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Detailed Explanation

Harmonic Load Flow (HLF) analysis extends conventional power flow studies by incorporating frequency-domain representations of harmonic currents generated by nonlinear loads—particularly six-pulse, twelve-pulse, and active-front-end VFDs. EPRI TR-109522 establishes a systematic framework for modeling harmonic sources (e.g., VFD input rectifiers), system impedances across multiple frequencies (including transformer leakage reactance, cable capacitance, and harmonic-resonant network behavior), and passive/active filtering strategies. It emphasizes the importance of accurate harmonic source characterization—including drive loading, pulse number, DC-link inductance, and control topology—as well as proper representation of background voltage distortion and utility interface impedance. The report further details step-by-step procedures for iterative harmonic load flow computation, convergence criteria, sensitivity analysis, and interpretation of results such as individual and total harmonic distortion (THD), interharmonic content, and resonant amplification risks. Crucially, it aligns with IEEE 519–2022 recommendations on harmonic limits at the point of common coupling (PCC), offering guidance on measurement validation, filter tuning, and mitigation prioritization based on cost-benefit and operational impact.

Key Components

#	Component
1	VFD Harmonic Source Models
2	Frequency-Dependent Network Impedance Matrix
3	Iterative Harmonic Load Flow Algorithm

Applications

#	Application
1	Pre-commissioning harmonic impact assessment for new VFD installations
2	Root-cause analysis of capacitor bank failures or relay misoperations due to resonance
3	Design and sizing of passive or active harmonic filters for compliance with IEEE 519

Related Concepts

#	Concept
1	IEEE 519–2022
2	Passive Harmonic Filtering
3	Short-Circuit Ratio (SCR) for Harmonic Stability

Tags

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