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Graduation	Acharya Nagarjuna	Bapatla Engineering College	2008	66.27
Intermediate/+2	Board of Intermediate Education, AP	PBPR Junior College	2004	91.40
Matriculation	Board of Secondary Education, AP	Govt. High school, Charla	2002	73.33

AREAS OF INTEREST

- High efficient Multilevel inverter topologies for medium voltage and high power applications.
- Optimized Space vector pulse width modulation techniques for Multilevel inverters.
- Transformerless Multilevel inverter topologies for grid connected solar PV applications.

DOCTORAL RESEARCH

Analysis and Control of Novel Multilevel Inverter Topologies for Grid Connected Solar PV Application

Supervisor - Prof. Vivek Agarwal, IIT Bombay.

- **A Dual Input Nine Level Inverter(DINLI) for 1- ϕ Grid-Connected Applications**
 - The proposed DINLI topology uses a total of seven power switches out of which three switches operate at high frequency and remaining are at low frequency.
 - The DINLI consists of reduced number of power components, lower switching and conduction losses which increase the reliability, reduces the cost and improves the overall efficiency ($\eta \approx 97\%$).
 - Due to modularity in structure, the DINLI can be easily extended to n -level, 3- ϕ application
- **A New Self-Balancing 7-Level Inverter (SB7LI) with Coupled Inductors for 1- ϕ Grid Connected Solar PV Systems**
 - The SB7LI uses total eight power switches to generate seven output voltage levels and feeds high-quality power into the grid.
 - It can boost the input voltage to 1.5 times and doesn't require extra voltage balancing circuits.
 - The output filter requirements are reduced due to the presence of coupled inductors.
- **A Hybrid 9-level Inverter (H9LI) with Minimum Number of Switches for 1- ϕ Grid connected PV System with Innovative Voltage Balancing Techniques for Auxiliary Capacitor**
 - This H9LI topology requires lesser number of power switches (Ten switches per phase).
 - The voltage across the auxiliary capacitor can be balanced without any physical current sensing, unlike conventional voltage balancing techniques.
 - The H9LI offers good loss distribution among power switches and incurs zero leakage current, making it highly suitable for grid tied solar PV applications.
- **Simplified Implementation Scheme for Space Vector Pulse Width Modulation of n -level Inverter with On-line Computation of Optimal Switching Pulse Durations**
 - The l -factor approach based space vector implementation scheme is proposed to obtain generalized optimal switching pulse expressions.
 - The generalized switching pulses enable the online computation so that extensive storage of lookup table of switching states is eliminated.
 - Dynamic performance is highly improved due to an online implementation of the control.
 - Proposed modulation scheme can be implemented even on a low-cost microcontroller with limited resources, saving development and implementation costs.
- **Space Vector Control of n -level Dual Input Nine Level Inverter with Reduced Computation and Memory Requirements**
 - The proposed space vector scheme uses less number of equations to identify the sub-triangle which reduces the computational burden.

- It doesn't need any pre stored lookup tables for computing the on-times and for generation of the switching states. Therefore memory requirement in the DSP is very less.
- Since the requirement of look up tables of the switching states are not required the proposed scheme can be easily used for higher levels (even or odd).

Publications

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- Phanikumar. Ch and Agarwal. V, "An asymmetrical multilevel inverter with minimum number of switches for 1- ϕ grid-connected applications", *3rd Annual Southern Hemisphere Power Electronics Conference (SPEC 2017)*, under review.
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- Phanikumar.Ch, Nataraj.P and Agarwal.V, "Novel 1- ϕ multilevel current source inverter for balanced/unbalanced PV sources", *40th IEEE Photovoltaic Specialist Conference (PVSC)*, pp. 3090-3093, 8-13 Jun. 2014, USA.
- Phanikumar. Ch and Agarwal. V, "Novel self-balancing single phase asymmetric 9 level grid connected inverter for photovoltaic applications", *Annual IEEE India Conference (INDICON) on Impact of engineering on global sustainability*, pp. 1-7, 13-15 Dec. 2013, India.
- Phanikumar.Ch and Agarwal.V, "Single phase 9-level grid connected inverter for photovoltaic applications", *4th IEEE Conference on Power Electronics for Distributed Generation Systems*, pp. 1-8, 8-11 Jul. 2013, USA.

SKILL SET

- Simulation Tools: MATLAB/Simulink, PSpice, SEQUEL
- PCB Designing Tools: KICAD
- Microcontrollers: TMS320F28069, TMS320F28335 and DSpace

RELEVANT COURSE WORK

- Power Electronics-I and Power Electronics-II
- Application of Power Electronics to Power Systems
- Circuit Simulation in Power Electronics
- Electric Drives
- Power Electronics and Power System Lab
- Restructured Power Systems
- Computer Aided Power System Analysis.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Secured All India Rank **225** with **99.57** percentile among 52,246 candidates in Electrical Engineering GATE-2010.
- Volunteer in the conference **IEEE-PEDES-2014** held at IIT Bombay.
- Volunteer in the conference **NPEC-2015** held at IIT Bombay.