

# Modeling Poly-Phase Capacitors in an Arbitrary Reference Frame

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*Abstract—*

## I. INTRODUCTION

Poly-phase systems are commonly used in power conversion applications in order to take advantage of the improved power handling capabilities for a given voltage and current limit and the ability to make a rotating flux.

## II. COMPLEX VECTOR FORMULATION

For this paper we use the complex vector formulation described in [1] which maps an arbitrary balanced poly-phase system into the complex plane. Equation 1 shows how this is done for three phases [2].

$$f_{dq} = \frac{2}{3} (\alpha_a f_a + \alpha_b f_b + \alpha_c f_c) \quad (1)$$

The factor of  $2/3$  causes the magnitude of the complex vector to be the same as the magnitude of any of the terminal quantities. This choice requires a factor of  $3/2$  in order to perform power calculations. Other options for this factor cause other invariants when performing system calculations. The coefficients  $\alpha_n$  are the position of the phases in the given reference frame. This can be used with differing  $\alpha_n$  on the same phase quantities in order to work in reference frames at different spatial and temporal frequencies. [3] From this complex vector formulation, we can multiply by a fixed-speed rotating unit vector to obtain complex quantities in a rotating reference frame.

## III. CAPACITOR MODEL

In this paper we are working with a three-phase star-connected capacitor with terminal quantities defined in the standard passive convention (voltages referenced phase-to-neutral, currents flowing into the phase terminals). The capacitor voltage differential equations are then

$$\frac{dV_{an}}{dt} = \frac{I_a}{C} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{dV_{bn}}{dt} = \frac{I_b}{C} \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{dV_{cn}}{dt} = \frac{I_c}{C} \quad (4)$$

We can then translate these into the stationary reference frame as

$$C \frac{dV_q^s}{dt} = I_q^s \quad (5)$$

$$C \frac{dV_d^s}{dt} = I_d^s \quad (6)$$

which can be translated into instantaneous complex variables in the stationary reference frame as

$$C \frac{dV_{qd}^s}{dt} = I_{qd}^s \quad (7)$$

Now, when transforming from the stationary to arbitrary reference frame we start with a transformed voltage and current such that

$$I_{qd}^\omega = I_{qd}^s e^{j\omega t} \quad (8)$$

Substituting equation 8 into equation 7 we get

$$C \frac{d}{dt} (V_{qd}^\omega e^{-j\omega t}) = I_{qd}^\omega e^{-j\omega t} \quad (9)$$

We then apply the chain rule in order to obtain

$$C \frac{dV_{qd}^\omega}{dt} = I_{qd}^\omega - j\omega C V_{qd}^\omega \quad (10)$$

which for  $\omega = 0$  simplifies down to equation 7.

The final  $-j\omega C V_{qd}^\omega$  term is the speed current associated with the rotating reference frame. This is analogous to the speed voltage associated with currents found in rotating magnetic machinery.

## IV. CONCLUSIONS

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