

Improvement of Power Quality in PMSG Based Wind Integrated System Using FACTS Controller

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Abstract – Wind Energy Conversions Systems (WECS) has gained importance in the recent years as a prime source of distributed generation, in which variable speed wind turbine with direct driven PMSG and power electronic interface is the most commonly used system exhibiting variability in the output power as a result of change in the prime mover (wind speed). When such a configuration is interconnected to the grid it introduces various challenges to the network in terms of power quality issues, stability and voltage regulation. It can cure by providing modern power electronic devices known as FACTS (Flexible AC Transmission System) devices, along with their controllers. These devices are operated either by supplying or absorbing active and reactive power or by altering the grid parameters by controlling either line reactance or voltage control. FACTS controllers have been mainly used for solving various power system steady state control problems. This paper proposes stability enhancement of WECS using a FACTS device called Static Synchronous Series Compensator (SSSC) when incorporated with a Frequency Oscillation Controller.

Keywords – FACTS, Power oscillation damping controller, PMSG, SSSC, WECS.

1. INTRODUCTION

The generators used for the wind energy conversion system are commonly either doubly fed induction generator (DFIG) or permanent magnet synchronous generator (PMSG). DFIG have less cost, weight and size but its application is limited due to the unreliability associated with the gear box, slip rings and brushes [1]. But PMSG does not have a gear box so its reliability is high and it require only less maintenance. Also, due to the presence permanent magnet it has high power density. So its efficiency is also high when compared to all other types of WECS generators [2].

Due to the stochastic nature of wind input power the output from a WECS is not much reliable. Also the output contains power quality problems like voltage sag, harmonics [3], etc. High level penetration of WECS into grid causes the

migration of the above stated power quality problems into the power grid. Also the interconnection of WECS with power grid causes voltage fluctuations, power system operation and control, regulation of power system stability [4].

Flexible AC Transmission System (FACTS) devices can solve the above stated power quality problems[5]. FACTS is defined as ‘Alternating current transmission systems incorporating power electronic based and other static controllers to enhance controllability and increase power transfer capability’ [6]. The FACTS controller is defined as “A power electronic based and other static equipment that provide control of one or more AC transmission system parameters” [7]. Flexible AC transmission systems (FACTS) controllers have been mainly used for solving various power system steady state and transient state control problems. These devices are operated either by supplying or absorbing reactive power or by altering the grid parameters by controlling either line reactance or voltage control. Various types of FACTS devices are available for effective compensation and improving stability. The FACTS controllers can be classified as

1. Shunt connected controllers.
2. Series connected controllers.
3. Combined series – series controllers.
4. Combined shunt – series controllers.

Depending on the power electronic devices used in the control, the FACTS controllers can be classified as

- A) Variable impedance type.
- B) Voltage Source Converter (VSC) based.

Static Synchronous Series Compensator (SSSC) is a series connected voltage source converter based device. This thesis presents a PMSG based wind integrated system with SSSC and frequency oscillation damping controller aimed at achieving a high level of fault tolerance to load side faults.

2. STATIC SYNCHRONOUS SERIES COMPENSATOR

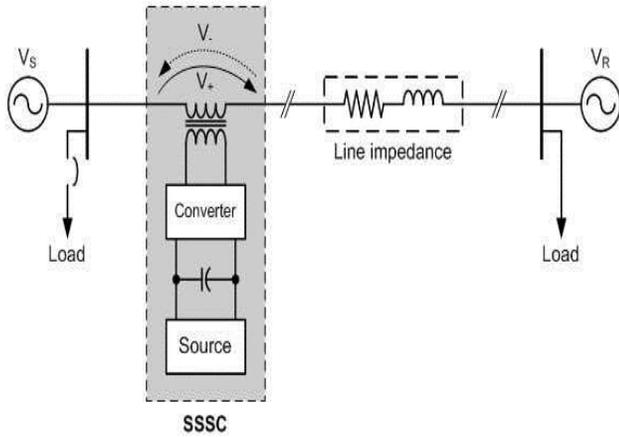


Fig.1. Static synchronous series compensator.

SSSC provides series compensation to the line. It can also be implemented by injecting a voltage source in series with transmission line as represented in fig 2.

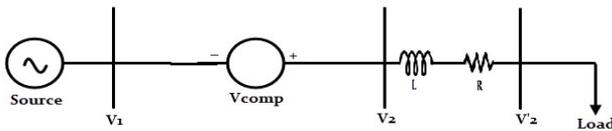


Fig.2. Representation of AC system with series compensation.

The voltage source can inject a voltage of controllable magnitude and phase to the transmission line. When the injected voltage is in phase Quadrature leading to line current, series compensation behaves like an inductor, and when injected voltage lagging to line current it behaves as a capacitor. The result obtained with series compensation through a voltage source, which has been adjusted again to obtain unity power factor operation at voltage V_2 . In this case, voltage V_{COMP} has been added between the line and the load to change the angle of V_2 , which is now the voltage at load side. V_{COMP} generates a voltage with opposite direction

to the voltage drop in line inductance because it lags line current.

The basic schematic diagram of SSSC is shown in fig.1. As its name, it is connected in series with the transmission line via a transformer. The SSSC injects voltage that lags or lead behind the line current by 90 degree. This means that SSSC can be operated in both inductive and capacitive modes [8]. The following fig.3. gives the three modes of operation of SSSC.

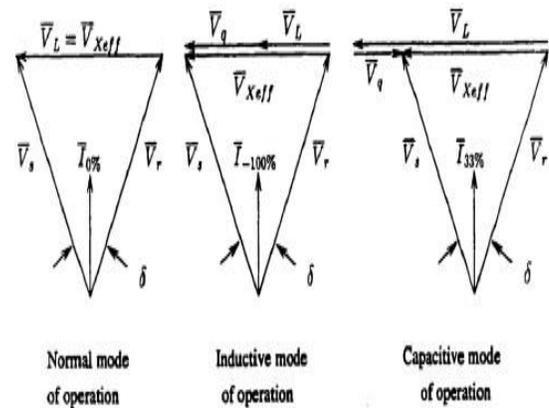


Fig.3. Different modes of operation of SSSC.

3. SIMULINK MODELS

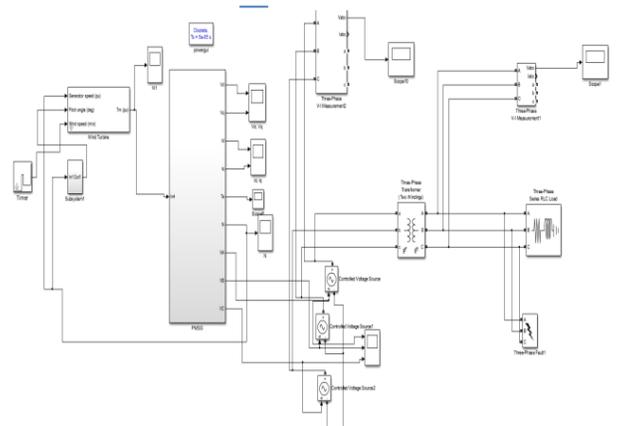


Fig. 4. Modelling of PMSG based wind integrated system in MATLAB.

Fig. 4.shows the modelling of PMSG based wind integrated system in MATLAB/SIMULINK and fig. 5. shows the modelling of PMSG based wind integrated system with SSSC FACTS device and PODcontroller.

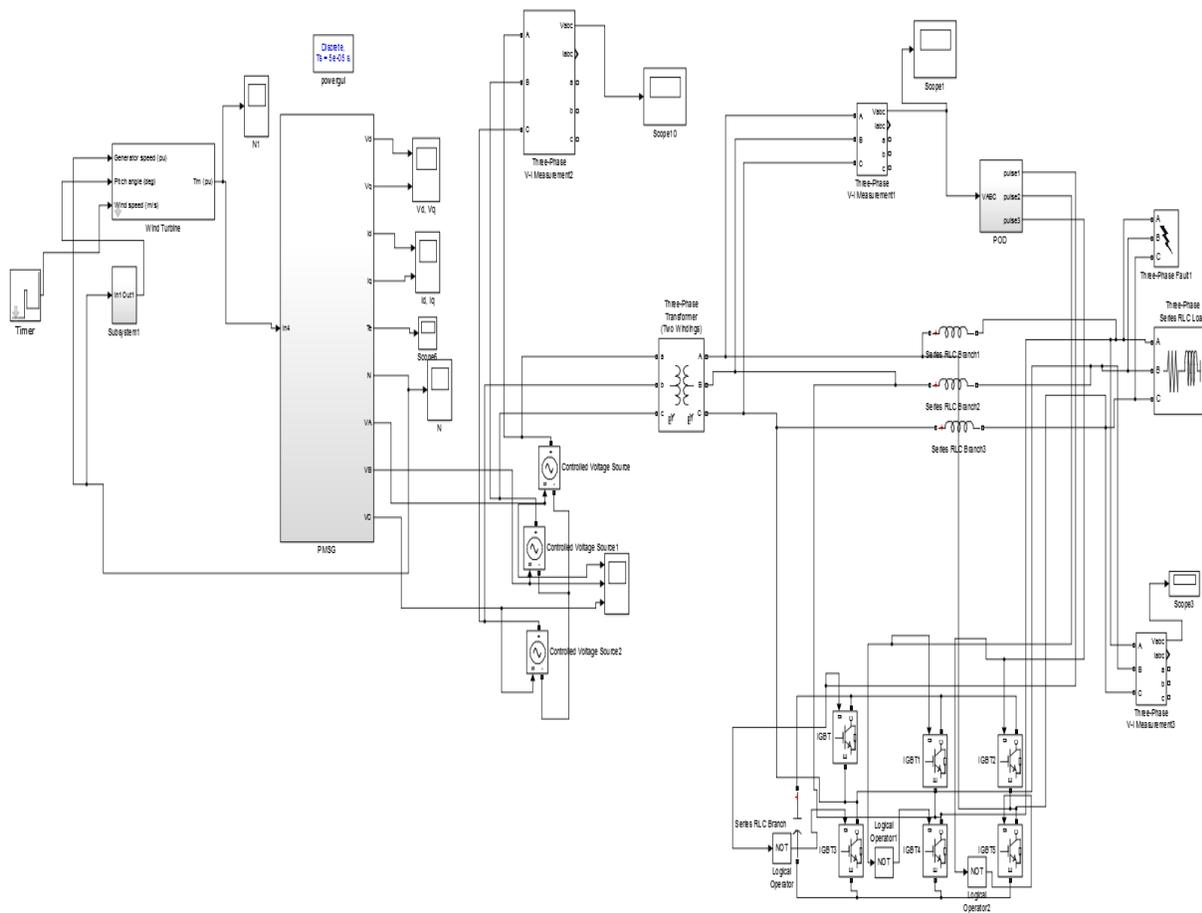


Fig. 5. Modelling of PMSG based wind integrated system with SSSC and POD in MATLAB.

4. POD CONTROLLER

The SSSC injected voltage reference is normally set by a controller whose output is connected to the V_{qref} input of the SSSC. Power Oscillation Damping (POD) controller is also a suggestion to adjust V_{qref} .

The POD controller composed of a transfer function block which is made by a transducer with a gain K , which is followed by a washout filter. The signal obtained at the output is limited using a saturation block. The other transfer function constitutes lead-lag filters which can be used for phase compensation in transmission lines [8]. A POD controller is developed which is tuned to provide necessary damping to stabilize the power system after severe disturbances. POD controller is shown in fig. 6. In this figure, the gain K is multiplied with transfer function block.

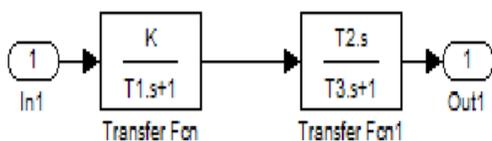


Fig. 6. POD Controller.

5. RESULTS

PMSG based wind integrated system was modelled using MATLAB software and a three phase fault is created at the load side of the system to analyse the system properties. Also

modelled same system with Static Synchronous Series Compensator and Power Oscillation Damping Controller and a similar three phase fault is created at the load side. Three phase fault of fault resistance 0.001Ω is applied in a transition period from 0.04 sec to 0.2 sec. The obtained waveforms are shown below:

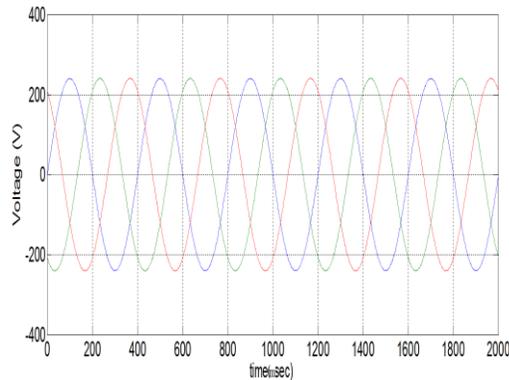


Fig. 7. Output voltage without fault.

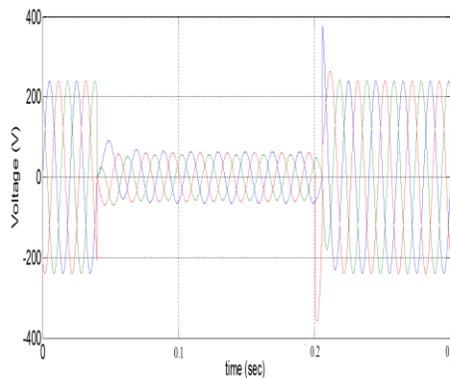


Fig. 8. Output voltage with fault before compensation.

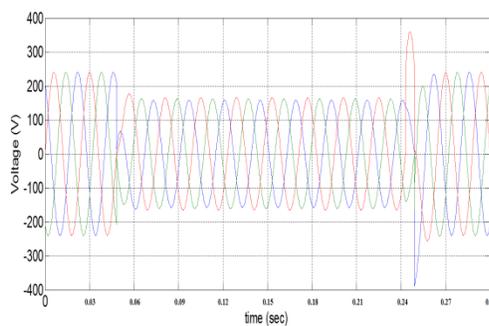


Fig. 9. Output voltage with fault after compensation by SSSC with POD.

From Fig. 8 and Fig. 9, it is clear that during fault condition, a voltage sag occurs and SSSC provide necessary voltage compensation to the system.

The Total Harmonic Distortion is found out for before and after compensation. There results are shown below:

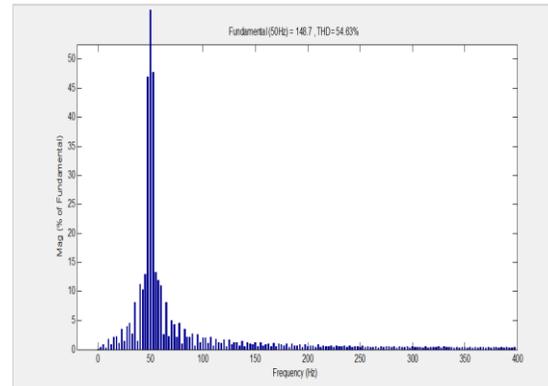


Fig. 10. THD before compensation by SSSC.

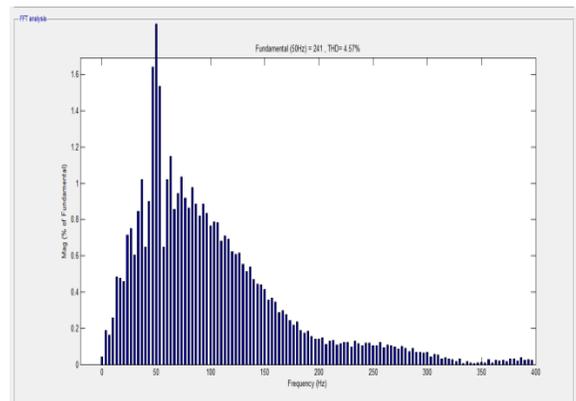


Fig. 11. THD after compensation by SSSC.

Before compensation the THD is 54.63% and after compensation the THD is reduced to 4.57%.

6. CONCLUSION

Simulink model of permanent magnet synchronous generator based wind integrated system is presented. A method for enhancement of stability as well as the power quality in PMSG based wind integrated system was done using SSSC incorporated with a POD controller. This method makes the machine a fault tolerant one. The SSSC provides necessary compensation to the system as per the system requirements. Also SSSC minimizes the harmonics in the system.

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