



Optimal PID Tuning of PLL for PV Inverter Based on Aquila Optimizer

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Phase-locked loop (PLL) is a fundamental and crucial component of a photovoltaic (PV) connected inverter, which plays a significant role in high-guality grid connection by fast and precise phase detection and lock. Several novel critical structure improvements and proportional-integral (PI) parameter optimization techniques of PLL were proposed to reduce shock current and promote the quality of grid connection at present. However, the present techniques ignored the differential element of PLL and did not acquire ideal results. Thus, this paper adopts Aguila optimizer algorithm to regulate the proportional-integraldifferential (PID) parameters of PLL for smoothing power fluctuation and improving grid connection quality. Three regulation strategies (i.e., PLL regulation, global regulation, and step regulation) are carefully designed to systematically and comprehensively evaluate the performance of the proposed method based on a simulation model in MATLAB/Simulink, namely, "250-kW Grid-Connected PV Array". Simulation results indicate that PLL regulation strategy can effectively decrease power fluctuation and overshoot with a short response time, low complexity, and time cost. Particularly, the Error(P) and the maximum deviation of output power under optimal parameters obtained by PLL strategy are decreased by 418 W and 12.5 kW compared with those under initial parameters, respectively.

Keywords: phase-locked loop, PV inverter, aquila optimizer, power fluctuation, solar energy

INTRODUCTION

The rapid growth and development of the world economy and society are accompanied by the consumption and utilization of enormous non-renewable energy (Yang et al., 2018a; Zhang et al., 2021), especially fossil fuel, which leads to a great challenge for uninterrupted energy supply and environmental protection (Gan et al., 2019; Pabitra and Abhik, 2020). Solar energy, as a representative of renewable energy (Zhou et al., 2021), has attracted extensive attention in recent years (Yang et al., 2018b; Wang et al., 2020). Furthermore, photovoltaic (PV) generation is considered one of the most efficient, promising, and reliable exploitation and application methods of solar energy (Yang et al., 2019a; Yang et al., 2019b; Yang et al., 2020).

Photovoltaic grid-connected inverter is a critical bridge of connecting photovoltaic power and power grid systems, whose performance significantly determines power factor and shock current of the power grid (Liu et al., 2020). Therefore, phase lock technology is immensely applied to improve the performance of photovoltaic grid-connected inverters via fast and accurately extracting and tracking the phase angle information of grid voltage (Se-Kyo, 2000). Several structural improvement techniques of conventional PLL have been suggested in the past few years. Specifically, Rodriguez et al. (2007) designed a decoupled double synchronous reference frame phase-locked loop (PLL) to

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efficiently detect positive sequence voltage under unbalanced and distorted grid conditions. Note that the proposed method successfully separated utility voltage into positive and negative sequence components and eliminated voltage detection errors of conventional PLL. Besides, Guo et al. (2011) adopt a multiplecomplex coefficient-filter to filter harmonic components of grid voltage and significantly enhance the dynamic response of PLL. Additionally, Kong et al. (2020) proposed a novel self-adjusting double second-order generalized integrator PLL (SOGI-PLL) strategy with the ideal low-pass filter, which acquired desirable performance in the PV grid with high harmonic content. Meanwhile, SOGI-PLL controller was reported to detect phase angle jumps and magnitude variations of voltage and current in the literature (Pazhanimuthu et al., 2021). Similarly, Han et al. (2009), Chittora et al. (2019), and Celik and Meral (2019) developed adaptive PLL to implement synchronization of PV source, load balance, and harmonics reduction. In the literature (Musengimana et al., 2021), a low-frequency damping strategy was presented to mitigate low-frequency oscillations related to PLL, which improved the performance of PV-connected inverter

and outer loop controller. In addition, several researchers focused to identify the best control parameters of PLL to track phase angle with high accuracy and fast speed in various complex operation conditions. A mutated hybrid firefly algorithm was proposed to optimize the control parameters of second-order PLL in a microgrid system to improve the system stability in the literature (Satapathy et al., 2016). Ikken et al. (2016) proposed a fuzzy logic control methodology to adaptively justify proportional-integral (PI) parameters of PLL. Furthermore, several meta-heuristic algorithms are used to extract the optimal control PI parameters of PLL for improving the performance of threephase grid-connected PV inverter, such as genetic algorithm (GA) (Farhat et al., 2020), moth flame optimization (MFO), antlions optimization algorithm (ALO), grey wolf optimization (GWO), and whales optimization algorithm (WOA) (Aouchiche, 2020).

However, the above structural improvements inevitably increased the cost and complexity of the whole system, while the present parameter optimization strategies only optimized the PI parameters of PLL and ignored the influences of the differential element of PLL on extracting phase angle and suppressing PV output power fluctuation. Therefore, this paper proposes a novel PLL regulation method based on Aquila optimizer (AO) algorithm for PV inverter to decrease PV output power fluctuation and improve system stability, which deals with a comprehensive optimal PID parameter identification of PLL.

The rest of the sections of this paper are organized as follows: *Grid-Connected PV System* indicates the modelling of the PV system under study, especially PV inverter and PLL; the main working principle of AO algorithm in optimal PID parameter identification of PLL is \ investigated in detail in *Description of PID Parameter Optimization with AO Algorithm*; *Case Study* provides a typical case study based on three regulation strategies to evaluate the performance of the proposed method; *Conclusions* and Perspectives summarizes two significant conclusions of this paper.

GRID-CONNECTED PV SYSTEM

A 250 kW PV system under this study is mainly composed of a power transformation system and a control system (Aouchiche, 2020). The former system includes seven components, i.e., PV array, boost converter, three-phase inverter, filter, transformer, grid, and load while the latter one is divided into maximum power point tracking (MPPT) control and inverter control (Li et al., 2020), shown in **Figure 1**. In addition, the perturbation observation (P and O) method is used to implement MPPT control while voltage regulator, current regulator as well as PLL controller accomplish precise and fast three-phase inverter control through coordinate and efficient cooperation.

Modelling of PV Cell

PV cell works as a current source to convert solar energy into direct current through the photovoltaic effect (Mokhtar et al., 2020; Li et al., 2021), whose power generation characteristics can be explained as

$$I_{\rm PV} = I_{ph} - I_o \left\{ e^{\left\lfloor \frac{q(V_{\rm PV} + R_{\rm s} \cdot I_{\rm PV})}{N \cdot K \cdot T} \right\rfloor} - 1 \right\} - \frac{V + R_{\rm s} \cdot I_{\rm PV}}{R_{sh}} \qquad (1)$$
$$I_{\rm d} = I_o e^{\left\lfloor \frac{q(V + R_{\rm s} \cdot I_{\rm PV})}{N \cdot K \cdot T} \right\rfloor} \qquad (2)$$

where $V_{\rm PV}$ and $I_{\rm PV}$ are the output voltage and current of PV cell, respectively; I_{ph} represents photo-generated current; I_o stands for reverse saturation current; I_d is defined as junction current of the diode; q is electron charge $(1.6 \times 10^{-19}C)$; $R_{\rm s}$ and $R_{\rm sh}$ is determined as the series resistance and parallel resistance, respectively; N denotes the diode characteristic coefficient (2.8 for T = 300 K); K represents Boltzmann constant $(1.38 \times 10^{-23} J/K)$; and T is the working temperature.

Modelling of Grid-Connected PV Inverter

The grid-connected PV inverter is applied to convert DC voltage from the DC/DC converter in **Figure 1** into grid-connected alternating voltage, whose schematic configuration is illustrated as **Figure 2**, which is mainly consisted of a grid-connected inverter and power grid (Zhao et al., 2021).

According to **Figure 2**, three-phase alternating voltage for PV inverter can be calculated by (Wang et al., 2020; Zhao et al., 2021):

$$\begin{cases}
\nu_{a} = R_{a}i_{a} + L_{a}\frac{di_{a}}{dt} + e_{a} \\
\nu_{b} = R_{b}i_{b} + L_{b}\frac{di_{b}}{dt} + e_{b} \\
\nu_{c} = R_{c}i_{c} + L_{c}\frac{di_{c}}{dt} + e_{c}
\end{cases}$$
(3)





Besides, the stationary abc voltage and current can be transferred to synchronous rotating dq voltage and current through Park's transformation as follows:

$$\begin{cases}
\nu_{d} = e_{d} + Ri_{d} + L\frac{di_{d}}{dt} + \omega_{s}Li_{q} \\
\nu_{q} = e_{q} + Ri_{q} + L\frac{di_{q}}{dt} - \omega_{s}Li_{d}
\end{cases}$$
(4)

where v_d , and v_q , e_d , e_q , i_d , i_q stands for PV inverter voltage, grid voltage, as well as grid current under dq-axis, respectively; *R* and *L* are defined as the equivalent grid resistance and grid inductance, respectively; and ω_s denotes the angular speed of the grid. Moreover, PV inverter must follow the power balance principle during power transformation, which can be described as **Equation (5)** if ignoring power losses of switches.

$$V_{\rm dc}I_{\rm dc} = e_{\rm d}i_{\rm d} + e_{\rm q}i_{\rm q} \tag{5}$$

where $V_{\rm dc}$ and $I_{\rm dc}$ denote the input voltage and current of the grid-connected inverter, respectively. Lastly, DC link dynamics are determined as

$$C\frac{dV_{dc}}{dt} = I_{dc0} - I_{dc} = I_{dc0} - \frac{e_d i_d + e_q i_q}{V_{dc}}$$
(6)

where I_{dc0} represents the output current of DC/DC convert; and *C* means DC link capacitor.

Modelling of PLL

Particularly, PLL plays a significant role in reducing shock current and power fluctuation, ensuring high-quality grid connection, as well as improving grid stability by accurately detecting and adjusting the frequency and phase of connected voltage



(Aouchiche, 2020; Zhu et al., 2020). **Figure 3** demonstrates its basic structure mainly including a phase detector, a low pass filter, and a voltage-controlled oscillator (VCO).

For the first step, three-phase grid voltage $V_{a,s}$, $V_{b,s}$, $V_{c,s}$ are transferred into straight-axis voltage ($V_{d,s}$) and cross-axis voltage ($V_{q,s}$) through Clark transformation and Park transformation (Chen et al., 2019), as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{\alpha} \\ V_{\beta} \\ V_{\gamma} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_{a,s} \\ V_{b,s} \\ V_{c,s} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} V \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sin(w_s t) \\ \sin\left(w_s t - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \\ \sin\left(w_s t + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \end{bmatrix} = V \begin{bmatrix} \sin(w_s t) \\ -\cos(w_s t) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(7)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{d,s} \\ V_{q,s} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(w_{vco}t) & \sin(w_{vco}t) \\ -\sin(w_{vco}t) & \cos(w_{vco}t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_{\alpha} \\ V_{\beta} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= V \begin{bmatrix} \cos(w_{s}t + w_{vco}t) \\ \sin(w_{s}t - w_{vco}t) \end{bmatrix}$$
(8)

where w_s and w_{vco} stand for the angular speed of grid and VCO. Note that if w_s is equal to w_{vco} , $V_{q,s}$ will become zero, which means the input of the PID controller is also zero and the PLL system keeps steady (i.e., a successful phase lock).

Besides, a conventional PID controller (ShenYao et al., 2019) can be mathematically described as

$$w_{\rm vco}(t) = K_{\rm p} \cdot \bar{X}(t) + K_{\rm i} \cdot \int_0^t \bar{X}(\tau) d\tau + K_{\rm d} \cdot \frac{d\bar{X}(t)}{dt} \qquad (9)$$

where K_p , K_i , K_d represent the gains of proportional element, integral element, and differential element, respectively, which will

be significantly optimized via the AO algorithm. In addition, **Equation (9)** should be discretized into **Equation (10)** in actual application, as follows:

$$w_{\rm vco}(k) = K_{\rm p} \cdot \bar{X}(k) + K_{\rm i} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{k} \bar{X}(n) + K_{\rm d} \cdot (\bar{X}(k) - \bar{X}(k-1))$$
(10)

Fitness Function

Aiming to smooth power fluctuation, the fitness function is determined as the error between ideal output power and actual power of the PV system, calculated by

$$F(X_i) = \int_0^{T_s} |P_{\text{act}} - P_{\text{ideal}}| dt$$
(11)

where $F(X_i)$ stands for fitness value of the *i*th solution vector, X_i ; T_s denotes simulation time; and P_{act} and P_{ideal} represent the actual and ideal power of PV system, respectively.

DESCRIPTION OF PID PARAMETER OPTIMIZATION WITH AO ALGORITHM

Inspired by the prey behaviors of Aquila, Laith (Abualigah et al., 2021) proposed the AO algorithm in 2021, which effectively acquired wanted optimization results both in test functions and engineering problems. Note that the optimization procedures of the AO algorithm are mainly composed of population initialization, search space selection, short glide attack, slow descent attack, and grab prey.

Population Initialization

For this PID parameter optimization problem, current positions of N Aquilas form the candidate solution matrix which can be initialized as

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_{1,1} & x_{1,2} & x_{1,3} \\ x_{2,1} & x_{2,2} & x_{2,3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{i,1} & x_{i,2} & x_{i,3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{(N-1),1} & x_{(N-1),2} & x_{(N-1),3} \\ x_{N,1} & x_{N,2} & x_{N,3} \end{bmatrix}$$
(12)

where the *i*th row of candidate solution matrix X represents a current location (corresponding to a solution) of the *i*th Aquila, which can be presented as

$$X_{i} = (U_{\rm B} - L_{\rm B}) \cdot rand + L_{\rm B} = [x_{i,1}, x_{i,2}, x_{i,3}] = [K_{\rm p}, K_{\rm i}, K_{\rm d}]$$
(13)

where K_p, K_i, K_d denotes control parameters corresponding to proportional element, integral element, and differential element of PLL, respectively; $U_B = [K_{p \max}, K_{i \max}, K_{d \max}]$ is defined as the upper bound vector of control parameters while $L_{\rm B}$ = $[K_{p\min}, K_{\min}, K_{d\min}]$ stands for the lower bound vector; and rand is equal to a random number from 0 to 1.

Search Space Selection

Each initialized solution will be updated in the iteration processes, Equations (14) and (15) provide the search space selection rule of the *i*th candidate solution in the (t+1)th iteration.

$$X_{i}(t+1) = X_{\text{best}}(t) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{t}{T_{\text{max}}}\right) + (X_{\text{M}}(t) - X_{\text{best}}(t) \cdot rand)$$
(14)

$$X_{\rm M}(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} X_i(t)$$
(15)

where $X_{\text{best}}(t)$ represents the best solution of the *t*th iteration, which performs the minimum fitness value; $X_{M}(t)$ is determined as the mean solution of the *t*th iteration; *t* and T_{max} are considered as the current iteration and the max iteration, respectively.

Short Glide Attack

After determining the search space of each Aquila, a narrowed exploration should be implemented by a short glide attack, which can be mathematically described as:

$$X_i(t+1) = X_{\text{best}}(t) \cdot Levy(D) + X_{\text{R}}(t) + (y-x) \cdot rand \quad (16)$$

where D stands for the dimension space; $X_{\rm R}(t)$ denotes a random solution vector in the *t*th iteration; and Levy(D) is defined as levy flight distribution function, which is calculated by

$$Levy(D) = s \cdot \frac{\mu \cdot \sigma}{|v|^{\frac{1}{\beta}}}$$
(17)

where s represents a constant value which is fixed to 0.01; μ and v are two random numbers from 0 to 1; and σ can be determined as

$$\sigma = \left(\frac{\Gamma(1+\beta) \cdot \sin(\frac{\pi\beta}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{1+\beta}{2}) \cdot \beta \cdot 2^{\binom{\beta-1}{2}}}\right)$$
(18)

where β is fixed to 1.5.

Besides, x and y stand for spiral shape searches, which can be presented by Equations (19)-(23).

> $y = r \cdot \cos(\theta)$ (19)

$$x = r \cdot \sin\left(\theta\right) \tag{20}$$

$$r = r_1 + U \cdot D_1 \tag{21}$$

$$\theta = -\omega \cdot D_1 + \theta_1 \tag{22}$$

$$\theta_1 = \frac{5\pi}{2} \tag{23}$$

where r_1 is a number from 1 to 20 and D_1 takes an integer number between 1 and D; U and ω are fixed to 0.00565 and 0.005 respectively.

Slow Descent Attack

When accurately specifying the prey area, Aquila will land and implement a preliminary attack, namely a slow descent attack. This behavior can be presented as

$$X_{i}(t+1) = X_{best}(t) - X_{M}(t) \cdot \alpha - rand + ((U_{B} - L_{B}) \cdot rand + L_{B}) \cdot \delta$$
(24)

Here, α and δ refer to two exploitation adjustment parameters both fixed to 0.1.

Grab Prev

For the last step, Aquila attacks and grabs the prey when they are close enough, which can be mathematically described as

$$X_{i}(t+1) = QF(t) \cdot X_{\text{best}}(t) - (G_{1} \cdot X_{i}(t) \cdot rand) - G_{2}$$
$$\cdot Levy(D) + rand \cdot G_{1}$$
(25)

where QF(t) is applied to equilibrium search strategies called quality function, which is calculated by

$$QF(t) = t^{\frac{G_1}{(1-T_{\max})^2}}$$
(26)

$$G_1 = 2 \cdot rand - 1 \tag{27}$$

$$G_2 = 2 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{t}{T_{\max}}\right) \tag{28}$$

where G_1 and G_2 denote various motions and flight stops of Aquila, respectively.

Procedure for PID Parameter Optimization of PLL with AO Algorithm

According to Subsection 3.1 to Subsection 3.5, a whole procedure for PID parameter optimization of PLL with AO algorithm can be depicted in Figure 4.

CASE STUDY

In this section, AO algorithm with 4 individuals is used to identify the best PID parameters of PLL through 15 times iteration. Additionally, three regulation strategies are taken into



TABLE 1 Crucial parameters of AO algorithm									
Parameters	Constant s	Random numbers μ and v	Constant β	Random number	Constant U	Constant β			
				<i>r</i> ₁					
Value	0.01 [0, 1]		0.15	Musengimana et al. (2021), Zhang et al. (2021)	0.00565	0.005			

TABLE 2 Upper bound and lower bound of optimized parameters.									
Parameters	Kp	Ki	K_{d}	<i>К</i> _{р_}	<i>K</i> i_v	К _{р_}	<i>К</i> і_І		
Upper bound	1800	32,000	100	6	1,200	0.9	60		
Lower bound	18	320	0	0.67	133	0.1	6.7		

consideration to evaluate the influence of parameters of PLL for smoothing output power fluctuation, as follows: 1) only optimizing PID parameters of PLL; 2) global regulation, i.e., simultaneously regulating PI parameters of voltage controller and current controller as well as PID parameters of PLL; 3) step regulation strategy, e.g., optimizing the PI gains of controller voltage and current controller in the first step, then regulating PID parameters of PLL. Furthermore, the irradiance of PV system drops from 1000 W/m² to 200 W/m² at 1 S point and then rises to 1000 W/m² at 2 S point with slopes of 6000 (W/m²)/ S for both changes to approximately simulate actual illumination variations in engineering applications.

Note that all case studies are undertaken by a Simulink model, namely "250-kW Grid-Connected PV Array" in MATLAB 2019b via a personal computer with Intel(R) Core(TM) i5 CPU at 2.9 GHz and 16 GB of RAM. The simulation time is set to 3 S. Furthermore, relevant crucial parameters of AO algorithm and search scopes of all optimized parameters are tabulated in **Tables 1** and **2**.

Table 3 provides optimization results under various regulation strategies, where K_{p_v} , K_{i_v} and K_{p_v} , $K_{i_{v-1}}$ stand for the gains of the proportional element and integral element of voltage controller and current controller, respectively; Error(P) is defined as the integral value of error power between actual power and ideal power of the PV system, which is directly determined by the fitness function.

One can easily observe that Error(P) is decreased by 418 W from 28.7069 to 28.2889 kW via regulating control parameters of PLL, while it is only reduced to 28.6037 kW when adding the optimization of voltage controller and current controller parameters. In other words, the global optimization and adjustment of controller parameters does not acquire





TABLE 3 | Optimization results under different regulation strategies

Parameters		PLL controller			Voltage controller		Current controller		Error(P)/kW
		Kp	Ki	Kd	<i>K</i> _{p_V}	<i>K</i> _{i_V}	К _{р_}	<u>К</u>	
Strategies	Initial	180	3200	1	2	400	0.3	20	28.7069
	PLL regulation	238.0	2573.6	35.7	2	400	0.3	20	28.2889
	Global regulation	18	320	0.3	1.9	248.9	0.4	8.4	28.6037
	Step regulation	160.7	2581.8	30.8	5.9	514.3	0.5	59.9	27.6045

satisfactory results, which results in a 314.8 W increase of Error(P) compared to that of PLL regulation strategy, which illustrates that optimizing PID parameters of PLL plays a crucial and main role in decreasing Error(P) and limiting power fluctuation. Additionally, the step optimization strategy can obtain the least Error(P), i.e., 27.6045 kW in the cost of more calculation time and higher solving complexity.

Furthermore, **Figure 5** clearly depicts the comparison results of output power responding curves under different control parameter regulation strategies, upon which the step regulation strategy acquires the best performance that performs the fastest response speed and the least overshoot, followed by the PLL regulation strategy, global regulation strategy, and initial condition. Particularly, the maximum

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deviation of output power acquired by step optimization strategy is reduced around 19.1 kW, while those obtained by only regulating PLL and global optimization strategy are decreased by about 12.5 kW and 11.1 kW, respectively. However, the step regulation strategy extensively increases the solving complexity and time cost. It also indicates that optimizing PID parameters of PLL is an efficient and reliable method to prevent output power of PV systems from excessive fluctuation through fast and accurately detecting and locking the grid phase angle.

At last, **Figure 6** provides an optimization performance radar map, which systematically and comprehensively compared the Error(P), response time, maximum deviation of output power, complexity, and time cost of various regulation strategies. From **Figure 6**, the radar curve of PLL regulation strategy is most regular and its area extremely approaches to that of step regulation strategy but is far less than that obtained by global regulation strategy. Therefore, PLL regulation performs the best comprehensive and global optimization performances.

CONCLUSIONS AND PERSPECTIVES

A novel PID parameter tuning technique of PLL with AO algorithm is proposed to dramatically ensure a high-quality connection grid of a PV system. Besides, two critical conclusions are summarized as follows:

- Three AO algorithm-based regulation strategies are carefully designed to evaluate the performance of the proposed method, i.e., PLL regulation strategy, global regulation strategy, and step regulation strategy.
- 2) PLL regulation strategy can effectively decrease power fluctuation and overshoot with a short response time, low complexity, and time cost through a fast and accurate phase detection and lock. Compared with global regulation strategy and step regulation strategy, PLL regulation strategy performs the lower complexity and time cost, because it only needs to

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optimize three parameters, which is more suitable for actual engineering applications that require fast time response. In particular, the Error(P) and the maximum deviation of output power obtained by the PLL strategy are smaller 418 W and 12.5 kW than those of the initial strategy, respectively.

Lastly, PLL regulation strategy based on AO algorithm acquires satisfactory results in PV connected grid system. Thus, it could be applied in other new energy grid connection systems in the future, such as wind, tidal, fuel cell, etc.

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NOMENCLATURE

Variables

 V_{PV} output voltage of photovoltaic cell, V I_{PV} output current of photovoltaic cell, A I_{ph} photo-generated current, A I_{o} reverse saturation current, A I_{d} junction current of diode, A T temperature of photovoltaic cell, °C V_{a} a phase voltage of PV inverter, V V_{b} b phase voltage of PV inverter, V V_{c} c phase voltage of PV inverter, V $V_{a,s}$ a phase voltage of grid, V $V_{b,s}$ b phase voltage of grid, V $V_{c,s}$ c phase voltage of grid, V L equivalent grid inductance, H R equivalent grid resistance, Ω w_{vco} angular speed of voltage-controlled oscillator, rad/s ω_s angular speed of grid, rad/s **Abbreviations** AO aquila optimizer PLL phase-locked loop

 \ensuremath{PV} photovoltaic

- $PI \ {\rm proportional-integral}$
- $PID \ {\rm proportional-integral-differential}$
- $V\!CO$ voltage-controlled oscillator