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**Abstract**—Phase lead compensation proportional integral multi-resonant type repetitive control (PLC PIMR-type RC) can improve RC control accuracy and error convergence rate. However, when the sampling frequency is reduced, integer lead phase compensation may result in instability of RC system. To solve these problems, a fractional phase lead compensation PIMR-type RC (FPLC PIMR-type RC) is proposed to improve the steady-state performance and dynamic response. FPLC PIMR-type RC is approximately realized by finite impulse response (FIR) filter. Furthermore, simulation results demonstrate the performance of the proposed control scheme.

**Keywords**—Grid-tied inverter, current control, finite impulse response (FIR), fractional phase lead compensation, repetitive control.

## I. INTRODUCTION

With the sustainable development of new energy, grid-tied inverter, as an interface device for energy exchange between distributed generation units and power grid, has an important impact on the performance of distributed generation systems [1]. Pulse-width modulation (PWM) strategy is commonly used in a grid-tied inverter. Reducing the switching frequency of PWM converter can effectively reduce switching loss, but it will cause the output harmonics to increase [2].

RC can generate high gains at the fundamental frequency and low frequency harmonics, so it has excellent reference signal tracking ability and harmonic signals suppression ability [3]. However, due to the inherent delay of RC, its dynamic performance is poor [4]. Therefore, a proportional integral multi-resonant type repetitive control (PIMR) is proposed [5].

Because RC has phase lag, phase lead compensation can improve system performance. Phase lead compensation provides an angle to compensate the phase lag caused by the plant and low pass filter. The integer phase lead compensation in conventional RC is carried out at high sampling frequency (10 kHz and above), so good results can be obtained [6].

However, integer phase lead compensation PIMR type repetitive control (IPLC PIMR-type RC) at low sampling frequency (4 kHz) will result in overcompensation or undercompensation, which may lead to instability of the system [7]. According to [8], [9], fractional phase lead compensation repetitive control may stabilize the system.

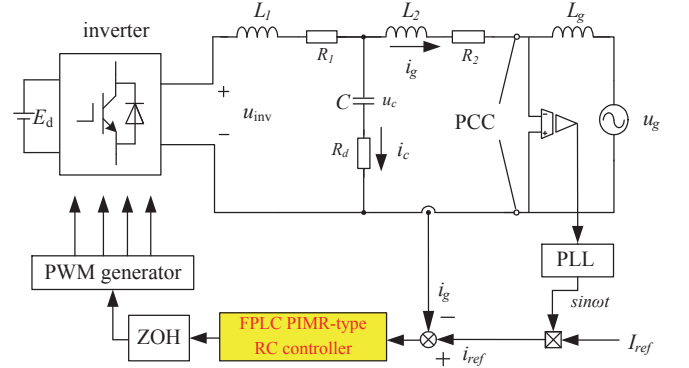


Fig. 1. Block diagram of the FPLC PIMR-type RC scheme.

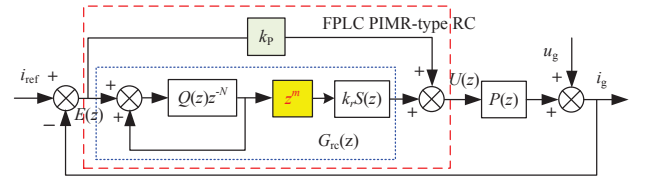


Fig. 2. FPLC PIMR-type RC block diagram.

In this paper, an FPLC PIMR-type RC scheme is proposed for a grid-tied inverter system. The fractional phase lead  $z^m$  is introduced, that is, the lead step  $m$  is extended from the integer range to the fractional range. To expand the range of parameters, so that the control system design and parameter selection more flexible, the system is more likely to have optimal control performance.

## II. MODELING GRID-TIED INVERTER WITH THE FPLC PIMR-TYPE RC

Fig. 1 shows the block diagram of the FPLC PIMR-type RC scheme, where  $L_g$  is the equivalent inductance of the grid; the point of common coupling (PCC) is the common coupling point of grid;  $u_{inv}$  is the output voltage;  $i_g$  is the grid current and  $u_g$  is the grid voltage.

The FPLC PIMR-type RC block diagram is shown in Fig. 2. The proportional gain  $k_p$  is used to improve the dynamic response.  $Q(z)$  is an internal mode filter or an internal constant.  $k_r$  is RC gain.  $S(z)$  is a low pass filter.  $z^m$  is used to compensate the phase lag caused by the plant and  $S(z)$ , where

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$m$  may be a fraction. Because  $z^m$  is a parameter involved in system stability analysis, its design is important.

### III. FPLC PIMR-TYPE RC STABILITY ANALYSIS

In Fig. 2, the expression of the FPLC PIMR-type RC is

$$G_{rc}(z) = \frac{Q(z)z^{-N}}{1 - Q(z)z^{-N}} z^m k_r S(z), \quad (1)$$

where  $m$  may be a fraction.

The tracking error is

$$E(z) = \frac{1}{1 + [G_{rc}(z) + k_p]P(z)} [I_{ref}(z) - U_g(z)]. \quad (2)$$

Next,

$$1 + [G_{rc}(z) + k_p]P(z) = [1 + k_p P(z)][1 + G_{rc}(z)P_0(z)], \quad (3)$$

where  $P_0(z) = P(z)/[1 + k_p P(z)]$ .

It can get two stable conditions:

- ① the roots of polynomial  $1 + k_p P(z) = 0$  are inside the unit circle;
- ②  $|1 + G_{rc}(z)P_0(z)| \neq 0$ .

By substituting (1) into ②, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} |Q(z)z^{-N}(1 - z^m k_r S(z)P_0(z))| < 1, \\ \forall z = e^{j\omega T}, 0 < \omega < \frac{\pi}{T}, \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where  $z^N = 1$  [10]. Then, it is assumed that  $P_0(z)$  has the frequency characteristic  $P_0(j\omega) = N_p(\omega)exp(j\theta_p(\omega))$ , where  $N_p(\omega)$  and  $\theta_p(\omega)$  are amplitude characteristic and phase characteristic, respectively.  $S(z)$  has the frequency characteristic  $S(j\omega) = N_s(\omega)exp(j\theta_s(\omega))$ , where  $N_s(\omega)$  and  $\theta_s(\omega)$  are amplitude characteristic and phase characteristic, respectively. Using these characteristics, sufficient conditions to hold are

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < k_r < \min_{\omega} \frac{2 \cos[\theta_s(\omega) + \theta_p(\omega) + m\omega]}{N_s(\omega)N_p(\omega)}, \\ |\theta_s(\omega) + \theta_p(\omega) + m\omega| < 90^\circ. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

### IV. IMPLEMENTATION OF FRACTIONAL PHASE LEAD COMPENSATION

According to [11], the fractional phase lead compensation  $z^d$  ( $d$  is a fraction) is realized by the FIR filter based on Lagrangian interpolation method, as follows,

$$z^d \approx H(z) = \sum_{n=0}^M h(n)z^n, \quad (6)$$

where  $M$  is the order of filter, when  $d \approx M/2$ , the interpolation effect is optimal [12].  $h(n)$  is the polynomial coefficient, and  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, M$ .

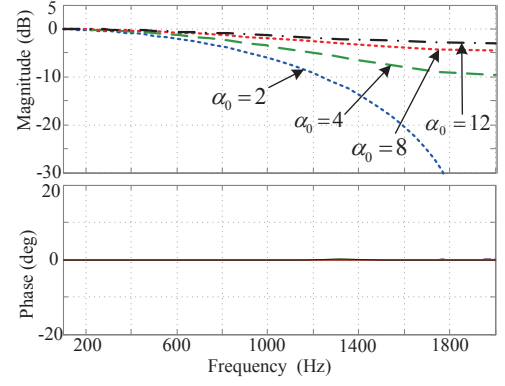


Fig. 3.  $\alpha_0$  takes a different value corresponding to the bode diagram of the filter  $Q(z)$ .

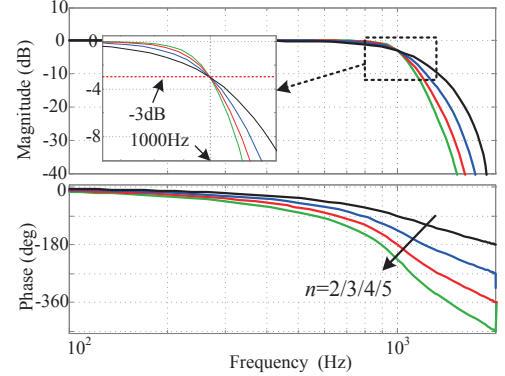


Fig. 4. Frequency response of 2 ~ 5 order Butterworth low-pass filter.

### V. FPLC PIMR-TYPE RC PARAMETER DESIGN

The parameters to be designed of the system are as follows: the proportional gain  $k_p$ , the internal filter  $Q(z)$ , the low pass filter  $S(z)$ , the RC gain  $k_r$ , and the phase lead compensator  $z^m$ .

- $k_p$ ,  $Q(z)$  and  $S(z)$

According to the system stability analysis,  $k_p$  is chosen to be 15. When the sampling frequency is 4 kHz, the bode diagram of  $\alpha_0 = 2/4/8/12$  corresponding to the filter  $Q(z) = (z + \alpha_0 + z^{-1})/(2 + \alpha_0)$  is shown in Fig. 3. With the increase of  $\alpha_0$ , the filter bandwidth increases.  $Q(z) = (z + 8 + z^{-1})/10$  is used.

The frequency response of a 2 ~ 5 order Butterworth low-pass filter are shown in Fig. 4. As the order of the filter increases, the stop band amplitude decreases faster.  $S(z)$  uses a 5 order Butterworth low pass filter.  $S_5(z) = (0.0528z^5 + 0.2639z^4 + 0.5279z^3 + 0.5279z^2 + 0.2639z + 0.0528)/(z^5 + 0.6334z^3 + 0.0557z)$ .

- $k_r$  and  $z^m$

According to (5), the range of the phase lead compensation  $m$  can be determined, and then  $k_r$  is determined. By designing an appropriate  $m$ , the angle  $(\theta_s(\omega) + \theta_p(\omega) + m\omega)$  is within  $\pm 90^\circ$ . Fig. 5 shows the bode diagrams of  $(\theta_s(\omega) + \theta_p(\omega) + m\omega)$  with different  $m$ . From Fig. 5, the frequency characteristics of  $m = 3.4$ ,  $m = 3.5$  and  $m = 3.6$  are the same, and

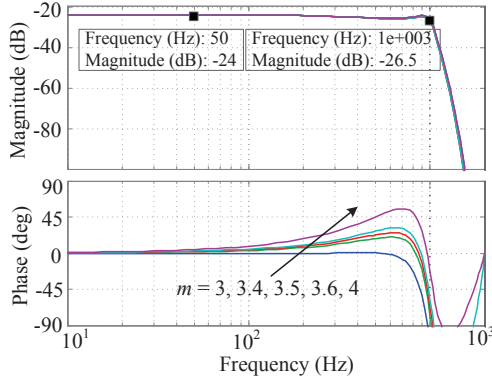


Fig. 5. The bode diagrams of  $(\theta_s(\omega) + \theta_{p_0}(\omega) + m\omega)$  with different  $m$ .

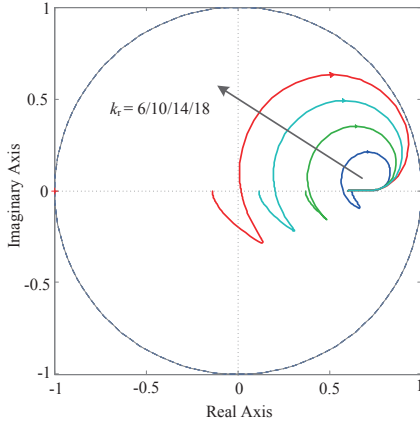


Fig. 6. The trajectory of  $H(e^{j\omega T})$  when  $m = 3.4$  and  $k_r$  takes different values.

the angles of  $(\theta_s(\omega) + \theta_{p_0}(\omega) + m\omega)$  are within  $\pm 90^\circ$  within 1 kHz.  $m = 3.4$  is chosen in this paper.

Definition  $H(z) = Q(z)(1 - k_r z^m S(z)P_0(z))$ , where  $z = e^{j\omega T}$ . Fig. 6 shows that the trajectory of  $H(e^{j\omega T})$  when  $m = 3.4$  and  $k_r$  takes different values.  $m = 3.4$  enables the RC gain  $k_r$  to take a larger value.

## VI. FPLC PIMR-TYPE RC SIMULATION

In order to verify the performance of the FPLC PIMR-type RC proposed at low sampling frequency, the simulation was performed in the MATLAB/Simulink. The inverter parameters are shown in TABLE. I.

### A. Steady state performance comparison

- $m = 3$

When  $m = 3$ , the current error of the IPLC PIMR-type RC system corresponding to the RC gain  $k_r$  of 1 and 6 is shown in Fig. 7. It can be seen from Fig. 7 (a) that the current error convergence time is greater than 1 s, the system dynamic performance is poor. It can be seen from Fig. 7 (b) that the current error starts to diverge at 0.4 s, but the system is unstable.

- $m = 4$  and  $m = 3.4$

TABLE I. PARAMETERS DESIGN.

Parameters	Value
Inverter side inductance: $L_1$	3 mH
$L_1$ equivalent resistance: $R_1$	0.48 $\Omega$
Grid side inductance: $L_2$	2.6 mH
$L_2$ equivalent resistance: $R_2$	0.32 $\Omega$
Filter capacitor: $C$	10 $\mu\text{F}$
DC bus voltage: $E_{dc}$	380 V
Grid rated frequency: $f_g$	50 Hz
Sampling frequency: $f_s$	4 kHz
Switching frequency: $f_{sw}$	4 kHz

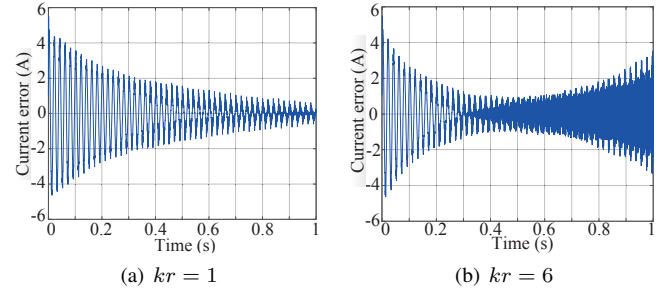


Fig. 7. IPLC PIMR-type RC ( $m = 3$ ) system current error when  $k_r = 1$  and  $k_r = 6$ .

When  $k_r = 6$ , output current spectrum analysis of IPLC PIMR-type RC ( $m = 4$ ) and FPLC PIMR-type RC ( $m = 3.4$ ) are shown in Fig. 9. Fig. 9 (a) shows that output current THD is 2.12% and the low-frequency harmonic is more than 0.6%. Fig. 9 (b) shows that output current THD is 1.80% and the low-frequency harmonic is less than 0.3%. When  $k_r = 6$ , control system of IPLC PIMR-type RC ( $m = 4$ ) and FPLC PIMR-type RC ( $m = 3.4$ ) current error convergence is shown in Fig. 10. Fig. 10 (b) shows that can be seen that when the current tracking error tends to be stable, the error is within  $\pm 0.2\text{A}$ , whereas Fig. 10 (a) shows that the error remains within  $\pm 0.4\text{A}$ .

When  $k_r = 7$ , IPLC PIMR-type RC (Fig. 11 (a)) system output current error gradually converges and then gradually diverges, indicating that the system begins to become unstable. However, FPLC PIMR-type RC (Fig. 11 (b)) system output current error can converge to steady state at 0.1s, and the convergence speed is faster than  $k_r = 6$ . The current error convergence of trajectory of FPLC PIMR-type RC ( $m = 3.4$ ) control system with  $k_r = 10$  is shown in Fig. 12. It shows that output current error can converge to steady state at 0.1s, and the convergence speed is faster than  $k_r < 10$ . The output current spectrum analysis of trajectory of FPLC PIMR-type RC ( $m = 3.4$ ) control system with  $k_r = 10$  is shown in Fig. 14. It shows that output current THD is 2.00%.

### B. Dynamic performance comparison

When the amplitude of the reference current increases from 5A to 10A at 0.5s, the dynamics of the current error of IPLC

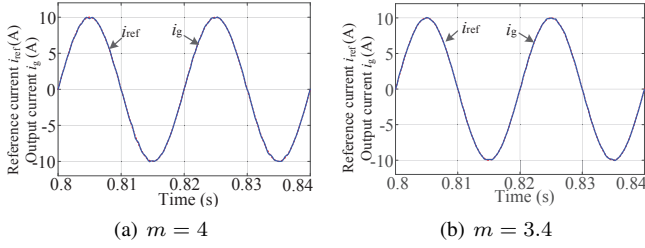


Fig. 8. Control system reference current and output current (0.8s~0.84s) when  $k_r = 6$ : (a) IPLC PIMR-type RC ( $m = 4$ ), (b) FPLC PIMR-type RC ( $m = 3.4$ ).

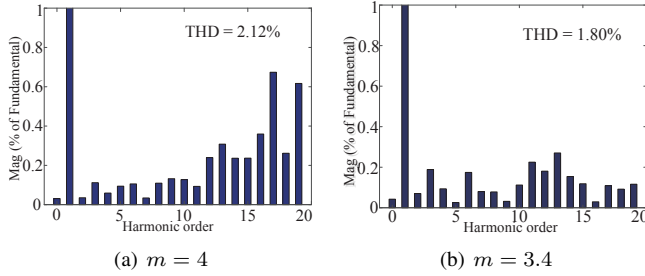


Fig. 9. Output current spectrum analysis of the control system when  $k_r = 6$ : (a) IPLC PIMR-type RC ( $m = 4$ ), (b) FPLC PIMR-type RC ( $m = 3.4$ ).

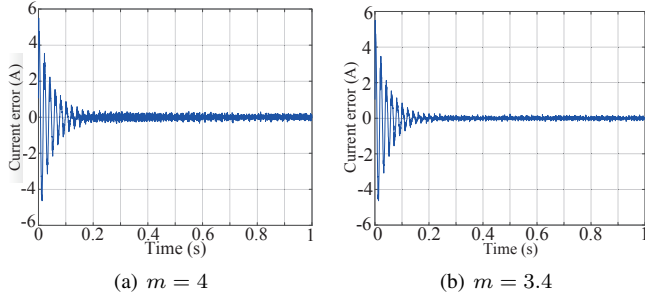


Fig. 10. Current error convergence of the control system when  $k_r = 6$ : (a) IPLC PIMR-type RC ( $m = 4$ ), (b) FPLC PIMR-type RC ( $m = 3.4$ ).

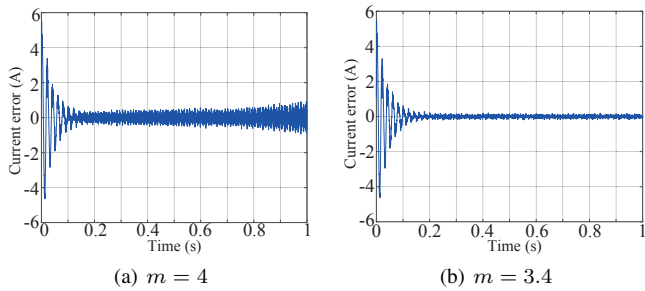


Fig. 11. Current error convergence of the control system when  $k_r = 7$ : (a) IPLC PIMR-type RC ( $m = 4$ ), (b) FPLC PIMR-type RC ( $m = 3.4$ ).

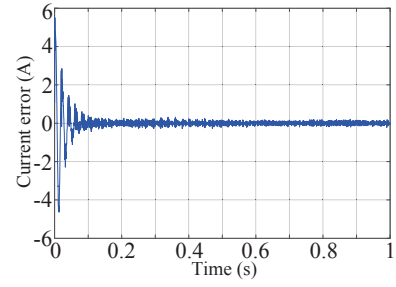


Fig. 12. The current error convergence of trajectory of FPLC PIMR-type RC ( $m = 3.4$ ) control system with  $k_r = 10$ .

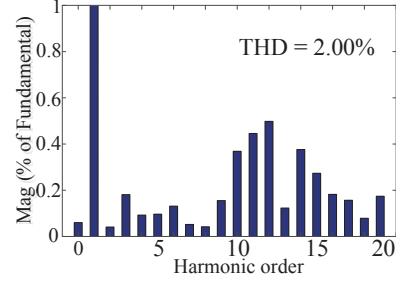


Fig. 13. The output current spectrum analysis of trajectory of FPLC PIMR-type RC ( $m = 3.4$ ) control system with  $k_r = 10$ .

PIMR-type RC (a) and FPLC PIMR-type RC (b) are shown in Fig. 14. It can be found that the error convergence rate of the FPLC PIMR-type RC is better than IPLC PIMR-type RC.

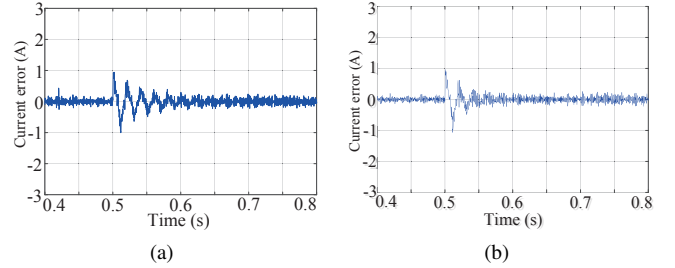


Fig. 14. Control system output current error (from 5A to 10A): (a) IPLC PIMR-type RC; (b) FPLC PIMR-type RC.

## VII. CONCLUSION

In this paper, the principle of phase lead compensation is given, the problem of integer phase lead compensation at low sampling frequency is pointed out, and the implementation method of fractional phase lead compensation is given. Finally, it is verified that FPLC PIMR-type RC has better steady state and dynamic characteristics than IPLC PIMR-type RC.

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