

The Comparison of Harmonic Distortion Self-Excited Induction Generator with Isolated Synchronous Generator Under Non-linear Loads

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, the harmonic distortion for Self-Excited Induction Generator (SEIG) and an isolated synchronous generator (ISG) under non-linear load during steady state conditions are analyzed. The voltage and current harmonics distortion for both generators are calculated using the transfer function method in frequency domain for SEIG and phasor diagram method for ISG. This analysis is done independently one by one component for all harmonic components appear. The analysis results for both generators are verified to the laboratory test results. For loading with the same non-linear load to both generators, the harmonics distortion on the stator windings of SEIG was smaller than compare ISG. In addition, the harmonic distortion effects on other loads connected to PCC point of SEIG was lower than the other loads connected to ISG.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Currently, the applications of Self-Excited Induction generator (SEIG) are more common in small-scale power plants using renewable energy sources, including: wind, mini/microhydro, tidal wave, biomass, biogas, etc. [1],[2]. Meanwhile, the isolated synchronous generators (ISG) are widely applied in diesel electric generating sets (Genset). In its application, the two generators are often employed to drive non-linear loads, including: uninterruptible power supply (UPS), variable frequency drives (VFD), switched mode power supply (SMPS), energy-saving lamp (ESL), etc. The imposition of generator with non-linear loads will have an impact on the generation of harmonic currents and voltages distortion. The generation of harmonic currents in the generator has adverse effects upon its performance. It can give the effect of decreasing efficiency, heating and reducing the life time of the generator [3]-[5]. Harmonic distortion of the voltage generator will be able to create a harmonic disturbance to other loads, which are connected in parallel to the same source.

The levels of harmonic distortion incurred due the employed of non-linear loads on SEIG and ISG will be different. This level of harmonic distortion is influenced by the equivalent circuit structure of the generator and its parameters. Generators for Genset usually have higher the reactance than the distribution transformers on utility networks [3]. Consequently, the rate for the harmonic distribution of the generator voltage is higher than the utility source, if both sources operate with the same non-linear load. The equivalent circuit structure of SEIG has the combination between magnetization inductance and excitation capacitance that can reduce the distortion harmonics. In the previous study, analysis of harmonic propagation on SEIG

when its is loaded by non-linear load [6]. The results showed that SEIG rejects the high order harmonics and attenuates low order harmonics currents on its stator windings; consequently THD_1 is low relatively on the stator windings.

In this paper, the current and voltage harmonic distortion for SEIG and ISG under non-linear loads during steady state conditions are analysed. The analysis result of harmonic distortion for two generators is compared in order to show the impact of non-linear loads on the both generator and other loads connected to the same sources. This paper is organized into 7 sections. In section 2, the system description of proposed system is presented. Modeling and analysis for SEIG with non-linear load is discussed in section 3. In section 4, the harmonics distortion of ISG under non-linear loads is discussed. The experimental set-up is explained in section 5. The section 6 discusses the results and its analysis. Conclusions are presented in section 7.

2. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

The configuration of studied system consists of a generator, non-linear loads, and other loads that are linearly, as shown by Figure 1. In this system, Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) and Energy-Saving Lamp (ESL) are applied as non-linear load and resistor is employed as the other load. The harmonic currents, I_h , flow from the non-linear loads to the generator and other load, R_L . In the SEIG, the harmonic currents flow to the stator windings and the excitation capacitors that are low impedance to high frequencies, while the harmonic currents flow only to the stator windings in the ISG. Furthermore, the both generators also produce the small harmonic of voltages due to the imperfection of its construction.

Figure 1a shows the configuration of studied system using SEIG. As shown in this figure, SEIG is constructed by an induction machine and an excitation capacitor. Z_{im} is the internal impedance of induction machine, which will be determined in next section. Meanwhile, the configuration of studied system using an isolated synchronous generator is shown by Figure 1b. This study uses a salient pole synchronous generator, so the synchronous impedance Z_s is constructed by a direct synchronous reactance Z_d and quadrature synchronous reactance Z_q [7].

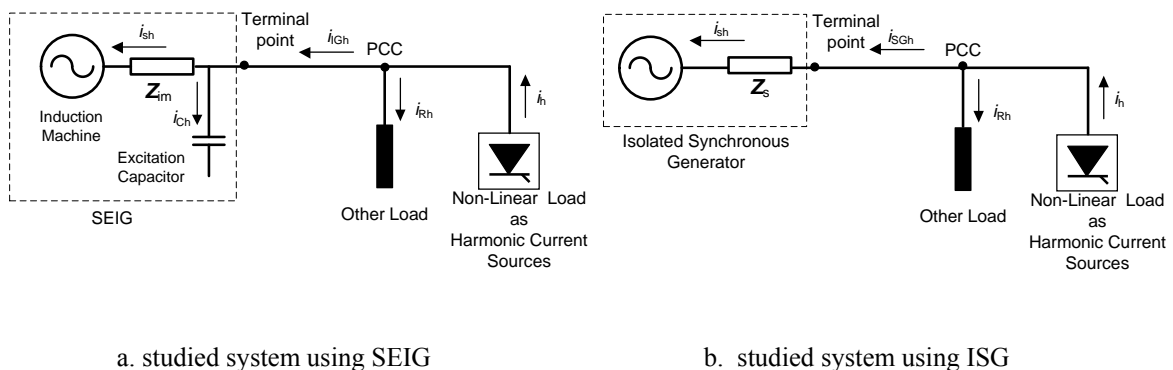


Figure 1. The configuration of studied system

3. HARMONIC ANALYSIS OF SEIG

The single-phase equivalent circuit of SEIG with non-linear load is shown in Figure 2. In this circuit, the non-linear loads are modeled as a current fundamental component I_1 , and harmonic current sources: I_2, I_3, \dots, I_n [8]. Whereas, SEIG model is constructed by the circuit of induction machine and the excitation capacitor C_e . Where R_s, L_s, R_r , and L_r are the stator resistance, stator leakage inductance, rotor resistance, and rotor leakage inductance respectively. E_g and σ are the voltage of air gap and slip. R_L is the other load, which is the linear load connected at PCC point.

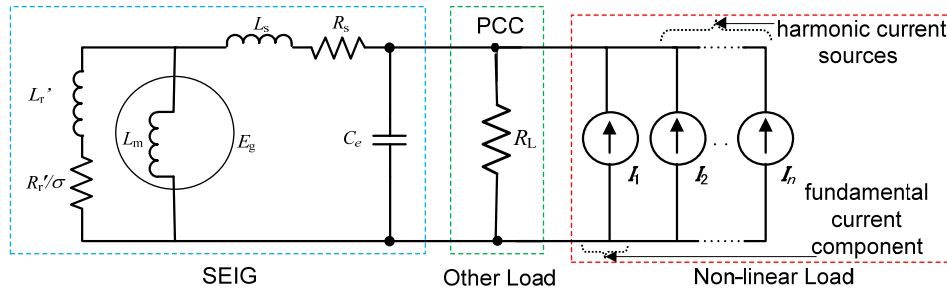


Figure 2. Single-phase equivalent circuit of studied system using SEIG

The analysis is conducted using the single-phase equivalent circuit as shown in Figure 2. This circuit contains non-linear load as n unit's current sources and SEIG as voltage sources. Besides that, the other load as linear load R_L is connected in parallel with the non-linear load at PCC point. The response of each source to the circuit of machine stators and other load are evaluated separately. The total response can be solved from the summation of the current response of each source and voltage response.

3.1. Current Sources Response

For current sources response, the analysis is performed by considering one current source, I_h . Meanwhile, the other current sources and voltage source are replaced respectively with an open circuit and internal impedance of SEIG. Figure 3a shows the equivalent circuit for one harmonic current source. In this analysis, the equivalent circuit is expressed in the domain frequency ω . In this condition, $\omega = h\omega_1$, where h and ω_1 are number of harmonics and fundamental frequency respectively. The correlation between the currents is produced by non-linear load $I(h)$, the other load currents $I_L(h)$, and the current in to induction generator $I_{IG}(h)$ is expressed as,

$$I_{IG}(h) = I(h) - I_L(h) \tag{1}$$

$$\text{where, } I(h) = \frac{V_t(h)}{R_L}$$

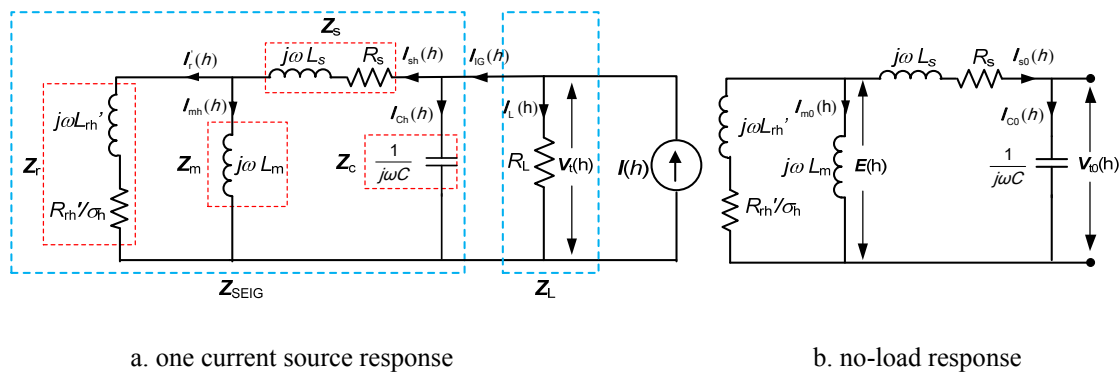


Figure 3. SEIG equivalent circuit for analysis

From the equivalent circuit of Figure 3, the induction machine impedance, Z_{im} , can be expressed as,

$$Z_{im} = \left\{ \left(\frac{R'_{th}}{\sigma_h} + j\omega L'_{th} \right) // (j\omega L_m) \right\} + (R_s + j\omega L_s) \tag{2}$$

where, a slip, σ_h , is defined as,

$$\sigma_h = \frac{h\omega_1 - \omega_r}{h\omega_1} \quad (3)$$

If $L_{mr} = (L_m + L'_{rh})$ and $R'_{r\sigma} = R'_r / \sigma_h$, then Eq. 5 can be solved as,

$$\mathbf{Z}_{im} = \frac{R'_{r\sigma}R'_s - \omega^2(L_m L'_{rh} + L_s L_{mr}) + j\omega(R'_{r\sigma}L_s + L_m R'_{r\sigma} + R'_s L_{mr})}{R'_{r\sigma} + j\omega L_{mr}} \quad (4)$$

The transfer function $\mathbf{T}_s(jh\omega_1)$ or $\mathbf{T}_s(h)$ as a current gain between the stator current $\mathbf{I}_s(h)$ and the input currents of SEIG $\mathbf{I}_{IG}(h)$ can be written as,

$$\mathbf{T}_s(h) = \frac{\mathbf{I}_s(h)}{\mathbf{I}_{IG}(h)} = \frac{\mathbf{Z}_C}{\mathbf{Z}_{im} + \mathbf{Z}_C} \quad (5)$$

Or

$$\mathbf{T}_s(h) = \frac{R'_{r\sigma} + jh\omega_1 L_{mr}}{R'_{r\sigma} - h^2\omega_1^2(R'_{r\sigma}L_m C_e + R'_{r\sigma}L_s C_e + R'_s L_{mr} C_e) + j\{h\omega_1(R'_{r\sigma}R'_s C_e + L_{mr}) - h^3\omega_1^3(L_s L_{mr} C_e + L_m L'_r C_e)\}} \quad (6)$$

Furthermore, the stator currents $\mathbf{I}_s(h)$ can be solved using the following equations:

$$\mathbf{I}_{sh}(h) = \mathbf{T}_s(h)\mathbf{I}_{IG}(h) \quad (7)$$

The magnetizing current $\mathbf{I}_m(h)$ can be calculated as,

$$\mathbf{I}_{mh}(h) = \frac{R'_{r\sigma} + jh\omega_1 L'_{rh}}{R'_{r\sigma} + jh\omega_1 L_{mr}} \mathbf{I}_s(h) \quad (8)$$

3.2. No-Load Response

No-load response is used to obtain the excitation current flowing in the stator windings to generate a generator voltage. This can be done through direct measurement of the stator current at no-load conditions. At this measurement, the value of excitation capacitor is kept constant, while the rotor speed is set to obtain the fundamental frequency of 50 Hz. As shown in Figure 3b, the stator currents at no-load conditions $\mathbf{I}_{s0}(h)$ is equal to the current of excitation capacitor $\mathbf{I}_c(h)$ or the magnetization current $-\mathbf{I}_{m0}(h)$. Assumed, the current flowing in the rotor circuit is negligible. The harmonic components appearing at no-load conditions are caused by the inherent nature of the generator.

3.3. Total Response

The currents flowing in the SEIG circuit are obtained from the total response of the current sources and no-load response, as shown by the following equation:

$$\mathbf{I}_s(h) = \mathbf{I}_{s0}(h) - \mathbf{I}_{sh}(h); \mathbf{I}_m(h) = \mathbf{I}_{m0}(h) + \mathbf{I}_{mh}(h) \quad (9)$$

The terminal voltage of SEIG in the harmonic distortion can be solved as,

$$\mathbf{V}_t(h) = \mathbf{E}(h) - \mathbf{I}_s(h)(R_s + jX_s) \quad (10)$$

where, $\mathbf{E}(h)$ is the air gap voltage that its is determined as (see Figure 3b),

$$\mathbf{E}(h) = \mathbf{V}_{t0}(h) + \mathbf{I}_{s0}(h)(R_s + jX_s) \quad (11)$$

The total rms of magnetizing current $I_m(\text{rms})$ can be calculated as [8],

$$I_m(\text{rms}) = \sqrt{\sum_{h=1}^n I_m^2(h)} \quad (12)$$

The value of magnetizing inductance L_m applied in this section depends on the value of magnetizing current I_m , which its variation is obtained from the experimental results. In addition, the values of R_r' and L_r' for different harmonic orders is solved using the block rotor test [6],[9],[10]. The experimental results are resolved through curve fitting for a number of data that obtained from the experimental test. This method is implemented with *polyfit* statement in MATLAB, so $R_r'(h)$, $L_r'(h)$ and $L_m(I_m)$ are obtained as:

$$R_r'(h) = c_1 h^4 + c_2 h^3 + c_3 h^2 + c_4 h + c_5; L_r'(h) = d_1 h^4 + d_2 h^3 + d_3 h^2 + d_4 h + d_5 \quad (13)$$

$$L_m(I_m) = e_1 I_m^3 + e_2 I_m^2 + e_3 I_m + e_4 \quad (14)$$

where, c, d & e are a polynomial coefficient that its values are given in Appendix. In this analysis, Eq. 13 & Eq. 14 are applied for harmonic orders till 20th, and can be assumed a constant for harmonic orders above 20th.

4. HARMONIC ANALYSIS OF ISG

The analysis of harmonics distortion for ISG is conducted using the equivalent circuit and phasor diagram that shown by Figure 4 & 5. As shown in Figure 4, the non-linear load is modelled as a fundamental current component and harmonic current sources. Another load current that is connected to the same PCC will also be contaminated by harmonic components $I_L(h)$. Because this study uses the salient pole synchronous generator, the synchronous reactance X_s is split into the reactance in the direct axis X_d and the reactance in the quadrature axis X_q , as shown in Figure 5a [7],[11]. Likewise, the current flows through the stator windings are also decomposed into the current in the direct axis I_{sd} and the current in the quadrature axis I_{sq} .

To analyze the response of harmonic current sources, each order-by-order harmonic component is evaluated using an equivalent circuit as shown in Figure 5a. Here, $E(h)$ is the harmonic voltage distortion of the air gap, which is the innate nature of the generator. $E(h)$ can be obtained from no-load test results. The correlation between the currents is produced by non-linear load $I(h)$, the other load currents $I_L(h)$, and the stator current $I_s(h)$ for h^{th} order component is given as,

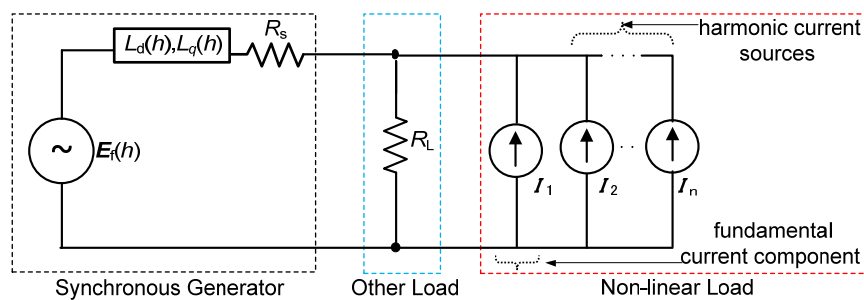
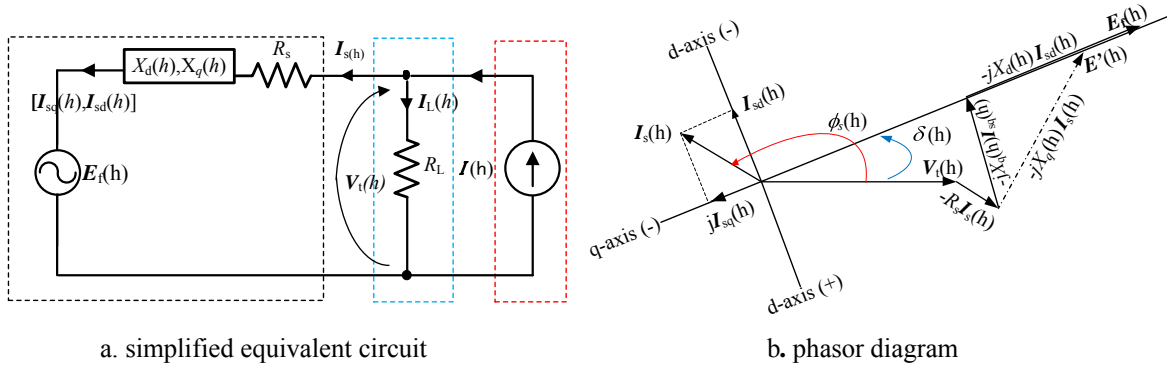


Figure 4. Equivalent circuit of studied system using ISG

$$I_s(h) = I(h) - I_L(h) \quad (15)$$

where, the other load current can be calculated as,

$$I_L(h) = \frac{V_t(h)}{R_L} \quad (16)$$



a. simplified equivalent circuit
 b. phasor diagram
 Figure 5. Simplified equivalent circuit and phasor diagram of ISG for h^{th} harmonic order of non-linear load

The phasor diagram of synchronous generator for h^{th} harmonic component of non-linear load is given in Figure 5b. To determine the phase angle $\delta(h)$, the following relationship is used,

$$E'(h) = V_t(h) - R_s I_s(h) - jX_q(h)I_s(h) \tag{17}$$

where, $X_q(h) = jh\omega_1 L_q(h)$ and $X_d(h) = jh\omega_1 L_d(h)$

Here, $E'(h)$ in phasor form can be written as,

$$E'(h) = |E'(h)| \angle \delta \tag{18}$$

The current source harmonic in terms d-axis and q-axis can be presented as,

$$I_{sd}(h) = I_s(h) \sin \{ \phi_s(h) - 90^\circ - \delta(h) \} \tag{19}$$

$$I_{sq}(h) = I_s(h) \cos \{ \phi_s(h) - 90^\circ - \delta(h) \} \tag{20}$$

Furthermore, the terminal voltage equation can be written as:

$$E_f(h) = V_t(h) - R_s I_s(h) - jX_q(h)I_{sq}(h) - jX_d(h)I_{sd}(h) \tag{21}$$

The harmonic component of terminal voltage can be solved as:

$$V_t(h) = E_f(h) + R_s I_s(h) + jX_q(h)I_{sq}(h) - jX_d(h)I_{sd}(h), \quad \text{for } h = 2, 3, 4, \dots \tag{22}$$

where $E_f(h)$ is congenital harmonic component of the induction voltage, which is determined through the no load test.

The influence of harmonics on the direct inductance, $L_d(h)$, and the quadrature inductance, $L_q(h)$, are measured based on the method measurement in several literature [11],[12]. The variation of L_d and L_q with the harmonic orders h is resolved through curve fitting for a number of data that obtained from the experimental test. This method is implemented with *polyfit* statement in MATLAB, so $L_d(h)$ and $L_q(h)$ is obtained as:

$$L_d(h) = k_1 h^4 + k_2 h^3 + k_3 h^2 + k_4; \quad L_q(h) = m_1 h^4 + m_2 h^3 + m_3 h^2 + m_4 \tag{23}$$

where, k & m are polynomial coefficient, which its values are given in **Appendix**. In this analysis, Eq. 23 is used for harmonic orders till 20^{th} , and can be assumed a constant for harmonic orders above 20^{th} .

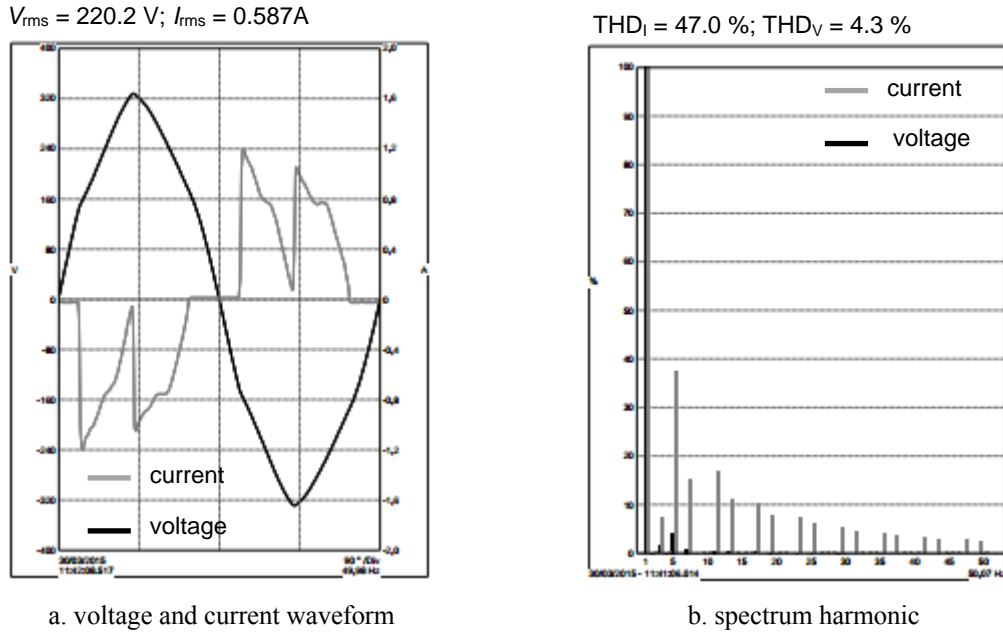


Figure 7. The harmonic produced by non-linear load when SEIG burdened ESL

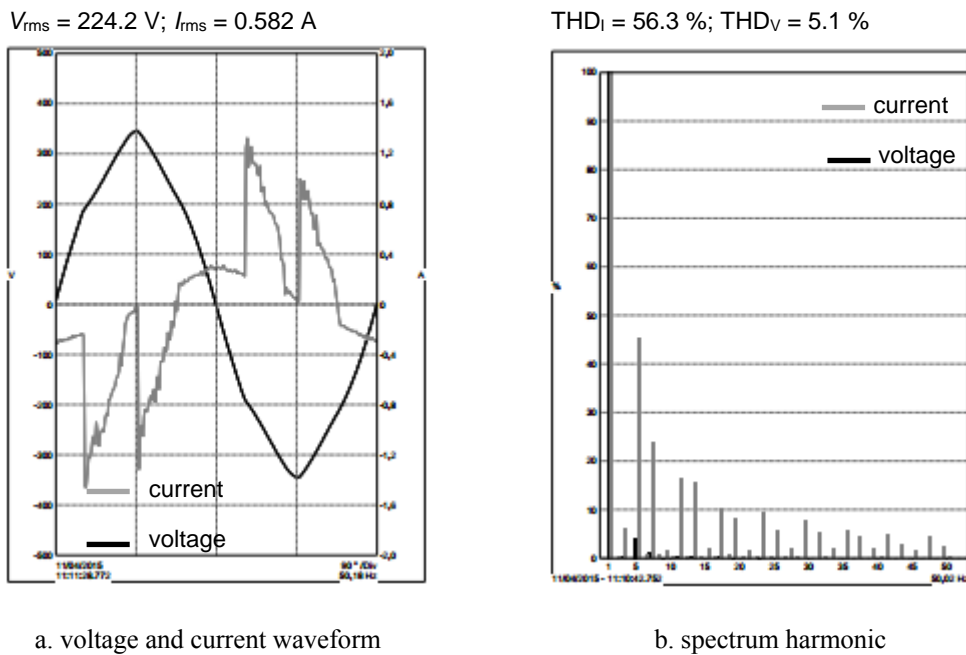


Figure 8. The harmonic produced by non-linear load when SEIG encumbered with VFD

Figure 9 and 10 show measurement results for the harmonic generated by non-linear load when ISG encumbered with 405 W ESL and VFD respectively. As shown by these figure, THD_I for ISG was lower than SEIG, namely: 29.5 % (with ESL) and 24.2% (with VFD). However, THD_V was bigger when using ISG, namely: 13.7 % (with ESL) and 24.2% (with VFD). The Harmonics generated by ISG with non-linear loads more focused on low-order harmonic components, especially the order of 5 and 7.

The list of harmonic components produced by non-linear loads for both generators was used to analyze the harmonic distortion on stator side and other load using analysis method in section 3 & 4. The analysis results will be explained in next subsection.

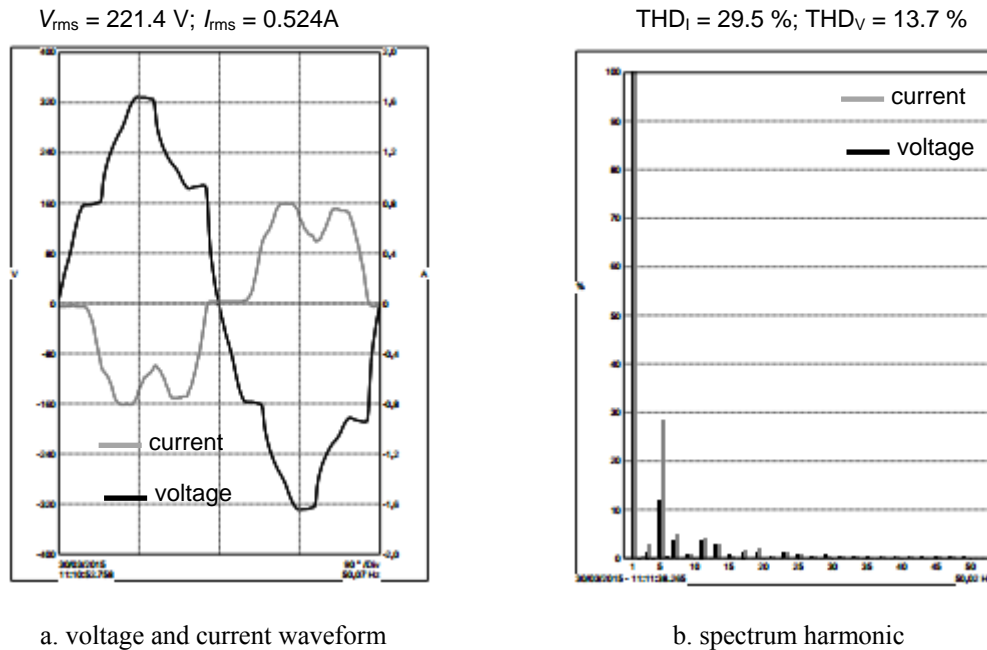


Figure 9. The harmonic produced by non-linear load when ISG encumbered with ESL

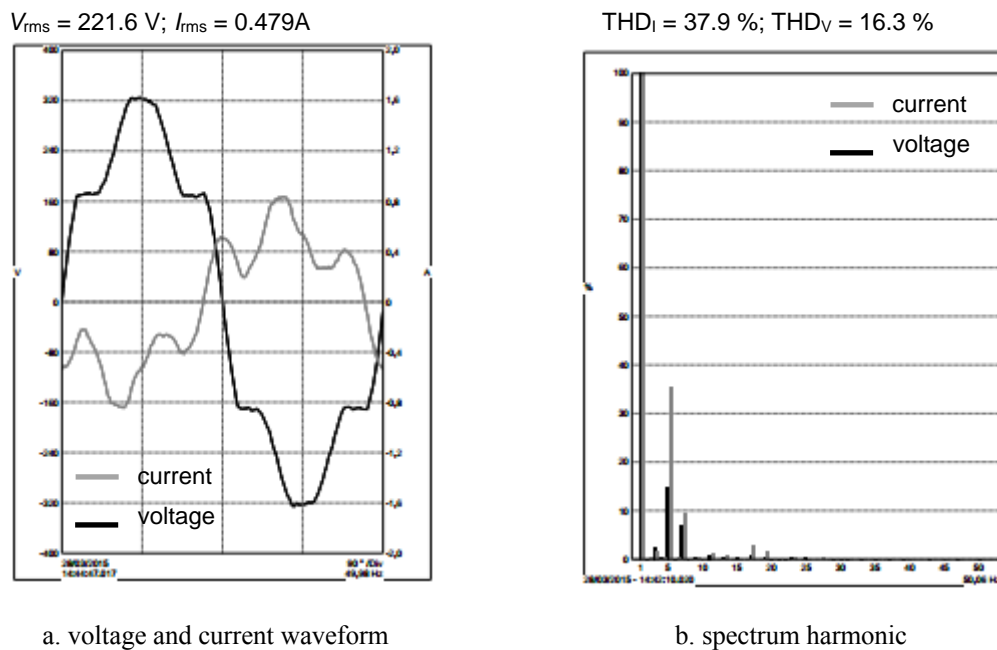


Figure 10. The harmonic produced by non-linear load when ISG burdened with VFD

6.2. The Impact of Non-linear Loads Against Harmonic Distortion on The Stator Windings

The impact of non-linear load on both generators can be measured from the level of harmonic distortion for the current of stator windings. Figure 11 and 12 show the current and voltage harmonic distortion on stator windings side and terminals when SEIG and ISG burdened with 405W ESL respectively. As shown these figure, THD_I & THD_V of the current stator windings and the terminals voltage of SEIG was lower than THD_I & THD_V level for ISG. The SEIG has eliminated almost all the harmonic components, except the harmonic component order 3th, 5th, and 7th. While, the stator current of ISG still has contained 3th, 5th, 7th, 11th, 13th, 17th and 19th order harmonic component.

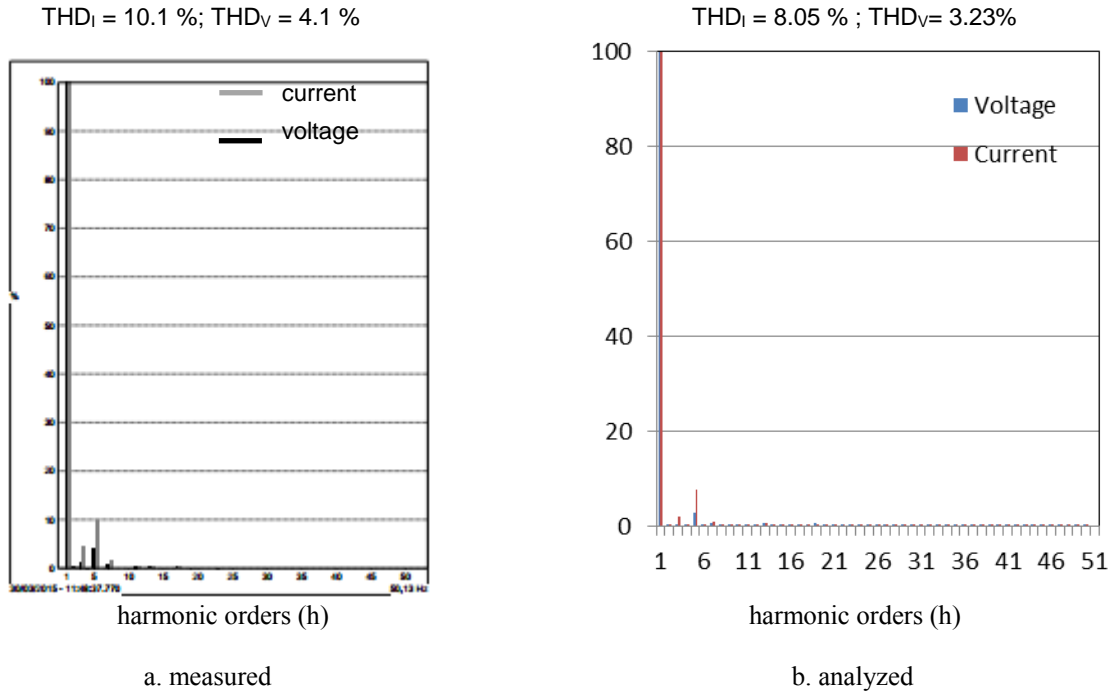


Figure 11. The current harmonic distortion on the stator windings when SEIG burdened with ESL

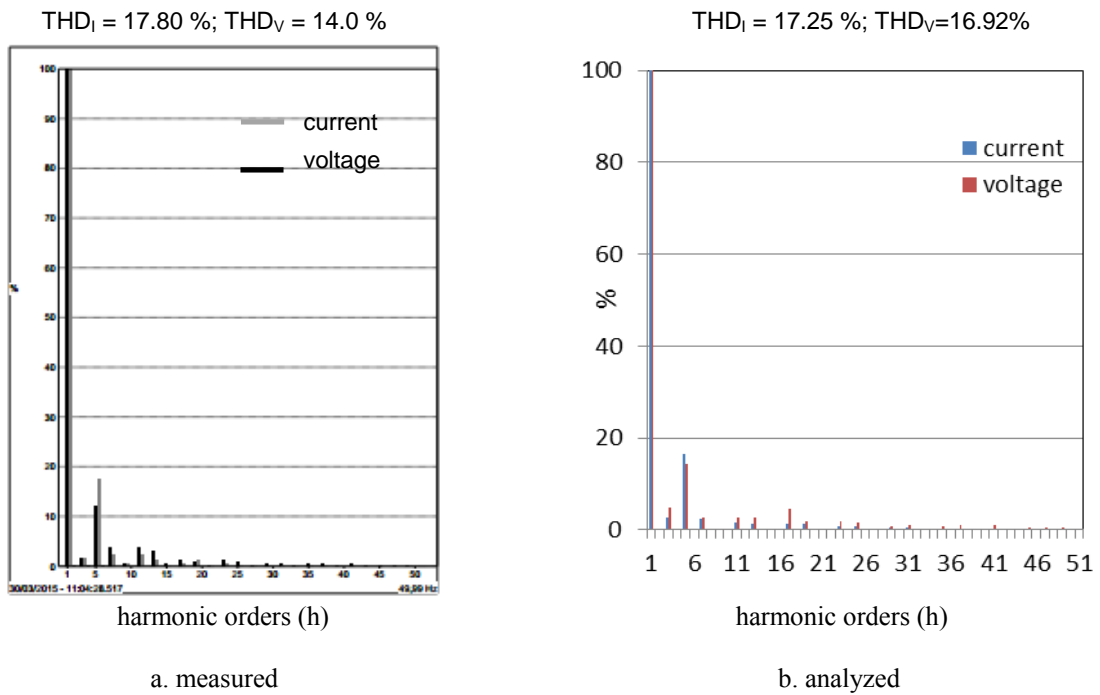


Figure 12. The current harmonic distortion on the stator windings when ISG encumbered with ESL

Figure 13 and 14 show the current harmonic distortion on stator windings side when SEIG and ISG burdened with VFD respectively. Like as loading the both generators with ESL, the current and voltage harmonic distortion of the stator windings and terminals for SEIG was lower than the current and voltage harmonic distortion of the stator windings and terminals for ISG.

6.3. The Impact of Non-linear Loads Against Harmonic Distortion on The Other Loads

The harmonic current produced by the non-linear load also propagate to the other load connected to the PCC point, so the other load current will also be distorted. Table 1 contained the value of odd harmonic components & THD on other load when both generators burdened by non-linear loads. As shown this table, the impact of non-linear load against the harmonic distortion on the other load for SEIG was better than ISG. The THD_I and THD_V on the other load for applied SEIG were lower than when applied ISG.

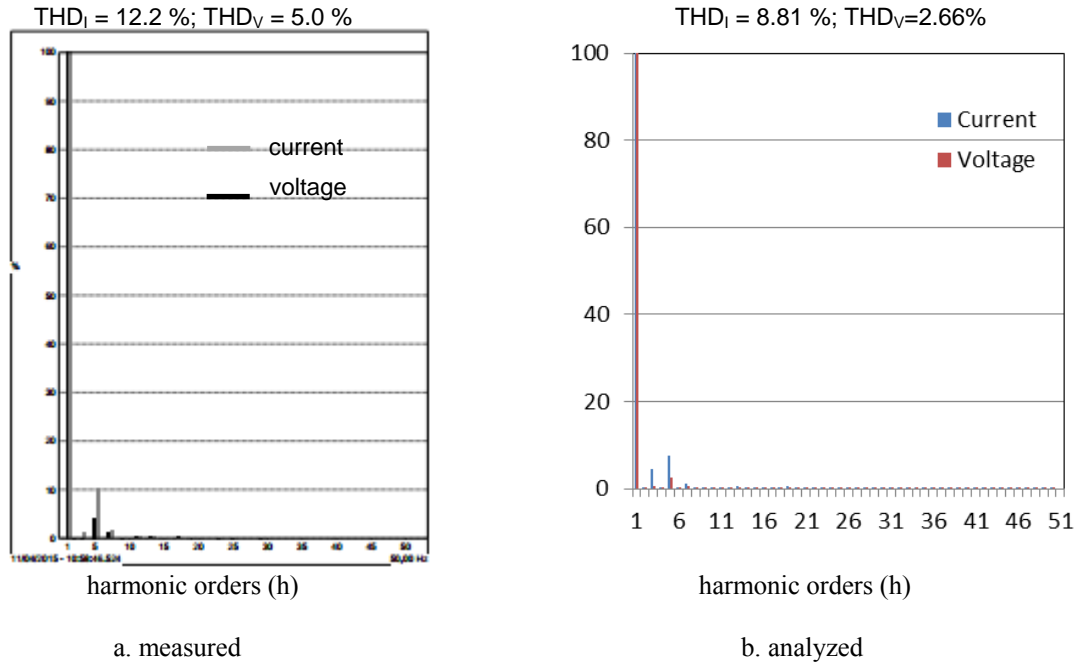


Figure 13. The current harmonic distortion on the stator windings when SEIG encumbered with VFD

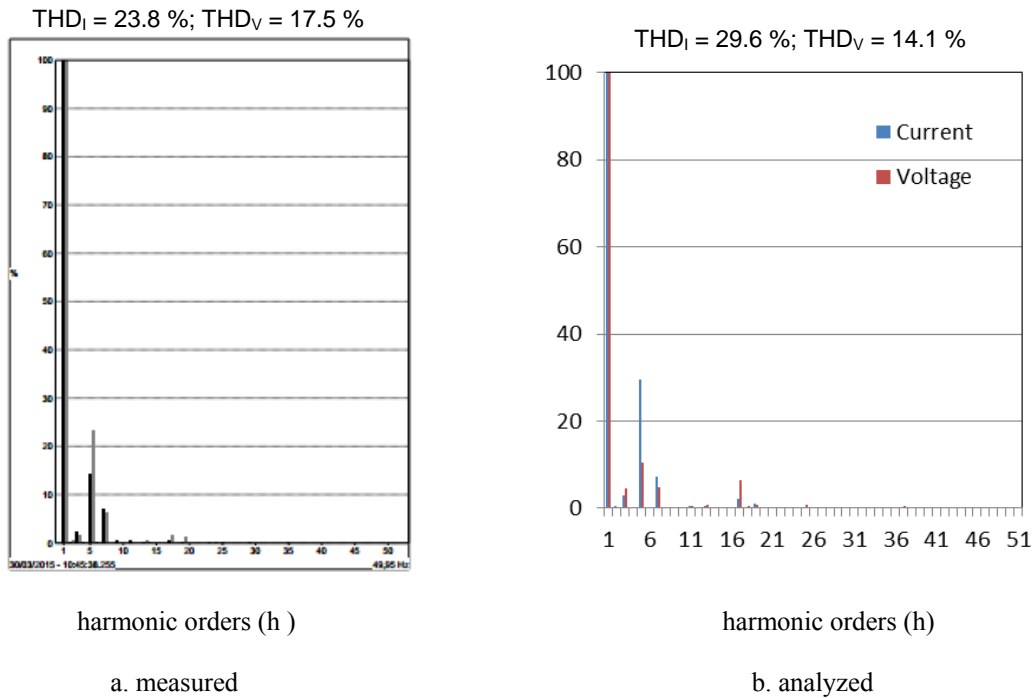


Figure 14. The current harmonic distortion on the stator windings when ISG encumbered with VFD

6.4. Discussion

As explained in section 6.1, the synchronous generator produced the harmonic current components fewer than SEIG, especially for high-order harmonic components. However, the harmonic distortion of PCC voltage on the synchronous generator was greater than SEIG. The harmonic currents generated by non-linear loads were depended on the generator impedance. The impedance of synchronous generator contains a large enough inductive reactance, which connected in series with non-linear loads (see Figure 1a.). For high order frequency, the reactance synchronous became large, so the harmonic components generated by non-linear load were reduced.

Table 1. The current odd harmonic components & THD on other load when the both generator burdened non-linear load

h	Measured (%)				Analyzed (%)			
	SEIG		Synchronous		SEIG		Synchronous	
	ESL	VFD	ESL	VFD	ESL	VFD	ESL	VFD
1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
3	0.5	1.1	1.8	2.4	0.9	1.0	1.9	2.6
5	3.2	4.2	11.6	13.8	4.1	5.8	11.9	14.6
7	0.5	0.9	4.4	6.9	0.9	1.5	4.2	7.1
9	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.5
11	0.6	0.7	3.5	0.2	0.5	0.7	3.6	0.8
13	0.2	0.3	3.3	0.6	0.3	0.5	3.1	0.3
THD (%)	3.9	4.4	13.10	14.90	4.34	6.11	13.75	16.5

As described in section 6.2, the harmonics distortion of the stator windings current and terminal voltage was smaller when SEIG applied. This condition may occur due to a combination of the stator windings inductance and capacitor excitation may have eliminated the high-order harmonic currents and has attenuate the low-order harmonic currents on the stator windings. Moreover, because of the stator windings of synchronous generator is connected in series with the harmonic current source, then currents flowing in the stator windings was equal to the line current of synchronous generator. Furthermore, the low harmonic current distortion in the stator windings will be produced the minor harmonic deviations in the terminal voltage of SEIG.

As elaborated in section 6.3, the impact of the non-linear loads against the harmonic distortion on other loads connected to the same source will be better when used SEIG. The harmonic distortion on the other load is affected by two things, namely: the harmonic distortion on the terminal voltage and the current harmonics propagation of a nonlinear load.

7. CONCLUSION

This paper has presented and analysis the harmonic impact of non-linear load against the harmonic distortion on the generator windings and the other load connected to the same source. It proved the impact of non-linear load to the harmonic distortion on SEIG was smaller than ISG. The analysis results were verified by experiment results of laboratory testing. The harmonic current and voltage distortion in the stator windings of SEIG were lower than ISG. Furthermore, the harmonic current distortion effects on other loads connected in parallel to the terminals of SEIG was also lower than the other loads connected to ISG.

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APPENDIX

The polynomial coefficient of machine parameters

i	SEIG			Synchronous Machines	
	e_i	c_i	d_i	k_i	m_i
1	0.019656014	8.05042818e-06	1.33095094e-07	0.000019106	0.000004881
2	-0.088230362	-0.00046874	7.88155364e-06	-0.000520051	-0.000180807
3	-0.013005548	0.01006005	-0.00017248	0.005088344	0.002307599
4	0.578249237	-0.09657362	0.00168943	-0.022509893	-0.013318719
5	-	0.45742845	-0.00713447	0.239759872	0.177835792
6	-	3.72274449	0.02690408	-	-

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