

# Transient Stability Studying of Power System with Synchronous Generators Equipped with AVR and GOV, Using Neplan Software

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**Abstract** - Transient stability of a 9 buses power system, have been studied in this paper. Generators of the scheme are equipped with AVR and GOV. Using Neplan software, different simulation have been made for different causes of transients. As examples of those transients, are used unexpected loss of a generator, loss of large load, and cases of short circuits in buses and transmission lines. To better understand the role of AVR and GOV in power system stability, the scheme has been firstly simulated for generators without regulators. Then the same simulations are made in the scheme after generators are equipped with AVR and GOV. Through comparing the results taken from simulations, we can easily analyze the impact of the regulators in power system stability

**Key Words:** Power system, Transient Stability, AVR, GOV, Neplan Software

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Stability of power system is the ability of the system to return under normal working conditions after being stressed by different transients. Otherwise, "stability" can be described as the natural tendency of the system to develop equal or greater forces than the disturbing forces, in order to continue working in a steady state. The system remains in synchronism if forces attempting to keep machines in synchronism are sufficient to defeat disturbing forces. [2]

Conversely, instability means conditions that lead generators to lose synchronism and power system failure.

The transient stability studies involve the determination of whether or not synchronism is maintained after the machine has been subjected to several disturbances. These disturbances might be sudden application of a large load, loss of generation, loss of large load, short circuits or phase losses in transmission. [8]

Power system stability is calculated during initial phases when generating and transmission units are still in development. Research is needed to determine the relay protection system, circuit breakers, optimal fault clearing time, voltage levels and transmission capacity between systems. [12]

If power system loses stability, the machines will no longer work at synchronous speed. That will lead to drastic fluctuations of voltage levels, currents and power. That condition can cause damages to the loads that are supplied with energy from the unstable system. Transient stability

studying requires a lot more attention because its impact on the system is greater than other conditions.

Studies in this area should be carried out to ensure that the system supports the transitional provisions that come as a result of a great transient. Short circuits are a kind of these transients. During the occurrence of a fault, the stability of the power system depends not only by the system itself, but also depends on the type and location of the fault, the clearing time, etc.

System response during transient conditions includes changes in rotor angle and it is influenced by the non-linear relationship between power and the rotor angle. Following the sudden transients in the power system, differences of rotor angles, rotor speeds and the power transmitted through transmission lines, change rapidly according to the type of fault.

For large transients, the change in rotor angle can be large enough to get the machine out of synchronism. Transient stability is a phenomenon that occurs within a second for generators placed near the fault location. The goal of transient stability studies is to assure if rotor angle remains in stable conditions after the fault clear. [1]

Fault clearing includes, switching off transmission lines, which weakness the system. Changes in transmission system, lead to changes in rotor angle. Lose of synchronism becomes obvious within a second from the fault occurring. Faults in overloaded transmission lines cause more instability than faults in slightly loaded lines. Also, three phase faults cause greater transients than one phase or two phase faults.

### 1.1 Factors that Influence Transient Stability

There are a lot of factors affecting the transient stability of a generator in a practical power system. Some of those factors are listed below:

- 1) The post-disturbance system reactance as seen from the generator. The weaker the post-disturbance system, the lower the Pmax will be.
- 2) The duration of the fault-clearing time. The longer the clearing time is, the longer the rotor will be accelerated and the more kinetic energy will be gained. The energy that is gained during acceleration will be greater, resulting to be difficult to dissipate it during deceleration.

- 3) The inertia of the generator. With a high value of generator inertia, the rate of change of angle will be slower, and as a result less energy will be gained during the fault.
- 4) The generator internal voltage (determined by excitation system) and infinite bus voltage (system voltage). The lower these voltages, the lower the  $P_{max}$  will be.
- 5) The generator internal reactance. If the reactance is of low values, the peak power will be higher and the initial rotor angle will be lower.
- 6) The generator output during the fault. This is depends on the faults location and type of the fault. [12]

### 1.2 Causes of Transients

Transients are disturbances that usually occur within a very short duration and the electrical circuit is quickly restored to original operation condition provided no damage has occurred due to the transient. An electrical transient is a cause-and-effect phenomenon. For transients to occur there must be a cause, some of the more common causes of transients:

- 1) Atmospheric phenomena including lightning, solar flares, or geomagnetic disturbances.
- 2) Switching loads on or off
- 3) Interruption of fault currents
- 4) Switching of power lines
- 5) Switching of capacitor banks
- 6) Short circuits [11]

### 2. VOLTAGE STABILITY IN POWER SYSTEM

Voltage stability refers power system ability to maintain steady voltages at its buses after being prone of a disturbance from a given initial operating condition. The voltage deviations have to maintain within predetermined ranges. Voltage stability depends on the balance between active and reactive power of load and generation in the entire power system and the ability to maintain this balance during normal and abnormal conditions.

The first factor contributing in voltage instability is the increase of reactive power requirements in the system beyond the sustainable capacity of the available reactive power resources when some of the generators hit their field or armature current time-overload capability limits.

Another contributor is high voltage drop occurring when active and reactive power flow through inductive reactance of the transmission network; this phenomenon limits the capability of the transmission network for power transfer and voltage support.

In general, the power system may experience uncontrolled over-voltage instability problem at some buses due to the capacitive behavior of the network and under excitation limiters that preventing generators and synchronous compensators from absorbing excess reactive power in the system. [7]

Reactive power is a more local quantity than active power since it cannot be transported as easily in power system where normally in transmission lines we have that  $X \gg R$ . This explains why voltage problems often are local, and often only occur in part of the system. When the imbalances develop into instabilities these are called voltage instabilities or voltage collapses.

Low voltages arise at high load conditions in power system, while high voltages are closely associated with low load conditions. Depending on the time scale the voltage instabilities are classified as short-term, a couple of seconds, or long-term voltage instabilities.

### 3. FREQUENCY STABILITY IN POWER SYSTEMS

Frequency stability is the ability of a power system to maintain frequency in rated values following a severe system disturbance as a result of an imbalance between generation and load.

A typical fault causing frequency instability is the loss of generation, which results in an undesired and sudden unbalance between the generation and load. The controllers of systems generators alter the power delivered by the generators until a balance between power output and load consumption is re-established. [7]

### 4. THE STUDIED SYSTEM AND ITS PARAMETERS

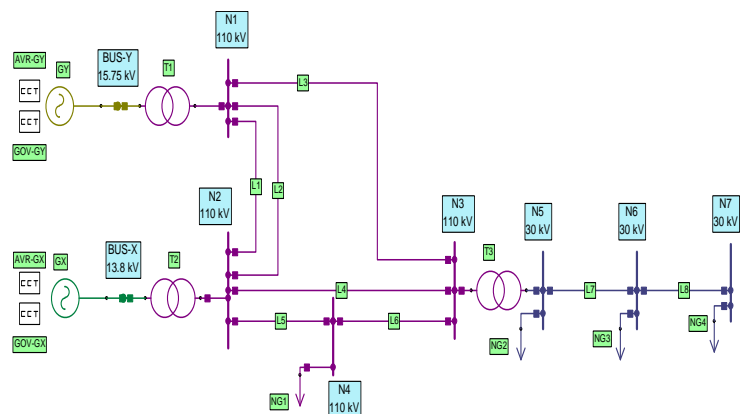


Fig - 1: The scheme of the studied system in Neplan Software

As seen in the scheme above, a nine bus system has been studied. There are two generators equipped with AVR and GOV, six transmission lines, and several loads being supplied the system.

**Table -1:** Transmissions lines parameters

	R ( $\Omega$ /km)	X ( $\Omega$ /km)	l (km)
L1	0.08	0.38	10
L2	0.08	0.38	10
L3	0.1	0.38	50
L4	0.12	0.42	40
L5	0.12	0.42	2
L6	0.12	0.42	39
L7	0.2	0.3	5
L8	0.2	0.3	4

**Table -2:** Transformers parameters

	Sn (MVA)	Un1 (KV)	Un2 (KV)	Pk%	Uk%	X(1)/R (1)
T1	200	15.75	110	0.25	11	43.99
T2	75	13.8	110	0.4667	12	25.69
T3	32	110	30	0.46875	10	21.31

**Table -3:** Generators parameters

	Sn (MVA)	Un (KV)	LF type	H(s)	R	P(M W)
G1	200	15.75	SL	5.62	0.0013	
G2	86	13.8	PV	2.7	0.0137	60

**Table - 4:** Loads parameters

	Sn (MVA)	Cos (phi)	I(kA)
Load 1 (NG1)	166.667	0.9	0.875
Load 2 (NG2)	15.789	0.95	0.304
Load 3 (NG3)	4.444	0.9	0.086
Load 4 (NG4)	5.906	0.847	0.114

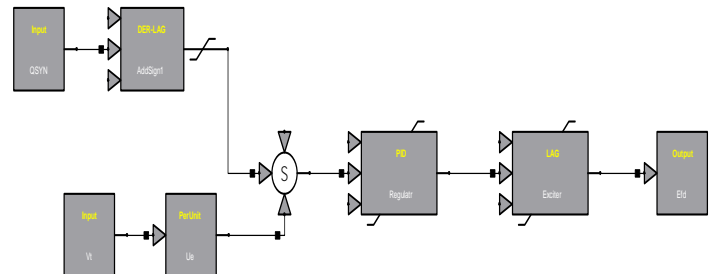
**5. AUTOMATIC REGULATORS BLOCK-DIAGRAMS**

The generator excitation system using an automatic voltage regulator (AVR) keeps the terminal voltage magnitude of a synchronous generator to a defined standard level.

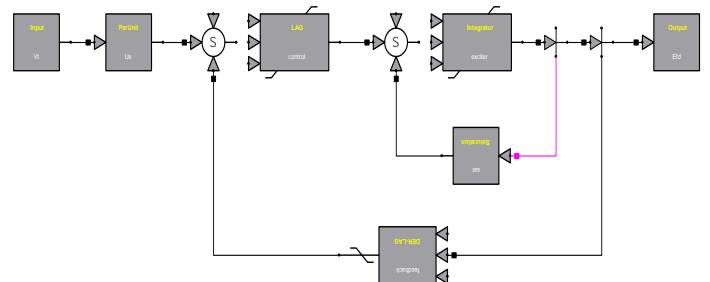
Furthermore, it plays an important role to control the reactive power and improve the stability of power system. AVR assists improving the steady-state stability of power systems.

In transient state, machine is affected by several impacts, mostly in a short time which causes several drops on the terminal voltage of machine. Using AVR has an important impact to remain voltage levels within standard levels during transients. [15]

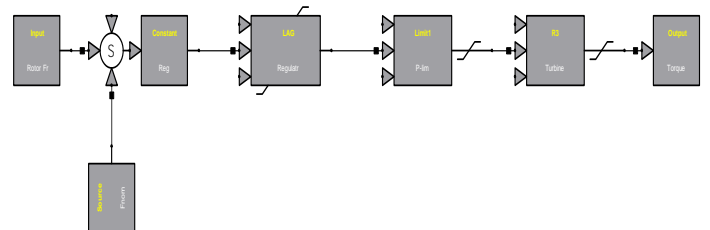
**Fig - 2:** Block-diagram for first generator (G1) AVR



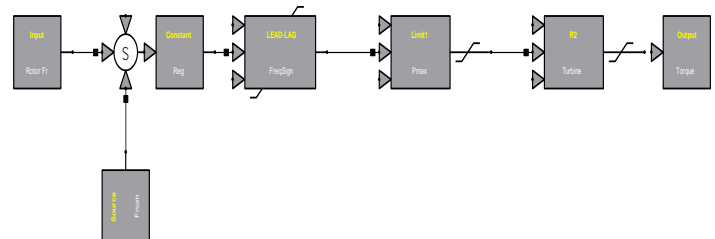
**Fig - 3:** Block-diagram for second generator (G2) AVR



**Fig - 4:** Block-diagram for first generator (G1) GOV



**Fig - 5:** Block-diagram for second generator (G2) GOV



**6. LOAD FLOW ANALYSIS OF POWER SYSTEM**

For the above scheme load flow analysis has been simulated in the Neplan software. After the simulation the listed below results are taken.

**Table - 5:** Load flow analysis

	U(kV)	U%	U ang	PLoad (MW)	Qng (MW)	Pgen (MW)	Qgen (MW)
BUS -X	13.8	100	1.8	0	0	60	29.722
BUS -Y	15.75	100	0	0	0	98.176	65.407
N1	106.07	96.43	-3.2	0	0	0	0
N2	104.87	95.34	-3.9	0	0	0	0
N3	103.95	94.51	-4.4	0	0	0	0
N4	104.03	94.57	-4.4	134.165	64.9	0	0
N5	29.195	97.32	-8.4	14.205	4.66	0	0
N6	28.666	95.55	-9	3.652	1.76	0	0
N7	28.42	94.73	-9.2	4.487	2.82	0	0

Un (KV)	$\Delta P_L$ (MW)	$\Delta Q_L$ (MVar)	$\Delta P_{TR}$ (MW)	$\Delta Q_{TR}$ (MVar)
30	0.135	0.203	0	0
110	0.937	3.909	0.545	16.781

As seen from the results above, voltage in the normal operation condition are within rated parameters. Line and transformer losses are in low rates, so they do not affect in undesirable voltage drops.

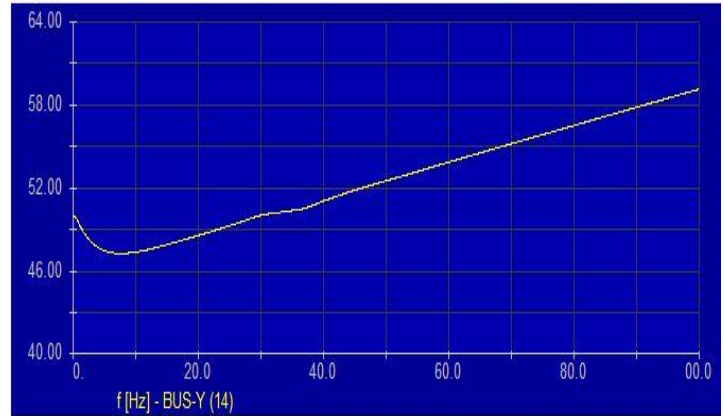
## 7. TRANSIENT STABILITY ANALYSIS

### CASE 1

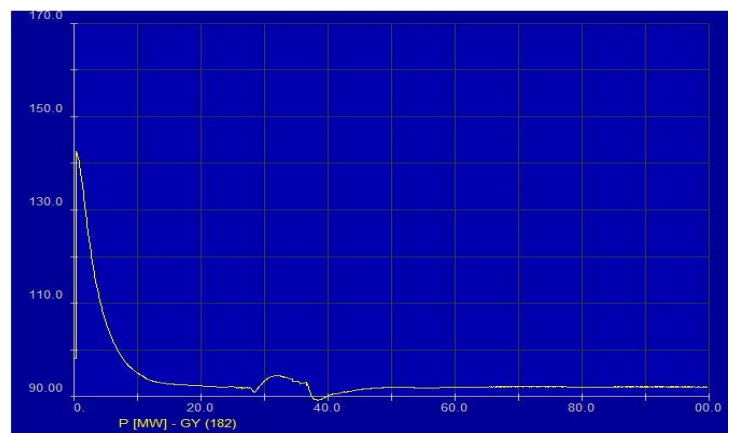
Synchronous generators are not equipped with AVR and GOV

a) First case consists in studying system stability for several disturbances, while generators are not equipped with automatic regulators. Different simulations are made in the scheme starting from lose of generator GX in time  $t=0.3s$

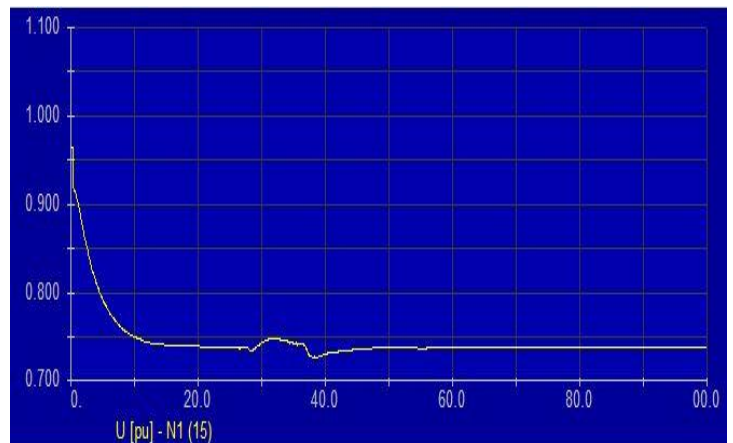
For this disturbance, frequency response, power in the generator GY and voltage in bus N1 have been taken.



**Chart -1:** Frequency response in BUS-Y



**Chart -2:** Power developed by GY



**Chart -3:** Voltage at BUS- N1

As it is seen from the above responses, power system loses synchronism. There is no balance between active powers, system frequency does not remain in a stable value, and bus voltage gets undesired values out of predetermined range.

b) Another simulation is been made for sudden loss of load 2 in time  $t=0.3s$ . The frequency response, and the changing of active power of generators are taken.

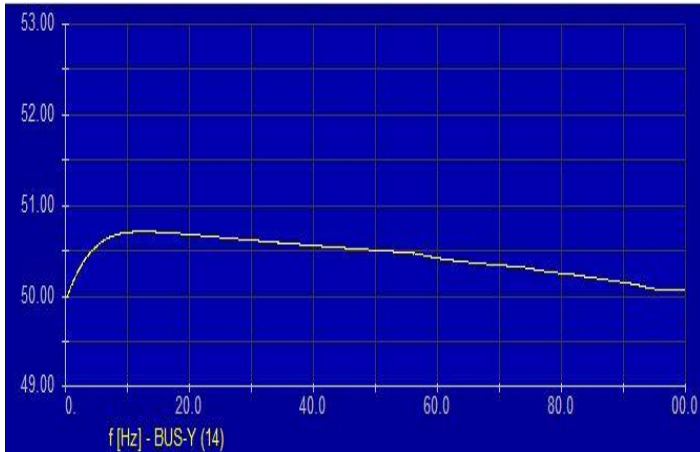


Chart -4: Frequency response in BUS-Y

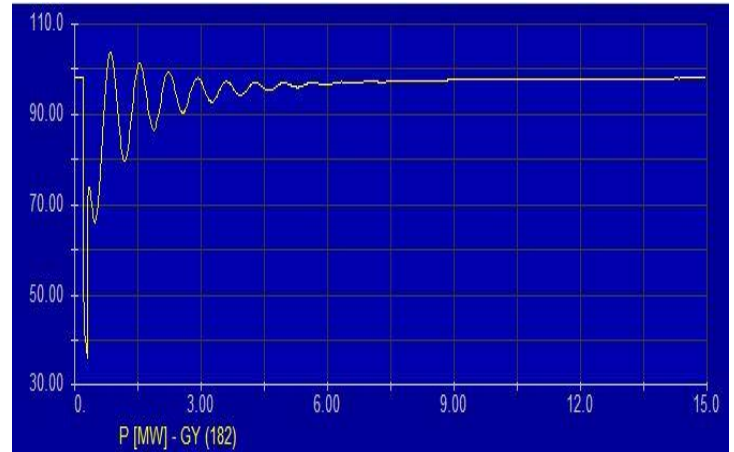


Chart -7: Power developed by GY

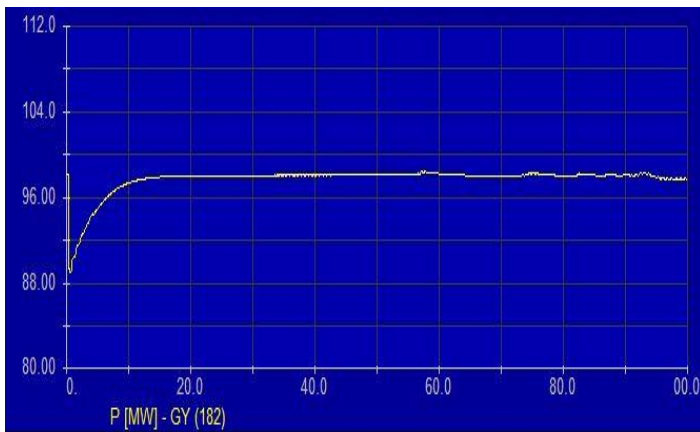


Chart -5: Power developed by GY

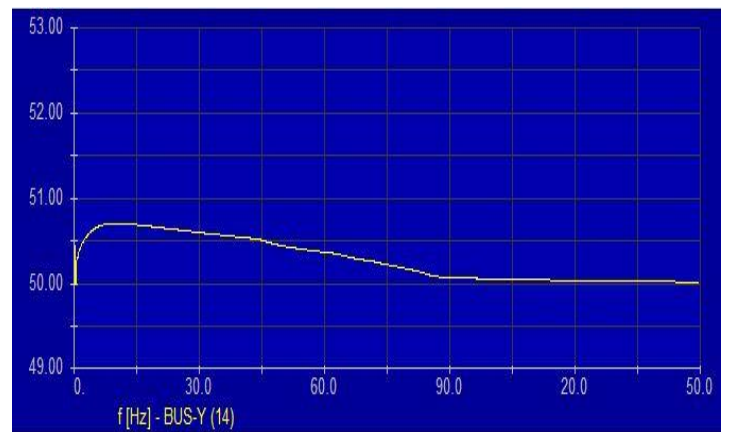


Chart -8: Frequency response at BUS-Y

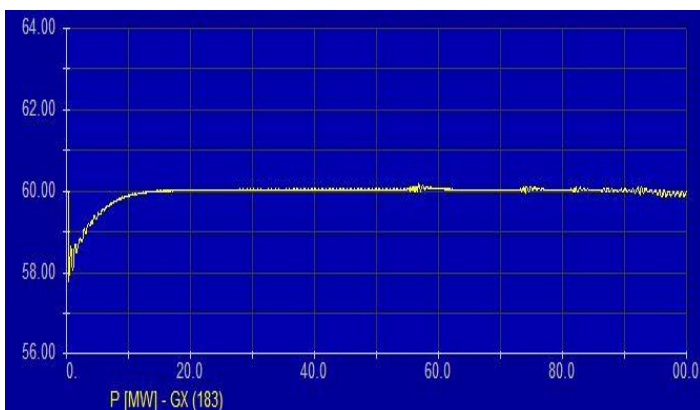


Chart -6: Power developed by GX

System frequency stabilizes for a great time of 150 seconds. In the time of short circuit and for a big time after the fault is cleared, we can see great transients of active power in balancing generator GY.

**CASE 2**

Generators are equipped with AVR and GOV

Different simulations are made placing several faults in the system.

a) After placing a sudden loss of generator GX in the time  $t=0.3$  s, frequency response, power in generator GY, voltage in bus N3 and power in load L1 are taken.

As we can see, sudden loss of load, causes great transients in generated active powers. The frequency gets a stable value, but as the GOV is not present, the time that takes the frequency to stabilize is too high, approximately 100 s.

c) Another simulation made is that of a three phase short circuit in bus N3. The faults occurs in  $t=0.2$  s, while the fault is cleared after 0.1s in  $t=0.3$  s. The shown below responses are taken for that case.

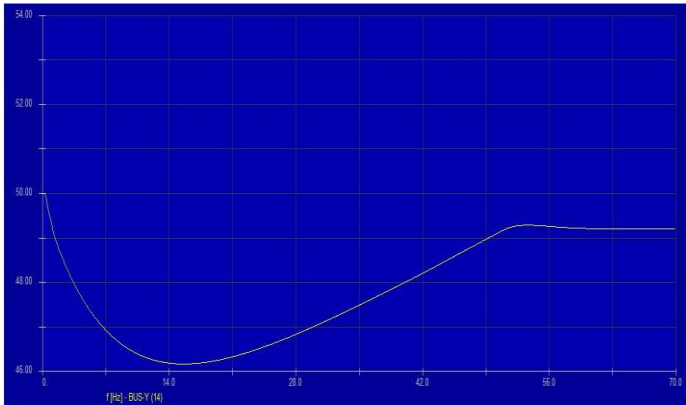


Chart -9: Frequency response in BUS-Y

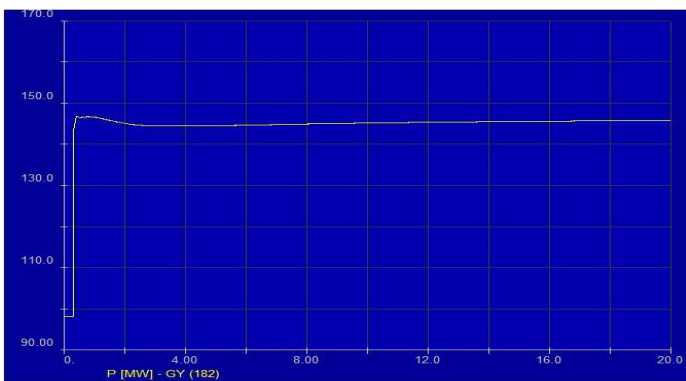


Chart -10: Power developed by GY

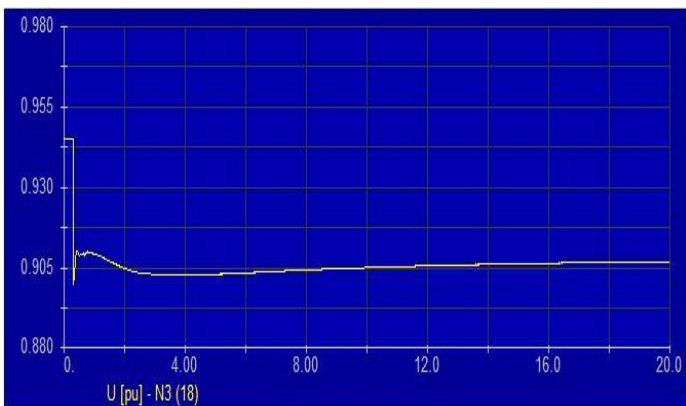


Chart -11: Voltage at BUS-N3

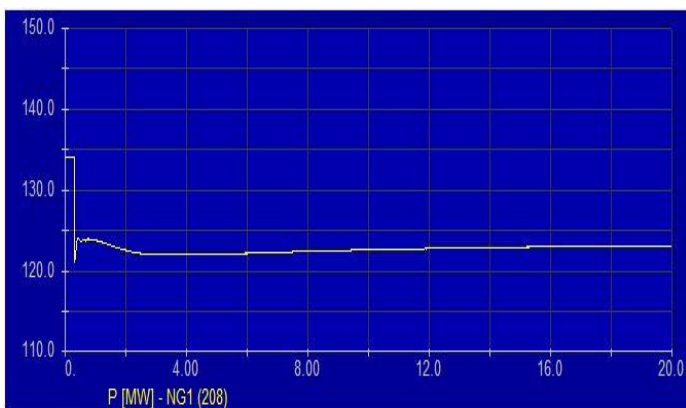


Chart -12: Power in load L1 (NG1)

In this case, system frequency drops under unrated values, to later stabilize in a lower range. Bus voltages become lower, but the impact of AVR is visible making voltages to remain in stable values. The active power in load L1 (NG1), becomes lower in accordance with frequency drops.

b) Another simulation is made for sudden loose of load

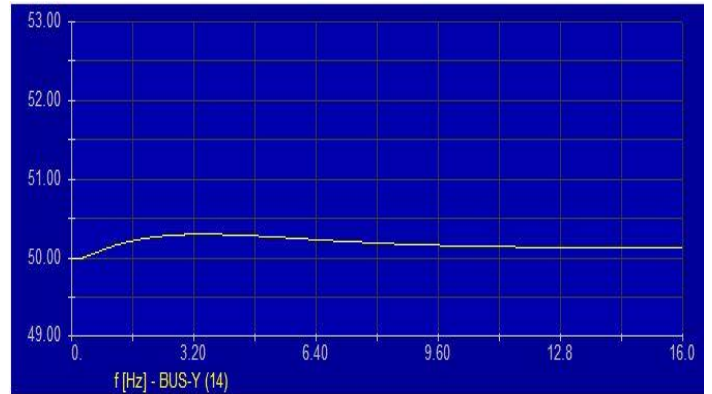


Chart -13: Frequency response at BUS-Y

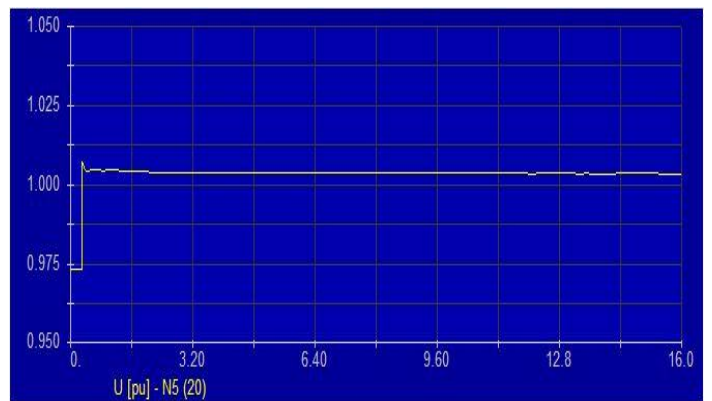


Chart -14: Voltage at BUS- N5

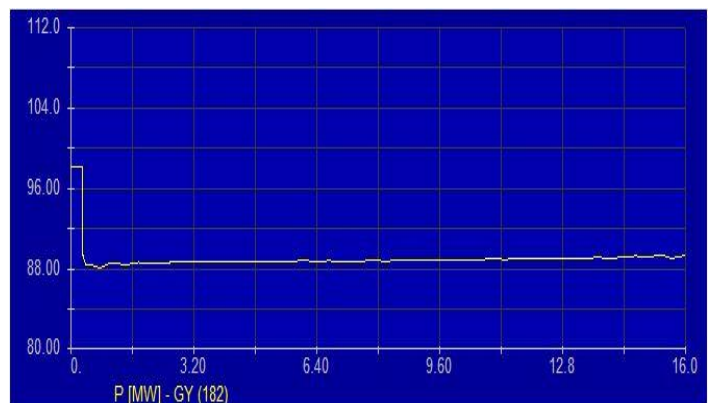


Chart -15: Power developed by GY

After sudden loose of the load, the frequency system rises. The impact of GOV is visible, and the frequency remains the stabilized value. Bus voltages values firstly increase but remain within rated values.

c) Three phase short circuit in bus N4, occurs in  $t=0.2$  s, while the fault clearing time is set in  $t= 0.3$  s. For this case the shown below responses are taken.

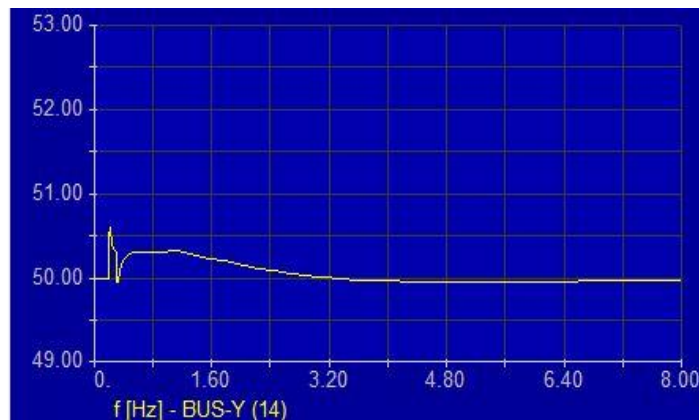


Chart -16: Frequency response at BUS-Y

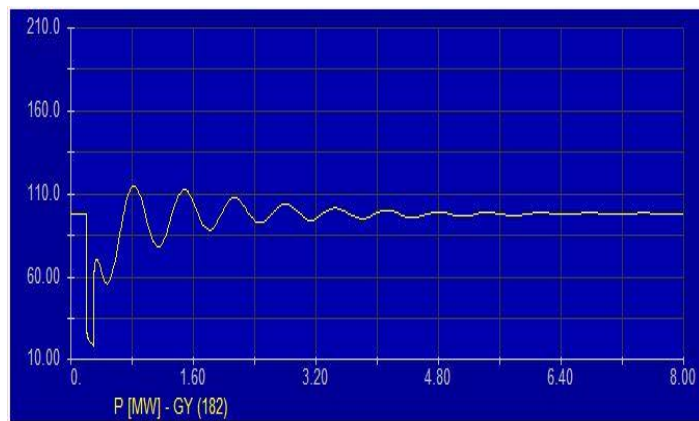


Chart -17: Power developed by GY

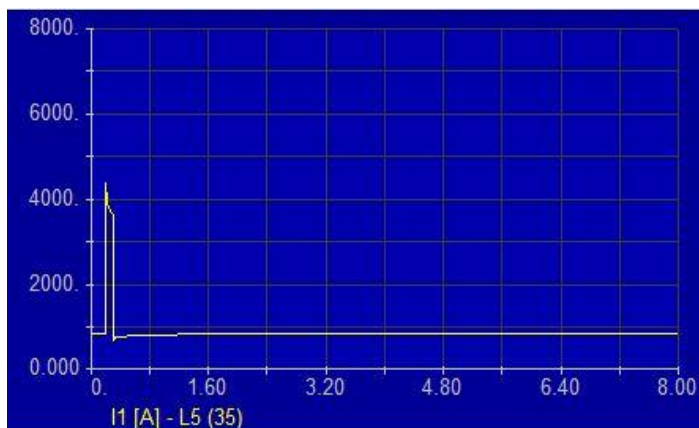


Chart -18: Current at line L5

Short circuit dynamic process is closely linked to active power fluctuations in the balancing generator, and causes an increase in transmission lines currents. As the generators are equipped with automatic regulators, system frequency stabilizes in a very short time.

## 8. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper power system transient stability and impact of AVR and GOV is briefly studied.

Making simulation for different system disturbances and taking responses for generators with and without AVR and GOV, a clear and simple concept about system stability and behavior during transients is given.

For generators equipped with automatic regulators, the voltage and system frequency, get a steady value after the disturbance, after the impact of the controllers. It takes a greater time for frequency to re-establish in a steady value, in the case of generator lose, and it takes a smaller time in the case of three phase circuits. From that, we can easily understand that losing of a generating unit is a larger disturbance than the short circuit fault. Bus voltages re-establish in  $0.9U_n$  after the impact of AVR, and this value is close to the predetermined voltage range.

Making simulations for missing AVR and GOV, lets us see that system frequency does not re-establish for loss of generating unit. Furthermore bus voltage takes value under normal predetermined range.

As it is shown from the study, using of AVR and GOV, plays an important role in the power system transient stability.

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