signals for sensorless controls is tabulated in Table I. It is clear that fewer feedback signals were used in sensorless control except the on-line due to the additional dc load current sensing.

## II. PROPOSED TOPOLOGY

The three-level boost converter is shown in Fig. 1 where two capacitors are connected across the switches, respectively. Thus, each switch needs to withstand only a half

output voltage. In addition, the inductor voltage in the three-level boost converter has three levels, but the inductor voltage in the conventional boost converter has only two levels. Therefore, the three-level boost converter is able to yield smaller inductor current ripple than the conventional boost converter.

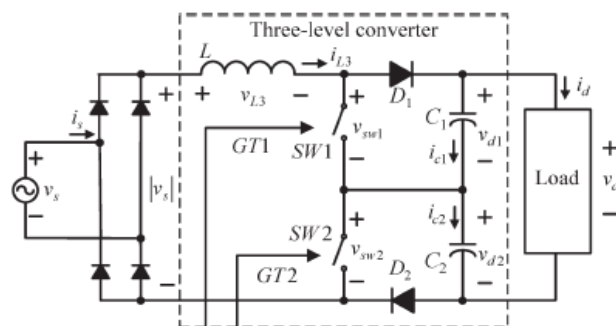


Fig. 1. Three-level SMR

It follows that three-level converters are often used in the applications, such as the high-voltage-ratio dc/dc conversion

and the wide input voltage range, particularly in the fuel cell applications and the grid-connected applications.

Additionally, the high-withstanding-voltage semiconductor switches often have larger drain-source resistances than the low-withstanding-voltage ones. Thus, the three-level converter has the advantages of low voltage stress, small inductor current ripple, and low switching loss. In Fig. 1, the three-level SMR was obtained by connecting the diode rectifier with the three-level converter.

In the three single-phase three-level SMRs are in Delta connection to achieve the three-phase PFC function with the ability of redundancy.

The control methods for the three-level SMR (ac/dc application) can be found in [1] where gate signals  $GT1$  and  $GT2$  are generated from the lookup table with inputs  $H1$ ,  $H2$ , and  $H3$ . In this paper, the average behavior of a three-level SMR under the interleaved pulsewidth modulation (PWM) scheme (i.e., interleaved three-level SMR) is derived. The interesting result shows that the interleaved three-level SMR behaves similar to a conventional boost-type SMR even when the two capacitor voltages are imbalanced. It means that the multiloop control and the interleaved PWM scheme can be integrated to achieve the desired PFC function without an additional voltage balancing loop. Thus, the proposed multiloop interleaved control (MIC) is simpler than the control method in Fig. 1.

From the provided simulation and experimental results, the proposed MIC is able to achieve PFC functions, and in particular, the three-level SMR in ac/dc application is able to take several seconds to balance the capacitor voltages without the voltage balancing control loop. However, because the time taken to balance the voltages is long, the voltage balancing loop is sometimes required.

### III. CONTROL STRATEGY

The proposed MIC shown in Fig. 2 combines the conventional multiloop control, the feedforward loop, and the interleaved PWM scheme. Both the voltage controller and the current controller are proportional-integral-type controllers. Two gate signals  $GT1$  and  $GT2$  are generated from the comparisons of control signal  $v_{cont3}$  and two unit sawtooth signals  $v_{tri1}$  and  $v_{tri2}$ , respectively. It is noted that the two sawtooth signals have unit amplitude and identical period  $T_s$ ; however, there is a  $180^\circ$  phase difference between them. Both duty ratios of switches  $SW1$  and  $SW2$  are equal to the MIC control signal  $v_{cont3}$ .

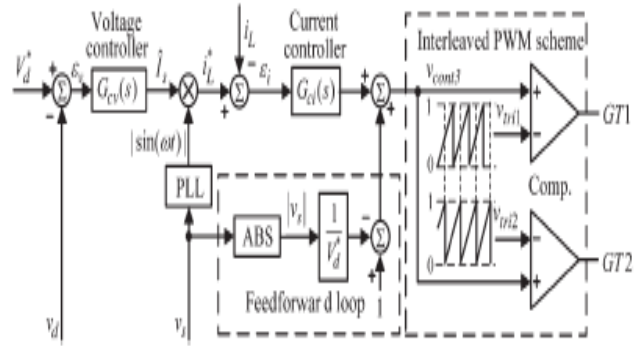
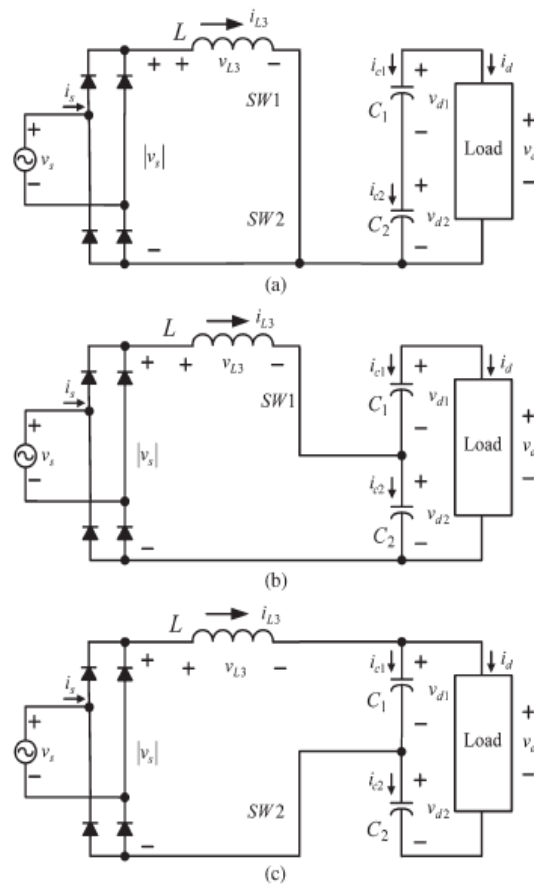


Fig. 2. Proposed MIC for three-level SMR.



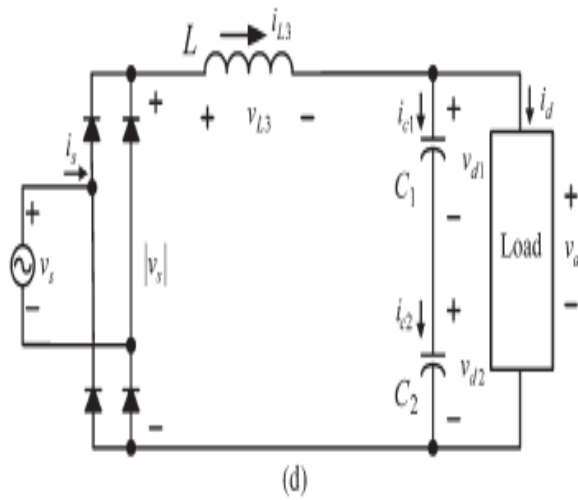


Fig. 3. Possible switching states in the interleaved three-level SMR. (a) State 1. (b) State 2. (c) State 3. (d) State 4.

IV.SIMULATION RESULTS

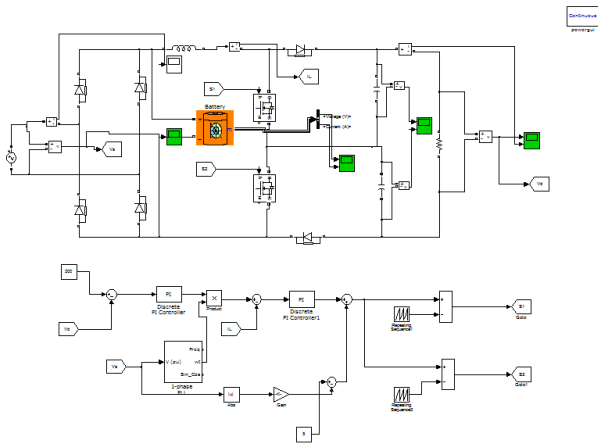


Fig 4. Simulation Circuit with battery

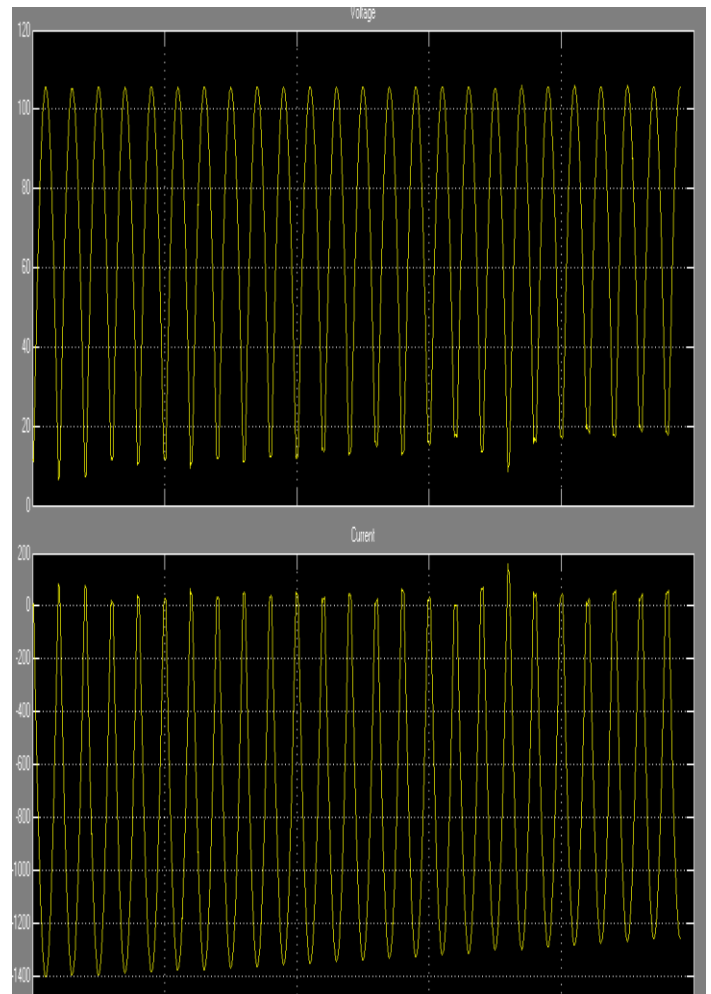


Fig 5. Battery voltage & current

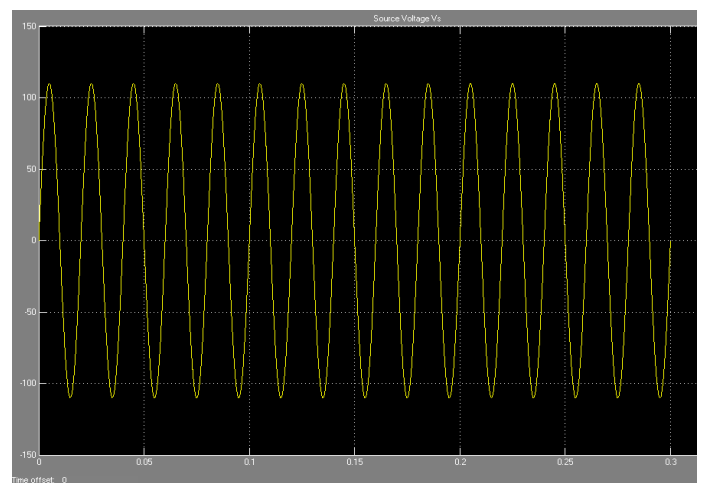
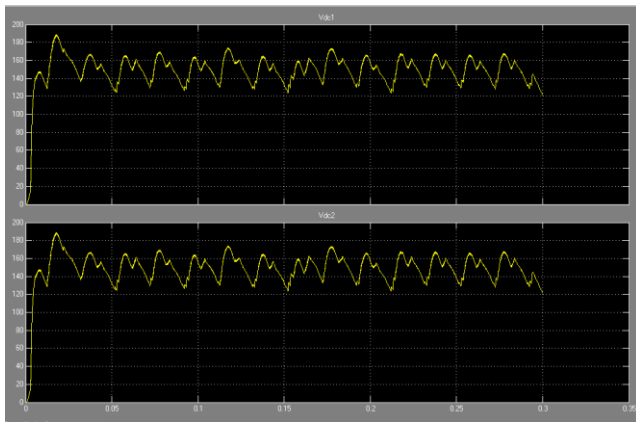
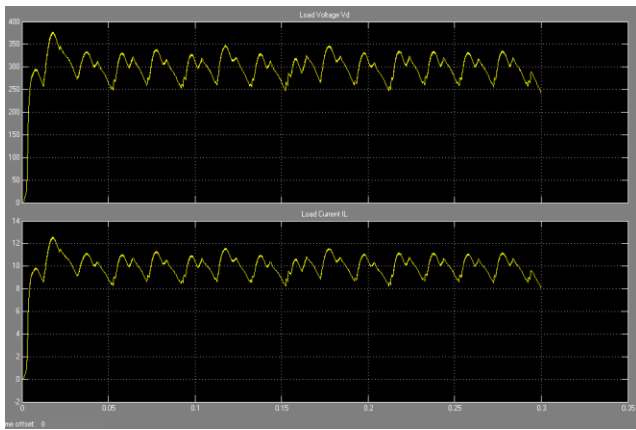


Fig 6. Source Voltage



**Fig 7. Vdc1 & Vdc2 Capacitor Voltages**



**Fig 8. Load Voltage & Current**

## V.CONCLUSION

In this paper, the results show that the interleaved three-level SMR with the interleaved PWM scheme behaves similar to a conventional boost-type SMR. Its performance of the current shaping function does not degrade even when the two capacitor voltages are imbalanced. The MIC for the three-level SMR in ac/dc applications has been proposed simulation results have been proved.

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