

# Dynamic harmonic domain modelling of synchronous machine and transmission line interface

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**Abstract:** This study presents a methodology for analysing the transient behaviour of harmonics associated with the interfacing of a synchronous generator and a transmission line. The algorithm is derived entirely in the dynamic harmonic domain that is based on an orthogonal basis and on operational matrices. The main characteristics of the proposed method are: its capability to accurately follow the harmonic content of a transient without the aid of a post-processing tool and its ability to serve as a visually active indicator of the steady-state and transient conditions in a signal. The proposed method is validated by comparing its results against those obtained through a time-domain technique.

## 1 Introduction

The interaction between synchronous generator, transmission line and non-linear loads has a significant bearing on the power quality of a system. It is well known that the operation of a synchronous machine under non-sinusoidal conditions can produce harmonics owing to the intrinsic frequency conversion dynamics that exists between the stator and the rotor. The saturation of the rotor can enhance waveform distortion in that frequency conversion process [1–4]. In addition, the interconnection of a generator with an untransposed transmission line can produce resonances leading to over-voltages, failure of substation equipment and even power system instability [2]. Owing to the complexity of obtaining a precise model for the machine saturation [5], this subject is not considered here and left for future research work. However, accounting for enough available data, it is preliminary proposed to represent saturation as a non-linear relation, for example, a polynomial relating flux and current [6].

Several studies have been reported on the interconnection of a generator with a transmission line, a few of them dealing with harmonics [1–7]. However, most of the existing literature has focused on the steady-state analysis. The need for harmonic analysis under transient conditions arises for filtering, control and protection purposes owing to the proliferation of a variety of non-linear loads, especially fast-switching power-electronic loads.

Traditionally, electromagnetic transients' simulation tools such as EMTP and PSCAD/EMTDC can be used to calculate transients as a function of time. A post-processing routine can then be used to compute the corresponding harmonic content during the period of interest. For the sake

of an example, the windowed fast Fourier transform (WFFT) allows the calculation of the harmonic content of a signal as a function of time by sliding an FFT window. However, numerical errors such as aliasing, Gibbs oscillations and the picket-fence effect [8] make such techniques unattractive for relatively fast transients.

A harmonic domain (HD) methodology, based on constant Fourier coefficients, was pioneered by Xia and Heydt, using a decoupled positive sequence circuit for a full-wave bridge rectifier [9, 10]. Later on, Densem *et al.* reported that the network must be modelled in the *abc* frame since the characteristic harmonics cannot be properly evaluated by a positive sequence frequency representation [11]. The HD methodology was extended to the dynamic case, that is, with variable Fourier coefficients, for transient studies by Acha *et al.* [6], and it is hereafter referred to as the dynamic harmonic domain (DHD) methodology.

The DHD is a direct approach for transient and steady-state solution of harmonics. It is based on an orthogonal basis and on operational matrices, with the coefficients of the orthogonal basis being the state variables. Intrinsically, the DHD solution allows the possibility of computing the evolution of the harmonic coefficients step-by-step. In addition, the DHD methodology provides the power quality indices used in steady-state applications as functions of time.

In this paper, we propose a methodology for directly analysing the transient behaviour of harmonics in a generator-line load system using the DHD without resorting to post-processing techniques for harmonic tracking. In the generator model, both the electromechanical and the electromagnetic dynamics are taken into account and are coupled numerically through a hybrid numerical solution. For illustration purposes a single-mass model is considered;

however, the extension to the multi-mass case is straightforward. The untransposed transmission line is modelled as a fully frequency-dependent line. In this work we have taken the DHD line model proposed in [12]. Linear and non-linear loads are interfaced to the system via their corresponding differential/algebraic equations. The simulation results from the proposed method are validated through a time-domain technique. The former can potentially be implemented in real-time simulation by using efficient technologies such as field programmable gate arrays (FPGAs) and graphic processor units (GPUs), thus overcoming the network's size restriction.

The paper is organised as follows. In Section 2, the DHD models for synchronous machine, the transmission line and their interconnection are presented. The algorithm proposed for the numerical solution of the complete system is explained in Section 3. Section 4 analyses the simulation results for an example system under various transient conditions. Section 5 presents the conclusions of the study.

## 2 Generator and transmission line DHD models

This section outlines the modelling of the synchronous generator and the transmission line in the DHD and describes the interfacing of the two models.

### 2.1 Generator

The following definition is used

$$\theta = \omega_o t + \theta_{rel} \quad (1)$$

where  $\omega_o$  is the electrical power angular frequency in rad/s and  $\theta_{rel}$  corresponds to the deviation (from its uniformly rotating reference on phase  $a$ ) of the rotor angle  $\theta$  (defined as the angle between phase  $a$  and the  $d$ -axis).

The synchronous machine can be represented in the time domain (using motor convention) as

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_s \\ v_r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_s & \\ & R_r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_s \\ i_r \end{bmatrix} + \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \Psi_s \\ \Psi_r \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

where the s and r subscripts correspond to stator and rotor quantities, respectively. In the DHD (2) becomes (without change of notation)

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_s \\ v_r \end{bmatrix} = L \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} i_s \\ i_r \end{bmatrix} + \left( R + LS_{sr} + \frac{d}{d\theta} L \right) \begin{bmatrix} i_s \\ i_r \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

where (using Matlab<sup>®</sup> notation)

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} L_s & L_{sr} \\ L_{rs} & L_r \end{bmatrix}, \quad R = \text{blkdiag}\{R_s, R_r\}$$

$$S_{sr} = \text{blkdiag}\{S_s, S_r\}$$

$$S_s = \text{blkdiag}\{S, S, S\}, \quad S_r = \{S'_r, S'_r, S'_r, S'_r\}$$

$$S = \text{diag}\{\dots, -3j\omega_o, -j\omega_o, j\omega_o, 3j\omega_o, \dots\}$$

$$S'_r = \text{diag}\{\dots, -4j\omega_o, -2j\omega_o, 0, 2j\omega_o, 4j\omega_o, \dots\}$$

In (3), the vectors representing stator and rotor voltages and currents are time-varying harmonic vectors, whereas the inductance and resistance matrices are Toeplitz-type

matrices [6]. The steady-state solution can be obtained by setting to zero the derivatives with respect to time in (3).

Alternatively, (3) can be expressed in a compact form as

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} i_s \\ i_r \end{bmatrix} = A_g \begin{bmatrix} i_s \\ i_r \end{bmatrix} + L^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} v_s \\ v_r \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

where

$$A_g = -L^{-1} \left( R + LS_{sr} + \frac{d}{d\theta} L \right)$$

The mechanical dynamics of the machine is described (for a single-mass rotor) as follows

$$\dot{\omega}_{rel} = \frac{\omega_o}{2H} [T_e - T_m + k_d \omega_{rel}] \quad (5a)$$

$$\dot{\theta} = \omega_{rel} \quad (5b)$$

where

$$T_e = \frac{1}{2} i^T \frac{dL}{d\theta} i \quad (6)$$

In (6), the current vector,  $i$ , contains both stator and rotor currents. From (6) one can notice that the complete set of harmonics contribute to the scalar electrical torque  $T_e$ .

### 2.2 Transmission line

Since the underlying idea of this work is to analyse transients accurately, the DHD transmission line model used here is based on a frequency-dependent line model in the phase domain [13], where the propagation matrix and the characteristic admittance are approximated by rational functions using vector fitting [14] (see Appendix 1). The corresponding propagation equations in the time domain are (see Fig. 1a for reference directions) [12]

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & \\ & A_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & \\ & b_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i'_n \\ i'_m \end{bmatrix} \quad (7a)$$

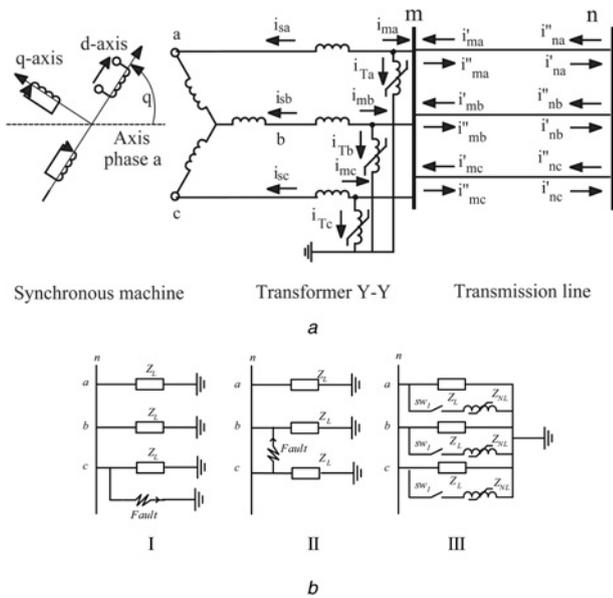
$$\begin{bmatrix} i'_n \\ i'_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & \\ & c_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7b)$$

with their counterpart in the DHD given by [12]

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 - S' & \\ & A_1 - S' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B_1 \Gamma & \\ & B_1 \Gamma \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i'_n \\ i'_m \end{bmatrix} \quad (8a)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} i'_n \\ i'_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 & \\ & C_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8b)$$

It is mentioned here that after calculating  $i'_m$  and  $i'_n$  and in the modal domain, they are transformed into the phase domain.



**Fig. 1** Test case  
 a Network system  
 b Single-phase-to-ground fault (I), line-to-line fault (II) and three-phase non-linear load (III)

In addition to the propagation equations, we have the terminal equations for bus  $m$  [12]

$$\dot{x}_3 = (A_2 - S)x_3 + B_2 v_m \quad (9a)$$

$$i_m = C_2 x_3 + D_2 v_m - 2i'_m \quad (9b)$$

Similarly, for bus  $n$  we have

$$\dot{x}_4 = (A_2 - S)x_4 + B_2 v_n \quad (10a)$$

$$i_n = C_2 x_4 + D_2 v_n - 2i'_n \quad (10b)$$

The reflected currents are updated at each time step with

$$i''_m = i'_m + i_m \quad (11a)$$

$$i''_n = i'_n + i_n \quad (11b)$$

### 2.3 Interfacing

The resulting DHD ordinary differential equations for the line are now interfaced to a transformer (its magnetising branch taken here as a non-linear inductance [15]) and the machine equations.

From the output expression of (9b) the relation between sending end voltage and current is given by (note that  $m = -(i_s + i_T)$  and  $v_s = v_m$ )

$$v_s = D_2^{-1}(2i'_s - C_2 x_3 - i_s - i_T) \quad (12)$$

Substituting (12) into (9a), the transmission line, the transformer and the generator models are linked as

$$\dot{x}_3 = (A_2 - S - B_2 D_2^{-1} C_2)x_3 + 2B_2 D_2^{-1} i'_s - B_2 D_2^{-1} (i_s + i_T) \quad (13)$$

taking into account (4) and (13) gives

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} i_s \\ i_r \end{bmatrix} = G_m \begin{bmatrix} i_s \\ i_r \end{bmatrix} + L_{g1}^{-1} D_2^{-1} [-C_2 x_3 + 2C_2 i'_s - (\alpha_T \Phi_T + \beta_T \Phi_T^3)] + L_{g1}^{-1} v_r \quad (14)$$

where

$$G_m = -L_{g1}^{-1} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} R_s + D_2^{-1} & \\ & R_r \end{bmatrix} + L S_{sr} + \frac{d}{d\theta} L \right\}$$

It is mentioned that the magnetising branch of the transformer has been represented as the flux/current relation:  $i_T = (\alpha_T \Phi_T + \beta_T \Phi_T^3)$ . Combining (13) and (14) into a state-space representation, we finally obtain (15)

$$\begin{bmatrix} -G_m & -L_{g1}^{-1} D_2^{-1} C_2 & L_{g1}^{-1} D_2^{-1} (\alpha_T + \beta_T \Phi_T) \\ [B_2 D_2^{-1} \ 0] & A_2 - S - B_2 D_2^{-1} C_2 & B_2 D_2^{-1} (\alpha_T + \beta_T \Phi_T) \\ [-D_2^{-1} \ 0] & -D_2^{-1} C_2 & D_2^{-1} (\alpha_T + \beta_T \Phi_T) \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} i_s \\ i_r \\ x_3 \\ \Phi_T \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2L_{g1}^{-1} D_2^{-1} & L_{g2}^{-1} \\ 2B_2 D_2^{-1} & 0 \\ 2D_2^{-1} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i'_s \\ v_r \end{bmatrix} = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} i_s \\ i_r \\ x_3 \\ \Phi_T \end{bmatrix} \quad (15)$$

### 3 DHD algorithm for transient harmonic analysis

The complete set of ODEs representing the generator-transformer-line system given by (5), (8a) and (15) can be expressed in compact form as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_e \\ \dot{x}_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_e & \\ & A_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_e \\ x_m \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B_e \\ B_m \end{bmatrix} u \quad (16)$$

where  $x_e$  and  $x_m$  represent the harmonic vectors of electrical and mechanical state variables, respectively. Since the generator contains slow and fast dynamics at the same time, a hybrid algorithm is used for the numerical integration of (16) such that the stiffness of the complete system is overcome. The algorithm consists of the following four steps:

*Step 1:* Assume that the simulation begins with the system in steady state. Initialise all the system variables.

*Step 2:* Using the trapezoidal rule for (16) the electrical state variables and the electrical torque are calculated at Steps  $k + 1$  and  $k + 1/2$  by

$$m_1 x_e^{k+1} = m_2 x_e^k + \frac{B_e^k}{2} (u_k + u_{k+1}) \quad (17a)$$

$$n_1 x_e^{k+1/2} = n_2 x_e^k + \frac{B_e^k}{2} (u_k + u_{k+1/2}) \quad (17b)$$

where

$$m_{1,2} = \left( \frac{1}{\Delta t} I \mp \frac{1}{2} A_e^k \right), \quad n_{1,2} = \left( \frac{2}{\Delta t} I \mp \frac{1}{2} A_e^k \right)$$

and

$$\mathbf{x}_e^k = [\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \Phi_T, \mathbf{i}_r, \mathbf{i}_s]^T$$

The electrical torque is obtained by

$$T_e^{k+1/2} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{i}_{s,k+1/2}^T \frac{d}{d\theta} \mathbf{L}^{k+1/2} \mathbf{i}_{s,k+1/2} \quad (18)$$

Step 3: First, a predicted value of  $\omega_{rel}$  is given by

$$p_1 \hat{\omega}_{rel}^{k+3/2} = p_2 \omega_{rel}^{k+1/2} + \frac{\omega_o}{2H} (T_e^{k+1/2} - T_m) \quad (19)$$

where  $p_{1,2} = (1/\Delta t) \mp \omega_o k_d / 4H$ .

Then, a corrected value for  $\theta_{rel}$  is obtained by

$$\theta_{rel}^{k+3/2} = \theta_{rel}^{k+1/2} + \frac{\Delta t}{2} (\hat{\omega}_{rel}^{k+3/2} + \omega_{rel}^{k+1/2}) - \omega_o \Delta t \quad (20)$$

Finally, with  $\hat{\omega}_{rel}^{k+3/2}$  and  $\theta_{rel}^{k+3/2}$  calculate the inductance matrix  $(d/d\theta) \mathbf{L}_\theta^{k+3/2}$  with

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \mathbf{L}_\theta^{k+1} = \left( \frac{d}{d\theta} \mathbf{L}_\theta^{k+1/2} + \frac{d}{d\theta} \mathbf{L}_\theta^{k+3/2} \right) / 2 \quad (21)$$

Step 4: The average values of the electrical states and torque are computed as

$$\mathbf{x}_{e,a} = (\mathbf{x}_e^{k+1/2} + \mathbf{x}_e^{k+1}) / 2 \quad (22a)$$

$$T_{e,a} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}_{e,a}^T \frac{d}{d\theta} \mathbf{L}^{k+1} \mathbf{x}_{e,a} \quad (22b)$$

$$p_1 \omega_{rel}^{k+3/2} = p_1 \omega_{rel}^{k+1/2} + \frac{\omega_o}{2H} (T_{e,a} - T_m) \quad (22c)$$

## 4 Case study

To ascertain the accuracy of the proposed algorithm, a case study is presented. The results provided here were compared against those obtained by a time-domain technique, which consists in solving the original non-linear ODEs by numerical integration (labelled as TD in the corresponding figures).

Fig. 1 shows the test case where a 555 MVA, 24 kV synchronous machine is connected to a solidly grounded  $Y-Y$  transformer with  $L_T = 0.02$  pu,  $\alpha_T = 0.02$  pu and  $\beta_T = 8 \times 10^4$  pu to a 100 km open-ended transmission line. The geometry of the untransposed line is shown in Appendix 2. The synchronous machine parameters were obtained from [5] where the per unit parameters have been calculated on the basis of the machine nominal power and voltage (i.e. 555 MVA and 24 kV). Simulation results for steady-state as well as transient conditions are analysed in the following subsections.

### 4.1 Steady state

Fig. 2 (reproduced using the method in [2]) corresponds to the steady-state voltage for a generator and an open-ended line system showing the magnitude of its harmonics when the length of the line is varied from 10 to 1000 km. From Fig. 2 one can notice several harmonic resonance conditions, the most noticeable around 147.8 km line

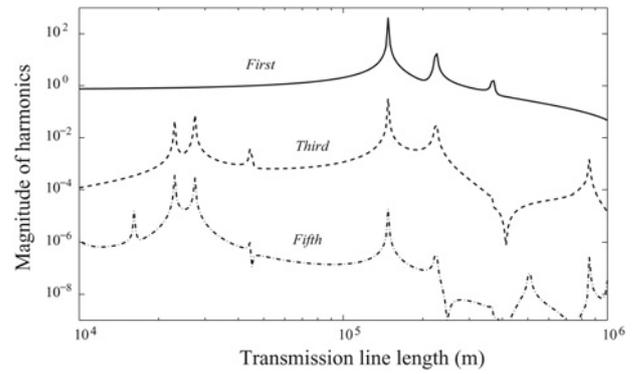


Fig. 2 Harmonic behaviour of the steady-state voltage  $v_{ma}$  for the open-ended line with varying line lengths

length. The results in Fig. 2 have been further corroborated for several line lengths with the proposed DHD model described in Section 2 by setting to zero all the derivatives with respect to time. This HD computation permits to calculate initial conditions that can be included in the DHD.

### 4.2 Single-phase fault

The simulation starts in steady state with the far end of the line having a load with  $R = 125$  pu,  $L = 1$  pu. After 0.0332 s, phase  $c$  is connected to ground through a  $10^{-8}$  pu resistance to simulate a phase-to-ground fault. Then, at 0.085 s the fault is cleared and the same  $RL$  load is reconnected until a new steady state is reached (see Fig. 1b-1). The instantaneous voltage waveforms at the receiving line terminal, phase  $c$ ,  $v_{nc}$ , from both the DHD and the TD, are presented in Fig. 3. The stator currents  $\mathbf{i}_s$  are shown in Fig. 4a. In addition, the corresponding harmonic content for phase  $c$  obtained through the DHD is presented in Fig. 4b. For the DHD simulation up to the ninth harmonic was considered since the magnitudes of the remaining harmonics were negligible. It is mentioned that in this paper the figures corresponding to harmonic content present only the harmonics with considerable magnitude with respect to the fundamental frequency.

Although some harmonics behave as very small quantities in a specific condition, in resonance conditions

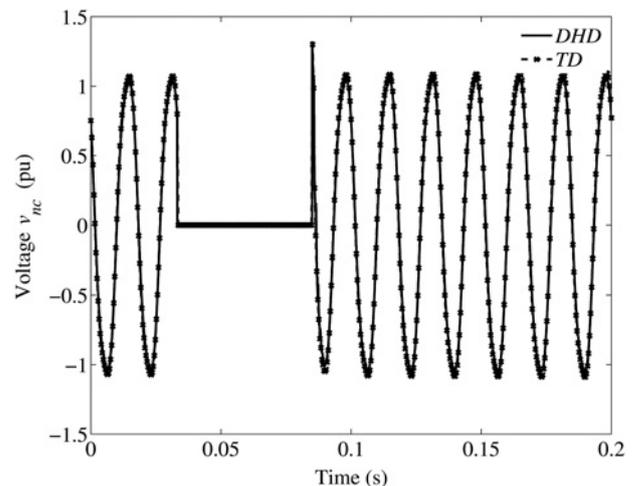
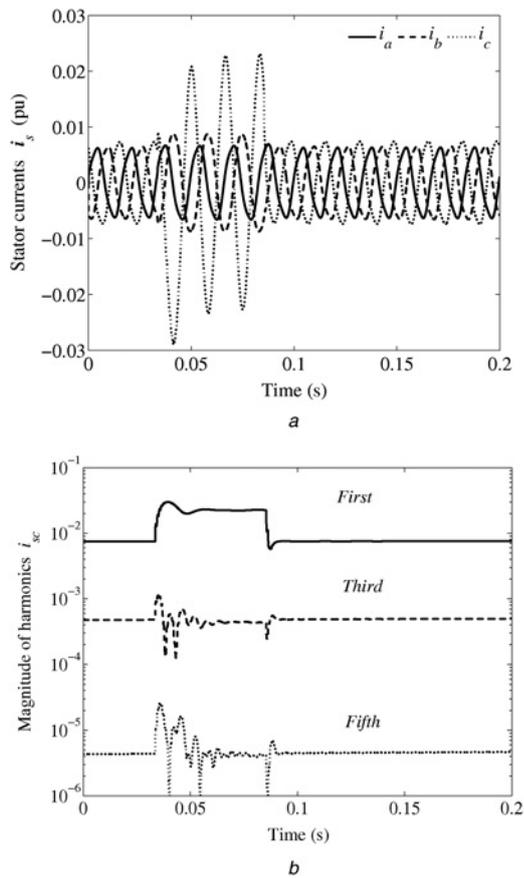


Fig. 3 Voltage  $v_{nc}$  during the single-phase fault



**Fig. 4** Stator currents during the single-phase fault

a Stator currents  $i_s$   
 b Harmonic content of  $i_{sc}$

their magnitudes can be increased considerably (see Fig. 2). Furthermore, when electronic devices are connected to the network, some of the devices' characteristic harmonics (different than the fundamental) will be an important part of the solution. The proposed methodology has the flexibility of including any number of harmonics.

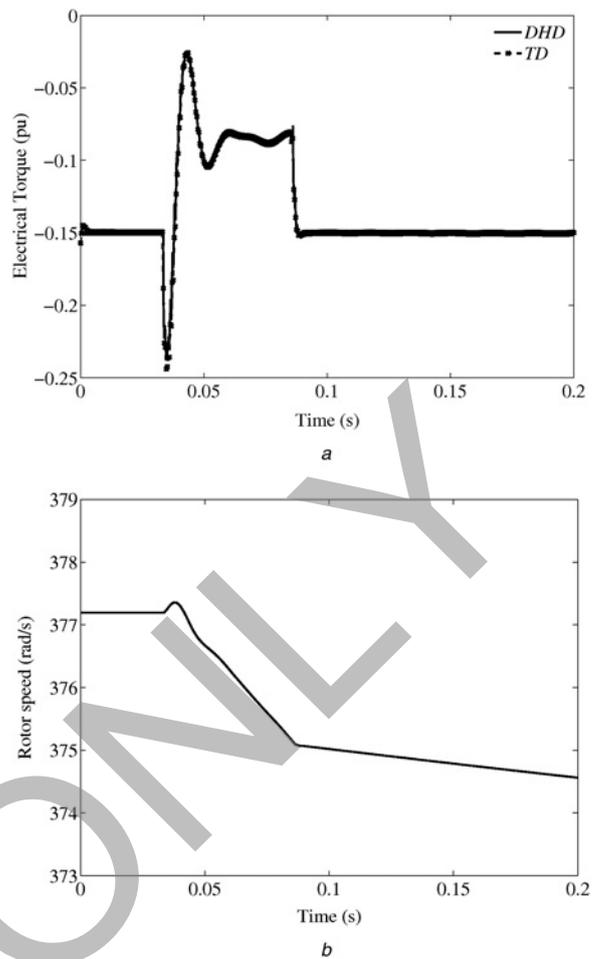
Additionally, the electrical torque from both DHD and TD are presented in Fig. 5a, and the machine speed obtained by the DHD technique is shown in Fig. 5b.

**4.3 Phase-to-phase fault**

A phase-to-phase fault is simulated between phases  $b$  and  $c$  as illustrated in Fig. 1b-II. The simulation starts in steady state and after the second cycle a fault is inserted through a  $10^{-8}$  pu resistance. Finally, after another three cycles the fault is cleared. Fig. 6a shows the current at bus  $n$ , phase  $b$  ( $i_{nb}$ ), and Fig. 7a presents the voltages at the end of the line for all phases ( $v_{na}$ ,  $v_{nb}$  and  $v_{nc}$ ) with the harmonic content of phase  $b$  shown in Figs. 6b and 7b. From Figs. 6 and 7 one can notice that the system tries to reach a different steady state sequentially.

**4.4 Three-phase non-linear load**

The proposed methodology is now applied to the network in Fig. 1a with a non-linear reactor as a load. The time-domain representation of the chosen non-linear load is given by the flux/current relation  $i(t) = f(\varphi)$  and expressed,



**Fig. 5** Mechanical parameters during the single-phase fault

a Machine electrical torque  
 b Rotor speed

without losing generality, as a polynomial (in the DHD) of the type

$$i = \alpha\Phi + \beta\Phi^p \tag{23}$$

The power  $p$  is related to a convolution operation in (23) [6, 12]. As mentioned earlier, a similar representation has been taken here for the magnetising branch of the transformer [15].

The current expression for a resistive load in parallel with a non-linear reactor at bus  $n$ , as shown in Fig. 1b-III, is given by

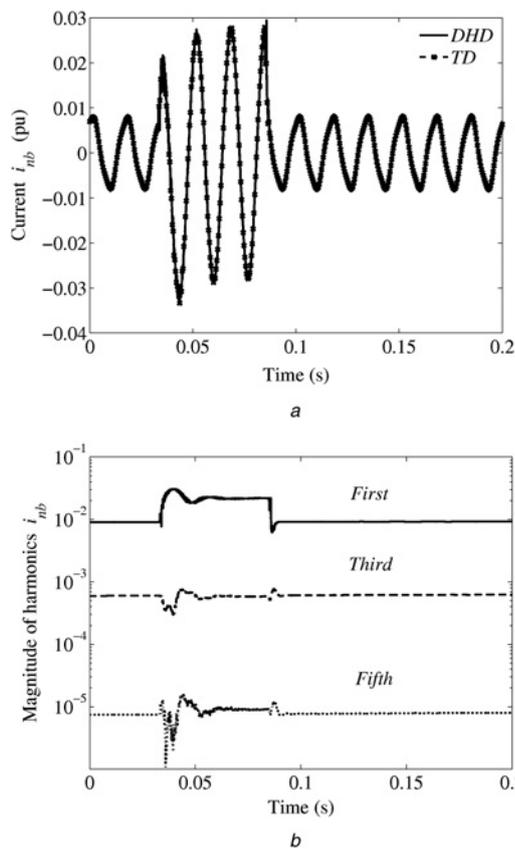
$$i_n = -\alpha\Phi - \beta\Phi^p - R^{-1}v_n \tag{24}$$

Substituting (24) into (10b) gives

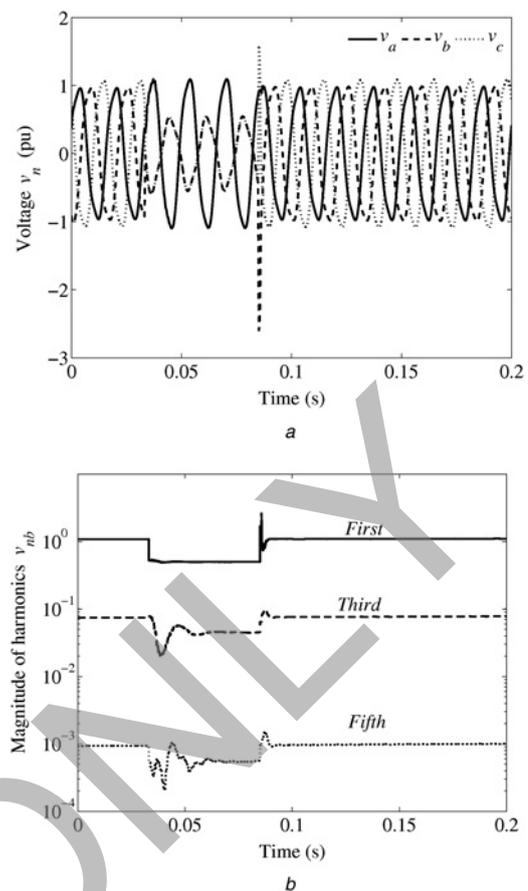
$$v_n = K(-\alpha\Phi - \beta\Phi^p - C_2x_4 + 2i'_n) \tag{25}$$

where  $K = (I + RD_2)^{-1}R$  and  $R$  is the linear load. Next, substituting (25) into (10a) and taking the following DHD voltage/flux relation into account

$$\dot{\Phi} - S\Phi = v_n \tag{26}$$



**Fig. 6** Current at bus  $n$  phase  $b$  during the phase-to-phase fault  
 a Current  $i_{nb}$   
 b Harmonic content of  $i_{nb}$



**Fig. 7** Voltages at bus  $n$  during the phase-to-phase fault  
 a Voltages  $v_n$   
 b Harmonic content of  $v_{nb}$

We obtain the final current/flux relation for bus  $n$  as

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_2 - S' - KB_2C_2 & -KB_2(\alpha + \beta\Phi^{p-1}) \\ -KC_2 & -S - K(\alpha + \beta\Phi^{p-1}) \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} x_4 \\ \Phi \end{bmatrix} + 2K \begin{bmatrix} B_2 \\ I_h \end{bmatrix} i'_n = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_4 \\ \dot{\Phi} \end{bmatrix} \quad (27)$$

Finally, (27) is introduced into (16) as part of the harmonic vector of electrical state variables  $x_c$ .

For this example the simulation starts in steady state and after 0.0332 s, a non-linear load ( $\alpha = 0.5$ ,  $\beta = 8 \times 10^6$ ) in parallel to the 125 pu resistance is connected in each phase at bus  $n$ . The simulation ends at 0.15 s. In Fig. 8, the voltage at bus  $n$  phase  $a$  and the corresponding harmonic content are shown. As expected, one can notice from these figures that the harmonic distortion is larger when non-linear loads are introduced into the network. In fact, the waveform in Fig. 8a presents 16.9 and 2.5% of the third and fifth harmonic, respectively.

#### 4.5 Accuracy of the proposed technique

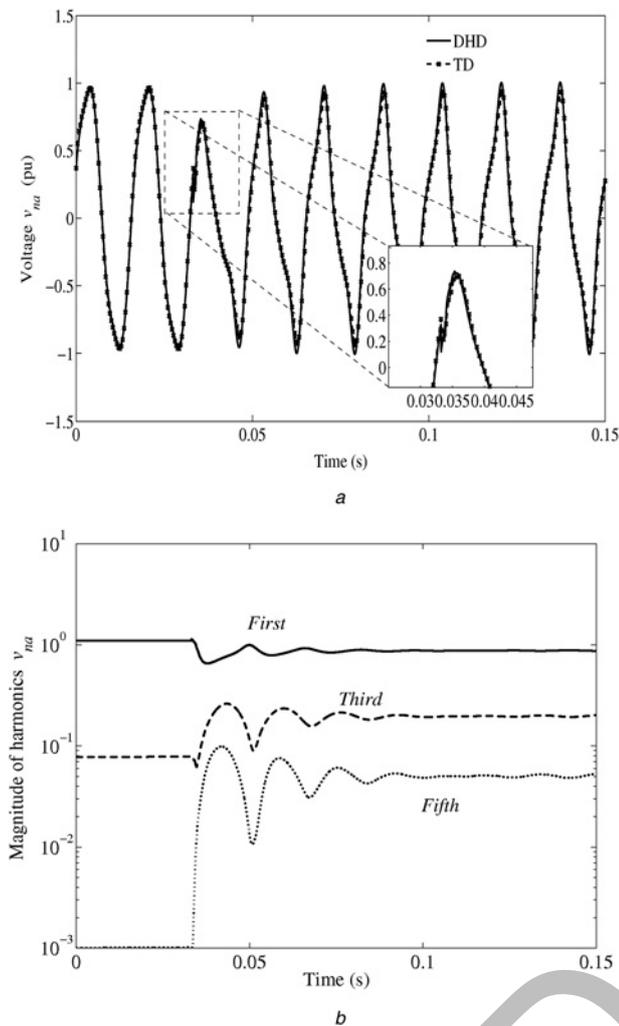
Accuracy of the DHD depends on both, size of the time step and the number of harmonics. To the best of the authors' knowledge, in the literature regarding harmonics, there is not a criterion for determining the number of harmonics given a predefined error and is still a research-open topic. Nevertheless, the knowledge of the harmonic content of the

source (or perturbation) and/or the amount of non-linearity involved, given, for instance, by the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  coefficients in the polynomial type flux/current relation can shade light on such number. Additionally, the highest harmonic is closely related to the time step used for the simulation. A steady state solution using the HD can be used to figure out the approximate number of harmonic coefficients required in a dynamic study.

Fig. 9a shows the rotor currents  $i_r$  and its various components:  $i_F$  is the field winding current, which produces flux in the direct axis (connected to the DC source of the excitation system);  $i_D$  is the quadrature axis winding current to represent slowly changing fluxes produced by deep-flowing eddy currents;  $i_G$  and  $i_Q$  are the direct and quadrature axes winding currents to represent damping bar effects.

Fig. 9b shows the harmonic content of  $i_G$ , where only even harmonics appear owing to the DC source excitation. Some remarks regarding the obtained results:

1. During steady state all harmonics behave as constants, as expected.
2. Harmonics react instantaneously to system disturbances. Their dynamics are followed in a natural way by the DHD while post-processing techniques (for instance, WFFT) would have a slow harmonic tracking response.
3. The proportionality of harmonic magnitudes for a given signal (voltage or current) changes from steady state to the transient state.



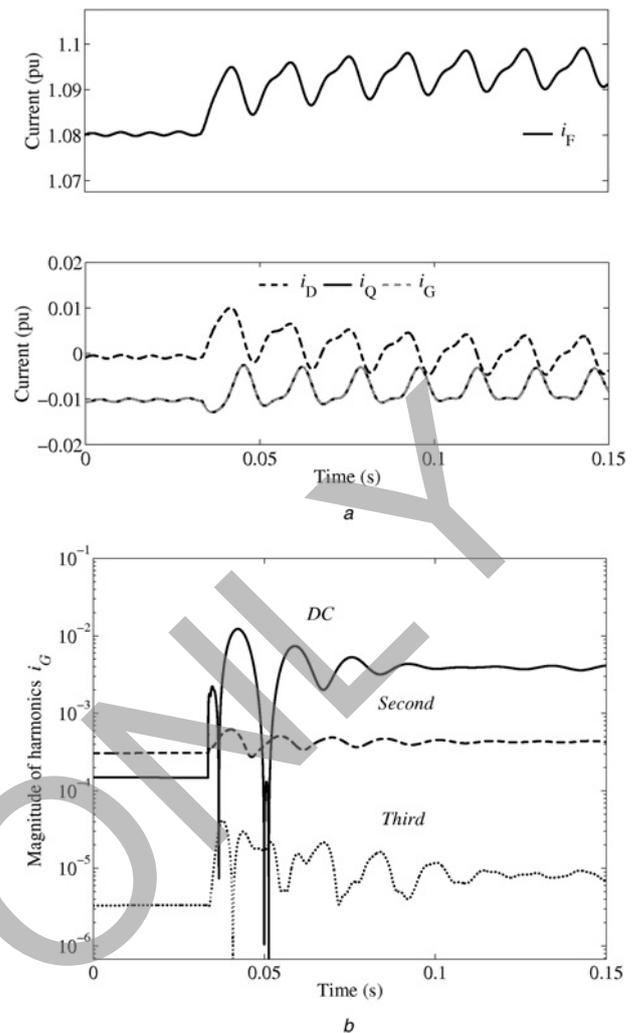
**Fig. 8** Voltage at bus  $n$  phase  $a$  for a three-phase non-linear load  
 a Voltage  $v_{na}$   
 b Harmonic content of  $v_{na}$

4. Harmonic oscillations during a transient behave according to the line resonant frequency, travelling time and excitation-related frequencies.
5. After removing a fault, steady state is reached faster by lower harmonics than by higher harmonics.
6. Simply examining the time-domain results, it is difficult to discern the steady-state condition. The DHD provides a visually active indicator of the transient and steady-state conditions in a signal.

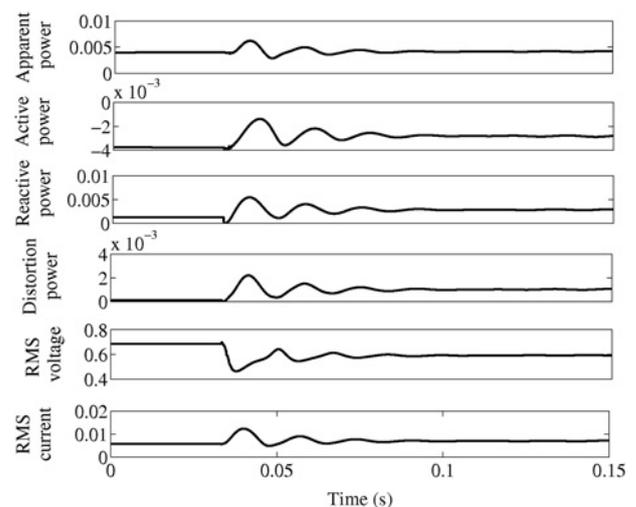
#### 4.6 Power quality indices

Power quality assessment under transient conditions has a significant impact for the design of active filters. However, the traditional method of using windowed FFT does not yield accurate harmonic information under transient conditions. The DHD allows obtaining the power quality indices directly through traditional formulae [6].

As an example, Fig. 10 shows the evolution of the most used power quality indices (power factor and distortion factors can also be derived) for the 100 km line example with a non-linear load. As expected, the quantities are constants in periodic steady state and register significant changes during transient conditions owing to the dynamic



**Fig. 9** Rotor currents for a three-phase non-linear load  
 a Rotor currents  $i_r$   
 b Harmonic content of  $i_G$



**Fig. 10** Power quality parameters for bus  $n$  with a three phase non-linear load

harmonics behaviour. Further potential applications of the proposed model to the power quality area can be seen in [16].



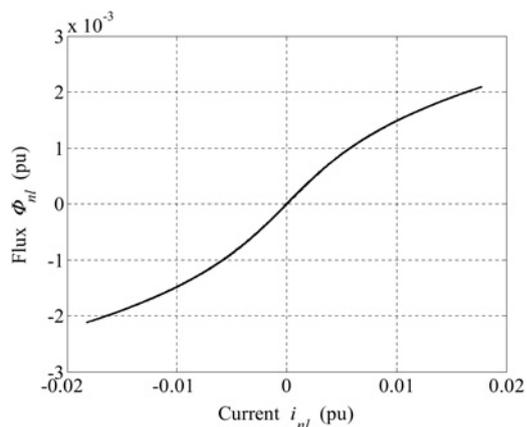


Fig. 12 Non-linear load magnetic saturation characteristic

and the time delay for all harmonics is taken into account by

$$\Gamma = \text{diag}\{e^{jh\omega_0\tau}, \dots, e^{j\omega_0\tau}, 1, e^{-j\omega_0\tau}, \dots, e^{-jh\omega_0\tau}\}$$

## 9 Appendix 2: line configuration

The geometrical configuration for the untransposed transmission line used in Section 4 is shown in Fig. 11.

## 10 Appendix 3: non-linear load magnetising characteristic

The magnetic saturation characteristic of the non-linear load ( $\Phi - i$  curve) is presented in Fig. 12.

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