Damping Low-Frequency Oscillations in Power Systems Using Grid-Forming Converters

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ABSTRACT The increasing incorporation of renewable energy in power systems is causing growing concern about system stability. Renewable energy sources are connected to the grid through power electronic converters, reducing system inertia as they displace synchronous generators. New grid-forming converters can emulate the behavior of synchronous generators in terms of inertia provision and other grid services, like power-frequency and voltage-reactive regulation. Nevertheless, as a consequence of synchronous generator emulation, grid-forming converters also present angle oscillations following a grid disturbance. This paper proposes two novel power stabilizers for damping low-frequency oscillations (LFOs) in the power system. The first power stabilizer provides power oscillation damping through active power (POD-P), and it is implemented in a grid-forming converter, using the active power synchronization loop to damp system oscillations by acting on the converter angle. The second one provides power oscillation damping through reactive power (POD-Q), and it is implemented in a STATCOM, using the voltage control loop to damp system oscillations. Both proposals are first assessed in a small-signal stability study and then in a comprehensive simulation. Moreover, two cases are considered: damping the oscillations of a single machine connected to an infinite bus through a tie-line, and damping the inter-area oscillations in a two-area system. Simulation results, as well as the stability study, demonstrate the ability of both stabilizers to damp power system oscillations, being the POD-P more effective than the POD-Q, but at the cost of requiring some kind of energy provision at the DC bus.

INDEX TERMS Grid-forming power converter, STATCOM, power oscillation damping.

I. INTRODUCTION

Power system stability is considered, even today, a key topic in the development and study of modern power systems. As a consequence of increased incorporation of power electronic converter (PEC) interfaced technologies, due mainly to renewable-based energy systems (RESS) and energy storage systems (ESSs), power system dynamic behavior has been significantly altered [1]. The progressive integration of PECs affects rotor angle stability [2] because the system’s total inertia is reduced as a consequence of conventional synchronous generator (SG) displacement. This has, in turn, an impact on the system’s electromechanical modes (typically in the range of 0.2 Hz to 2 Hz) [3], changing power flows on some tie-lines and affecting the damping of inter-area modes and transient stability margins [4], [5]. Regarding transient stability, lowering the system’s total inertia may result in faster and larger rotor swings, making the system more prone to stability problems. However, studies have shown that increased incorporation of PECs can have pros and cons, depending on the grid layout, location and PEC control strategy [6].

In this paper, the stability problem analyzed is related to small-signal stability, which is defined as the ability of the power system to maintain synchronism when subject to small disturbances [7]. In today’s practical power system, the small-signal problem is usually one of insufficient damping oscillation due to a lack of SG damping torque. As a consequence, when some groups of closely coupled SGs are connected by weak tie-lines, inter-area oscillation modes occur at low frequency. These oscillations are undesirable as they result in suboptimal power flows and inefficient operation of the grid. Therefore, damping of these power oscillations is of vital concern.
Traditionally, power system stabilizers (PSSs), implemented on SGs, have been used to damp these low-frequency oscillations. The basic function of a PSS is therefore to add damping to the generator rotor oscillations by controlling excitation using an auxiliary stabilizing signal. To provide damping, the stabilizer must produce a component of electrical torque in phase with the rotor speed deviations. A PSS typically consists of three blocks [7]: a gain block, a washout block to cancel any DC component of the input signal, and a phase compensation block to compensate the phase lag between the exciter input and the electrical torque. There are several PSS types: the delta-omega PSS is a stabilizer based on shaft speed signal, the delta-P-omega PSS estimates the rotor speed deviation from a signal proportional to the integral of the electrical power change. Other stabilizers use the terminal frequency as the stabilizing signal. The sensitivity of the frequency signal to rotor oscillation increases as the external transmission systems become weaker. One of the major limitations of PSS design is parameter tuning. Even in the simplest models the following parameters must be adjusted: PSS gain, washout filter time constant and lead-lag time constants of the phase compensator [8]. These parameters are tuned once, usually during the commissioning of the generator, and remain constant independently of operating conditions [9].

To overcome the inter-area oscillation wide-area based PSSs have been recently proposed with remote signals obtained from PMU devices [10]. Also, new devices based on PECs are proposed. Flexible AC Transmission Systems (FACTS), both in shunt and series configurations, have been widely used to enhance power system stability [11]. In the specific case of shunt-connected FACTS, Static Var Compensators (SVCs) and STATCOMs, power oscillation damping (POD) can be achieved by modulating the voltage at the point of common coupling (PCC) using reactive power injection. However, this solution has a drawback since the voltage in the PCC must be regulated within specified limits (usually ±10% of the rated voltage), which reduces the damping that this device can provide. Moreover, the amount of injected reactive power needed to modify the voltage at the PCC depends on the short-circuit ratio (SCR). The higher the SCR, the more reactive power is needed to change the voltage at the PCC. Since this type of device uses reactive power to damp power oscillations, the acronym POD-Q will be used throughout this paper. On the other hand, injection of active power (on reactive transmission lines) affects the PCC voltage-angle without varying the voltage magnitude significantly. When active power is used as a stabilizer, the controller is named a POD-P. In [12], the control strategy of an E-STATCOM (STATCOM with energy storage) is presented to optimize the injection of active and reactive power to provide uniform damping at different locations in the power system. In [13], the same E-STATCOM concept is used to mitigate forced oscillations. Resonant controllers are adopted to perform closed-loop control of active and reactive power. In both cases, a phase-locked loop (PLL) is used to implement the control proposed. POD-P has also been implemented on VSC-HVDC systems connected to offshore wind farms [14], where practical implementation issues such as robustness against control/communication delays, and limitation of PODs due to mechanical resonances on wind turbine generators, are considered. In [15], fundamental performance limitations in utilizing HVDC to damp inter-area modes are investigated.

Damping LFOs in power system using energy storage systems (ESS) and renewable power plants has been recently published. In [16] a heuristic dynamic programming method is used to control ESS to damp inter-area oscillations. Likewise, in [17] subsynchronous oscillation damping is investigated through full-converter wind turbines and in [18] through PV plants.

One step ahead in improving grid stability are grid-forming converters (GFCs), a well-known solution that can provide a fast response in the event of disturbance in the power system [19]. GFCs use a synchronization loop to emulate an SG through a droop constant [20], or as a virtual synchronous machine (VSM) [21], including the inertia constant in the control. These two approaches have been developed in two separate contexts, but they can be equivalent as shown in [22]. In any case, the main difference between GFCs and other types of converters, such as grid-following converters (GFLs), is that GFCs can be represented as a voltage source behind an impedance without using a PLL to follow the grid voltage angle. Different GFC strategies have been proposed recently, among which it is worth mentioning the synchronverter [23], which emulates SGs without using any specific synchronization unit, or the synchronous power converter (SPC) [24], whose operating principle is based on determining the internal frequency deviation from a second-order function applied to the variation between the measured and reference active powers. This method uses an additional frequency loop to modify the active power reference when a deviation exists between the reference frequency and the frequency recorded by a PLL. Droop control and VSG control are merged into a generalized droop control [25] which meet the demand for different dynamic characteristics in grid-connected and stand-alone modes at the same time.

In [26], a grid-forming converter tuning method for dampening subsynchronous interaction in electrical grids using artificial intelligence is presented. All the aforementioned techniques use an active power synchronization (APS) loop; however, a similar technique based on reactive power synchronization (RPS) has been reported in [27] and [28]. In [29], the POD-P control proposed acts on the internal frequency deviation of the synchronization loop using the active power increment as input. Also, it investigates how a VSM affects the LFOs in power systems by analyzing its equivalent damping torque and the influence of the grid frequency detector from a PLL, which has a negative damping effect on the LFOs. This negative damping effect is reduced by using a phase compensation method.
In this paper, a different proposal is employed for damping low-frequency oscillations. Initially, the frequency deviation at the GFC output terminal is measured and used as the stabilizing signal of a PSS block composed only of a washout filter and a gain, so as to calculate a compensation deviation frequency added to the synchronization loop. In this way, when power oscillation is detected through the deviation frequency measured at the output terminals, the GFC acts and injects active power to damp the oscillation. The time constant of the washout filter guarantees that the PSS is only operative for low-frequency oscillations and cancels any DC component of the input signal. An advantage of this system, compared to the conventional PSS of SGs, is that no phase compensation block is necessary, which significantly simplifies its design and tuning.

This paper is organized as follows: Section II presents the system description and modelling of a SG connected to an infinite bus when a PEC is connected at the generator bus with the proposed POD-P and POD-Q stabilizers. In Section III a small-signal stability analysis and a time-domain simulation comparing LFOs damping modes are presented. In Section IV, a two-area benchmark is described following the specifications of the Spanish regulation on the assessment of the requirements for generators [30]. The system eigenvalues are analyzed using different POD stabilizers and under variation of the interconnection line parameters. Subsequently, the dynamic response of the system is studied for a load change and a line tripping. In Section V, the conclusions of this paper are discussed.

**FIGURE 1. Single-machine infinite-bus system with a PEC.**

### II. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION AND MODELLING

Fig. 1 shows a synchronous generator connected to an infinite bus, through a reactance \( X_e \), where a power electronic converter (PEC) is connected at the generator bus, as indicated in the figure, with the purpose of damping the power oscillations. At the generator bus the voltage vector is represented by \( V_t e^{j\theta} \), where \( V_t \) is the voltage magnitude and \( \theta \) its angle with respect to the infinite bus \( V_{\infty} e^{j0^\circ} \). The current injected into the line is denoted as \( I_{G} e^{j0^\circ} \).

A reduced-order SG model [31], [32] is typically employed for low-frequency oscillations studies. In this article, a one-axis (flux-decay) model is used that does not consider the stator/network and the faster damper-winding dynamics, having only the state variable \( E'_{q} \), which is proportional to the field flux and oriented to the quadrature axis, \( q \). The other three state variables are a) angle \( \delta \) between the \( q \)-axis of the SG with respect to the reference voltage \( V_{\infty} \); b) generator speed \( \omega; \) and c) excitation voltage \( E_{jd} \). Linearizing the dynamic equations on a given operating point results in a new state-space model that it is used to examine the eigenvalues, as well as to design supplementary controllers to ensure adequate damping of dominant modes.

The dynamic equations of the SG [34] are given following:

\[
T'_{d0} \frac{dE'_d}{dt} = -E'_q - (X_d - X'_d)I_d + E_{jd} 
\]

\[
2H \frac{d\omega}{dt} = T_m - T_e - D(\omega - 1) 
\]

\[
\frac{1}{\omega_x} \frac{d\delta}{dt} = \omega - 1 
\]

\[
T_A \frac{dE_{jd}}{dt} = -E_{jd} + K_A (V_{ref} - V_t) 
\]

where \( T'_{d0} \) is the \( d \)-axis open-circuit transient time constant, with \( X_d \) and \( X'_d \) being the total and transient \( d \)-axis reactance, respectively. \( H \) is the inertia constant of the generator, expressed in seconds, \( D \) is the damping constant, and \( \omega \) is the angular velocity of the rotor, in p.u. The dynamic equation of \( \delta \) is obtained by integrating the rotational speed of the generator, \( \omega \), with respect to a synchronously rotating reference, \( \omega_x \), in rad/s. The dynamic equation of \( E_{jd} \) has been obtained assuming a fast exciter for regulating voltage \( V_t \) at the output bus from a reference voltage \( V_{ref} \). In (4) \( T_A \) and \( K_A \) are the time constant and the gain of the exciter, respectively.

To complete the set of equations that define the dynamic behavior of the generator, the following algebraic equations of the stator and network must be added. The stator algebraic equations, according [33], are

\[
X_q I_q - V_d = 0 
\]

\[
E'_q - V_q - X'_d I_d = 0 
\]

Fig. 2 shows the equivalent circuit of the single-machine infinite-bus system with a PEC. The PEC is represented by an independent voltage source \( E_{x} e^{j0^\circ} \) behind a reactance \( X_g \).

The SG is modelled as a dependent voltage source \( E_{SG} \) behind reactance \( X'_d \).

![Single-machine infinite-bus system with a PEC.](image)

The algebraic network equations are obtained by calculating \( V_{t} e^{j\theta} \), in Fig. 2, in terms of the independent voltage source \( E_{x} e^{j0^\circ} \) and the reference voltage \( V_{\infty} e^{j0^\circ} \).

Applying Millman’s theorem to the equivalent circuit of Fig. 2 obtains the following:

\[
V_t e^{j\theta} = (V_d + jV_q) e^{j(0^\circ - 0^\circ)} + K'_d \left( (X_q - X'_q) I_q + jE'_q \right) e^{j(0^\circ - 0^\circ)} + K_g jE_{x} e^{j(0^\circ - 0^\circ)} + K_e V_{\infty} 
\]
where $K_d$, $K_g$, and $K_e$ are expressed as

$$ K_d = \frac{Y_d}{Y_d + Y_g + Y_e} = \frac{X_g X_e}{X_g X_e + X'_d X_e + X'_d X_g} \quad (9) $$

$$ K_g = \frac{Y_g}{Y_d + Y_g + Y_e} = \frac{X'_d X_e}{X_g X_e + X'_d X_e + X'_d X_g} \quad (10) $$

$$ K_e = \frac{Y_e}{Y_d + Y_g + Y_e} = \frac{X'_d X_g}{X_g X_e + X'_d X_e + X'_d X_g} \quad (11) $$

being the admittances $Y_d = j/X_d$, $Y_g = j/X_g$, and $Y_e = j/X_e$. As these admittances have only imaginary part $K_d$, $K_g$, and $K_e$ appear as constants in (8).

By multiplying (8) by $e^{-j(\delta - \frac{\pi}{2})}$ and separating the real and imaginary parts, the following algebraic equations of the network are obtained:

$$ V_d - K_d' (X_g - X'_d) I_q + K_g E_g \sin(\delta_g - \delta) - K_e V_\infty \sin \delta - P = 0 \quad (12) $$

$$ V_q - K_d' E_g' - K_g E_g \cos(\delta_g - \delta) - K_e V_\infty \cos \delta - Q = 0 \quad (13) $$

The active and reactive power injected by the PEC into the grid are expressed as

$$ P_g = \left( \frac{V_i}{X_g} \right) E_g \sin(\delta_g - \theta) \quad (14) $$

$$ Q_g = \left( \frac{V_i}{X_e} \right) [E_g \cos(\delta_g - \theta) - V_t] \quad (15) $$

The power converter is controlled by acting on the voltage magnitude $E_g$ or on the angle $\delta_g$. As is well known, voltage control mainly affects reactive power $Q_g$, while, angle control determines active power $P_g$.

PEC control will be designed to damp transmitting power oscillations through the line by acting on the exchanged active and reactive power. This paper proposes a novel PSS for grid-forming converters and compares it to the PSS implemented in a STATCOM. In the first case, power oscillation damping is achieved by exchanging active power; while the STATCOM uses only reactive power. The fundamentals of these stabilizers are presented below.

## A. GRID FORMING CONVERTER STABILIZER

A grid-forming converter differs from a GFL mainly in that a GFC behaves as a voltage source with a low series impedance, while a GFL can be approximated to a controlled current source with a high parallel impedance. Furthermore, a GFC uses a power synchronization loop without a PLL.

As illustrated in Fig. 3, the synchronization loop sets the power angle $\delta_g$, which determines the q-axis position of internal voltage source $E_g e^{\delta g}$ with respect to reference voltage $V_\infty L_0^0$, based on the difference between power reference $P^*_g$ and actual power $P_g$. As stated in (14), the active power of the GFC depends on $\delta_g$ and the voltage at the output terminals $V_i e^{j\theta}$. The rotational speed of the dq-axes on the GFC is denoted as the difference between $\omega_g$ and reference frequency $\omega_s$.

Considering that $\omega_g$ is expressed in p.u., power angle $\delta_g$ is calculated as

$$ \frac{1}{\omega_s} \frac{d\delta_g}{dt} = \omega_g - 1 \quad (16) $$

FIGURE 2. Synchronous machine one-axis equivalent circuit with a PEC.

FIGURE 3. Grid-forming converter power synchronization loop.

Note that this equation is completely analogous to that indicated in (3) corresponding to a synchronous generator.

According to Fig. 3, frequency $\omega_g$ is obtained as

$$ \omega_g = \frac{P^*_g - P_g}{J_g S + D_g} \quad (17) $$

where $J_g$ is the inertia constant of the GFC (in seconds), $D_g$ is the damping constant, and its inverse $R_g = 1/D_g$ is the droop constant that, in p.u., is the ratio of normalized frequency variation $\delta f/\delta w$ and normalized power deviation $\delta P/\delta P_n$. If the inertia constant is equal to zero, $\omega_g$ is calculated as the product of a droop constant and the active power increment with respect to a reference, $\omega_g = R_g (P^*_g - P_g)$.

Power oscillation damping using a GFC is carried out by acting on the power synchronization loop as shown in Fig. 4. By measuring the frequency at the output terminals of the GFC, $\omega$, frequency $\omega'$ in the synchronization loop is determined using a washout function of the form

$$ \omega' = K_w \left( \frac{m_s}{m_s + 1} \right) \omega \quad (18) $$

This function is similar to that of a conventional PSS of an SG without considering the phase compensation block that...
is used regarding the dynamic between the generator exciter and the generator torque.

The frequency range that is usually compensated is between 0.1 Hz and 2 Hz. The washout function acts as a high-pass filter with a sufficiently high time constant $T_w$ (0.1 to 20 s) to ensure that the low-frequency oscillations measured in the bus are not altered.

Furthermore, the washout filter blocks any DC component that could appear in the bus due to a permanent frequency deviation with respect to $\omega_s$. In this way, the PSS works only when there are slow frequency variations, and $K_w$ is tuned to ensure that the oscillation modes have sufficient damping.

The proposed PSS acts directly on angle $\delta_g$, since a pole-zero cancellation occurs between the compensation block and the integral function $\omega_s/s$, which implies a direct variation of active power $P_g$. A PSS like this could also be implemented in a GFL converter by calculating the active power reference using the internal frequency variation of the synchronization loop through the washout function indicated in (18). Fig. 5 shows the implementation of this option. The advantage of this method is that direct measurement of the frequency in the bus is not required, although it can give rise to some stability problems [34].

![FIGURE 5. Grid-forming converter with an internal PSS.](image)

As described above, the proposed control system acts on angle $\delta_g$, keeping voltage magnitude $E_g$ constant. Furthermore, if $E_g$ matches $V_t$, reactive power $Q_g$ is approximately zero. The corresponding linearized GFC model has been considered with $J_g = 0$ and the PSS based on the frequency measurement.

Frequency deviation $\Delta \omega_g$ is equal to

$$\Delta \omega_g = -R_g \Delta P_g = -R_g K_s (\Delta \delta_g - \Delta \theta)$$  \hspace{1cm} (19)

where $\Delta P_g$ is obtained by linearizing (14) when $E_g$ is kept constant, being the synchronization constant $K_s$.

$$K_s = \left( \frac{V_t^0 E_g^0}{X_g} \right) \cos (\delta_g^0 - \theta^0)$$  \hspace{1cm} (20)

Considering that $X_g = 0.15$ p.u., $V_t^0 = E_g^0 = 1$ p.u., and $\delta_g^0 = \theta^0$, the synchronization constant value is $K_s = 6.67$ p.u. This value is significantly higher than that of a conventional SG, according to the parameter values given in Table 1 (Annex A). This means that active power transmission is produced with lower power angles.

The PSS transfer function of (18) is represented in the block diagram of Fig. 6. The deviation of frequency compensation $\Delta \omega^f$, according to Fig. 6, is expressed in terms of the frequency deviation in the bus, $\Delta \omega$, and an auxiliary state variable, $\Delta z$, as

$$\Delta \omega^f = K_w (\Delta \omega - \Delta z)$$  \hspace{1cm} (21)

![FIGURE 4. Power oscillation damping block diagram in a GFC.](image)

Fig. 7 shows the linearized block diagram of the GFC with power oscillation damping based on active power (POD-P).

The active power reference increment is considered null, $\Delta P_g^a = 0$, and $\Delta P_g$ is obtained, according to (19), as the difference of angles $\Delta \delta_g$ and $\Delta \theta$.

The increment of the angle in the bus, $\Delta \theta$, can be expressed in terms of the state variable $\Delta \delta$ and the algebraic variables $\Delta V_d$ and $\Delta V_q$ linearizing $V_d = V_t \sin (\delta - \theta)$ as

$$\Delta \theta = \Delta \delta + \left( \frac{E_g^0}{X_g K_s} \right) \left[ \Delta V_t \sin (\delta^0 - \theta^0) - \Delta V_d \right]$$   \hspace{1cm} (22)

where $\Delta V_t$ is expressed as a function of $\Delta V_d$ and $\Delta V_q$ according to

$$\Delta V_t = \left( \frac{V_d^0}{V_t^0} \right) \Delta V_d + \left( \frac{V_q^0}{V_t^0} \right) \Delta V_q$$   \hspace{1cm} (23)

With the connection of the GFC to the SG bus, the set of dynamic equations of the system is increased by two. Linearizing (16) and considering the increment of frequency
resented by a set of algebraic equations and a unique state
thing the generator rotor angle swings. Thus, the STATCOM
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FIGURE 6. PSS block diagram.

$\Delta \omega'$ in the synchronization loop, the dynamic equation of
$\Delta \delta_g$ is obtained as
\[
\frac{1}{\omega_s} \frac{d \Delta \delta_g}{dt} = -R_s K_s (\Delta \delta_g - \Delta \theta) - K_w (\Delta \omega - \Delta z) \tag{24}
\]
Likewise, the dynamic equation of the auxiliary variable
$\Delta z$ of the PSS (Fig. 6) is equal to
\[
T_w \frac{d \Delta z}{dt} = \Delta \omega - \Delta z \tag{25}
\]
These two last equations, together with those corresponding
to the dynamics of the generator (1)-(4), complete the
set of dynamic equations of the system, which is now of the
$6^{th}$ order. The number of algebraic equations remains four, the
first two (5)-(6) correspond to the SG and the other two
are obtained by linearizing (12) and (13) assuming that $E_g$
is constant. Using this set of differential-algebraic equations,
matrices $A$, $B$, $C$ and $D$ of the linearized model are obtained.
The analytical expression of these matrices is indicated in
Appendix B.

B. STATCOM STABILIZER
In the case of a STATCOM, power oscillation damping is car-
ried out through voltage control similarly to the conventional
PSS of an SG, but without using a phase compensator. As it
is well-known, the PSS of a SG acts on the excitation system
of the generator, hence affecting its terminal voltage which in
turn affects the generator power a per equation (14) for damp-
ing the generator rotor angle swings. Thus, the STATCOM
can stabilize the rotor swings in the same way, by modifying
the bus voltage through the injection of reactive power.

For transient stability studies, a STATCOM model is rep-
resented by a set of algebraic equations and a unique state
variable corresponding to the DC link voltage [35]. However,
in order to simplify the analysis, it has been considered that
the STATCOM only exchanges reactive power in such a way
that $\delta_g = \theta$. Note that, according to (14), $P_g$ depends on
$\sin (\delta_g - \theta)$ such that $P_g = 0$ when both angles are equal.

Now, power oscillation damping is carried out by adding
to reference voltage $E_g'$ the output of washout function $E_w'$,
as shown in Fig. 8.

According to (15), and assuming that $\delta_g = \theta$, the reactive
power exchange by the STATCOM only depends on voltage
$E_g$ with respect to bus voltage $V_i$.

\[
Q_s = \frac{V_i}{X_g} (E_g - V_i) \tag{26}
\]
The power oscillation damping implemented in this case
is calculated by modifying reference voltage $E_g'$ with com-
ensation voltage $E_w'$, which is obtained from the frequency
measured in the bus using the same washout function as in
the previous case.

\[
E_w' = K_w \left( \frac{T_w S}{T_w S + 1} \right) \omega \tag{27}
\]
but with the difference that the output signal is a voltage
instead of a frequency. As the voltage variation gives rise
to a reactive power exchange, the compensator is denoted
as POD-Q.

Linearizing (27), $\Delta E_g'$ is now different to zero and equal to
\[
\Delta E_g' = K_w (\Delta \omega - \Delta z) \tag{28}
\]
which depends on variable states.

The only additional differential equation with respect to the
single-machine infinite-bus model is the one corresponding to
the washout function, and its expression is the same as (25).
In this case, the set of dynamic equations of the system is of
the $5^{th}$ order and the algebraic equations are the same as in
the previous case. However, matrices $A$, $B$, $C$ and $D$ are different
since now $\Delta E_g'$ is not null and depends on the state variables
$\Delta \omega$ and $\Delta z$. The expression of the matrices of the linearized
model is also given in Appendix B.

III. STABILITY ANALYSIS
A. SMALL-SIGNAL STABILITY
In this section, the small-signal stability is analyzed. The
model parameters used in the analysis are given in Table 3 of
Annex A. The eigenvalues of the linearized system with and
without PEC stabilizer are obtained and the corresponding
oscillation modes analyzed.

To obtain the system state matrix, the parameters of
Table 3 are required as well as the state values and the
algebraic variables at the operation point. These values are
obtained by defining the voltage magnitude, and its angle,
at the generator bus with respect to the infinite bus $V_{\infty} = 1 p.u.$ In this case, when $V_i = 1 p.u.$ and $\theta = 9^0$, the
corresponding state values and algebraic variables are those
indicated in Table 4 of Annex A.
Fig. 9 shows the electromechanical and the flux-decay modes of the single-machine infinite-bus case in blue. The oscillation modes of the system are shown in red when the GFC with the POD-P is connected to the generator bus. Likewise, the eigenvalues for the STATCOM with a POD-Q case are represented in green.

Comparing the POD-P with the baseline case (SG without a PEC connected) reveals that the electromechanical oscillation mode is significantly damped up to a damping factor of 40.2%. Nevertheless, the natural frequency is only slightly lower, 0.58 Hz. In the STATCOM case, oscillation damping is not as effective when compared to the electromechanical oscillation mode, which is only damped up to 15.84%. Furthermore, the natural oscillation frequency is quite similar to the baseline case, 0.78 Hz. By acting directly on the voltage, the POD-Q control has a direct action on the flux-decay, its damping factor being significantly higher, 44.47%.

Table 1 shows, for the three cases analyzed, the system eigenvalues and the corresponding damping factor and natural frequency, as well as the participation factors for each state variable.

For the baseline case, the electromechanical mode \( \lambda_{12} \) is dominated by the states \( \Delta \omega \) and \( \Delta \delta \), its participation factors being 0.38 for each state. Regarding the flux-decay mode \( \lambda_{34} \), its dominant states are \( \Delta E'_q \) and \( \Delta E_{fd} \) with a participation factor of 0.41 and 0.39, respectively. When this same analysis is carried out for the GFC, the participation factors are more distributed between the states \( \Delta E'_q \), \( \Delta \omega \), \( \Delta \delta \) and \( \Delta E_{fd} \) for the electromechanical and flux-decay modes. In the GFC case, two additional non-oscillatory stable eigenvalues, \( \lambda_5 \) and \( \lambda_6 \), are observed. The eigenvalue \( \lambda_5 \) is completely dominated by the state \( \Delta \delta_q \), with a participation factor of 0.95 and a natural frequency of 6.74 Hz that is higher than those registered in the baseline case. Likewise, the eigenvalue \( \lambda_6 \) is dominated by the auxiliary state \( \Delta z \), corresponding to the washout filter with a participation factor of 0.96 and a natural frequency of 0.16 Hz. These two eigenvalues have not been represented in Fig. 9. In the STATCOM case, the electromechanical mode is slightly modified, the participation factors of this mode being very similar to the baseline case. For the flux-decay mode, a greater contribution of state \( \Delta \delta \) and a lower contribution of states \( \Delta E'_q \) and \( \Delta E_{fd} \) are observed. The non-oscillatory mode \( \lambda_5 \), corresponding to the washout filter, presents a similar natural frequency to the previous case, 0.15 Hz, and is not represented in Fig. 9 either.

### B. EIGENVALUE LOCI UNDER VARIATION OF POWER STABILIZER PARAMETERS

This section shows the loci of the eigenvalues corresponding to the electromechanical and flux decay modes under variation of parameters \( K_W \) and \( T_W \) of the power stabilizer. It has been considered that the stabilizer gain \( K_W \) varies from 0 to 5 p.u for three time constant, \( T_W \), values, 0.1, 0.5 and 1.0 s.

### TABLE 1. Eigenvalues, damping factor and natural frequency, as well as the participation factors for the three cases analyzed.

| EIGENVALUES | \( \xi \) (%) | \( \omega_n \) (rad/s) | \( \Delta \omega \) | \( \Delta \delta \) | \( \Delta E_{fd} \) | \( \Delta z \) |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| SG (baseline case) | | | | | | |
| \( \lambda_0 \) | \(-0.35 \pm 0.35\) | 11.17 | 0.72 | 0.14 | 0.38 | 0.38 | 0.10 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| \( \lambda_9 \) | \(-2.21 \pm 0.65\) | 30.25 | 1.10 | 0.41 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.39 | 0.39 | 0.00 |
| GFC (POD-P) | | | | | | |
| \( \lambda_0 \) | \(-1.32 \pm 0.33\) | 40.20 | 0.58 | 0.32 | 0.25 | 0.17 | 0.10 | 0.01 | 0.02 |
| \( \lambda_9 \) | \(-2.22 \pm 0.56\) | 40.30 | 0.85 | 0.24 | 0.27 | 0.24 | 0.20 | 0.03 | 0.02 |
| \( \lambda_{10} \) | \(-0.38\) | 100 | 6.74 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.05 | 0.00 | 0.95 | 0.00 |
| \( \lambda_{11} \) | \(-1.03\) | 100 | 0.16 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.96 | 0.00 |
| STATCOM (POD-Q) | | | | | | |
| \( \lambda_0 \) | \(-0.78 \pm 0.40\) | 15.84 | 0.78 | 0.19 | 0.37 | 0.31 | 0.12 | 0.00 | 0.01 |
| \( \lambda_9 \) | \(-2.12 \pm 0.62\) | 44.47 | 0.68 | 0.39 | 0.17 | 0.10 | 0.32 | 0.00 | 0.02 |
| \( \lambda_{10} \) | \(-0.95\) | 100 | 0.15 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.96 | 0.00 |

Fig. 10 shows the eigenvalues loci for the single-machine infinite-bus case when a GFC is connected at the SG bus and a POD-P is employed. Electromechanical modes are shown in...
the upper-right of the figure. As can be seen, the eigenvalues start from the same point regardless of $T_W$ when $K_W = 0$. For a low time, constant value ($T_W = 0.1$ s) the damping remains practically constant and the oscillation frequency is slightly reduced. On the contrary, for high time constant values ($T_W = 0.5$ s and $1.0$ s) the damping increases when $K_W$ increases and the oscillation frequency remains constant.

For the flux decay modes when $K_W$ increases, the damping increases for low time constant. For high time constants ($T_W = 0.5$ s and $1.0$ s) the eigenvalues move from left to right decreasing the damping. As it can be seen in Fig. 10, for $T_W = 0.5$ s and $1.0$ s, the evolution of the damping is the opposite for electromechanical and flux decay modes when $K_W$ increases. For this reason, once the time constant of the stabilizer is selected, increasing the gain $K_W$ for damping electromechanical modes is limited to avoid poor damping of flux decay modes.

In addition, a high stabilizer gain also increases the active power exchanged, which also limits the maximum value of $K_W$, because a PEC with a higher rating is required.

Fig. 11 shows the eigenvalue loci for a single-machine infinite-bus when a STATCOM is connected at the SG bus and a POD-Q is employed. In this case the damping of electromechanical modes is quite limited. Moreover, for a low value of $T_W$, the damping is reduced when $K_W$ increases. Only for high values of $T_W$ a moderated damping increase is obtained, but it decreases if $K_W$ is too high.

For the electromechanical modes the oscillation frequency decreases when $K_W$ increases. While, for the flux decay modes, the evolution of the eigenvalues is just in the opposite direction, the oscillation frequency increases when $K_W$ increases and the damping remains practically constant.

As conclusion, it can be said that the GFC (POD-P) is quite effective for damping electromechanical modes, but limiting the value of the stabilizer $K_W$ gain, since high values can give rise to poorly damped modes of flux decay. Regarding the STATCOM (POD-Q), the flux decay modes are always well damped, but it is not as effective for damping the electromechanical modes.

### C. TIME-DOMINE RESPONSE

This section provides the response of the active and reactive power transmitted through the line to a torque step of 0.5 p.u. in the generator at $t = 0$ for the three cases analyzed. Fig. 12 shows the active power response.

As can be seen in Fig. 12, the POD-Q slightly damps the response of the active power transmitted through the line compared to the baseline case, reaching the steady state without oscillations in about 10 s. In contrast, the POD-P damps the power oscillation in just 3 s, presenting only two oscillations before reaching steady state. The first oscillation is negative, with a peak value of $-0.2$ p.u. A similar response for the reactive power is shown in Fig. 13. In this case, no negative response is registered during the first oscillation.

These results are in accordance with the eigenvalue analysis performed in the previous sub-sections.
a power base of 100 MVA has been considered. Loads connected in buses 2 and 3 are modeled as ZI loads, assuming constant current for the active power and constant impedance for the reactive power.

The synchronous generators SG1 and SG2 are modeled using a GENROU model [36] for the electrical machine, an IEEE-ST1 excitation model [8], and an IEEE-G1 for the steam turbine and speed governor models. All parameters of these models are given in Appendix C.

**A. EIGENVALUE LOCI UNDER VARIATION OF PARAMETERS**

The oscillation modes of the two-area system shown in Fig. 14 are studied below when reactance $X_L$ of the tie-line between buses 2 and 3 is varied between 0.01 p.u. and 0.9 p.u. The cases to be analyzed are the same as those presented in Section V. First, the low-frequency oscillation modes of the system (electromechanical and flux-decay modes of the generators) are analyzed when the PEC is not connected. Next, oscillation mode analysis is carried out with the PEC connected to bus 2 using a POD-P and a POD-Q control strategy. In this section, a numerical method for computing the eigenvalues of the two-area system is used. This method is extensively used in the bibliography [37]–[39].

Although the stability problem for the two-area system could have been studied analytically, as in Sections III, the numerical method has been preferred in order to avoid making the exposition overly cumbersome. Mainly, small-signal stability analysis can be addressed through time-domain methods based on the state-space model and the frequency-domain methods based on the impedance model, phase-amplitude dynamics model [39]. In this section the time-domain analysis based on the state-space model has been considered.

**TABLE 2. Initial steady-state values of generators and loads.**

| GENERATORS | MW  | V_r |
|------------|-----|-----|
| BUS 1      | 1350| 1.0 |
| BUS 4      | 3900| 1.0 |
| BUS 5      | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| LOADS      | MW  | MVar|
| BUS 2      | 1250| 0.0 |
| BUS 3      | 4000| 0.0 |

Fig. 15 shows the eigenvalue loci corresponding to the low-frequency oscillation of the two-area system for the three cases analyzed when $X_L$ varies from 0.01 p.u. to 0.9 p.u. As can be seen in Fig. 15, the frequency of the mechanical oscillation modes (inter-area modes) decreases when the value of $X_L$ increases (weak tie-line). If no damping is applied, the system can become unstable if the tie-line presents a value of $X_L$ greater than 0.13 p.u. When a POD-Q control is applied using the PEC as a STATCOM, it is observed how the system damps the electromechanical oscillation modes for high values of $X_L$, although not as effectively as when a POD-P is used.

In this case, the PEC acts as a GFC and maintains a damping factor for the electromechanical modes at a value close to 20% regardless of the reactance of the line. This same effect is also observed for the flux-decay oscillation modes. Moreover, as can be seen, the POD-Q dampens the flux-decay oscillation modes less than when no PEC is connected.

In conclusion, POD-P is more effective than POD-Q in all the cases analyzed.

**B. DYNAMIC RESPONSE TO A LOAD CHANGE**

This section analyzes the dynamic response of the two-area system when a load reduction of 100 MW takes place in bus 2 at $t = 0$. The initial conditions are those indicated in Table 2. In this study, a value of $X_L = 0.1$ p.u (0.2 p.u in each line) has been considered which, as already mentioned, gives rise to stable operation, even without any compensation.

Fig. 16 shows the active and reactive power responses through the tie-line in the three cases analyzed. Power oscillations when the PEC is disabled (blue line) have a frequency
of 0.64 Hz and are weakly damped. Power damping increases when a POD-Q is applied, but is even greater with a POD-P, which reaches a damping factor of 20%. Initially, each tie-line transmits 50 MW of active power and 5 MVar of reactive power. After the load step, the power transmitted through the line increases to 100 MW and 20 MVar in steady state.

Figures 17 and 18 show the active and reactive power generated by synchronous areas SG1 and SG2, respectively. The power oscillations registered are the same as those indicated above. In the case of SG1, the active power remains constant in steady state after the load change (1350 MW) and the reactive power increases slightly. The reactive power presents low-frequency oscillation of 0.08 Hz and is poorly damped when a POD-Q is applied, which is consistent with the eigenvalues shown in Fig. 15.

However, in the case of SG2, the power is reduced by 100 MW (from 3900 MW to 3800 MW) in such a way that the load at node 3 (4000 MW) is covered with 200 MW from the lines and 3800 MW from synchronous area SG2.

Figure 19 shows the frequency variation at buses 2 ($f_2$ in top chart) and 3 ($f_3$ in bottom chart) in each of the cases studied.
C. DYNAMIC RESPONSE TO A LINE TRIPPING

This section analyzes the dynamic response of the two-area system when one of the two lines connecting buses 2 and 3 (Fig. 14) is tripped. Initially each line transmits 50 MW and after the tripping \((t = 0\) s) the active power oscillates until reaching 100 MW in steady state, which is the power transmitted previously by the two interconnection lines. In the upper part of Fig. 22 the power oscillation through the healthy line, without any compensation, is shown. As it can be seen, this oscillation damps in 10 s. At the bottom of Fig. 22 the power oscillation, when the line is compensated, with a GFC (POD-P) and with a STATCOM (POD-Q), are also shown. In both cases power oscillations are damped in less than 4 s, being the POD-Q slightly more effective.

Fig. 23 shows the active and reactive power exchanged for the GFC and the STATCOM during the line tripping event. As can be seen, the GFC (upper figure) uses around ±40 MW during the first oscillation to compensate the line oscillation and the STATCOM around ±20 MVar (bottom figure). Namely, in the case of line tripping the STATCOM is more effective since it exchanges less power and the damping of the line is slightly higher.

V. CONCLUSION

The increasing incorporation of renewable energies in power systems is causing growing concern about power system stability. Power electronic converters can contribute to system stability through the implementation of power system stabilizers. In this paper, two stabilizers have been proposed, demonstrating the ability of both stabilizers to damp low-frequency oscillations in power systems. The first stabilizer, named POD-P, has been implemented in a grid-forming converter and uses the GFC angle to damp system oscillations. Consequently, the GFC exchanges active power with the system while damping the oscillations. The second stabilizer, named POD-Q, has been implemented in a STATCOM and uses the STATCOM internal voltage magnitude to damp system oscillations. Accordingly, the STATCOM only exchanges reactive power with the system while damping the oscillations. Small-signal stability analysis has been carried out based on the linearized model of the system. This stability analysis has shown how the system eigenvalues become more stable after implementing the proposed PODs. Two cases have been considered—a single-machine system and a two-area system—in order to prove the ability of the proposed PODs to damp single-machine oscillations and inter-area oscillations. The effectiveness of the proposed PODs has also been proved through simulation, using comprehensive models of the nonlinear system. Simulation results, as well as the stability study, show the superiority of the POD-P stabilizer over the POD-Q, but at a cost of having to use some kind of energy supply in the DC bus to support the power interchange during system stabilization.
APPENDIX A

SYSTEM PARAMETERS AND OPERATION POINT

| Table 4 | State variables and algebraic variables at the operation point when $V_{\infty} = 1$ p.u., $V_l = 1$ p.u., and $\theta = 90^\circ$. |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| STATE VARIABLES | SYMBOL | VALUE | UNITS |
| q-axis transient voltage | $E'_q$ | 0.8793 | p.u. |
| q-axis angle | $\delta$ | 48.647 | degrees |
| Rotor speed | $\omega$ | 314.159 | rad/s |
| Excitation voltage | $E_{sd}$ | 1.4258 | p.u. |
| ALGEBRAIC VARIABLES | SYMBOL | VALUE | UNITS |
| d-axis current | $I_d$ | 0.3643 | p.u. |
| q-axis current | $I_q$ | 0.3753 | p.u. |
| d-axis voltage | $V_d$ | 0.6381 | p.u. |
| q-axis voltage | $V_q$ | 0.7700 | p.u. |
| INPUTS | SYMBOL | VALUE | UNITS |
| Mechanical torque | $T_m$ | 0.5214 | p.u. |
| Reference voltage | $V_{ref}$ | 1.0071 | p.u. |

APPENDIX B

LINEARIZED MODELS

The variable states of the single machine infinite-bus model (baseline case) are

$$\Delta x = [\Delta E'_q, \Delta \delta, \Delta \omega, \Delta E_{sd}]^T,$$

the vector of algebraic variables

$$\Delta y = [\Delta I_d, \Delta I_q, \Delta V_d, \Delta V_q]^T.$$

The input vector $\Delta u = [\Delta T_m, \Delta V_{ref}]^T$.

The nonzero values of the matrices A, B, C, D and E are as follows:

**MATRIX A [4 x 4]**

$$A_{11} = -\frac{1}{T_{d0}} \quad A_{14} = +\frac{1}{T_{d0}}$$

$$A_{23} = \omega_s \quad A_{31} = -\frac{I_q}{2H}$$

$$A_{33} = -\frac{D}{2H}$$

**MATRIX B [4 x 4]**

$$B_{11} = -\frac{X_d - X'd}{T_{d0}}$$

**MATRICES [4 x 4]**

$$B_{31} = -\frac{I_q}{2H} (X_q - X'_d)$$

$$B_{32} = -\frac{1}{2H} [E'_q + (X_q - X'_d) I_d]$$

$$B_{43} = \frac{K_A}{T_A} \frac{V_{d0}}{V_{l0}}$$

$$B_{44} = \frac{K_A}{T_A} \frac{V_{q0}}{V_{l0}}$$

**MATRICES [4 x 4]**

$$C_{21} = 1$$

$$C_{32} = -V_{\infty} \cos \delta$$

$$C_{42} = +V_{\infty} \sin \delta$$

**MATRICES [4 x 4]**

$$D_{12} = X_q \quad D_{13} = -1$$

$$D_{21} = -X'_d \quad D_{24} = -1$$

$$D_{32} = X_e \quad D_{33} = +1$$

$$D_{41} = -X_e \quad D_{44} = +1$$

**MATRICES [4 x 2]**

$$E_{31} = \frac{1}{2H}$$

$$E_{42} = \frac{K_A}{T_A}$$

Matrices A, B, C and D of the model of a SG and a grid-forming converter connected to an infinite bus are given below. In this model, the vector of variable states is extended with two additional states, $\Delta \delta$ and $\Delta \omega$. The nonzero elements of matrices A and B are the same as those indicated in the base case (single-machine infinite-bus) plus the following:

**MATRIX A [6 x 6]**

$$A_{52} = -R_s \omega_s \quad A_{53} = -K_w \omega_s \quad A_{56} = +K_w \omega_s$$

$$A_{63} = \frac{1}{T_w} \quad A_{66} = -\frac{1}{T_w}$$

**MATRIX B [6 x 4]**

$$B_{53} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{E'_q}{X_q K_e} \\ \frac{V_{d0}}{V_{l0}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sin(\delta - \theta) - 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B_{54} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{E'_q}{X_q K_e} \\ \frac{V_{q0}}{V_{l0}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sin(\delta - \theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

**MATRIX C [4 x 6]**

$$C_{21} = 1$$

$$C_{32} = -\left( K_e E'_q \cos(\delta - \theta) + K_e V_{\infty} \cos \delta \right)$$

$$C_{35} = K_e E'_q \cos(\delta - \theta)$$

$$C_{41} = -K'_d$$

$$C_{42} = -\left( K_e E'_q \sin(\delta - \theta) - K_e V_{\infty} \sin \delta \right)$$

$$C_{45} = K_e E'_q \sin(\delta - \theta)$$
**TABLE 5.** GENROU parameters.

| Parameters | Value |
|------------|-------|
| H           | 6.3s  |
| D0          | 0     |
| Td0         | 6.47  |
| D0'         | 0.022 |
| Tq0         | 0.61  |
| Tq0'        | 0.034 |
| xq          | 2.135 |
| xq'         | 2.046 |
| xq''        | 0.34  |
| xq''''      | 0.573 |
| xd          | 0.069 |
| xl          | 0.234 |
| s1          | 0.1275|
| s2          | 0.2706|

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