

A Simulation Model for Mitigation of Voltage Sag in the Distribution System using DSTATCOM

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Abstract. The demand for meeting power quality is increasing daily from the industrial power consumers along with the technical advancements in industrial control processes and electric utilities. There are many issues present in the power quality among them, voltage sag is an important power quality issues. Voltage sags of short duration may not cause much harm other than cause a slight flickering of lights to a domestic and non-sensitive load. There are various kinds of FACTS equipment such as shunt-connected devices, series-connected devices, shunt-series-connected devices etc. Among various techniques one of the useful methods for controlling the voltage is to employ a DSTATCOM. A DSTATCOM is Distribution Static Synchronous shunt compensator which is used at distribution level for power compensation. In this paper a distribution line is considered in which a voltage sag is developed and it is mitigated using DSTATCOM.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The wide spread use of non-linear power electronic devices and the occurrence of faults, pollute the relatively high-quality power from the generating stations. The pollution in power is not only due to utilities but also due to the industrial non-linear loads. So, power quality gets degraded due to the disturbances, occurring in the transmission as well as in the distribution sides. FACTS devices are employed on the transmission side to overcome the problems in power quality. The term FACTS include power electronics-based devices utilized in AC power transmission and distribution. With latest developments in power electronic systems, there are a lot of possibilities to decrease these troubles in the power system [3]. At present, devices with power semiconductor equipment usually known as active power system conditioners, active power filters etc., are designed for the power quality problems owing to active and adaptable solutions. FACTS are a proposal designed based on power electronic devices, which organizes the values of various electrical quantities. There are various kinds of FACTS equipment such as shunt-connected devices, series-connected devices and shunt-series-connected devices etc.

As per IEEE, FACTS are defined as "a power electronic based system and other static equipment that provide control of one or more AC

transmission system parameters to improve controllability and power transfer capability" [2].

In a lossless power system, the expression for power flow, $P = \frac{V_1 V_2 \sin \alpha}{X}$

where V_1 and V_2 are the bus voltage magnitude at both sending and receiving end, α is angle between both the voltages and X is reactance of the line.

Hence it is evident that the real and reactive power can be handled in a transmission line by controlling the power flow arrangement [2].

II. STATIC SYNCHRONOUS COMPENSATOR (STATCOM)

Among the FACTS devices Static Synchronous Compensator (STATCOM) is shunt connected device which is developed as a static VAR compensator where controllable reactors are replaced with voltage source converter (VSC) [6][12]. The working principle of STATCOM is that, the voltage source inverter creates a controllable AC voltage source behind a reactance, so that the voltage difference across the reactance produces an active and reactive power exchange between the transmission line and STATCOM. It operates better than a synchronous condenser [5][13]. Among various techniques one of the useful methods for controlling the voltage is to

employ a DSTATCOM. DSTATCOM is a type of conventional power electronics equipment for supplying good quality power. A DSTATCOM is Distribution Static Synchronous Shunt Compensator which is used at distribution level for both the real and reactive power compensation. The schematic configuration of STATCOM is shown in Fig.1.

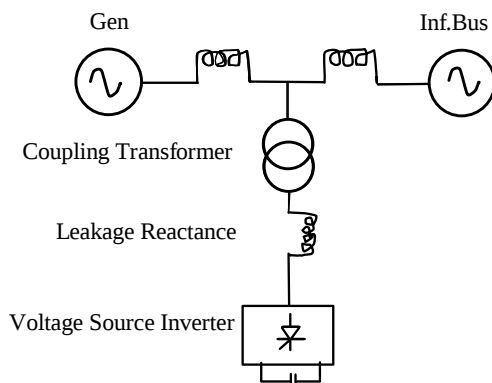


Fig.1. Schematic configuration of STATCOM

2.1 Basic Operation

At fundamental frequency, VSC changes an input dc voltage into an output three-phase voltage. A DC voltage source (capacitor or battery), a coupling transformer and VSC are the components of STATCOM. When a capacitor is utilized, the steady state power interchange between the device and AC system will be reactive power and when the battery is used power interchange will be active power [7][10].

The exchange of the reactive power between converter and the AC system can be controlled by changing the three-phase output voltage amplitude, V_c of converter.

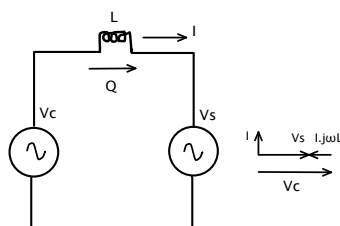


Fig.2. CAPCITIVE MODE of STATCOM with Phasor Diagram

Hence, whenever the amplitude of output voltage is greater than utility bus voltage V_s the current flows through the reactance from the converter to the AC system and capacitive-reactive power is generated by converter and is in CAPACITIVE MODE as shown in Fig.2.

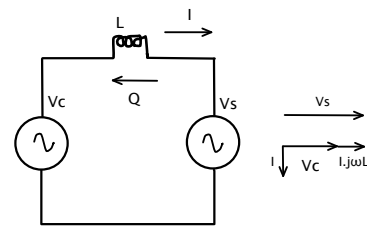


Fig.3. INDUCTIVE MODE of STATCOM with Phasor Diagram

Whenever the output voltage amplitude V_c is less than utility voltage V_s , then the current starts flowing from AC system to the converter and the inductive reactive power from the AC system is absorbed by the converter, and is in INDUCTIVE MODE [7] as shown in Fig.3.

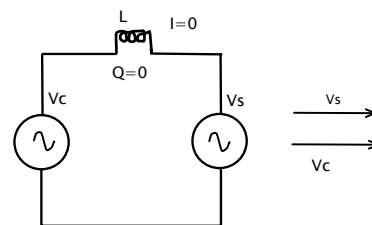
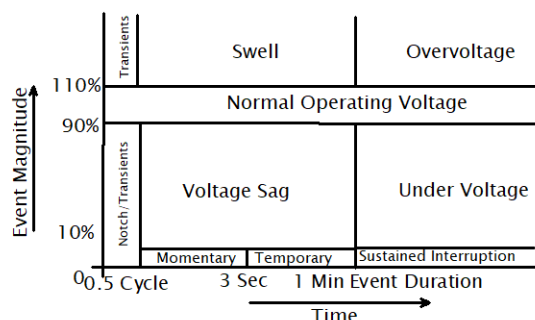


Fig.4. FLOATING MODE of STATCOM with Phasor Diagram

Now, when the output voltage amplitude V_c and AC system voltage are equal, there will be zero reactive power flow, then the STATCOM will operate in FLOATING MODE [7][8] as shown in Fig. 4.

III. VOLTAGE SAG

Voltage sags is a research topic of immense interest as they interrupt the process of working equipment based on the precision. Voltage sags can be classified as balanced or unbalanced based on the event or fault. The sag is balanced or symmetrical when the voltage in all phases corresponds to each other and the phase angle is 120° otherwise, the sag is unsymmetrical or unbalanced. A symmetrical sag can be created by a symmetrical fault i.e., three phase to ground fault or start of large motor. An unsymmetrical sag may be created by an unsymmetrical fault i.e., L-G, L-L or L-L-G faults due to animal touching, accidents and different causes as well as sudden application of higher rating transformers [9][14][16]. The industrial processes were controlled earlier using mechanical equipment with less sensitivity to voltage disturbances. But these days electronically controlled equipment such as adjustable speed drive (ASD) and PLC are more sensitive, which need a ripple free supply voltage. Fig.5 shows the classification of voltage variation based on time duration in power system [11] [15].



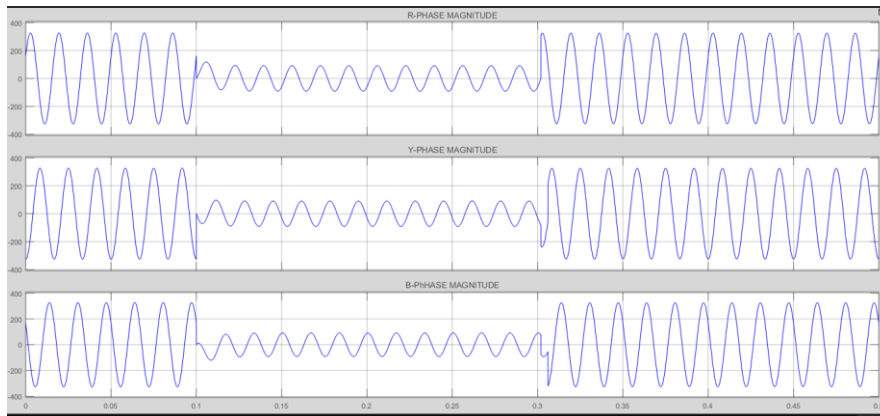


Fig.8. voltage sag waveform in individual phases from 0.1 to 0.3 sec

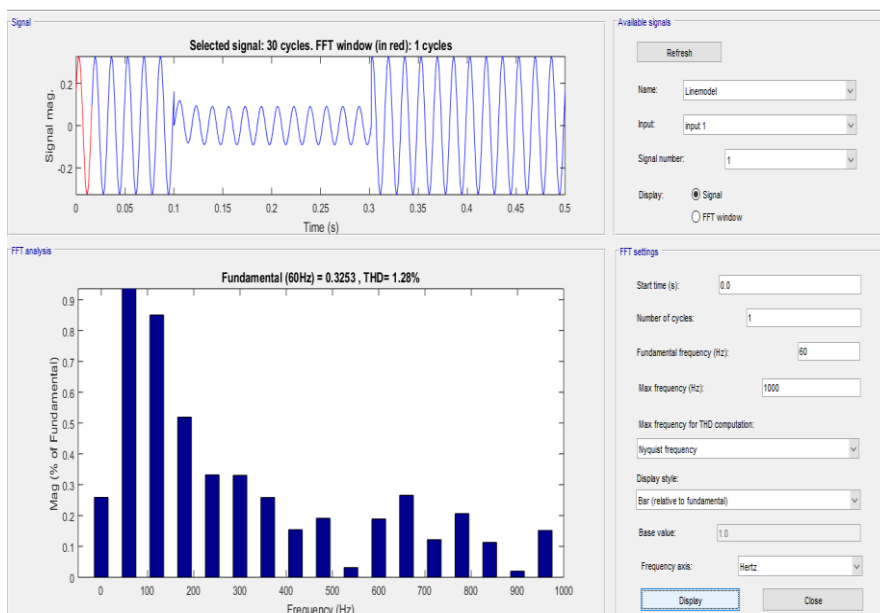


Fig.9.Total Harmonic Distortion(THD) Before DSTATCOM

A simulation model of a distribution line with DSTATCOM to reduce the voltage sag problem due to three phase fault is shown in Fig. 10.

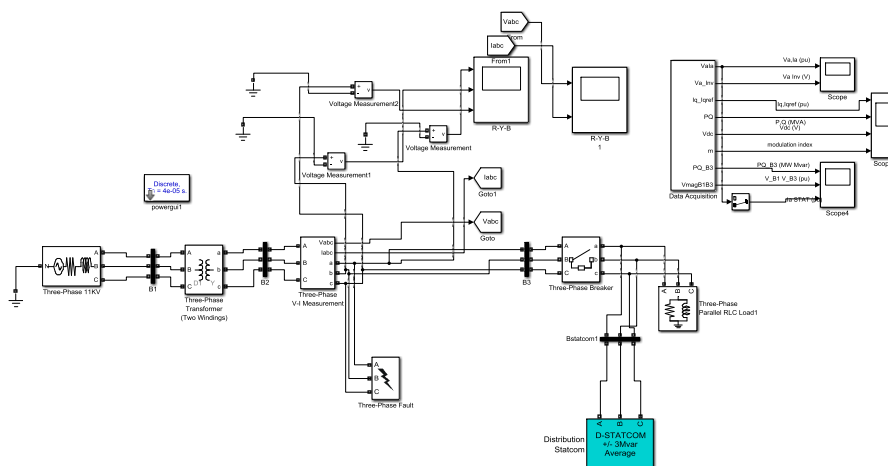


Fig.10. Simulation model of distribution line with DSTATCOM

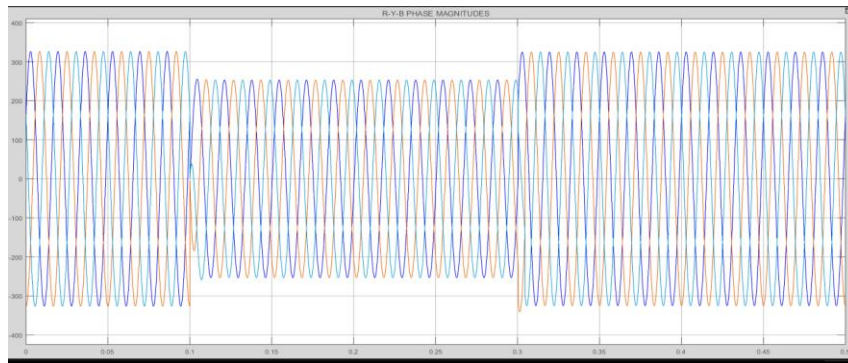


Fig11. Three phase voltage waveforms using DSTATCOM

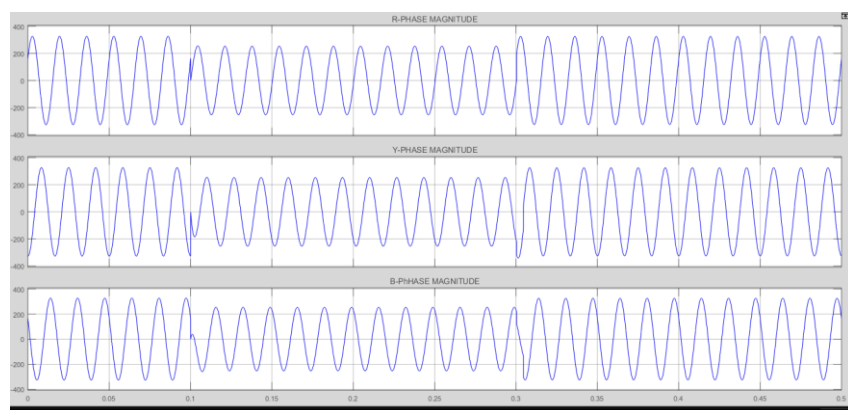


Fig.12. R,Y,B phase voltage individual waveforms using DSTATCOM

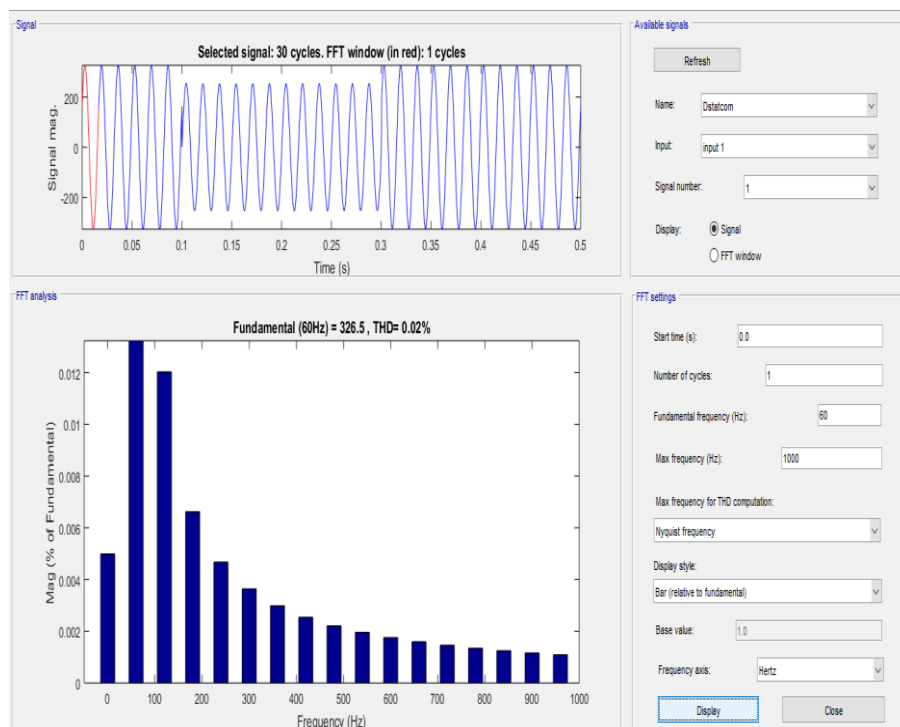


Fig.13. Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) with DSTATCOM.

From the Fig.11, Fig.12 and Fig.13 it is clear that by using DSTATCOM for distribution system the voltage sag is reduced and voltage

waveform has improved. From above simulation results it is evident that the voltage sag has improved using DSTATCOM.

V. CONCLUSION

When ever the industrial economic aspects are considered the voltage sag problems are significant among power quality issues. So the necessity of sag mitigation is very high. DSTATCOM is one of the custom power devices which has been chosen in this paper for mitigation of voltage sag. The results obtained from the MATLAB model of distribution line with and without DSTATCOM show that voltage sag can be minimized adequately.

VI. FUTURE SCOPE

Most of the times transmission line face problems like voltage sag, which can be avoided by using DSTATCOM. The model can be extended with off-shore wind turbine due to the advantage of high power. DSTATCOM can be replaced with UPQC for better power control. The control structure can be enhanced with the implementation of fuzzy logic control.

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