

# **PSS®E composite load and distributed PV model updates June 2024**

# CMLD and DER model updates

An addendum to the 'PSSE models for load and distributed PV in the NEM' report released 25/11/2022





# **Important notice**

### **Purpose**

This report provides information on improvements and further validation of power system models for distributed PV and composite load in PSS®E. It builds on AEMO's previous report<sup>1</sup> which outlined the development of the first release of these models.

AEMO requires accurate power system models for distributed PV (DPV) and load to fulfil responsibilities under the National Electricity Rules to ensure the power system is operated within the limits of the technical envelope (NER 4.3.1(f)), and to have the necessary tools to maintain power system security (NER 4.3.1(a)). AEMO has also provided the models to Network Service Providers, to use at their discretion when developing limit advice.

This report is based on information available to AEMO up to June 2024 unless otherwise indicated.

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# <span id="page-2-1"></span>**Executive summary**

In November 2022, AEMO released new models that aimed to better represent the complex behaviours of composite load and distributed PV (DPV) in power system studies<sup>2</sup>. The models are referred to as CMLD (representing composite load) and DERAEMO1 (representing distributed PV).

Since the release of the version 1 models, there has been an increased focus on the transient behaviours of the models, assessing their suitability for application in calculating transient stability limits. This has led to a number of model refinements, which are summarised in this report.

Three areas of update are recommended for the CMLD model parameters:

- **Decrease Motor D composition parameters** Motor D is a specially developed performance model intended to represent single-phase (1P) compressors of residential air-conditioning loads. In the version 1 model, a proportion of load associated with motor driven refrigerators and freezers was also included in the Motor D component. New laboratory testing results have indicated that fridges and freezers do not appear to demonstrate the stalling behaviour evident from motor driven air conditioners, so the load associated with these devices is better represented in the Motor A category. This reduces the proportion of regional load in the Motor D category from ~1 - 10% in the version 1 model, to 0.2 – 0.4% in the version 2 model (annual average). In peak summer periods (highest 1% of underlying demand), the Motor D composition is estimated to reach a maximum of  $\sim$  2.5 – 3.2% of load.
- **Update Motor D performance parameters** The laboratory testing of Motor D loads provides an opportunity to fine tune the performance of the Motor D model to better represent observed device behaviours. EPRI has also released updated recommended default parameters, which were adopted where better local data was not available.
- <span id="page-2-0"></span>• **Simplify CMLD composition parameters** – The version 1 CMLD model utilised varying composition parameters which adjusted the proportions of load in each category by season, date and time of day. Model testing has indicated that this degree of variability in load composition does not lead to important differences in modelling outcomes, except for peak summer conditions where modelling indicates the VNI transient stability export limit used for validation studies<sup>3</sup> can be around 80 MW lower. It is therefore proposed for version 2 to apply just a single set of load composition parameters in all periods, based on the annual average. The composition parameters for peak summer conditions have also been provided and the user may use their discretion to apply these parameters instead if appropriate.

The impacts of the CMLD model were tested on certain VNI transient stability export limits<sup>[3](#page-2-0)</sup>, to give a preliminary indication of the influence of the models and these changes. It was found that the version 2 CMLD parameters, compared with the older ZIP model, does appear to have a meaningful impact on these VNI limits. Further analysis is required to fully investigate the impacts of these updated models on transmission network stability

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> AEMO (November 2022) PSS®E models for load and distributed PV in the NEM, [https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2022/psse](https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2022/psse-models-for-load-and-distributed-pv-in-the-nem.pdf?la=en)[models-for-load-and-distributed-pv-in-the-nem.pdf?la=en](https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2022/psse-models-for-load-and-distributed-pv-in-the-nem.pdf?la=en)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> V::N\_NIL\_V and V::N\_NIL\_O, Victorian transient stability export limits on the VIC to NSW interconnectors for the two phase to ground fault and trip of Hazelwood – South Morang 500kV line.

limits. This suggests transmission network service providers should investigate the impacts of these models on their limit advice.

These updates were tested to confirm they do not significantly affect the representation of load and DPV shake-off behaviours (disconnection of DPV and load in response to a fault), which were carefully calibrated in the version 1 parameter sets. The tests indicate that the shake-off estimates from the model remain appropriate, and no recalibration of the shake-off parameters is required at this time.

The transient behaviours of the CMLD and DERAEMO1 models were also compared with measured observations of load behaviours in response to deep faults at certain locations in the Victorian network (at the limited locations where high speed measurement is available at radial load locations). It was found that the CMLD and DERAEMO1 models produce a considerable improvement in the representation of reactive power dynamics in the transient period during and immediately following a fault, and somewhat of an improvement in the active power dynamics (compared with the earlier ZIP load model). Further improvements in the calibration of load and DER models will rely on increasing the availability of high speed measurements at radial load locations. This means that model validation should be better supported in future by the rollout of phasor measurement units (PMUs) across the NEM.

From application of the models to inertia studies, it has been identified that in response to a network fault, the DERAEMO1 model active power recovers approximately 80 ms slower than the CMLD load model, which can lead to a short duration deficit in active power that impacts system frequency in low inertia conditions. Bench testing data and review of the model parameters suggest that the delayed recovery of the DERAEMO1 model is reasonable, and reflective of real measurement and processing delays.

AEMO recommends that stakeholders adopt these updated version 2 parameters in any future studies that utilise these models. The CMLD and DERAEMO1 models provide important improvements in load and DPV representation in power system studies compared with the earlier ZIP load models, but also have many remaining limitations, and should be applied with discretion and only when appropriate. AEMO will continue to work with TNSPs on improvements to these models.

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# <span id="page-8-0"></span>**1 Introduction**

AEMO and network service providers (NSPs) use power system models to assess power system performance under different conditions. The results from these studies inform operational and planning decisions, allowing AEMO to fulfill its responsibilities to maintain a secure power system.

In November 2022, AEMO released new models that aimed to better represent the complex behaviours of composite load and distributed PV (DPV) in power system studies<sup>4</sup>. The models are referred to as CMLD (representing composite load) and DERAEMO1 (representing DPV). A summary of the functionality of the CMLD and DERAEMO1 models is provided in Appendix [A1](#page-33-0) and Appendix [A3](#page-44-0) of this report.

In the development of the initial versions of these models, there was a significant focus on calibrating "shake-off" behaviours (disconnection of load and DPV in response to a transmission network fault). The version 1 models provided a considerably improved representation of shake-off (compared with the earlier ZIP load model), and have been made available to NSPs to capture these behaviours in their limits assessments and other studies where appropriate. Many areas for further improvement of the models were also identified.

Since the release of the version 1 models, there has been an increased focus on the transient behaviours of the models, assessing their suitability for application in calculating transient stability limits. This has led to a number of model refinements, which are summarised in this report.

This report covers:

- Proposed refinements to the CMLD model parameters (Section [2\)](#page-9-0), including:
	- Updates to composition fractions
	- Updates to "Motor D" model parameters based on laboratory testing results
	- Reducing the complexity of the CMLD model
- Model validation (Section [3\)](#page-21-0), including:
	- Confirming that with these parameter updates the models remain appropriate for representing shake-off behaviours
	- Validation of transient behaviours against radial load measurements in Single Load Infinite Bus (SLIB) studies
- Assessment of active power recovery rates, and implications for studies (Section [4\)](#page-28-0)

This report is prepared for transparency with stakeholders on this ongoing work program, as these models may be progressively applied by AEMO and TNSPs for assessment of power system limits and application in other operational and planning processes. Many further areas of improvement remain, and ongoing work will continue to be communicated to stakeholders as it progresses.

<sup>4</sup> AEMO (November 2022) PSS®E models for load and distributed PV in the NEM, [https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2022/psse](https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2022/psse-models-for-load-and-distributed-pv-in-the-nem.pdf?la=en)[models-for-load-and-distributed-pv-in-the-nem.pdf?la=en](https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2022/psse-models-for-load-and-distributed-pv-in-the-nem.pdf?la=en)

# <span id="page-9-0"></span>**2 CMLD Parameter Updates**

## <span id="page-9-1"></span>**2.1 Summary of the CMLD model**

The composite load model applied in these studies is shown in [Figure 1.](#page-9-2) It consists of six load components at the end of a feeder equivalent circuit, which is represented by a series impedance and shunt compensation. It is intended to emulate various load components' aggregate behaviour. It includes 3 three-phase (3P) induction motor models (Motor A, B and C), a single-phase (1P) capacitor-start motor performance model (Motor D), static load components (constant current and constant impedance), and a power electronic load model (constant active and reactive power).



<span id="page-9-2"></span>**Figure 1 The composite load model (CMLD) structure**

Further background on the model and development of suitable parameters for each component is provided in AEMO's original report<sup>5</sup>. The full set of recommended parameters for the CMLD model is summarised in Appendix [A4.](#page-47-0) 

#### <span id="page-9-3"></span>**2.1.1 Motor D**

Motor D is a specially developed performance model intended to represent single-phase (1P) compressors of residential air-conditioning loads. A constant torque load characteristic and minimal inertia make these motors prone to stall. This motor type is also common in 1P residential and light commercial refrigerator compressor motors in Australia. The typical rating is between 2 to 4 kW.

The Motor D model is of particular importance in the USA, where a large proportion of load (up to 40%) can be supplied by Motor D type loads at certain times, and this can lead to observations of Fault Induced Delayed

<sup>5</sup> AEMO (November 2022) PSS®E models for load and distributed PV in the NEM, [https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2022/psse](https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2022/psse-models-for-load-and-distributed-pv-in-the-nem.pdf?la=en)[models-for-load-and-distributed-pv-in-the-nem.pdf?la=en](https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2022/psse-models-for-load-and-distributed-pv-in-the-nem.pdf?la=en)

Voltage Recovery (FIDVR), which refers to delay in the recovery of voltage to its nominal value following the normal clearing of a fault<sup>6</sup>.

In the initial development of the CMLD parameters, AEMO was aware that the proportion of load supplied by Motor D type loads is much lower in Australia due to a higher prevalence of inverter-driven residential air conditioning units. AEMO commissioned several studies to estimate the proportion of load supplied by Motor D in Australia<sup>7</sup>, and also to conduct some stall test measurements for refrigerators<sup>8</sup> (which form a substantial proportion of the Motor D load in Australia). These investigations suggested that refrigerator and air conditioning load combined (which was originally categorised as Motor D in Version 1 of the CMLD parameters) typically supplies 1-10% of regional load (depending on the region and time period, see [Table 4\)](#page-17-1).

Even at these low levels, subsequent studies indicated that the Motor D component was having a significant influence on power system stability limits in the NEM (refer to Section [2.4\)](#page-19-0). This initiated further investigation to confirm if these effects were valid and appropriate, as summarised below.

## <span id="page-10-0"></span>**2.2 Motor D investigation**

#### <span id="page-10-1"></span>**2.2.1 Bench Testing**

AEMO commissioned University of Wollongong (UoW) to perform a series of voltage sag tests on a variety of Motor D type loads, and test their responses<sup>9</sup>. The UoW test facilities provided much higher resolution measurements than those originally conducted for AEMO by EES<sup>10</sup>. The testing methodology in the EES study was largely targeted at finding the point at which the unit disconnects or stalls, and involved extended duration voltage sags (in the order of tens of seconds). The UoW testing provides a better indication of Motor D device behaviours in response to short duration deep voltage sags, more representative of network conditions experienced in response to credible power system faults.

UoW procured 6 air conditioners (ACs) and 7 fridges/freezers, including sourcing a selection of older models from second hand markets to be more representative of the likely load composition at present.

[Figure 2](#page-11-1) shows an example of a 120 ms duration 0.2 p.u. voltage sag test on an air-conditioner that exhibits stalling behaviour. When the voltage sag occurs, there is insufficient power available to keep the motor operating. The device stalls, increasing the current supplied significantly. When the voltage sag is removed, the current on the stalled device remains high. This results in the active and reactive power drawn by the air conditioner increasing significantly for approximately 6 seconds, at which point the unit disconnects on thermal protection.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> IEEE (August 2019) Fault Induced Delayed Voltage Recovery (FIDVR): Modelling and Guidelines, at <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8973440>

 $^7$  Energy Efficient Strategies (31 July 2020) Single Phase Induction Motor Loads on the NEM from Refrigeration and Air Conditioners, <https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2020/2020-08-05-ees-ac-load-composition.pdf?la=en>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Energy Efficient Strategies (26 June 2020) Results of low voltage stall measurements on single phase induction motors and inverter systems, [https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2020/2020-08-05-ees-results-of-stall-measurements-on-motor-d-and-inverter](https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2020/2020-08-05-ees-results-of-stall-measurements-on-motor-d-and-inverter-systems.pdf?la=en)[systems.pdf?la=en](https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2020/2020-08-05-ees-results-of-stall-measurements-on-motor-d-and-inverter-systems.pdf?la=en)

<sup>9</sup> University of Wollongong (June 2024) Composite Load Model Motor D Testing, a[t https://aemo.com.au/initiatives/major-programs/nem](https://aemo.com.au/initiatives/major-programs/nem-distributed-energy-resources-der-program/operations/power-system-model-development)[distributed-energy-resources-der-program/operations/power-system-model-development](https://aemo.com.au/initiatives/major-programs/nem-distributed-energy-resources-der-program/operations/power-system-model-development)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Energy Efficient Strategies (26 June 2020) Results of low voltage stall measurements on single phase induction motors and inverter systems, [https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2020/2020-08-05-ees-results-of-stall-measurements-on-motor-d-and-inverter](https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2020/2020-08-05-ees-results-of-stall-measurements-on-motor-d-and-inverter-systems.pdf?la=en)[systems.pdf?la=en](https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2020/2020-08-05-ees-results-of-stall-measurements-on-motor-d-and-inverter-systems.pdf?la=en)



#### <span id="page-11-1"></span>**Figure 2 Example air conditioner bench test: voltage sag (0.2pu for 120ms)**

Top 2 panels: response over a 20 second period. Bottom 2 panels: response over a 2 second period.

[Table 1](#page-11-0) summarises observations for all the devices tested. The results indicate that the air conditioners generally behave in a similar manner to those tested in the USA, demonstrating stalling behaviour for voltage sags below ~0.5pu. However, the refrigerators and freezers tested appear to be less prone to stalling behaviour.



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This suggests that refrigerators and freezers should not be included in the Motor D category in the model. Based on these new test results, AEMO proposes that the load associated with these devices should be included in the

<sup>11</sup> University of Wollongong (June 2024) Composite Load Model Motor D Testing, at [https://aemo.com.au/initiatives/major-programs/nem](https://aemo.com.au/initiatives/major-programs/nem-distributed-energy-resources-der-program/operations/power-system-model-development)[distributed-energy-resources-der-program/operations/power-system-model-development](https://aemo.com.au/initiatives/major-programs/nem-distributed-energy-resources-der-program/operations/power-system-model-development)

Motor A category instead (intended to represent refrigeration systems, albeit three phase systems). In the test results, these fridges and freezers demonstrate a significant in-rush current (and subsequently increased active and reactive power) for a short duration immediately following the fault as the motor returns to nominal speed. This behaviour is best represented by the Motor A component of the CMLD model, as Motor A exhibits the highest in-rush current.

The aggregated AC and fridge/freezer responses for a 0.4 pu voltage sag, 80 ms duration, are shown in [Figure 3](#page-12-0) and [Figure 4.](#page-13-0)



<span id="page-12-0"></span>**Figure 3 Active Power: Comparison of aggregated ACs and aggregated fridge/freezers (0.4pu for 80ms)**



#### <span id="page-13-0"></span>**Figure 4 Reactive Power: Comparison of aggregated ACs and aggregated fridge/freezers (0.4pu for 80ms)**

#### **Proposed update 1: Move refrigerators and freezers from Motor D to Motor A**

Based on new laboratory testing results, it is proposed that load associated with refrigerators and freezers should be moved from Motor D to Motor A, since these types of devices do not appear to demonstrate stalling behaviour consistent with the Motor D model.

The re-calibration of the composition parameters to reflect this change is outlined in Section [2.2.2.](#page-13-1)

#### **Proposed update 2: Fine-tune Motor D parameters to better represent tested devices**

Based on these new laboratory testing results, AEMO has fine-tuned the Motor D parameters to better represent the observed device behaviours. The proposed new parameters are summarised in Section [2.2.3](#page-14-1)

#### <span id="page-13-1"></span>**2.2.2 Motor D Composition Factors**

AEMO re-calculated the CMLD composition parameters to move load associated with fridges and freezers from Motor D to Motor A. Since the release of the version 1 models, some new datasets have also become available and these were taken into account in this review of the CMLD composition parameters. This included:

- The 2021 Residential Baseline Study for Australia and New Zealand<sup>12</sup> (released in November 2022). This study provides a detailed breakdown of residential load into various appliance types. This gives a significant update since the earlier dataset (released in 2015) used for the version 1 models.
- CSIRO datasets to estimate the correlation between AC load and temperature/season<sup>13</sup>.
- Information from the original EES report<sup>14</sup> (developed for AEMO and used for the version 1 models) was also used to estimate the proportion of ACs that are single-phase induction motor driven.

For each NEM region, the proportion of load associated with single-phase induction motor AC loads was calculated for each season<sup>15</sup>. Motor D load in a "peak" load summer interval was also estimated, since there can be a large difference in the total AC load between peak summer load days compared to typical summer days. The total load for each type of interval was calculated by multiplying the estimated number of Motor D appliance units operating by the estimated power consumption per unit (with both factors varying by season).

[Table 2](#page-14-0) shows the estimated proportions of load in the Motor D category. These are significantly reduced from the previous Motor D composition estimates of 1-10% (used in the version 1 model, see [Table 4\)](#page-17-1). Section [2.3](#page-17-0) discusses further how these estimated Motor D proportions have been integrated into the version 2 parameter sets.



#### <span id="page-14-0"></span>**Table 2 Total Motor D proportions by region and season**

#### <span id="page-14-1"></span>**2.2.3 Motor D performance parameter updates**

Since the version 1 release of the CMLD model in November 2022, EPRI (leading a significant international work program on load/DER models) has made some updates to their recommended default Motor D parameters. This, along with the UoW bench test data, presents an opportunity to refine the Motor D model performance parameters. AEMO's updated parameters adopt EPRI's default Motor D parameters, with some further adjustments to better represent the observed behaviour in the UoW bench-test data.

[Table 3](#page-15-0) below summarises the recommended changes to the Motor D performance parameters, based on these new information sources. The grey rows outline where AEMO has adopted the updated recommended parameters

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Australian Government (11 November 2022) 2021 Residential Baseline Study for Australia and New Zealand for 2000 to 2040, [https://www.energyrating.gov.au/industry-information/publications/report-2021-residential-baseline-study-australia-and-new-zealand-2000-](https://www.energyrating.gov.au/industry-information/publications/report-2021-residential-baseline-study-australia-and-new-zealand-2000-2040) [2040](https://www.energyrating.gov.au/industry-information/publications/report-2021-residential-baseline-study-australia-and-new-zealand-2000-2040)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> M..Goldsworthy, CSIRO, (24 August 2017). "Towards a Residential Air-Conditioner Usage Model for Australia", [https://www.mdpi.com/1996-](https://www.mdpi.com/1996-1073/10/9/1256) [1073/10/9/1256](https://www.mdpi.com/1996-1073/10/9/1256)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Energy Efficient Strategies (31 July 2020) Single Phase Induction Motor Loads on the NEM from Refrigeration and Air Conditioners, <https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2020/2020-08-05-ees-ac-load-composition.pdf?la=en>

<sup>15</sup> Summer (Dec – Feb), Winter (Jul – Aug) & Shoulder (Mar-May and Sept - Nov)

provided by EPRI. The purple rows outline where further adjustments were made so that the Motor D response better aligns with the observed bench test data.

<b>Motor D</b> performance parameters	<b>Description</b>	<b>AEMO version 1</b> (based on EES testing <sup>17</sup> in 2020)	<b>EPRI</b> latest <sup>18</sup>	<b>AEMO version 2</b> proposed	
<b>Tf</b>	frequency time constant for contactors (s)	0.1	0.05	0.05	
compPF	power factor at 1 pu voltage	0.71	0.98	1.00	
<b>Vstall</b>	stall voltage (pu)	0.49	0.45	0.6	
<b>Rstall</b>	stall resistance (pu of motor base)	0.143	0.1	0.17	
<b>Xstall</b>	stall reactance (pu of motor base)	0.143	0.1	0.07	
<b>Frst</b>	fraction capable of restart after stall	0.1	0.2	0.55	
<b>Vrst</b>	voltage for restart after stall (pu)	0.95	0.95	0.9	
<b>Tth</b>	heating time constant (s)	15	10	16	
Th <sub>1t</sub>	temperature where tripping begins (pu)	1.98	0.7	0.7	
Th <sub>2t</sub>	temperature where completely tripped (pu)	4.59	1.9	1.9	
<b>Fuvr</b>	Fraction with undervoltage relays	0.325	0.1	$0.1^{19}$	
Uvtr1	1st undervoltage pick-up (pu)	0.55	0.6	0.6	
Ttr1	1st undervoltage trip delay (s)	0.06	0.02	0.02	
Uvtr <sub>2</sub>	2nd undervoltage pick-up (pu)	0.1	$\mathbf 0$	$\mathbf{0}$	

<span id="page-15-0"></span>**Table 3 Summary of proposed Motor D performance parameter changes<sup>16</sup>**

[Figure 5](#page-16-0) shows the UoW bench testing results, averaged (per unit) across the six AC units tested (in blue). These results were used to further adjust the updated EPRI default parameters which led to the development of the novel version 2 parameters in Table 3. The AC units were each subjected to a 0.2 pu voltage sag for a duration of 120 ms, and the active/reactive power responses of each unit recorded (shown in aggregate in blue in [Figure 5\)](#page-16-0).

For comparison, [Figure 5](#page-16-0) also shows the Motor D model performance in response to an identical voltage sag, with the CMLD Motor D component modelled as a single load infinite bus (SLIB) in PSS®E. [Figure 5](#page-16-0) compares the Motor D response with the EPRI recommended default parameters (in red), and AEMO's recommended parameters (in green). The AEMO recommended parameters have been tuned to better match the observed UoW bench testing results, adjusting compPF, Vstall, Rstall, Xstall, Frst, Vrst, Tth (as defined in [Table 3](#page-15-0) above),

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> A more detailed outline of the impact of these parameters on model response can be found in this report published by the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC): WECC Composite Load Model Specification (April 2021), [https://www.wecc.org/Reliability/WECC%20Comp%20Load%20Model%20Specification\\_final.pdf](https://www.wecc.org/Reliability/WECC%20Comp%20Load%20Model%20Specification_final.pdf)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Energy Efficient Strategies (26 June 2020) Results of low voltage stall measurements on single phase induction motors and inverter systems, [https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2020/2020-08-05-ees-results-of-stall-measurements-on-motor-d-and-inverter](https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2020/2020-08-05-ees-results-of-stall-measurements-on-motor-d-and-inverter-systems.pdf?la=en)[systems.pdf?la=en](https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2020/2020-08-05-ees-results-of-stall-measurements-on-motor-d-and-inverter-systems.pdf?la=en)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> EPRI (23 September 2020), Technical Reference on the Composite Load Model, <https://www.epri.com/research/products/000000003002019209>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> During parameter tuning to align with the UoW bench test data, the Fuvr parameter was temporarily set to 0, as no undervoltage relay behaviour was exhibited in the air-conditioner test results.

and otherwise adopting the recommended EPRI default parameters. The AEMO recommended parameters also demonstrate a good match with a less severe voltage sag of 0.4 pu for 80 ms.



<span id="page-16-0"></span>**Figure 5 Motor D model performance – comparison to measured behaviour (0.2pu for 120ms)**

## <span id="page-17-0"></span>**2.3 Simplifying CMLD composition parameters**

The version 1 CMLD model had load composition parameters for general end-use load that vary by time of day, season and region. [Table 4](#page-17-1) summarises the ranges of these parameters, as applied in version 1. As part of this update, AEMO has sought to simplify the application of the model, moving towards a smaller set of representative composition parameters.

	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>
<b>Motor A</b>	$7.1\% - 12.4\%$	$6.3\% - 10.6\%$	$7.9\% - 11.0\%$	$4.1\% - 7.6\%$	$8.5\% - 11.9\%$
<b>Motor B</b>	14.5% - 18.1%	15.8% - 20.6%	$20.6\% - 25.3\%$	$13.4\% - 18.2\%$	$22.0\% - 25.7\%$
<b>Motor C</b>	11.8% - 14.2%	$10.8\% - 14.1\%$	12.4% - 15.8%	$11.2\% - 15.3\%$	$20.1\% - 24.1\%$
<b>Motor D</b>	$2.7\% - 6.2\%$	$3.9\% - 9.1\%$	$2.3\% - 4.9\%$	$3.9\% - 10.1\%$	$1.2\% - 2.5\%$
<b>Power</b> <b>Electronic</b>	$30.0\% - 36.4\%$	$30.7\% - 37.5\%$	29.0% - 37.3%	$33.1\% - 44.0\%$	24.4% - 25.7%
Constant Current	$3.5\% - 6.2\%$	$3.5\% - 6.6\%$	$3.4\% - 5.7\%$	$2.8\% - 6.1\%$	$4.5\% - 5.6\%$
Constant Impedance	14.6% - 23.3%	12.1% - 18.8%	$8.1\% - 15.6\%$	$11.1\% - 21.2\%$	$8.0\% - 15.8\%$

<span id="page-17-1"></span>**Table 4 Version 1 CMLD composition parameters for general end-use-load**

To test the potential for simplifying the load composition parameters, the variability of the composition parameters was analysed. It was determined that the most significant variability was between seasons, with time of day, and day versus night differences being much less significant than the estimated seasonal variations.

Sets of seasonal composition parameters were developed by averaging the time varying composition dataset within each seasonal period<sup>20</sup>. Due to the significant contribution of Motor D load in the highest peak demand periods, a summer peak composition set was also estimated (based on the highest 1% of underlying load periods in each region).

#### **2.3.1 Testing the influence of seasonal composition parameters**

The influence of the variation between the different seasonal composition parameters was tested based on impacts on the VNI export limits summarised in [Table 5.](#page-17-2) These limits manage exports over the VIC-NSW interconnector (VNI), to avoid instability in the case of a two phase to ground fault and trip of the Hazelwood – South Morang 500kV line. The CMLD model was applied to studies to investigate impacts on these limits with various assumptions.



#### <span id="page-17-2"></span>**Table 5 Limits used for testing of the influence of CMLD model parameters**

<sup>20</sup> Summer (Dec – Feb), Winter (Jul – Aug) & Shoulder (Mar-May and Sept - Nov)

The studies involved:

- Extracting a large number of different snapshots of the power system from recent historical periods in different types of operating conditions
- In each snapshot, simulating the two phase to ground fault and trip of Hazelwood South Morang 500kV line.
- In each snapshot, incrementally increasing exports on VNI until instability is observed. The limit in each snapshot period is the last stable level of VNI flows modelled.

These studies would then typically be used to determine a limit equation by developing a suitable regression against relevant system parameters.

The results of these tests are shown in [Figure 6.](#page-18-0) The updated version 2 Motor D performance parameters have been applied for these tests (as summarised in Section [2.2.3\)](#page-14-1) as well as the DERAEMO1 model to represent DPV generation. These studies suggest that all the different seasonal composition fractions produce very similar limit outcomes to the annual average composition fractions, besides the peak summer composition fractions where the limit is ~80 MW lower. This suggests that a single set of composition parameters could be applied and adequately represent the load composition variability. AEMO intends to use the annual average of composition fractions across all study cases. For peak summer conditions (defined as the highest 1% of underlying demand periods), the user may use their discretion to apply these composition fractions (provided in Appendix [A4.1.2\)](#page-47-4) instead if appropriate.



#### <span id="page-18-0"></span>**Figure 6 Comparison of limits with annual average load composition versus seasonal composition**



The final revised load fractions (recommended for application in version 2 of the CMLD model) are presented in [Table 6.](#page-19-1) This composition estimate includes the reallocation of refrigeration load from Motor D to Motor A, as described in Section [2.2.2.](#page-13-1)

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\* Load relief estimates are provided as an indicative estimate. This is not a parameter in the model, but rather a bottom-up calculation based on the amount of load relief inherently provided by each CMLD load component. Load relief was calculated in a SLIB environment. The frequency of the infinite machine was ramped down and the change in load from each motor type was recorded and then used to calculate the load relief per motor type. Based on the composition fractions the load relief for each region was calculated. Refer to AEMO (June 2023) Review of NEM Load Relief, available at: <https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2023/2023-05-31-load-relief-fact-sheet-update.pdf?la=en>

#### **Proposed update 3: Simplification of composition parameters**

The CMLD composition parameters can be simplified to a single set, based on the annual average composition.

### <span id="page-19-0"></span>**2.4 Implications of the proposed CMLD updates for stability limits**

#### **2.4.1 CMLD model**

The impacts of the CMLD model were tested on certain VNI transient stability export limits (see [Table 5\)](#page-17-2), to give a preliminary indication of the influence of the models and these changes. It was found that the overall impact of the version 2 CMLD parameters, compared with the older ZIP model, does have a meaningful impact on these VNI limits. The version 2 CMLD parameters also impacts the limit differently to the CMLD version 1 parameters. This is related to both the smaller estimated fraction of Motor D in the updated composition fractions, resulting in less

motor stalling, as well as the updated Motor D performance parameters (which reduce the impact of Motor D stalling). This suggests transmission network service providers should investigate the impacts of the version 2 CMLD model on their limit advice.

#### **2.4.2 DERAEMO1 model**

It was found the VNI transient stability export limits used for these validation studies (see [Table 5\)](#page-17-2) were relatively unaffected by the dynamics of the DERAEMO1 model. However, it is important that if the CMLD model is applied in studies, it is correctly used with the DERAEMO1 model if distributed PV generation is present; the models have been designed and validated to be used together. For example, if the DERAEMO1 model is not applied and CMLD is only used to represent net (operational) demand instead of the full amount of underlying demand that is actually present (offset by generation from DERAEMO1), it will likely understate the impact of the CMLD model on the case.

It's likely that other limits will be more affected by the dynamic behaviour of the DERAEMO1 model itself, however this has not been explored for the purpose of this report.

There are no proposed changes to the DERAEMO1 model behaviour for this release (see Appendix [A2\)](#page-39-0). The DERAEMO1 parameters used in VNI export transient stability limit studies outlined in this report have been included in Appendix [A2.](#page-39-0) These are the same parameters that have been published with this release of the model. As the DERAEMO1 parameters evolve over time these updates will be released through AMP.

# <span id="page-21-0"></span>**3 Model validation**

### <span id="page-21-1"></span>**3.1 Shake-off behaviours**

In the original model validation report<sup>21</sup>, 12 voltage disturbances were used to tune the original CMLD and DER model parameters to represent observed DPV and load shake-off behaviours. The version 2 model parameters were applied to confirm that these new parameters do not significantly affect the representation of shake-off, as shown in [Figure 7.](#page-21-2) Shake-off was found to be minimally affected by the update to the version 2 parameters, indicating that no recalibration of these parameters is required at this time.

In [Figure 7,](#page-21-2) blue bars indicate the load change predicted by the CMLD model, yellow bars indicate the DPV change predicted by the DPV model, and the red bars indicate the total net contingency size predicted by both models combined. For night events where there is no DPV generation, the yellow and red bars are zero. The target values were estimated based on actual data collected during each event and are indicated with dots, with error bars indicating the uncertainty in the actuals estimates.



#### <span id="page-21-2"></span>**Figure 7 Voltage disturbances: Model performance for load/DPV shake-off – Version 2 parameters**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> AEMO (November 2022) PSS®E models for load and distributed PV in the NEM, [https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2022/psse](https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2022/psse-models-for-load-and-distributed-pv-in-the-nem.pdf?la=en)[models-for-load-and-distributed-pv-in-the-nem.pdf?la=en](https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2022/psse-models-for-load-and-distributed-pv-in-the-nem.pdf?la=en)

#### **Validation of shake-off behaviours**

The version 2 updates have minimal impact on the CMLD and DERAEMO1 model load and DPV shake-off behaviours.

### <span id="page-22-0"></span>**3.2 Transient behaviours (SLIB validations)**

#### **3.2.1 High speed measurements at radial load locations**

To assess the transient behaviours of the CMLD and DERAEMO1 models, AEMO identified locations in the network where there are high speed (~20ms resolution) measurements available at locations with radial loads (not meshed network). The deepest fault events recorded at these locations in recent history were identified. Deep faults at radial load locations provide the best indication of active and reactive power responses of the load itself, without the complicating influences of other nearby generators and network components in a meshed network. At present, there are minimal locations in the NEM with high speed monitoring at radial loads, and all the locations available at present are in the Victorian network only. This represents a significant limitation on the ability to validate and improve load models, and should be addressed in future with an expansion of high speed monitoring capability at a broad selection of radial load sites across all NEM regions.

A summary of the relevant radial load locations and identified events is shown in [Table 7.](#page-22-1) [Figure 8](#page-23-0) shows a map of the relevant network locations. It is noted that none of these events represent a voltage sag deep enough to lead to Motor D stalling behaviour (which bench testing summarised in Section [2.2.1](#page-10-1) indicates occurs for voltage sags below ~0.5pu). This means they have limited ability to validate the Motor D stalling behaviour representation discussed earlier in this report. However, these studies provide a useful validation of the transient behaviour of the CMLD model components in response to milder faults.



#### <span id="page-22-1"></span>**Table 7 Validation event summary – Minimum voltages recorded (pu)**

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#### <span id="page-23-0"></span>**Figure 8 Network locations with high speed monitoring of radial loads**



Location: Melbourne CBD

Location: Victoria

Yellow: 500 kV network Orange: 330 kV network Blue: 220 kV network

#### <span id="page-23-1"></span>**3.2.2 Single Load Infinite Bus (SLIB) playback studies**

Single Load Infinite Bus (SLIB) playback validations were conducted to assess the transient behaviours of the CMLD and DERAEMO1 models.

For each of the disturbances listed in [Table 7,](#page-22-1) representative network cases were created (accessing the predisturbance snapshot and isolating the buses of interest). An example is shown in [Figure 9](#page-24-0) for Cranbourne (CBTS), as applied in the 18/01/2018 disturbance. For each case, the recorded voltage and frequency at the relevant location was played back into a SLIB equivalent representation of the CMLD and DERAEMO1 models, and the active/reactive power responses of the models compared with observations.



<span id="page-24-0"></span>**Figure 9 Cranbourne network (CBTS) used for SLIB validation studies (18 January 2018)**

#### <span id="page-24-1"></span>**3.2.3 SLIB validation results**

[Figure 10](#page-25-1) shows a typical example of the SLIB validation results. The measured voltage and frequency (which were played back into the CMLD and DERAEMO1 models) are shown in the top two panels. The middle two panels show the active and reactive power responses, comparing the measurements (black) with the CMLD+DPV model responses (blue) and the response of the original exponential (ZIP) load model (red), focusing on the first two seconds of transient response. The bottom two panels show the longer term response over the first sixty seconds post disturbance for both active and reactive power. General observations from all the SLIB studies include:

- **Reactive power:** The CMLD+DPV model provides a significant improvement in the representation of reactive power. The immediate transient response during and post-fault is much better represented (compared with the ZIP model). The CMLD+DPV model also provides a better representation of the steady state response (over the subsequent sixty seconds) compared with the ZIP model.
- **Active power:** The CMLD+DPV model provides a somewhat improved active power trajectory, better representing the rate of active power rise post fault, and steady state settling level of active power, compared with the ZIP model. Both models tend to underestimate the post fault clearance overshoot.

These observations were generally consistent across the SLIB cases studied; further detailed results are provided in Appendix [A5.](#page-53-0)



#### <span id="page-25-1"></span>**Figure 10 18/01/2018 – Cranbourne (CBTS) – Typical example**

[Table 9,](#page-26-0) [Table 10,](#page-26-1) [Table 11](#page-26-2) and [Table 12](#page-27-0) provide a summary of the SLIB case findings. Results are categorised by whether they are better, as good, or worse than the previous exponential (ZIP) model, as well as by whether they provide a good, fair or poor match to the observed high speed monitoring (HSM) data, using the indicators as shown in the legend in [Table 8.](#page-25-0) The transient behaviour was assessed based on the general shape of response during the contingency and the rate of recovery immediately (first 2 s) following the contingency compared to the HSM data. The steady state behaviour was assessed based on the settled value (10-60 s following the contingency) compared to the HSM data.

#### <span id="page-25-0"></span>**Table 8 Legend for tables below**



As shown in [Table 9](#page-26-0) and [Table 10,](#page-26-1) the CMLD+DERAEMO1 model provides a better representation of active and reactive power in the transient timeframe than the ZIP model in all cases, and provides at least a fair representation of the HSM measurements in all cases. In some cases, the representation of the measured transient reactive power response is very good, and much improved compared with the ZIP model.



#### <span id="page-26-0"></span>**Table 9 Active power - Transient**

#### <span id="page-26-1"></span>**Table 10 Reactive power - Transient**



As shown in [Table 11](#page-26-2) and [Table 12,](#page-27-0) in most cases the steady state active and reactive power is better represented by the CMLD+DERAEMO1 models compared with the ZIP model, and in some cases provides a very good match to the high speed monitoring data. In a few select cases, the CMLD+DERAEMO1 model is poorer than ZIP at representing the steady state observations.

#### <span id="page-26-2"></span>**Table 11 Active power – Steady State**





#### <span id="page-27-0"></span>**Table 12 Reactive power – Steady State**



### **SLIB testing findings**

Based on these SLIB validation tests, the CMLD+DERAEMO1 models appear to generally provide a better representation of transient behaviours (compared with the previous ZIP model), especially for transient reactive power.

# <span id="page-28-0"></span>**4 Active power recovery rates**

Further testing of the models revealed that small differences in the rate of active power recovery between the CMLD and DERAEMO1 models can lead to important differences in system rate of change of frequency (RoCoF) and frequency outcomes. This has been influential when the models were applied to calculation of inertia requirements<sup>22</sup>.

Following a deep voltage disturbance, the DERAEMO1 model active power recovers more slowly than the CMLD load model, as shown in [Figure 11.](#page-29-1) The CMLD model is highly voltage dependent, and the active power response snaps back quickly to close to pre disturbance levels (with some accompanying dynamic behaviour) following a deep voltage sag. In contrast, the DERAEMO1 model active power recovery exhibits some delay, with active power showing a slower, ramped recovery post fault. This can create a short duration deficit in active power, which can exacerbate an under-frequency disturbance. This can be particularly important when power system inertia is low and the frequency response of the power system is more sensitive (which can be more likely in periods with large amounts of distributed PV operating, and therefore fewer synchronous units operating).

Review of the relevant parameters indicates that the recovery delays in the DERAEMO1 model appear suitable; they are representative of real measurement and processing delays and the ramp is consistent with similar inverter-based generation models.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> AEMO (December 2023) 2023 Inertia Report, Appendix A1, [https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/electricity/nem/security\\_and\\_reliability/system](https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/electricity/nem/security_and_reliability/system-strength-requirements/2023-inertia-report.pdf?la=en&hash=AF08771E3E52A9BF22D210F8C2CB203A)[strength-requirements/2023-inertia-report.pdf?la=en&hash=AF08771E3E52A9BF22D210F8C2CB203A](https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/electricity/nem/security_and_reliability/system-strength-requirements/2023-inertia-report.pdf?la=en&hash=AF08771E3E52A9BF22D210F8C2CB203A) . The assessment of frequency outcomes in this report considered the combined response of the CMLD and DER models, generator dynamic models and FFR settings of existing, committed, and anticipated batteries.



#### <span id="page-29-1"></span>**Figure 11 Example of active power recovery rates post fault**

[Figure 12](#page-30-0) shows the current/output control block diagram as implemented in the DERAEMO1 model (sourced from the DER\_A model developed by WECC<sup>23</sup>). There are a number of factors in the model which contribute to the delay in active power recovery, as listed in [Table 13.](#page-29-0) The values in the DERAEMO1 model have been sourced from the NERC Reliability Guideline<sup>24</sup> and the inverter bench testing results.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Proposal for DER\_A model (19 June 2019) WECC REMTF, Pouyan Pourbeik[, https://www.wecc.org/Reliability/DER\\_A\\_Final\\_061919.pdf](https://www.wecc.org/Reliability/DER_A_Final_061919.pdf) <sup>24</sup> Reliability Guideline – Parameterization of the DER\_A Model (September 2019) NERC,

[https://www.nerc.com/comm/RSTC\\_Reliability\\_Guidelines/Reliability\\_Guideline\\_DER\\_A\\_Parameterization.pdf](https://www.nerc.com/comm/RSTC_Reliability_Guidelines/Reliability_Guideline_DER_A_Parameterization.pdf)



#### <span id="page-30-0"></span>**Figure 12 DER model – Current/Output control**

#### **4.1.1 Bench testing of inverters**

UNSW Sydney has conducted bench testing of numerous household distributed PV inverters<sup>25</sup>. These test observations have been used to inform parameters and behaviours for the DERAEMO1 model. The test results were interrogated to determine the speed of active power recovery post-disturbance.

[Figure 13](#page-31-0) shows an example test result for an inverter subjected to a 0.2pu voltage sag for 80ms. The inverter demonstrates an 80ms delay for the active power (Pg) to recover to the pre-disturbance level from when the voltage sag begins to be removed. In general, of the 46 inverters tested, most inverters showed a recovery delay in the range of 2 - 150ms, with an average recovery delay of 90ms. This is consistent with the recovery delay exhibited by the DERAEMO1 model (~100 ms).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Addressing Barriers to Efficient Renewable Integration, at https://research.unsw.edu.au/projects/addressing-barriers-efficient-renewableintegration, and http://pvinverters.ee.unsw.edu.au/



<span id="page-31-0"></span>**Figure 13 Example inverter bench test result – 0.2pu sag for 80ms<sup>26</sup>**

### **Active power rate of recovery**

The rate of active power recovery of the DERAEMO1 model appears reasonable, given available evidence.

<sup>26</sup> Inverter 31, operating at full power.

# <span id="page-32-0"></span>**5 Next Steps**

This report summarises some recommended improvements to the parameters in the CMLD model. AEMO recommends that stakeholders adopt these updated parameters in any future studies if utilising these models.

The CMLD and DERAEMO1 models provide important improvements in load and DPV representation in power system studies compared with the earlier ZIP load models, but also have many remaining limitations, and should be applied with discretion and only when appropriate. Stakeholders retain responsibility for the validity of their studies, and should use appropriate discretion and due diligence when deciding whether to apply these models to their studies.

AEMO will continue to work with TNSPs on improvements to these models. Ongoing areas of work include:

- Integrating the DERAEMO1 and CMLD models into AMP (AEMO Modelling Platform) for streamlined and robust application of the models in future studies.
- Continue to support adoption of these models at AEMO and TNSPs, with continuous assessment and validation to ensure models are fit for purpose for the wide range of possible applications.
- Adjustments to the DERAEMO1 model to capture improving AS4777:2020 compliance<sup>27</sup>.
- Additional bench testing of various loads (by University of Wollongong) to continue to inform load behaviour and further improvements to the CMLD model.
- Additional bench testing of DPV and distributed battery energy storage (BESS) inverters, to continue to inform DER behaviours and further improvements to the DERAEMO1 model.
- Testing to understand behaviour of EV chargers and inform development of suitable models to represent these in power system studies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> AEMO (December 2023) Compliance of Distributed Energy Resources with Technical Settings: Update[, https://aemo.com.au/-](https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2023/oem_compliance_report_2023.pdf?la=en&hash=E6BEA93263DE58C64FCC957405808CA6) [/media/files/initiatives/der/2023/oem\\_compliance\\_report\\_2023.pdf?la=en&hash=E6BEA93263DE58C64FCC957405808CA6](https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2023/oem_compliance_report_2023.pdf?la=en&hash=E6BEA93263DE58C64FCC957405808CA6)

# <span id="page-33-0"></span>**A1. DERAEMO1 summary**

This Appendix provides a summary of the functionality of the DERAEMO1 model, intended to represent distributed PV in the NEM. The model is highly sensitive to voltage, and also has some frequency dependency. The most significant behaviours are outlined in the sections below. Appendix [A2](#page-39-0) outlines the parameter values used in this report.

## <span id="page-33-1"></span>**A1.1 Under-voltage response**

The under-voltage tripping behaviour is one of the most important aspects of the DPV model, and has been carefully tuned to match observations from inverter bench testing, and numerous field disturbances.

The voltage response of the model is primarily defined by the 'vrfrac' block, illustrated in [Figure 14.](#page-34-1) This block represents both "momentary cessation" behaviour (where a proportion of inverters will temporarily reduce active power injection during a voltage excursion), and voltage tripping behaviour (a proportion of inverters will trip in response to a voltage excursion, and will not reconnect for the duration of the simulation). The vrfrac block operates as follows:

- The output of this block is a multiplier on the active power output of the model.
- As the bus voltage falls below vl1 (0.9pu), the active power output of the model reduces linearly (reaching zero at vl0 (~0.6pu)). This represents momentary cessation. If the bus voltage recovers within less than the time tvl1 (~0.03s), then the power output of the model will recover to pre-event levels.
- If the bus voltage remains below vl1 (0.9pu) for longer than the time tvl1 ( $\sim$ 0.03s), the model will only partially recover, with active power following the red line when voltage recovers to pre-event levels. This represents tripping of a proportion of inverters. They will not reconnect for the duration of the simulation.
- If the bus voltage remains below vl0 (~0.6pu) for more than the time delay tvl0 (~2s), the entire DPV model will trip and remain at zero for the duration of the simulation, representing tripping of all inverters at the bus.

The proportion of inverters that do not trip is determined by the parameter 'vrfrac'  $(-0.7)$  (fraction of devices that recover following a fault), defined in Equation 1.

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Inverters installed prior to October 2016 were installed under the 2005 Australian Standard (AS4777.3:2005). Inverters installed after that date were installed under the 2015 standard (AS/NZS4777.2:2015). Each inverter type has different behaviours based on the requirements of those standards, and based on observed behaviour from inverters of that vintage during field disturbances. The model parameters are a weighted average of the two, depending on the proportion of each inverter type installed at the date of the relevant study. [Table 14](#page-34-0) lists the parameters estimated for inverters under each standard, and provides the weighted average estimated for the present day mix in the NEM.



#### <span id="page-34-0"></span>**Table 14 vrfrac block parameters – under-voltage behaviour**

### <span id="page-35-0"></span>**A1.2 Over-voltage response**

The over-voltage response of the DPV model mirrors the under-voltage behaviour of the vrfrac block. For overvoltage excursions, the behaviour of the DPV model can be described as follows:

- As the bus voltage rises above vh1 (1.13pu), the active power output of the model reduces linearly (reaching zero at vh0, 1.18pu). This represents momentary cessation. If the bus voltage recovers below vh1 within less than the time delay tvh1 (~2s), then the power output of the model will recover to pre-event levels.
- If the bus voltage remains above vh1 (1.13pu) for longer than the time delay tvh1 ( $\sim$ 2s), the model will only partially recover, with active power following the red line when voltage recovers to pre-event levels. This represents tripping of a proportion of inverters. They will not reconnect for the duration of the simulation.
- If the bus voltage remains above vh0 (~1.18pu) for more than the time delay tvh0 (~0.4s), the entire DPV model will trip and remain at zero for the duration of the simulation, representing tripping of all inverters at the bus.

The parameters for over-voltage behaviour are summarised in [Table 15.](#page-35-1) The vrfrac parameter (fraction of devices that do not trip and recover) is identical for under-voltage and over-voltage (~0.7).



#### <span id="page-35-1"></span>**Table 15 vrfrac block parameters – over-voltage behaviour**

Due to limited field observations, the over-voltage behaviour of the model is based heavily on specifications in the Australian Standards (the model represents the behaviour required in the 2015 standard, with the thresholds and timers made somewhat higher and longer to represent the somewhat more relaxed trip settings in the 2005 standard). The under-voltage behaviour of the model is based more strongly on field observations and bench testing observations.

## <span id="page-36-0"></span>**A1.3 Reactive Power-Voltage response**

The DERAEMO1 model has the potential to represent Volt-Var responses. This power quality mode has been required for new connections by most distribution network service providers in recent years, and is mandatory in the latest AS/NZS4777.2:2020. However, this response is not enabled in the DERAEMO1 model in this version. This is for the following reasons:

- 1. Inverter bench testing has shown that the Volt-Var response of inverters, once activated, takes seconds to respond. There is little evidence to indicate inverters will provide voltage support during a fault (which may only last ~100ms).
- 2. Reactive power injection/consumption in the distribution network is unlikely to result in changes to voltages/reactive power in the transmission network. The DERAEMO1 model is connected at higher voltage buses, to represent the aggregate behaviour of distributed PV connected downstream, as observed in the transmission network.
- 3. Field measurements indicate low compliance in delivery of Volt-Var response (70-80% of inverters are not delivering this response)<sup>28</sup>

This can be reconsidered in future model versions, particularly if inverter compliance in delivery of this power quality mode improves, and further evidence becomes available on how Volt-Var response impacts disturbance behaviour improves. The reduction in active power injection when inverters are preferencing delivery of reactive power under this power quality mode could be an important feature, to accurately represent behaviour visible in the transmission network.

## <span id="page-36-1"></span>**A1.4 Under-frequency response**

The DERAEMO1 model includes thirteen under-frequency trip stages. A proportion of the model will trip as frequency falls below 49Hz (with varying time delays as frequency falls further) and will not recover for the duration of the simulation. The most influential under-frequency tripping stages (above 48Hz) are listed in [Table](#page-36-2)  [16.](#page-36-2) These are based on the proportion of older inverters (installed under the 2005 standard) which are known to have trip settings at these levels based on manufacturer surveys. The same trip settings are also applied to the fleet of newer inverters (installed under the 2015 standard) but with trip percentages halved. This has been tuned to match field observations, and represents the somewhat improved frequency behaviour of newer inverters, but with poor compliance with the 2015 standard. See Appendix [A2.4](#page-41-0) for the complete set of under-frequency tripping parameters.

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<sup>28</sup> AEMO (April 2023) Compliance of Distributed Energy Resources with Technical Settings, [https://aemo.com.au/-](https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2023/compliance-of-der-with-technical-settings.pdf?la=en&hash=FC30DF5A3B9EF853093709012242D897) [/media/files/initiatives/der/2023/compliance-of-der-with-technical-settings.pdf?la=en&hash=FC30DF5A3B9EF853093709012242D897](https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2023/compliance-of-der-with-technical-settings.pdf?la=en&hash=FC30DF5A3B9EF853093709012242D897)

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\* Varies region to region depending on proportion of relevant manufacturer products installed under the 2005 standard in each region The DERAEMO1 model does not have any other response to under-frequency.

## <span id="page-37-0"></span>**A1.5 Over-frequency response**

The DERAEMO1 model includes thirteen over-frequency trip stages. The most influential under-frequency tripping stages (those below 52Hz) are listed in [Table 17.](#page-37-2) These were determined similarly to under-frequency trip settings. See Appendix [A2.4](#page-41-0) for the complete set of over-frequency tripping parameters.

#### <span id="page-37-2"></span>**Table 17 Over-frequency tripping stages**



The DERAEMO1 model also includes an over-frequency droop response, as required in the 2015 standard. As frequency exceeds 50.25Hz, the model active power will reduce linearly (reaching zero at 52 Hz). The active power will not recover from the lowest level reached for the duration of the simulation, representing the 60s delay required in the standard. The amount of response is scaled by the proportion of inverters in the simulation installed under the 2015 standard (since this response was not required from older inverters), and is also scaled down representing poor compliance with the 2015 standard (calibrated based on observations in a number of field disturbances).

For severe over-frequency disturbances, the over-frequency tripping and over-frequency droop curtailment response have been observed to be approximately similar in magnitude, contributing relatively equally to the reduction in active power from the model.

## <span id="page-37-1"></span>**A1.6 Response to Rate of Change of Frequency (RoCoF)**

The DERAEMO model also represents a proportion of inverters tripping if certain RoCoF thresholds are exceeded, as listed in [Table 18.](#page-38-0) These are based on observations from inverter bench testing. These trip settings apply to both increasing and decreasing RoCoF.

#### <span id="page-38-0"></span>**Table 18 RoCoF trip stages**



# <span id="page-39-0"></span>**A2. DERAEMO1 parameters**

The section summarises the DERAEMO1 parameters used in VNI export transient stability limit (see [Table 5\)](#page-17-2) studies outlined in this report. As the DERAEMO1 parameters evolve over time, updates to these parameters will be released through the AEMO Modelling Platform (AMP).

## <span id="page-39-1"></span>**A2.1 Voltage control parameters**

Some of the voltage control parameters that are redundant in the DERAEMO1 model implementation have changed in this release and have now been set to zero. These changes have no impact on model behaviour, so the response of the DERAEMO1 model will be identical to the previous version of the DERAEMO1 model.

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## <span id="page-39-2"></span>**A2.2 Voltage tripping parameters**

#### <span id="page-39-4"></span>**Table 20 Voltage tripping parameters in the DERAEMO1 model (identical for all regions)**



#### <span id="page-39-5"></span>**Table 21 Voltage tripping parameters in the DERAEMO1 model that vary between regions**



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# <span id="page-40-0"></span>**A2.3 Frequency control parameters**

### <span id="page-40-1"></span>**Table 22 Frequency control parameters in the DERAEMO1 model (identical for all regions)**



#### <span id="page-40-2"></span>**Table 23 Frequency control parameters in the DERAEMO1 model that vary between regions**



# <span id="page-41-0"></span>**A2.4 Frequency tripping parameters**

#### <span id="page-41-1"></span>**Table 24 Frequency tripping parameters in the DERAEMO1 model (identical for all regions)**



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#### <span id="page-42-0"></span>**Table 25 Frequency tripping parameters in the DERAEMO1 model that vary between regions**



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# <span id="page-43-0"></span>**A2.5 RoCoF tripping parameters**

#### <span id="page-43-1"></span>**Table 26 Frequency tripping parameters in the DERAEMO1 model (identical for all regions)**



#### <span id="page-43-2"></span>**Table 27 Frequency tripping parameters in the DERAEMO1 model that vary between regions**



<sup>29</sup> Base frequency is 50 Hz

# <span id="page-44-0"></span>**A3. CMLD summary**

This Appendix provides a summary of the functionality of the CMLD model, intended to represent composite load in the NEM.

## <span id="page-44-1"></span>**A3.1 CMLD overview**

The composite load model (CMLD) breaks load down into six components: Motor A, Motor B, Motor C, Motor D, power electronics, and static load. Each model component is represented as follows:

- The Motor A, B and C components are represented in the model with motor models with varying inertia, impedance, and torque properties.
- Motor D is a specially developed performance model, based on laboratory tests, designed to represent single phase residential and light commercial refrigerator compressor motors which are prone to stalling behaviour (this component is believed to be small in Australia).
- The power electronics component includes under-voltage tripping behaviour, but is otherwise relatively insensitive to voltage or frequency.
- The static load is represented by a ZIP model, which does not have any tripping parameters, but scales active power with bus voltage.

The CMLD model parameters are intended to represent aggregate load behaviour.

## <span id="page-44-2"></span>**A3.2 Under-voltage response of CMLD**

The most important feature of the CMLD model is the under-voltage trip settings. These are crucial to represent aggregate load loss in severe under-voltage events, and accurately represent the net continency that can occur when distributed PV and load interact during a fault. This is a key distinguishing factor between CMLD and the previously used ZIP model (which cannot represent load tripping in severe voltage disturbances). The undervoltage trip settings are the main reason why it is important to use the CMLD model when applying the DERAEMO1 model to represent distributed PV, and a significant reason why the CMLD model provides an important improvement over the previous ZIP model.

The under-voltage trip settings applied to each component of the model are listed in [Table 1.](#page-45-2) A percentage of the model (Ftr) will disconnect if the bus voltage remains below the trip voltage (Vtr) for longer than the trip delay time (Ttr). Some components will reconnect as indicated in the fifth column. These components will reconnect if voltages recover above required thresholds (0.6 to 0.75 pu, not shown) within the required time (0.05s to 0.11s, not shown), which does occur for typical transmission faults.

<span id="page-45-2"></span>**Table 1 - CMLD under-voltage trip stages**

	<b>Trip Voltage</b> $(pu)$ (Vtr)	<b>Trip Delay</b> $(s)$ (Ttr)	Percentage that disconnects (Ftr)	Does it Reconnect?	Load proportion (%) (annual average)
<b>Motor A 1st Setpoint</b>	0.75	0.06	10%	<b>No</b>	12.5 to 15.3%
<b>Motor A 2nd Setpoint</b>	0.62	0.021	20%	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Motor B 1st Setpoint</b>	0.7	0.02	10%	<b>Yes</b>	15.5 to 23.7%
<b>Motor B 2nd Setpoint</b>	0.45	0.021	20%	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Motor C 1st Setpoint</b>	0.8	0.03	10%	<b>No</b>	12.4 to 13.9%
<b>Motor C 2nd Setpoint</b>	0.5	0.03	20%	Yes	
<b>Motor D 1st Setpoint</b>	0.6	0.02	33%	<b>No</b>	$0.2$ to $0.4\%$
<b>Power Electronic Load</b>	$0.85$ to $0.5$	$\overline{\phantom{0}}$	(30%)	<b>No</b>	33.7 to 15.3%
<b>Static load</b>	None	None	None	None	14.1 to 21.4%

For Power Electronic load, the proportion that trips reduces linearly from 100% to 0% as voltage reduces from 0.85pu to 0.5pu. The fraction that then reconnects following a fault is 70%. This means that 30% of the power electronics load remains disconnected.

The tripping components of the load model represent aggregate tripping behaviour, calibrated to match aggregate field observations in numerous field disturbances. They do not represent actual trip settings on individual devices.

#### **A3.2.1 General voltage response (beyond tripping)**

The static load model component does not include any trip settings, but is sensitive to bus voltage (scaling to increase active power when voltage is high, and decreasing active power when voltage is low). The Motor A, B and C components of the model are also somewhat sensitive to bus voltages. If the fraction of load in the static load component is large, this voltage response can dominate the response of the CMLD model, even during severe frequency disturbances.

### <span id="page-45-0"></span>**A3.3 Over-voltage response of CMLD**

There are no over-voltage tripping parameters in the CMLD model. As for under-voltage, the active power response from the static load model scales with voltage, and this can dominate the response of the load model.

### <span id="page-45-1"></span>**A3.4 Frequency response of CMLD**

The Motor B, C and D and components of CMLD deliver a small amount of load relief (increase in active power as frequency rises and decrease in active power as frequency falls). The Motor B, C and D components of the model reduce their load by 1-2% for every 0.5 Hz decline in frequency. These Motor components typically contribute 3050% of the power system load, so this equates to approximately the 0.5% load relief factor<sup>30</sup> assumed by AEMO for the  $NEM^{31}$ .

The same is delivered in reverse during over-frequency events.

The power electronic and static load components do not respond to frequency at all. The Motor A component demonstrates a very small change in active power when exposed to a changing frequency.

The CMLD model does not have explicit frequency or RoCoF tripping parameters.

In general, the voltage response of the load model is more influential than the frequency response of the load model.

 $30$  For a 1% change in frequency (0.5Hz), the total demand is assumed to change by 0.5%.

<sup>31</sup> AEMO, Load Relief, [https://aemo.com.au/en/energy-systems/electricity/national-electricity-market-nem/system-operations/ancillary](https://aemo.com.au/en/energy-systems/electricity/national-electricity-market-nem/system-operations/ancillary-services/load-relief)[services/load-relief](https://aemo.com.au/en/energy-systems/electricity/national-electricity-market-nem/system-operations/ancillary-services/load-relief)

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# <span id="page-47-0"></span>**A4. CMLD Parameters (version 2)**

This section summarises the recommended version 2 input parameters for the CMLD model for application in the NEM.

## <span id="page-47-1"></span>**A4.1 CMLD composition parameters**

#### **A4.1.1 Large Industrial Load (LIL) composition parameters**

Where there is a known Large Industrial Load (LIL) at a single transmission bus that does not already have a bespoke load model, the composition parameters summarised in [Table 28](#page-47-2) are applied.

	<b>Auxiliary</b> loads	Non-metal manufacturing	<b>Metal</b> manufacturing	<b>Water</b> pumping	Metal ore mining	Paper milling	<b>Metal</b> smelting	<b>LNG</b>
<b>Motor A</b>	5%	15%	20%	$0\%$	15%	10%	10%	20%
<b>Motor B</b>	50%	25%	25%	$0\%$	30%	25%	$0\%$	25%
<b>Motor C</b>	25%	40%	25%	90%	30%	40%	$0\%$	45%
<b>Motor D</b>	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	$0\%$	$0\%$
<b>Power</b> <b>Electronic</b>	15%	15%	25%	10%	20%	20%	15%	10%
<b>Constant</b> <b>Current</b>	5%	5%	5%	0%	5%	5%	75%	$0\%$
<b>Constant</b> Impedance	$0\%$	0%	0%	0%	$0\%$	0%	$0\%$	$0\%$

<span id="page-47-2"></span>**Table 28 Load composition parameters for Auxiliary and Large Industrial Loads**

#### <span id="page-47-4"></span>**A4.1.2 General end-use load composition parameters**

All other loads are considered "general" load, and assigned the region specific composition parameters summarised in [Table 29](#page-47-3) and [Table 30.](#page-48-1)

#### <span id="page-47-3"></span>**Table 29 Load composition parameters for general end-use-load – Annual average**





#### <span id="page-48-1"></span>**Table 30 Load composition parameters for general end-use-load – Peak Summer**

## <span id="page-48-0"></span>**A4.2 CMLD feeder parameters**

The CMLD model includes an equivalent representation of the feeder. The recommended parameters are summarised in the tables below.

#### <span id="page-48-2"></span>**Table 31 Feeder configuration parameters (depending on load type)**



\* A feeder with a transformer reactance of zero bypasses the step-down transformer within the CMLD model.

#### <span id="page-48-3"></span>**Table 32 Common feeder parameters**



## <span id="page-49-0"></span>**A4.3 CMLD performance parameters**

The tables below provide the recommended version 2 parameters to represent the performance of each of the CMLD model components.

#### <span id="page-49-1"></span>**Table 33 Power electronics performance parameters**



#### <span id="page-49-2"></span>**Table 34 Static load performance parameters**



#### <span id="page-49-3"></span>**Table 35 Motor A performance parameters**



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#### <span id="page-50-0"></span>**Table 36 Motor B performance parameters**



#### <span id="page-50-1"></span>**Table 37 Motor C performance parameters**





#### <span id="page-51-0"></span>**Table 38 Motor D performance parameters**



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# <span id="page-53-0"></span>**A5. CMLD version 1 and version 2 comparison**

This appendix provides a comparison between the CMLD version 1 and CMLD version 2 parameters for two cases:

- 1. An actual power system event for which there are high-speed monitoring (HSM) measurements available (8 March 2018). This event provides a comparison of the model transient behaviour with real measured data. However, the depth of the fault is not sufficient to lead to Motor D stall behaviour, and therefore does not illustrate the differences between the two model versions. At the time of this report, no historical actual events were available with measured data and a sufficiently low voltage dip to lead to Motor D stall behaviour.
- 2. A hypothetical event. This allows comparison of the transient behaviours of the two models in response to a deeper (credible) fault that does lead to Motor D stall behaviour. However, no actual measurements are available for comparison with the model outcomes.

#### **A5.1.1 Actual power system event (8 March 2018)**

On 8 March 2018, the Loy Yang Power Station B1 generator tripped due to an explosion/fire at the generator transformer. More details on this event can be found in the original CMLD and DER model report published in 2022 $^{32}$  . [Figure 15](#page-53-1) shows the voltage, active power and reactive power at two key nodes: Loy Yang 500kV (location of the fault) and Bendigo 22kV terminal stations. The transient response of the version 1 and version 2 CMLD models is similar. The voltage at most buses remains above the threshold where Motor D stall behaviour would be observed, so the updates to the Motor D parameters in the CMLD model do not lead to a significant difference between the two model versions.



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32 Section 5.1, at<https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2022/psse-models-for-load-and-distributed-pv-in-the-nem.pdf?la=en>



#### **A5.1.2 Hypothetical event**

To further explore the differences between the two versions of the CMLD models, a hypothetical case used in the VNI limit investigation (as outlined in Section [2.4\)](#page-19-0) was studied. This case modelled a 2 phase to ground fault and trip of Hazelwood-South Morang 500 kV line 2 in a randomly selected night-time snapshot (19th September 2023 at 5:00am). This contingency is used to define the VNI export transient stability limit as outlined in the Victorian transfer limit advice report<sup>33</sup>. This fault results in a deeper voltage depression, so the response of the CMLD model under more onerous network conditions can be studied.

[Figure 16](#page-54-0) shows the voltage response of both the CMLD version 1 and CMLD version 2 model at Hazelwood 500kV (location of the fault) and Bendigo 22kV terminal stations, and the total underlying load response in Victoria. There is a more noticeable difference between the model versions in this case. This deeper fault stalls Motor D in the CMLD model, which is the component of the model designed to replicate Fault Induced Delayed Voltage Recovery (FIDVR) (refer to Section [2.1.1\)](#page-9-3). The differences between the version 1 and version 2 CMLD parameters (detailed in Section [2\)](#page-9-0) mean that the dynamics caused by FIDVR are less severe in the version 2 response. This results in a smaller impact to the transient stability limits.



#### <span id="page-54-0"></span>**Figure 16 CMLD version 1 vs CMLD version 2 during Hazelwood-South Morang 2PH-G fault**

<sup>33</sup> Section 2, a[t https://www.aemo.com.au/-/media/files/electricity/nem/security\\_and\\_reliability/congestion-information/2024/victorian-transfer](https://www.aemo.com.au/-/media/files/electricity/nem/security_and_reliability/congestion-information/2024/victorian-transfer-limit-advice-system-normal_v28.pdf?la=en)[limit-advice-system-normal\\_v28.pdf?la=en](https://www.aemo.com.au/-/media/files/electricity/nem/security_and_reliability/congestion-information/2024/victorian-transfer-limit-advice-system-normal_v28.pdf?la=en)



Note: PLOAD AREA [VIC] is a proxy for total underlying load in Victoria. This channel is set up using a channel subsystem (pssy.chsb()) API command in PSSE to measure the power totals across Victoria.

[Figure 17](#page-55-0) shows the difference in flows across the VIC-NSW cutset.



#### <span id="page-55-0"></span>**Figure 17 CMLD version 1 vs CMLD version 2 during Hazelwood-South Morang1PH-G fault: impact to Vic-NSW flows**

Until recently, there hasn't been a real event that has caused a deep transmission fault throughout the network to validate FIDVR behaviours in the CMLD model.

However, on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024, the Moorabool (MLTS) – Sydenham (SYTS) No. 1 and 2 500 kilovolt (kV) lines tripped following the failure of six 500 kV towers<sup>34</sup>. This event is under investigation at present for preparation of an incident report, and might be suitable for use in validating the CMLD and DPV model dynamics in the future.

<sup>34</sup> AEMO (February 2024) Preliminary Report – Trip of Moorabool – Sydenham 500 kV No. 1 and No. 2 lines on 13 February 2024, at [https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/electricity/nem/market\\_notices\\_and\\_events/power\\_system\\_incident\\_reports/2024/preliminary-report---loss](https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/electricity/nem/market_notices_and_events/power_system_incident_reports/2024/preliminary-report---loss-of-moorabool---sydenham-500-kv-lines-on-13-feb-2024.pdf?la=en)[of-moorabool---sydenham-500-kv-lines-on-13-feb-2024.pdf?la=en](https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/electricity/nem/market_notices_and_events/power_system_incident_reports/2024/preliminary-report---loss-of-moorabool---sydenham-500-kv-lines-on-13-feb-2024.pdf?la=en)

# <span id="page-56-0"></span>**A6. Transient behaviour validation testing**

This appendix provides further detail on the SLIB testing of the CMLD and DERAEMO1 models against observations for a series of deep voltage disturbances in the Victorian network, where high speed monitoring is available at radial load locations. Further discussion and a summary of these results is provided in Section [3.2.3.](#page-24-1)

## <span id="page-56-1"></span>**A6.1 25/07/2022**



#### <span id="page-57-1"></span>**Figure 18 Red Cliffs (RCTS)**



## <span id="page-57-0"></span>**A6.2 18/01/2018**





#### <span id="page-58-0"></span>**Figure 19 Brooklyn (BLTS)**



#### <span id="page-59-0"></span>**Figure 20 Cranbourne (CBTS)**



#### <span id="page-60-0"></span>**Figure 21 Rowville (ROTS) / Springvale (SVTS)**







#### <span id="page-61-1"></span>**Figure 22 Templestowe (TSTS)**



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#### <span id="page-62-0"></span>**Figure 23 Brooklyn (BLTS)**



#### <span id="page-63-0"></span>**Figure 24 Cranbourne (CBTS)**



#### <span id="page-64-0"></span>**Figure 25 Rowville (ROTS) / Springvale (SVTS)**



#### <span id="page-65-1"></span>**Figure 26 Templestowe (TSTS)**



## <span id="page-65-0"></span>**A6.4 8/03/2018**



#### <span id="page-66-0"></span>**Figure 27 Rowville (ROTS) / Springvale (SVTS)**









#### <span id="page-67-1"></span>**Figure 28 Templestowe (TSTS)**



## <span id="page-67-0"></span>**A6.5 18/02/2019**



#### <span id="page-68-0"></span>**Figure 29 Rowville (ROTS) / Springvale (SVTS)**





# <span id="page-69-0"></span>**A7. Motor D composition estimates**

This Appendix provides further detail on the approach for estimating the seasonal proportions of Motor D load. An estimate of the total Motor D load was calculated by multiplying:

- The estimated number of Motor D units operating by
- The estimated power consumption per unit

with both factors varying by season and day/night.

## <span id="page-69-1"></span>**A7.1 Estimating the number of residential AC units operating**

The 2021 Residential Baseline Study<sup>35</sup> (RBS) provides estimates of the stock of all residential appliances for all of Australia. The 2023 stocks of AC ducted and AC non-ducted were taken from Table 22 of that study.

The RBS dataset does not provide a breakdown of appliances into those that are single-phase induction motor driven, versus those that are inverter driven (and therefore should not be represented in the Motor D category). To estimate this proportion, an estimate from the EES report<sup>36</sup> was applied (Figure 33, estimated stock of inverter driven air conditioners in Australia by year). It was estimated that in 2023, ~5% of residential ACs in Australia are single-phase motor driven. The same proportion was applied for both ducted and non-ducted ACs.

The CSIRO study<sup>37</sup> provides an estimate of the relationship between AC usage on a given day versus the ambient temperature (also accounting for the difference between the maximum temperature of a given day and the previous day). The average temperature for each seasonal interval in each region was used to select a designated temperature curve<sup>38</sup>, and the average value used to determine an approximate proportion of AC units online in that interval, in each region.

## <span id="page-69-2"></span>**A7.2 Estimating power consumption per unit**

#### Average seasonal estimates

Seasonal day/night estimates of power consumption by ducted and non-ducted AC units were estimated based on the CSIRO study<sup>39</sup>. This study monitored power consumption for a sample of individual residential AC units in Brisbane, Melbourne and Adelaide during 2012 to 2017. Estimated individual unit load profiles from the EES

<sup>35</sup> Australian Government (11 November 2022) 2021 Residential Baseline Study for Australia and New Zealand for 2000 to 2040, [https://www.energyrating.gov.au/industry-information/publications/report-2021-residential-baseline-study-australia-and-new-zealand-2000-](https://www.energyrating.gov.au/industry-information/publications/report-2021-residential-baseline-study-australia-and-new-zealand-2000-2040) [2040](https://www.energyrating.gov.au/industry-information/publications/report-2021-residential-baseline-study-australia-and-new-zealand-2000-2040)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Energy Efficient Strategies (31 July 2020) Single Phase Induction Motor Loads on the NEM from Refrigeration and Air Conditioners, <https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2020/2020-08-05-ees-ac-load-composition.pdf?la=en>

<sup>37</sup> M..Goldsworthy, CSIRO, (24 August 2017). "Towards a Residential Air-Conditioner Usage Model for Australia", [https://www.mdpi.com/1996-](https://www.mdpi.com/1996-1073/10/9/1256) [1073/10/9/1256](https://www.mdpi.com/1996-1073/10/9/1256)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Figure 7, Probability of a/c usage on the given day versus the difference between the given days maximum apparent ambient temperature and the maximum apparent temperature on the preceding day for different values of today's maximum apparent temperature.

<sup>39</sup> M..Goldsworthy, CSIRO, (24 August 2017). "Towards a Residential Air-Conditioner Usage Model for Australia", [https://www.mdpi.com/1996-](https://www.mdpi.com/1996-1073/10/9/1256) [1073/10/9/1256](https://www.mdpi.com/1996-1073/10/9/1256)

report<sup>40</sup> were also used (Figures 37 to 42). Non-ducted AC power consumption per unit was determined from wall split AC load profiles. Monthly traces were averaged into seasonal periods.

For non-ducted AC units, a scaling factor was used to convert power consumption per ducted AC unit to that of a non-ducted AC unit (comparing the peaks of the average ducted and non-ducted AC load profiles from Figures 37 to 42 in the EES report). Since NSW was not included in the CSIRO study, VIC load profiles and hourly graphs were used as a proxy for the power consumption per unit for NSW.

#### Peak summer estimates

For estimating power consumption per unit for the peak summer periods, Figures 44 to 46 from the EES report were used. These figures show the hourly variation in the power consumption of a ducted AC unit for different cities. The peak summer power consumption per unit ducted AC was selected to be the maximum power consumed.

### Conversion from inverter based to motor driven AC units

It is assumed that majority of the AC units monitored in the CSIRO study are inverter based. As a result of this, the power consumption per unit determined from the load profiles are likely more representative of an inverter driven unit rather than a motor driven unit. A 1.44 scaling factor was applied to the power per unit obtained from the CSIRO load profiles to convert the inverter-based power consumption per unit to a motor-based value. This scaling factor was sourced from an air conditioner power consumption study<sup>41</sup> which indicated a 44% increase in power consumption for motor driven ACs vs inverter driven ACs when monitoring the power consumption of inverter and non-inverter AC units over a 108-day period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Energy Efficient Strategies (31 July 2020) Single Phase Induction Motor Loads on the NEM from Refrigeration and Air Conditioners, <https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/initiatives/der/2020/2020-08-05-ees-ac-load-composition.pdf?la=en>

<sup>41</sup> Almogbel et al. (7 December 2020) "Comparison of energy consumption between non-inverter and inverter-type air conditioner in Saudi Arabia", [https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s41825-020-00033](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s41825-020-00033-y#:~:text=The%20cooling%20period%20in%20Jeddah,AC) [y#:~:text=The%20cooling%20period%20in%20Jeddah,AC's%20is%206230%20KWh%2Fyear](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s41825-020-00033-y#:~:text=The%20cooling%20period%20in%20Jeddah,AC)