# The Effects of Mutual Coupling and Transformer Connection Type on Frequency Response of Unbalanced Three Phases Electrical Distribution System

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Abstract—in this paper, a novel harmonic modeling technique by utilizing the concept of multi -terminal components is presented and applied to frequency scan analysis in multiphase distribution system. The proposed modeling technique is based on gathering the same phase busses and elements as a separate group (phase grouping technique, PGT) and uses multi-terminal components to model three-phase distribution system. Using multi-terminal component and PGT, distribution system elements, particularly, lines and transformers can effectively be modeled even in harmonic domain. The proposed modeling technique is applied to a test system for frequency scan analysis in order to show the frequency response of the test system in single and three-phase conditions. Consequently, the effects of mutual coupling and transformer connection types on three-phase frequency scan responses are analyzed for symmetrical and asymmetrical line configurations.

*Key words:* Harmonic Resonance, Unbalanced Distribution System, Frequency Scan.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Harmonic studies have become an important aspect of electrical distribution system analysis and design in re-cent years largely due to the increasing presence of solid-state electronic power converters. Moreover, shunt capacitors are extensively used in electrical distribution systems (EDS) for power factor correction. Due to the proliferation of nonlinear loads, awareness of harmonic effects has been increasing [1, 2]. It is therefore that the possibility of resonance because of shunt capacitor should then be analyzed by the utilities [3-5].

The first decision to make in any harmonic study of distribution system is whether a three phase model is required or a single phase model will be sufficient. Three-phase distribution systems are generally unbalanced and asymmetrical. Hence, asymmetrical three-phase distribution systems must be modeled by phase co-ordinations and their analysis can be performed either under sinusoidal or non-sinusoidal conditions [1, 6-9].

Compared to the single-phase analysis, problem size increases three-times in phase coordinated based modeling and analysis of EDS. In addition, when harmonics are present in the system, the models must be realized for each harmonic component, which requires new methods in three-phase harmonic analysis of distribution systems in order to decrease computation time and memory requirement [7].

A number of different studies related to harmonic modeling and analysis of EDS have been given in the literature (e.g. [2, 6]). Grainger [10] applied the matrix factorization technique (MFT) to harmonic studies to achieve a significant saving in computational effort. In the paper, only the required columns of the bus impedance matrix which represent those busses supplying non-linear loads are obtained instead of performing a full inverse.

As one of the most common and simple harmonic analysis technique, frequency scan method is used to identify the frequency response of EDS. However this is not an easy task for some cases as shown in [5, 6]. Firstly, bus admittance matrix of EDS becomes both complicated and large-scaled based on the number of busses and three-phase system components. Secondly, the maximum harmonic order to be considered is of importance in terms of storage and computational effort for frequency scan based harmonic analysis. If the maximum harmonic order to be considered is as high as that of the number of busses in the EDS to be analyzed a new approach to solve such systems is needed in order to decrease computation time and memory requirements.

In this paper, the following improvements are achieved in modeling and computation techniques. Multi-terminal component concept is used to find the mathematical model of three-phase asymmetric EDS in harmonic domain [11]. As for the mathematical models of EDS, phase grouping technique, PGT is used [12]. The technique is based on the separation of same phase buses and components into different groups (PGT) so that more understandable models can be constituted and savings in memory use can be obtained. Moreover, MFT is preferred in this study to determine the frequency scan of the EDS. Differing from Grainger, only the required element of the bus impedance matrix on diagonal which represent those busses supplying nonlinear loads are obtained instead of performing a full inverse of the bus admittance matrix [10]. In this paper, the aforementioned ideas are combined to find a solution for multi-phase frequency scan of asymmetric EDS.

## II. MULTIPHASE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MODELING

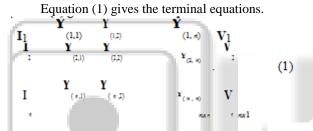
Obtaining the general model of electric circuits with the aid of multi-terminal element is given in detail in modern circuit theory. General form of algorithms given for multi-terminal elements becomes more simple and understandable when it is used for mathematical modeling of power systems. Graph and terminal equations associated with multi-terminal elements represent the mathematical model of multiterminal element and show the whole features of it.

In this section, multi-terminal component models of a distribution system, which is used in obtaining the harmonic dependent modeling of EDS, is given together with PGT. Harmonic dependent models are used in order to find the frequency response of the network.

## A. Basics of Multi-Terminal Approach for Mathematical Modeling

To obtain the required models for power system analysis, all buses in the system is generally desired to be shown in the model and phase to ground voltages are needed for power system modeling. As a result of this, the graph of electric power systems that can be represented as a multi-terminal element becomes "oriented graph" of which common node denotes the ground and terminals of the graph represent the buses of the system as shown in Figure 1. Oriented graph of Figure 1(b) together with Equation (1) gives the mathematical model of multi-terminal component.

Multi-terminal component modeling technique can be used in modeling of EDS for various aspects such as single-phase, symmetrical components and phase coordinated models of EDS without limitations [11, 12].



#### B. Mathematical Model of Electrical Distribution System

Each element in an electric distribution system can be represented as a multi-terminal component with its mathematical model, explained in detail above. It is therefore an electric power network itself that can be modeled as a multi terminal component as shown in Figure 7 through the combination of multi-terminal elements, which is performed by using the parallel connection method of multi-terminal components.

The terminal equation of three-phase electric power network in harmonic domain is given by Equation (2).

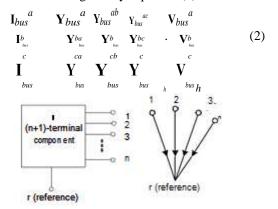


Fig. 1: Multi-terminal modeling of n-bus EDS (a) and its graph representation (b).

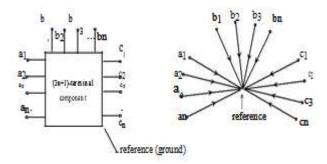


Fig. 2: (a) Multi-terminal representation of a three-phase electric power network; (b) Oriented graph of an electric power network.

#### III. PROPOSED APPROACH

The proposed technique is based on both separation of same phase buses and other power system components into different groups, *i.e.*, each phase group contains same phase busses and elements, which can be represented as in the mathematical model of a three-phase line model in Subsection 2.3. Since electric power networks are composed of multi-terminal components connected to each other, components models are firstly presented. Hence, an electric power network itself can be modeled as a multi-terminal structure which is a combination of its constituents. Based on the topology of the system, the combination procedure of multi-terminal elements rep-resenting system constituents is carried out here through parallel connection method of multi-terminal elements, which is well-known in modern circuit theory [13].

#### A. Three-Phase Representation of Lines

Since the most common elements in electric power networks are lines and transformers, the models of these elements are given only in this paper. Yet, one can get the others by following the procedure which is given in the next section. After getting the element models in the form of multi-terminal component, the mathematical models are stemmed from the procedure as explained in the following sections.

In general, the lines are represented as equivalent circuit in most applications. The series impedance and shunt admittance lumped- model representation of the three-phase line is shown in Figure 3 [2, 7]. To obtain a symmetrical model of fundamental components, the lines are generally transposed so as to eliminate the effect of long lines. However, this aim cannot be reached when the system have harmonic components. Furthermore, long line effect takes place in relatively short distances, if the lines carry signals with high frequencies. Due to these facts, it is a must to use phase coordinated models in harmonic dependent line modeling.

In this case, three-phase representation of lines as multiterminal component and its oriented graph are given according to PGT in Figure 3.

According to proposed approach, the following procedure is given for obtaining the mathematical model of lumped-model.

1) Neglecting skin effects, harmonic dependent series

impedance matrix of a line or cable in **Figure 3** is given as in Equation (3)

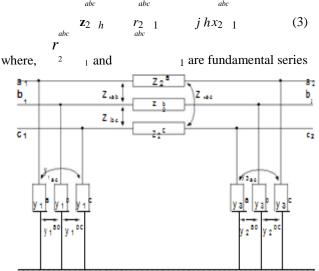


Fig. 3: Lumped- model representation of the three-phase line.

Resistance and reactance matrices of a line or cable for the phases a, b, c respectively and h are the harmonic order. Harmonic dependent shunt admittance matrices of phases a, b and c are given as below:

Real parts of Equation (4) are neglected for line and cables.

2) By inversion of primitive impedance matrix for Figure 2, series primitive admittance matrix in harmonic domain are obtained as in Equation (5)

By gathering the primitive admittance values of same phase elements in one group, the primitive admittance matrix of Figure 2 and its short form are given as Equation (6) and (7), respectively.

The algorithm given above for lines is also valid for power networks composed of more than one line. In that case, if a mutual coupling between different three-phase lines exists, all these lines must be modeled as a single multi-terminal component. For this reason, the formation of mathematical model is realized as explained above. Consequently, as one might expect that the proposed algorithm can be applied to a system whose bus numbers are different at different phases, which show another merit of the proposed modeling technique.

#### B. Three-Phase Transformer Model

Magnetizing current in transformers leads to harmonic currents due to its saturated core. Due to the fact that the transformers should be modeled in harmonic domain so that harmonic currents are required to take place in the model [2,

7]. However, harmonic currents are not included in the transformer model since our interest in this study is to determine the frequency response of EDS.

Mathematical model associated with any of transformer can be obtained by utilizing the concept of multi-terminal component. However, the most common transformers in use, *i.e.*, Y- connected three-phase transformers are preferred here to show the potential application of the proposed method.

In respect of the proposed method, a transformer model is given here in the case that the mutual coupling between phases of primary and secondary windings is not neglected.

 Y- Connected three-phase transformer is represented as a multi-terminal component in Figure 5. When it is desired to form the mathematical model of the transformers with isolated neutral point, one should take the neutral point into consideration. As a result, the terminal number in multi-terminal representation of transformer is increased from 7 to 8, which leads to increased dimension in oriented graph and terminal equations.

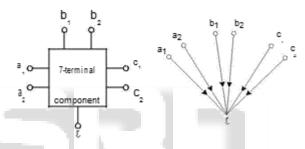


Fig. 4: (a) Three-phase representation of a line in the form of multi-terminal component; (b) Oriented graph of a three-phase line.

2) In multi-phase system representation, the power transformer is represented by reactance and resistance matrices for each pair of windings. According to proposed PGT, the primitive admittance matrix of the transformer h<sup>th</sup> harmonic order is given by Equation (18).

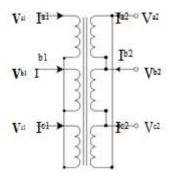


Fig. 5: Y- connected three-phase transformer with single core.

### C. Other Components

Loading should be included in the system representation because of its damping effect near resonant frequencies. However, an accurate model for the system load is difficult to determine because the frequency-dependent characteristics are usually unknown.

The test system consists of three busses utility, IND1 and IND2. IND1 and IND2 busses are connected through a short three-phase and four-wire line. The system is supplied by the utility through 69/13.8 kV transformer. While a motor and linear load are connected on bus IND1, a harmonic producing nonlinear load and a linear load are connected on bus IND2. Harmonic currents of the nonlinear load are given in the Table 1.

Since zero sequence harmonics are not found and since only one harmonic source is present in the test system, the system can be assumed to be balanced and symmetric. That is why single phase analysis can be used to solve this system.

The values on Table 1 are calculated in Pu system. The selected base quantities are 10.000 kVA and 13.8 kV. The data and calculations are available on the web site http://www.ee.ualberta.ca/pwrsys/IEEE/download.html.

The following assumptions are made in the analysis:

- 1) The load points are supplied from an infinite bus system.
- 2) The linear loads are modeled with its series resistance and reactance.
- 3) For the motor loads, locked rotor impedance is used [11, 12, 13].

In this study, three-phase models are used and following four- cases are considered in the frequency scan simulation of the test system. The frequency responses with three-phase models are given in comparison to single-phase models in the Figures 9-12 for each of the following cases. Firstly, the transformer connection type is selected as wye-grounded/wye-grounded.

In the second case, the mutual coupling between lines is taken into consideration for the transformer connection type as wye-grounded/wye-grounded and the value of mutual impedance is taken as one-third of phase impedance. The system is still symmetric in this case. So, only one-phase frequency response analysis is enough for the system.

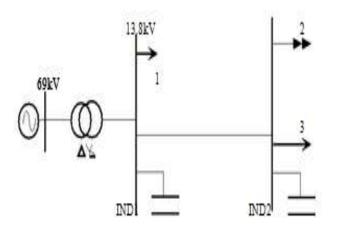


Fig. 6: The considered three-bus industrial test system.

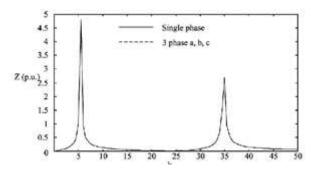


Fig. 7: Frequency responses of single and three-phase EDS (transformer connection type is wye-grounded/wye-grounded).

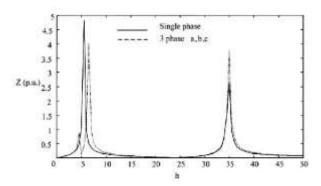


Fig. 8: Frequency responses of single and three-phase EDS (transformer connection type is wye-grounded/wye-grounded and there is a mutual coupling between lines).

Table 1: Harmonic current spectrum of nonlinear load at bus IND2.

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h	5	7	11	13	17	19	23	25
%Ic <sub>1</sub>	0.2	0.143	0.091	0.077	0.059	0.053	0.043	0.04
Ich	0.119	0.085	0.054	0.046	0.035	0.031	0.026	0.024
h	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0
h	29	31	35	37	41	43	47	49
%Ic <sub>1</sub>	0.034	0.032	0.029	0.027	0.024	0.023	0.021	0.02
$Ic_h$	0.020	0.019	0.017	0.016	0.014	0.014	0.012	0.012
h	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0

In the third case, the transformer connection type is selected as wye-grounded/delta and it is shown in Figure 11 that delta connection of transformer has an effect on frequency response similar to that of case-2.

Finally we had the system modified so as to have an asymmetric three-phase network. The asymmetry in the fourth case is obtained by changing the compensation capacitors values for the phases a, b and c as

 $X_{C}^{a}$  0.455j p.u,  $X_{C}^{b}$  0.068j p.u. and  $X_{C}^{c}$  0.193j p.u respectively.

As in the second case, mutual impedance is taken as onethird of phase impedance and the transformer connection type is wye-grounded/wye-grounded too. It is shown in Figure 12 that frequency responses of all phases are different from each other. Hence, frequency responses of each phase in asymmetric networks should be determined individually. For large-scale distribution systems modeled and analyzed by phase coordinates, the modified MFT will reduce the number of computation for large-scaled networks since the MFT is capable of computing only the necessary elements in impedance matrix instead of taking a full inverse of the bus admittance matrix.

Because of the asymmetric compensation capacitors for the phases, three-phase frequency response becomes different from single phase response on the condition that coupling between lines and/or transformer connection types are taken into consideration in three-phase modeling. The frequency responses of all phases in asymmetric networks are different from each other.

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, to provide savings in storage and computation time, frequency scan analysis in multiphase asymmetric distribution system is realized either by combining PGT and MFT or individually. The solution algorithms are based on PGT and MFT. Whilst the PGT uses the concept of

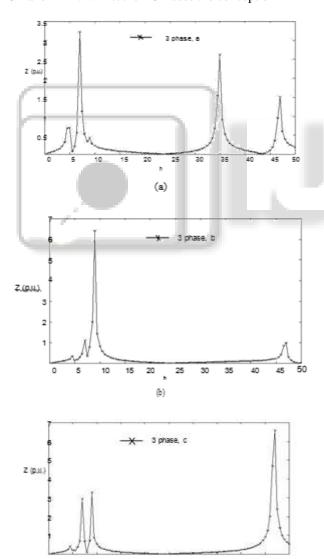


Fig. 9-11: Frequency responses of asymmetric three-phase network (a) frequency response of phase a; (b) frequency response of phase b; (c) frequency response of phase c.

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Multi-terminal component modeling technique to obtain the harmonic dependent model of EDS in terms of frequency scan, the MFT uses only the required element of the bus impedance matrix on diagonal to determine the frequency scan of the EDS. Therefore an MFT based algorithm is given to find the latter.

In order to show the accuracy of the proposed technique, a symmetric three-phase industrial system with 3-bus is preferred for simplicity. As a result, single-phase and three-phase frequency responses of EDS are obtained. The results show that three-phase frequency response becomes different from single phase response on the condition that coupling between lines and/or trans-former connection types are taken into consideration in three-phase modeling. In addition, frequency responses of all phases in asymmetric networks are different from each other. Consequently, beside in asymmetrical modeling, one can easily extract that a phase-coordinated based model must be used to detect the frequency response of EDS, even in the symmetrical modeling.

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#### V. LIST OF THE SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

EDS PG7	Electrical Distribution System Phase Grouping Technique							
MF	Matrix Factorization Technique							
α	Primary off-nominal tap ratings							
β	Secondary off-nominal tap ratings							
V	Voltage phasor							
I	Current phasor							
Y	Admittance phasor							
Z	Impedance phasor							
Y	Primitive admittance							
Z	Primitive impedance							
В	Basic loop matrices							