

# Mathematical Representation of WECC Composite Load Model

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**Abstract**—Composite load model of Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) is a newly developed load model that has drawn great interest from the industry. To analyze its dynamic characteristics with both mathematical and engineering rigors, a detailed mathematical model is needed. Although composite load model of WECC is available in commercial software as a module and its detailed block diagrams can be found in several public reports, there is no complete mathematical representation of the full model in literature. This paper addresses a challenging problem of deriving detailed mathematical representation of composite load model of WECC from its block diagrams. In particular, we have derived the mathematical representation of the new DER\_A model. The developed mathematical model is verified using both MATLAB and PSS/E to show its effectiveness in representing composite load model of WECC. The derived mathematical representation serves as an important foundation for parameter identification, order reduction and other dynamic analysis.

**Index Terms**—Composite load model, dynamic load modeling, mathematical model, three-phase motor, DER\_A model.

## I. INTRODUCTION

**L**OAD modeling is essential to power system stability analysis, optimization, and controller design as shown in many researches [1]. Although the importance of load modeling is recognized by power system researchers and engineers [2], obtaining an accurate load model remains challenging. The difficulty is caused by the large number of diverse load components, time-varying compositions, and the lack of detailed load information and measurements. To this end, developing high-fidelity load models that approximate the real load characteristic while overcoming the above challenges is imperative.

Load modeling consists of developing model structures and identifying associated parameters. For a given load model structure, its parameter identification can be implemented

with component-based or measurement-based approaches. The component-based approach is based on the knowledge of detailed physical models with different load components and their compositions [3], [4]. However, the information is usually difficult to obtain, which motivates the research of measurement-based load modeling [5]–[10]. With the wider deployment of digital fault recorders, the measurement-based approaches become increasingly popular [6], [9], [11]–[13]. Measurement-based modeling uses the measured data to identify model parameters. The main advantage of this approach is that it collects the data directly from the power system and can be used for online modeling.

For the load model structure, there exist static and dynamic load models. For example, static load models include static constant impedance-current-power (ZIP) model and exponential model [4]. However, they cannot capture the dynamic behaviors of loads. Dynamic load models represent the real/reactive power as functions of both voltage and time such as induction motor (IM) model and exponential recovery load (ERL) model [14]–[16]. To consider both dynamic and static load characteristics, composite load models (CLMs) are proposed such as ZIP+IM load model, complex load model (CLOD), low-voltage (LV) load model and Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) CLM. An aggregated five-machine dynamic equivalent electro-mechanical model of WECC power system using synchrophasor measurements is developed to bridge the gap aroused by the increasing penetration of renewable energy resources. These renewable energy resources will significantly change dynamic properties, inter-area oscillation characteristics and stability margins of WECC power systems in the near future [17]. However, this model is built from the perspective of the entire power system. After the blackout of the Western Systems Coordinating Council (WSCC) in 1996 [18], the ZIP+IM model is designed to capture the dynamic effects under highly stressed conditions in summer peaks. However, this interim model is ineffective in capturing delayed voltage recovery events from transmission faults [4], [19], [20]. By adding the electrical distance between the transmission system and the electrical end-uses as well as adding special components such as electronic load components and single-phase motors, a preliminary WECC CLM is proposed and implemented in major industry-level commercial simulation software packages [15]. With continuous updates and the incorporation of distributed energy resources (DERs), the newest WECC CLM, called CMPLDWG, is proposed as shown

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in Fig. 1 [21]. The model includes an electrical representation of a distribution system with a substation transformer, shunt reactance, and a feeder equivalent. At the side of distribution system, it includes one static load model, one power electronic model, three three-phase motor models, one A/C single-phase motor and one DER. CMPLDWG uses PVD1 model to represent the DERs. However, PVD1 model consists of 5 modules, 121 parameters and 16 states, which is as complex as WECC CLM. Therefore, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) has developed a simpler yet more comprehensive model to replace PVD1 model, which is named as DER\_A model [22].

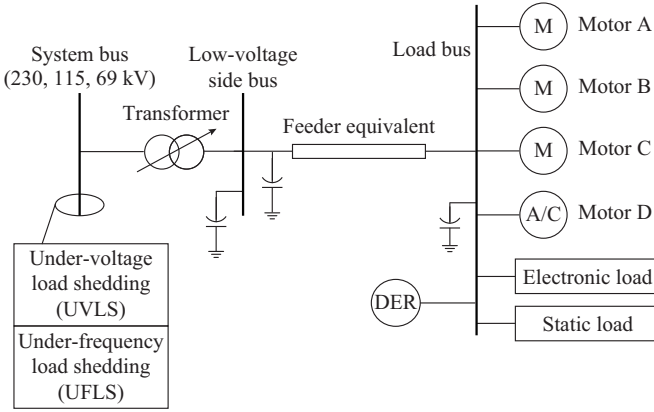


Fig. 1. Schematic diagram of CMPLDWG.

Although WECC CLM has been widely implemented in commercial software of power system, a comprehensive mathematical representation cannot be found in existing literature. Moreover, researchers cannot access the source codes of commercial software packages, making it hard to obtain the insights of the models implemented in the software. The detailed block diagrams of the model can be found in publicly available reports [22], [23]. However, deriving mathematical representation from these diagrams are challenging. In [24], one mathematical representation of three-phase motors has been provided, nevertheless, the DER\_A model is missing. However, the mathematical model is essential for parameter identification, stability assessment, and dynamic order reduction. To this end, this paper derives a detailed and comprehensive mathematical representation of WECC CLM with DER\_A model. Various simulations are conducted in both MATLAB and PSS/E to verify the effectiveness of the derived mathematical model.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section II presents the detailed derivation of WECC CLM. Section III shows the simulation results and analysis. Section IV concludes the paper.

## II. MATHEMATICAL MODELING OF INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS

In this section, we will derive mathematical representations for individual components in WECC CLM, namely, three-phase motors, DER\_A, single-phase motor, electronic and static loads.

### A. Three-phase Motor Model

There are multiple types of three-phase induction motors that can describe the end-use loads [25]. In CMPLDWG, three different three-phase motors, A, B and C are used to represent different types of dynamic components. Motor A represents the three-phase induction motors with low-inertia driving constant torque loads, e.g., air conditioning compressor motors and positive displacement pumps. Motor B represents the three-phase induction motors with high-inertia driving variable torque loads such as commercial ventilation fans and air handling systems. Motor C represents the three-phase induction motors with low-inertia driving variable torque loads such as the common centrifugal pumps.

These three-phase motors share the same model structure. However, their model parameters are different. Therefore, a fifth-order induction motor model is adopted to represent three-phase motors in WECC CLM. Its block diagram is shown in Fig. 2, where  $1/s$  denotes the integrator.

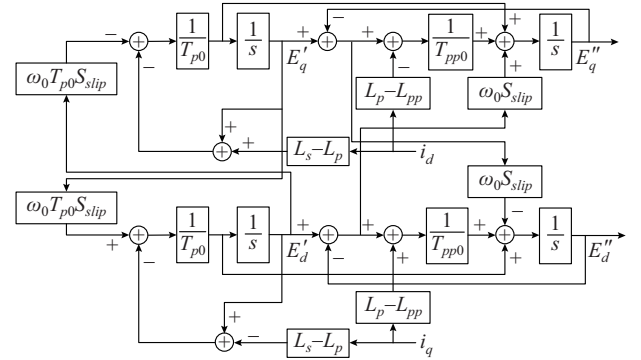


Fig. 2. Block diagram of three-phase motor.

From Fig. 2, we can obtain a fourth-order electrical model with respect to  $E'_q$ ,  $E'_d$ ,  $E''_q$  and  $E''_d$ . Combining with the mechanical model, we have the complete fifth-order model:

$$\dot{E}'_q = \frac{1}{T_{p0}} [-E'_q - i_d(L_s - L_p) - E'_d \omega_0 S_{slip} T_{p0}] \quad (1)$$

$$\dot{E}'_d = \frac{1}{T_{p0}} [-E'_d + i_q(L_s - L_p) + E'_q \omega_0 S_{slip} T_{p0}] \quad (2)$$

$$\dot{E}''_q = \frac{T_{p0} - T_{pp0}}{T_{p0} T_{pp0}} E'_q - \frac{T_{pp0}(L_s - L_p) + T_{p0}(L_p - L_{pp})}{T_{p0} T_{pp0}} i_d - \frac{1}{T_{pp0}} E''_q - \omega_0 S_{slip} E''_d \quad (3)$$

$$\dot{E}''_d = \frac{T_{p0} - T_{pp0}}{T_{p0} T_{pp0}} E'_d + \frac{T_{pp0}(L_s - L_p) + T_{p0}(L_p - L_{pp})}{T_{p0} T_{pp0}} i_q - \frac{1}{T_{pp0}} E''_d + \omega_0 S_{slip} E''_q \quad (4)$$

$$\dot{S}_{slip} = -\frac{pE''_d i_d + qE''_q i_q - TL}{2H} \quad (5)$$

The algebraic equations are:

$$TL = T_{m0} (Aw^2 + Bw + C + Dw^{E_{eq}}) \quad (6)$$

$$T_{m0} = pE''_{d0} i_{d0} + qE''_{q0} i_{q0} \quad (7)$$

$$w = 1 - S_{slip} \quad (8)$$

$$i_d = \frac{r_s}{r_s^2 + L_{pp}^2} (V_d + E_d'') + \frac{L_{pp}}{r_s^2 + L_{pp}^2} (V_q + E_q'') \quad (9)$$

$$i_q = \frac{r_s}{r_s^2 + L_{pp}^2} (V_q + E_q'') - \frac{L_{pp}}{r_s^2 + L_{pp}^2} (V_d + E_d'') \quad (10)$$

$$P = V_d i_d + V_q i_q \quad (11)$$

$$Q = V_d i_q - V_q i_d \quad (12)$$

where the five state variables are  $E'_q$ ,  $E'_d$ ,  $E''_q$ ,  $E''_d$ , and  $S_{slip}$ ;  $L_s$ ,  $r_s$ ,  $L_{p_p}$  and  $L_{pp}$  are the synchronous reactance, resistance, transient and subtransient reactances, respectively;  $T_{p0}$  and  $T_{pp0}$  are the transient and subtransient rotor time constants, respectively;  $\omega_0$  is the synchronous frequency;  $H$  is the inertia constant;  $i_d$  and  $i_q$  are terminal currents of  $dq$ -axes;  $p$  and  $q$  are constant coefficients which are predefined as  $-1$ ;  $w$  is the motor speed;  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$  are the speed coefficients of mechanical torque;  $E_{irq}$  is the torque damping coefficient;  $T_{m0}$  is the initial mechanical input torque;  $V_d$  and  $V_q$  are terminal voltages of  $dq$ -axes; and  $P$  and  $Q$  are the active and reactive power consumptions of the motor, respectively.

### B. Single-phase Motor Model

Motor D in Fig. 1 represents the single-phase motor mod-

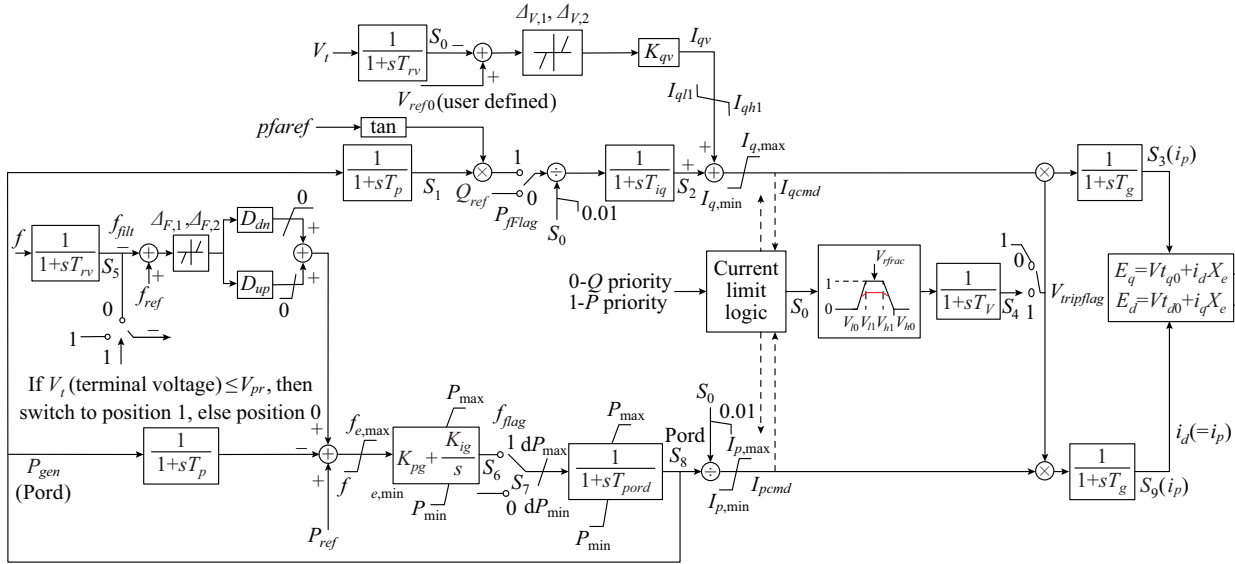


Fig. 3. Diagram of DER\_A model.

### 1) Mathematical Model of $S_0$

Figure 4 shows the block diagram of first-order filter and we can obtain the following dynamic equation:

$$\dot{S}_0 = \frac{1}{T_{rv}}(V_i - S_0) \quad (13)$$

where  $T_{rv}$  is the transducer time constant for voltage measurement;  $V_i$  is the bus voltage; and  $S_0$  is the filtered voltage  $V_{filtr}$ .

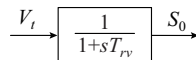


Fig. 4. Local block diagram of  $S_0$  in DER\_A model.

el that captures the behaviors of single-phase air with reciprocating compressors. However, it is challenging to model the fault point on wave [26] and voltage ramping effects [25]. Moreover, the new motors A and C are mostly equipped with scroll compressors and/or power electronic drives, making their dynamic characteristics significantly different from the conventional motors. Therefore, WECC uses a performance-based model to represent single-phase motors. The main purpose of deriving the mathematical model is to establish the foundation for theoretical studies such as parameter identification and order reduction. Hence, it is unnecessary to derive the mathematical representation of the performance-based model.

### C. DER\_A Model

The DER\_A is a newly developed model representing aggregate renewable energy resources. Compared to the previous PVD1 model which is relatively large and complex, the DER\_A model has fewer states and parameters. There is no mathematical representation of the DER\_A model in the existing literature till now. In this section, the detailed mathematical model is derived from Fig. 3 with respect to each state variable [21].

## 2) Mathematical Model of $S_1$

Figure 5 shows the block diagram of the first-order filter, whose input is the electrical power  $P_{gen}(S_g)$  generated at the terminals of DER\_A model, and the output is the filtered power  $S_1$ .

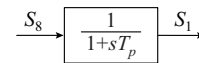


Fig. 5. Local block diagram of  $S_1$  in DER\_A model.

From Fig. 5, we can obtain the dynamic equation as:

$$\dot{S}_1 = \frac{1}{T_n}(S_8 - S_1) \quad (14)$$



### 6) Mathematical Model of $S_5$

Figure 9 shows the block diagram of first-order filter. From the diagram, we can obtain the dynamic equation as:

$$\dot{S}_5 = \frac{1}{T_{rf}} (f - S_5) \quad (23)$$

where  $T_{rf}$  is the transducer time constant for frequency measurement and  $T_{rf} \geq 0.02$  s;  $f$  is the terminal frequency; and  $S_5$  is the filtered frequency  $f_{filt}$ .

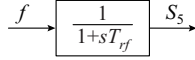


Fig. 9. Local block diagram of  $S_5$  in DER\_A model.

### 7) Mathematical Model of $S_6$

Figure 10 shows the diagram of proportional-integral (PI) controller with respect to  $S_6$ . Defining the limiter and dead band functions as (19) - (30), we can obtain the following model of  $S_6$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{S}_6 = & K_{ig} sat_4 (P_{ref} - S_1 + sat_5 (D_{dn} g_{db,F} (f_{ref} - S_5)) + \\ & sat_6 (D_{up} g_{db,F} (f_{ref} - S_5))) + \frac{K_{pg}}{T_p} S_1 + G_{dn} (f - S_5) + G_{up} (f - S_5) - \frac{S_8}{T_p} \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

$$sat_4(x) = \begin{cases} f_{e,max} & x \geq f_{e,max} \\ x & f_{e,min} < x < f_{e,max} \\ f_{e,min} & x \leq f_{e,min} \end{cases} \quad (25)$$

$$sat_5(x) = \begin{cases} x & x \leq 0 \\ 0 & x > 0 \end{cases} \quad (26)$$

$$sat_6(x) = \begin{cases} x & x > 0 \\ 0 & x \leq 0 \end{cases} \quad (27)$$

$$g_{db,F}(x) = \begin{cases} x - \Delta_{F,2} & x > \Delta_{F,2} \\ 0 & \Delta_{F,1} \leq x \leq \Delta_{F,2} \\ x - \Delta_{F,1} & x < \Delta_{F,1} \end{cases} \quad (28)$$

$$G_{dn}(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{K_{pg} D_{dn}}{T_{rf}} x & x < \Delta_{F,1} \text{ or } x > \Delta_{F,2}, \frac{D_{dn}}{T_{rf}} x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (29)$$

$$G_{up}(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{K_{pg} D_{up}}{T_{rf}} x & x < \Delta_{F,1} \text{ or } x > \Delta_{F,2}, \frac{D_{up}}{T_{rf}} x < 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (30)$$

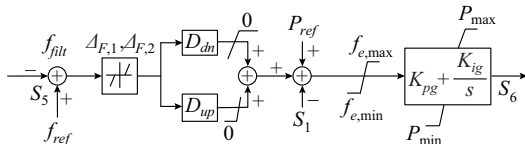


Fig. 10. Local block diagram of  $S_6$  in DER\_A model.

### 8) Mathematical Model of $S_7$

The local block diagram of  $S_7$  is shown in Fig. 11. From the diagram, we can obtain the following dynamic equation:

$$\dot{S}_7 = \begin{cases} 0 & f_{flag} = 0 \\ sat_8(\dot{sat}_7(S_6)) & f_{flag} = 1 \end{cases} \quad (31)$$

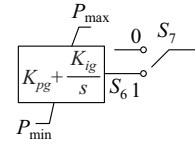


Fig. 11. Local block diagram of  $S_7$  in DER\_A model.

When  $f_{flag} = 0$ , frequency control is disabled and when  $f_{flag} = 1$ , frequency control is enabled. The limiter function is:

$$sat_7(x) = \begin{cases} P_{max} & x \geq P_{max} \\ x & P_{min} < x < P_{max} \\ P_{min} & x \leq P_{min} \end{cases} \quad (32)$$

$$sat_8(x) = \begin{cases} dP_{max} & x \geq dP_{max} \\ x & dP_{min} < x < dP_{max} \\ dP_{min} & x \leq dP_{min} \end{cases} \quad (33)$$

where  $P_{min}$  and  $P_{max}$  are the minimum and maximum power, respectively; and  $dP_{min}$  and  $dP_{max}$  are the lower and upper power ramp rates, respectively.

### 9) Mathematical Model of $S_8$

The local block diagram of  $S_8$  is shown in Fig. 12. From the diagram, we can obtain the following dynamic equation:

$$\dot{S}_8 = \frac{1}{T_{pord}} (S_7 - S_8) \quad (34)$$

where  $T_{pord}$  is the power order time constant; and  $S_8$  is the power order (Pord).

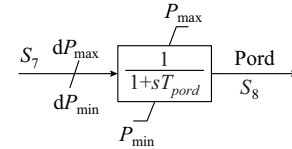


Fig. 12. Local block diagram of  $S_8$  in DER\_A model.

### 10) Mathematical Model of $S_9$

The local block diagram of the current of  $d$ -axis  $S_9$  ( $i_p$ ) is shown in Fig. 13, from which, we can obtain:

$$\dot{S}_9 = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{T_g} \left( sat_9 \left( \frac{sat_7(S_8)}{sat_1(S_0)} \right) S_4 - S_9 \right) & V_{tripflag} = 1 \\ \frac{1}{T_g} \left( sat_9 \left( \frac{sat_7(S_8)}{sat_1(S_0)} \right) - S_9 \right) & V_{tripflag} = 0 \end{cases} \quad (35)$$

When  $V_{tripflag} = 0$ , the voltage tripping is disabled, otherwise, it is enabled. The limiter functions are defined as (16), (32) and (36).

$$sat_9(x) = \begin{cases} I_{p,max} & x \geq I_{p,max} \\ x & I_{p,min} < x < I_{p,max} \\ I_{p,min} & x \leq I_{p,min} \end{cases} \quad (36)$$

The current limit is modeled as:

1)  $Q$ -priority:  $I_{p,max} = \sqrt{I_{max}^2 - I_{qcmd}^2}$ , where  $I_{qcmd}$  is the reactive power command. If the unit is a storage device,  $I_{p,min} = -I_{p,max}$ ; if the unit is a generator,  $I_{p,min} = 0$ .

2)  $P$ -priority:  $I_{p,max} = I_{max}$ . If the unit is a storage device,  $I_{p,min} = -I_{p,max}$ ; if the unit is a generator,  $I_{p,min} = 0$ .





tors A, B and C, respectively. The mean square errors (MSEs) between the proposed mathematical model and CMLDBLU2 model are shown in Table III. The small errors show the accuracy of the proposed mathematical model of three-phase motor.

TABLE II  
PARAMETERS OF THREE-PHASE MOTOR MODEL

Parameter of motor A	Value	Parameter of motor B	Value	Parameter of motor C	Value
$r_{s,A}$	0.04 p.u.	$r_{s,B}$	0.03 p.u.	$r_{s,C}$	0.03 p.u.
$L_{s,A}$	1.8 p.u.	$L_{s,B}$	1.8 p.u.	$L_{s,C}$	1.8 p.u.
$L_{p,A}$	0.1 p.u.	$L_{p,B}$	0.16 p.u.	$L_{p,C}$	0.16 p.u.
$L_{pp,A}$	0.083 p.u.	$L_{pp,B}$	0.12 p.u.	$L_{pp,C}$	0.12 p.u.
$T_{po,A}$	0.092 s	$T_{po,B}$	0.1 s	$T_{po,C}$	0.1 s
$T_{ppo,A}$	0.002 s	$T_{ppo,B}$	0.0026 s	$T_{ppo,C}$	0.0026 s
$H_A$	0.05 s	$H_B$	1 s	$H_C$	0.1 s
$A_A$	0	$A_B$	0	$A_C$	0
$B_A$	0	$B_B$	0	$B_C$	0
$C_A$	0	$C_B$	0	$C_C$	0
$D_A$	1	$D_B$	1	$D_C$	1
$E_{irq,A}$	0	$E_{irq,B}$	2	$E_{irq,C}$	2
$p_A$	-1	$p_B$	-1	$p_C$	-1
$q_A$	-1	$q_B$	-1	$q_C$	-1
$\omega_{0,A}$	$120\pi$ rad/s	$\omega_{0,B}$	$120\pi$ rad/s	$\omega_{0,C}$	$120\pi$ rad/s

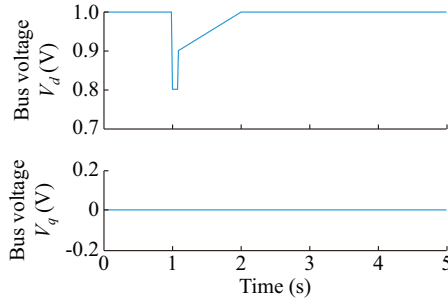


Fig. 14. Bus voltages of mathematical and PSS/E model of three-phase motor.

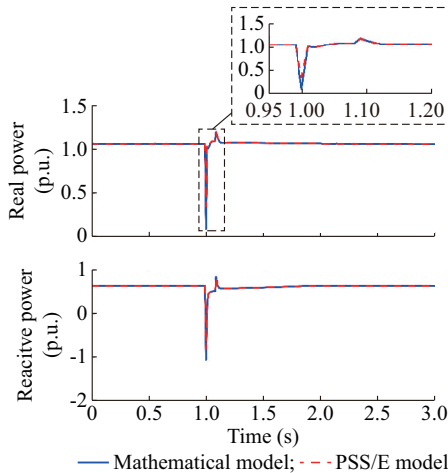


Fig. 15. Real and reactive power of mathematical and PSS/E models of three-phase motor A.

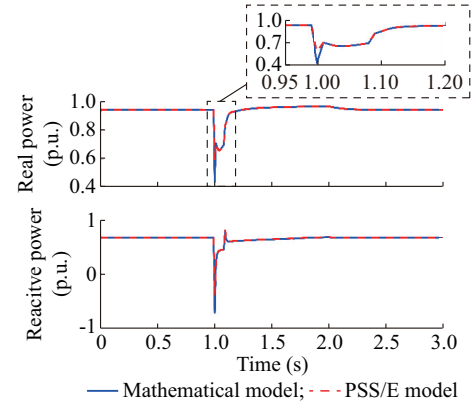


Fig. 16. Real and reactive power of mathematical and PSS/E models of three-phase motor B.

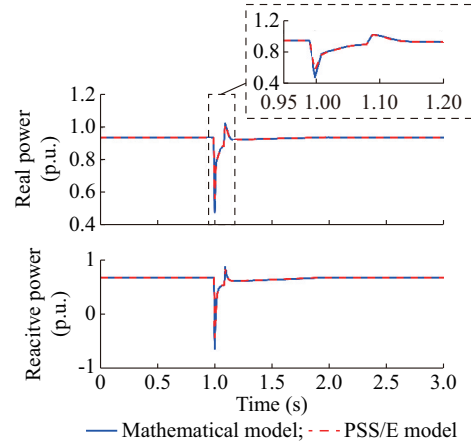


Fig. 17. Real and reactive power of mathematical and PSS/E models of three-phase motor C.

TABLE III  
MSES BETWEEN MATHEMATICAL MODEL AND CMLDBLU2 MODEL OF THREE-PHASE MOTOR

Power	MSE		
	Motor A	Motor B	Motor C
Real power	$3.1109 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.0291 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.0263 \times 10^{-5}$
Reactive power	$3.1325 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.4974 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.9115 \times 10^{-5}$

### B. Validation of DER\_A Model

Similar to the verification process of three-phase motor, we simulate the mathematical model of DER\_A in MATLAB and adopt DERAU1 provided by PSS/E at the same time. Moreover, the same bus voltage and frequency inputs are given to both models. Consequently, we can compare the output power of the proposed mathematical representation of DER\_A model with that in PSS/E. The voltage input is the same as (42). The frequency input is set to be 60 Hz. The base voltage is 12.47 kV. The base capacity is 15.0 MVA. The parameters are set as shown in Table IV [21], where *typeflag* = 1 represents the applied unit is a storage device.

Figure 18 shows the filtered bus voltage and frequency inputs of DER\_A. Figure 19 shows the dynamic power responses of DER\_A. The MSEs of real and reactive power are  $1.1053 \times 10^{-4}$  and  $7.3079 \times 10^{-5}$ , respectively. The small

error shows the accuracy of the proposed mathematical model of DER\_A.

TABLE IV  
PARAMETER SETTING OF DER\_A MODEL

Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value
$T_{rv}$	0.02 s	$T_p$	0.02 s
$T_{iq}$	0.02 s	$V_{ref0}$	0
$K_{qv}$	5 p.u./p.u.	$T_g$	0.02 s
$P_{flag}$	1	$I_{max}$	1.2 p.u.
$\Delta_{V,1}$	-99 p.u.	$\Delta_{V,2}$	99 p.u.
$T_v$	0.02 s	$V_{f0}$	0.44 p.u.
$V_{f1}$	0.49 p.u.	$V_{h0}$	1.2 p.u.
$V_{h1}$	1.15 p.u.	$t_{v1}$	0.16 s
$t_{v1}$	0.16 s	$t_{vh0}$	0.16 s
$t_{vh1}$	0.16 s	$V_{rfac}$	0.7
$T_{rf}$	0.02 s	$K_{pg}$	0.1 p.u.
$K_{ig}$	10 p.u.	$D_{dn}$	20
$D_{up}$	0	$f_{e,max}$	99 p.u.
$f_{e,min}$	-99 p.u.	$\Delta_{F,1}$	-0.0006
$\Delta_{F,2}$	0.0006	$f_{flag}$	0
$P_{min}$	0	$P_{max}$	1.1 p.u.
$T_{pord}$	0.02 s	$dP_{min}$	-0.5 p.u./s
$dP_{max}$	0.5 p.u./s	$V_{tripflag}$	1
$I_{q1}$	-1 p.u.	$I_{qh1}$	1 p.u.
$X_e$	0.25 p.u.	$F_{tripflag}$	1
$PQ_{flag}$	0	$typeflag$	1
$V_{pr}$	0.8 p.u.	$a$	0.8 p.u.
$b$	5	$c$	1 s
$d$	0.9 p.u.		

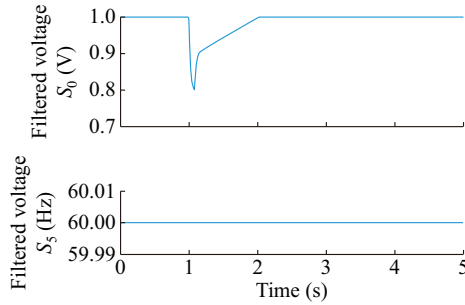


Fig. 18. Bus voltages and frequency of mathematical and PSS/E models of DER\_A.

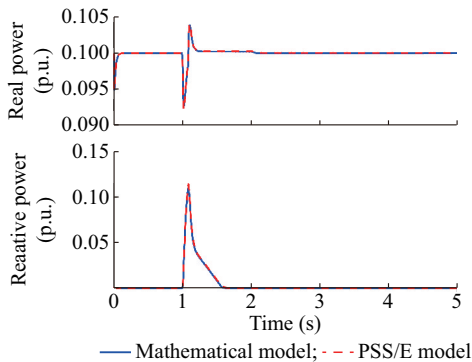


Fig. 19. Real and reactive power of mathematical and PSS/E models of DER\_A.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

WECC CLM is important for power system monitoring, control and planning such as stability margin assessment, contingency analysis, impact assessment of renewable energy, and emergency load control. This paper develops the detailed mathematical model of three-phase motor and DER\_A in WECC CLM. Several simulations are conducted in matlab and PSS/E. The comparison analysis shows the accuracy of the proposed mathematical representation. This detailed representation is useful for theoretical studies such as stability analysis, parameter identification, and order reduction.

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