

SIMULATION OF DYNAMIC LOAD EFFECT ON POWER SYSTEM  
FREQUENCY

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## **ABSTRACT**

This thesis addresses the impact of dynamic load on power system frequency. Rapid dynamic load variations will bring significant impact to the power system in terms of frequency. The thesis is based on three-phase dynamic load (composite based). The objective of this thesis was to analyse the dynamic characteristics of loads and its impact on power system frequency. For this, IEEE 9 bus system was tested with dynamic loads by observing change in power system frequency.

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## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Background

Power system load component is a variety of equipment transforming electrical energy into other forms of energy (Benson and Wohlgemuth, 1963). The characteristic of load which active and reactive power are varying with the system frequency and voltage respectively have been attracted attentions. The study of load model justification in dynamical analysis of power system seems to demand more interest (Karisson and Hill, 1994).

Dynamic load characteristics changes with the changing of load composition with the time of day and week, seasons and weather. The dynamic load effect will bring significant impact to the power system in term of frequency.

Since the rapid growth of science and technology, many of the devices that are connected to the system work best at nominal frequency. In the most common case after a disturbance, a non-nominal frequency in the system results in a lower quality of the delivered electrical energy. Furthermore, too low frequencies (lower than  $\approx 47 - 48$  Hz) lead to damaging vibrations in steam turbines, which in the worst case have to be disconnected. Thus, the spontaneous load variations in an electric power system require some form of frequency control must be used in most systems (Andersson, 2009).

In order to reduce these risks, power system studies have to be developed with better models for system components including better load models (Mota, 2004). Dynamic load modeling had been used as an indicator to the power system stability and more important is, it will leads to reducing the risk by improving quality.

## **1.2 Problem statement**

With the variation of load especially induction motor and power electronic control circuits which is frequency dependent, it can lead the changing the frequency of power supply. Simulation of dynamic load effect will be modeled.

## **1.3 Objectives**

- (a) To model a dynamic load model using dynamic load devices.
- (b) To simulate the varying parameters which effect power system frequency.
- (c) To observe the changes in power supply frequency caused by varying dynamic load.

## **1.4 Scope of Study**

- 1 Simulate the dynamic load using component-based model especially affected power system frequency.
- 2 For simulation, matlab will be used.
- 3 Selection of dynamic load.

## **1.5 Expected result**

Modeled frequency dependent dynamic load will be able to show the changes in power system frequency. Component based model will represent its effect on frequency changing. These different values will help to detect the procedures and methods in power system stability, quality and reliability.

## CHAPTER 2

### LITERATURE REVIEW

#### 2.1 Introduction

Rapid dynamic load variations effect the power system. The dynamic load effect will bring significant impact to the power system in term of frequency. Dynamic load modeling is widely used as a model to analyse power system reliability problem. The parameters which affect the power system frequency are to be determined. However, the accurate modelling of load continues to be a difficult task (Price *et al.*, 1992) due to several factors, including:

- Large number of diverse load components
- Ownership and location of load devices in customer facilities not directly accessible to the electric utility
- Changing load composition with time of day and week, season, weather, and through time
- Lack of precise information on the composition of the load
- Uncertainties regarding the characteristic of many load components, particularly for large variation in frequency

- Development of the new load technology

## **2.2 Stability of Power System**

Power system stability is the ability of an electric power system, for a given initial operating condition, to recover a state of operating equilibrium after being subjected to a physical disturbance, with most system variables bounded so that practically the entire system remains intact (Sigrist *et al.*, 2010).

Analysis of stability, including identifying key factors that contribute to instability and devising methods of improving stable operation, is greatly facilitated by classification of stability into appropriate categories.

Power system stability can be categorized to rotor angle, frequency and voltage stabilities. As happened in Pacific Northwest, its power system exhibit a random variation overlaying a background oscillatory characteristics with an occasional tendency for oscillations to build up to appreciable magnitudes (Benson and Wohlgemuth, 1963). These oscillatory buildups, or period of frequency instability, were familiar occurrences which usually lasted only a minute or two, where they lasted for an appreciable period of time. Since this study is related with dynamic load effects on power system frequency therefore, more concentration will be made in this context.

## **2.3 Basic Load Concept in Term of Frequency Dependent Model**

Accurate load models allow for more precise calculations of power system control and stability limits, which have long been recognized to be important in power system planning and operation. Because power system loads are consisting of

many different devices, in control and stability studies, load models must represent their composite behaviors. An overall load model should represent the intrinsic load characteristics (Mauricio and Semlyen, 1971).

The term 'Load' can have several meanings in power system engineering, including:

- A device, connected to a power system that consumes power
- The total power (active and / or reactive) consumed by all devices connected to a power system
- A portion of the system that is not explicitly represented in a system model, but rather is treated as if it were a single power consuming device connected to a bus in a system model

Below are some explanations about the term of load:

**Load component** – A load component is the aggregate equivalent of all devices of a specific or similar type e.g., TV, room air conditioner, fluorescent lighting.

**Load class** – A load class is a category of load, such as, residential, commercial or industrial. For load modeling purposes, it is useful to group loads into several classes, where each class has similar load composition and load characteristic.

**Load composition** – The fractional composition of the load by load components. This term may be applied to a specific load class.

**Load characteristic** – A set of parameters, such as variation of active power ( $P$ ) and frequency ( $f$ ), etc., that characterise the behavior of a specified load. This term maybe applied to a specific load device, a load component or the load class.

## 2.4 Frequency Variations

Frequency variation as shown in figure 2.1 is extremely rare in stable utility power systems, especially systems interconnected via a power grid (Zhang *et al.*, 2000).

Frequency variation is more common especially if the generator is heavily loaded. Existing equipment which is frequency tolerant does not affected by minor shifts in local generator frequency. However, there are some devices would be affected such as motor device or sensitive device that relies on steady regular cycling of power over time. Frequency variations may cause a motor to run faster or slower to match the frequency of the input power. This would cause the motor to run inefficiently and/or lead to added heat and degradation of the motor through increased motor speed and/or additional current draw.

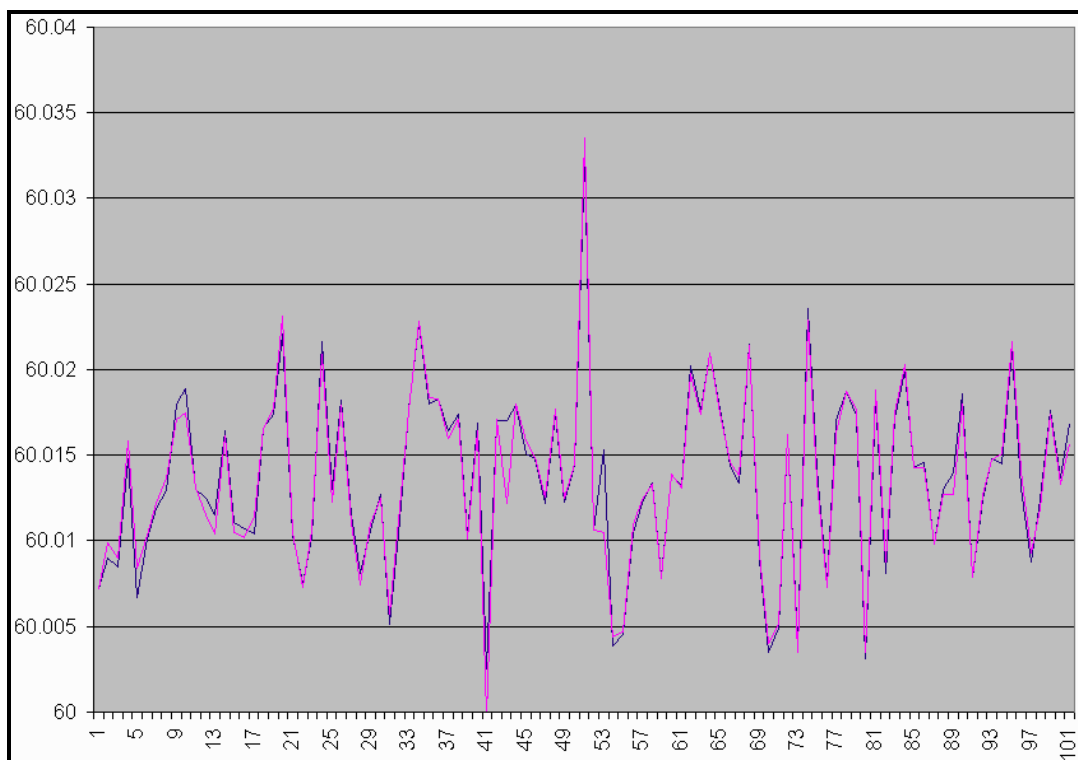


Figure 2.1: Frequency records Sept.9 2003

## 2.5 Review Previous Case

### Case I: Dynamic load scenario in power system

The frequency response performance of the Eastern Interconnection during the period of February 1 through February 5, 2011 was reviewed. Analysis showed that for large unit trips that occurred during that cold snap timeframe, frequency response in the interconnection was within the range of normal performance. Further, frequency was well within normal frequency bounds throughout the period. Therefore no further detailed analysis of frequency response for the Eastern Interconnection was warranted.

Figure 2.2 and figure 2.3 show the frequency for the Eastern Interconnection from February 1-5 with the largest generator trip annotated. For perspective, the 5-minute High and Low Frequency Trigger Limits (FTLs) for the Eastern Interconnection are shown.

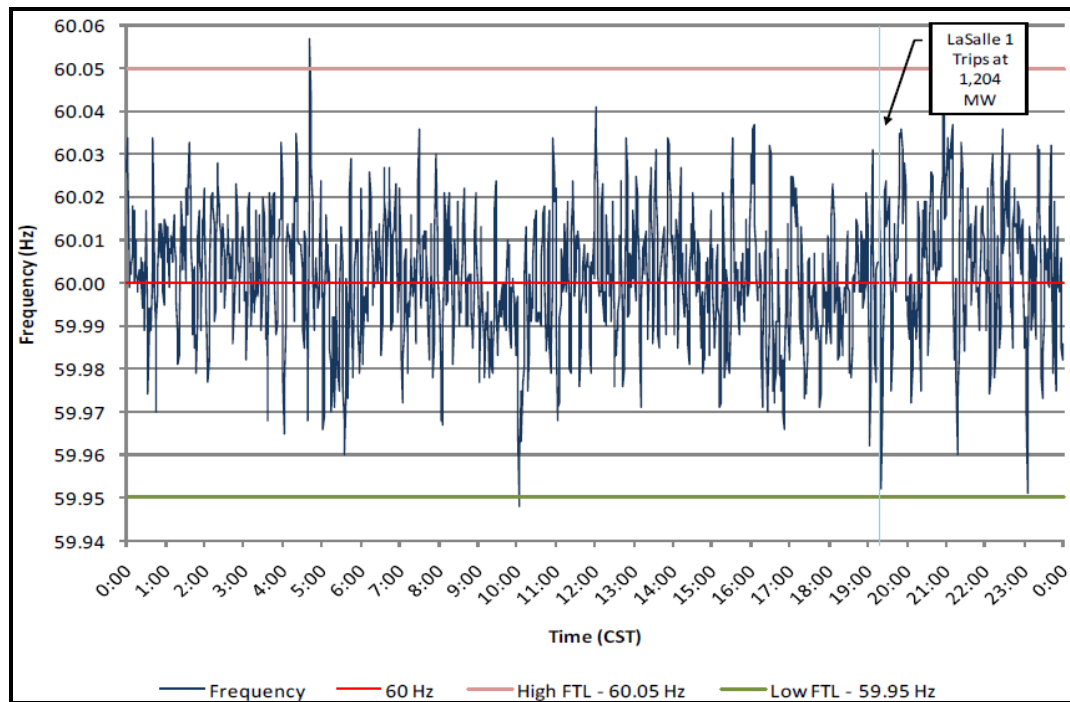


Figure 2.2: Eastern Interconnection Frequency (Feb 1, 2011)



During that period, the largest generating unit trip recorded in the Eastern Interconnection was the loss of LaSalle Unit 1 at 19:18 CST while loaded to 1,204 MW. The frequency response of the interconnection for that event was calculated to be -2,406 MW/0.1 Hz.

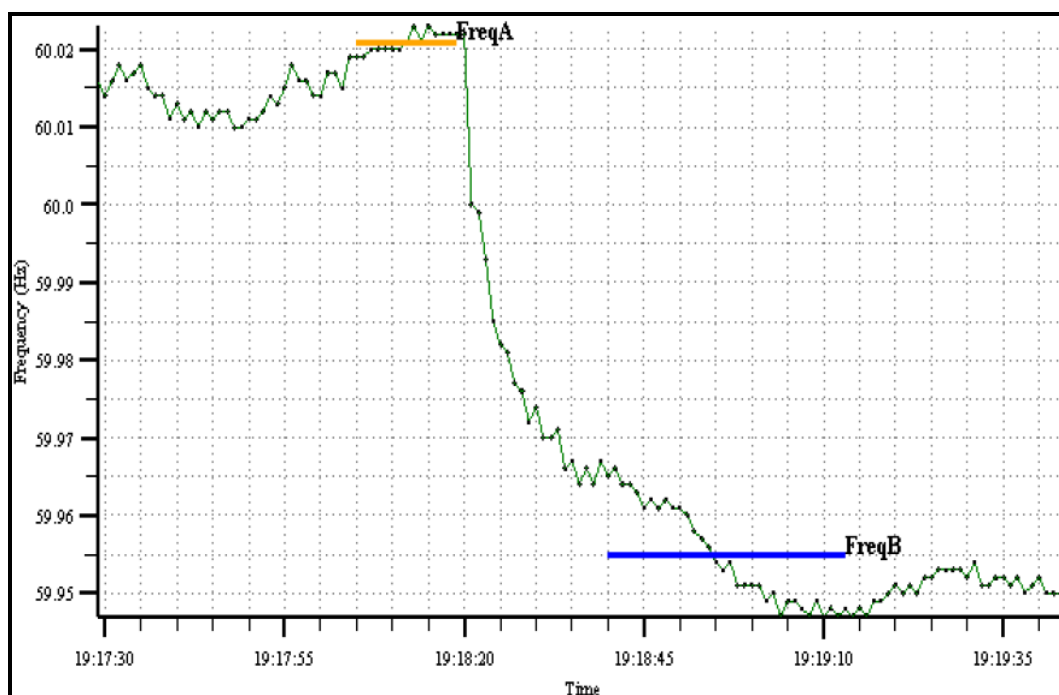


Figure 2.3: Eastern Interconnection Frequency Response during LaSalle Unit 1 Trip on (Feb 1, 2011)

#### Case II: Frequency growth in Pacific Northwest

The Northwest interconnected system has had occasional periods of frequency instability. Prior to 1955 the incidence of these oscillatory periods was infrequent and consequently, they were of no serious concern. The gradually increasing incidence since 1955 became of considerable concern by 1959/1960, at which time periods of instability were noticeable practically every day. On some days, the situation was almost intolerable as shown in Figure 2.4.

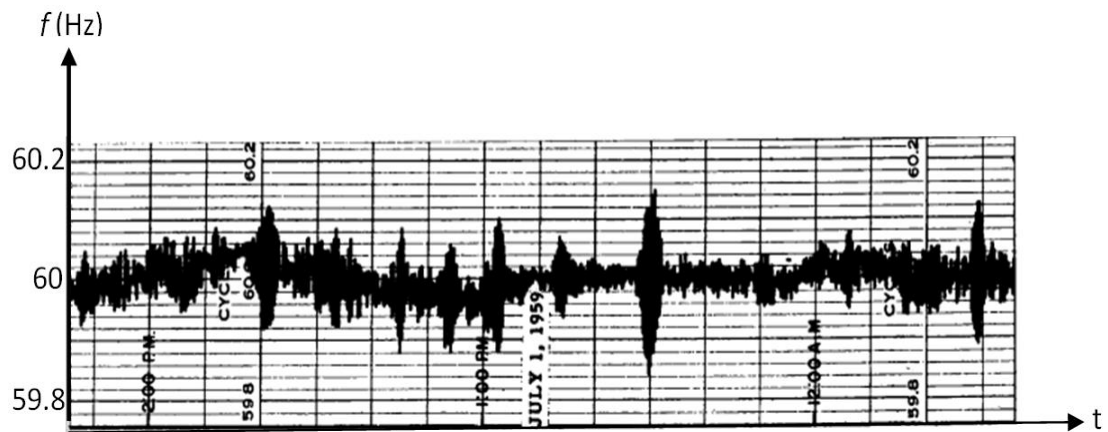


Figure 2.4: Rapid Frequency Instability.

The period 1955 through 1960 marked a continuing growth in size and complexity of the power system. The other factors which lead to this situation are when the load did not develop at the expected rate due to some economic expansion (Benson and Wohlgemuth, 1963).

## Case III: 9 bus system

Figure 2.5 shows the one line diagram of an IEEE 9 bus test system (Anderson and Fouad, 1994). The model consists of three synchronous generators together with corresponding block transformers, six transmission lines and three loads.

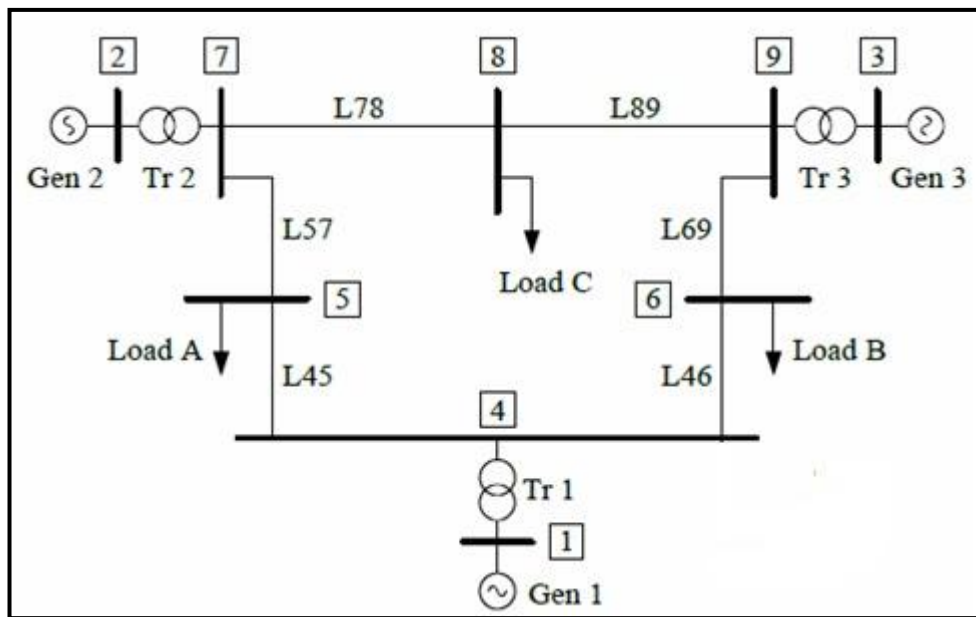


Figure 2.5: The model of the IEEE 9 bus test system

Many different power conditions can be simulated simply by changing the production of three generating units and the consumption of three power system loads. In this paper, circumstances with a lack of active power were simulated, which causes a power system frequency to decay.

## 2.6 Load Modeling

Loads are either frequency-dependent or frequency-independent. In real power systems, a frequency dependency of the aggregated system load is clearly observable. This has a stabilizing effect on the system frequency  $f$ , as will be shown in the outcome. Apart from a component depending directly on  $f$ , large rotating motor loads cause an additional contribution depending on  $\dot{f}$ . This is due to the fact that kinetic energy can be stored in the rotating masses of the motors.

A load model that captures both effects is given by (Anderson, 2009);

$$P_{load}^f - P_{load}^{f_0} = \Delta P_{load}^f = K_l \Delta f + g(\Delta \dot{f}) \quad (2.1)$$

where

- $P_{load}^f$  : Load power when  $f = f_0$
- $K_l \Delta f$  : Frequency dependency
- $g(\Delta \dot{f})$  : Function that models the loads with rotating masses

The function  $g(\Delta \dot{f})$  will now be derived. The rotating masses have the following kinetic energy:

$$W(f) = \frac{1}{2} J (2\pi f)^2 \quad (2.2)$$

The change in the kinetic energy, which is equal to the power  $P_M$  consumed by the motor is given by:

$$P_M = \frac{dW}{dt} \quad (2.3)$$

and

$$\Delta P_M = \frac{d\Delta W}{dt} \quad (2.4)$$

$\Delta W$  can be approximated by:

$$W(f_0 + \Delta f) = 2\pi^2 J(f_0 + \Delta f)^2 \quad (2.5)$$

$$W_0 + \Delta W = 2\pi^2 J f_0^2 + 2\pi^2 J 2f_0 \Delta f + 2\pi^2 J (\Delta f)^2 \quad (2.6)$$

$$= W_0 + \frac{2W_0}{f_0} \Delta f + \frac{W_0}{f_0^2} (\Delta f)^2 \quad (2.7)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta W \approx \frac{2W_0}{f_0} \Delta f \quad (2.8)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta P_M \approx \frac{2W_0}{f_0} \frac{d\Delta f}{dt} = \frac{2W_0}{f_0} \Delta \dot{f} \quad (2.9)$$

The frequency dependency of the remaining load can also be written as:

$$\frac{\partial P_{load}}{\partial f} \Delta f = K_l \Delta f = \frac{1}{D_l} \Delta f \quad (2.10)$$

The values of  $W_0$  and  $D_l$  are obviously highly dependent on the structure of the load and can be variable over time. Especially  $W_0$  is only a factor in power systems with large industrial consumers running heavy rotating machines. The constant  $D_l$  has typical values such that the variation of the load is equal to 0 . . . 2 % per % of frequency variation.

The block diagram in figure 2.6 represents the dynamic load model. Together with the power system dynamics derived before, we obtain a dynamical system with a "proportional/differential control" caused by the loads. However, this effect is too small to be able to keep the frequency within reasonable bounds. As we will see in the next section, the absence of any other control equipment would lead to unacceptable and remaining frequency deviations even for moderate disturbances.

The power system without control model derived so far is shown in Figure 2.7.

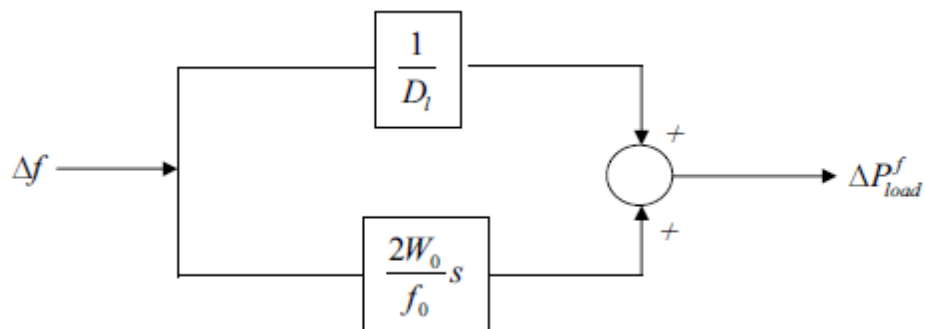


Figure 2.6: Block diagram of the dynamic load model

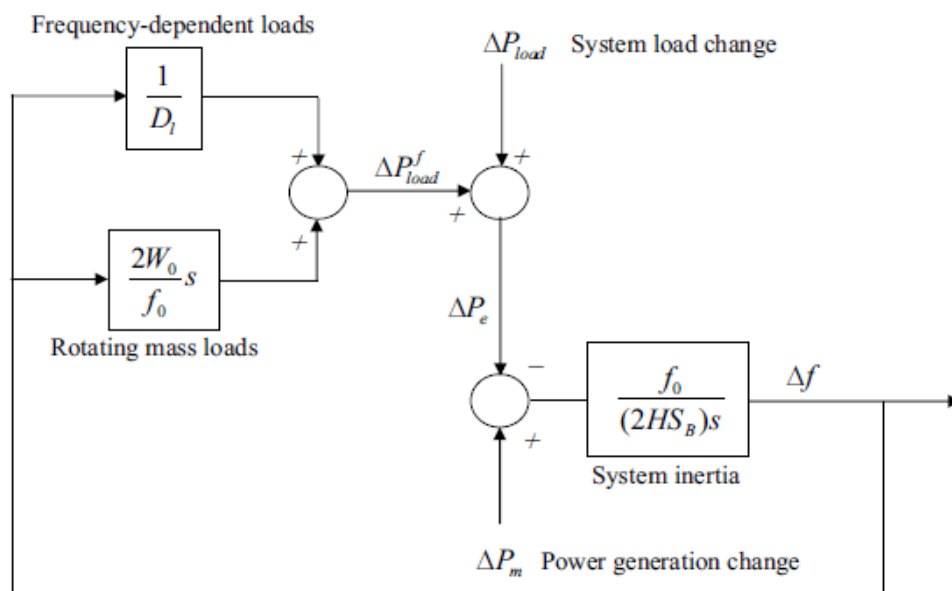


Figure 2.7: Model of power system without control

## 2.7 Power Electronic Loads

Currently in the United States, only 15 to 20% of the utility distribution loading consists of non-linear loads. It is projected over the next ten years that non-linear loads will comprise approximately 70 to 85% of the loading on nation's utility distribution systems (Larsson, 2006).

Power quality and high frequency interference problems have increased in power networks during the past few years with the introduction of sophisticated devices, whose performance is very sensitive to the quality of power supply. The explosion of power electronic devices and nonlinear loads and the occurrence of electrical faults causes significant amount of power quality problems in distribution network (Tao and Alexander, 2006). However, these power electronic devices have considerable effect on power system frequency being on active power consuming devices as modelled in figure 2.8 (Anderson, 2009).

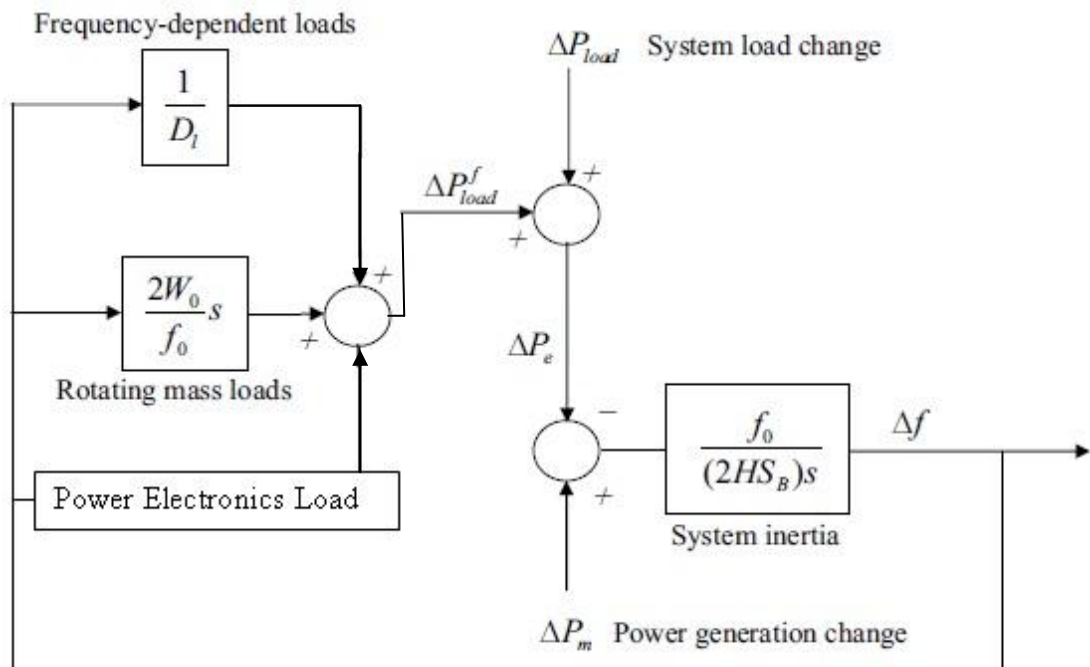


Figure 2.8: Power electronic frequency dependent load



Power electronic converters are widely used in many applications including motor drives, household appliances, electronic ballasts, computer supplies, power supplies for telecommunication equipment, etc. These power converters use the fast switching power semiconductor switches, such as Metal-oxide Semiconductor Field Effect Transistor (MOSFET), Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor (IGBT) as the preferred switching devices as they have many properties, such as higher efficiency, smaller size, and lower overall cost. (Skibinski *et al.*, 1999).

## CHAPTER 3

### METHODOLOGY

#### 3.1 Introduction

A dynamic load is modeled using an approach of composite-based model. Load components are selected among general electrical devices such as induction motor.

The dynamic load simulation is run by MATLAB software. Output data is collected. All output data are gathered and all information were analysed and discussed. Frequency is the main factors counted in this project to affect power system stability. The methodology flow carried out in this work is summarized in figure 3.1.

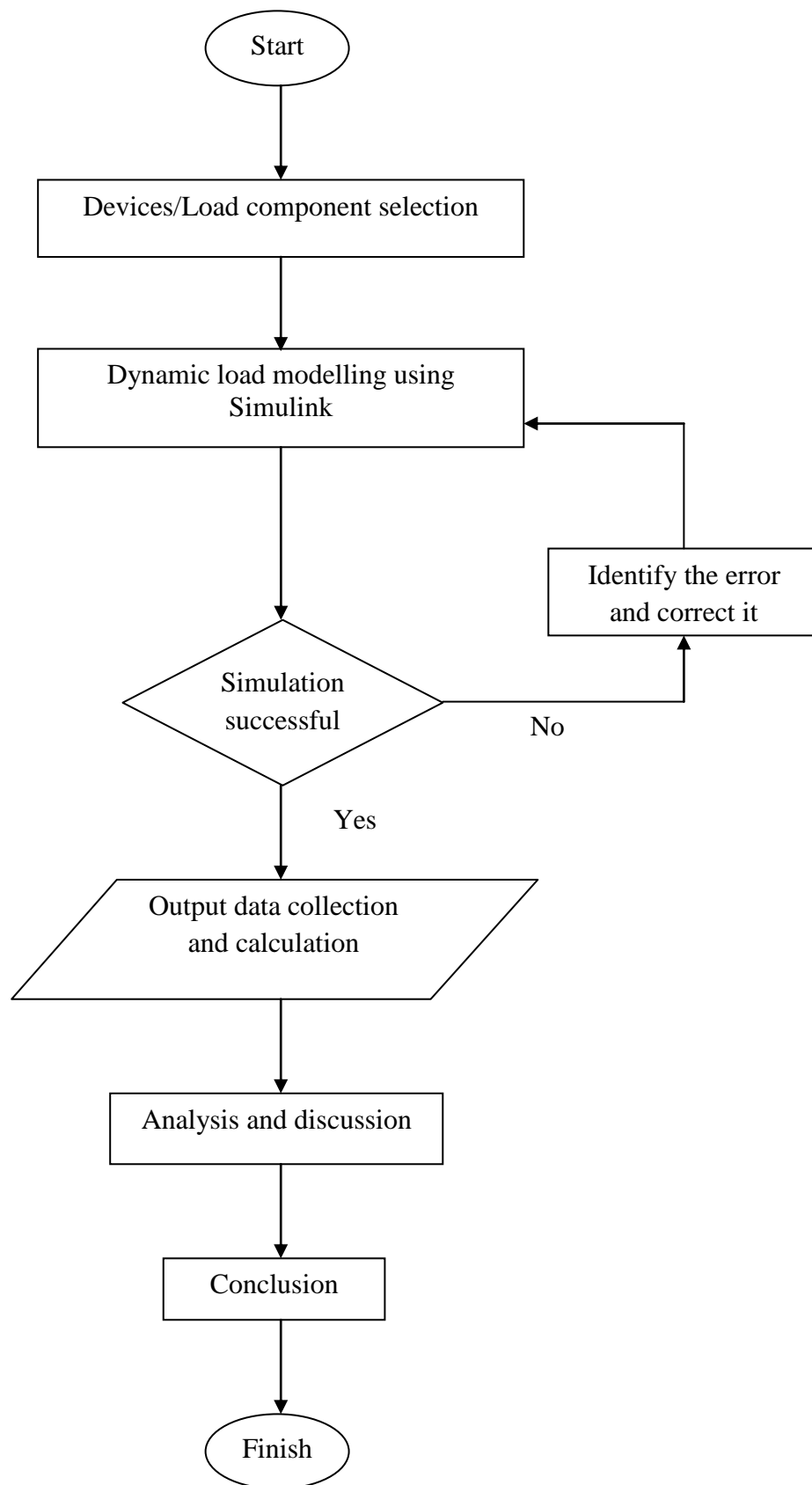


Figure 3.1: Methodology flow chart

### 3.2 Modeling the Three Phase Dynamic Load

A three-phase load was modeled as a percentage of static and dynamic loads. The static portion is modeled as constant impedance whereas the dynamic load can be modeled as either a linear load or a non-linear load as shown in figure 3.2.

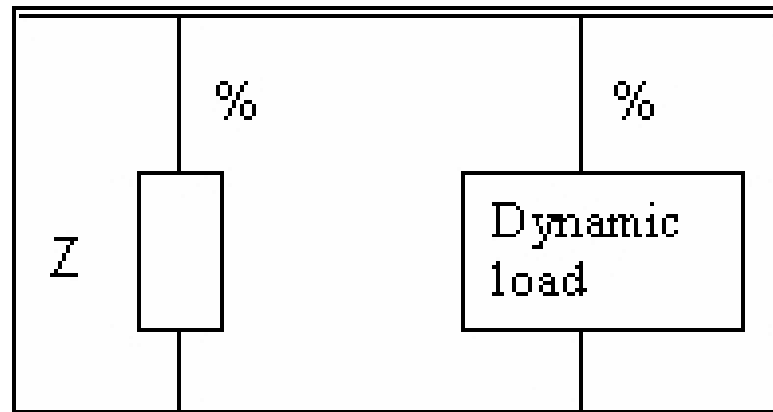


Figure 3.2: Diagram indicating the mixture of static and dynamic loads used for stability studies.

$$P(s) = P_0 \left( \frac{V}{V_0} \right)^{n_p} \frac{1 + T_{p1}s}{1 + T_{p2}s} \quad (3.1)$$

$$Q(s) = Q_0 \left( \frac{V}{V_0} \right)^{n_q} \frac{1 + T_{q1}s}{1 + T_{q2}s} \quad (3.2)$$

Where

- $V_0$  is the initial positive sequence voltage
- $P_0$  and  $Q_0$  are the initial active and reactive powers at the initial voltage  $V_0$
- $V$  is the positive-sequence voltage
- $n_p$  and  $n_q$  are exponents (usually between 1 and 3) controlling the nature of the load.

- $T_{p1}$  and  $T_{p2}$  are time constants controlling the dynamics of the active power  $P$
- $T_{q1}$  and  $T_{q2}$  are time constants controlling the dynamics of the reactive power  $Q$

### 3.2.1 Load Selection

In this simulation, induction motors have been used as a load to dynamic load. Induction motors chosen because it consumes very high power. Specification of load as below (table 3.1):

$\eta$ (efficiency)	= 80%
pf (power factor)	= 0.85 lag
Pout	= 50 HP $\approx$ 37300 W

Table 3.1: Input load

Number of load (motor)	Active Power (kW)	Reactive Power (kVar)
100	4662.5	2889.557
200	9325.0	5779.115
300	13987.5	8668.673
400	18650.0	11558.231
500	23312.5	14447.789
600	27975.0	17337.347
700	32637.5	20226.905
800	37300.0	23116.463
900	41962.5	26006.021
1000	46625.0	28895.579

### 3.3 Initial Simulation and Result

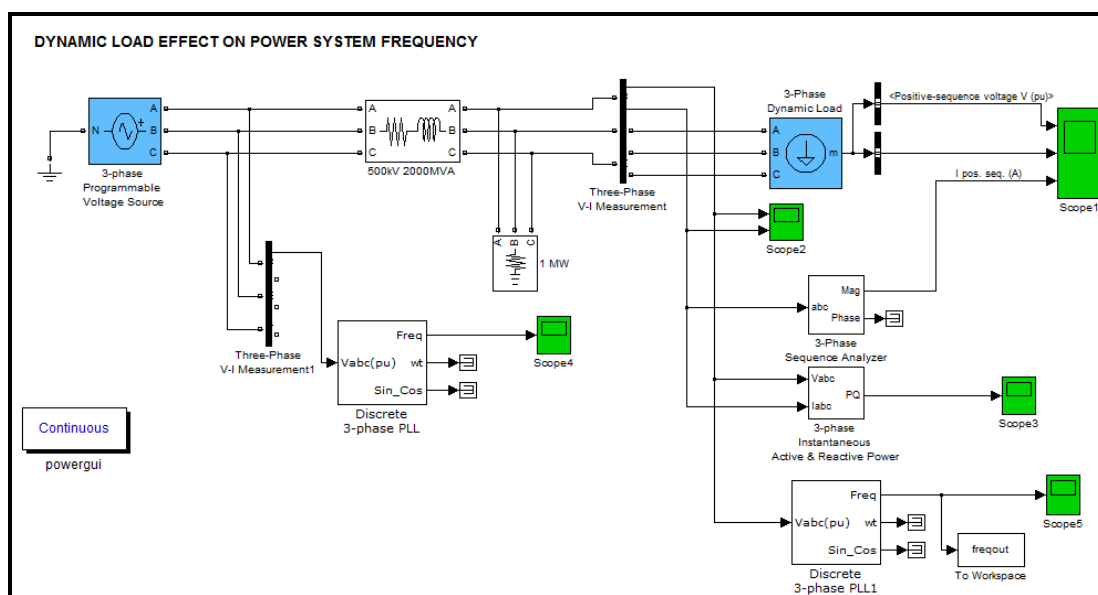


Figure 3.3: Dynamic load modelling

The work was started with one bus connected with the generator and the composite load. The frequency measurement was obtained by using Phase Locked Loop (PLL) as shown in figure 3.3.

Figure 3.3 shows the block diagram of the simulation of the dynamic load. This dynamic load model uses a Three-Phase Dynamic Load block connected on a power network. The network is simulated by its Thevenin equivalent. The source internal voltage is modulated in order to simulate during a power swing.

Frequency measurements were placed at the power supply and at the current event of the dynamic load. The results obtained are shown in figure 3.5. The obtained results are based on the parameters as given in table 3.1.

In this case, number of load as well as total rating of the load is being verified and its effect on power system frequency has been observed as shown in figure 3.5.

From the power system behavior, frequency will be captured by using 3 phase PLL and figure 3.4 below shows how the frequency captured based on the  $V_{abc}$  (pu).

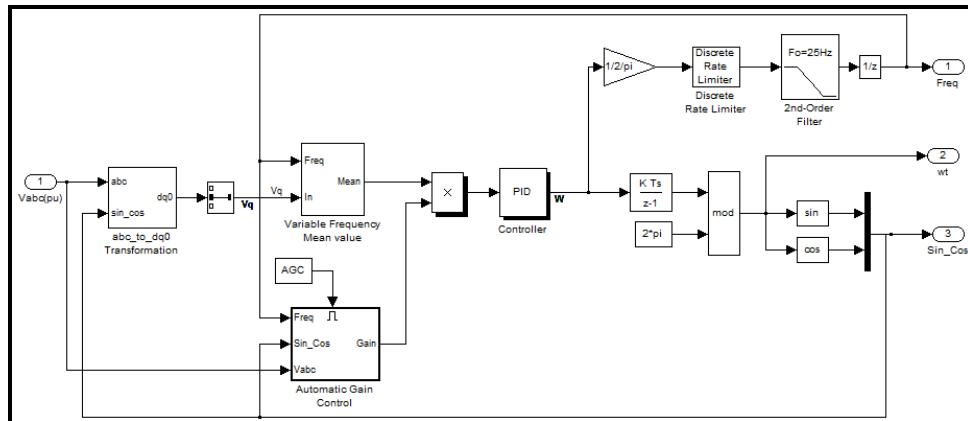


Figure 3.4: Model of load (dynamic) and frequency dependent

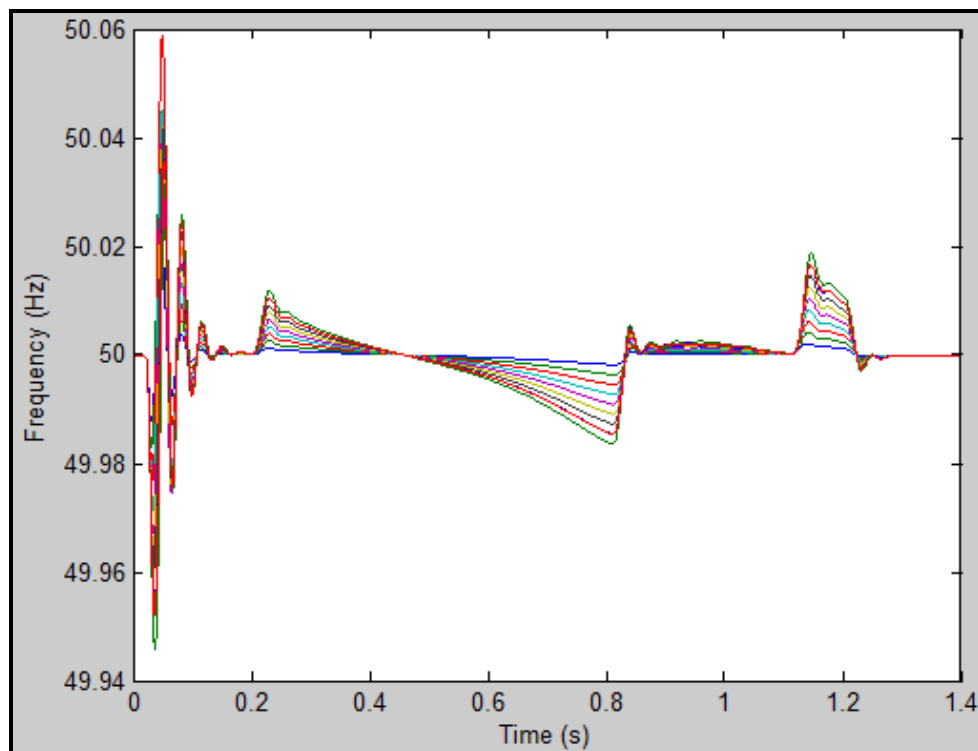


Figure 3.5: Frequency variation

Figure 3.5 shows the changes in frequency. Simulation starts at 0.2 seconds to 1.2 seconds. At the early stages of the simulations from 0 second to 0.2 seconds, there are high variations in frequency magnitude but in short period of time. This current event may activate the sensitive protection system and cause disconnection of load from supply. If there is difference between equilibrium of supply and demand, the frequency drop can lead to islanding. On the other side, which timing between 0.2 seconds to 1.2 seconds, the frequency variations magnitudes are quite small but in longer time. This kind of situation also called frequency transient which can lead power system collapse.

### 3.4 Test Case IEEE 9 Bus Test System

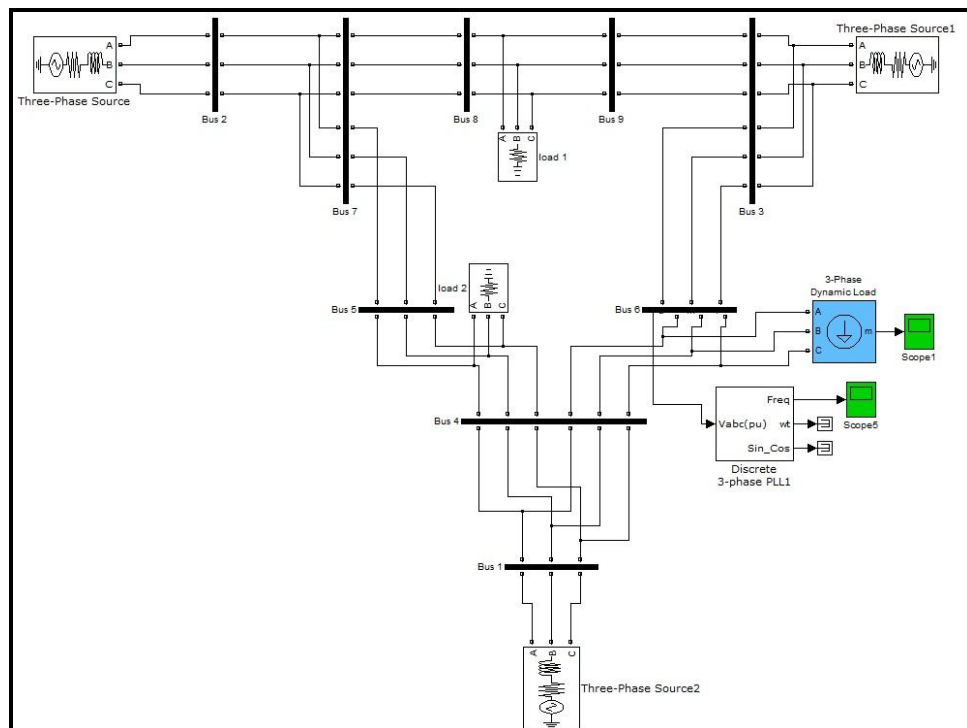


Figure 3.6: IEEE 9 bus test system



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