Power Quality Improvement in Power System using UPFC

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ABSTRACT

Occurrence of a fault in a power system causes transients. To stabilize the system, Power System Stabilizer (PSS) and Automatic Voltage Regulator (AVR) are used. Load flow analysis is done to analyze the transients introduced in the system due to the occurrence of faults. The Flexible Alternating Current Transmission (FACTS) devices such as UPFC are becoming important in suppressing power system oscillations and improving system damping. The UPFC is a solid-state device, which can be used to control the active and reactive power. This paper considers a power system as a case study for investigating the performance of UPFC in achieving stability. By using a UPFC the oscillation introduced by the faults, the voltage deviations and speed deviations can be damped out quickly than a system without a UPFC. The effectiveness of UPFC in suppressing power system oscillation is investigated by analyzing their voltage deviations and reactive power support in this paper. A proportional integral (PI) controller has been employed for the UPFC. It is also shown that a UPFC can control independently the real and reactive power flow in a transmission line.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, environmental, right-of-way, and cost concerns have delayed the construction of both power stations and new transmission lines, while the demand for electronic energy has continued to grow in many countries. This situation has spurred interest in providing already-existing power systems with greater operating flexibility and better utilization. The flexible ac transmission systems (FACTS) concept [1], based on applying leading-edge power electronics technology to existing ac transmission systems, improves stability to increase usable power transmission capacity to its thermal limit.

Continuous and fast improvement of power electronics technology has made FACTS as a promising concept for power system applications during the last decade. The use of FACTS controllers provides a flexible controlling of power flow along the transmission lines. It can reduce the flows of heavily loaded lines, maintain the bus voltages at desired levels, and improve the stability of the power network. The UPFC [1-3] is the most versatile FACTS controller envisaged so far. It can not only perform the functions of the STATCOM, TCSC and the phase angle regulator but also provides additional flexibility by combining some of the functions of the above controllers. Potential of power flow control and/or voltage stability in power transmission systems. The UPFC can provide simultaneous control of all basic power system parameters. It can fulfill functions of reactive shunt compensation, series compensation and phase shifting meeting multiple control objectives. From a functional perspective, the objectives are met by applying a boosting transformer injected voltage and an exciting transformer reactive current. The injected voltage is inserted by a series transformer.

In the last decade, various algorithms have been developed for the optimal power flow (OPF) incorporating with UPFC device as well as for the optimal placement of UPFC. Some of them are: a sensitivity based approach which has been developed for finding suitable placement of UPFC [4], an evolutionary-programming based load flow algorithm for systems containing UPFC [5], a genetic algorithm
(GA) which proposed for solving the optimal location problem of UPFC [6], particle swarm optimization (PSO) for optimal location of FACTS devices [7], etc. Ara et al. [8] proposed a solution procedure using nonlinear programming (NLP) and mixed-integer nonlinear programming (MINLP) for solving the optimal location and setting of FACTS incorporated in the optimal power-flow problem with the objective functions being considered are the total fuel cost, power losses, and system load ability with and without FACTS installation and improving the power system operation. Sawhney and Jeyasurya [9] presented the application of UPFC to improve the transfer capability of a power system to meet some of the challenges of power system operation caused by deregulation in the electric power industry and opening of the market for delivery of cheaper energy to the customers. Alomoush [10] developed a mathematical approach allocating the contributions of UPFCs to transmission system usage by making use of a dc-based load flow model of UPFC-inserted transmission lines based on a previously derived dc-based injection model of UPFC-embedded lines. Relationships were derived to model the impact of UPFC on line flows and transmission usage by using modified admittances and distribution factors that model impact of utilizing UPFC on line flows and system usage. Taher and Amooshahi [11] presented the application of hybrid immune algorithm (HIA) such as immune GA (IGA) and immune PSO (IPSO) to find optimal location of UPFC to achieve optimal performance of power system. Simulations were performed on IEEE 14-bus and IEEE 30-bus test systems considering the overall cost function as the objective function, including the total active and reactive production cost function of the generators and installation cost of UPFCs. Shaheen et al. [12] presented a new approach based on differential evolution (DE) technique to find out the optimal placement and parameter setting of UPFC for enhancing power system security under single line contingencies. Vural and Tümay [13] focused on the mathematical modeling of UPFC for the implementation of the device in conventional Newton–Raphson (NR) power flow algorithm and in power system analysis software package (PSASP). Visakha et al. [14] presented an approach for selecting suitable locations of UPFC considering normal and network contingencies after evaluating the degree of severity of the contingencies. Roy et al. proposed biogeography based optimization (BBO) [15] to solve TCSC and TCPS based optimal reactive power dispatch (ORPD) problem for minimizing voltage deviation and transmission loss of IEEE 30-bus test system. Panda [16] investigated the application of non-dominated sorting in genetic algorithms-II (NSGA-II) technique for designing a FACTS based controller to improve the stability of the power system with minimum control effort. The proposed technique was applied for generating a Pareto set of global optimal solutions to the multi objective optimization problem. Furthermore, the best compromise solution from the obtained Pareto solution set was chosen by using a fuzzy-based membership value assignment method. Edward et al. [17] developed an enhanced bacterial foraging algorithm (EBFA) by including Nelder–Mead (NM) algorithm to conventional bacterial foraging algorithm (BFA) for better performance of power system. This was done to overcome the difficulty of optimal parameter selection of the conventional BFA technique. Hassan et al. proposed GA [18] technique for the stabilization of power systems using UPFC devices. Om Krishan et al. [19] presented a pitch angle control technique to enhance the power quality of wind-diesel based power system.

II. Operation and Modelling of UPFC

The Unified Power Flow Controller (UPFC) was proposed first time for real turn-off time control and dynamic compensation of ac transmission systems. The Unified Power Flow Controller is consists of two switching converters, which are considered as voltage sourced inverters using gate thyristor valves. These inverters, labeled "VSC1" and "VSC2" in the figure are operated with a common dc link provided by a dc storage capacitor. With this arrangement the ac power converter in which the real power can freely flow in either direction between the ac terminals of the two inverters and each inverter can independently generate as well as absorb the reactive power at its own ac output terminal. Since the series converter of the UPFC can inject a voltage with variable magnitude and phase angle it can exchange real power with the transmission line with the help of series transformer. However a UPFC as a whole (both converter) cannot supply or absorb real power in steady state (except for the power drawn to compensate for the losses).Unless it has a power source at DC terminals. Thus the shunt branch is required for compensate (from the system for any real power drawn/supplied by the series branch and the losses. when the power balance is not maintained, at that situation the capacitor cannot remain at a constant voltage. Shunt branch also can independently exchange reactive power with the system.
VSC 2 provides the main function of the UPFC by injecting a voltage \( V_{pq} \) with controllable magnitude \( V_{pq} (0 \leq V_{pq} \leq V_{pq \text{ max}}) \) and phase angle \( \rho (0 \leq \rho \leq 360^\circ) \), at the power frequency, insert with line via an insertion transformer. This injected voltage considered as synchronous ac voltage source. The transmission line current flows through this voltage source resulting in real and reactive power exchange between it and the ac system. Real power exchanged at the ac terminal (i.e., at the terminal of the insertion transformer) and the inverter help to convert the ac power into dc power, after that the dc power appears at the dc link as positive or negative real power demand. Reactive power exchanged at the ac terminal is generated internally by the inverter. The function of converter 1 is to supply or absorb the real power demanded by converter 2 at the common dc link. The power of the dc link is converted back to ac and coupled to the transmission line via a shunt-connected transformer. If reactive power is required then VSC 1 can also generate or absorb controllable reactive power, so it can provide independent shunt reactive compensation for the line. It is also important to note that whereas there is a closed "direct" path for the real power negotiated by the action of series voltage injection through Inverters 1 and 2 back to the line, corresponding the reactive power exchanged is supplied or absorbed locally by Inverter 2 and therefore the reactive power does not flow through the line. So the Inverter 1 can be operated at a unity power factor or be controlled to have a reactive power exchange with the line independently of the reactive power exchanged by Inverter 2. That means there is no continuous reactive power flow through the UPFC. The Unified Power Flow Controller from the stand point of conventional power transmission based on reactive series compensation, shunt compensation, and phase shifting, the UPFC is the only device which can fulfill all these functions and thereby meet multiple control objectives by adding the injected voltage \( V_{pq} \) with appropriate amplitude and phase angle, to the terminal voltage \( V_0 \) Using phasor representation, the basic UPFC power flow control functions are illustrated in Fig. 2.

**A. Basic Principle of P & Q Control**

Consider Fig. 3. At a simple two machine (or two bus ac inertia) system with sending end voltage \( V_s \), receiving-end voltage \( V_r \), and line (or tie) impedance \( X \) (assumed, for simplicity, inductive) is shown. At Fig. 3.3 the voltages of the system in form of a phasor diagram are shown with transmission angle \( \delta \) and \( \left| V_s \right| = \left| V_r \right| = \left| V \right| \). Transmitted

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\text{Power } P = \frac{V^2}{X} \sin \delta \quad \text{and the reactive power } Q = Q_s = \frac{V^2}{X} (1 - \cos \delta) \quad \text{supplied at the ends of the line are shown plotted against angle } \delta.
\]

It can be readily observed in Fig. 3 that the transmission line sees \( V_s + V_{pq} \) as the effective sending-end voltage. Thus, it is clear that the UPFC affects the voltage (both its magnitude and angle) across the transmission line and therefore it is reasonable to expect that it is able to control, by varying the magnitude and angle of \( V_{pq} \) the transmittable real power as well as the reactive power demand of the line at any given transmission angle.
between the sending-end and receiving end voltages.

\[ V_{pq} = \Delta V + V_{p} + V_{q} \]  

(1)

\[ Q_{r} \left( Q_{ro} (\delta) - 1 \right) + \left( P_{o} (\delta) \right)^{2} = 1 \]  

(2)

When \( V_{pq} = 0 \) then

\[ P = jQ_{r} = V_{r} \left( \frac{V_{r} - V_{q}}{jX} \right)^{*} \]  

(3)

When \( V_{pq} \neq 0 \) then

\[ P = jQ_{r} = V_{r} \left( \frac{V_{r} - V_{q}}{jX} \right)^{*} + \frac{V_{pq}}{jX} \]  

(4)

Substituting

\[ V_{s} = V_{e}^{\frac{\delta}{2}} = V \left( \cos \frac{\delta}{2} + \sin \frac{\delta}{2} \right) \]  

(5)

\[ V_{r} = V_{e}^{-\frac{\delta}{2}} = V \left( \cos \frac{\delta}{2} - \sin \frac{\delta}{2} \right) \]  

(6)

And

\[ V_{pq} = V_{pq} e^{-j\left( \frac{\delta}{2} + \rho \right)} = V_{pq} \left( \cos \left( \frac{\delta}{2} + \rho \right) - \sin \left( \frac{\delta}{2} + \rho \right) \right) \]  

(7)

The following expressions are obtained for \( P \) and \( Q_{r} \)

\[ P(\delta, \rho) = P_{o}(\delta) + P_{pq}(\rho) = \frac{V^{2}}{X} \sin \delta - \frac{V_{pq}}{X} \left( \cos \frac{\delta}{2} + \rho \right) \]  

(8)

\[ Q_{r}(\delta, \rho) = Q_{ro}(\delta) + Q_{pq}(\rho) = \frac{V^{2}}{X} (1 - \cos \delta) - \frac{V_{pq}}{X} \left( \sin \frac{\delta}{2} + \rho \right) \]  

(9)

### III. Simulations and Results

To assess the UPFC’s capabilities through simulation software tool is needed. MATLAB/Simulink is being used for the simulation purpose in this work. A UPFC module that consists of three components: a steady state model, a dynamic model with its basic controllers. In this chapter, the analysis is done of power system when UPFC is connected to the system and when not connected.

In the above system various cases are there;

Case 1: Pre Fault condition \( 0 < t \leq 2 \)

Case 2: During Fault condition (Fault occurred during 2 to 3 second interval) \( 2 < t < 3 \)

Case 3: Line is restored. \( 3 > t \)

Considering the above cases the behavior of the line is being examined as follows.

#### A. System Performance without UPFC

**System Voltage**

This is the main parameter to be controlled; the system voltage should have minimum variations when any fault occurs. When no compensation device is used to the system voltage drop down to a significant value as shown in Fig. 4. The heavy drop in voltage causes underperformance of the various equipments and components connected to the same system. In this case there is almost 45% voltage drop occurs, so the performance is not satisfactory.

![Fig.4: System voltage (rms) without UPFC.](image)

**Reactive Power Compensation**

The system voltage depends upon the reactive power. If the system voltage drops, the reactive power should be injected in to the system and vice versa. But in this case as no compensation is used there is no injection of the reactive power and system further draws more reactive power support to compensate the losses which further worsen the condition. Fig. 4 shows the variation in the reactive power when the fault occurs in the time duration 2-3 sec. The increased value of the reactive power during fault interval shows that the system is drawing more reactive power to compensate its losses instead of delivering the reactive power.

![Fig.4: Reactive power support during fault.](image)
Fig 5: Three phase instantaneous voltage

Fig. 5 shows the instantaneous three phase voltage when the fault occurs during time interval 2-3 sec. The zoomed view is also shown in order to show the difference in voltage of the three phases. All the phases has some drop but within the phases there is different voltage level. This cause imbalance in the three phase voltage although the fault is balanced type.

B. System Performance with UPFC

➢ System Voltage

The system voltage is maintained within prescribed limits when UPFC is connected to the power system. Fig. 6 shows the system voltage variations when three phase fault occurs. From the figure, it can be clearly seen that the intensity of the fault is reduced when UPFC is connected to the system. The current drawn by the system is also reduced and system can be protected from over-heating of the system. The system voltage now drops to 25% of the normal value, which is almost half of the previous case when UPFC is not connected. The simulation is done for the severest of the faults i.e. three phase fault. This implies that UPFC can maintain the terminal conditions when critical condition arises.

➢ Reactive Power Support

As mentioned above, if the system voltage drops to a certain value, the reactive power has to be injected to boost up the voltage. UPFC is like a reactive power storage medium. It deliverers the reactive power in to the power system when voltage drops due to any disturbance like fault etc. Fig. 7 shows the waveform for the reactive power. From the figure, it can be seen that there is decrease in reactive power, which signifies that reactive power is being injected to the system as compared to the previous case when there was increase in the reactive power.

CONCLUSIONS

The proposed technique of adding the UPFC in the transmission line of the power system we get better results as compared to the older techniques power system stabilizer and automatic voltage controller in terms of damping out the transients quickly. We have carried out extensive computer simulations for studying the addition of both series compensation and shunt compensation given by the series controller and the shunt controller. From comparative study of the relative variation reactive power support, terminal voltage and active power. We have seen that the transient stability is enhanced by the use of UPFC. By using a UPFC we obtain better transient stability performance than the case without a UPFC.

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