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Voltage Oscillation Mitigation Of Wind Farm Using An Statcom

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Abstract: This paper presents the MATLAB analysis of voltage oscillation mitigation by using STATCOM to reduce voltage variation in grid connected wind power system. Injection of wind farm power into an electrical power grid must changes the power quality parameter and also affects the reactive power of electrical network. Variable speed wind turbine using power converters should be assessed against given or calculated limits for harmonics. The presence of voltage flicker is harmful to the power system because it will cause additional power losses. Due to very fast time response characteristics of FACTS devices, here we use STATCOM to improve the power quality of electrical network. The FACTS device are basically based on power electronic controllers that enhances the capacity of the transmission line. Here STATCOM is used to reduce the voltage fluctuation and improve power quality. In this research MATLAB simulation shows the analysis of STATCOM connected wind farm.

Index Terms: STATCOM; wind power system; induction generator; voltage control; Reactive power.

I. INTRODUCTION

Wind energy is best alternative of conventional energy resources in the world. Wind energy growing as a main electricity source. Wind energy results from the movements of air due to atmospheric gradient. The first wind turbine in the world was designed and built by Charles Brush in 1888. It was generated 12 MW power. To generate the electricity from wind, we use wind turbine. The total power generated from the wind park is the sum [1] of the power produced by all wind turbine systems. The power produced by a group of wind turbines called as wind farm. As we know that power generated from wind turbine is proportional to the wind velocity cube [2]. So the power output of induction generator is fluctuating. This power fluctuation causes voltage fluctuation [3] which can be mitigated by STATCOM. Wind parks generate active power with serious oscillation due to continuous change in wind speed. As we know that the wind power turbine electrical output is proportional to the cube of wind speed. So a small change in wind speed causes a big disturbance in the power output of wind power field. These power inconsistencies cause voltage oscillation or voltage fluctuation. Because of improved power quality requirements from the service, these voltage oscillations must be reduced as soon as possible [4]. If voltage changes beyond the specified limit, the wind power system is disconnected from the grid.

We get the reduced voltage oscillation by using dynamic reactive compensation. The mainly used dynamic reactive compensators are STATCOM and static Var compensator. The STATCOM has many advantages over other FACTS devices. STATCOM has fast time response and superior voltage support capability.

STATCOMs are connected to electrical transmission lines in order to improve their performance of the network. This application is based on injecting reactive power into the grid, so the reactive and active power exchanged by STATCOM has to be controlled simultaneously. Purpose of STATCOM. MATLAB software is used to check the performance of STATCOM connected wind. All results carried out in simulation.

A. Power Quality Factors

1) Voltage Variation- Voltage variation occurs in power system due to continuous change in wind speed. The voltage variation is directly affecting the stability of power system. We can classify the voltage variation as follows.

- 2) Voltage sag
- 3) Voltage swells
- 4) Steady state fault
- 5) Transient fault

For proper continuous transmission, it is necessary that the power quality should be maintained.

- 6) *Harmonics* - The power electronics converters are mainly responsible for harmonic generation. Even Harmonics in wind generation can arise due to unsymmetrical half wave and may appear at fast load changes. Voltage source converter providing reactive power control and reduce harmonics for large turbine.[5] The greater number of turbine, the lower is the magnitude of armnics and sub harmonics especially of the lower order.
- 7) *Reactive Power* – Reactive power is an amplitude of power oscillation with no net transfer of energy and is caused by energy storage components, such as a capacitor and an inductor[6].

B. System description

Figure 1 shows a wind park connected power system. There are several devices are connected in power system. In following single line diagram a 65 MW wind park is used for power generation. This wind farm is connected to grid through step up transformer and 180 km transmission line. Power factor is one of the most important parameter to control the power quality of power system, so to improve the power factor and voltage fluctuation we connect a compensating capacitor near the wind park at 11 KV bus, it provides 25 MVAR reactive power but due to slow response of this device the result is not satisfactory so to get a significant result we connect STATCOM. A STATCOM has several advantages, so here we connect a 33 MVAR STATCOM as a compensator, it connected with 132 kv transmission bus.

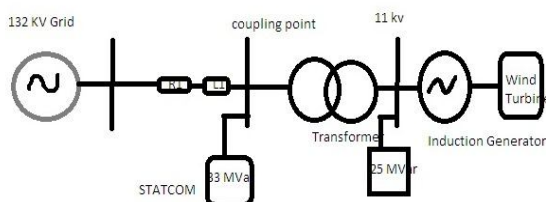


Figure 1. Wind Farm Connected grid\

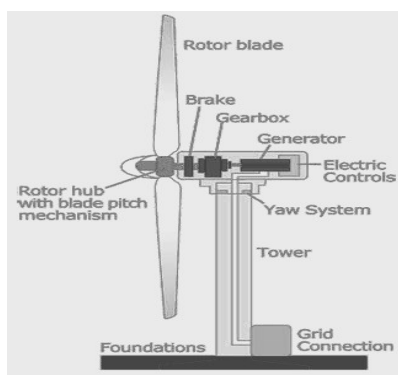


Figure 2 Wind Turbine Layout

C. Parameter Table

Table 1. shows the all parameter used for this analysis. Here a 65 MW Induction generator is used to generate electricity from wind farm. Transform rating is 132 KV.

Induction generator	
Rated Power	65MW
Rated stator Voltage	11KV
Stator Resistance	0.0108 PU
Rotor Resistance	0.01214 PU
Stator Leakage Inductance	0.107 PU
Rotor Leakage inductance	0.1407 PU

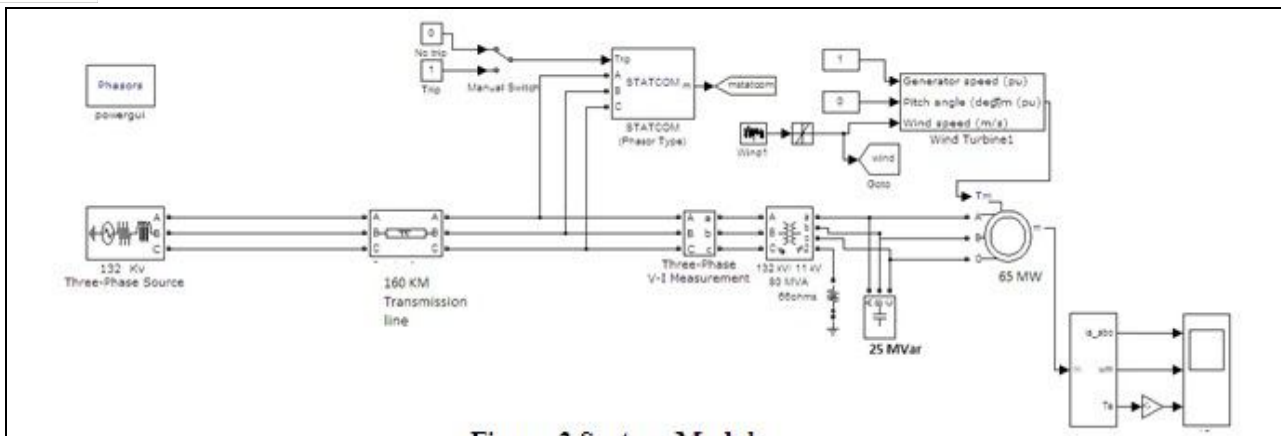


Figure 3 System Model

Transformer	
Transformer Turns Ratio	11/132 KV
Leakage Inductance	0.025 PU
STATCOM	
DC line Capacitor	350 micro F
DC line Voltage	40 KV

Table 1 Parameter Table

C. Wind farm system

Wind energy is playing an increasing important role in the supply of energy of most industrialized countries [7]. Figure 2 shows the basic layout diagram of wind turbine. Wind result from the movements of air due to atmospheric pressure gradient. Wind flows from higher pressure regions to lower pressure regions. The generation and movements of wind are complicated due to number of factors. Kinetic energy in moving air can be determined as

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m V_w^2$$

Where m is the air mass and V_w is wind speed over a suitable time period. The wind power can be obtained by differentiating the kinetic energy of wind with respect to time.

However, only a small portion of wind power can be converted into electrical power. When wind passes through wind turbines and drives blades to rotate the corresponding wind mass flow rate.

$$M = \rho A V_w$$

Where ρ is the air density and A is the swept area of blades. So power generated from wind farm is

$$P_w = \frac{1}{2} \rho A v_w^3$$

II. STATCOM SYSTEM MODELLING

A STATCOM is called an advanced static synchronous Var generator. Its function is basically same as SVC with wider operation range and faster operation. SVC is a semi-controlled device that can only be turned off when valve current crosses zero but STATCOM is a fully controlled device because it uses force commuted circuit.[8]

The basic circuit of STATCOM is shown in Fig 4. Its control element (IGBT) is the fully controlled operation. [9] A IGBT can manage the switch off by gate control in comparison with thyristor where switch off is only possible at current zero crossing. The

capacitor DC voltage act as a ideal DV Voltage source to support the inverter .The inverter normal operation is to transfer the DC voltage into AC voltage having controlled magnitude and phase angle at the same frequency as the AC system

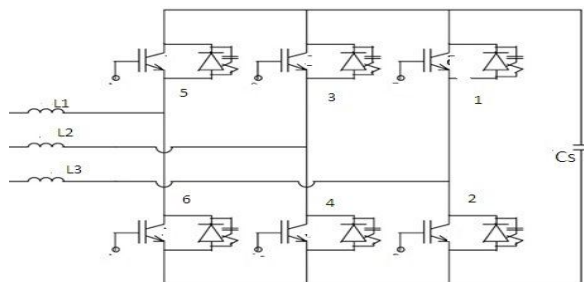


Figure 4 Six pulse IGBT VSC model

The Fig. 5.shows the basic equivalent circuit of a STATCOM. The IGBT converter with a dc voltage source and the power system are illustrated as a variable ac voltage in the circuit. These two voltages are connected by a reactance representing the transformer leakage reactance. In Fig STATCOM consist of one Voltage source converter with a DC capacitor and one shunt connected transformer. Where V2 is Voltage source converter output voltage and V1 is the voltage generated of centralized source.

$$Q_c = \frac{V1(v_2-V1)}{X_T} \tag{2}$$

If the magnitude of V/become higher than V₂ , reactive power is absorbed by STATCOM from the line. Thus STATCOM supply better reactive power control to the system connected.

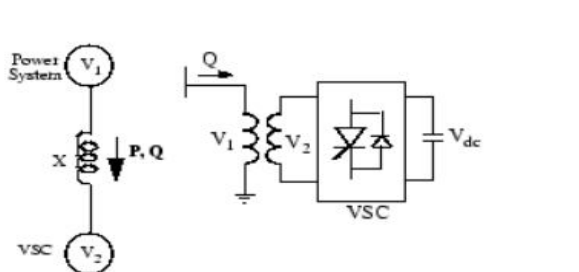


Figure 5 Basic circuit of STATCOM

III. SIMULATION RESULTS

Figure 6 shows the wind speed variation with time. The variation in wind speed is 5-14 m/s with average value of 10 m/s. Wind speed variations applied for 14 seconds. When these wind speed variations are happen to wind turbine[10], it causes power fluctuations. These power fluctuation results voltage oscillation which are shown in fig 7.

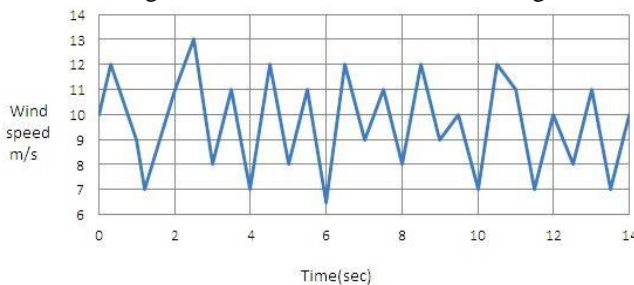


Figure 6. Wind speed variations for 14 sec

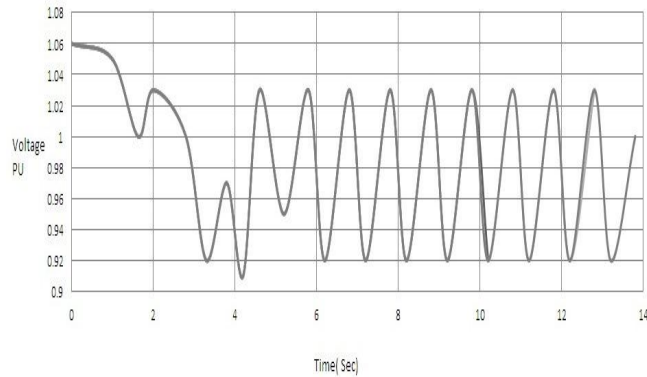


Figure 7. Voltage oscillation (without STATCOM)

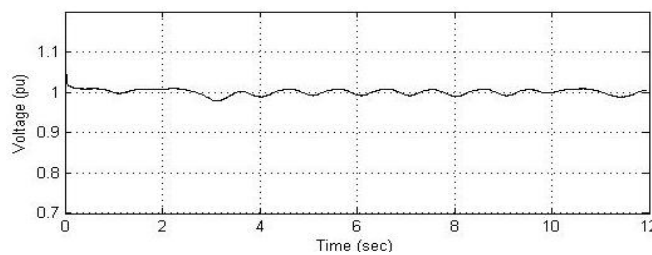


Figure 8 voltage using STATCOM

Figure 7 presenting the voltage magnitude waveform without using STATCOM, so from waveform it is clear that the voltage oscillations are very high. The magnitude voltage varies from 90 % to 101 % of its base value that is 1 pu.. These oscillations may affect the power quality of connected power system with grid. Figure 8 show that the STATCOM can solve the voltage fluctuation problem. The voltage oscillation are mitigated to range of value 0.99-1.005 pu. Thus the power quality of overall system has improved. STATCOM supply or absorb the reactive power [11], according to system requirement. If voltage raises more than base value, then STATCOM absorbing reactive power [12] and vice versa, .

IV. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, the wind park voltage fluctuation problem has been examined. Due to temperature difference on earth and pressure difference, wind energy generated, so due to geographical and climate it is an uncontrollable source of renewable energy. Continuous change in wind speed causes voltage fluctuation. The compensating capacitor could not reduce the fluctuation problem. As we know that the FACTS devices have very fast time response characteristics, so here STATCOM is used to improve the power quality of wind farm. STATCOM produces reactive power, this reactive power reduces the oscillation. Thus it is clear that the wind park system power quality can be improved by using STATCOM.

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