Voltage Stability Improvement by using STATCOM

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Abstract - The performance of power systems decreases with the size, the loading and the complexity of the networks. This is related to problems with load flow, power oscillations and voltage quality. Such problems are even deepened by the changing situations resulting from deregulation of the electrical power markets, where contractual power flows do no more follow the initial design criteria of the existing network configuration. Additional problems can arise in case of large system interconnections, especially when the connecting AC links are weak. FACTS devices, however, provide the necessary features to avoid technical problems in the power systems and they increase the transmission efficiency. This paper presents a study on the design of a shunt connected FACTS device (STATCOM) and investigates about the load flow study as well as the voltage stability during three phase fault with and without STATCOM to connect by connecting in electric power system. STATCOM is one of the key shunt controllers in flexible alternating current transmission system (FACTS) to control the transmission line voltage and can be used to enhance the load ability of transmission line and extend the voltage stability margin. In this paper, the proposed shunt controller based on the voltage source converter topology as it is conventionally realized by VSC that can generate controllable current directly at its output terminal. The performance and behavior of this shunt controller is tested in IEEE 5 bus system as well as the performance is compared in the test system with and without STATCOM at three cases in MATLAB/Simulink. Simulation results prove that the modeled shunt controller is capable to improve the Voltage Stability of Electrical power system.

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1. INTRODUCTION

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2. BASIC CONFIGURATION OF STATCOM

The STATCOM is a shunt device. It should therefore be able to regulate the voltage of a bus to which it is connected. The operating principle of a STATCOM in this mode has been termed as the STATCOM in voltage control mode. In its most basic form, the STATCOM configuration consists of a VSC, a dc energy storage device; a coupling transformer connected in shunt with the ac system, and associated control circuits. Fig.1 shows the basic configuration of STATCOM. The VSC converts the dc voltage across the storage device into a set of three-phase ac output voltages. These voltages are in phase and coupled with the ac system through the reactance of the coupling transformer. Suitable adjustment of the phase and magnitude of the STATCOM output voltages allows effective control of active and reactive power exchanges have been made to recover the situation with solutions based between the STATCOM and the ac system. The VSC connected in shunt with the ac system provides a multifunctional topology which can be used for up to three quite distinct purposes:

- Voltage regulation and compensation of reactive power.
- Correction of power factor.
- Elimination of current harmonics.

As seen in Fig. 1, STATCOM is comprised of a coupling transformer, voltage based inverter and DC energy storage element. If it is a rather small capacitor, energy storage element can only be involved in reactive power exchange with the STATCOM line. If an accumulator or another DC voltage resource is used in the place of the DC capacitor, energy storage element can be involved in active and

reactive power exchange with the transmission system. The voltage amplitude of the output and phase angle of STATCOM can be changed. The amplitude of AC output voltage basic component of an inverter can be controlled as $V_0 = m_a V_{dc}$. Here, m_a is the modulation index [10-12].
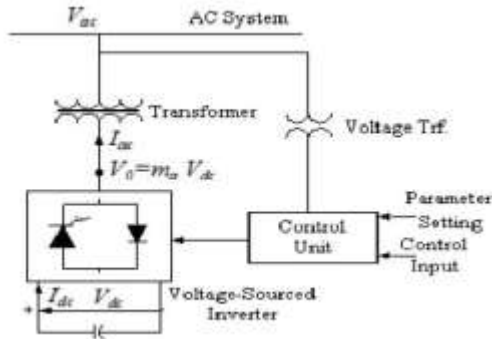

Fig.1.STATCOM circuit diagram

3. Principle of STATCOM:

STATCOM is to suppress voltage variation and control reactive power in phase with system voltage. It can compensate for inductive and capacitive currents linearly and continuously. Fig.3 shows the vector diagram at the fundamental frequency for capacitive and inductive modes and for the transition states from capacitive to inductive and vice versa. The terminal voltage (Vbus) is equal to the sum of the inverter voltage (VVSC) and the voltage across the coupling transformer reactive VL both capacitive and inductive modes. It means that if output voltage of STATCOM (VVSC) is in phase with bus terminal voltage (Vbus) and VVSC is greater than Vbus, STATCOM provides reactive power to system. If VVSC is smaller than Vbus, STATCOM absorbs reactive power from power system. Vbus and VVSC have the same phase, but actually they have a little phase difference to component the loss of transformer winding and inverter switching, so absorbs some real power from system.

STATCOM vector diagrams, which show inverter output voltage VI, system voltage VT, reactive voltage VL and line current I in correlation with magnitude and phase δ. Fig.3 a and b explain how VI and VT produce capacitive or inductive power by controlling the magnitude for inverter output voltage VI in phase with each other. Fig.3 c and d show STATCOM produces or absorbs real power with VI and VT having phase ±δ. The transition from inductive to capacitive mode occurs by charging angle δ from zero to a negative value. The active power is transferred from the AC terminal to the DC capacitor and causes the DC link voltage to rise.
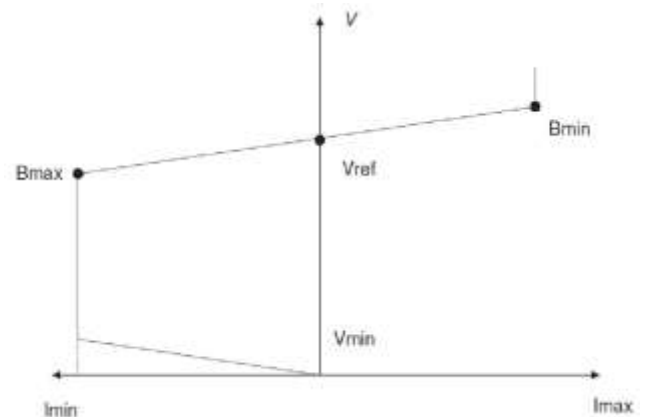

Fig. 2. V-I Characteristics of STATCOM

4. Simulation Result:

The single line diagram of IEEE-5-Bus network is shown in Fig.3. The transmission line parameters, generation, and loads are given in per unit value.

The network details are:
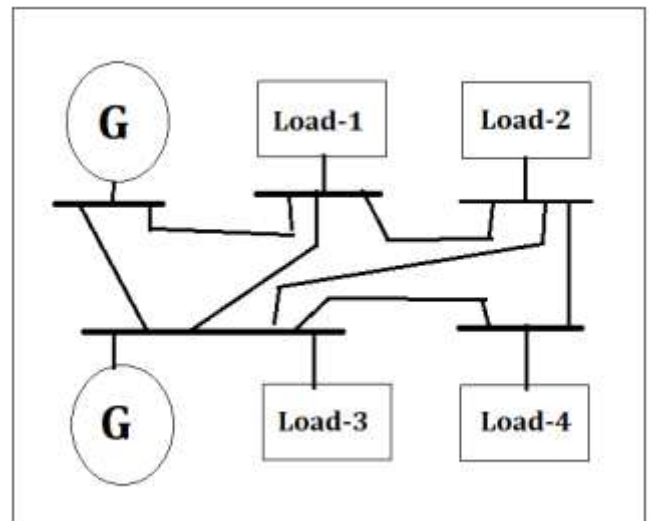Number of lines = 7, Number of buses = 5, Number of generators = 2, and Number of loads = 4.

Fig. 3 IEEE 5 Bus System Single Line Diagram

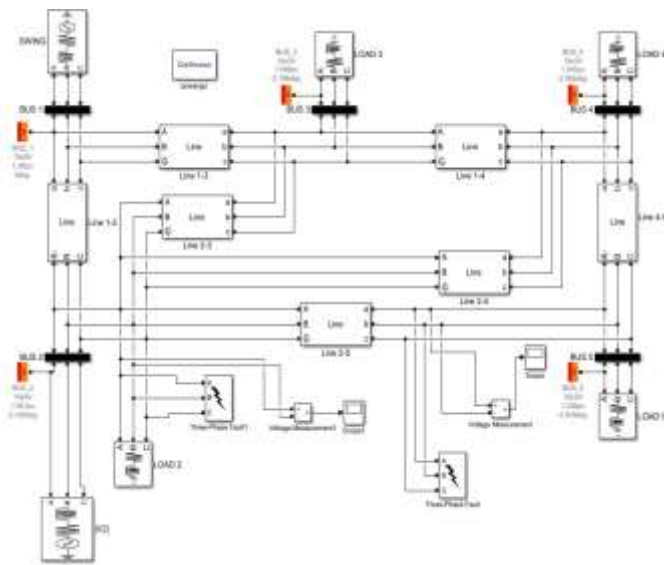Matlab Simulation Circuit diagram of IEEE 5 Bus System is shown in fig. 4.

Fig. 4 IEEE 5 Bus system without STATCOM

Table: 1 Bus Data, IEEE 5 Bus System

Bus No.	Voltage Magnitude	Load MW	Load MVR	Gen MW	Gen MVAR	Q min	Q max
1	1.06	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-600	600
2	1	20.0	10.0	40.0	0.0	-300	300
3	1	46.0	16.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4	1	40.0	06.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
5	1	60.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Table: 2 Line Data for IEEE 5 Bus system

Bus No.	Bus No.	R	X	B
1	2	0.02	0.06	0.06
1	3	0.08	0.24	0.05
2	3	0.06	0.18	0.04
2	4	0.06	0.18	0.04
2	5	0.04	0.12	0.03
3	4	0.01	0.03	0.02
4	5	0.08	0.24	0.05

Load flow study using MATLAB/SIMULINK has been carried out and load flow data were tabulated for the analysis of voltage stability and loss minimization and also accordingly the optimal location of STATCOM is determined.

Table: 3 Load Flow Data For IEEE 5 Bus system

STATCOM Location	Bus 1	Bus 2	Bus 3	Bus 4	Bus 5
	V(pu)	V(pu)	V(pu)	V(pu)	V(pu)
Bus 1	1.05	1.025	1.001	0.992	0.947
Bus 2	1.05	1.029	1.003	0.993	0.949
Bus 3	1.05	1.028	1.006	0.994	0.950
Bus 4	1.05	1.026	1.003	0.996	0.950
Bus 5	1.05	1.027	1.005	0.995	0.952

Table 3 it can be seen that the variation of voltage magnitude and load angle at different buses according to the location of STATCOM. The Orange highlighted at bus3 indicates the least stable condition as the voltage magnitude changes more when STATCOM installed at bus3.Similarly bus5 is red highlighted because when STATCOM is at bus5 the voltage magnitude variation is less as compared to others and it is the location of most stable in this five bus system.
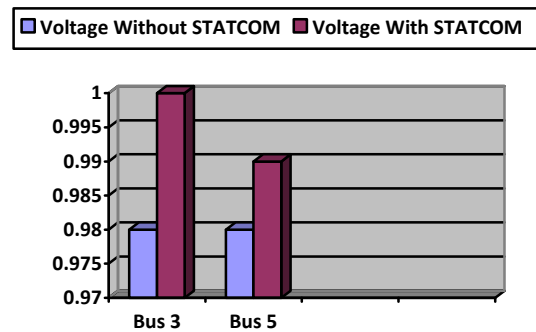

Fig. 5 Graphical Representation of Improvement Voltage Profile by using SATCOM

5. CONCLUSION

This paper has presented the stability improvement of a generator, rotor angle deviation connected to power system. A STATCOM is proposed and is connected to the same bus with the transmission line. It can be concluded from the simulation results that the proposed STATCOM can be used to improve the performance of the voltage stability, transient stability, rotor angle deviation, transmission line to power grid under different operating conditions.

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