Improvement of the Voltage Stability in the Thirty Bus System Employing Wind Generation using UPQC

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Abstract

This paper deals with the Power Quality improvement in the thirty bus system employing Wind Generation using Unified Power Quality Conditioner (UPQC). UPQC is a combination of the Dynamic Voltage Regulator (DVR) and the Active Filter (AF). The thirty bus system with & without UPQC are modeled and simulated using the MATLAB/SIMULINK and the results are compared. It is observed that the introduction of UPQC improves the voltage profile and reduces the current harmonics. The UPQC system has advantages like reduced capacitor requirement and improved voltage stability.

Keywords: Active filters, Dynamic Voltage Regulator, UPQC, Total Harmonic Distortion, Wind Generator.

List of Abbreviations:

DVR - Dynamic Voltage Regulator

AF - Active Filter

UPQC - Unified Power Quality Conditioner

THD - Total Harmonic Distortion

DC - Direct Current

Introduction

It is the objective of the electric utility to supply its customers with a sinusoidal voltage of fairly constant magnitude and frequency. The generators that produce the electric power generate a very close approximation to a sinusoidal signal. The planning, design, and operation of industrial and commercial power systems require several studies to assist in the evaluation of the initial and future system performance, system reliability, safety and the ability to grow with production and operating requirements. The conventional AC electric power systems are designed to operate with sinusoidal voltages and currents. However nonlinear loads and electronically switched loads will distort steady state AC voltage and current waveforms. Periodically distorted waveforms can be studied by examining the harmonic components of the wave-forms. Reducing voltage and current waveform distortions to acceptable levels has been a problem in power system design from the early days of alternating current.

However there are loads and devices on the system which have nonlinear characteristics and result in harmonic distortion of both the voltage and current signals. As more nonlinear loads are introduced within a facility, these waveforms get more distorted. In a modern power system due to wide use of nonlinear loads such as adjustable speed drives, electric arc welders, and furnaces it has become necessary to establish criteria for limiting power quality problems. These problems cause reduction in system efficiency, poor power factor, maloperation of electronic equipments and reduction in equipment mean life time. The nonlinear load injects the harmonic current into the networks and consequently distorts the voltage waveform. This distorted voltage waveform affects other loads connected. To avoid this problem and to protect the loads from distortion, the harmonic components of the voltage and current must be compensated.

By use of Passive filters the problem reduces, but these have many disadvantages such as fixed compensation, large size, resonance problems. To overcome the above problem, the shunt active filters were used with passive filters [1]-[2], but this method does not reduce the voltage harmonics. In order to deal voltage and current harmonic problems simultaneously, the most sophisticated device i.e., unified power quality conditioner has been developed [2]-[3]. In section 3, a thirty bus system without UPQC and with UPQC modeled and simulated and also comparative analysis of simulation results is presented. Finally, section 4 concludes the results.

UPQC Configuration

UPQC is a series combination of series and shunt active power filters sharing a common DC link. The two active power filters have different functions. Series filters is operated as a controlled voltage source to suppress and isolate voltage harmonics, same time shunt filters acts as a controlled current source to compensate the current harmonics.

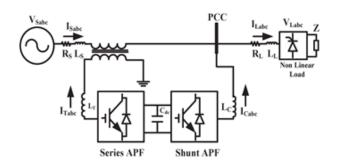


Fig.1. Basic Configuration of UPQC

This paper presents complete simulation of UPQC system. The basic configuration of the UPQC is presented in Figure - 1

Figure 1 shows a basic configuration of general UPQC consisting of two voltage source inverters: one act as a series APF and the other as shunt APF, which are connected back to back through dc link capacitor. The series APF which is connected between the source and PCC using three single phase series transformers has the capability of compensating the voltage harmonics, voltage flicker and improving voltage regulation [4]. A small rated capacity capacitor filter is connected across the secondary of each series transformers to eliminate the high switching ripple content in the series APF injected voltage [5]. The shunt APF has capability of suppressing the current harmonics, compensating reactive power, negative sequence current and regulation of the dc link voltage between both APF's [4]. The shunt APF is connected through a small rated capacity inductive filter in order to eliminate the high switching ripple content in the shunt APF injected current. Direct control strategy for UPQC in 3 phase, 4 wire system is given by Yong [5]. Enhancing Electric Power Quality using UPQC is given by Khadkikar [6]. Control scheme for three phase four wire UPQC in a three phase stationary frame is given by Chen [7].

Series active power filter compensates current harmonics and voltage unbalance simultaneously is given by Wallace [8]. UPQC for simultaneous voltage and current compensation is given by Ledwich [9]. Harmonic modeling of residential and commercial loads with unified power quality conditioner is given by Tulasiram [10].

The above literature does not deal with power quality improvement in Wind generation based thirty bus system using UPQC. This work proposes multiple UPQCs for the power quality improvement in multi bus system.

Simulation Results

The Thirty bus system without UPQC is modeled using the elements of SIMULINK as shown in Fig 2.a. Generators are represented as voltage sources. Each line is modeled as series combination of R and X. Each load is represented as a shunt impedance. The bus voltage, real power and reactive power at Bus – 4 are shown in figures 2-b, 2-c & 2-d respectively. The voltage at Bus – 4 decreases suddenly due to addition of heavy load. The Real power and Reactive power also decrease due to the reduction of the voltage.

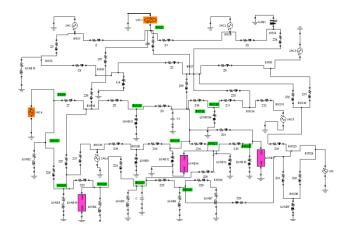


Fig.2.a. 30 Bus System without UPQC

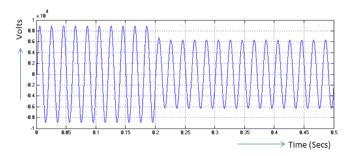


Fig.2.b. Voltage at Bus – 4

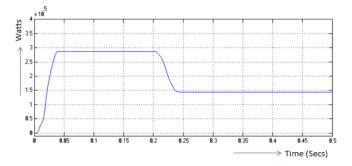


Fig.2.c. Real Power at Bus - 4

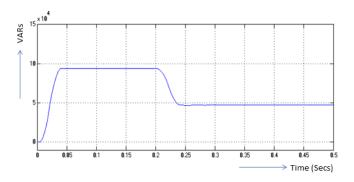


Fig.2.d. Reactive Power at Bus – 4

The Voltage, Real power and Reactive power at Bus -12 are shown in figure 2-e, 2-f & 2-g respectively.

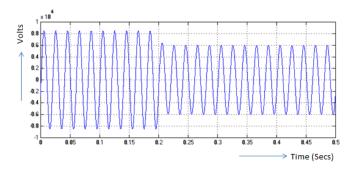


Fig.2.e. Voltage at Bus – 12

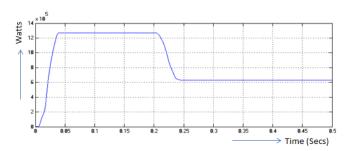


Fig.2.f. Real Power at Bus - 12

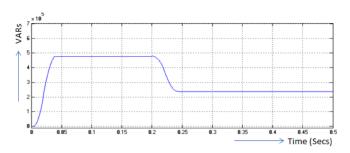


Fig.2.g. Reactive Power at Bus – 12

The bus voltage, real power & reactive power at Bus -26 are shown in figures 2-h, 2-i & 2-j respectively.

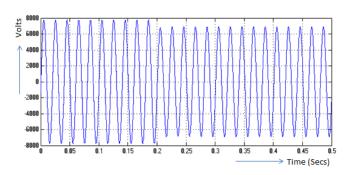


Fig.2.h. Voltage at Bus - 26

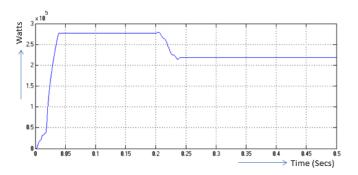


Fig.2.i. Real Power at Bus - 26

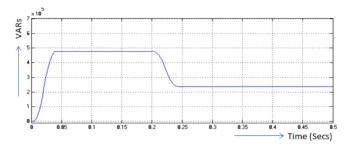


Fig.2.j. Reactive power at Bus – 26

The following figure shows The Thirty Bus system with UPQC. The corresponding SIMULINK model is shown in Figure 3-a. The UPQC's are added to improve the Power Quality. The output of the Wind Generator is shown in Figure 3-b. The circuit model of the UPQC is shown in Figure 3-c. The inverter on right side is used for the Active Filter and Inverter on left side is used for DVR.

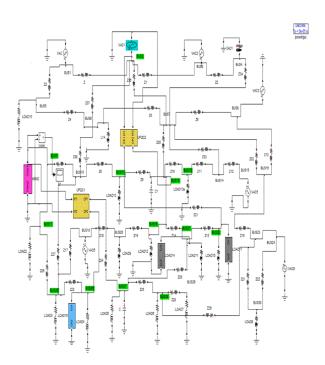


Fig.3.a. Thirty Bus Systems with UPQC

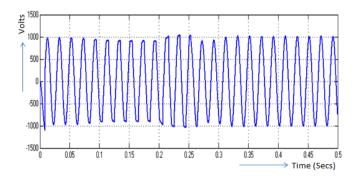


Fig.3.b. Output Voltage of the Generator

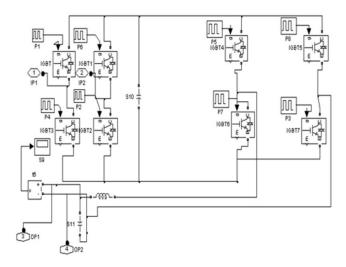


Fig.3.c. Circuit of the UPQC

The Bus voltage, Real power and Reactive power at Bus -4 with UPQC are shown in Figures 3-d, 3-e & 3-f respectively. It can be seen that the voltage resumes to the normal value due to the addition of the UPQC.

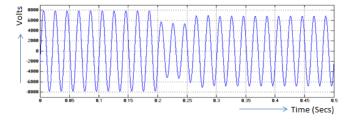


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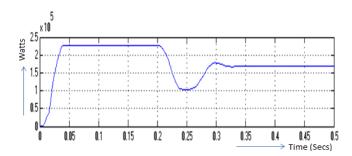


Fig.3.e. Real Power at Bus - 4

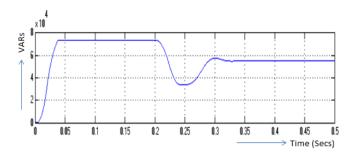


Fig.3.f. Reactive Power at Bus – 4

The bus voltage, real power and reactive power at Bus-12 are shown in Figures 3-g, 3-h & 3-i respectively.

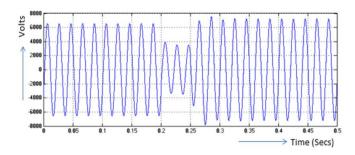


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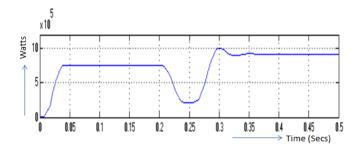


Fig.3.h. Real Power at Bus - 12

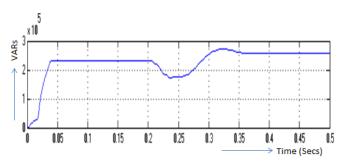


Fig.3.i. Reactive Power at Bus - 12

The bus voltage, real power & reactive power at Bus - 26 are shown in Figures 3-j, 3-k, 3-l respectively. It is observed that the voltage stability is improved in the buses nearer to the UPQC.

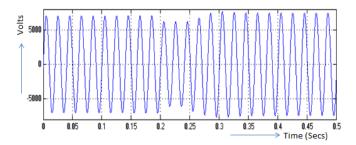


Fig.3.j. Voltage at Bus - 26

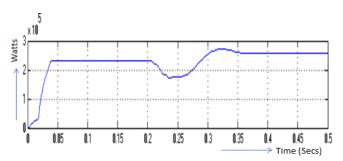


Fig.3.k. Real Power at Bus - 26

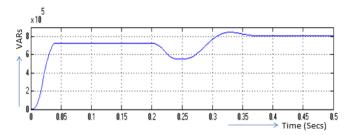


Fig.3.l. Reactive Power at Bus - 26

Conclusions

Wind Generator based UPQC in Thirty Bus System was successfully designed, modeled & simulated using MATLAB/SIMULINK. The comparison of results of Thirty Bus system with & without multiple UPQC's indicate that the voltage stability was largely improved by the addition of multiple UPQC's. The merits of UPQC are sag mitigation, reduction of heat in the Alternator & improvement of voltage at load buses. The disadvantage of UPQC is that it requires DC source to charge the DC link Capacitor & the firing circuits are to be designed to operate at different frequencies. The scope of present work is the modeling & simulation of Thirty Bus system with UPQC. The investigations on Fifty Bus will be carried in future. The real and reactive power loss in the lines will be evaluated in future.

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