

A Novel Hybrid Dstatcom Topology with Improved Efficiency



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Abstract:

This paper proposes an improved hybrid distribution static compensator (DSTATCOM) topology to compensate reactive and nonlinear loads with reduced VSI rating, DC link voltage and filter size. An LCL filter with small value of inductor compared to traditional L filter has been used at the front end of a voltage source inverter (VSI), which provides the elimination of switching harmonics. Voltage of the DSTATCOM can be reduced with capacitor to be connected in series with an LCL filter. Consequently the power rating of the voltage source inverter has been decreased. With reduced dc-link voltage, the voltage across the shunt capacitor of the LCL filter will be also less. It will reduce the power losses in the damping resistor as compared with the traditional LCL filter with passive damping.

Therefore, the proposed DSTATCOM topology will have reduced weight, cost, rating, and size with improved efficiency and current compensation capability compared with the traditional topology. A systematic procedure to design the components of the passive filter has been presented. The effectiveness of the proposed DSTATCOM topology over traditional topologies is validated through simulation.

Index Terms— *Distribution static compensator (DSTATCOM), Hybrid topology, passive filter, power quality (PQ)*

I. INTRODUCTION

An electric power distribution system is the final stage in delivery of electrical power; it carries electricity from transmission system to individual consumers. Except in a very few special situations, electrical energy has been generated, transmitted, distributed, and utilized as alternating current (AC). However, alternating current has several distinct disadvantages. One of these is the necessity of supplying reactive power with active power. Due to stored energy in the load and again send back to source, or presence of nonlinear loads that distorts the wave shape of the current drawn from the source, due to this the apparent power will be greater than the real powers, which will effects the power factor.

Due to this high currents energy lost in distribution system will increase, further equipment cost will increase. This incremental costs of equipment and wastage of energy causes electrical utilities to charge a higher cost to industries or commercial customers where there is a low power factor. In traditional method, L-type filters with large value of inductance were used to increase the quality of current to be injected. This large value of inductor has low slew rate for tracking reference currents, and produces large voltage drop across it, intern it requires high value of dc-link voltage for the compensation.

Therefore L-filters increases cost, size, and power rating. AN LCL filter is used at the front end of the VSI which will improve the tracking performance, but

requires high value of dc-link voltage as that of L filter. In this paper an LCL filter is used to overcome the aforementioned drawbacks. Capacitor is used in series with the LCL filter to decrease the voltage of DSTATCOM. This proposed model decreases the size of the passive components, rating of dc-link voltage, rating of VSI. It provides good tracking performance.

II. PROPOSED SYSTEM

Principle of DSTATCOM

DSTATCOM is power electronics based power quality improving device, which generates and/or absorbs the reactive power whose output can be varied so as to maintain control of specific parameters of the electric power system. The DSTATCOM comprises of coupling transformer with internal leakage reactance, a three phase voltage source inverter (VSI) with self commutating switches (GTO/IGBT), and a DC-link capacitor. Fig.1 shows the basic configuration of DSTATCOM.

The VSI converts the dc voltage across the storage device into ac output voltages. These ac voltages are in phase and coupled with the ac system through the reactance of the coupling transformer. Inverter is the main component of the DSTATCOM. The objective of a VSI is to produce a sinusoidal AC voltage with minimal harmonic distortion from a DC voltage. The operation of the DSTATCOM is as follows: The voltage is compared with the AC bus voltage system (V_s). When the magnitude of AC bus voltage is above that of the VSI magnitude (V_c), the AC system is considered that, DSTATCOM as inductance connected to its terminals. Otherwise if the voltage magnitude of VSI is above that of the AC bus voltage magnitude, the AC system sees the D-STATCOM as capacitance connected to its terminals. If the VSI voltage magnitude is equal to AC bus voltage magnitude, then the reactive power exchange is zero. Suppose DSTATCOM has a DC active element or energy storage elements or devices on its DC side, it can be able to deliver real power to the power system. This can be done by varying the phase angle of the

DSTATCOM terminals and the phase shift of the AC powersystem. When VSI phase angle lags phase angle of the AC power system, the DSTATCOM absorbs the real power from the AC system, if the phase angle of VSI leads phase angle of AC power system, the DSTATCOM supplies real power to AC supply mains. The main feature is governing of bus voltage magnitude by dynamically absorbing or generating reactive power.

The Distribution Static Compensator (DSTATCOM) is a voltage source inverter based static compensator that is used for the correction of line currents. Connection (shunt) to the distribution network is via a standard power distribution transformer.

The DSTATCOM is capable of generating continuously variable inductive or capacitive shunt compensation at a level up to its maximum MVA rating. The DSTATCOM continuously checks the line waveform with respect to a reference ac signal, and therefore, it can provide the correct amount of leading or lagging reactive current compensation to reduce the amount of voltage fluctuations.

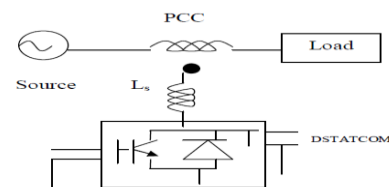


Fig 1. Block diagram of DSTATCOM circuit

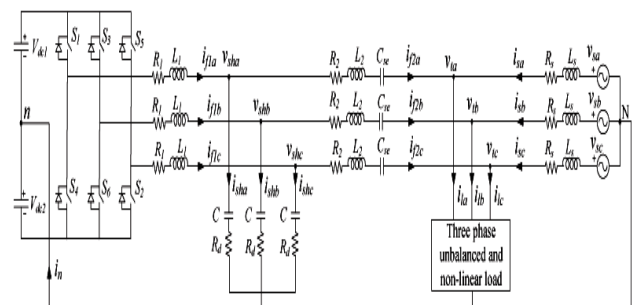


Fig. 2. Proposed DSTATCOM topology in the distribution system to compensate unbalanced and nonlinear loads.

Three-phase equivalent circuit diagram of the proposed DSTATCOM topology is shown in Fig. 1. It is realized using a three-phase four-wire two-level neutral-point-clamped VSI. The proposed scheme connects an LCL filter at the front end of the VSI, which is followed by a series capacitor C_{se} . Introduction of the LCL filter significantly reduces the size of the passive component and improves the reference tracking performance.

III. CONTROL STRATEGY

The overall control block diagram is shown in Fig. 3. The DSTATCOM is controlled in such a way that the source currents are balanced, sinusoidal, and in phase with the respective terminal voltages. In addition, average load power and losses in the VSI are supplied by the source. Since the source considered here is nonstiff, the direct use of terminal voltages to calculate reference filter currents will not provide satisfactory compensation. Therefore, the fundamental positive sequence components of three-phase voltages are extracted to generate reference filter currents (i_{f2a}^* , i_{f2b}^* , and i_{f2c}^*) based on the instantaneous symmetrical component theory.

These currents are given as follows:

$$i_{f2a}^* = i_{1a} - i_{sa}^* = i_{1a} - \frac{v_{ta1}^+}{\Delta_1^+} (P_{avg} + P_{loss})$$

$$i_{f2b}^* = i_{1b} - i_{sb}^* = i_{1b} - \frac{v_{tb1}^+}{\Delta_1^+} (P_{avg} + P_{loss})$$

$$i_{f2c}^* = i_{1c} - i_{sc}^* = i_{1c} - \frac{v_{tc1}^+}{\Delta_1^+} (P_{avg} + P_{loss}) \quad (1)$$

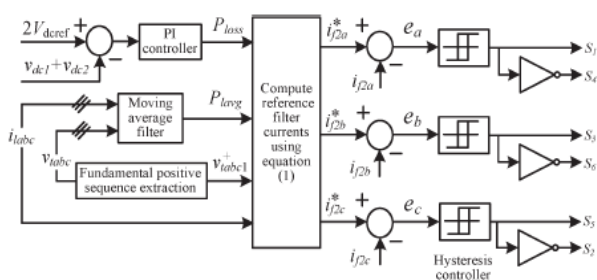


Fig. 3. Controller block diagram..

IV. SIMULATION RESULTS

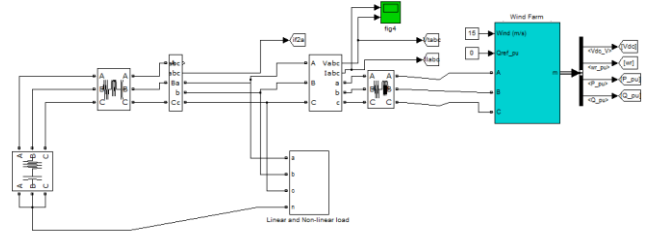


Fig.4 Windfarm based Without dstatcom

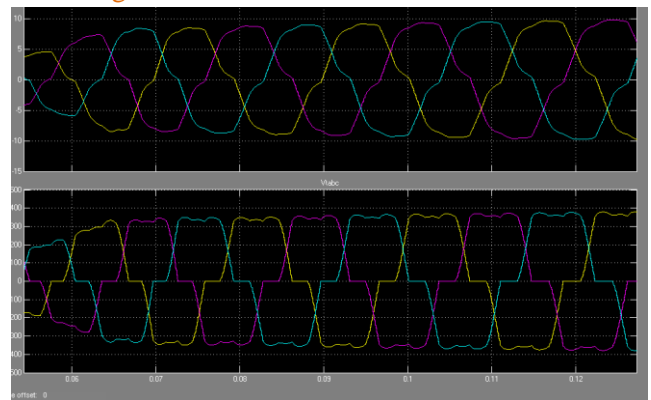


Fig.5: Source current & Load voltage

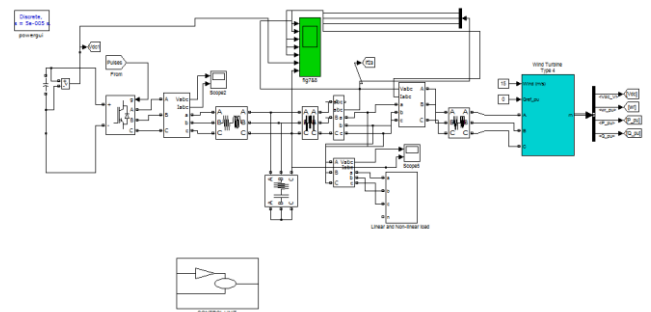


Fig.6: Wind farm based With dstatcom

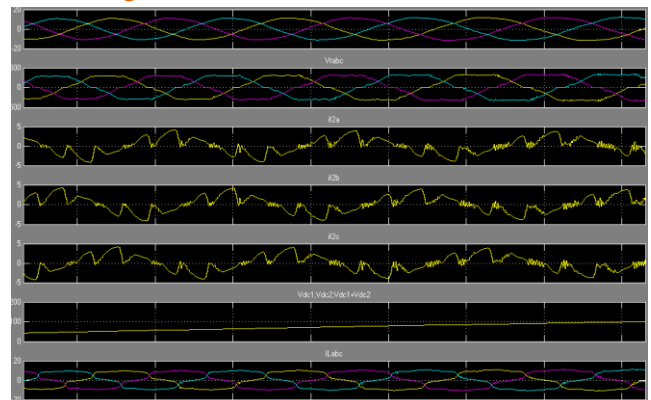


Fig.7 Source current, Load voltage, dstatcom currents (a,b,c), Vdc, Load Current

V.CONCLUSION

The simulation results given that reduction of dc-link voltage, filter inductance, current through the shunt capacitor and damping power loss are reduced with DSTATCOM with LCL filter followed by series capacitance. This contribution shows reduction in cost, weight, size, and power rating of the traditional DSTATCOM topology. Effectiveness of the proposed topology has been validated through extensive computer simulation.

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