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# Power control of parallel inverters in microgrid

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#### ABSTRACT

Microgrids can operate in grid-connected mode or standalone mode. Inverters in a microgrid are considered as AC power generation sources, they are often connected in parallel to improve power transmission efficiency. When the microgrid operates in standalone mode, it must stabilize its voltage and frequency. The voltage and frequency of the microgrid depend on the output power of the inverters. Therefore, to avoid the occurrence of balanced currents circulating between inverters, the inverters must be controlled to share their output power. This paper proposes a control method to share output power for inverters connected in parallel in the Microgrid, while improving the reliability of the proposed controller in case the communication bus is interrupted or delayed, the proposed controller still gives better control results than the conventional control method. In addition, the proposed controller is simple to implement and is not affected by line impedance parameters. The focus of this paper is to improve the accuracy of power sharing of parallel-connected inverters in a microgrid to avoid the unbalanced current circulating in the inverters, which will heat the inverters and may lead to inverter damage. In addition, the proposed method is also improved to improve the reliability of the controller. The controller still operates and gives good results even when the communication is interrupted. If during the communication failure the load capacity changes, the proposed controller will give less accurate power sharing results than normal, but this result is still much better when compared with conventional controllers. The proposed controller is simulated for a microgrid with three parallel-connected inverters using Matlab/Simulink software to verify the suitability of the proposed method. The proposed method can be applied to complex microgrids consisting of multiple inverters connected in parallel with multiple power sources. Key words: Voltage control, power sharing, microgrid control, parallel inverter, frequency control

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# **INTRODUCTION**

- <sup>2</sup> Distributed generation (DG) sources are increasingly
- <sup>3</sup> widely used. Currently, DGs are interested in many
  <sup>4</sup> industrial fields and become one of the most inter-
- $_{5}$  esting research directions in the energy field  $^{1-7}$ . Al-
- 6 though distributed generation using wind energy, so-
- 7 lar or diesel energy, ... are energy sources that can
- <sup>8</sup> produce small-scale electricity, in the future, it can
- 9 be seen as an alternative or complementary source for
- 10 traditional electricity sources such as thermoelectric-
- 11 ity or hydroelectricity. DGs help address the increase
- <sup>12</sup> in global warming caused by fossil fuels.

<sup>13</sup> Microgrid consists of DGs (DG1,... DGn). Each
<sup>14</sup> DG includes small power generation sources (micro
<sup>15</sup> source): solar energy, wind, diesel,...; energy storage
<sup>16</sup> system and inverters.

- <sup>17</sup> When there is a need for grid expansion, it is difficult
- <sup>18</sup> for conventional power systems to meet the reliabil-
- <sup>19</sup> ity requirements and diverse needs of electricity users.
  <sup>20</sup> Furthermore, DGs have the advantage of reducing
  <sup>21</sup> pollution, flexible installation placement, and reduc<sup>22</sup> ing power transmission loss. DGs can be controlled
  <sup>23</sup> easily and are more reliable than traditional power

generation sources, so microgrids play an even more 24 important role in maintaining grid stability<sup>1-9</sup>. Mi-25 crogrid is increasingly providing stronger and more effective support for the traditional power grid<sup>10</sup>. 27 Microgrid and the small power generators are con-28 nected on the DC bus, this type of configuration re-29 duces the number of inverters. The energy storage battery helps to stabilize the input voltage of the inverter. Because Microgrid has a common feature that 32 often supplies electricity to remote areas where there is no public power grid, so Microgrid often includes local loads located near areas of energy source (close 35 to the output of the inverter) and concentrated loads 36 (public loads) located in the center of the load and a few hundred meters away from energy sources, usu-38 ally located at the common AC bus, as can be shown 39 in Figure 1. 40

Microgrid consists of DGs that are communicated 41 with the grid through inverters, Microgrid is designed 42 so that it can work flexibly in two modes: islanded and 43 grid connection <sup>1-6</sup>. 44

In stand-alone mode, the Microgrid has two important tasks: power sharing between inverters con-

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<sup>47</sup> nected in parallel and to maintain voltage and fre-<sup>48</sup> quency stability.

The inverters in the microgrid can have the same or 49 different rated capacity, and the impedance of the line connecting the inverter to the point of common 51 coupling (PCC) can also be the same or different. 52 Furthermore, in the microgrid there are also nonlin-53 ear and unbalanced loads. This fact will cause balanced currents to flow between the inverters, which 55 can damage the inverters  $^{3-13}$ . The circulating cur-56 rent flowing between the inverters can be illustrated as shown in Figure 2. 58

59 In recent years, some researchers have proposed

60 power sharing control techniques by compensating

 $_{61}$  for line voltage drop  $^{6-8}$ . The purpose of the method is  $_{62}$  to eliminate impedance deviations of the lines. Power

62 to eliminate impedance deviations of the lines. Power 63 sharing between inverters becomes better. However,

this method needs to know the line impedance pa-

<sup>65</sup> rameter in advance, which is usually not available.

66 Besides, some researchers have proposed improved

67 droop power sharing technique using communica-

8 tion. However, the use of communication will reduce

69 the reliability of control, but this proposed method

<sup>70</sup> still has no measures to improve the reliability of the <sup>71</sup> controller <sup>9</sup>.

 $_{\rm 72}$  In addition, there are also some studies using mas-

73 ter/slave control method, this method does not need

74 to know the line impedance parameters in advance.

75 However, this method requires a central controller 76 and high bandwidth communication, which affects the cost of the controller. Even more important is the 77 need to consider the reliability of the controller in the 78 event of a communication bus interruption. 79

In this paper, a method to improve the traditional droop controller is proposed based on the idea of voltage drop compensation, the purpose of the proposed method is to eliminate the deviation of impedance parameters. Besides, the paper also presents the method to improve the reliability of the proposed controller. As a result, the proposed controller has the following contributions: 87

• The proposed controller gives accurate power sharing results.

• The controller is easy to use, no need to know the <sup>90</sup> line parameters in advance. <sup>91</sup>

• The controller can divide power well in case the 92 communication bus is interrupted. 93

## PROPOSED CONTROL METHOD

Typically, an independent microgrid has the structure 95 shown in Figure 3. The inverters are connected to a 96 common bus at the point of common coupling (PCC) 97 through the lines. Renewable energy sources, small 98 generators, etc. are concentrated on the DC bus of the 99 inverters. Microgrids typically include local loads and 100 public loads. 101

Each inverter is considered a power source, the output power of each inverter will supply local loads in that area. The remaining power of the inverter will be transmitted on the line to the common PCC bus to







<sup>106</sup> supply public loads or connect to the grid. Because
<sup>107</sup> the impedance of the lines can be different and the
<sup>108</sup> inverters can also be different. Therefore, control is
<sup>109</sup> needed to divide the power between the inverters. The

<sup>110</sup> proposed controller needs to use an energy manage-

111 ment system (EMS) to regulate the voltage at the out-

<sup>112</sup> put of the inverters, the controller only needs to use <sup>113</sup> low bandwidth communication.

## 114 Theoretical basis of the proposed control 115 method

According to research <sup>1-12</sup>, the power running on theline is calculated according to the expression :

$$\widetilde{S} = \dot{V}.I^* = \dot{V}.\left(\frac{\dot{V} - \dot{V}_{PCC}}{\dot{Z}}\right)$$
$$= Ve^{j\delta_1} \left(\frac{Ve^{j\delta_1} - V_{PCC}e^{j\delta_2}}{Ze^{j\theta}}\right)^*$$
$$= \frac{V^2}{2}e^{j\theta} - \frac{VV_{PCC}}{Z}e^{j(\delta_1 - \delta_2 + \theta)} = P + jQ$$
(1)

<sup>118</sup> From formula (1), we have the expression to calculate<sup>119</sup> real power and reactive power running on the line:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} P = \frac{V^2}{Z}\cos\theta - \frac{VV_{PCC}}{Z}\cos\left(\theta + \delta\right) & (2) \\ q = \frac{V^2}{Z}\sin\theta - \frac{VV_{PCC}}{Z}\sin\left(\theta + \delta\right) & (3) \end{array} \right.$$

120 In there:

<sup>121</sup>  $R(\Omega)$  and  $X(\Omega)$  are impedance parameters of the line.

- <sup>122</sup> V(voltage) is the voltage at the beginning of the line.
- $_{123}\,$  P(W) and Q(Var) are the powers running on the line.
- $_{124}\,\,\mathrm{V}_{PCC}(\mathrm{voltage})$  is the voltage at the PCC.
- $_{^{125}}\delta$  is the phase difference angle of the voltage V anh  $_{^{126}}$  V\_{PCC}:  $\delta=\delta_1$   $\delta_2$
- 127  $\dot{Z} = Ze^{j\theta} = R + jX$
- <sup>128</sup> Substitute the following expressions into (2) and (3): <sup>129</sup>  $cos\theta = \frac{R}{Z}$ ,  $sin\theta = \frac{X}{Z}$

130 Combining equations (2) and (3), we have:

$$P = \frac{V}{R^2 + X^2} \times [R(V - V_{PCC}\cos\delta) + XV_{PCC}\sin\delta]$$
(4)

$$Q = \frac{V}{R^2 + X^2} \times [-RV_{PCC} \sin \delta + X (V - V_{PCC} \cos \delta)]$$

131 Combining equations (4) and (5), we have:

$$\sin \delta = \frac{XP - RQ}{VV_{PCC}} \tag{6}$$

(5)

$$V - V_{PCC}\cos\delta = \frac{RP + XQ}{V} \tag{7}$$

The actual angle between the output voltage of invertrs and PCC bus voltage d is a small value, so sind≈d

and cosd=1, X>>R, from equation (6 ) and (7) we 134 have: 135

$$\delta = \frac{XP}{VV_{PCC}} \tag{8}$$

$$V - V_{PCC} = \frac{XQ}{V} \tag{9}$$

140

Equations (8) and (9) show that: P depends on frequency f, Q depends on voltage V. From there, we can establish P/f and Q/V droop controller to control the power of the inverters as follows: 139

$$\begin{cases} \omega = \omega_0 - m_p P \quad (10) \\ V = V_0 - m_q Q \quad (11) \end{cases}$$

Where:

| V <sub>0</sub> is the nominal amplitude voltage.                             |     |  |  |
|--|-----|--|--|
| $\omega_0$ is the nominal frequency.   | 142 |  |  |
| V is the measured amplitude voltage of the inverter                          | 143 |  |  |
| $\omega$ is the measured frequency of the inverter                           |     |  |  |
| $P_0$ is the nominal active power of the inverter.                           |     |  |  |
| $Q_0$ is the nominal reactive power of the inverter.                         |     |  |  |
| $\mathbf{m}_p$ and $\mathbf{m}_q$ are the droop coefficients, which are cal- |     |  |  |
|  |     |  |  |

$$m_p = \frac{\omega_0 - \omega_{min}}{P_{max}} ; m_q = \frac{V_0 - V_{min}}{Q_{max}}$$
(12)

From the above equations, it is shown that a very small 149 change in line impedance will have a large effect on the 150 transmit power of the inverters. Analysis and simulation results in the study  $^{11-20}$  show that the impedance  $_{152}$ of the cable line or the impedance of the overhead line 153 has little effect on the transmit power of a separate 154 inverter, but it has a great impact on many parallel 155 connected inverters in the Microgrid. In practice, the Microgrid consists of inverters connected in parallel, 157 which are connected to the load via a long line, and 158 it is clear that the line impedance significantly affects 159 the control quality of the system and can lead to sys- 160 tem instability, a drop in voltage by the impedances 161 causes a bias in the output power control of the in- 162 verters. 163

When the microgrid is in a stable state, the inverters164in the microgrid will operate at the same frequency,165so the power P of the inverters is almost not affected166by the line impedance parameter. However, the power167Q of the inverters depends on the voltage drop of the168line, so the power Q is significantly affected by the line169impedance parameter.170

The presence of local loads stuck at the output of inverters is also the cause of deviations in reactive power sharing between inverters in an islanded microgrid.

- 174 Deviations in line impedance parameters cause devia-
- 175 tions in reactive power division. This problem can be
- <sup>176</sup> explained by the following equation and figure:

$$V = V_{PCC} + \frac{Q.X}{V}$$

177 Combining expressions (11) and (13) we get Figure 4.
178 Consider two inverters with the same rated capacity,
179 connected to the PCC point through two lines with
180 different impedances.

Because the two inverters are the same, the Q/V droop
controllers for these two inverters are also the same,
they are determined according to (11) and (12). The
curve droop Q/V (11) and (12) are also shown in Figure 4.



Figure 4: The curve shows the change of reactive power according to line impedance

Figure 4 shows that, assuming there are two inverters
with the same rated power so the droop Q/V characteristic curve is the same, they are connected to the
PCC point by two different lines so the voltage characteristic curve of The two inverters are also different.
As a result, the power Q generated at the output of the

<sup>192</sup> two inverters is also different.

## **193 The proposed controller**

<sup>194</sup> The graph of droop Q/V in (11) has a slope that de-<sup>195</sup> pends on (12). When the slope (12) changes, the <sup>196</sup> shared reactive power will change.

- <sup>197</sup> Therefore, in this paper, a control method is proposed
- <sup>198</sup> to change the slope of the droop Q/V characteristic
- <sup>199</sup> curve to reduce the error in dividing reactive power
- 200 between inverters.
- $_{\rm 201}\,$  For the conventional Droop controller, the slope  ${\rm m}_q$
- $_{\rm 202}\,$  is fixed according to (12), and the slope  ${\rm m}_q$  in the pro-
- 203 posed controller is adjustable.
- <sup>204</sup> The proposed controller has a diagram in Figure 5.
- <sup>205</sup> The proposed controller includes the following<sup>206</sup> blocks:

• Power calculation block and low pass filter: This 207 block measures the voltage at the output of the in-208 verter and the current on the line, then calculates the 209 power and low-pass filters, the output of this block is 210 (the power P and Q. 211

The proposed droop control block is implemented 212
 according to equations (10), (16) and (17). This block 213
 is presented in detail in section (b). The output of this 214
 block will generate a reference voltage for the voltage at the output of the inverter. 216

• Voltage and current controller to control the voltage 217 and current at the inverter output according to the ref-218 erence value. 219

## Power calculation and low pass filtering

The instantaneous power p and q are calculated according to the instantaneous value of the current flowing on the line (i<sub>2</sub>) and the voltage at the beginning of the line (v<sub>c</sub>) in a stationary dq0 frame: 224

$$p = \frac{3}{2} \left( i_{2d} v_{cd} + i_{2q} v_{cq} \right) \tag{14}$$

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$$q = \frac{3}{2} \left( i_{2d} v_{cq} - i_{2q} v_{cd} \right)$$
(15)

## The proposed controller

In this paper, the proposed controller is presented in 226 detail in Figure 6, this is an improvement from the tra-227 ditional Droop controller. For the traditional Droop 228 controller, the slope  $m_q$  is fixed, while the slope  $m_q$  229 in the proposed controller is adjustable. The slope  $m_q$  230 is adjusted for load changes through the energy management system (EMS). This is shown in formulas (16) 232 and (17). 233

At the same time, to improve the reliability of the proposed controller in case the communication link is lost, the proposed controller is equipped with additional logic gates as shown in Figure 6. 237

The power P of the inverters is almost not affected by238239239239Q of the inverters is significantly affected by the line240impedance parameter. Therefore, sharing power P to241the inverters is still done according to expression (10).242However, the Droop Q/V equation (11) for reactive243power sharing is improved as follows:244

$$V = V_0 - \left(m_q + \triangle m_q\right)Q \tag{16}$$

The equation (16) shows that the slope  $m_q$  in (11) is 245 adjusted by an amount  $\Delta m_q$ . 246 Where: 247

$$\triangle m_q = k_p \int (Q - Q^*) dt \tag{17}$$



<sup>248</sup> The  $\Delta m_q$  in equation (16) is corrected by adjusting <sup>249</sup> the Q value through the energy management system <sup>250</sup> (EMS).

<sup>251</sup> The EMS collects information about the reactive<sup>252</sup> power Q of each incoming inverter.

<sup>253</sup> On the other hand, the EMS also relies on the load <sup>254</sup> power consumption to calculate the reference  $Q^*$ <sup>255</sup> power value for each inverter. After that, the EMS <sup>256</sup> will send the reference power value  $Q^*$  back to each <sup>257</sup> inverter, this reference power  $Q^*$  is fed into the con-<sup>258</sup> troller in equation (17) to adjust the slope of the Q/V<sup>259</sup> droop curve. This helps divide power between invert-

260 ers more accurately.

261 Depending on the technical specifications of the com-

262 munication network, we choose the speed of infor-

<sup>263</sup> mation collection from the inverters sent to EMS or
<sup>264</sup> the reference power calculation results from EMS sent
<sup>265</sup> back to the inverter.

The reference reactive power value Qi\* is also adjusted to vary according to the load. Therefore, each inverter also adjusts its reference value according to changes in load. This means that the slope adjustment of the droop Q/V characteristic curve is also changed according to the load. So the accuracy of power sharing

272 is better.

273 In case of communication disconnection, the controller still operates with the last adjusted value, due to 274 the use of the integration step in expression (17) and 275 the logic gates in Figure 6, this process is still main-276 tained until communication is reconnected. There-277 278 fore, if during the time the communication connection is lost but the load does not change, the power 279 sharing is still guaranteed to be accurate. In case the 280 load changes while communication is disconnected, the sharing error is still acceptable, the power shar-282 283 ing result is still better than the traditional droop con-284 troller.

The receiver has the ability to detect communication285timeouts. In case of communication loss, the logic286gate block will disable the control loop and the refer-287ence voltage at the controller output is kept constant.288change until communication is restored. In case of289communication delay, EMS detects communication290timeout from inverters, it will block further data up-291dates to all inverters until communication is restored.292The proposed controller for exact power sharing and293improved reliability is shown in Figure 6, it consists of294formulas (10), (16), (17), and logic gates.295

## Design a current and voltage controller

Based on the equivalent circuit shown in Figure 7, we 297 set up these controllers. 298

Where: 299

R ( $\Omega$ ) And L (H) are resistor and inductance of the  $_{300}$   $_{301}$ 

 $\mathbf{R}_{f}(\mathbf{\Omega})$  and  $\mathbf{L}_{f}(\mathbf{H})$  are resistor and inductance of the 302 filter (H). 303

Applying Kirchhoff's laws to the circuit of Figure 7, we 304 have the following equations: 305

$$\begin{cases} i_1 = i_2 + C\frac{dv_c}{dt} + i' \quad (18) \\ v_{inv} = L_f \frac{di_1}{dt} + R_f i_1 + v_c \ (19) \end{cases}$$

Equations (18) and (19) can be written as:

$$\begin{cases} i_{1d} = i_{2d} + C\frac{dv_{cd}}{dt} - \omega C_{cq} + i'_{d} \quad (20) \\ i_{1q} = i_{2q} + C\frac{dv_{cq}}{dt} + \omega C_{cd} + i'_{q} \quad (21) \end{cases}$$

$$v_{invd} = L_f \frac{di_{1d}}{dt} + R_f i_{1d} - \omega L_f i_{1q} + v_{cd} (22)$$
  
$$v_{invq} = L_f \frac{di_{1q}}{dt} + R_f i_{1q} - \omega L_f i_{1d} + v_{cq} (23)$$



Figure 6: Block diagram of proposed Droop control for an inverter



307 Based on expressions (20) and (21) we can set up the 308 voltage controller:

$$\begin{cases} i_{1d} = i_{2d} + C\frac{dv_{cd}}{dt} - \omega Cv_{cq} + i'_{d} \quad (24) \\ = \triangle i_d + i_{2d} - \omega Cv_{cq} + i'_{d} \\ i_{1q} = i_{2q} + C\frac{dv_{cq}}{dt} - \omega Cv_{cd} + i'_{q} \quad (25) \\ = \triangle i_q + i_{2q} - \omega Cv_{cd} + i_{q} \end{cases}$$

309 Where:

$$\begin{cases} \triangle i_d = k_{pv} \left( v_{cd}^* - v_{cd} \right) + k_{iv} \int \left( v_{cd}^* - v_{cd} \right) dt \ (26) \\ \triangle i_q = k_{pv} \left( v_{cq}^* - v_{cq} \right) + k_{iv} \int \left( v_{cq}^* - v_{cq} \right) dt \ (27) \end{cases}$$

Equations (24) to (27) are for the voltage controller.
Based on expressions (22) and (23) we can set up the
current controller:

$$V_{invd} = L_f \frac{di_{1d}}{dt} + R_f i_{1d} - \omega L_f i_{1q} + v_{cd}$$
  
=  $\Delta v_d - \omega L_f i_{1q} + v_{cd}$  (28)  
$$v_{invq} = L_f \frac{di_{1q}}{dt} + R_f i_{1q} - \omega L_f i_{1d} + v_{cq}$$
  
=  $\Delta v_a - \omega L_f i_{1d} + v_{cq}$  (29)

313 Where:

$$\begin{cases} \Delta v_d = k_{pi} \left( i_{1d}^* - i_{1d} \right) + k_{ii} \int \left( i_{1d}^* - i_{1d} \right) dt \ (30) \\ \Delta v_q = k_{pi} \left( i_{1q}^* - i_{1q} \right) + k_{ii} \int \left( i_{1q}^* - i_{1q} \right) dt \ (31) \end{cases}$$

<sup>314</sup> Equations (28) to (31) are for the current controller.

# SIMULATION RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

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Simulate power control for a microgrid consisting 317 of three inverters connected in parallel using Matlab/simulink software. Simulations are performed by 319 the conventional controller and the proposed controller to compare the results. Simulation parameters 321 are given in Table 1. 322

## Case 1: 323

Perform power sharing simulation for three inverters <sup>324</sup> in an independent microgrid. To show the effective- <sup>325</sup> ness of the proposed controller, we perform simula- <sup>326</sup> tions using two controllers (traditional Droop con- <sup>327</sup> troller and proposed Droop controller) and compare <sup>328</sup> their results. <sup>329</sup>

## Rated power ratio 1:1:1

Figure 8a shows that the active power sharing has neg-331ligible error, because the active power is not affected332by the line impedance, the active power sharing result333is exactly according to the ratio of rated power 1:1:1 of334

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| Parameters                               | Values | Parameters                            | Values  |
|--|--------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| DC link voltage $V_{cd}$ (V)             | 600    | Nominal frequency f <sub>0</sub> (Hz) | 50      |
| Filter $L_f$ (mH)                        | 4.2    | Nominal power (kVA)                   | 4       |
| Filter $\mathbf{R}_{f}(\mathbf{\Omega})$ | 0.1    | Nominal voltage $V_{AC,p}$ (V)        | 310     |
| Filter C ( $\mu$ F)                      | 2.2    | m <sub>q</sub> (V/Var)                | 1.05e-4 |
| $f_z(kHz)$                               | 10     | m <sub>p</sub> (rad/s /W)             | 1e-4    |
| k <sub>pv</sub>                          | 0.1    | k <sub>pi</sub>                       | 10      |
| K <sub>iv</sub>                          | 0.05   | k <sub>ii</sub>                       | 1       |
| Line impedances                          |        |                                       |         |
| L <sub>1</sub> (mH)                      | 1      | $R_1(\Omega)$                         | 1.2     |
| L <sub>2</sub> (mH)                      | 0.8    | $R_2(\Omega)$                         | 0.9     |
| L <sub>3</sub> (mH)                      | 0.5    | $R_3(\Omega)$                         | 0.7     |

## Table 1: Simulation Parameters



Figure 8: Simulation of power sharing using traditional Ddrop control (a) the active power sharing among three inverters; (b) the reactive power sharing among three inverters

- them. Figure 8b shows that the reactive power sharing has a very large error, because the reactive power
  is affected by the very large line impedance, the result
  of reactive power sharing is not correct according to
  the ratio of rated power. of them. Therefore, the traditional drop controller needs to be improved in the
- <sup>341</sup> case of different transmission line impedances.
- <sup>342</sup> Figure 9a and 9b show that the active and reac-<sup>343</sup> tive power of the three inverters are exactly in the <sup>344</sup> ratio 1:1:1, although there are differences in line <sup>345</sup> impedances and local loads. The deviation in power <sup>346</sup> sharing is negligible and ensures voltage quality in the <sup>347</sup> microgrid ( $V_{PCCmin} = 307.5V$ ).
- Figure 10a shows when we performed with a conven-348 tional Droop controller, the current on phase a of the 349 inverters was out of phase and their amplitude was 350 not equal. Figure 10b shows when we performed with 351 the proposed controller, the current on phase a of the 352 inverters is overlapped together and their amplitude 353 was equal. Because the proposed controller adjusts 354 the slope of the droop Q/V characteristic curve, the deviation of line impedances and local loads is elimi-356 nated. 357

#### 358 Rated power ratio 2:1:

359 This case performs power-sharing for 2 inverters with

- <sup>360</sup> a ratio of 2:1 using the proposed controller. Simula-<sup>361</sup> tion results: power-sharing and voltage at the PCC are
- <sup>362</sup> presented in Figure 11.
- Figure 11a and 11b show that the power of the two in-363 verters is divided exactly according to the rated power 364 ratio of 2:1, even though the line impedance is dif-365 ferent and the load changes. At time t=2.5s the load 366 changes but the reactive power is still divided in the 367 correct 2:1 ratio and there is a negligible deviation. 368 369 The quality of voltage supplied to the load is within allowable limits. 370

#### 371 Case 2:

372 Simulate power sharing for three inverters connected 373 in parallel in the microgrid using the proposed con-374 troller, the rated power of the two inverters is in the

- <sup>375</sup> ratio 1:1:1. Suppose communication is lost at 3s and
- 376 restored at 8s, the load changes during this period.
- 377 Simulation results are shown in Figure 12.
- 378 Simulate power sharing for 3 inverters with rated
- <sup>379</sup> power in the ratio 1:1:1 using the proposed controller
- 380 in case of communication loss.
- $_{\rm 381}\,$  In 0-3 seconds, the communication bus is connected;
- within 3-8 seconds, the communication bus is dis-connected; After 8 seconds communication is recon-
- <sup>384</sup> nected; The load capacity drops at 5s.

Figure 10a shows that, within a period of 0-3 seconds, <sup>385</sup> the communication is connected and the proposed <sup>386</sup> controller has performed a correct reactive power <sup>387</sup> sharing in the ratio 1:1:1. <sup>388</sup>

The communication bus is interrupted for a period 389 of 3 seconds to 8 seconds. However, during the period from 3s to 5s, the load does not change so the 391 accuracy in power sharing is still maintained. At 5s, 392 the load starts to change and communication fails, so 393 the power sharing result in the time period from 5-8s has errors, although the power sharing has deviations 395 during this time period, the error is share is still lower than the results in Figure 8b. 397

At 8 seconds, communications are reconnected, and 398 power sharing is now correct. Figure 12b shows that 399 the current in phase a of the lines before and after the 400 communication bus stops working is still well maintained. 402

## CONCLUSION

This paper has proposed an improved power control404method, which overcomes the disadvantages of the405traditional method. The simulation results show that406the proposed method gives accurate power sharing re-407sults in situations that often occur in practice, and the408quality of voltage supplied to the load is satisfactory.409The proposed controller is easy to implement, does410not need to know exact line impedance parameters, is411highly reliable, and is suitable for practical conditions.412

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There is no conflict of interest regarding this 414 manuscript.

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**Figure 9**: Simulate power sharing using proposed Droop control(a) the active power sharing among three inverters; (b) the reactive power sharing among three inverters; (c) Voltage at the PCC.





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Figure 11: Simulate power sharing using proposed Droop control(a) the active power sharing among two inverters; (b) thereactive power sharing among two inverters; (c) Voltage at the PCC.





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# Điều khiển công suất của bộ nghịch lưu kết nối song song trong lưới điện siêu nhỏ

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# TÓM TẮT

Microgrid có thể hoat đông ở chế đô kết nối lưới hoặc chế đô độc lập. Các bộ nghịch lưu trong microgrid được coi là nguồn phát điện xoay chiều, chúng thường được kết nối song song để nâng cao hiệu suất truyền tải điện. Khi microgrid hoạt động ở chế độ độc lập, nó phải ổn định điện áp và tần số của mình. Điện áp và tần số của microgrid phụ thuộc vào công suất đầu ra của các bộ nghịch lưu. Do đó, để tránh xảy ra hiện tượng dòng điện cân bằng lưu thông giữa các bộ nghịch lưu, các bộ nghịch lưu phải được điều khiển để chia sẻ công suất đầu ra của chúng. Bài báo này đề xuất một phương pháp điều khiển để chia sẻ công suất đầu ra cho các bộ nghịch lưu được kết nối song song trong Microgrid, đồng thời cải thiện độ tin cậy của bộ điều khiển được đề xuất trong trường hợp bus truyền thông bị gián đoạn hoặc chậm trễ. Ngoài ra, bộ điều khiển được đề xuất dễ triển khai và không bị ảnh hưởng bởi các tham số trở kháng đường dây. Trọng tâm của bài viết này là nâng cao độ chính xác cho việc chia sẻ công suất của các bộ nghịch lưu kết nối song song trong microgrid nhằm tránh dòng điện cân bằng chạy quẩn trong các bộ nghịch lưu, dòng điện này sẽ làm nóng bộ nghịch lưu và có thể dẫn đến hư hỏng bộ nghịch lưu. Bên cạnh đó, phương pháp đề xuất còn cải tiến để nâng cao độ tin cậy cho bộ điều khiển. Bộ điều khiển vẫn hoạt động và cho kết quả tốt ngay khitruy ển thông bị giẩn đoạn, nếu trong khoảng thời gian sự cố truyền thông mà công suất tải thay đổi thì bô điều khiển đề xuất sẽ cho kết guả chia công suất kém chính xác hơn so với khi bình thường, nhưng kết quả này vẫn tốt hơn nhiều khi so sánh với các bộ điều khiển thông thường. Bộ điều khiển đề xuất được mô phỏng cho microgrid có ba bộ nghịch lưu kết nối song song bằng phần mềm Matlab/Simulink để kiểm chứng tính phù của phương pháp đề xuất. Phương pháp đề xuất có thể áp dụng cho microgrid phức tạp gồm nhiều bộ nghịch lưu kết nối song song với nhiều nguồn phát công suất.

**Từ khoả:** Điểu khiển điện áp, chia sẻ công suất, điều khiển microgrid, bộ nghịch lưu kết nối song song, điều khiển tần số