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## OPTIMAL DYNAMIC FRACTIONAL-ORDER CONTROL OF PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM BASED ON NOVEL MULTI-STAGE MULTI-LEVEL CONVERTER IN POWER NETWORK CONNECTION STATUS

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## Abstract

The photovoltaic systems are commonly interconnected with the distribution power systems through power electronic converters which affect their efficiency and durability. Multi-stage power electronic converter as one of the most prominent converter types can perform AC/DC, DC/AC and AC/AC conversion to adapt the infrastructure current and voltage. The main drawback of these converters is the transferring the current and voltage with high ripple, whereas they include a large number of semiconductors which impose high switching losses. To solve the mentioned problems, this paper proposes a novel multi-stage power electronic converter which consists of T-type inverter and dual-output boost converter with low switch count. The performance of proposed converter has been thoroughly compared with other conventional and innovative converters in terms of number of semiconductor , leakage current, total harmonic distortion and efficiency. To accurately extract the maximum power from the multi-stage power electronic converter-based photovoltaic power generation system, its tracker has been equipped with dynamic fractional-order perturbation & observation that its parameters have been optimally tuned by flower pollination optimization algorithm. To validate the simulation results, the DSP28335 prototype model of the proposed multi-stage multi-level converter has been structured and experimented in laboratory.

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